

Injuries and illnesses to the shoulder, knee, and wrist took the longest recovery time.

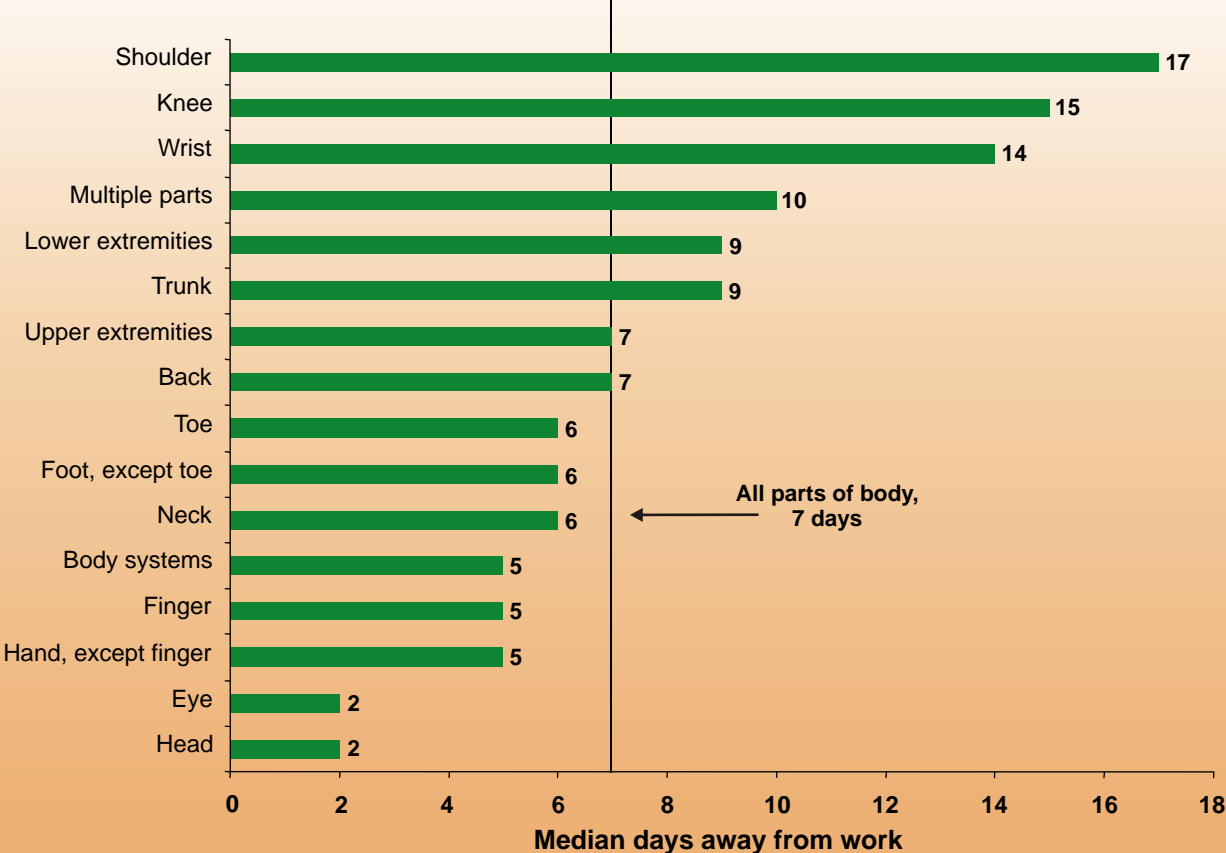
In 2003 the medians for injuries to the shoulder, knee, and wrist were 18 days, 14 days, and 17 days.

The most frequent injuries associated with shoulders and knees were sprains, strains, and tears, while the most common injury to the wrist was carpal tunnel syndrome.

The most frequently injured part of body was the back. These cases had a median 7 days away from work, the same as the median for all injuries and illnesses.



Median days away from work due to nonfatal occupational injuries or illnesses, by the part of body affected, 2004



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, November 2005