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## DISABILITY DAYS DUE TO INJURY

## SELECTED FINDINGS

During the period July 1959 to June 1961, United States civilians experienced an average of 460.0 million restricted-activity days per year as a result of injuries. A restricted-activity day is a day when a person has to cut down on or give up his usual activities for the whole day because of illness or injury. The figure includes disability from all types of injuries and impairments resulting from injuries. Persons residing in institutions are excluded.

The total of 460.0 million days includes 113.5 million bed-disability days, 83.8 million workloss days among currently employed persons 17 years and older, and 11.9 million school-loss days for children 6-16 years of age.

The restricted-activity days associated with injury comprised 16.0 percent of the total days in which persons had to restrict their normal activities. Days of bed disability due to injury made up about 10.8 percent of the total bed disability reported. School-loss days attributed to injury amounted to only about 6.3 percent of all schoolloss days. However, work-loss days due to injury represented 22.8 percent, or nearly a fourth, of all work-loss days due to illness or injury (see table A).

The rate for all types of disability was higher for males than for females, and for restrictedactivity, bed-disability, and work-loss days the rate increased consistently with age. The rate of disability due to injury among males increased with declining population density, the highest rate of disability being in rural-farm areas, while this pattern was reversed for females with higher rates in uban and rural-nonfarm areas. Disability.

[^0]due to injury was higher in the West than in other geographic areas of the United States.

Because of the high proportion of older persons in the low income groups and the high rate of disabling injury among these persons, the rate of disability due to injury was inversely related to the amount of family income.

The rates of restricted activity, 92.4 days per 100 population, and of bed disability; 23.2 days per 100 population, resulting from accidents occurring in the home, werehigher than comparable rates for disability due to accidents in the street and highway, on farms, in industrial places, schools, or places of recreation. The rate of work loss, however, was highest from accidents occurring in industrial places and in the street, consisting principally of "while-at-work" and motor vehicle accidents.

Falls, other than those on stairs, steps, or from a height, accounted for 55.5 restricted-activity days per 100 population per year, the highest rate by type of accident. Moving motor vehicle accidents, even though these accounted for only 6.4 percent of the total number of persons injured, resulted in 14.6 bed-disability days per 100 popu-lation per year and 25.3 work-loss days per 100 currently employed persons per year. These rates were higher than for any of the other types. of accidents.

## SOURCE OF DATA

The information contained in this report is derived from data collected by household interviews in the U. S. National Health Survey. The survey is continuous, each week covering a sample of the civilian, noninstitutional population in the United States, During the 104 weeks of interviewing on which this report is based (July 1959June 1961), interviews were conducted in approximately 76,000 households comprised of about 250,000 persons.

Table A. Average annual number of disability days, with number and percent of days due to injury: United States, July 1959-June 1961

|  | Total | Due to injury | Percent of total due to injury |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Average number of disability days in millions |  |  |
| Restricted-activity days | 2,883.8 | 460.0 | 16.0 |
| Bed-disability days- | 1,047.4 | 113.5 | 10.8 |
| Work-loss days-- | 367.2 | 83.8 | 22.8 |
| School-loss days------------------------- | 189.7 | 11.9 | 6.3 |

The presence of illness or injury among household members was determined by responses to the 'illness-recall" questions 11-17 on the questionnaire (see facsimile shown in Appendix III). For each illness or injury named in response to these questions, more detailed information was obtained about the condition (in table I), including the number of days of restricted activity, bed disability, and time lost from work or school associated with it during the two-week period prior to the week of interview. When responses to questions in table I indicated that an injury had occurred, the interviewer asked additional questions showin in table $A$ (of the questionnaire) to obtain more detailed information relating to the accident and the injury.

Annual estimates of the number of persons injured are based on injury occurring in the twoweek period prior to interview. Annual estimates of days of disability due to injury are derived from the number of restricted-activity, bed-disability, and work-loss or school-loss days experienced during the two-week period prior to the week of interview, and include all such days reported, even if the injury causing the disability occurred prior to the two-week period.

The survey includes data only on persons living in the household at the time of the interview. Thus, injury experienced and disability due toinjury for persons who died during the two-week period prior to the interview are excluded from the data. Also excluded is the disability associated with injury for persons who were institutionalized or who were members of the Armed Forces at the time of the interview. However, for former inmates of institutions or members of the Armed Fnrces, current disability resulting from an in-
jury that occurred while the person was institutionalized or in the Armed Forces is included in the estimates.

A description of the statistical design of the health interview survey and general qualifications regarding data included in the report are presented in Appendix I. Since all estimates shown in this report are based on a sample of the population rather than on the entire population, these are subject to sampling error. The sampling errors for most of the estimates are relatively low, but if an estimated number, or the numerator or denominator of a rate or percentage is small, the sampling error may be high. Charts for estimating approximate sampling errors and instructions for using the charts are also presented in Appendix I.

Definitions of terms used in this report may be found in Appendix II. Since many of the terms have specialized meanings, it is suggested that the reader familiarize himself with these definitions.

A recent publication of the National Health Survey (Series B, No. 37) contains annual estimates of the number of persons injured, based on the same data collection period as the present report, July 1959-June 1961. Persons injured were classified in the report according to the type and class of accident causing the injury and according to several criteria of severity of injuries. It is suggested that the reader refer to this report to gain a more complete understanding of the disability information. In particular, the data contained in tables 8 to 13 , Series B, No. 37, on medically attended, activity-restricting, bed-disabling, and hospitalized injuries by various demographic characteristics of the population, help to
explain some of the differences in rates of disability due to injury.

## DISABILITY DUE TO INJURY

Based on estimates derived from data collected by household interview during the period, July 1959-June 1961, persons in the civilian, noninstitutional population experienced annually about $459,963,000$ restricted-activity days due to an injury or to an impairment resulting from injury. Of the days in which normal activities were restricted, $113,539,000$ were also bed-disability days, $83,773,000$ were work-loss days for currently employed persons 17 years of age and over, and 11,$894 ; 000$ were school-loss days for children 6-16 years of age.

## Sex, Age, and Residence

- In accordance with a higher rate of injury among males, the number of all types of disability days due to injury per 100 population was signifi, cantly higher for males than for females. The rate of disability increased consistently with age, ranging from 61.4 days of restricted activity per 100 population $0-5$ years to 608.1 per 100 population 65 years and over (fig. 1). This general pattern of increased disability with advancing age was present for both males and females (tables l, 2 , and 3).


Figure 1. Number of restricted-activity and bed-disability days due to injury per 100 population per year, by sex and age.

Except for bed disability in rural-nonfarm areas, the rate of all types of disability due to injury was higher for males than for females in all areas of residence. However, the number of disability days per 100 males showed an inverse relationship to population density, with the highest rate of disability in rural-farm areas, while for females this pattern was reversed with higher rates in urban and rural-nonfarm areas. Among males the number of restricted-activity and workloss days per 100 population was particularly high for those aged 45-64 years residing in ruralfarm areas. The higher rate of bed disability in rural-nonfarm areas for females was largely due to the amount of bed disability for females 65 years of age and over.

## Geographic Region

Rates of restricted activity, bed disability, and work loss were higher in the West than in any other geographic region (fig. 2). The number of restricted-activity days per 100 population was higher for males than for females in each of the four regions. The greatest sex differential was found in the South with significant differences present in all age intervals among those 17 years and older. In the West region, the rate of restricted activity was high for both males and fe-


Figure 2. Number of restricted-activity and bed-disability days due to injury per 100 population, and number of work-loss days per 100 currently employed persons--17+, by geogrophic region.
males, with the large amount of disability among those under 45 years responsible for the high rate for males, while the rate for females was due to the frequency of disability among persons 45 years and over (table 4).

The rate of bed disability in the regions followed essentially the same pattern as the restricted activity, with the exception of a higher rate of bed disability for females than for males in the West (table 5). However, differences between males and females in the rates of bed disability due to injury lacked the degree of statistical significance found in differences in restrictedactivity rates.

Work-loss days due to injury were reported more frequently for men than for women in each geographic region. Only in the North Central and South regions, however, where the number of work-loss days per 100 population for females was less than half that for males, was the sex differential significant. In these two regions, the rate of work-loss due to injury for males was consistently higher than that for females in all age intervals shown in table 6. This consistency may reflect the high rate of disability among males residing in rural-farm areas, since the North Central and South regions have a higher proportion of rural-farm residents than are found in the Northeast and the West regions of the country.

## Family Income

The rate of disability days for injuries is inversely related to the amount of family income (tables $7,8,9$ ). This is partly due to the population composition of the income groups. As shown in table B, approximately 24 percent of the persons with family income of less than $\$ 2,000$ were 65 years of age or older-the age group with the highest rate of disability resulting from injury. In the family income interval, $\$ 2,000-3,999$, about 11 percent were 65 years and older, and among persons with family income $\$ 4,000$ and over, only 4 percent were in this age group.

Except for bed-disability days for family income groups under $\$ 2,000$ and $\$ 4,000-6,999$, the rate of disability due to injùry was significantly higher for males than for females in all familyincome groups for all types of disability. In general, the pattern of increased disability with advancing age is apparent.

## Race

Among persons under 25 years of age, the number of restricted-activity days due to injury per 100 population was higher among white than among nonwhite persons; however, for persons 25 years and over, the rates for the nonwhite were much higher in all age intervals than those

Table B. Percentage of persons 65 years or older, and percentage of disability days for persons 65 years or older, by family income: United States, July 1959-June 1961

for the white population (table 10). This reversal in the rates by age group resulted in approximately the same rate for all ages in the two race groups. The number of bed-disability days due to injury per 100 population and work-loss days per 100 currently employed population was significantly higher among the nonwhite than among the white population. This higher rate of bed disability and of work loss among the nonwhite population was consistent for all of the age intervals shown in table 10.

## Usual Activity Status

Disability data shown in table 11 by usual activity status are limited to persons 17 years and older, because information on restricted-activity and bed-disability days associated with injury for preschool and school children is the same as shown in the preceding tables for the age groups $0-5$ and 6-16 years.

The rates of restricted activity and bed disability due to injury are lower for persons who are usually working or keeping house than for retired persons, because they are heavily weighted by the lower rate of disability for persons 17-44 years included in! these groups. The rate of disability is relatively high among persons 17 years and over in the "other"activity statusgroup because included in this category are persons who are unable to work or keep house because of an injury or an impairment due to injury.

Work loss due to injury shown in table 11 for persons keeping house represents time lost from work for women who were employed at some time during the two weeks prior to interview, but who described their usual status during the previous 12 months as keeping house. Women in this category are usually part-time and seasonal workers. Rates of work loss due to injury were lower for these persons; not only because the group is restricted to women, who generally have a low rate of injury, but also because this particular group was not exposed to the risk of losing time from work to the same degree as persons who worked full time. Furthermore, they may have had more flexibility in adjusting their employment to periods of time when they were not disabled.

## Place of Accident

Injuries occurring in the home, the street and highway, and industrial places were responsible for about $353,660,000$ restricted-activity
days, 77 percent of the total $459,963,000$ re-stricted-activity days due to injury (table 12). Among males, injuries sustained in industrial places accounted for the highest rate of re-stricted-activity days. Among females, about half of the restricted-activity days were associated with accidents occurring in the home.

Injuries in the street and highway, largely related to motor vehicle accidents, accounted for the highest rate of bed disability among males. As in the case of restricted-activity days, about half of the bed-disability days due to injury among females resulted from injuries in the home. Except for work-loss days due to injuries occurring in the home or in the street and highway, the rate of work loss was higher for males than for females in all of the "place of accident" categories shown in table 12. Injuries occurring in industrial places accounted for about a third of the work loss among males.

## Type of Accident

Falls were the leading cause of disability due to injury with 38 percent of the restrictedactivity and bed-disability days for injuries attributed to falls on stairs, steps, or from a height, and all other types of falls. About 30 percent of the work-loss days were associated with falls (table 13). The percentage of work loss is lower than the proportion of restricted-activity and bed-disability days due to falls, because work loss is restricted to currently employed persons, a population group composed chiefly of persons 17-64 years with a much lower rate of injury associated with falls than children and persons 65 years and older (see table 2, Series B, No. 37).

Of the $459,963,000$ days of restricted activity associated with injuries, $86,575,000$ days ( 18.8 percent) were due to injuries sustained in moving motor vehicle accidents. Approximately 22.7 percent of the total bed-disability days and 20.1 percent of the work-loss days were due to injury in moving motor vehicle accidents. From estimates abstracted from Series B, No. 37 and shown in figure 3 , only 6.4 percent of the persons injured were involved in moving motor vehicle accidents. This discrepancy, in the comparatively low incidence of injury due to moving motor vehicle accidents and the amount of associated disability emphasizes the high proportion of ${ }^{\prime}$ moving motor vehicle accidents that result in disabling injury or impairment.

It is also apparent from figure 3 that moving motor vehicle accidents and falls-types of acci-


Figure 3. Percent distribution of persons injured and of disability days due to injury, by type of accident.
dents that are leading causes of disability associated with injury-account for only a third of the total persons injured, but are responsible for 56.4 percent of the restricted-activity days, 60.6 percent of the bed-disability days, and 49.3 percent of the work-loss days associated with injury.

The effects of injury on the individual as the result of moving motor vehicle accidents and from falls are shown in table $C$ in terms of disability days per person injured. Persons injured in moving motor vehicle accidents had on the average 30.0 restricted-activity days, 8.9 bed-dis-
ability days, and 5.8 work-loss days. When the disability resulting from the two types of falls is combined, rates per person injured are roughly equal to those for moving motor vehicle injuries.

The appreciable amount of restricted activity and work loss, with comparatively little bed disability, due to injury caused by "one-time lifting or exertion" was probably the result of back conditions, muscle strains, and similar conditions causing a person to reduce his usual activities or to remain away from work but not confining him to bed.

## School-Loss Days Due to Injury

In the National Health Survey, data on days losi from school are collected only for persons 6-16 years of age, defined on the basis of age as the school population. From data collected during the period July 1959-June 1961, it is estimated that $11,894,000$ days per year were lost from school because of injury to children in this age group.

Consistent with the higher rate of injury among males in the school population (see table9, Series B, No. 37), the number of school-loss days

Table C. Average annual number of disability days and number of disability days per year per persun injureu resuleing from types of accidents that are ieading causes of disability: United States, July 1959-June 1961

due to injury per 100 population per year was also higher for males than for females. This sex differential, shown in table 14, was apparent when the data were considered by area of residence, geographic region, and amount of family income.

The rate of school loss due to injury was about the same in urban, rural-nonfarm, and rural-farm areas. By geographic region, school loss associated with injury was significantly higher in the South than in the Northeast and North ${ }^{-}$ Central areas. The rate in the South was somewhat higher than that in the West, but this difference was within the limits of sampling error (fig. 4).

Children living in families with income less than $\$ 2,000$ had more school-loss days due to injury per 100 children per year than did those living in other known income categories.

As previously mentioned, estimates of the number and rate of the injuries responsible for the disability shown in this report are available in considerable detail in Series B, No. 37. However, for the convenience of the reader, table 15, showing the number of persons injured by age cross-tabulated with a number of demographic characteristics, has been included in this report.

Population data in tables 16 and 17 are estimates of the total civilian, noninstitutional population appropriate for computing rates of re-stricted-activity and bed-disability days due to injury. Estimates shown for persons 6-16 years of age are used to compute the rate of school-loss days due to injury.: Tables 18 and 19 present estimates for the currently employed population, defined as persons 17 years and older who worked or had a iob or business during the two-


Figure 4. Number of school-loss doys due to injury per 100 population 6-16 years, by residence, region, and family income.
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[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]

| Residence and age | Both sexes | Male | Female | Both sexes | Male | Female |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| All areas | Average number of re-stricted-activity days in thousands |  |  | Number of restrictedactivity days per 100 population per year |  |  |
| All | 459,963 | 249,835 | 210,129 | 260.9 | 291.3 | 232.1 |
| 0-5 | 14,768 | 7,751 | 7,016 | 61. 4 | 63.3 | 59.4 |
| 6-16 | 51,198 | 32,669 | 18,529 | 135.3 | 169.2 | 100.0 |
| 17-24 | 34,171 | 22,398 | 11,773 | 193.7 | 273.0 | 124.7 |
| 25-44 | 122,717 | 73,789 | 48,928 | 270.2 | 339.3 | 206.7 |
| 45-64 | 143,858 | 71,267 | 72,591 | 399.7 | 410.5 | 389.7 |
| $65+$ | 93,252 | 41,961 | 51,291 | 608.1 | 608.3 | 608.0 |
| A11 ages---------------------- | 272,958 | 140,327 | 132,631 | 257.9 | 277.7 | 239.8 |
| 0-5 | 9,731 | - 5,196 | 4,535 | 71.7 | 75.1 | 68.2 |
| 6-16 | 29,083 | 19,046 | 10,037 | 141.0 | 182.7 | 98.4 |
| 17-24 | 19,543 | 12,612 | 6,931 | 174.1 | 245.2 | 114.0 |
| 25-44 | 74,930 | 44,231 | 30,699 | 275.3 | 341.7 | 215.1 |
| 45-64 | 87,136 | 38,786 | 48,350 | 375.9 | 359.0 | 390.7 |
| 65+ | 52,535 | 20,456 | 32,079 | 523.4 | 476.4 | 558.5 |
| Rural nonfarm |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A11 ages--------------------- | 126,729 | 71,695 | 55,034 | 257.7 | 295.4 | 220.9 |
| 0-5 | 3,912 | 1,706 | 2,206 | 50.5 | 43.5 | 57.6 |
| 6-16 | 15,734 | 9,793 | 5,942 | 133.8 | . 161.7 | 104.1 |
| 17-24 | 10,050 | 6,977 | 3,073 | 232.9 | 358.9 | 129.6 |
| 25-44 | 35,367 | 21,633 | 13,734 | 258.9 | 329.1 | 193.7 |
| 45-64 | 33,220 | 17,568 | 15,652 | 401.2 | 420.6 | 381.4 |
| $65+$ | 28,446 | 14,017 | 14,428 | 834.2 | 876.6 | 796.7 |
| Rural farm |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A11 ages--------------------- | 60,275 | 37,813 | 22,463 | 283.3 | 344.5 | 218.0 |
|  | 1,124 | 849 | (*) | 40.8 | 60.0 | (*) |
| 6-16 | 6,381 | 3,831 | 2,550 | 116.8 | 135.4 | 96.9 |
| 17-24 | 4,578 | 2,808 | 1,770 | 217.7 | 251.6 | 179.3 |
| 25-44 | 12,419 | 7,924 | 4,495 | 273.2 | 355.8 | 193.9 |
| 45-64 | 23,502 | 14,913 | 8,589 | 519.0 | 626.9 | 399.7 |
| 65+ | 12,270 | 7,487 | 4,784 | 650.6 | 744.2 | 543.6 |

Table 2. Average annual number of bed-disability. days and number of bed-disability days per 100 population per year due to injury, by residence, age, and sex: United States, July 1959-June 1961
[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimatés are given in Appendix I. Definitions. of terms are given in Appendix II]


Table 3. Average annual number of work-loss days and number of work-loss days per 100 currently employed persons per year due to injury, by residence, age, and sex:- United States, July 1959June 1961

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Table 4. Average annual number of restricted-activity days and number of restricted-activity days per 100 population per year due to injury, by geographic region, age, and sex: United States, July 1959-June 1961
Data are based on*household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]

| Geographic region and age | Both sexes | Male | Female | Both sexes | Male | Female |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| All regions | Average number of re-stricted-activity days in thousands |  |  | Number of restrictedactivity days per 100 population per year |  |  |
| All ages--------------------- | 459,963 | 249,835 | 210,129 | 260.9 | 291.3 | 232.1 |
| 0-5-------------------------------1 | 14,768 | 7,751 | 7,016 | 61.4 | 63.3 | 59.4 |
| 6-16 | 51,198 | 32,669 | 18,529 | 135.3 | 169.2 | 100.0 |
| 17-24 | 34,171 | 22,398 | 11,773 | 193.7 | 273.0 | 124.7 |
| 25-44 | 122,717 | 73,789 | 48,928 | 270.2 | 339.3 | 206.7 |
| 45-64 | 143,858 | 71,267 | 72,591 | 399.7 | 410.5 | 389.7 |
| $65+$ | 93,252 | 41,961 | 51,291 | 608.1 | 608.3 | 608:0 |
| Northeast |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages- | 104,027 | 55,685 | 48,342 | 227.7 | 252.5 | 204.5 |
| 0-5-------------------------------1 | 3,372 | 1,510 | 1,862 | 59.0 | 51.5 | 66.8 |
| 6-16 | 11,989 | 8,591 | 3,398 | 133.3 | 187.3 | 77.1 |
| 17-24 | 5,906 | 3,815 | 2,091 | 135.7 | 189.3 | 89.5 |
| 25-44 | 30,729 | 18,114 | 12,615 | 250.2 | 308.0 | 197.1 |
| 45-64 | 31,419 | 13,694 | 17,725 | 312.9 | 288.7 | 334.6 |
| 65+- | 20,612 | 9,961 | 10,651 | 478.9 | 525.9 | 442.0 |
| North Central |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A11 ages-- | 115,915 | 62,296 | 53,619 | 228.9 | 248.4 | 209.9 |
| 0-5 | 4,760 | 2,856 | 1,904. | 66.4 | 78.2 | 54.2 |
| 6-16 | 13,533 | 8,911 | 4,622 | 125.5 | 161.4 | 87.9 |
| 17-24 | 10,498 | 6,304 | 4,194 | 211.3 | 258.5 | 165.8 |
| 25-44 | 29,891 | 17,664 | 12,227 | 231.8 | 279.8 | 185.8 |
| 45-64 | 32,053 | 15,893 | 16,161 | 314.3 | 315.4 | 313.2 |
| $65+$ | 25,180 | 10,668 | 14,511 | 545.1 | 504.2 | 579.7 |
| South |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A11 ages- | 149,314 | 86,904 | 62,410 | 280.7 | 339.2 | 226.4 |
| 0-5 | 3,876 | 2,053 | 1,823 | 52.7 | 54.8 | 50.5 |
| 6-16 | 16,726. | 9,657 | 7,069 | 136.9 | 154.9 | 118.2 |
| 17-24 | 10,139 | 7,545 | 2,594 | 177.5 | 291.3 | 83.1 |
| 25-44 | 38,149 | 24,121 | 14,028 | 289.5 | 389.6 | 200.8 |
| 45-64 | 48,983 | 27,312 | 21,670 | 466.9 | 549.0 | 392.8 |
| 65+- | 31,442 | 16,215 | 15,226 | 740.7 | 858.8 | 646.0 |
| West |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages-- | 90;707 | 44,950 | 45,757 | 338.6 | 345.2 | 332.4 |
| 0-5 | 2,759 | 1,332 | 1,427 | 72.1 | 69.1 | 75.1 |
| 6-16--------------------------------1-2- | 8,950 | 5,510 | 3,441 | 152.9 | 185.6 | 119.3 |
| 17-24------------------------------- | 7,628 | 4,733 | 2,895 | 291.7 | 408.0 | 199.1 |
| 25-44 | 23,947 | 13,890 | 10,057 | 338.7 | 413.0 | 271.2 |
|  | 31,404 | 14,369 | 17,035 | 597.5 | 552.0 | 642.1 |
| 65+----------------------------------1- | 16,018 | 5,116 | 10;902 | 739.9 | 511.6 | 935.8 |

Table 5. Average annual number of bed-disability days and number of bed-disability days per 100 population per year due to injury, by geographic region, age, and sex: United States, July 1959-June 1961
Data are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications, and informationon the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]

| Geographic region and age | Both sexes | Male | Female | Both sexes | Male | Female |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| All regions | Average number of bed-disability days in thousands |  |  | Number of bed-disability days per 100 population per year |  |  |
| All ages--------------------- | 113,539 | 58,848 | 54,692 | 64.4 | 68.6 | 60.4 |
| 0-5- | 6,540 | 3,175 | 3,365 | 27.2 | 25.9 | 25.5 |
| 6-16 | 11,764 | 6,978 | 4,787 | 31.1 | 36.1 | 25.8 |
| 17-24 | 6,026 | 3,701 | 2,325 | 34.2 | 45.1 | 24.6 |
| 25-44- | 31,067 | 18,425 | 12,641 | 68.4 | 84.7 | 53.4 |
| 45-64 | 35,586 | 17,601 | 17,985 | 98.9 | 101.4 | 96.5 |
| 65+- | 22,557 | 8,968 | 13,589 | 147.1 | 130.0 | 161.1 |
| Northeast |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages--------------------- | 21,076 | 11,741 | 9,336 | 46.1 | 53.2 | 39.5 |
|  | 973 | 513 | (*) | 17.0 | 17.5 | (*) |
| 6-16--------------------------------1-2- | 2,011 | 1,221 | 790 | 22.4 | 26.6 | 17.9 |
| 17-24 | 1,585 | 1,168 | (*) | 36.4 | 58.0 | (*) |
| 25-44 | 6,189 | 3,674 | 2,515 | 50.4 | 62.5 | 39.3 |
| 45-64 | 6,316 | 3,058 | 3,258 | 62.9 | 64.5 | 61.5 |
| 65+- | 4,002 | 2,107 | 1,895 | 93.0 | 111.2 | 78.6 |
| North Central |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages | 27,167 | 14,266 | 12,901 | 53.7 | 56.9 | 50.5 |
| 0-5----------------------------------1- | 2,342 | 1,384 | 957 | 32.7 | 37.9 | 27.2 |
| 6-16-------------------------------- | 3,649 | 2,233 | 1,416 | 33.8 | 40.4 | 26.9 |
| 17-24------------------------------ | 1,943 | 1,504 | (*) | 39.1 | 61.7 | (*) |
| 25-44 | 6,816 | 4,054 | 2,762 | 52.9 | 64.2 | 42.0 |
| 45-64------------------------------- | 6,799 | 2,605 | 4,195 | 66.7 | 51.7 | 81.3 |
| 65+----------------------------------- | 5,619 | 2,486 | 3,133 | 121.6 | 117.5 | 125.2 |
| All ages- | 41,389 | 22,516 | 18,873 | 77.8 | 87.9 | 68.5 |
| 0-5--------------------------------- | 1,743 | 943 | 800 | 23.7 | 25.2 | 22.2 |
| 6-16-------------------------------- | 4,375 | 2,291 | 2,084 | 35.8 | 36.7 | 34.8 |
| 17-24------------------------------ | 1,251 | 589 | 661 | 21.9 | 22.7 | 21.2 |
| 25-44 | 11,132 | 6,824 | 4,308 | 84.5 | 110.2 | 61.7 |
| 45-64------------------------------- | 14,218 | 7,978 | 6,240 | 135.5 | 160.4 | 113.1 |
| $65+$ | 8,671 | 3,890 | 4,780 | 204.3 | 206.0 | 202.8 |
| West |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages- | 23,907 | 10,325 | 13,583 | 89.2 | 79.3 | 98.7 |
| 0-5 | 1,482 | (*) | 1,148 | 38.7 | (*) | 60.4 |
| 6-16--------------------------------1-2- | 1,729 | 1,232 | (*) | 29.5 | 41.5 | (*) |
| 17-24 | 1,249 | (*) | 808 | 47.8 | (*) | 55.6 |
| 25-44--------------------------------1- | 6,929 | 3,873 | 3,056 | 98.0 | 115.2 | 82.4 |
| 45-64-------------------------------1-2- | 8,253 | 3,960 | 4,293 | 157.0 | 152.1 | 161.8 |
| 65+--------------------------------- | 4,265 | (*) | 3,781 | 197.0 | (*) | 324.5 |

Table 6. Average annual number of work-loss days and number of work-loss days per 100 currently employed persons per year due to injury, by geographic region, age, and sex: United States, July 1959-June 1961
[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information $=$
on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in-Appendix II]


Table 7. Average annual number of restricted-activity days and number of restricted-activity days per 100 population per year due to injury, by family income, age, and sex: United States, July 1959-June 1961
[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey desiga, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates, are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]


Table 8. Average annual number of bed-disability days and number of bed-disability days per 100 population per year due to iniury, by family income, age, and sex: United States, July $1959-J u m e 1961$
[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the relia, bility of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]

| Family income and age $\because$ | Both <br> sexes | Male | Female | Both <br> sexes | Male | Female |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |












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bility days in thousands

| 113,539 | 58,848 | 54,692 | 64.4 | 68.6 | 60.4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6,540 | 3,175 | 3,365 | 27.2 | 25.9 | 28.5 |
| 11,764 | 6,978 | 4,787 | 31.1 | 36.1 | 25.8 |
| 6,026 | 3,701 | 2,325 | 34.2 | 45.1 | 24.6 |
| 31,067 | 18,425 | 12,641 | 68.4 | 84.7 | 53.4 |
| 35,586 | 17,601 | 17,985 | 98.9 | 101.4 | 96.5 |
| 22,557 | 8,968 | 13,589 | 147.1 | 130.0 | 161.1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 27,763 | 13,450 | 14,313 | 115.0 | 123.2 | 108.2 |
| 655 | (*) | (*) | 25.0 | (*) | (*) |
| 1,863 | 750 | 1,113 | 45.0 | 35.5 | 54.9 |
| 787 | (*) | (*) | 27.7 | (*) | (*) |
| 4,938 | 3,003 | 1,935 | 133.8 | 182.8 | 94.6 |
| 9,449 | 4,486 | 4,963 | 184.5 | 222.1 | 159.9 |
| 10,071 | 4,463 | 5,608 | 175.8 | 184.4 | 169.5 |
| 25,803 | 13,848 | 11,955 | 74.1 | 83.4 | 65.6 |
| 1,140 | 715 | (*) | 22.2 | 27.6 | (*) |
| 2,292 | 1,470 | 822 | 32.1 | 40.4 | 23.4 |
| 2,752 | 1,629 | 1,124 | 68.8 | 91.4 | 50.7 |
| 7,412 | 4,577 | 2,835 | 95.0 | $-125.8$ | 68.1 |
| 7,817 | 3,977 | 3,840 | 111.6 | 128.0 | 98.6 |
| 4,390 | 1,481 | 2,909 | 116.9 | 79.9 | 153.2 |
| 34,495 | 17,553 | 16,942 | 55.8 | 57.0 | 54.6 |
| 3,612 | 1,520 | 2,092 | 35.6 | 29.2 | 42.5 |
| 4,296 | 2,474 | 1,822 | 30.5 | 34.3 | 26.5 |
| 1,663 | 1,169 | (*) | 29.1 | 46.0 | (*) |
| 10,921 | 6,420 | 4,501 | 59.7 | 71.7 | 48.2 |
| 10,179 | 4,688 | 5,491 | 92.5 | 82.9 | 102.6 |
| 3,824 | 1,281 | 2,543 | 150.0 | 105.9 | 189.9 |
|  | : |  |  |  |  |
| 17,449 | 10,392 | 7,057 | 38.9 | 46.4 | 31.5 |
| 789 | 661 | (*) | - 15.4 | 25.6 | (*) |
| 2,324 | 1,630 | 694 | - 22.3 | 30.8 | 13.5 |
| 650 | (*) | (*) | - 16.3 | (*) | (*) |
| 5,071 | 2,534 | 2,537 | 38.2 | 39.6 | 36.9 |
| 6,375 | 3,744 | 2,631 | 63.2 | 70.9 | 54.8 |
| 2,241 | 1,568 | 672 | 117.1 | 179.0 | 64.7 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8,029 | 3,604 | 4,426 | 74.7 | 70.8 | 78.2 |
| (*) | (*) | (*) | (*) | (*) | - (*) |
| 990 | 654 | (*) | 48.0 | 61.5 | - (*) |
| (*) | (*) | (*) | (*) | (*) | . ${ }^{(*)}$ |
| 2,725 | 1,891 | 834 | 115.5 | 169.6 | 67.1 |
| 1;766 | 706 | 1,060 | 63.7 | 54.4 | 72.0 |
| 2,031 | (*) | 1,856 | 146.2 | (*) | 218.4 |

Table 9. Average annual number of work-10ss days and number of work-loss days per 100 currently employed persons per year due to injury, by family income, age, and sex: United States, July 1959-June 1961
[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]


Table 10. Average annual number of disability days and number of disability days per 100 population per year due to injury, by race and age: United States, July 1959-June 1961
[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]


[^1]Table 11. Average annual number of disability days and number of disability days per 100 population per year due to injury, by usual activity status and age: United States, July 1959-June 1961
[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]

| Usual activity status and age | Disability days |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Restrictedactivity days | $\begin{gathered} \text { Bed- } \\ \text { disability } \\ \text { days } \end{gathered}$ | Work-10ss days | Restrictedactivity days | $\begin{gathered} \text { Bed- } \\ \text { disability } \\ \text { days } \end{gathered}$ | Work-loss days ${ }^{1}$ |
| All activities | Average number of disability days in thousands |  |  | Number of disability days per 100 population per year |  |  |
| All ages-17+---- | 393,998 | 95,235 | 83,773 | 344.4 | 83.3 | 125.5 |
| 17-24---------------- | 34,171 | 6,026 | 7,084 | 193.7 | 34.2 | 72.1 |
| 25-44------------------ | 122,717 | 31,067 | 36,239 | 270.2 | 68.4 | 120.9 |
| 45-64------------------ | 143,858 | 35,586 | 33,500 | 399.7 | 98.9 | 141.0 |
| 65+--------------------1-1- | 93,252 | 22,557 | 6,950 | 608.1 | 147.1 | 215.9 |
| Usually working |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages-17+--- | 175,603 | 40,977 | 73,471 | 284.7 | 66.4 | 124.9 |
| 17-24----------------- | 15,202 | 2,105 | 5,462 | 197.2 | 27.3 | 78.1 |
| 25-44------------------ | 79,292 | 19,186 | 33,730 | 278.1 | 67.3 | 123.0 |
| 45-64----------------- | 67,481 | 16,703 | 29,084 | 297.6 | 73.7 | 132.8 |
| 65+------------------- | 13,628 | 2,984 | 5,195 | 487.1 | 106.6 | 208.7 |
| Keeping house |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages-17+---- | 110,437 | 22,906 | 2,693 | 301.3 | 62.5 | 65.5 |
| 17-24----------------- | 4,196 | 1,290 | (*) | 118.7 | 36.5 | (*) |
| 25-44---------------- | 29,239 | 7,861 | 819 | 187.9 | 50.5 | 40.0 |
| 45-64- | 45,903 | 9,701 | 1,220 | 408.5 | 86.3 | 90.6 |
| 65+-------------------- | 31,098 | 4,054 | 562 | 492.1 | 64.1 | 197.2 |
| Retired |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages-45+---- | 44,054 | 13,533 | 635 | 710.9 | 218.4 | 143.7 |
| 45-64------------------ | 8,402 | 3,159 | (*) | $1,112.8$ | 418.4 |  |
| 65+------------------- | 35,652 | 10,373 | 596 | $655.2$ | 190.6 | $164.2$ |
| Other |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages-17+---- | 63,904. | 17,820 | 6,974 | 648.9 | 181.0 | 204.2 |
| 17-24----------------- | 14,773 | 2,631 | 1,530 | 230.8 | 41.1 | 63.7 |
| 25-44----------------- | 14,186 | 4,020 | 1,690 | 1,050.8 | 297.8 | 333.3 |
| 45-64------------------ | 22,072 | 6,023 | 3,157 | 1,665.8 | 454.6 | 744.6 |
| 65+--------------------- | 12,873 | 5,145 | 598 | 1,663.2 | 664.7 | 711.9 |

${ }^{1}$ The number of work-loss days per 100 population per year is based on the currently employed population.

Table 12. Average annual number of disability days and number of disability days per 100 population der year due to injury, by sex and place of accident: United States, July 1959-June 1961
[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates pre given in Appendix I. Definitions of terns are given in Appendix 1i]


[^2]Table 13. Average annual number of disability days and number of disability days per 100 population per year due to injury, by detailed type of accident: United States, July 1959-June 1961
[Datia are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of torms are given in Appendix II]

| Detailed type of accident | Disability days |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Restrictedactivity days | $\begin{gathered} \text { Bed-dis- } \\ \text { ability } \\ \text { days } \end{gathered}$ | Work- <br> loss <br> days | Restrictedactivity days | ```Bed-dis- ability days``` | Work- <br> loss <br> days ${ }^{1}$ |
| Total persons injured------- | Average number of disability days in thousands |  |  | Number of disability days per 100 population per year |  |  |
|  | 459,963 | 113,539 | 83,773 | 260.9 | 64.4 | 125.5 |
| Moving motor vehicles----- | 86,575 | 25,724 | 16,861 | 49.1 | 14.6 | 25.3 |
| All other accidents------- | 373, 388 | 87,816 | 66,912 | 211.8 | 49.8 | 100.2 |
| Uncontrolled fire, explosion,or discharge of a firearm----Nonmotor vehicle in motion------Machinery, in operation------ | 15,144 | 3,910 | 2,917 | 8.6 | 2.2 | 4.4 |
|  | 7,525 | 1,205 | 778 | 4.3 | 0.7 | 1.2 |
|  | 12,232 | 1,538 | 4,166 | 6.9 | 0.9 | 6.2 |
| Cutting or piercing instrument-Foreign body in eye, windpipe, or other orifice---------------- | 10,489 | 2,080 | 2,337 | 5.9 | 1.2 | 3.5 |
|  | 3,854 | 1,647 | 1,193 | 2.2 | 0.9 | 1.8 |
| Injury caused by animal or insect | 5,872 | 1,304 | 1,440 | 3.3 | 0.7 | 2.2 |
| Falls on stairs, steps, or from a height- | 74,863 | 19,414 | 11,324 | 42.5 | 11.0 | 17.0 |
| All other falls----------------- | 97,907 | 23,560 | 13, 130 | 55.5 | 13.4 | 19.7 |
| Bumped Into object or person---- | 20,623 | 5,167 | 2,930 | 11.7 | 2.9 | 4.4 |
| Struck by moving object--------Handled or stepped on rough objects <br> Caught in, pinched, or crushed between two objects--- | 27,547 | 5,611 | 7,792 | 15.6 | 3.2 | 11.7 |
|  | 5,767 | 1,173 | (*) | 3.3 | 0.7 | (*) |
|  | 8,110 | 720 | 1,940 | 4.6 | 0.4 | 2.9 |
| Came in contact with hot object or open flame--------------------One-time lifting or exertion---- | 7,204 | 1,624 | 553 | 4.1 | 0.9 | 0.8 |
|  | 37,568 | 8,583 | 10,177 | 21.3 | 4.9 | 15.2 |
| Twisted or stumbled------------ | 14,411 | 3,037 | 2,995 | 8.2 | 1.7 | 4.5 |
| Therapeutic misadventure All other types of accidents---- | 3,021 | 1,436 | 677 | 1.7 | 0.8 | 1.0 |
|  | 21,253 | 5,807 | 2,253 | 12.1 | 3.3 | 3.4 |

[^3]Table 14. Average annual number of school-loss days and number of school-1oss days per 100 population ( $6-16$ years) per year due to injury, by demographic characteristics and sex: United States, July 1959-June 1961
[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]


Table 15. Average annual number of persons injured by demographic characteristics and age: United States, July 1959-June 1961
[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]


[^4]Table 16. Population used in obtaining rates shown in this publication, by sex, age, residence, and geographic region: United States, July 1959-June 1961
[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]

| Sex and age | All persons | Residence |  |  | Geographic region |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Urban | Rural nonfarm | Rural <br> farm | Northeast | North Central | South | West |
| Both sexes | Population in thousands |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages | 176,302 | 105,845 | 49,181 | 21,276 | 45,691 | 50,629 | 53,194 | 26,789 |
| 0-5 | 24,065 | 13,564 | 7,748 | 2,753 | 5,718 | 7,168 | 7,351 | 3,828 |
| 6-16 | 37,846 | 20,622 | 11,763 | 5,461 | 8,996 | 10,780 | 12,217 | 5,853 |
| 17-24 | 17,645 | 11,226 | 4,316 | 2,103 | 4,351 | 4,969 | 5,711 | 2,615 |
| 25-44 | 45,423 | 27,215 | 13,663 | 4,545 | 12,281 | 12,893 | 13,178 | 7,071 |
| 45-64- | 35,989 | 23,180 | 8,281 | 4,528 | 10,041 | 10,199 | 10,492 | 5,256 |
| $65+-$ | 15,334 | 10,038 | 3,410 | 1,886 | 4,304 | 4,619 | 4,245 | 2,165 |
| All ages------------ | 85,776 | 50,534 | 24,267 | 10,975 | 22,052 | 25,079 | 25,623 | 13,022 |
| 0-5 | 12,254 | 6,919 | 3;918 | 1,416 | 2,931 | 3,652 | 3,743 | 1,927 |
| 6-16------------------------ | 19,312 | 10,426 | 6,056 | 2,830 | 4,586 | 5,522 | 6,235 | 2,968 |
| 17-24 | 8,204 | 5,144 | 1,944 | 1,116 | 2,015 | 2,439 | 2,590 | 1,160 |
| 25-44 | 21,747 | 12,946 | 6,574 | 2,227 | 5,881 | 6,312 | 6,192 | 3,363 |
| 45-64 | 17,361 | 10,805 | 4,177 | 2,379 | 4,744 | 5,039 | 4,975 | 2,603 |
| $65+$ | 6,898 | 4,294 | 1,599 | 1,006 | 1,894 | 2,116 | 1,888 | 1,000 |
| Female |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages----------- | 90,526 | 55,311 | 24,913 | 10,302 | 23,639 | 25,549 | 27,571 | 13,767 |
| 0-5------------------------ | 11,812 | 6,645 | 3,830 | 1,337 | 2,786 | 3,516 | 3,608 | 1,901 |
| 6-16---------------------- | 18,535 | 10,196 | 5,707 | 2,631 | 4,410 | 5,258 | 5,981 | 2,885 |
| 17-24----------------------* | 9,440 | 6,082 | 2,372 | 987 | 2,336 | 2,530 | 3,121. | 1,454 |
| 25-44--------------------- | 23,676 | 14,270 | 7,089 | 2,318 | 6,400 | -6,581 | 6,986 | 3,709 |
| 45-64 | 18,628 | 12,375 | 4,104 | 2,149 | 5,297 | 5,160 | 5,517 | 2,653 |
| 65+------------------------ | 8,436 | 5,744 | 1,811 | 880 | 2,410 | 2,503 | 2,357 | 1,165 |

NOTE: For official population estimates for more general use, see Bureau of the Census reports on the civilian population of the United States, in Current Population Reports: Series P-20, P-25, and P-60.

Table 17. Population used in obtaining rates shown in this publication, by family income, sex, race, usual activity status, and age: United States, July 1959-June 1961
[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix 1. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]

| Family income, sex, race, and usual activity status | $\begin{array}{r} \text { All } \\ \text { ages } \end{array}$ | 0-5 | 6-16 | 17-24 | 25-44 | 45-64 | $65+$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Family income | Population in thousands. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Both sexes-------------- | 176,302 | 24,065 | 37,846 | 17,645 | 45,423 | 35,989 | 15,334 |
| Under \$2,000 | 24,139 | 2,621 | 4,140 | 2,837 | 3,690 | 5,122 | 5,729 |
| \$2,000-3,999 | 34,835 | 5,131 | 7,145 | 4,000 | 7,802 | 7,004 | 3,754 |
| \$4,000-6, 99 | 61,775 | 10;133 | 14,076 | 5,711 | 18,297 | 11,008 | 2,549 |
| \$7,000+ | 44,803 | 5,110 | 10,423 | 3,997 | 13,276 | 10,083 | 1,914 |
| Unknown | 10;750 | 1,071 | 2,062 | 1,099 | 2,359 | 2,771 | 1,389 |
| Male------------------- | 85,776 | 12,254 | 19,312 | 8,204 | 21,747 | 17,361 | 6,898 |
|  | 10,915 | 1,315 | 2,111 | 1,405 | 1,643 | 2,020 | 2,420 |
| \$2,000-3,999 | 16,611 | 2,595 | 3,636 | 1,782 | 3,637 | 3,108 | 1,854 |
| \$4,000-6,999 | 30,773 | 5,206 | 7,205 | 2,539 | 8,959 | 5,655 | 1,210 |
| \$7,000+ | 22,386 | 2,577 | 5,295 | 1,964 | 6,392 | 5,282 | 876 |
| Unknown | 5,091 | 561 | 1,064 | 514 | 1,115 | 1,297 | 539 |
| Female---------------- | 90,526 | 11,812 | 18,535 | 9,440 | 23,676 | 18,628 | 8,436 |
| Under \$2,000------------------ | 13,224 | 1,306 | 2,029 | 1,432 | 2,046 | 3,103 | 3,309 |
| \$2,000-3,999 | 18,224. | 2,536 | 3,510 | 2,218 | 4,165 | 3,896 | 1,899 |
| \$4,000-6,999 | 31,001 | 4,927 | 6,871 | 3,173 | 9,338 | 5,354 | 1,339 |
| \$7,000+ | 22,417 | 2,533 | 5,127 | 2,033 | 6,884 | 4,802 | 1,038 |
| Unknown- | 5,660 | 510 | 998 | 585 | 1,243 | 1,473 | 850 |
| Race |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| White | 156,133. | 20,531 | 32,784 | 15,385 | 40,526 | 32,645 | 14,262 |
| Nonwhite----------------------- | 20,169. | 3,534 | 5,062 | 2,260 | 4,897 | 3,343 | 1,072 |
| All pers sons-17+- | 114,391 | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | 17,645 | 45,423 | 35,989 | 15,334 |
| Usually working-17+ | 61,690 | . $\cdot$ |  | 7,710 | 28,509 | 22,672 | 2,798 |
| Keeping house-17+------------- | 36,656 | -•• |  | 3,534 | 15,564 | 11,237 | 6,320 |
| Retired-45+ | 6,197 | ... |  | ... |  | 755 | 5,441 |
| Other-17+------------------- | 9,848 | . . . |  | 6,400 | 1,350 | 1,325 | 774 |

NOTE: For official population estimates for more general use, see Bureau of the Census reports on the civilian population of the United States, in Current Population Reports: Series P-20; P-25, and P-60.

Table 18. Population for currently employed persons used in obtaining rates for work-loss days shown in this publication, by sex, age, residence, and geographic region: United States, July 1959-June 1961
[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]


NOTE: For official population estimates for more general use, see Bureau of the Census reports on the civilian population of the United States, in Current Pópulation Reports: Series P-20, P-25; and P-60; and Bureau of Labor Statistics monthly report, Employment and Earnings.

Table 19. Population for currently employed persons used in obtaining rates for work-loss days shown in this publication, by family income, sex, race, usual activity status, and age: United States, July 1959-June 1961
[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix $I$ ]


NOTE: For official population estimates for more general use, see Bureau of the Census reports on the civilian population of the United States, in Current Population Reports: Series P-20, P-25, and P-60; and Bureau of Labor Statistics monthly report. Employment and Earnings.

## TECHNICAL NOTES ON METHODS

## Background of This Report

This report, Disability Days Due to Injury, is one of a series of statistical reports prepared by the U.S. National Health Survey. It is based on information collected in a continuing nationwide sample of households in the Health Interview Survey, a major aspect of the program.

The Health Interview Survey utilizes a questionnaire which, in addition to personal and demographic characteristics, obtains information on illnesses, injuries, chronic conditions and impairments, and other health topics. As data relating to each of these various broad topics are tabulated and analyzed, separate reports are issued which cover one or more of the specific topics. The present report is based on the consolidated sample for 104 weeks of interviewing ending June 1961.

The population covered by the sample for the Health Interview Survey is the civilian, noninstitutional population of the United States living at the time of the interview. The sample does not include members of the Armed Forces, U. S. nationals living in foreign countries, or crews of vessels. It should also be noted that the estimates shown do not represent a complete inventory of injuries for the specified calendar period since no adjustment has been made for persons who incurred injuries during the two-week-recall period but who died prior to the interview.

## Statistical Design of the

 Health Interview Survey:General plan.-The sampling plan of the survey follows a multistage probability design which permits a continuous sampling of the civilian population of the United States. The first stage of this design consists of drawing a sample of 500 from the 1,900 geographically defined Primary Sampling Units (PSU's) into which the United States has been divided. A PSU is a county, a group of contiguous counties, or a Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area.

With no loss in general understanding, the remaining stages can be telescoped and treated in this discussion as an ultimate stage. Within PSU's, then, ultimate stage units called segments are defined, also geographically, in such a manner that each segment contains an expected six households in the sample. Each week a random sample of about 120 segments is drawn. In the approximately 700 households in those segments, household members are interviewed concerning factors related to health.

Since the household members interviewed each week are a representative sample of the population,
samples for successive weeks can be combined into larger samples. Thus the design permits both continuous measurement of characteristics of high incidence or prevalence in the population, and through the larger consolidated samples, more detailed analysis of less common characteristics and smaller categories. The continuous collection has administrative and operational advantages as well as technical assets, since it permits field work to be handled with an experienced, stable staff.

Sample size and geographic detail.-The national sample plan over the two-year period ending June 1961 included about 250,000 persons from 76,000 households. The over-all sample was designed in such a fashion that tabulations can be provided for each of the major geographic. regions and for urban and rural sectors of the United States.

Collection of data. - The field operations for the household survey are performed by the Bureau of the Census under specifications established by the Public Health Service. In accordance with these specifications the Bureau of the Census designs and selects the sample; conducts the field interviewing, acting as the collecting agent for the Public Health Service; and edits and codes the questionnaires. Tabulations are prepared by the Public Health Service using the Bureau of the Census electronic computers.

Estimating methods.-Each statistic produced by the survey-for example, the number of bed disability days due to injury-is the result of two stages of ratio estimation. In the first of these, the factor is the ratio of the 1950 decennial population count to the 1950 estimated population in the U. S. National Health Survey's first-stage sample of PSU's. These factors are applied for some 50 color-residence classes.

Later, ratios of sample-produced estimates of the population to official Bureau of the Census figures for current population in about 60 age-sex-color classes are computed, and serve as second-stage factors for ratio estimating.

The effect of the ratio estimating process is to make the sample more closely representative of the population by age, sex, color, and residence, thus reducing sampling variance.

As noted, each week's sample represents the population living during that week and characteristics of that population. Consolidation of samples over a time period, say a calendar quarter, produces estimates of average characteristics of the U.S. population for that calendar quarter. Similarly, population data for a year are averages of the four quarterly figures.

For statistics measuring the number of occurrences during a specified time period, such as the number of bed-disability days due to injuries, a similar
computational procedure is used, but the statistics have a different interpretation. For these items, the questionnaire asks for the respondent's experience over the two calendar weeks prior to the week of interview. In such instances the estimated quarterly total for the statistic is simply 6.5 times the average twoweek estimate produced by the 13 successive samples taken during the period. The annual total is the sum of the four quarters. Thus, the experience of persons interviewed during a year-experience which actually occurred for each person in a two-calendar-week interval prior to week of interview-is treated as though it measured the total of such experience during the year. Such interpretation leads to no significant bias.

## General Qualifications

Nonresponse. -Data were adjusted for nonresponse by a procedure which imputes to persons in a household which was not interviewed the characteristics of persons in households in the same segment which were interviewed. The total noninterview rate was 5 percent; 1 percent was refusal, and the remainder was primarily due to the failure to find any eligible household respondent after repeated trials.

The interview process. - The statistics presented in this report are based on replies secured in interviews of persons in the sampled households. Each person 17 years of age and over, available at the time of interview, was interviewed individually. Proxy respondents within the household were employed for children and for adults not available at the time of the interview, provided the respondent was closely related to the person about whom information was being obtained.

There are limitations to the accuracy of diagnostic and other information collected in household interviews. For diagnostic information, the household respondent can, at best, pass on to the interviewer only the information the physician has given to the family. For conditions not medically attended, diagnostic information is often no more than a description of symptoms. However, other facts, such as the number of disability days caused by the condition, can be obtained more accurately from household members than from any other source since only the persons concerned are in a position to report this information.

Rounding of numbers. - The original tabulations|on which the data in this report are based show all estimates to the nearest whole unit. All consolidations were made from the original tabulations using the estimates to the nearest unit. In the final published tables the figures are rounded to the nearest thousand, although these are not necessarily accurate to that detail. Devised statistics, such as rates and percent distributions, are computed after the estimates on which these are based have been rounded to the nearest thousand.

Population figures.-Some of the published tables include population figures for specified categories. Except for certain over-all totals by age and sex, which are adjusted to independent estimates, these figures are based on the sample of households in the U. S. National Health Survey. These are given primarily to provide denominators for rate computation, and for
this purpose are more appropriate for use with the accompanying measures of health characteristics than other population data that may be available. In some instances these will permit users to recombine published data into classes more suitable to their specific needs. With the exception of the over-all totals by age and sex, mentioned above, the population figures differ from corresponding figures (which are derived from different sources) published in reports of the Bureau of the Census. For population data for general use, see the official estimates presented in Bureau of the Census reports in the $\mathrm{P}-20, \mathrm{P}-25$, and $\mathrm{P}-60$ series.

## Reliability of Estimates

Since the estimates are based on a sample, they will differ somewhat from the figures that would have been obtained if a complete census had been taken using the same schedules, instructions, and interviewing personnel and procedures. As in any survey, the results are also subject to measurement error.

The standard error is primarily a measure of sampling variability, that is, the variations that might occur by chance because only a sample of the population is surveyed. As calculated for this report, the standard error also reflects part of the variation which arises in the measurement process. It does not include estimates of any biases which might lie in the data. The chances are about 68 out of 100 that an estimate from the sample would differ from a complete census by less than the standard error. The chances are about 95 out of 100 that the difference would be less than twice the standard error and about 99 out of 100 that it would be less than $2 \not 2$ times as large.

The relative standard error of an estimate is obtained by dividing the standard error of the estimate by the estimate itself, and is expressed as a percentage of the estimate. Included in this Appendix are charts from which the relative standard errors can be determined for estimates shown in the report. In order to derive relative errors which would be applicable to a wide variety of health statistics and which could be prepared at a moderate cost, a number of approximations were required. As a result, the charts provide an estimate of the approximate relative standard error rather than the precise error for any specific aggregate or percentage.

Three classes of statistics for the health survey are identified for purposes of estimating variances.

Narrow range. - This class consists of (1) statistics which estimate a population attribute, e.g., the number of persons in a particular income group, and (2) statistics for which the measure for a single individual for the period of reference is usually either 0 or 1 , on occasion may take on the value 2 , and very rarely, 3.

Medium range. - This class consists of other statistics for which the measure for a single individual for the period of reference will rarely lie outside the range 0 to 5 .

Wide range. - This class consists of statistics for which the measure for a single individual for the period of reference frequently will range from 0 to a number in excess of 5 , e.g., the number of days of bed disability experienced during the year.

In addition to classifying variables according to whether they are narrow-, medium-, or wide-range, statistics in the survey are further defined as:

Type A.-Statistics on prevalence, and incidence data for which the period of reference in the questionnaire is 12 months.
Type B.-Incidence-type statistics for which the period of reference in the questionnaire is two weeks.
Only the charts on sampling error applicable to data contained in this report are presented.

General rules for determining relative sampling errors. - The "guide" on page 32, together with the following rules, will enable the reader to determine approximate relative standard errors from the charts for estimates presented in this report.

Rule 1. Estimates of aggregates: Approximate relative standard errors of estimates of aggregates, such as the number of persons with a given characteristic, or the number of disability days due to injury are obtained from appropriate curves on page 33. The number of persons in the total U. S. population or in age-sex class of the total population is adjusted to official Bureau of the Census figures and is not subject to sampling error.
Rule 2. Estimates of percentages in a percent distribution: Relative standard errors of percentages in a percent distribution of a total are obtained from appropriate curves on pages 34 and 35. For values which do not fall on one of the curves presented in the chart, visual interpolation will provide a satisfactory approximation.

Rule 3. Estimates of rates where the numerator is a subclass of the denominator: (Not required for statistics presented in this report.)
Rule 4. Estimates of rates where the numerator is not a subclass of the denominator: This rule applies where a unit of the numerator often occurs more than once for any one unit in the denominator. For example, in the computation of the number of days of bed disability due to injury per 100 persons per year, several of the days included in the numerator could be assigned to a person (one unit) in the denominator. Approximate relative standard errors for rates of this kind may be computed as follows:
(a) Where the denominator is the total U. S. population, or includes all persons in one or more of the age-sex groups of the total population, the relative error of the rate is equivalent to the relative error of the numerator which can be obtained directly from the appropriate chart.
(b) In other cases, obtain the relative standard error of the numerator and of the denominator from the appropriate curve. Square each of these relative errors, add the resulting values, and extract the square root of the sum. This procedure will result in an upper bound, and often will overstate the error.

## Guide to Use of Relative Standard Error Charts

Ine code shown below identifies the appropriate curve to be used in estimating the relative standard error of the statistic described. The four components of each code describe the statistic as follows: (1)
$A=$ aggregate,$P=$ percentage; (2) the number of calendar quarters of data collection; (3) the type of the statistic as described on page 31; and (4) the range of the statistic as described on page 30 .

| Statistic |  | Use: |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Relative standard errors for aggregates based on eight quarters of data collection for däta of all types and ranges


Example of use of chart: An aggregate of $5^{\circ}, 000,000$ (on scale at bottom of chart) for a Narrow range type A statistic (code: A8AN) has a relative standard error of 1.9 percent, read from scale at left side of chart, or a standard error of 95,000 ( 1.9 percent of $5,000,000$ ). For $a$ Wide range type $B$ statistic (code: A8BW), an aggregate of $10,000,000$ has a relative error of 9.3 percent or a $s$ tandard error of 930,000 ( 9.3 percent or $10,000,000$ ).

Relative standard errors for percentages based on eight quarters of data collection for type B data, Narrow and Medium range
(Base of percentage shown on curves in millions)


Example of use of chart: An estimate of 20 percent (on scale at bottom of chart) based on an estimate of $10,000,000$ has a relative standard error of 13.8 percent (read from. scale at the left side of the chart), the point at which the curve for a base of $10,000,000$ intersects the vertical ine for 20 percent. The standard error in percentage points is equal to 20 percent $X 13.8$ percent or 2.8 percentage points.

Relative standard errors for percentages based on eight quarters of data collection for type $B$ data, Wide range


Example of use of chart: An estimate of 20 percent (on scale at bottom of chart) based on an estimate of $10,000,000$ has a relative standard error of 19.2 percent (read from scale at the left side of the chart), the point at which the curve for a base of $10,000,000$ intersects the vertical line for 20 percent. The standard error in percentage points is equal to 20 percent $X 19.2$ percent or 3.8 percentage points.

## DEFINITIONS OF CERTAIN TERMS USED IN THIS REPORT

## Terms Relating to Persons Injured

Injury condition.-An injury condition, or simply an injury, is a condition of the type that is classiffed to the nature of injury code numbers (N800-N999) in the International Classification of Diseases. In addition to fractures, lacerations, contusions, burns, and so forth, which are commonily thought of as injuries, this group of codes include: effects of exposure, such as sunburn; adverse reactions to immunizations and other medical procedures, and poisonings. Unless otherwise specified, the term injury is used to cover all of these.

Since a person may sustain more than one injury in a single accident, e.g., a broken leg and laceration of the scalp, the number of injury conditions may exceed the number of persons injured.

Statistics of acute injury conditions include only those injuries which involved at least one full day of restricted activity or medical attendance.

Person injured, - A person injured is one who has sustained one or more injuries in an accident or in some type of nonaccidental violence (see definition of "Injury condition" above). Each time a person is involved in an accident or in nonaccidental violence causing injury that results in at least one full day of restricted activity or medical attention, he is included in the statistics as a separate 'person injured," hence, one person may be included more than once.

The number of persons injured is not equivalent to the number of "accidents" for several reasons: (1) the term "accident" as commonly used may not involve injury at all; (2) more than one injured person may be involved in a single accident so that the number of accidents resulting in injury would be less than the number of persons injured in accidents; and (3) the term "accident" ordinarily implies an accidental origin, whereas "persons injured" as used in the National Health Survey includes persons whose injury resulted from certain nonaccidental violence.

The number of persons injured in a specified time interval is always equal to or less than the incidence of injury conditions, since one person may incur more than one injury in a single accident.

Terms Relating to Disability
Disability day.-The following terms are used to describe the disability resulting from illness or injury: days of restricted activity, days of bed disability, hospital days, and days lost from work or school. All hospital days are, by definition, days of bed disability; all days of bed disability are, by definition, days of restricted activity: The converse form of these statements is, of course, not true. Days lost from work and days lost from school are special terms which apply to
the currently employed and the school-age populations only, but these, too, are days of restricted activity. Hence, "restricted activity" is the most inclusive term used to describe the disability reported in the interview. Certain of the terms used in connection with disability measures are defined more explicitly below.

Restricted-activity day.-A day of restricted activity is one on which a person substantially reduces the amount of activity normal for that day because of a specific illness or injury. The type of reduction varies with the age and occupation of the individual as well as with the day of the week or season of the year. Restricted activity covers the range from substantial reduction to complete inactivity for the entire day.

Bed-disability day.-A day of bed disability is one on which a person stays in bed for all or most of the day because of a specific illness or injury. All or most of the day is defined as more than half the daylight hours. All hospital days for inpatients are considered to be days of bed disability even if the patient was not actually in bed at the hospital.

Work-loss day. - A day is counted as lost from work if the person would have been going to work at a job or business that day but instead lost the entire work day because of an illness or an injury. If the person's regular work day is less than a whole day and the entire work day was lost, it would be counted as a whole work day lost. Work-loss days are determined only for currently employed persons 17 years of age and over.

School-loss day. - A day is counted as lost from school if the child would have been going to school that day but instead lost the entire school day because of an illness or an injury. If the child's regular school day lasts only a part of a day and that part was lost from school, this would count as a whole day lost. School-loss days are determined only for children, 6-16 years of age.

Classification of injured persons by activity restrictions or medical attendance.- The classification of injured persons by activity restriction or medical attendance is based upon the classification of the injury. (See definitions that follow for: activity-restricting injury, bed-disabling injury, work- or school-loss injury, and medically attended injury.) For example, a person may have received several injuries in a single accident; if one of the injuries involved one or more days of restricted activity, one or more days in bed, or medical attendance, the person injured would correspondingly be classifted as: with restricted activity, with bed disability, or medically attended.

Activity-restricting injury.- An activity-restricting injury is an injury which has caused at least one day of restricted activity. (See definition of "Restrictedactivity day. ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ ) The incidence of activity-restricting injuries is estimated from the number of such injuries reported as having occurred in the two calendar weeks before the interview week. For this reason, an injury' which did not result in restricted activity until after the
end of the two-week period in which it occurred is not classified as an activity-restricting injury.

Bed-disabling injury.-An injury resulting in at least one day of bed disability is called a bed-disabling injury. (See also definition of "Activity-restricting injury.")

Work- or school-loss injury.-An injury resulting in at least one day of work or school loss is called a work-loss injury or a school-loss injury. (See also definition of "Activity-restricting injury.")

Medically attended injury. - An injury for which a physician was consulted is called a medically attended injury. Consulting a physician includes consultation in person or by telephone for treatment or advice. Advice from the physician transmitted to the patient through the nurse is counted as medical consultation as well as visits to physicians in clinics or hospitals. If at one visit the physician is consulted about more than one injury for each of several patients, each injury is counted as medically attended.

A parent consuliting a physician about a child's injury is counted as medical consultation about that injury even if the child was not seen by the physician at that time.
"For the purpose of this definition "'physician'! includes doctors of medicine and osteopathic physicians: The term "doctor" is used in the interview, rather than "physician," because of the need to keep to popular usage. However, the concept toward which all instructions are directed is that which is described here.

An injury is counted as medically attended if a physician was consulted about it at its onset or at any time thereafter. However, the first medical attention for an injury that was experienced during the two-week period prior to the household interview may not occur until after the date of the interview. Such cases are necessarily treated as though there has been no medical attention.

Terms Relating to Class of Accident
Class of accident.-Injuries, injured persons, and resulting days of disability may be grouped according to class of accident. This is a broad classification of the types of event which resulted in persons being injured. Most of these events are accidents in the usual sense of the word, but some are other kinds of mishap, such as overexposure to the sun or adverse reactions to medical procedures, and others are nonaccidentalvolence, such as attempted sulcide. The classes of accidents are: (1) motor-vehicle accidents, (2) accidents occurring while at work, (3) home accidents, and (4) other accidents. These categories are not mutually exclusive. For example, a person may be injured in a motor-vehicle accident which occurred while the person was at work. In this report, the accident class "motor vehicle" includes "home-motor vehicle" and "while at work-motor vehicle"; the accident class "while at work'" includes 'home-while at work'; therefore the class 'home accidents' excludes combinations with "while at work" and "motor vehicle."

Motor-vehicle accident. - The class of accident is " "motor vehicle" if a motor vehicle was involved in any way. Thus, it is not restricted to moving motor vehicles or to persons riding in motor vehicles. A motor vehicle is any mechanically or electrically
powered device, not operated on rails, upon which or by which any person or property may be transported or drawn upon a land highway. Any object, such as a trailer, coaster, sled, or wagon; being towed by a motor vehicle is considered a part of the motor vehicle. Devices used solely for moving persons or materials within the confines of a building and its premises are not counted as motor vehicles.

Moving motor vehicle. - The accident is classifled as "moving motor vehicle" if at least one of the motor vehicles involved in the accident was moving at the time of the accident.

Nonmoving motor vehicle. - The accident is classified as "nonmoving motor vehicle" if the motor vehicle was not moving at the time of the accident.

Accident while at work.- The class of accident is "while at work" if the injured person was 17 years of age or over. and was at work at a job or a business at the time the accident happened.

Home accident. -The class of accident is "home" if the injury occurred either inside the house or outside the house. "Outside the house" refers to the yard, buildings, and sidewalks on the property. 'Home'" includes not only the person's own home but also any other home in which he might have been when he was injured.

Other. - The class of accident is "other" if the occurrence of injury cannot be classified in one or more of the first three class-of-accident categories. This category therefore includes persons injured in public places (e.g., tripping and falling in a store or on a public sidewalk), and also nonaccidental injuries such as homicidal and suicidal attempts. The survey does not cover the military population, but current disability of various types resulting from prior injury occurring while the person was in the Armed Forces is covered and is included in this class. The class also includes mishaps for which the class of accident could not be ascertained.

## Terms Relating to Place of Accident

Place of accident:-Persons injured are classified. in this report according to the type of place where the injury occurred.

Home. -The place of accident is considered as 'home' if the injury occurred either inside or outside the home but within the property boundaries of the home. 'Home" includes not only the person's own home but also any other home (vacant or occupied) in which he might have been when he was injured. "Home" includes any structure that has the primary function of a dwelling unit and includes the structure and premises of such places as apartment houses and house trailers. "Home" as a place of accident includes all accidents occurring at home, while 'home'" as a class of accident excludes accidents occurring at home but classified as "motor vehicle" or "while at work" because a motor vehicle was involved or the person's place of employment was a home.

Street or highway.-"Street or highway"' means the entire area between property lines of which any part is open for the use of the public as a matter or right or custom. It includes the roadway, shoulder, curb, or public sidewalk; excluded are private driveways, lanes, or sidewalks.

Farm.- "Farm" as a place of accident refers to accidents occurring in farm buildings or on cultivated land, but does not include accidents occurring in the farm home or premises. A ranch is considered as a farm.

Industrial place.-'Industrial place" is the term applied to accidents occurring in an industrial place or premises. Included are such places as factories, railway yards, warehouses, workshops, logging camps, shipping piers, oil fields, shipyards,- sand and gravel pits, canneries, and auto repair garages. Construction projects, such as houses, buildings, bridges, and new roads, are included in this category. Buildings undergoing remodeling, with the exception of private homes, are classified as industrial places or premises.

School.-"School" as a place of accident includes all accidents occurring in school buildings or on the premises. This classification includes elementary schools, high schools, colleges, and trade and business schools.

Place of recreation.-"Place of recreation" is used to describe accidents occurring in places organized for sports and recreation other than recreational areas located at a place already defined as "home," 'industrial place," or "'school." Bowling alley, amusement park, football stadium, and dance hall are examples of "place of recreation." In "place of accident" classification of injuries, the place is significant rather than the activity in which the person was engaged at the time of accident. Hence, an injury sustained by a person at a dance hall while he was at work is classified as a "place of recreation" injury. Likewise, an injury occurring while a person was engaged in a sport in an industrial place is classified as an "industrial place" injury.

Other.-Accidents which cannot be classified in any of the above groups or for which the place is unknown are classified as "other." Included in the classification are such places as restaurants, churches, business and professional offices, and open or wooded country.

## Terms Relating to Type of Accident

Type of accident. - "Type of accident" was recorded for all accidents involving injury in order to classify injuries according to the circumstances relating to the accident. Accidents have been grouped by type according to the following concepts:
(A) Accidents in which specific factors were involved, but which may or may not have caused the injury. Included in this group are moving motor vehicle, uncontrolled fire, explosion, firearms, and nonmotor vehicle such as train or bicycle. The definition of moving motor vehicle in this instance is identical to that for moving motor vehicle as a class of accident. However, an accident in which a nonmoving motor vehicle was involved is classifiedunder the detailed type of accident listed below that best describes the circumstances relating to the accident.
(B) Accidents where injury was caused directly by an agent, such as machinery in operation, a knife, scissors, nail, animal or insect, foreign body in eye or other orifice, or a
poisonous substance swallowed by the person involved.
(C) Accidents described in terms of the events leading to the occurrence of the injury, such as falling, bumping into a person or object, being struck by a moving object, handling or stepping on sharp or rough objects, being caught in, pinched or crushed, coming in contact with hot object or flame, lifting, twisting, or stumbling.
(D) Accidents resulting in injury that could not be classified in groups (A), (B), or (C) were classified as "other." Accidents of unknown type are also included in this group.
A complete listing of the types of accidents is shown in Appendix III within the format of Table A. In order that no injury would be described as resulting from more than one type of accident, an injury which could have been assigned to two or more types was classified in the first type designated in Table A (in Appendix 111) that adequately described the circumstances of the accident.

## Demographic and Economic Terms

Age. - The age recorded for each person is his age at last birthday. Age is recorded in single years and combined into groups suitable for the purpose of the table.

Race. - The population is divided into two groups according to race, "white" and 'nonwhite." Nonwhite includes Negro, American Indian, Chinese, Japanese, and so forth. Mexican persons are included with "white" unless definitely known to be Indian or other nonwhite race.

Income of family or of unrelated individuals.- Eäch member of a family is classified according to the total income of the family of which he is a member. Within the household all persons related to each other by blood, marriage, or adoption constitute a family. Unrelated individuals are classified according to their own income.

The income recorded is the total of all income received by members of the family (or by an unrelated individual) in the 12 -month period ending with the week of interview. Income from all sources is included, e.g., wages, salaries, rents from property, pensions, help from relatives, and so forth.

Usual activity status. - All persons in the population are classified according to their usual activity status during the 12 -month period prior to the week of interview. The "usual" activity status, in case more than one is reported, is the one at which the person spent the most time during the 12 -month period. Children under 6 years of age are classified as "preschool." All persons aged 6-16 years are classified as "school age."

The categories of usual activity status used in this report for persons aged 17 years and over are: usually working, usually keeping house, retired, and other. For several reasons these categories are not comparable with somewhat similarly named categories in official Federal labor force statistics. First, the responses concerning usual activity status are accepted without detailed questioning, since the objective of the question is not to estimate the numbers of persons in
labor force categories but to identify crudely certain population groups which may have differing health problems. Second, the figures represent the usual activity status over the period of an entire year, whereas official labor force statistics relate to a much shorter period, usually one week. Third, the minimum age for usually working persons is age 17 in the U. S. National Health Survey and the official labor force categories include all persons age 14 or older. Finally in the definitions of specific categories which follow, certain marginal groups are classified differently to simplify procedures.

Usually working includes persons 17 years of age or older who are paid employees; self employed in their own business, profession, or in farming; or unpaid employees in a family business or farm. Work around the house, or volunteer or unpaid work, such as for a church, etc., is not counted as working.

Usually keeping house includes female persons 17 years of age or older whose major activity is described as "keeping house" and who cannot be classifled as "'working."

Retired includes persons 45 years old or over who consider themselves to be retired. In case of doubt, a person 45 years of age or older is counted as retired if he, or she, has either voluntarily or involuntarily stopped. working, is not looking for work, and is not described as 'keeping house." A retired person may or may not be unable to work.

Other in this report includes males 17 years of age or older not classified as "working," or "retired" and females 17 years of age or older not classified as "working," 'keeping house," or "retired." Persons aged 17 years and over who are going to school are included in this group.
Residence.-Residence is the term used to signify the division of the United States into urban; ruralnonfarm, and rural-farm populations. The definition of urban and rural areas is the same as that used in the 1950 Census.

Urban. - The urban population includes all persons living in (a) places of 2,500 inhabitants or more which are incorporated as cities, boroughs, or villages; (b) incorporated towns of 2,500 inhabitants or more except in New England, New York, and Wisconsin where "Towns" are simply minor civil divisions of counties; (c) the densely settled
urban fringe including both incorporated and unincorporated areas around cities of 50,000 or more inhabitants; and (d) unincorporated places or 2,500 inhabitants or more outside any urban fringe. The remaining population is classified as rural.

Rural farm. -The rural-farm population includes all rural residents living on farms. In deciding whether the members of a household live on a farm or ranch, the statement of the household respondent is accepted with the following exception. A house occupied by persons who pay cash rent for house and yard only is not counted as a farm or ranch even if the surrounding area is farm land. This special case does not cover: (1) the living quarters of a tenant farmer who rents farm land as well as house and yard; (2) the quarters of a hired hand who receives living quarters on a farm as part of his compensation; or (3) separate living quarters inside a structure which is classified as being on a farm. In all of these cases the living quarters are counted as being on a farm.

Rural nonfarm. - The rural-nonfarm population includes all of the remaining rural population. Region.-For the purpose of classifying the population by geographic area, the States are grouped into four regions. These regions, which correspond to those used by the Bureau of the Census, are as follows:

| Region | States Included |
| :--- | :--- |
| Northeast | Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, <br> Massachusetts, Rhode Island, <br> Connecticut, New York, <br> North Central <br> New Jersey, Pennsylvania <br> Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Ilinois, <br> Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, <br> Missouri, North Dakora, |
| South | South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas <br> Delaware, Maryland, District of <br> Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, |
| West | North Carolina, South Carolina, <br> Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Texas, <br> Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, |
|  | Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, <br> Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, <br> Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, <br> Utah, Nevada, Alaska, Washington, |
|  | Oregon, California, Hawaii |

## APPENDIX III

## QUESTIONNAIRE

The items below show the exact content and wording of the basic questionnaire used in the nationwide household survey of the U. S. National Health Survey. The actual questionnaire is designed for a household as a unit and includes additional spaces for reports on more than one person, condition, accident or hospitalization. Such repetitive spaces are omitted in this illustration.



| 1. (a) What is the name of the head of this household? (Enter name in first column) <br> (b) What ore the namas of all ather persons who live hare? (List all persons who asually live here, and all persons staying here who have no usual place of residence elsewere. List these persons in the prescrihed order.) <br> (c) Do ony (ather) lodgers or roomera live here? No Yes (List) $\qquad$ <br> (d) Is there anyone elfe who lives here who is now rempororily In a hospifal? No Yes (List) $\qquad$ <br> (e) Away on business? No Yes (List) $\qquad$ <br> (f) On a visit? No Yes (List) <br> (g) Is there enyone elsa staying here now? Nn Yes (List) $\qquad$ <br> (h) Do any of the prople in this hausehold have a home el sewhero? No (leave on questionnaire) Yes (apply houschold membership rules; if not a member, delete) | Last name | Last name <br> First name and initial |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. Haw ore you reloted to the head of the household? (Enter relationstip to head, for example: head, wife, daughtet, graodson, mother-in-law, partner. lodger, lodger's wife, etc.) | Relationship <br> Head | Relationship |

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|}
\hline 3. How old were you an yaur lawt birthday? \&  \\
\hline 4. Roce (Cbeck one bax for each person) \&  \\
\hline 5. Sex (Check oac boz for'each perton) \& \(\square\) Male \(\square\) Female \\
\hline \begin{tabular}{l}
If 17 years old or over, ask: \\
6. Are you now morited, widowed, divoreed, saparoted or nevor maried? (Check one bor for each person)
\end{tabular} \& \begin{tabular}{cc} 
\& \(\square\) Under 17 years \\
\(\square\) Married \& \(\square\) Divorced \\
\(\square\) Widowed \& \(\square\) Separated \\
\(\cdot \square\) \& \(\square\) Never married
\end{tabular} \\
\hline \begin{tabular}{l}
If 17 years old ace over, ask; \\
7. (o) What la the highost grade you attended in achool? (Citcle highest grade atteoded or cbeck "Nane") \\
(b) Did you finlah the--grode (year)?
\end{tabular} \& \begin{tabular}{lllll} 
\& \multicolumn{1}{l}{} \\
\& \& Uoder 17 yeara \\
Elem: \& 1 \& 2 \& 3 \& 4 \\
\hline
\end{tabular} \\
\hline \begin{tabular}{l}
If'Male and 17 years old or over, ask: \\
B. (a) Did you aver servo In the Armed Farcas of the United Statar? \\
If "Yes," ask: \\
(b) Are you now in the Armed Forees, not counting the resorver:? \\
(if 'Yes," delete this person fram questionasire) \(\qquad\)
\(\qquad\) \\
(c) Was any of yout servica durlng a war or was it pooco-time only? \\
If "War," ask: \\
(d) During whitch war did you eerve? \\
If "Pence-time" ooly, ask: \\
(a) Was may of your service between June 27, 1950 and January 31, 19557
\end{tabular} \& Fem.or und. 17 yrs
Yes No
Yea No

Peacerime only
$\square$ WW II Karean
$\square$ Oiner <br>

\hline | If 17 years old ar over, ask: |
| :--- |
| 9. (o) What were you doing mant of the past 12 momthe-- |
| (For males): working, or doing something olso? |
| (Fiof (emales): working, keepling boute, or doing tomething olso? |
| If "Something else" checked, and person is $\mathbf{4 5}$ years old or over, ask: |
| (b) Are you retired? | \& Under 17 yeara

Vorking
Keeping bouse
Something else
Yea $\square$ No <br>

\hline | If "Working," in q. Y(a), ask: |
| :--- |
| 10. (a) Were you working lont weak or the week beforo? |
| If "Keeping house" ou "Something else' in q. $9(a)$, ask: |
| (b) Did you work of a jab or buainass at any time last weak or the week befora? |
| (If ' 'No,' inq. 10(a) or $10(\mathrm{~b})$, ask: |
| (c) Even though you did not work loat weok or the week before, do you have o lob or bualmess? | \& Under 17 years

$\square$ Yes No
$\square$ Yes $\square$ No <br>
\hline NOTE: Determine which adults are at hame and record this ioformation. Beginning witb question 11 you are to interview for himself or berself, eacb aduls persan who is at hame. \&  <br>

\hline | 11. Wera you' sick ot any time LAST WEEK OR THE WEEK BEFORE? (That is, the 2-waek peried Which ended lost Sunday)? |
| :--- |
| (a) Whot wois the motter? |
| (b) Anything alsa? | \& $\square$ Yes $\square$ No <br>


\hline | 12. Last watk or the weak before did you take ony madicine or treatment for any condition (besides. . . which you told ma about)? |
| :--- |
| (a) For what conditions? |
| (b) Anything else? | \& $\square$ Yes $\square \mathrm{No}$ <br>


\hline | 13. Last weok or the week be fore did you have any occidants or Injuries? |
| :--- |
| (o) Whet ware they? |
| (b) Anything else? | \& $\square$ Yes $\square$ No. <br>


\hline | 14. Did you ovar have on (ony other) aceident or Injury that was sith bothering you last week oce the week before? |
| :--- |
| (o) In what way did it bothor you? |
| (h) Anything else? | \& Yes $\square$ No <br>


\hline | 15. AT THE PRESENT TIME do you hove any ailments of conditions thot hava lastod for o lang time? (If "No") Even though thay don't bother you all the time? . |
| :--- |
| (a) What are they? |
| (b) Anything else? | \& $\square$ Yes $\square$ No <br>


\hline | 18. Hon anyone in the family - you, your - . atc. - had ony of these conditions DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS? |
| :--- |
| (Rend Card A, condition by condition; record any conditions mentioned in the colump for the person) | \& \[

\square Yes \quad \square No
\] <br>

\hline | 17. Does anyone in the fomily have any of these conditions? |
| :--- |
| (Read Card B, condition by condition; record any conditions : meationed in the columan for the person) | \&  <br>


\hline For persoas 17 yegrs old or over, show who zes ponded farfor was preseat during the asking of questions l1-17. If person responded for self, show whether entirely or partly. For persons under 17 show who responded for them. \& | Responded for self-cotirely Responded for self-partly |
| :--- |
| Col. No. $\qquad$ was respondeat | <br>


\hline | 18. (a) Hos anyane in the family hean in a hospital DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS? If "Yes," |
| :--- |
| (b) How many different timez ware you in the hospital ovomight or longer? | \& Yes No

$\qquad$ No. of times <br>

\hline | 19 (a) During the past 12 months hos anyone in the family bean o patient in onuraing home of sonitorium? |
| :--- |
| If 'Yes," |
| (b) How many times were you in a nursing hame or sonitarium? | \& पYea <br>


\hline | 20. If baby under ooe year listed as a housebold member, ask: |
| :--- |
| (a) Was - - boby barn in a haspital or ot home? |
| if "hospital" in q. 20(a) and 1 or more in q- 18(b), sak: |
| (b) Was this haspitalization included in the number you just gave me? | \&  <br>

\hline
\end{tabular}





| Table X . FILL ONE LINE FOR EACH PART OF BODY ENTRY FROM QUESTIONS 22.25 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\left[\begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array}\right)$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} 0.0 \\ \mathbf{z} \\ .0 \\ \hline 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array}$ | Part of body <br> (c) | How many different finmes did you hove your. . . x-rayod dur., tng the poct 3 monflis? <br> (d) | Where did you have the $X$-roy (s)? How many X-rap: wore of the (hospital, dactor's office, etc.)? <br> (e) | What wos this X-ray(s) for check-up or on exomination for treafment? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { of- - } \\ & \text { on or } \end{aligned}$ | If 'borb"' in col. (f) ask: <br> How many of these... X -ray (s) ware for treatment? ment? <br> (8) | u "botb" <br> For wha | " or "treatment" in col. (1) ank: <br> condition were you being treatedif |
| 1 |  |  |  | - | Hospiral $\qquad$ <br> Dr. affice $\qquad$ <br> Okher $\qquad$ | Che-k-up/exa minarion Treatment Borh |  |  |  |  |
| 2 |  |  |  |  | Hospital $\qquad$ <br> Dr. offict $\qquad$ <br> Orber $\qquad$ | $\square$ Check-up/examination $\square$ Treatment $\square$ Borb |  |  |  |  |
| 3 |  |  |  |  | Hospital $\qquad$ <br> Dr. office $\qquad$ Ocher $\qquad$ | $\qquad$ |  |  |  |  |
| 25. Duting the pasy 12 monthe in which group did tha total tncome of your femily fall, that is, your' z . <br>  frorn property, pansions, halp from relatives, etc. |  |  |  |  |  |  | Groap No. |  |  | Group No. |








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