Injuries and illnesses to the shoulder (15 days) and to the wrist (14 days) required the most time to recuperate in 2005, compared with 7 days for all cases.

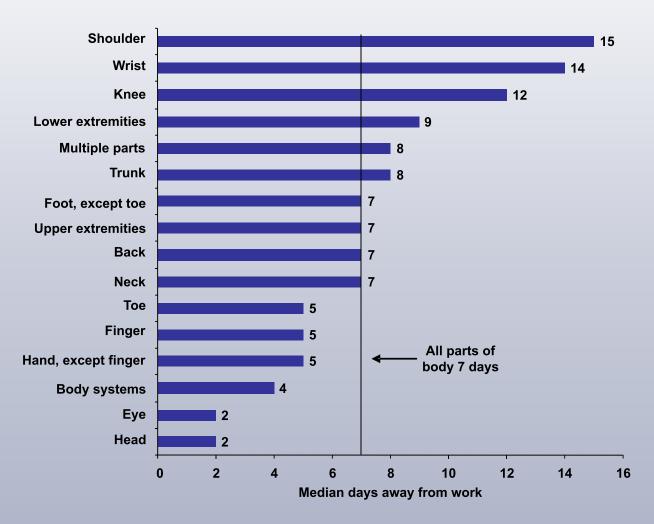
From 2004 to 2005, the median number of days away from work for shoulder injuries declined, while those for the wrist remained the same.

Sprains and strains accounted for 70 percent of injuries to the shoulder.

Carpal tunnel syndrome accounted for 29 percent of injuries to the wrist, with sprains and strains accounting for 28 percent.



## Median number of days away from work due to injuries or illnesses, by part of body, 2005



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, November, 2006