

Stress Test!

Ask any child "What do you want to be when you grow up?" and you'll often hear president, firefighter, astronaut, race car driver, police officer, football player—jobs that carry a lot of power and excitement but also a lot of stress. Many jobs we aspire to when we're young are among those *Jobs Rated Almanac 2001* ranks as most stressful.

As Information Age corporate structures flatten, spreading decisionmaking power outward, more of us are getting what we want at work—interesting and important jobs—though also, at times, the stress. The situation, however, appears to be improving. Government data on work-related stress disorders only go back to 1992. But after peaking in 1993, rates of debilitating stress have fallen to the lowest levels on record in nearly all industries. Stress tends to be highest in the financial sector and lowest in farming and construction.

10 MOST STRESSFUL JOBS



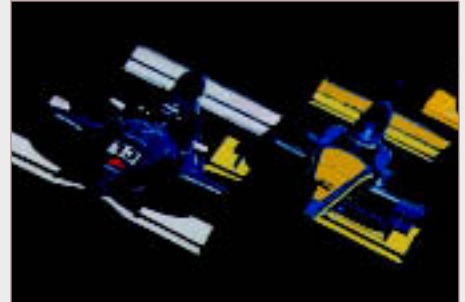
① U.S. president



② Firefighter



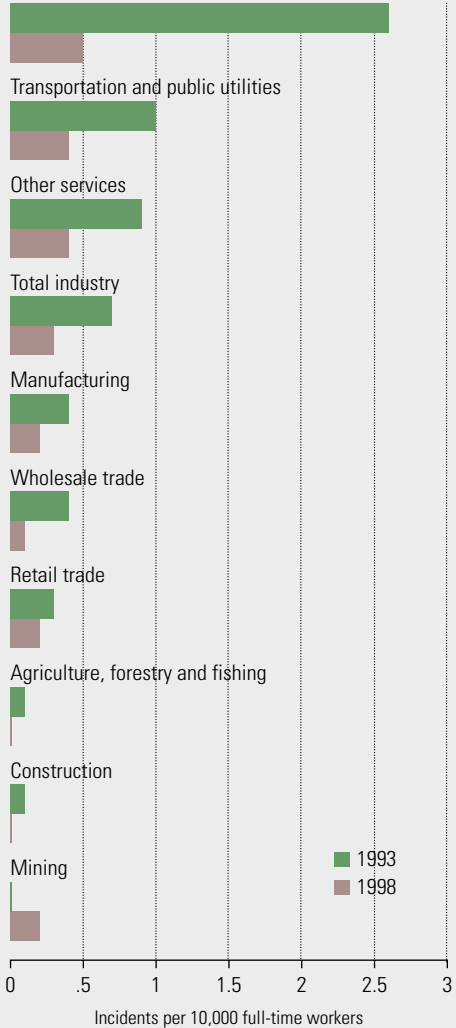
③ Senior corporate executive



④ Indy class race car driver

On-the-Job Stress

Finance, insurance and real estate



⑤ Taxi driver



⑥ Surgeon



⑦ Astronaut



⑧ Police officer



⑨ NFL football player



⑩ Air traffic controller