Injuries and illnesses resulting in days away from work were not directly proportional to industry employment.

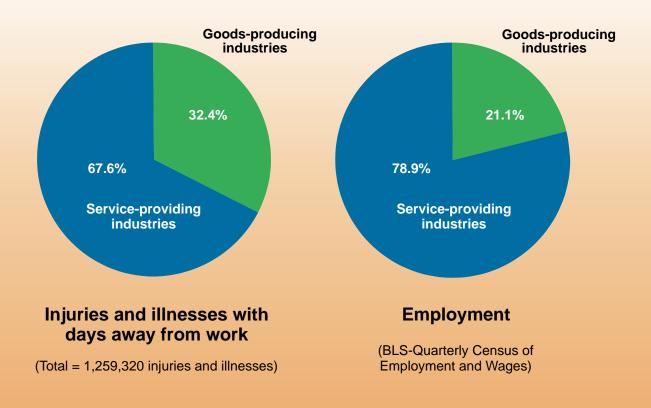
Goods-producing industries made up about 21 percent of private-industry employment, but accounted for 32 percent of the injuries and illnesses with days away from work.

In goods-producing industries, contact with objects and equipment—such as being struck by an object—was the most common event leading to an injury or illness.

Service-providing industries made up about 79 percent of the employment and 68 percent of the most severe injuries and illnesses.

The most common event or exposure in service-providing industries was overexertion— especially overexertion in lifting.

Nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses with days away from work and employment, by major industry, 2004



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