

Workers who were with their employers for less than 1 year were injured or became ill more often in 2004 than their employment share suggests.

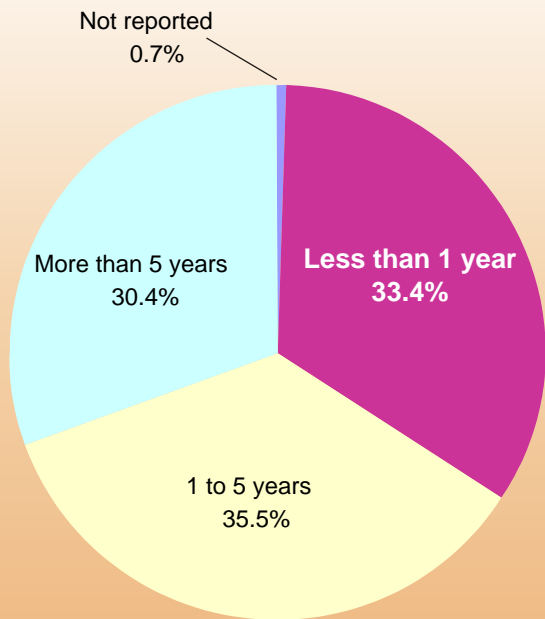
Employees with more than 5 years of service accounted for 30 percent of total cases of days away from work, lower than their 35 percent employment share.

Among the length-of-service brackets, employees with more than 5 years had the highest median number of days away from work, with 10 days.

Workers with 1 to 5 years of tenure had the next-longest absences from work, a median of 7 days.

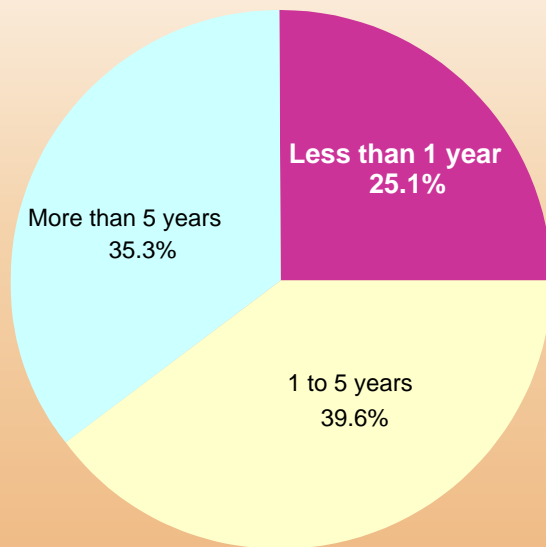


Nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses with days away from work, by length of service, 2004



Injuries and illnesses

(1,259,320 injuries and illnesses)



Employment

(Current Population Survey, Private Wage and Salary Workers)

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