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16. Abstract

An analysis of job-related falls occurring in the United States compared broad occupational categories with age, sex, geographic, and month of year distributions of fall injuries and fatalities. The data base utilized was approximately 32,000 cases previously collected in a 1962-63 and more recent 1975-76 study of free-falls, of which 14,870 cases within the occupational age range of 14-75 years were analyzed. Of these, 38% (5,655) were job related and 19.5% (2,904) occurred in the home. Males showed an overall incidence of 42.9% occupationally related free-falls, compared to only 2.1% for females. General occupational-related fall trends as well as fatality and temporal comparisons between the two basic studies is provided. Craftsmen (painters, roofers, linesmen, iron and steel workers, electricians, and carpenters) were found to have the highest occupational incidence of falls. In this population, based upon free-falls (which excludes falls on the same level, down stairs, or other unimpeded falls), approximately 90% of the falls occurred to males at every age level reported from 14-75 years. Thirty-nine cases of elevator falls are included, involving 148 individuals. An analysis of the fall literature as well as an extensive bibliography is provided.

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I. OBJECTIVES

This study was initiated with the following contractual guidelines;

"Prepare a report, based upon falls case files, addressing the following specific issues:

- 1. What percentage of both the 1962-63 and 1975-76 falls are occupationally related? The occupational sector shall be as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. Percentages by broad occupational categories shall also be reported; i.e., painters, steel workers, supervisors, etc.
- 2. What is the age distribution associated with falls? With the age distribution categories chosen, what percentage were fatal?
- 3. Compare the 1962-63 and the 1975-76 data base with regard to changes in trends between those time bases; i.e., shift in age distribution, occupational versus home, etc.
- 4. Evaluate both the 1962-63 and the 1975-76 data base with regard to geographic and seasonal effects. If geographic and/or seasonal dependencies emerge, are occupationally related falls dependent in the same fashion?"

II. BACKGROUND

Falls are exceeded only by motor vehicle accidents as a major cause of accidental death in the United States. In 1976 there were 14,300 ⁽¹⁾ deaths attributed to falls from one level to another or on the same level, for a death rate of 6.7 per 100,000 population (National Safety Council, 1977, p.6). During the past five years this represents a relative downward trend from 1971, with 17,900 deaths listed (NSC, 1972, p.2), to 15,300 in 1975 (NSC, 1976, P.6). According to statistics of the National Safety Council, in 1976 of 14,896 total fatal falls, 57% (8,510) involved the elderly over 75 years of age, for a mortality rate of 92.7 per 100,000. Fatalities were reported to be only slightly greater for males at 51.7% (7,696), than females, 48.3% (7,200) (NSC, 1977, p.9).

In 1976 51.7% (7,700) of all reported fatal falls occurred in the home, and 30.9% (4,600) occurred in public accidents (NSC, 1977). However, deaths from falls in the home have reportedly decreased significantly over the past decade. For example, of those aged 75 and over, 8,100 individuals were fatally injured in falls in 1967, but only 4,900 in 1976, a 40% decrease over a 10-year time period. During this time, the number of individuals in the over 75 years age group increased 24%, therefore resulting in a home falls death rate per 100,000 population decrease of 51% (from 115.2 to 56.1). For all ages, deaths from home falls dropped some 36% (from 12,000 in 1967 to 7,700 in 1976), and the population death rate decreased 41% (from 6.1 to 3.6). The National Safety Council has attributed improvements in emergency and long-range medical care as an important factor in this decline in deaths from falls. A similar decline in falls, from 225 reported in 1955, to 105 in 1976, has apparently occurred in farming accidents (excluding farm home deaths). Despite these mortality trends, overall, job-related fatalities and injuries in falls remain a significant problem and

⁽¹⁾ Excludes falls in or from transport vehicles, or while alighting from them.

according to National Safety Council data the second cause of all compensable work injuries.

Falls also result in an estimated additional 13.6 million injuries annually, many of which result in permanent disability, loss of time from work or school. These injury accidents represent a major economic loss. While injury data are more illusive than fatality records, some states are good sources of limited data. The State of California Department of Industrial Relations keeps comprehensive records on accidental work injuries as well as deaths, and for 1973 California work injuries attributed to slips and falls totaled 55,126 cases,or 21.8% of the 253,416 accidental work injuries reported for that year (NSC, 1975, P.31). U.S. National Health Surveys indicate that 24,012,000 Americans were injured during the period 1971-1975 in home accidents (12,331,000 inside the home; 11,681,000 outside the home) (Howard, 1977, p. 417). During 1971-1972, some 6,961,000 million females over the age of 16 years were injured in home accidents (Wilder, 1976). In 1974 about 5.9 million job-related injuries and illnesses occurred to workers in private industry alone in the United States (Cohen, 1976).

A major source of injury information is provided by data published by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) of the Public Health Service. The Division of Interview Statistics has attempted to estimate such data based upon household interviews conducted by the Bureau of the Census on behalf of the National Health Survey in a probability sample of the United States, exclusive of the population in institutions. For example, during 1971 and 1972 there were 88,000 interviewed households involving approximately 267,000 individuals, upon which data for the entire U.S. population was projected (Wilder, 1974). Since these data appear to be the most recent published by NCHS relative to injury incidence and disability, previous studies having been published in 1969 and 1964 (Wilder 1964; 1969), findings may be summarized as follows.

For 1971 and 1972 it was determined that an annual average of 63,400,000 individuals per year were injured, of which 2,588,000 were hospitalized. Of these, it was reported that 13,611,000 individuals, or 21.5% of the total injuries, were injured in falls. Note that these are only estimates. The annual estimate of individuals injured is based upon those injuries reported during a two-week reference period immediately prior to the household interview, and projected to the total population. Falls on stairs, steps, or from a height, resulted in 4,403,000 injuries; all other falls caused 9,208,000 injuries. About 25% of the falls required bed disability for at least one day. Falls on stairs, steps, or from a height had a higher percentage of bed disability than did other falls. For this period the average annual number of individuals injured while at work due to falls on stairs, steps, or from a height, was estimated at 568,000, while 697,000 were injured in all other kinds of falls.

The socio-economic effects can also be readily visualized from data projected on loss of work-days. The annual average number of "restricted activity" days due to fall injury, based upon the 1971 and 1972 data, was estimated to be 57,230 days lost from falls on stairs, steps, or from a height, and an additional 107,211 days lost due to injuries from all other falls. As shown in Table I, fall injuries result in a substantial loss of work-days.

TABLE I. Average Annual Number of Days of Disability Attributed to Fall Injuries. (Based upon 1971, 1972 NCHS estimates, after Wilder, 1974)

INJURY CAUSE		NUMBER (F DAYS LOST	
	Restricted Activity	Bed Disability	Lost from Work (1)	Lost from School (2)
Fall on stairs, step or from a height	57,230	14,995	9,536	1,289
All other falls	107,211	31,075	12,380	2,468
Total Falls	164,442	46,029	21,916	3,757

⁽¹⁾ Currently employed individuals 17 years of age or older

⁽²⁾ Children 6-16 years of age

Occupational fall data from the State of California indicate that lost-time injuries involving falls from elevated working surfaces averaged 2,800 per year from 1966 through 1973 (State of California, 1977). Falls through 1971 accounted for 13% of total injuries in construction, and 9% in 1975. Ladders accounted for the largest number of falls in construction (519 or 31%), and carpenters sustained 24% of all occupational injuries. Falls from scaffolds accounted for 19% of the construction falls, while 14% were from roof tops. Employees of general building contractors and roofing contractors each accounted for approximately 40% of all injuries caused by falls from roofs. The 1976 California data also indicate that employees of general building contractors accounted for 31% of the falls, and heavy construction contractors, 9%.

An important factor may also relate to the duration of each disability resulting from the fall injuries reported. This was estimated by NCHS, dividing the number of days of disability by the number of injuries sustained. While an average duration of bed disability from falls during the July, 1959 to June, 1961 period was reported to be 4.5 days (Wilder, 1964), based upon 1971 and 1972 data, the average duration of bed disability attributed to falls on stairs, steps, or from a height was also 3.4 days, compared to 3.0 days for the previous period for all other falls (Wilder, 1974).

Review of the literature indicates that while the medical literature contains a number of studies relative to fall injuries over the past 25 years in particular, most are based upon a limited number of cases, and many report only a single case. None purport to project findings for other than a restricted population.

Accidental falls involving window cleaners treated at an English hospital over a five-year period were reviewed by Ribeiro (1975). In all 20 patients reported upon, failure to use safety belts and the lack of suitable anchorage points were found to be contributory factors.

Several studies have been concerned with the incidence of falls of patients in hospitals, ranging from pregnant women to the elderly. Falls from hospital beds have been studied by Sehested and Severin-Nielsen (1977), Ballenger and Ramsay (1975), and in 277 cases by Fine (1959). Other studies of falls from hospital beds have been published by J'arvinen and J'arvinen (1968), as well as falls from the physician's examining table (Anon. 1972). The occurrence of such falls may have stimulated a 1962 article by Sadusk entitled "Malpractive-Analysis of 200 suits reveals practical ways to avoid such troubles," presented at the annual convention of the American College of Physicians (1962). Suggestions related to the prevention of falls of patients included use of extreme care in helping patients off the examining table, ensuring that patients are placed on a table rather than chair for injections, insistance of side rails on beds of patients receiving narcotics or hypnotics especially if elderly, and continuous observation by special nurses for patients who may be confused, mentally disturbed or critically ill. Several studies have concluded that many falls could have been prevented had closer nursing attendence been available (Ku, 1966; 1966; Parrish and Weil, 1958, in a study of 614 hospital patient falls).

Numerous studies have been concerned with fall injuries to children (Elmer, 1977; Smith et al.,1975; Levin, 1972; Bergner, 1971; Kravitz et al.,1969; Marion et al, 1967; Klonoff and Robinson, 1967; Rubbin, 1966; Federer, 1962; Scallones and Corsa, 1961; Jacobzimer et al.,1960; Suchman and Schezer, 1969; Haggerty, 1959; Franzen, 1958; Wheatley, 1956; Dennis and Kaiser, 1954; and Rountree, 1950). Smith et al. (1975) reported on findings on 66 fall-injured children seen at Wyler Children's Hospital in Chicago, while Smid and Logan (1956) studied injured children seen at Mayo Clinic. Falls of children from high chairs were reported by some 25% of 740 parents queried relative to a 1977 study of high chair safety in the U.K. (Anon., Which).

Medical attention has been apparently sparsely focused on fall injuries and fatalities to the elderly (Overstall et al, 1977; Watson, 1976; Naylor, 1970; Bauer, 1960; Sheldon, 1960; Boucher, 1959; DeLargy, 1958; Howell, 1958; Fleetwood, 1958: Futh, 1957; Howell, 1955; Droller, 1955; and Scott, 1954). Only three studies were found to directly address this problem in the past 27 years.

Droller (1955) found that various pathologic infirmities of the aged contributed to the incidence of falls, such as arthritis, cerebrovascular lesions, weakness, and sudden loss of muscle tone, with legs giving way unexpectedly with no ascertainable reason. He found defective vision an insignificant factor, in contrast to other researchers. Firth (1957) emphasized the role that adequately designed housing and accommodations for the elderly should play in the prevention of falls.

DeLargy (1958) found that falls by the elderly at home were often a combination of a shuffling gait with frequent tumbles, expecially when there are rickety bannisters, uneven floors strewn with loose rugs or mats, or bits of frayed carpet. This is often made more hazardous where illumination is poor. He also reported another type of injury from falls by the elderly, resulting from a change in posture and dizziness, related to such activities as rising from a chair, getting up from a lavatory seat, getting out of the bath, or even getting out of bed.

Most falls by the elderly were identified by Howell (1958) as due to failure of, or deterioration of, the proprioceptive portion of the central nervous system.

Sheldon, surveying the "meager" literature of fall injury to the elderly in 1959, found only nine medical citations at that time. He analyzed 500 falls to 202 individuals in England, finding that one-third of falls sustained by the elderly in his sample were home accidents, with falls from stairs accounting for the major category. This emphasizes the contrast between the small amount of time spent at risk and the great hazard stairs present to the elderly.

Although dated, this is one of the more instructive studies found in the medical literature.

Several studies have noted an association of alcohol with fall injuries. A recent study in Finland found that the most common cause of injury in 1012 accident victims was falling, and that the 447 falls recorded were much more often alcohol-involved (p > 0.001) than the 172 other non-traffic accidents in their study (38% v. 24%) (Honkanen and Visuri, 1976).

Other than broad listings related to accident injuries in general found in the NCHS analyses, practically no investigation of sexual differences in falls has been located. Isprant and Sullivan included sex and age as factors but no breakdown of data (1960). John (1977) presented trends in sex mortality, but without specific breakdown relative to fall accidents. Similarly Broussard (1958) examined sexual differences in childhood accidents in a limited Florida population, but without definitive fall data.

Free-falls, which are defined as any unimpeded fall, jump, or dive (excluding falls to the same level, falls down stairs, or tumbling falls down hillsides) have been studied as a technique in establishing human tolerance to injurious or lethal impacts. The influence of numerous biophysical factors in the fall environment have been identified and described relative to such parameters as body orientation, material fallen upon, height (velocity) of fall, sex, age, physical condition, rate of onset, deformation distance, time, and clothing worn. A technique pioneered by DeHaven (1942), has been utilized in several extensive studies by Snyder (1977; 1971; 1970; 1966; 1965; 1963; 1963; 1962), and in one additional DeHaven case by Hasbrook (1959) as well as a study of mountaineering falls by Stech (1963), and bridge falls in Australia by Penfold et al. (1966). An objective of most of these studies was to determine the limits of human impact tolerance in falls. More recently a study of children and females

was undertaken (Snyder et al, 1977) since the only previous fall tolerance data available consisted of a clinical study by Smith (1975), and Snyder's previous analysis of falls of 34 children aged 8 months to 12 years (1970). An additional technique of mathematical simulation of falls and use of instrumented dummy drops was also reported (Foust et al, 1975) in relation to the 1977 study. Previously an Australian stunt man had been instrumented to provide fall data (Hearn et al., 1970), and General Motors Corporation also utilized a stunt man to determine forces under limited conditions in which an instrumented 75-year old stunt man jumped in the prone position 35 feet (10.7m) into a shallow pool of water (National Safety News, 1976).

There is a growing literature related to sports injuries. However, few studies have isolated fall data to athletes. Examples include Haddon et al.(1969), Thorndike (1959) and Gonzales (1951), on injuries to skiers of interest. Similarly, there is an extensive literature related to injuries to both sport and military parachutists, but no attempt has been made to include this material here. Prominent studies involving parachutist injuries have been reported by Kiel (1965), and an early study of 300 cases by Ciccone (1948). A classic study of injuries to high divers was published by Schneider et al.(1962).

A recent interesting study by Eyer in the International Journal of Health Services (1977) theorizes the role of prosperity relative to the rising death rate during business booms, the role of social stress, overwork, and fragmentation of the community as casual factors, but does not identify a relationable with falls specifically.

The history of occupational injuries has been recently reviewed by Howard (1977), but addresses the overall injury trends and influence of occupational legislation rather than providing specific data on falls. Another recent paper by Eyer (1977), published in the <u>International Journal of Health Statistics</u>, has examined the thesis of "prosperity" as a cause of death, but does not

specifically address influence upon the incidence of falls nor occupational relationships.

Isolated studies have considered the problem of falls relative to a specific industry or work environment. For example, McCormick (1967) studied fall injuries and causes in the dairy industry, Wilson (1961) in the fruit and vegetable canning industry, and Whitfield examined coal mine injuries. A masters thesis by Foerder (1963, 1.c. unpublished) studied flat surface fall accidents in the food manufacturing business. Surry (1974) has published a comprehensive booklet on industrial accident research for the Ontario Ministry of Labour, and earlier (1969) had compiled a useful annotated bibliography.

Accidental falls in the home environment have been the subject of a number of studies particularly in the 1950's, but fewer more recent studies have been identified. Examples include Stallones, 1963; Gowings, 1961; Chalke and Watson, 1959; Haggerty, 1959; Lossing and Goyette, 1957; Barlow, 1954; Cook, 1954; Seiler and Ramsay, 1954; DeCosse, 1953; Droller and Pemberton, 1953; Castle and Lamb, 1950; and Taylor, 1950. An early study by Rupp and Battery was published in 1936. The nature and causes of 100 home stairway falls was studied by Miller and Esmay (1958) in Ingham County, Michigan, and on 409 stairways in a 1953 University of Michigan study (Velz and Hemphill).

In 1960 a committee of the National Safety Council explored stair design factors and accident experience, based upon a survey of 1974 stairways (744 exterior, 930 interior) in 440 dwellings, representing 6% of property owners in Warren County, Pa. An epidemiologic follow-up of accident falls was made. It was found that about half the exterior stairs had no rails at all, with 36% of the interior stairs having no rail protection (Gowings, 1961).

Baker (1972) has provided an excellent discussion of accident prevention approaches to injury reduction, distinguishing between actual injury-producing agents and their vectors or vehicles. She notes that in the agent-vector-host

relationship, changing the vector can be important. For example, since mechanical force is the causation of most injuries such as in a fall, the probability of injury in a fall can be reduced by decreasing the potential energy of falling people by lowering beds, cribs, and high chairs (p. 16). Yet she finds "little evidence that injury counter-measures have been chosen on the basis of which will have the greatest payoff, per dollar, in terms of reducing injuries and death." (p. 26) Baker cites Wakeland (1971) to indicate that other considerations besides cost-effectiveness may be important. Individuals who are not capable of protecting themselves (such as children and the aged) deserve additional protection. This includes those at risk for the benefit of the rest of us. such as those who live along gas pipelines or work in a hazardous occupation.

A recent study of personal fall-safety equipment by Steinberg (1976) of the National Bureau of Standards was directed toward establishing a basis for a comprehensive occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) performance standard for fall-safety systems with major emphasis upon fall-arrest systems. In contacting more than 100 possible sources of fall-related injury data, including military and government agencies, industrial organizations, safety associations, mountain climbing and skydiving clubs, workmen's compensation organizations, and foreign groups, Steinberg reported that little pertinent information was found, and data on occupational fall injuries was not presented.

As reviewed in the foregoing examination of the literature, national fatality and injury data resulting from falls has had spotty and somewhat limited attention in the past. For many areas, fall data appears to be almost non-existent, and detailed information has apparently not been published related to comparative data regarding sex, age, race or ethnic affiliation, geographic location, socioeconomic, or specific occupational environments.

III. METHODS

1. Literature Review

In order to identify previous studies and sources of occupational fall data not known to us, an initial task involved information retrieval. This was accomplished through both computerized facilities of the University of Michigan library system and personal literature searching techniques. Initially an off-line bibliographic citation list was generated by a MEDLARS II National Library of Medicine national interactive retrieval service, conducted through the University of Michigan Medical Center Library. Data bases included BIOSIS (biological sciences), SCISEARCH (biological and applied science), SSIE (research in progress), ISMEC (Mechanical engineering and engineering management), COMPENDIX (engineering), NTIS (government research), FEDERAL INDEX (U.S. government publications), COMPREHENSIVE DISSERTATION ABSTRACTS (Doctoral dissertations), FOUNDATION GRANTS INDEX (grant records), GRANT INFORMATION INDEX (grants), and SOCIAL SCISEARCH (social sciences) back to 1966. Since the results did not appear satisfactory, a separate library search was initiated, based upon the most likely journals publishing fall data, as well as subject indexes. However, the primary source for reference material was found to be the Biomedical Department's own fall file, which was originally based in part upon a six-year search of the world literature conducted by the author in a joint U.S. Air Force-Federal Aviation Agency biomedical literature retrieval program which included free-falls as a subject. and which has since been periodically updated. Further information and materials were obtained in contacts with the National Center for Health Statistics, PHS, the National Safety Council, and the State of California, Division of Labor Statistics and Research. A listing of pertinent references is provided in Appendix A, and a separate list from the National Safety Council Computer search is given in Appendix B.

2. Data Source

The basis of this study was the extensive collection of free-fall materials available at HSRI. This consists of approximately 32,000 cases of freefalls which were collected during two separate studies of free-fall over the past 15 years. During 1962-1964 a two year study was conducted (Snyder, 1962---1971) at the Civil Aeromedical Research Institute of the Federal Aviation Agency in Oklahoma City, with a primary objective of obtaining data on human tolerance survival of extreme impact. The technique of studying accidental free-falls, pioneered by DeHaven's (1942) study of 7 cases, had been found to produce valuable new tolerance data particularly at the upper levels of human tolerance, since it offered several advantages over the restrictions imposed by laboratory testing of human subjects, which must be conducted at low noninjurious subjective levels of force. While most of these data were from 1962-64, some were obtained in 1961, and 3 months' of 1965 falls were also collected. A clipping service provided about 96% of any free-falls printed in U.S. newspapers, and from this notification service selected cases were then investigated in-depth at the scene for biophysical measurements, interviews conducted, and x-rays, medical, and police records obtained.

In 1975 a second free-fall study was initiated at HSRI, sponsored by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (Snyder et al., 1977; Foust et al., 1977). This study differed from the earlier one in that an attempt was made to study free-fall tolerance for children, females, and the elderly, for which practically no tolerance data are known. Rather than extremes of survival, emphasis was on the range of onset of injury. This study was supplemented by instrumented anthropomorphic dummy free-fall impact drops, and mathematical modeling based upon case studies to attempt prediction of onset of head injury. In an 18 month period during 1975-1976,2100 cases were collected, of which 110 were intensively investigated.

The combined studies thus consisted of approximately 32,000 dated, mounted, and numbered clippings, for which each had a special McBee rim punch card filed. The primary material worked with in this study were the McBee card files. However, the clipping files were also referred to for additional information. Specially designed, the 5" x 8" McBee card contained both typed information on the face related to the fall and coded data punched on the 4 sides. At the time that this system was selected it was not realized how many cases would accrue. One of the major problems involved in this study was the necessity to tediously hand sort and tabulate each of the 32,000 cards, since the information has never been transferred to a computerized system. For small numbers, the coded cards are extremely useful since they can be sorted by needle and hand read.

This study was understood to be exploratory since, while it was believed that the data represented perhaps the largest collection of individual cases of falls available in the United States, the degree of application to occupational falls was unknown. Several limitations were known to exist which would influence the quality and quantity of data which could be extracted. In the first place, both of the data collection studies were focused on "free-falls," rather than "falls" in general, thus only a portion of the actual number occurring during those periods were collected. For the purposes of both basic studies a free-fall was defined as any unimpeded fall of over 10 feet (3.048m) although many cases were of less height of fall. Falls down stairs, on the same level, or under 10 feet (3.048m)--major categories of falls--were generally not included. A second limitation was that only 350 to 500 cases had been intensively investigated where the fall distance, injuries, and other data were verified; the remainder were based upon news accounts. A third limitation, and one which proved most frustrating and time-consuming, was that since occupational

information was only of incidental importance in the basic data collection studies, many cases did not provide any information on occupation, or the inference was not sufficient to utilize. However, within these limitations if was believed that the data source could provide significant information.

It should be noted that while approximately 32,000 cases were reviewed for this study, the final total shown in the analysis tables is 14,870. A primary reason for this is that only falls involving ages 14-75 were included, as considered the occupational population. Further excluded were a large number of individuals for whom age was not given (approximately 1000 cards).

3. Occupational Classification

Each fall case was examined for the occupation and environmental conditions of the fall, and if these were not evident from the coded card (occupations were not coded), the original clipping was referred to. In order to uniformly list occupations the occupational classification system of the U.S. Bureau of Census Alphabetical Index of Industries and Occupations was utilized (Appendix B). Since there are 461 occupational listings, and information is not available to make many distinctions (e.g., 11 types of engineers, 30 classifications for teachers, 16 classifications for mechanics and repairmen), the major categories of the occupational classification system were used as a basis for classifying.

Fall cases were thus classified by 13 occupational groups, which included

- (1) Professional/Technical, (2) Administrators, non-farm, (3) Sales, (4) Clerical,
- (5) Craftsmen, (6) Operatives/not transport (7) Transport Equipment Operatives,
- (8) Laborers/not farm, (9) Farmers and Farm Managers, (10) Farm Laborers and Foremen, (11) Service Workers, (12) Non-Specified Occupational. In addition three other categorical distinctions were made: (1) Home, (2) Other, and (3) Not Specified.

Injury classifications, such as the <u>ERDA Guide to the Classification of</u>

<u>Occupational Injuries and Illnesses</u> developed by the Division of Safety, Standards,

and Compliance, of the U.S. Energy Research and Development Administration, or 1972 Revision of the Standard Industrial Classification Manual, published by the Bureau of the Budget, Executive Office of the President, were considered to be beyond the scope of this study.

4. Definitions

Since even these occupational classifications involve a number of considerations, some detail will be provided in the following to explain a number of problems encountered in utilizing this classification system and the guidelines which were utilized.

The "not specified" occupational category was used for any employee falling at the job, but for which information was insufficient to determine his occupation. In some cases the extent of information available was simply that "employee fell." In an estimated 98% of cases the implication is that the employee would fall into the category of craftsmen, operatives, or laborer; however, when it could not be precisely determined the "not specified category" was used.

"Home" categories included a home, house, balcony of apartment, apartment, house porch, dormitory, friend's home, relative's home, window of home. An estimated 98% of falls recorded under the "home" category had the word "home" specifically identified on the card location code. Others recorded in this category mentioned a "home environment" including those listed above. However, if a fall was listed as a fall from a window, balcony, or porch, but did not indicate specifically house, apartment, or home, the case would be recorded in the "not specified" category. Hotels, and dormitories were recorded as "homes", if they were listed as the individuals' residence. On the other hand, old age homes and convalescent homes were regarded as hospital environments and not included in home falls. Falls occurring in such environments were recorded in the "other" category.

An indoor/outdoor distinction was made only for "home", "other", and "not specified" categories. For instance, a fall outside a home was determined if the home was specified as environment but the fall originated outside the physical confines of the structure. Examples include: ladder in yard, tree in yard, sidewalk before house, or well behind home. The origin of the fall was established as determining the definition. Thus an individual might be inside (such as on porch, balcony, or bedroom) when fall initiated, but might impact external to the structure.

The use of "other" category also requires some detailed explanation of criteria employed in this study. Many distinctions may seem arbitrary but were necessary for uniformity and lack of further guidelines in the use of the Bureau of Census Index of Industries and Occupations.

Falls from barns, silos, and corncribs were recorded as "other" rather than "home." An indoor "other" classification was made when the environment included church, YMCA, hospital, convent, tavern, hotel (non-residence), club, store, museum, library, business (patrons), silo, stable, barn, coops, escalator, and garage. On the other hand, outdoor "other" classifications included falls from mountains, cliffs, dams, bridges, trestles, trees, horses, sidewalk (walking on public sidewalk), freeways, ramps, television, water or communication towers, docks, ski lifts, hay wagons, trains, railroad cars, vehicles, oil derricks, boats, swings, flag poles, parking lots (not parking structures), or diving boards. Attention was paid to the details of the description in assigning an indoor/outdoor distinction. For example, bleachers are primarily outdoors, but stadiums, expecially where domed, were viewed as indoors. Also, in amusement parks a roller coaster or ferris wheel is outside, but a fun house would be regarded as inside. Similarly, at a race track a clubhouse fall would be indoors while a fall on the track or bleachers would be outdoors. Falls at railroad stations also required close attention to determine whether they are an indoor or outdoor fall. Overhead els, subways, cargo trains in yards, from train yards, or a fall from tracks or jump from overhead tracks were classed as outdoor, while a fall from a station platform (originated inside structure) or fall down steps of station to tracks of subway was viewed as an indoor fall.

Falls were listed in the "not-specified" category if there was no indication of the type of structure or fall environment, or if the case card read "subject fell," "subject fell down steps," "subject fell from window," or "non-specified." Where possible an attempt was made to double-check addresses on the clipping to see if could be identified as a residence.

The "Farmer" classification was also not always easy to determine. If the card or clipping did not specifically say "farmer," the information given must clearly state that the person was working in such an environment. A farmer was listed under "Farmers and Farm Managers," while siblings, paid help and relatives were listed under "Farm Laborers and Foreman." Some examples may be useful relative to these distinctions. If the information said the farmer fell in https://distinctions.of/ If the information said the farmer fell in https://distinctions.of/ If the information said the farmer fell in https://distinctions.of/ If the information said the farmer fell in https://distinctions.of/ If the information said the farmer fell in https://distinctions.of/ Or "fell while working with livestock," "fell at father's ranch while fixing shed," or "fell from ladder while pruning orchard at the J.B. Smith Farm," or "fell from tractor while working in field," the case would be listed under "Farm Laborer" classification. When the data indicated only that the individual "fell in barn," "fell from corn crib," or "fell from haywagon," it would be classified as "other."

Falls of non-citizens (if known) and falls occurring in foreign countries or aboard foreign vessels were not included in the recorded information. If the subject age was unspecified, undetermined, or loosely determined (e.g., teenager, adult, child) the case was excluded. Occasionally the month or state of a fall occurrence was not reported. These few instances were accommodated by listing as "non-specified" as appropriate. Also not included in this report are some scattered fall cases, particularly from the 1950's and from 1966 or later, perhaps 1000 cases in all, which were not part of either basic free-fall study.

In tabulating the results, each case had to be individually examined, and judgments as indicated above made relative to occupation, and environmental and other factors considered. Tabulations were made using a set of two data sheets for each age and sex, one listing month of year when the fall occurred by occupation, and the other providing geographic tabulations. Thus there would be a separate set of tabulation data sheets for 14 year old females, etc. While tedious, this hand-sort technique was required since occupational information had not been coded in the basis data set, and therefore neither computer nor McBee Key sort techniques could be utilized.

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The occupational relationships, age and sex distributions, seasonal geographic variables, and comparisons between the 1962-63 and 1975-76 free-fall populations are described in the following. Although it was estimated that the total population searched was approximately 32,000 cases, data from 14,870 cases within the occupational age range of 14-75 years are provided. Due to the fact that occupation was not originally coded, this information was found to be unknown for a large proportion of the cases. Thus the tabulated results reported in most comparisons reflect only those cases for which these data could be determined. While these populations do provide an excellent source for free-falls, most other types of falls were excluded from the original data, as well as falls under 10 feet height in most cases.

1. Occupational Relationship

As noted in the previous section, and detailed in Appendix B, occupations of individuals were classified when possible utilizing the U.S. Bureau of the Census Alphabetical Index of Industries and Occupations. Table II summarizes the occupational falls by sex for the 1962-63 and 1975-76 groups. Of 14,870 total free-falls listed, 38% (5655) were job-related and 19.5% (2904) occurred in the home, while 32.2% (4784) were identified as not job-related, and in 10.3% (1527) of the cases information provided was insufficient to determine whether job-related.

Males in both the 1962-63 and 1975-76 studies were found to have very similar proportions of job-related falls 43.2% (5031) in 1962-63, and 42.5% (575) in the 1975-76 study. A difference in home falls for these males was noted, with 16.2% (1891) occurring in 1962-63 but only 9.4% (127) occurring in the home in 1975-76. Another trend is that while 29.8% (3466) of the free-falls involving males in 1962-63 were not job-related, by 1975-76 41.9% (567) were not job-related,

although it should be noted that the 1962-63 study sample contains 8.6 times as many male subjects.

A comparison of the 1962-63 data with 1975-76 for females shows few occupational-related falls, only 2.7% (46) in 1962-63, and 1.5% (3) in 1975-76. However, these figures increase considerably when falls in the home are examined. In 1962-63 50.4% (842) of the female free-falls occurred in the home, and although it was not possible to distinguish the occupation of homemaker in these falls it may be a significant proportion. However, in contrast, the 1975-76 study produced only 21.6% (44) free-falls in the home; this difference may reflect a much smaller sample size. Similarly a major difference between the 1962-63 females and 1975-76 females is noted in the category of non-job related falls, with 36.9% (617) in the earlier study, but 65.7% (134) in the recent data.

The sexual differences in falls is more uniform for both sets of data in that males apparently have a considerably greater incidence of occupationally related free-falls, averaging 42.9% versus 21.% for women.

TABLE II. A Summary Comparison of Occupationally Related Falls by Sex for Both 1962-63 and 1975-76 Data.

Group	Job-Related Falls	Home Falls	Not Job-(1) Related	Non-(2) Specified	Total Falls
1962-63 females	46 (2.7%)	842(50.4%)	617(36.9%)	167(10.0%)	1962 (100%)
1962-63 males	5031 (43.2%)	1891(16.2%)	3466(29.8%)	1252(10.0%)	11,640 (100%)
1975-76 females	3 (1.5%)	44(21.6%)	134(65.7%)	23(11.2%)	204 (100%)
1975-76 males	575 (42.5%)	127(9.42%)	567(41.9%)	85(6.2%)	1354 (100%)
Totals	5655 (38.0%)	2904(19.5%)	4784(32.2%)	1527(10.3%)	14,870 (100%)

⁽¹⁾ fall other than the home, not job-related

⁽²⁾ information insufficient to determine whether job-related

TABLE III. Occupational Falls, Detailed Breakdown and Comparison by Occupations for Males, 1975-76 and 1962-63

Occupational Codes		1975-76 Males	1962-63 Males	Occupational Codes			1962-63 Males
	Professional	/	89		Craftsmen	155	9691.
173	. technicians	2	7	410/411	.brick masons,stone masons & tuckpointers	_	69
194	.writers,artists,entertainers,circus performers	•	92	R415/416	carpenters & apprentices	_	186
	engineering & science technicians	_		421	.cement & concrete finishers	· w	23
191	. surveyers	,-	_	424	. cranemen	4	22
124	.coaches & physical education teachers	-		433	electric power linesmen & cablemen		108
280	.health record technologists & technicians	7		436	.excavating, grading, road machine operators	٣	14
	. teachers	_		456	.(locomotive) firemen	=	69
110	. lawyers (legislators)	_		503	.molders:plastic/metal	_	~
101	recreation workers	_	2	910	. painters	49	427
042	.agricultural scientists	_	e	512	paper hangers & window hangers.	_	80
025	foresters & conservationists		7	522/523	plumbers & pipefitters & apprentices	2	\$
	engineers		7	534	.roofers & slaters	91	167
	engineering & science technicians		4	543	.sign painters, letterers, sign installation	7	47
9 80	clergymen		7	546	stone cutters & carvers	_	_
060	religious workers		m	220	structural metal craftsmen(steel & iron workers)	s) 6	109
161	. photographers		2	554	telephone linesmen & splicers.	4	42
180	athletes & kindred workers		-	260	tile setters	_	
163			~	572	.not specified:installing aluminum siding	ß	
185	musicians & composers		_	280	.armed forces	4	45
175	actors		_	470	.air conditioning,heating,refrigeration mechanics	CS 4	11
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144	secondary school teacher		_	481	.heavy equipment mechanics		9
100	.social worker		_		.radio & television mechanics	,	2
053	physicists & astronomers		_	492	.misc. mechanics	80	6
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	social & recreation worker		_		.utilities personnel:not specified whether	^	•
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021	petroleum engineer		_	404	boilermakers		2
	technician, except health, engineering, science		_				2
;	physicians, dentists, related practitioners		2	412	.bulldozer operators		ۍ
900	aeronautical & astronautical engineers		_	430/431	electricians & apprentices		78
005	architects		2	441	. foremen		28
990	physicians, medical & osteopathic		~	445	glaziers		4
				461	machinists		7
				501	millors .		2
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TABLE III. Occupational Falls, Detailed Breakdown and Comparison by Occupations for Males, 1975-76 and 1962-63

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For both 1962-63 and 1975-76 groups the occupational category incurring significantly more falls than any other is <u>craftsmen</u>, with 27% (155) in 1975-76 and 33.7% (1696) in 1962-63. <u>Laborers</u> (not farm) have the second largest incidence of falls with 16.3% (94 in 1975-76; 819 in 1962-63) of all male occupational falls for both groups. <u>Construction Workers</u> appear to be the most prone to falls (55 in 1975-76; 550 in 1962-63), followed closely by <u>painters</u> (49; and 427), <u>carpenters</u> (1; and 186), <u>roofers & slaters</u> (16; and 167), <u>electric power linesmen and cablemen</u> (9; and 108), <u>structural metal craftsmen</u> (steel and iron workers) (6; and 109), and <u>farm laborers</u> (33; and 96), and <u>window washers</u> (13; and 91). On the other hand, clerical categories have the least falls.

Among professional classifications entertainers (circus performers) and engineers have the most falls. In the Operator classification, driller, mine operators, and welders have the highest incidence of falls. Among transport workers, boatmen and railroad workers stand out; among sales categories salesmen fall most, and among administrative categories managers and administrators, building managers and superintendents, and construction inspectors have the highest incidence of falls for the sample population analyzed.

The following histographs in Figures 1-4 provide a more generalized comparison of occupational relationships in falls, to illustrate the differences in hazard incidence.

Figure 1 compares fall fatalities by occupational classification. The high proportions of fatal cases are probably due more to reporting bias in the original data rather than actual percentages. That is, fatal falls are more apt to be reported by the news media, while falls resulting in minor injury may not be reported at all. Nevertheless, since the same guidelines apply to each category, comparisons can be made between them. Craftsmen and laborers show a high proportion of fatal falls; while transportation equipment operators, sales, and

clerical do not have a large number of total falls, there is a higher than average proportion of reported fatal falls in these categories.

Summary relationships between occupational falls and incidence of fatality are shown in Figures 1-4.

A comparison of fatalities reported with occupational related falls for 1975-76 females is provided in Figure 2. For this group 33% of "occupational" falls, 45% of "home" falls, 46% of "other" falls, and 45% of "all" falls reported were fatal. Of the occupational falls reported, 100% were free-falls.

A review of 1962-63 females (Figure 3) shows that 34% of all falls reported were fatal, while 17% of "occupational," 35% of "home," and 38% of "other" falls were fatal. For these data 79% of the occupational falls were free-fall, and 71% of all of the falls reported were free-falls.

FIGURE 1. Occupational Falls of Males in the 1975-76 Population by Major Job Classifications

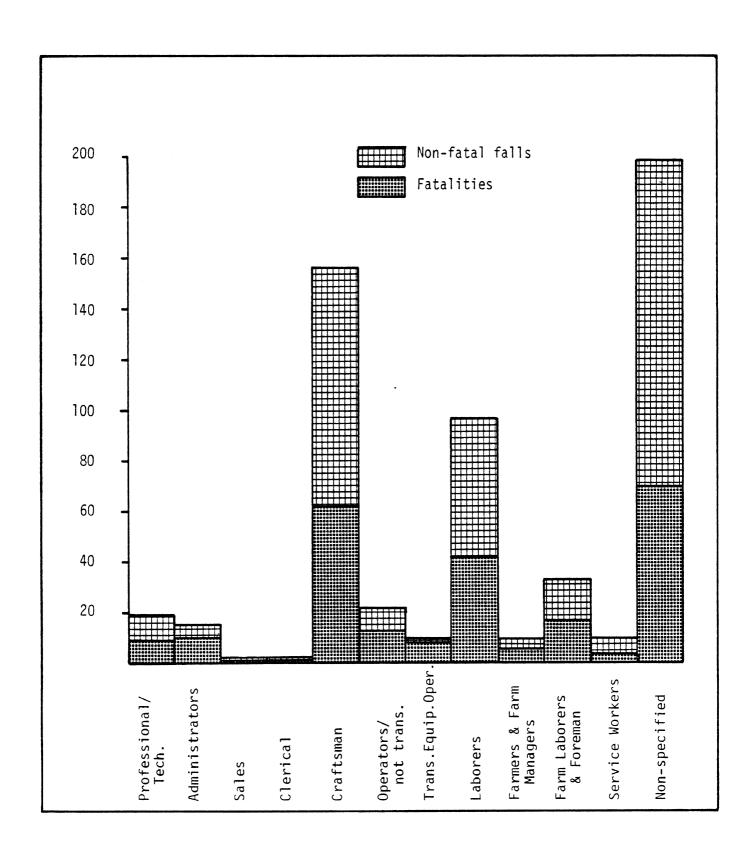


FIGURE 2. Summary Statistics for 1976-1976 Males Comparing Fatalities in Occupational Falls Reported

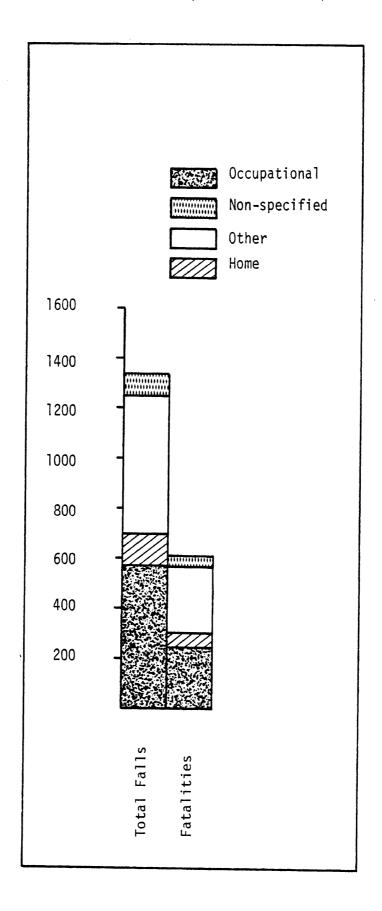


FIGURE 3. Summary Statistics for 1975-1976 Females Comparing Fatalities in Occupational Falls Reported

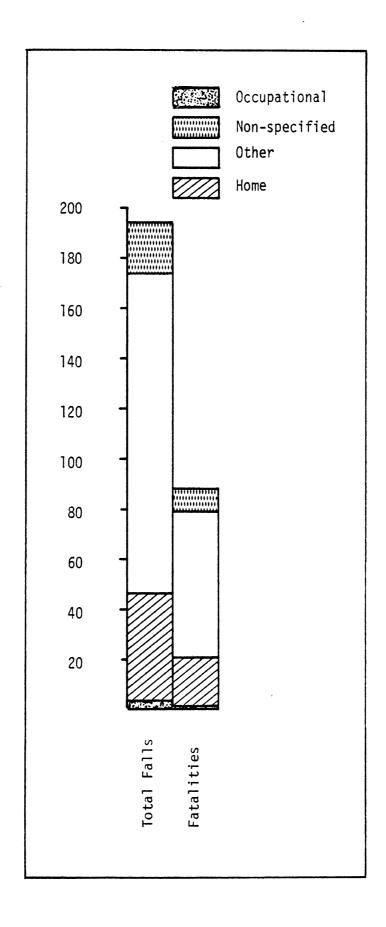


FIGURE 4. Summary Statistics for 1962-1963 Females Comparing Fatalities in Occupational Falls Reported

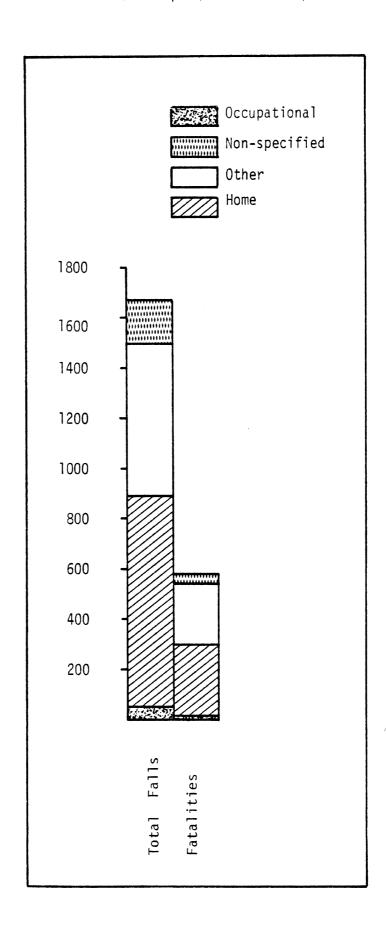
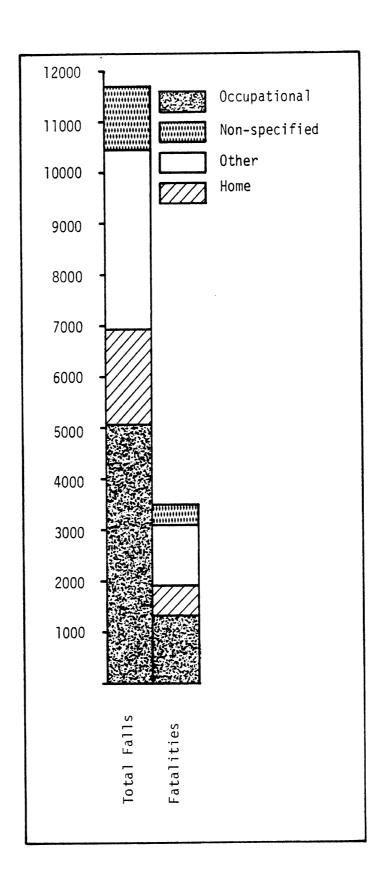


FIGURE 5. Summary Statistics for 1962-63 Males
Comparing Fatalities in Occupational Falls Reported



For 1975-76 males,42.6% of "occupational" falls, 54.3% of "home" falls, 45.6% of "other" falls, and 45.2% of "all" falls reported were fatal. Note that 99.3% of the occupational falls for this group involved free-falls.

2. Age Distribution

Age has generally been associated with fall incidence as well as fatalities, A breakdown of 14,828 individuals from the 1962-63 and 1975-76 studies is provided in Table IV, relative to age distribution. When the males and females are lumped it is apparent that the highest incidence of falls, 50.8%, for these population samples occurs between ages 29-59 years. For ages under 29 years one-third of the falls occurred, and for fall ages 59 or over, only 15.9% occurred. Half of the total falls occurred in the 30 year period of life between 29 and 59 years, and as has been indicated previously there appears to be a strong occupational relationship.

TABLE IV. Age Distribution in Falls

Age in Years	Ma	2-63 les	Ma	75-76 iles	Fem	2-63 ales	Fem	5-76 ales	Tot	als
	No.	%	No.	- %	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
14-19 19-24 24-29 29-34 34-39 39-44 44-49 49-54 54-59 59-64 64-69 69-74 74-75	1152 1274 1090 1039 1150 1146 1022 1005 893 789 546 402 122	9.9 10.9 9.8 9.8 9.8 8.7 6.7 1.0	200 305 195 101 93 74 77 50 54 31 26 13	15.2 23.2 14.9 7.7 7.1 5.6 5.9 3.8 4.1 2.4 2.0 1.0	257 163 138 139 117 120 130 122 126 114 92 101 53	15.4 9.7 8.3 8.3 7.0 7.2 7.8 7.5 6.8 5.5 6.0 3.2	57 50 28 15 7 7 11 4 11 5	27.9 24.5 13.7 7.4 3.4 3.4 5.4 2.0 5.4 2.5 1.0	1676 1792 1451 1294 1367 1366 1237 1208 1080 962 671 534	11.3 12.1 9.8 8.7 9.2 9.2 8.3 8.1 7.3 6.5 4.5 3.6
Totals	11,64		1,312	1.0	1,672	5.2	204		14,828	1.0

However, some age differences in fall incidence appear when falls incurred by males are compared with female falls. There are also differences between the 1962-63 and 1975-76 populations, although the earlier population is a much larger group. Among females 45.1% of falls occurred in the middle-aged (29-59) for the 1962-63 population; however, only 26.9% occurred during these years for the 1975-76 females; while 66.1% of the 1975-76 female falls occurred under age 29. Similarly, while 21.5% of the falls of 1962-63 females involved those aged 59 or over, only 7.0% of the 1975-76 female falls were in this older age bracket.

These differences between the 1962-63 and 1975-76 females are also observed in comparison of males for these two groups, 53.8% of the 1962-63 male falls occurring to those aged between 29 and 59 years, against only 37.2% in this age range for the 1975-76 males. While 30.2% of the 1962-63 males were under age 29, 53.3% of the 1975-76 males were in this age range. Of interest also is the finding that 16.0% of the 1962-63 males were over age 59 at the time of the fall, compared to only 9.5% in the 1975-76 group. While the explanation may be accounted for by a difference in sample size between the two groups, these data indicate substantial differences between fall age distribution in the two time periods sampled and could suggest trend changes.

The relationship between age and fatality is shown in Table V. Data for both males and females in the 1962-63 population indicate that fatalities increase with age. For example, of the 1962-63 males falling at ages 14-19, 15.4% of the reported falls were fatal; yet this steadily increased to 54.1% fatalities for 74-75 year olds. The pattern for 1975-76 females was unclear and this is attributed to the relatively small (91) sample number. The 1975-76 males, in contrast to the earlier group, started out with 98% fatalities reported at ages 14-19, generally decreasing to 38.1% at ages 39-44, and then increasing to 61.5% at ages 74-75. Thus there is a significant difference between the two groups as well as between the sexes.

TABLE V. Fatality by Age Group

Age in Years	mal	1962-63 males		1975-76 males		1962-63 females		1975-76 females fatalities % fatal	
	fatalities	% ratal	fatalities	% ratal	fatalities	% fatal	ratalities	% ratal	
14-19 19-24 24-29 29-34 34-39 39-44 44-49 49-54 54-59 59-64 64-69 69-74	179 296 262 248 296 337 303 324 360 342 241 197	15.4 23.2 24.0 23.9 25.7 29.3 29.6 32.2 40.3 43.4 44.1 49.0	59 140 90 48 41 37 34 43 36 38 19	98.0 96.1 99.0 45.7 42.7 38.1 43.6 55.8 61.0 66.7 61.3 73.0	30 37 41 61 47 43 54 50 55 44 41	11.7 22.7 29.7 43.9 40.2 35.8 41.5 41.0 43.7 48.2 47.8 40.6	12 28 11 6 5 4 2 7 5 2 3	21.0 56.0 39.0 40.0 71.4 57.1 36.4 50.0 63.6 100.0 100.0	
74-75	66	54.1	8	61.5	22	41.5	2	100.0	
Totals	3451		612		580		91		

Comparison of occupationally related falls by sex and age groups for both the 1962-63 and 1975-76 data bases are shown in the following Figures (6-9).

FIGURE 6. Relationship of Falls by Age Group and Occupation for 1962-63 Females

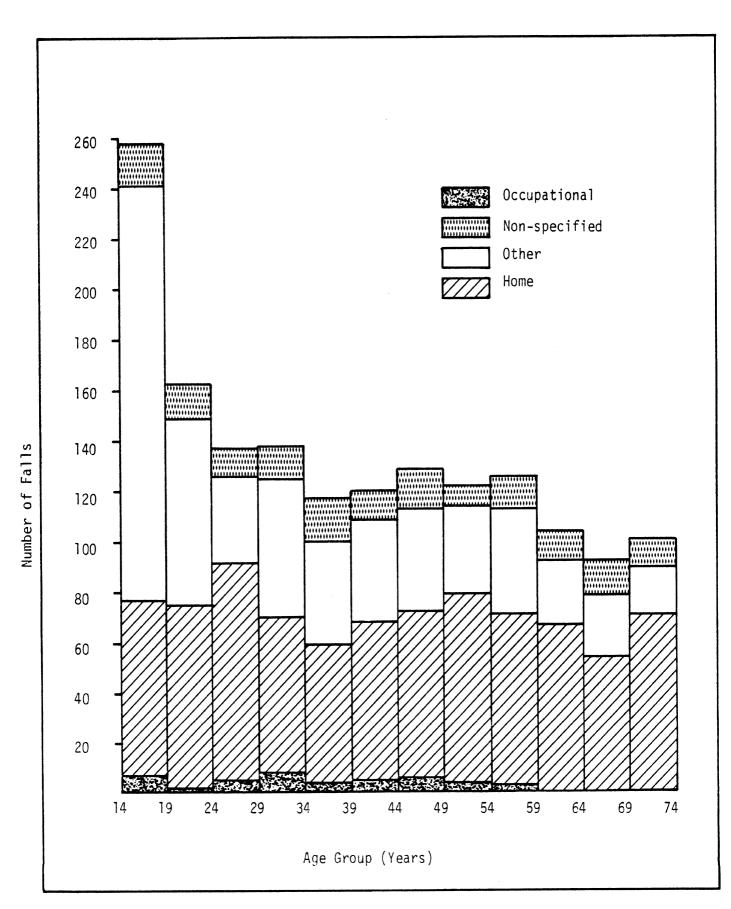
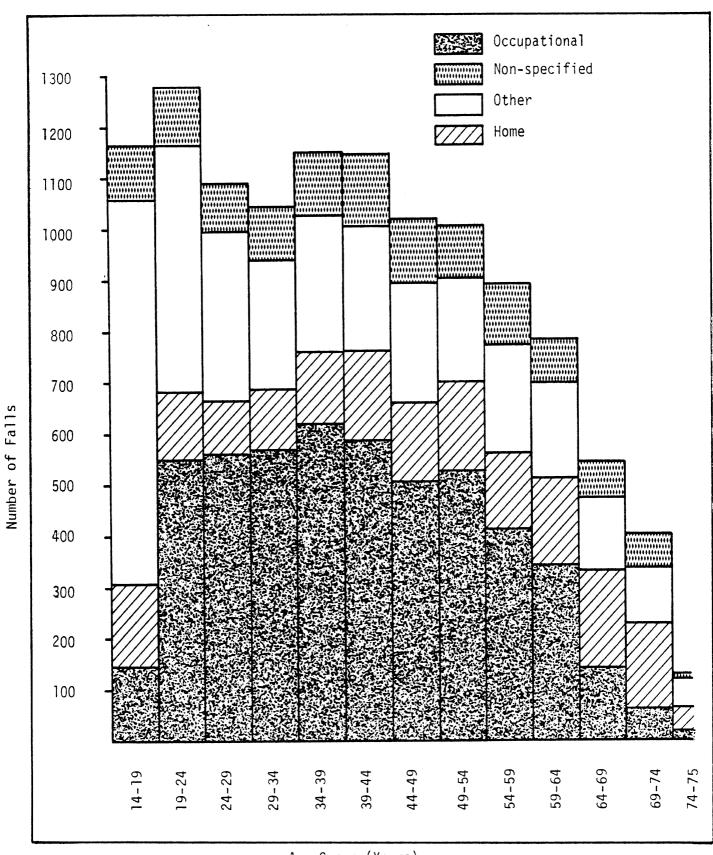


FIGURE 7. Relationship of Falls by Age Group and Occupation for 1962-63 Males



Age Group (Years)

FIGURE 8. Relationship of Falls by Age Group and Occupation for 1975-76 Females

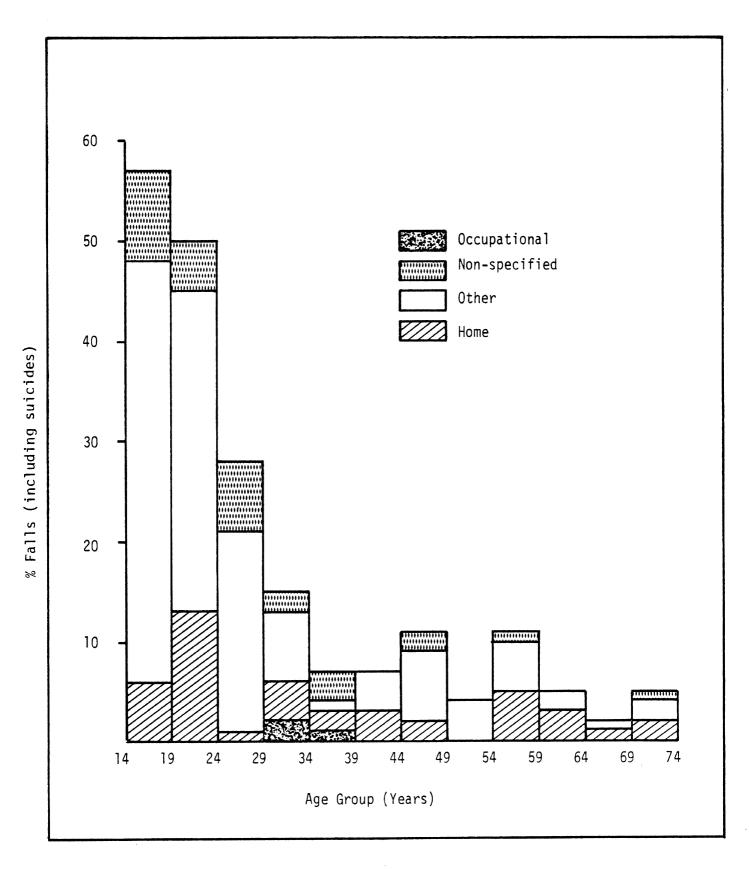
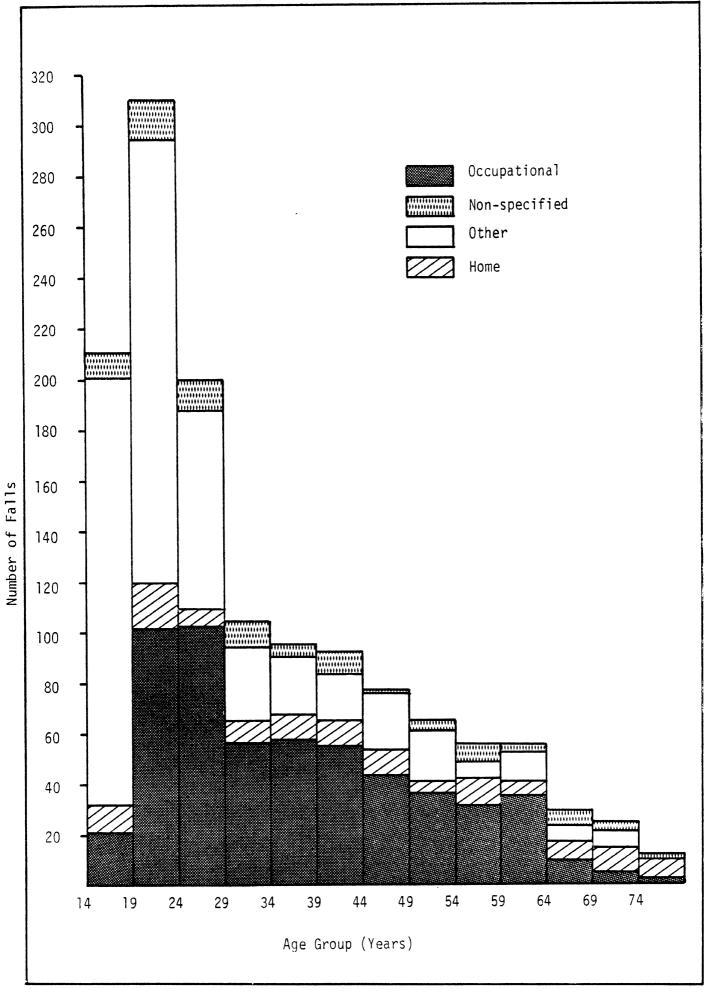


FIGURE 9. Relationship of Falls by Age Group and Occupation for 1975-76 Males



Occupationally related falls for women appear to be a relatively minor proportion of the total falls for each age group, while falls in the home appear to be a significant factor. Again the 1975-76 female data base appears to be too small for meaningful comparison.

On the other hand, Occupationally related falls incurred by males are of major importance and form a significant proportion of the falls in both the 1962-63 and 1975-76 populations. From ages 19 to 44, the 1962-63 population shows a leveling off (with a peak at ages 34-39 years), a slow decline to age 64, and a more rapid decline thereafter, reflecting that many males are working well past age 65 and often into the 70's and 80's. Note the contrast with 1962-63 females, where no occupationally related falls are shown past age 60. A somewhat different relationship between occupation and age of males who fall is shown in the 1975-76 population, with a more rapid drop-off from age 29.

3. Geographic Comparisons

The fall cases were tabulated by nine geographic regions, after the system utilized by the HEW in Vital Statistics of the United States, 1973.

Geographic distribution of these falls was found to be very similar for both males and females in the 1962-63 population, with a significantly greater number of falls occurring in the Middle Atlantic states (New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania), followed by East North Central (Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin) and Pacific (California, Washington, Oregon, Alaska, and Hawaii). The fewest falls were reported in the East South Central (Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi) area. These data are detailed in the histograms in the following Figures (10 - 13).

The 1975-76 population, as shown in Figures 11 and 13 showed some geographic changes in incidence of reported falls. While the female data were relatively the same as for 1962-63 females (Figure 10), there was a significant rise in the number of falls reported in the Pacific region. When the 1962-63 male data are examined (Figure 12) even greater differences are noted, with the Mid-Atlantic states being challenged by both the East North Central and Pacific regions for greatest number of falls in the 1975-76 data.

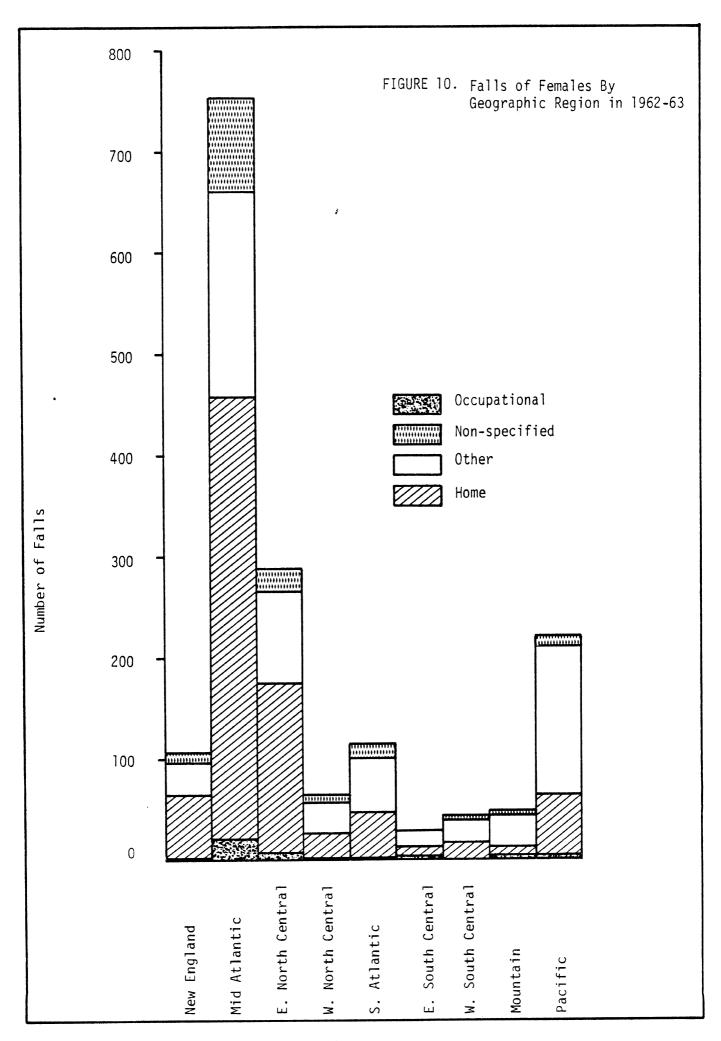


FIGURE 11. Falls of Females By Geographic Region in 1975-76

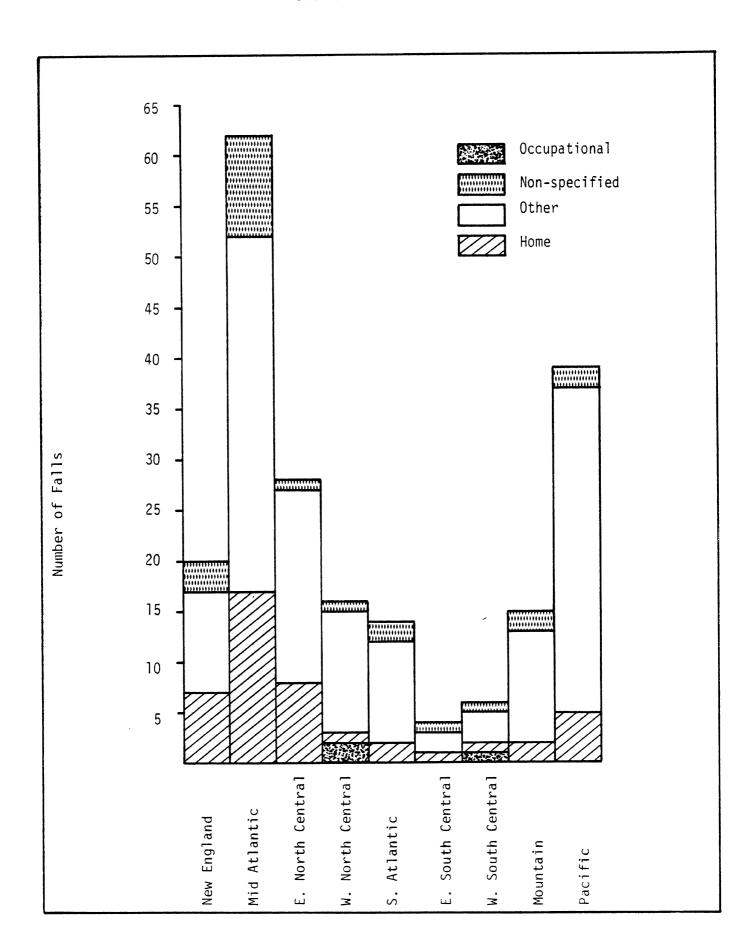
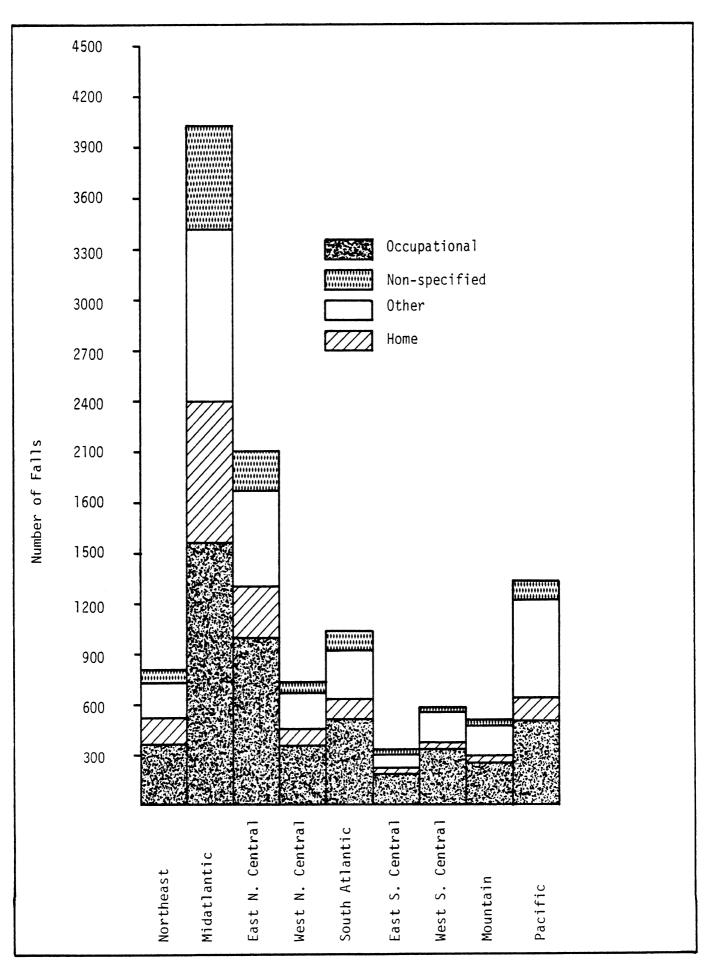
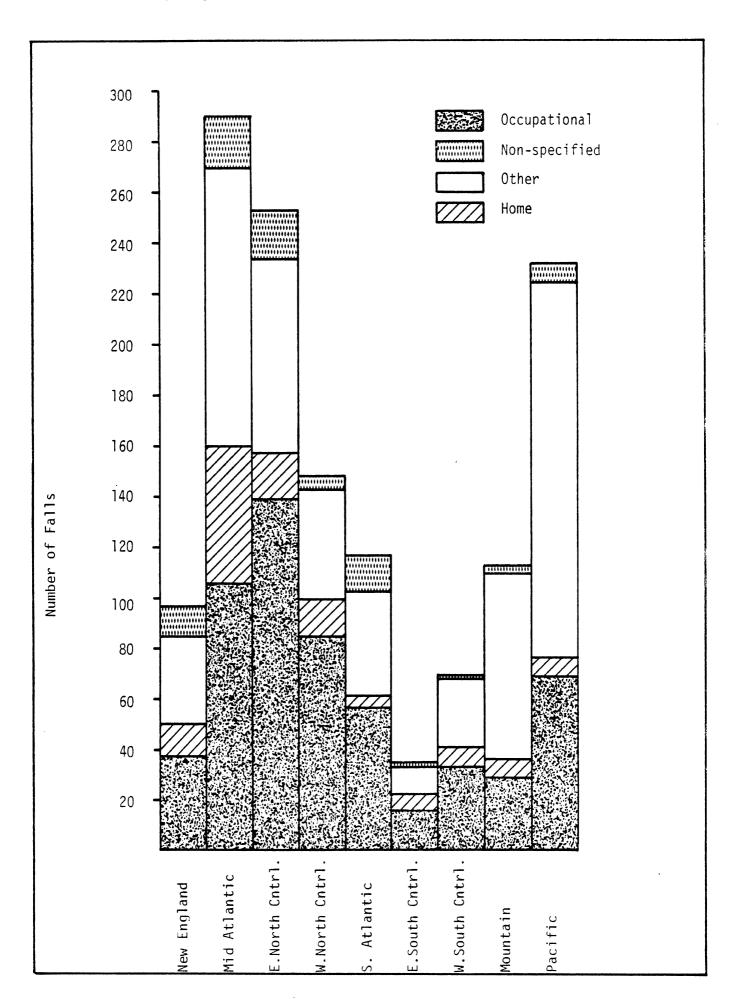


FIGURE 12. Falls of Males by Geographic Region in 1962-63





Tables VI and VII provide comparison of the 1962-63 fall data by geographic region and also in reference to incidence which could be identified as job-related falls.

TABLE VI. Comparison of 1962-63 Female Falls By Geographic Region as Related to Occupation

Region	Occupational	Home	Other	Non- Specified	Total
New England Mid Atlantic E. North Central W. North Central S. Atlantic E. South Central W. South Central Mountain Pacific	3 21 8 2 2 3 0 3 4	62 438 167 26 47 11 19 10 62	31 201 90 29 52 15 20 32 147	12 93 24 6 14 0 4 5	108 753 289 63 115 29 43 50 222
Totals	46	842	617	167	1672

TABLE VII. Comparison of 1962-63 Male Falls By Geographic Region as Related to Occupation

Region	Occupational	Home	Other	Non- Specified	Total
New England Mid Atlantic E. North Central W. North Central S. Atlantic E. South Central W. South Central Mountain Pacific	344 1541 986 378 503 196 337 238 508	153 883 350 99 143 30 44 44 145	212 1082 562 221 319 90 161 188 631	95 580 208 61 115 20 34 31	804 4086 2106 759 1080 336 576 501 1392
Totals	5031	1891	3466	1252	11,640

TABLE VIII. Comparison of 1975-76 Female Falls by .
Geographic Region as Related to Occupation

Region	Occupational	Home	Other	Non- Specified	Total
New England Mid Atlantic E. North Central W. North Central S. Atlantic E. South Central W. South Central Mountain Pacific	0 0 0 2 0 0 1 0	7 17 7 1 2 0 1 2 7	10 35 20 12 10 3 3 11	3 10 1 2 1 1 2 2	20 62 28 16 14 4 6 15
Totals	. 3	44	134	23	204

TABLE IX. Comparison of 1975-76 Male Falls by Geographic Region as Related to Occupation

Region	Occupational	Home	Other	Non- Specified	Total
New England Mid Atlantic E. North Central W. North Central S. Atlantic E. South Central W. South Central Mountain Pacific	38 115 137 83 53 17 35 27 70	11 52 19 14 6 5 7 7	34 109 76 44 41 12 28 71 152	13 22 19 5 14 1 1 3	96 298 251 146 114 35 71 108 235
Totals	575	127	567	85	1354

4. Seasonal Analysis of Falls

Since it was of interest to determine whether there are seasonal trends to falls this has been broken down by month of occurrence in the following tables. Note that for males and females there are similar trends, with the period April through August being peak fall months. However, the peak month for 1975-76 females was May, for 1962-63 was August, while the peak month for 1975-76 males was July. The least number of falls for both males and females occurred in December for all groups. No breakdown was made of seasonal variation by geographic region, which would be expected to vary somewhat. However, the occupational relationship with seasons is also presented as follows. The occupational-related falls appeared to follow the same general seasonal trends as total falls for each category. (Figures 14 - 17)

FIGURE 14. Seasonal Variation in Falls for 1962-63 Females

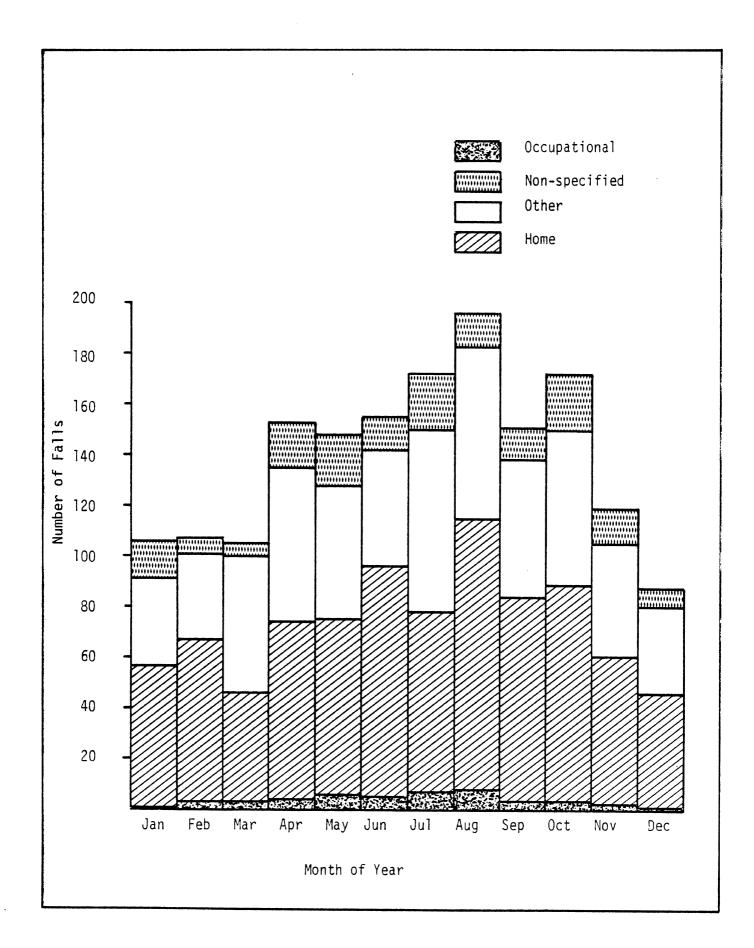


FIGURE 15. Seasonal Variation in Falls for 1962-63 Males

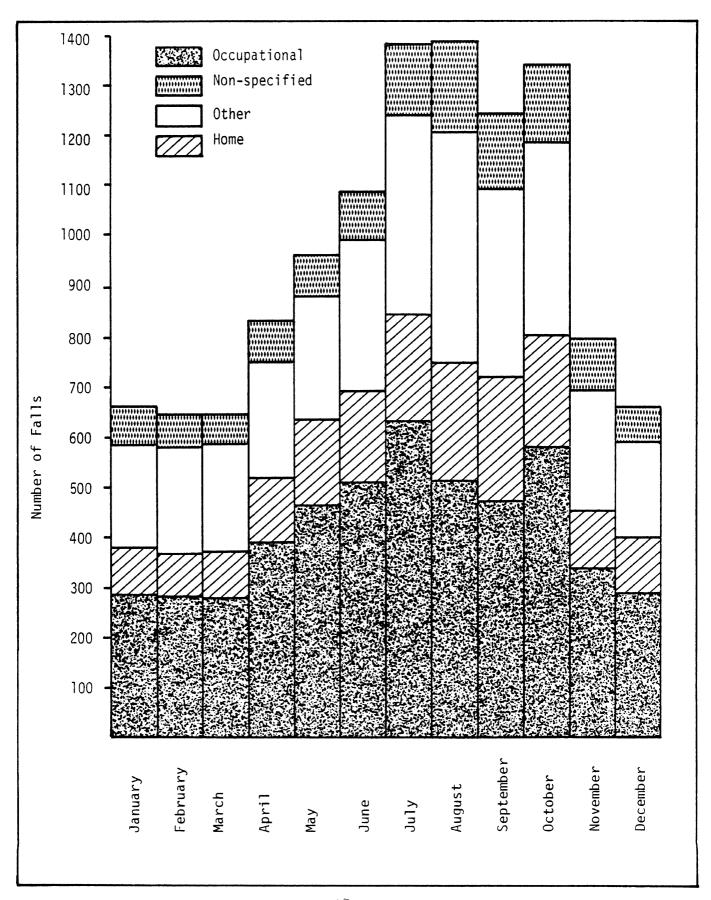
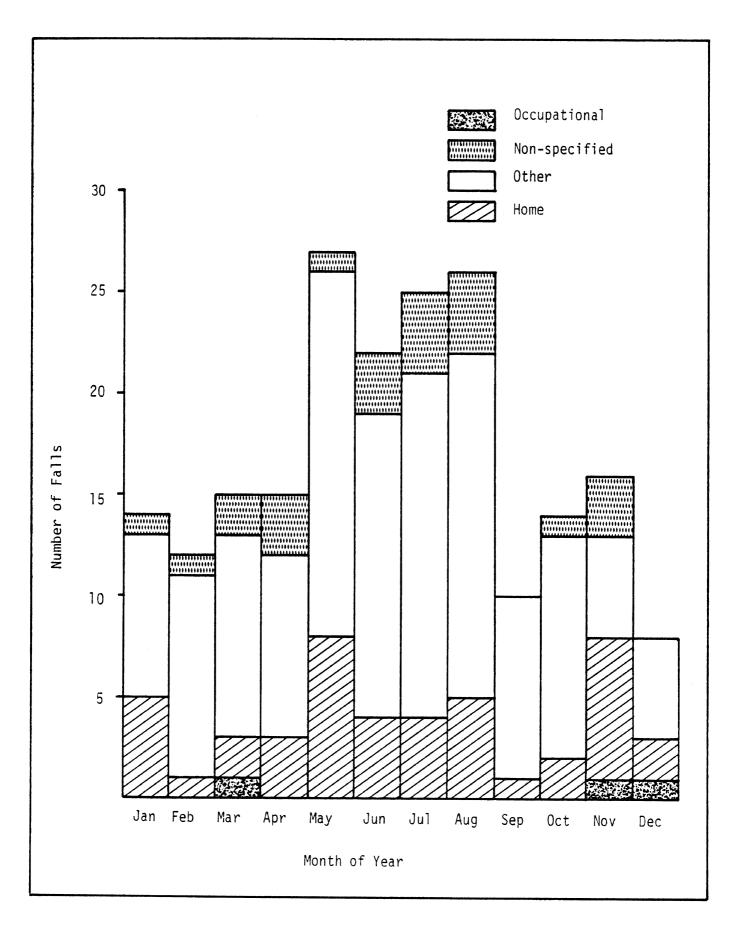


FIGURE 16. Seasonal Variation in Falls for 1975-76 Females



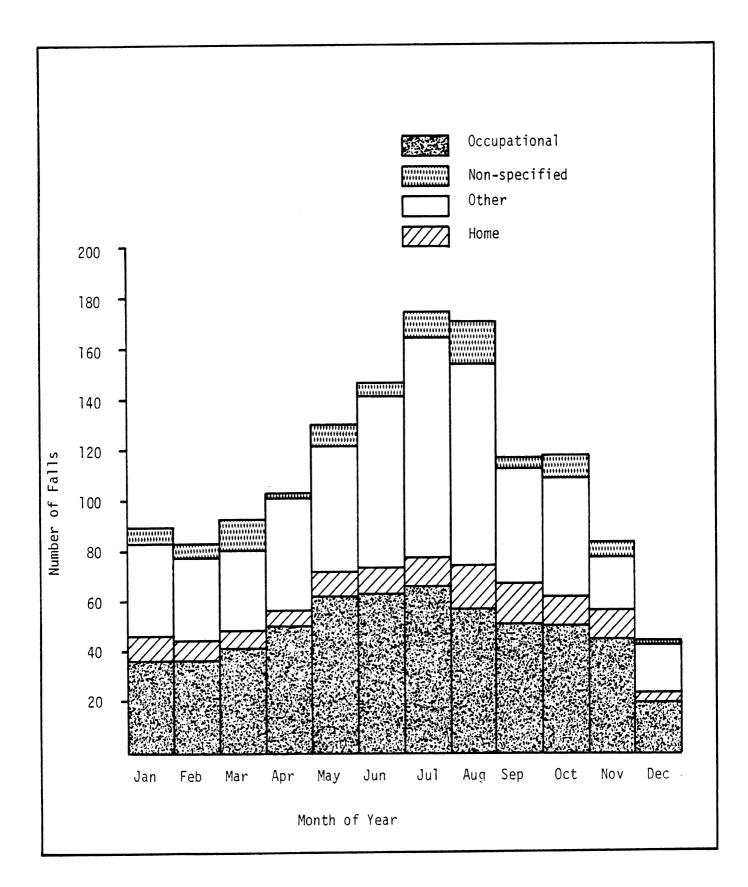


TABLE X. Summary of Occupational Falls by Month for 1962-63 Females

Month	Occupation	Home	Other	Non- Specified	Total
Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	1 3 3 4 6 5 7 8 3 3 2	56 64 43 70 69 91 71 107 81 86 59 45	34 34 54 61 53 46 72 68 55 61 44 35	15 6 5 18 20 13 22 13 12 22 14 7	106 107 105 153 148 155 172 196 151 172 119 80
Totals	46	842	617	167	1672

TABLE XI. Summary of Occupational Falls by Month for 1962-63 Males

Month	Occupation	Home	Other	Non- Specified	Total
Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	286 285 281 392 469 513 628 511 472 573 334 287	93 87 88 128 167 179 211 234 241 229 121	209 205 221 229 242 306 404 460 380 383 237 190	81 69 59 79 85 83 138 182 149 149	699 646 649 828 963 1081 1381 1387 1242 1334 799 661
Totals	5031	1891	3466	1252	11,640

TABLE XII. Summary of Occupational Falls by Month for 1975-76 Females

Month	Occupation	Home	Other	Non- Specified	Total
Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0	5 1 2 3 8 4 4 5 1 2 7 2	8 10 10 9 18 15 17 17 17 9	1 1 2 3 1 3 4 4 0 1 3 0	14 12 15 15 27 22 25 26 10 14 16 8
Total	3	44	134	23	204

TABLE XIII. Summary of Occupational Falls by Month for 1975-76 Males

Month	Occupation	Home	Other	Non- Specified	Total
Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	36 35 41 50 62 63 66 57 51 50 45	10 8 8 7 10 11 12 18 17 11	36 33 33 45 50 68 87 80 45 48 22 20	7 6 12 2 8 5 10 16 4 9 5	89 82 94 104 130 147 175 171 117 118 83 44
Totals	575	127	567	85	1354

5. Other Findings: Occupational Falls in Elevators

During the period November, 1960 to July, 1964, (3½ years) 38 separate cases in our clipping files were reported of elevator failures. Since no previous study of such failures in known, the occupational and health hazards from such falls is of interest. Some 146 individuals, including 5 fatalities, were involved in elevator failures during this period. The majority of failures could be identified as occupational job-related accidents. These cases have been detailed in Appendix E by sex, age, description of fall, height of fall, injury, location, date, and file number. Cases 1-24, and 38, were identified by either a general or specific occupational category, while information was too limited in Cases 25-37 to make a distinction.

While the major number of separate elevator falls involved male worker occupants, female office workers were involved in two accidents with the largest number of passengers. In one case 43 female employees were riding in a elevator which reportedly fell slowly 10 feet, then more rapidly when a cable snapped, for a total distance of only 14 feet. Although only two of those injured remained hospitalized for observation at the time, this could have resulted in much more serious consequences had the actual fall distance been greater than the 4-ll feet reported. In a second instance 15 female office employees got aboard a self-service elevator on the 10th floor, but failure and free-fall apparently didn't occur until the 3rd floor, resulting in a fall of about 30 feet, with no injury except shock reported. Other accidents to females chiefly involved failures in department store or hotel elevators.

"Construction" workers and ironworkers had the greatest incidence of elevator falls. In one case 27 construction workers fell 5 stories to a sidewalk when a high-rise construction elevator failed. Three ironworkers in one fall, and six in another were noted. Workers were involved in ten freight elevator, service, or warehouse elevator failures. Elevator repairmen were involved in

three falls, elevator operators in two falls, feed deliverymen in two falls.

Other specific occupations included a leatherworker, carpenter, and market owner/operator. Over 30 individuals in three elevator falls involved construction workers, and two falls, one an elevator carrying six, and another three, involved iron workers. However, since the terms "construction worker" or "worker" or "laborer" do not signify the specific occupation, a more detailed breakdown is impossible without further investigation of each case.

Elevator falls in department store, office, business or corporation buildings occurred in six cases, often with multiple occupants. However, it was not specified whether these occupants were "shoppers" or occupied in business at the time. Two elevator falls occurred in hotels. One such fall with 8 passengers aboard involved a well-know singer who was near term pregnancy at the time, but whose fall was broken partly by her husband, with no reported injury despite a 50-foot fall.

The youngest involved in an elevator fall was a 19-year-old male (office building), and the oldest a 71-year-old female (hotel). The fall of greatest reported height was 142' from a wooden elevator at a dam site. Another involved 6 iron workers in a 10-story (100 foot) fall. The hydraulic safety device under this elevator reportedly cushioned the fall, although the elevator reportedly bounced on impact. The iron workers received serious injuries but there were no fatalities.

Fatalities are difficult to assess since in two cases the height of the fall is unknown. Injury data were generally non-verified and some individuals in these cases may have subsequently died from other injuries. It seems evident that some of the falls were either not as high as reported or that the free-fall velocity was influenced by other factors. However, since so little is known concerning the specific environmental factors, the actual distance of the fall and mechanical causation, as well as specific occupations and injury data, it

would seem important to follow up on such cases in greater detail on-site for a specific period in the future.

V. CONCLUSIONS AND SUMMARY:

COMPARISON OF 1962-63 and 1975-76 DATA TRENDS

As discussed in each of the preceding sections differences were found not only between the sexes for occupational-related falls, but also some differences between the 1962-63 and 1975-76 data bases.

Comparison of Sexual differences shows a male overall incidence of occupationally related free-falls of 42.9%, compared to only 2.1% for females. Findings in both studies revealed that for females proportionately fewer occupational-related falls result in death or injury (2.7% for 1962-63; 1.5% for 1975-76). Yet falls in the home accounted for 50.4% of all falls reported for females in 1962-63. The 21.6% free-falls in the home reported in the 1975-76 study probably is a result of small sample size. Females also showed an increase in non-job related falls; 36.9% in 1962-63, but 65.7% in 1975-76.

While males in both studies were found to have very similar proportions of job-related falls (e.g., 43.2% in 1962-63, and 42.5% in 1975-76), comparison of "home" falls showed a significant decrease, with 16.2% v. 9.4% occurring in the home in 1975-76. While 29.8% of the falls involving males in the earlier study were not job related, by 1975-76 41.9% were not job related. However, the 1962-63 study contained 8.6 times as many male subjects in the sample population.

In this regard it is of interest to speculate why significantly less falls were reported for the latter period. For both studies the ground-rules were the same for the reporting of data (e.g., free-falls, over 10 feet distance), yet during the 18 month period of the 1975-76 study only 2100 total cases were reported, less than 1/10th the number reported for a similar period some 13 years earlier. Since this trend drops considerably more steeply than national fall data (both injuries and fatalities) estimated by the National Safety Council for this period, it is suspected that the difference is related to coverage by

the news media rather than a significant change in falls.

Analysis of occupational groups showed little change between 1962-63 and 1975-76. For both groups the greatest incidence of falls occurred to craftsmen (33.7% 1962-63, and 27% 1975-76), and laborers. Construction workers, painters, carpenters, roofers and slaters, electric power linesmen and cablemen, structural metal craftsmen (steel and iron workers), farm laborers, and window washers incurred the most falls.

Age differences relative to falls were also evident between the 1962-63 and 1975-76 groups. It was found that 53.8% of the 1962-63 male falls occurred to those aged 29 to 59 years, but in the 1975-76 males only 37.2% were in this age range. While 30.2% of the 1962-63 males were under age 29, 53.3% of the 1975-76 males were in this younger age range. Similarly, while 16% of the 1962-63 males were over age 59 at the time of the fall, this compares to only 9.5% for the 1975-76 males, suggesting temporal trends.

The relationship between age and fatality has shown that fatalities generally increase significantly with age. However, since these data relate specifically to reported free-falls, generally over 10 feet in height, these data are not felt to accurately reflect total fall experience since there is a bias towards injuries and fatalities (non-injury falls, or those not requiring major medical attention were not apt to be reported in these data).

Some indications of changes in the geographic distribution of falls is shown by comparison of the 1962-63 and 1975-76 data, with a significant rise in the number of falls reported for females in the Pacific area, and an increase in falls reported in both East North Central and Pacific regions for males. However, this may also only reflect general population geographic trends.

In general seasonal occurrence of falls has remained the same, with April through August having the greatest number of falls, and the least number in

December. Yet some seasonal differences between males and females fall incidence were observed, with peak months being August for 1962-63 females, May for 1975-76 females, and July for 1975-76 males.

VI. FUTURE RESEARCH NEEDS

The foregoing study has had limited objectives and was exploratory in the sense that the data source (consisting of approximately 32,000 free-fall cases from two previous studies of free-fall impact tolerances) application was uncertain. That is, the conditions under which the data had been collected limited falls to those over 10 feet in height and to free-falls, thus did not include falls on the same surface, down steps, or in multiple contacts. Further, occupations had not been coded nor identified previously for these cases. Despite these limitations this is believed to be a major data source for fall information, and a total of 14,870 falls were analyzed for the occupational ages 14 to 75 years of age.

During the course of this study, and especially in the evaluation phase, several areas have been identified where future work may be of particular importance and usefulness to NIOSH. These are outlined as follows.

- Despite estimates that fatalities from falls are exceeded only by motor vehicle accident fatalities in the United States, the literature research for this study has found fall data to be almost non-existent related to nationwide comparative data regarding sex, age, race or ethnic affiliation, geographic location, socio-cultural-economic aspects, or for specific occupational environments, as well as epidemiologic and ergonomic considerations.
- A basic program should be established to collect, reduce, and provide a national data base for all fall experience. The limitations of the free-fall data could be overcome by a new study which is designed to obtain all of the information needed (e.g. all falls, not just free-falls; and from all heights), and equipped to obtain follow-up information in several ways. National estimates indicate that there are presently 14,300 fatalities (1976) and some 13,600,000 injuries annually from falls. Yet no nationwide means of identifying those related to occupational safety and health is apparent. A program

could be readily initiated, based upon the HSRI free-fall data collection experience, but expanded to include all falls, to obtain, <u>computerize</u>, and provide more detailed information on a national basis for occupational injury relationships. Such a program should receive high priority, as a basic means to most effectively identify occupational safety problems in this major area of injuries and fatalities due to falls, and thus provide a more objective means of establishing further priorities and cost-effective injury reduction.

- . A second, and concurrent, series of studies should include <u>in-situ</u> accident investigation of selected falls patterned after the techniques established by the University of Michigan and others in intensive automotive and aircraft investigation, and more recently by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, as well as by the Consumer Product Safety Commission in investigation of swimming pool accidents. Such a study should include intensive investigation on the scene as soon as possible after a selected job-related fall has occurred by a multi-disciplinary team of professionals. Such studies have been demonstrated to result in providing an objective means of better understanding the epidemiology of falls and hence more effective means of prevention and injury reduction. This work should be expanded to include a wider scope of occupational falls than presently exists. (1)
- . Craftsmen (painters, carpenters, electricians, linesmen, roofers, iron and steel workers and plumbers) appear to account for a major incidence of occupational falls. While there is some indication of safety causation (lack of helmets, safety harness unhooked momentarily, etc.) more detailed information needs to be obtained on environmental and human factors causes in order to provide better prevention guidelines and answers.

⁽¹⁾ Although NIOSH has already taken initial steps in this direction, with one study aimed at accumulating data on 124 occupational fall injuries within 24 hours of their occurrence, and another continuing in-house study of worker fatalities in the Cincinnati, Ohio area which has analyzed at least 8 worker fatalities (Cohen, 1976), this needs to be expanded.

- Data on the elderly relative to fall accidents is incredibly sparse. With 8,100 deaths in 1976 and a mortality rate of 92.7 per 100,000, individuals aged 75 or over represent a high risk in falls, with a significantly higher incidence of disabling injuries. Future research should be directed toward determination of causes and prevention of falls in the elderly. Several small-scale studies, now outdated, have provided useful clues. Current data needs to be obtained.
- The occurrence of occupationally related elevator falls, an unexpected finding from this study, needs further exploration. A small program could easily obtain current detailed data to assess the safety and health hazard from this source. To our knowledge there has not previously been any attempt to investigate this problem, or bring performance data together on a nation-wide basis. A related problem was evident in a large number of individuals falling into open elevator shafts.

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APPENDIX B.

NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL REFERENCES-COMPUTER SEARCH RESULTS

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OCCUPATIONAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

(U.S. Bureau of Census, Alphabetical Index of Industries and Occupations, 1970)

OCCUPATIONAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

Equivalent numeric codes follow the alphabetic codes. Either code may be utilized, depending on the processing method. "N.e.c means "not elsewhere classified."

Occu-		Occu-	
pation	PROFESSIONAL, TECHNICAL, AND KINDRED	pation	PROFESSIONAL, TECHNICAL, AND KINDRED
Code	WORKERS	Code	WORKERS—Continued
0000			
001	Accountants		Nurses, dietitians, and therapists
002	Architects	074	Dietitians
	Computer specialists	075	Registered nurses
003	Computer programmers	076	Therapists
004	Computer systems analysts		Health technologists and technicians
005	Computer specialists, n.e.c.	080	Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians
	Engineers	081	Dental hygienists
006	Aeronautical and astronautical engineers	082	Health record technologists and technicians
010	Chemical engineers	083	Radiologic technologists and technicians
011	Civil engineers	084	Therapy assistants
012	Electrical and electronic engineers	085	Health technologists and technicians, r.e.c.
013	Industrial engineers		Religious workers
014	Mechanical engineers	086	Clergymen
015	Metallurgical and materials engineers	090	Religious workers, n.e.c.
020	Mining engineers		Social scientists
021	Petroleum engineers	091	Economists
022	Sales engineers	092	Political scientists
023	Engineers, n.e.c.	093	Psychologists
024	Farm management advisors	094	Sociologists
025	Foresters and conservationists	095	Urban and regional planners
026	Home management advisors	096	Social scientists, n.e.c.
020	Lawyers and judges		Social and recreation workers
030	Judges	100	Social workers
031	Lawyers	101	Recreation workers
55 1	Librarians, archivists, and curators		Teachers, college and university
032	Librarians	102	Agriculture teachers
033	Archivists and curators	103	Atmomheric, earth, marine, and space teachers
000	Mathematical specialists	104	Biology teachers
034	Actuaries	105	Chemistry teachers
035	Mathematicians	110	Physics teachers
036	Statisticians	111	Engineering teachers
333	Life and physical scientists	112	Mathematics teachers
042	Agricultural scientists	113	Health specialties teachers
043	Atmospheric and space scientists	114	Psychology teachers
044	Biological scientists	115	Business and commerce teachers
045	Chemists	116	Economics teachers
051	Geologists	120	History teachers
052	Marine scientists	121	Sociology teachers
053	Physicists and astronomers	122	Social science teachers, n.e.c.
064	Life and physical scientists, n.e.c.	123	Art, cirama, and music teachers
055	Operations and systems researchers and analysts	124	Coaches and physical education teachers
056	Personnel and labor relations workers	125	Education teachers
	Physicians, dentists, and related practitioners	126	English teachers
06.1	Chiropractors	130	Foreign language teachers
062	Dentists	131	Home economics teachers
063	Optometrists	132	Law teachers
064	Pharmacists	133	Theology teachers
965	Physicians, medical and osteopathic	134	Trade, industrial, and technical teachers
071	Podiatrists	135	Miscellaneous teachers, college and university
072	Veterinarians	140	Teachers, college and university, subject not
073	Health practitioners, n.e.c.		specified
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	Teachers, except college and university	230	Restaurant, cafeteria, and bar managers
141	Adult education teachers	231	Sales managers and department heads, retail trade
N (142)	Elementary school teachers	233	Sales managers, except retail trade
143	Prekindergarten and kindergarten teachers	235	School administrators, college
144	Secondary school teachers	240	School administrators, elementary and secondary
145	Teachers, except college and university, n.e.c.	245	Managers and administrators, n.e.c.
143	Engineering and science technicians		,
150	Agriculture and biological technicians, except health		SALES WORKERS
151	Chemical technicians		
152	Draftsmen	260	Advertising agents and salesmen
153	Electrical and electronic engineering technicians	261	Auctioneers
154	Industrial engineering technicians	262	Demonstrators
155	Mechanical engineering technicians	264	Hucksters and peddlers
156	Mathematical technicia: 6	265	Insurance agents, brokers, and underwriters
161	Surveyors	266	Newsboys
162	Engineering and science technicians, n.e.c.	270	Real estate agents and brokers
		270	Stock and bond salesmen
	Technicians, except health, and engineering and	280	
	science	280	Salesmen and sales clerks, n.e.c. ¹
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164	Air traffic controllers		
165	Embalmers		OF EDIOVE WHO KINDDED MOOKEDS
170	Flight engineers		CLERICAL AND KINDRED WORKERS
171	Radio operators		
172	Tool programmers, numerical control	301	Bank tellers
173	Technicians, n.e.c.	303	Billing clerks
174	Vocational and educational counselors	P (305)	Bookkeepers
	Writers, artists, and entertainers	310	Cashiers
175	Actors	311	Clerical assistants, social welfare
180	Athletes and kindred workers	312	Clerical supervisors, n.e.c.
181	Authors	313	Collectors, bill and account
182	Dancers	314	Counter clerks, except food
183	Designers .	315	Dispatchers and starters, vehicle
184	Editors and reporters	320	Enumerators and interviewers
185	Musicians and composers	321	Estimators and investigators, n.e.c.
190	Painters and sculptors	323	Expediters and production controllers
191	Photographers	325	File clerks
192	Public relations men and publicity writers	326	Insurance adjusters, examiners, and investigators
193	Radio and television announcers	330	Library attendants and assistants
194	Writers, artists, and entertainers, n.e.c.	331	Mail carriers, post office
195	Research workers, not specified	332	Mail handlers, except post office
		333	Messengers and office boys
	MANAGERS AND ADMINISTRATORS, EXCEPT	334	Meter readers, utilities
	FARM		Office machine operators
		341	Bookkeeping and billing machine operators
201	Assessors, controllers, and treasurers; local public	342	Calculating machine operators
	administration	343	Computer and peripheral equipment operators
202	Bank officers and financial managers	344	Duplicating machine operators
203	Buyers and shippers, farm products		
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211	Funeral directors	on indus	try. The industry codes are shown in parentheses.
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213	Construction inspectors, public administration	Occ. Coc	le .
215	Inspectors, except construction, public administration	281	Sales representatives, manufacturing industries (Ind.
216	Managers and superintendents, building		107-399)
220	Office managers, n.e.c.	282	Sales representatives, wholesale trade (Ind. 017-058,
221	Officers, pilots, and pursers; ship		507-599)
222	Officials and administrators; public administration,	283	Sales clerks, retail trade (Ind. 608-699 except 618,
	n.e.c.		639, 649, 667, 668, 688)
223	Officials of lodges, societies, and unions	284	Salesmen, retail trade (Ind. 607, 618, 639, 649, 667,
224	Postmasters and mail superintendents		668, 688)
225	Purchasing agents and buyers, n.e.c.	285	Salesmen of services and construction (Ind. 067-078,
226	Railroad conductors		407-499, 707-947)

Occu-		Occu-	
pation Code	CLERICAL AND KINDRED WORKERS—Continued	pation Code	CRAFTSMEN AND KINDRED WORKERS— Continued
	Office machine operators—Continued		
345	Key punch operators	453	Jewelers and watchmakers
350	Tabulating machine operators	454	Job and die setters, metal
355	Office machine operators, n.e.c.	455	Locomotive engineers
360	Payroll and timekeeping clerks	456	Locomotive firemen
361	Postal clerks	461	Machinists
362	Proofreaders	462	Machinist apprentices
363	Real estate appraisers	470	Mechanics and repairmen
364	Receptionists	470 471	Air conditioning, heating, and refrigeration Aircraft
270	Secretaries	472	Automobile body repairmen
370 371	Secretaries, legal Secretaries, medical	S (473)	Automobile mechanics
Q (372)	Secretaries, medical	474	Automobile mechanic apprentices
374	Shipping and receiving clerks	475	Data processing machine repairmen
375	Statistical clerks	480	Farm implement
376	Stenographers	481	Heavy equipment mechanics, incl. diesel
381	Stock clerks and storekeepers	482	Household appliance and accessory installers and
382	Teacher aides, exc. school monitors		mechanics
383	Telegraph messengers	483	Loom fixers
384	Telegraph operators	484	Office machine
385	Telephone operators	485	Radio and television
390	Ticket, station, and express agents	486	Railroad and car shop
391	Typists	491	Mechanic, exc. auto, apprentices
392	Weighers	492	Miscellaneous mechanics and repairmen
394	Miscellaneous clerical workers	495 501	Not specified mechanics and repairmen
395	Not specified clerical workers	502	Millers; grain, flour, and feed Millwrights
	CRAFTSMEN AND KINDRED WORKERS	502	Molders, metal
	CHAP ISHIEM AND KINDHED WORKERS	504	Molder apprentices
401	Automobile accessories installers	505	Motion picture projectionists
402	Bakers	506	Opticians, and lens grinders and polishers
403	Blacksmiths	510	Painters, construction and maintenance
404	Boilermakers	511	Painter apprentices
405	Bookbinders	512	Paperhangers
410	Brickmasons and stonemasons	514	Pattern and model makers, exc. paper
411	Brickmasons and stonemasons, apprentices	515	Photoengravers and lithographers
412	Bulldozer operators	516	Piano and organ tuners and repairmen
413	Cabinetmakers	520	Plasterer
R (415)	Carpenters	521	Plasterer apprentices
416 420	Carpenter apprentices	522 523	Plumbers and pipe fitters
420	Carpet installers Cement and concrete finishers	525 525	Plumber and pipe fitter apprentices Power station operators
422	Compositors and typesetters	530	Pressmen and plate printers, printing
423	Printing trades apprentices, exc. pressmen	531	Pressman apprentices
424	Cranemen, derrickmen, and hoistmen	533	Rollers and finishers, metal
425	Decorators and window dressers	534	Roofers and slaters
426	Dental laboratory technicians	535	Sheetmetal workers and tinsmiths
430	Electricians	536	Sheetmetal apprentices
431	Electrician apprentices	540	Shiplitters
433	Electric power linemen and cablemen	542	Shoe repairmen
434	Electrotypers and stereotypers	543	Sign painters and letterers
435	Engravers, exc. photoengravers	545	Stationary engineers
436	Excavating, grading, and road machine operators; exc.	546	Stone cutters and stone carvers
440	buildozer	550 551	Structural metal craftsmen
44U 441	Floor layers, exc. tile setters Foremen, n.e.c.	551 552	Tailors
442	Forgemen, n.e.c. Forgemen and hammermen	552 554	Telephone installers and repairmen
443	Furniture and wood finishers	560	Telephone linemen and splicers Tile setters
444	Furriers	561	Tool and die makers
445	Glaziers	562	Tool and die maker apprentices
446	Heat treaters, annealers, and temperers	563	Upholsterers
450	Inspectors, scalers, and graders; log and lumber	571	Specified craft apprentices, n.e.c.
452	Inspectors, n.e.c.	572	Not specified apprentices

Cods Pation	CRAFTSMEN AND KINDRED WORKERS— Continued	Occu- pation Code	TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OPERATIVES
c75	Craftsmen and kindred workers, n.e.c.	701	Boatmen and canalmen
575 580	Former members of the Armed Forces	703	Bus drivers
500		704	Conductors and motormen, urban rail transit
		705	Deliverymen and routemen
	OREDATIVES EVOCET TRANSPORT	706 710	Fork lift and tow motor operatives
	OPERATIVES, EXCEPT TRANSPORT	710 711	Motormen; mine, factory, logging camp, etc. Parking attendants
		712	Railroad brakemen
601	Asbestos and insulation workers	713	Railroad switchmen
T (602)	Assemblers	714	Taxicab drivers and chauffeurs
603	Blasters and powdermen	U (715)	Truck drivers
604	Bottling and canning operatives		
605	Chainmen, rodmen, and axmen; surveying		LABORERS EVOERT FARM
610 611	Checkers, examiners, and inspectors; manufacturing Clothing ironers and pressurs		LABORERS, EXCEPT FARM
612	Cutting operatives, n.e.c.	740	Animal caretakers, exc. farm
613	Dressmakers and seamstresses, except factory	750	Carpenters' helpers
614	Drillers, earth	V (751)	Construction laborers, exc. carpenters' helpers
615	Dry wall installers and lathers	752	Fishermen and oystermen
620	Dyers	753	Freight and material handlers
621	Filers, polishers, sanders, and buffers	754 755	Garbage collectors
622 623	Furnacemen, smeltermen, and pourers Garage workers and gas station attendants	755 760	Gardeners and groundskeepers, exc. farm Longshoremen and stevedores
624	Graders and sorters, manufacturing	761	Lumbermen, raftsmen, and woodchoppers
625	Produce graders and packers, except factory and farm	762	Stock handlers
626	Heaters, metal	763	Teamsters
630	Laundry and dry cleaning operatives, n.e.c.	764	Vehicle washers and equipment cleaners
631	Meat cutters and butchers, exc. manufacturing	770	Warehousemen, n.e.c.
633 634	Meat cutters and butchers, manufacturing	780 785	Miscellaneous laborers
635	Meat wrappers, retail trade Metal platers	/83	Not specified laborers
636	Milliners		
640	Mine operatives, n.e.c.		FARMERS AND FARM MANAGERS
641	Mixing operatives		
642	Oilers and greasers, exc. auto	W (801)	
643	Packers and wrappers, except meat and produce	802	Farm managers
644 645	Painters, manufactured articles Photographic process workers		
073	Precision machine operatives		FARM LABORERS AND FARM FOREMEN
650	Drill press operatives		I ATTIM ENDOTTERIO ARD I ATTIM I OTTEMEN
651	Grinding machine operatives	821	Farm foremen
652	Lathe and milling machine operatives	822	Farm laborers, wage workers
653 653	Precision machine operatives, n.e.c.	823	Farm laborers, unpaid family workers
656 660	Punch and stamping press operatives Riveters and fasteners	824	Farm service laborers, self-employed
661	Sailors and deckhands		
662	Sawyers		SERVICE WORKERS, EXC. PRIVATE
663	Sewers and stitchers		HOUSEHOLD
664	Shoemaking machine operatives		
665	Solderers		Cleaning service workers
666	Stationary firemen	901 902	Chambermaids and maids, except private household Cleaners and charwomen
670	Textile operatives Carding, lapping, and combing operatives	X (903)	Janitors and sextons
671	Knitters, loopers, and toppers	X (500)	duntors and sextons
672	Spinners, twisters, and winders		Food service workers
673	Weavers	910	Bartenders
674 680	Textile operatives, n.e.c.	911	Busboys
680 681	Welders and flame-cutters Winding operatives, n.e.c.	912 913	Cooks, except private household Dishwashers
690	Machine operatives, miscellaneous specified	913 914	Food counter and fountain workers
692	Machine operatives, iniscensified	Y (915)	Waiters
694	Miscellaneous operatives	916	Food service workers, n.e.c., except private
695	Not specified operatives		household

Occu- pation Code	SERVICE WORKERS, EXC. PRIVATE HOUSEHOLD—Continued	Occu- pation Code	PRIVATE HOUSEHOLD WORKERS
	Health service workers	980	Child care workers, private household
921	Dental assistants	981	Cooks, private household
922	Health aides, exc. nursing	982	Housekeepers, private household
923	Health trainees	983	Laundresses, private household
924	Lay midwives	Z (984)	Maids and servants, private household
925	Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants		
926	Practical nurses	995	OCCUPATION NOT REPORTED ²
001	Personal service workers		ALLOCATION CATEGORIES ³
931 932	Airline stewardesses	400	Burgardan dan katalan adalah dan kanada adalah dan
932 933	Attendants, recreation and amusement	196 246	Professional, technical, and kindred workers-allocated
934	Attendants, personal service, n.e.c.	246 296	Managers and administrators, except farm—allocated Sales workers—allocated
935	Baggage porters and bellhops Barbers	296 396	Clerical and kindred workers—allocated
940	Boarding and lodging house keepers	586	Craftsmen and kindred workers—allocated
941	Bootblacks	696	
942		726	Operatives, except transport—allocated
943	Child care workers, exc. private household Elevator operators	726 796	Transport equipment operatives—allocated Laborers, except farm—allocated
944	Hairdressers and cosmetologists	806	Farmers and farm managers—allocated
945	Personal service apprentices	846	Farm laborers and farm foremen—allocated
950	Housekeepers, exc. private household	976	Service workers, exc. private household—allocated
952	School monitors	986	Private household workers—allocated
953	Ushers, recreation and amusement	300	Trivate flousefloid workers-allocated
954	Welfare service aides		· ·
	Protective service workers	² This o	code is used to identify not reported occupations in
960	Crossing guards and bridge tenders		here the not reported cases are not allocated.
961	Firemen, fire protection		returns from the Population Census which do not
962	Guards and watchmen		occupation entry are allocated among the major
963	Marshals and constables		n groups during computer processing. These cases are
964	Policemen and detectives		ith the code for the "allocation" category to which
965	Sheriffs and bailiffs		ssigned. (See text, page IV).

APPENDIX D.
A SUMMARY OF ELEVATOR FALLS

	Sex	Age	Description	Est.Ht.	Injuries	Location	Date	File Na
1	М	32	Repairing hotel elevator, when it fell 4 stories	40'	multiple injuries	St. Moritz Hotel N. Y., N. Y.	28 Dec 62	8969
2	М	36	Feed deliveryman; cable snapped on homemade elevator, fell 2 floors to chicken barn	20'	<u>Fatal</u>	Seitz Poultry Farm Lancaster Cty, Pa.	12 Jan 61	2738f
3	М	37	Leather worker - elevator fell	unknown	<u>Fatal</u>	Gloversville Leather,Inc. Johnstown, N.Y.	13 Oct 64	7237f
4	м	40	Dam worker, wooden elevator fell	142'	injured	Terminus Dam Fresno, Calif.	26 Oct 61	181 f
5	М	41	Elevator operator fell 6 stories to basement of loft building. Elevator "Dropped only slightly faster than normal descent.	60'	minor injury	Hicksville, N.Y.	17 Jul 62	5979
6	M M	54 47	27 laborers on construction elevator, fell 5 stories to sidwalk (injuries unknown to other 25 workers)	50'	leg injury leg injury	Continental Building Milwaukee, Wisc.	12 May 63	11172- 11197
7			4 workers on oil company elevator which failed	50'		Champlin Oil Co. Enid, Okla.	15 Jun 61	
	M M	28 31	(injuries unknown to other 2 workers	٠	Fatal fracture leg multiple fractures			2022 2023 2020 2021
8			3 ironworkers, riding a hoist elevator during church construction, when it failed	50'		Winnetka, Ill.	4 Apr 61	
	M M M	32 53 52			injured injured injured			10784 10782 10783
9			15 female office employees;self-service elevator, got on at 10th floor, but didn't fail and go into free-fall until reached 3rd floor	30'		Commerical Bldg. N. Y., N. Y.	9 Oct 62	
	F F	31 34 35	12 shaken up but no injuries reported		treated for shock at hospital			7951 7950 7962

	Sex	Age	Description	Est.Ht.	Injuries	Location	Date	File No.
10	М	22	Elevator repairman, jumped clear as fell 4 stories while repairing it. (Did not fall with elevator)	40'	cuts & bruises	Bronx, N.Y.	28 Dec 62	8976
11	М	47	Service elevator fell from main floor to basement	10'	"good condition"	Andrews School for Girls Jefferson, Ohio	25 Sep 62	7581
12			2 workers, in 90' shaft of sewerage project, elevator "broke" fell to bottom of shaft in earth	60'		Milwaukee Metro Sewerage Commission	19 Dec 61	
	М	24			fracture back å both legs	Oak Creek, Wisc.		1576
	М	32			fracture back	å rt. leg		1575
13	М	27	Employee riding freight elevator when cable snapped	19'	injured rt. leg & feet	Stewart Stamping Co. New York, N.Y.	23 July 62	12840
14	М	27	Feed & grain worker riding l-man lift when it fell	35'	fractured legs.pelvic injury	Kaufman Feed & Grain Co. Stanley, Iowa	10 Oct 63	14894
15			6 workers (iron workers?), work elevator fell from lOth floor. Hydraulic safety device under elevator reportedly cushioned fall, causing elevator to bounce on impact	1001		Marina City Twin Towers Apt Chicago, Ill.	t.19 Jun 62	
	M M M M	28 36 36 34 41 29	(operator of elevator)		fracture legs & back (serious cond.) possible fracture back (serious cond.) fracture left leg, possible internal injuries possible fracture back (serious cond.) back & right leg injuries injuries not specified		ries	3802 3804 3803 3801 3805 3806
16	м	49	Construction worker, elevator fell 3 stories	30'		Lehigh County Courthouse Allentown, Pa. tions	13 Nov 63	15444
17	м	49	Freight elevator fell 6 stories to basement. Emergency rope also broke.	60'	"fair condition"	Bloomington, Ill.	6 Oct 61	937
18	M	54	Carpenter, tipple elevator fell to ground.	Unknown	<u>fatal</u> head injury	Amigo Smokeless Coal Co. MacArthur, W.Va.	14 Mar 63	3429f
19	М	54	Operator/manager of market, unloading freight elevator on main floor, mechanism failed & elevator fell to basement	18'	fractured rib	Thriftway Market Montoque, Mich.	12 Sep 63	14103
20	М	54	Warehouse worker fell when elevator fell 3 stories to basement	30,	back injuries	Jack M. Puletzer & Bros. New Orleans, La.	18 Dec 63	15715

	Sex	Age	Description	Est.Ht.	Injuries	Location	Date	File No.
21	М	57	Worker riding freight elevator when cable snapped	19'	released after checkup	Stewart Stamping Co. Bronx, N.Y.	23 Jul 63	12841
22	М	57	Worker riding freight elevator when cable snapped, fell 3 stories	30'	crushed left hand,head cut possible concus	Gorbutt, Inc. Topeka, Kansas sion	2 Aug 62	6344
23	М	58	Worker riding freight elevator when l'steel cable snapped, fell	12- 15'	abrasions at shoulder,left heel,rt.elbow	Electric Service Bldg. Austin, Texas	28 Sep 62	7678
24	_		43 in elevator, which fell 14'. Fell slowly 1st 10' then more rapidly when cable snapped. Reportedly overloaded 600-1000 lbs.	14'	·	Glen Mfgr. Co. Milwaukee, Wisc.	24 Apr 62	
	F	41 24	(only two of those injured remained in hospital for observation)		unknown unknown			2981 2980
25			3 passengers, department store elevator fell 3 stories to basement	-		Vaughn-Well Dept. Store Birmingham, Ala.	9 Jan 63	
	F unkn unkn				unknown unknown unknown	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		9129 9130 9131
26			5 in department store elevator, fell 10'	10'		McCarthy's Dept. Store Womsocket, Mass	30 Aug 62	
	F F M	39 61 46 20			dislocated shou compound fractu sprained neck & unknown	lder re left leg		7160 7107 7121 7183
27	M unkn	48 lown	2 in elevator, entered elevator at 4th floor intending go to 5th floor. When pushed "up" button failure occurr and elevator fell. One occupant fully erect as fall beg during fall flexed legs, bent head, brought hands up to chest. Thrown laterally backwards upon impact.	in.		Houston, Texas re T ¹² ,L ¹ edial malleolus ankle, shoulder ns, other injuries	29 Nov 60	2010
28	М	34	Corporation elevator failed & fell 3 floors to bottom of shaft	30'	cuts/bruises	General Split Corp. Milwaukee, Wisc.	3 Oct 61	924
29			2 in office elevator, fell from lst floor to basement	12'		Zaiger Bldg. Lynn, Mass.	27 Feb 63	
	M unkn	19 lown			Lacerations top unknown			9788 9789
30	F	58	Department store elevator fell 10°	10'	shock			

	Sex	Age	Description	Est.Ht.	Injuries	Location	Date	File No.
31	м	27	Business building elevator fell from 6th to 3rd floor	30'	"permanent injuries"	Empire Bldg. Norwalk, Iowa	26 Jun 61	9788
32	М	24	Business building elevator fell from 1st floor to basement	10'	shaken-up	Zaiger Bldg. Lynn, Mass.	27 Feb 63	9787
33	F	47	Hotel elevator fell 6 stories	60'	minor injuries	Huntington Hotel San Francisco, Calif.	12 Jul 64	18651
34	м	20	Elevator fell when cable broke	60'	<u>Fatal</u>	Bison Storage & Whse.Corp. West Seneca, N.Y.		
35			8 passengers in hotel elevator, failed at 5th floor level and fell to basement.	50'		Hotel Fourteen New York, N.Y.	21 Mar 62	
	F M	30? 30?	pregnant woman, near term husband got directly beneath her as fell, and she was held up by another women (uninjured)		no reported inj possible back i	juries		2659 2660
	F	71	and she was herd up by another women (uninjured)		hospitalized &	released		2666
	unk unk unk	nown nown nown nown nown	(x singer Eydie Gorme & husband Steve	Lawrence)				
36	F	62	Had just entered elevator when it "broke its supports" and fell to bottom of shaft	20'	minor injuries	Baltimore St. Baltimore, Md.	9 Apr 64	16937
37	М	24	Subject fell while in elevator	10'	back,leg, & arm injuries		1 Nov 61	7020
38			Two workmen working on elevator when it failed and plunged to bottom of shaft	10-11'			23 Jun 62	
	M	37 51	, , ,		minor abrasions laceration left	lacerations temple & neck		5398 5397
39		adult adult	Workers injured when elevator chain broke	10'	fractured heel fractured vereb	ora,fractured heels	2 Oct 64	19932 19933
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