

Sprains, strains, and tears accounted for more than three-fourths of the musculoskeletal disorders that resulted in days away from work in 2004.

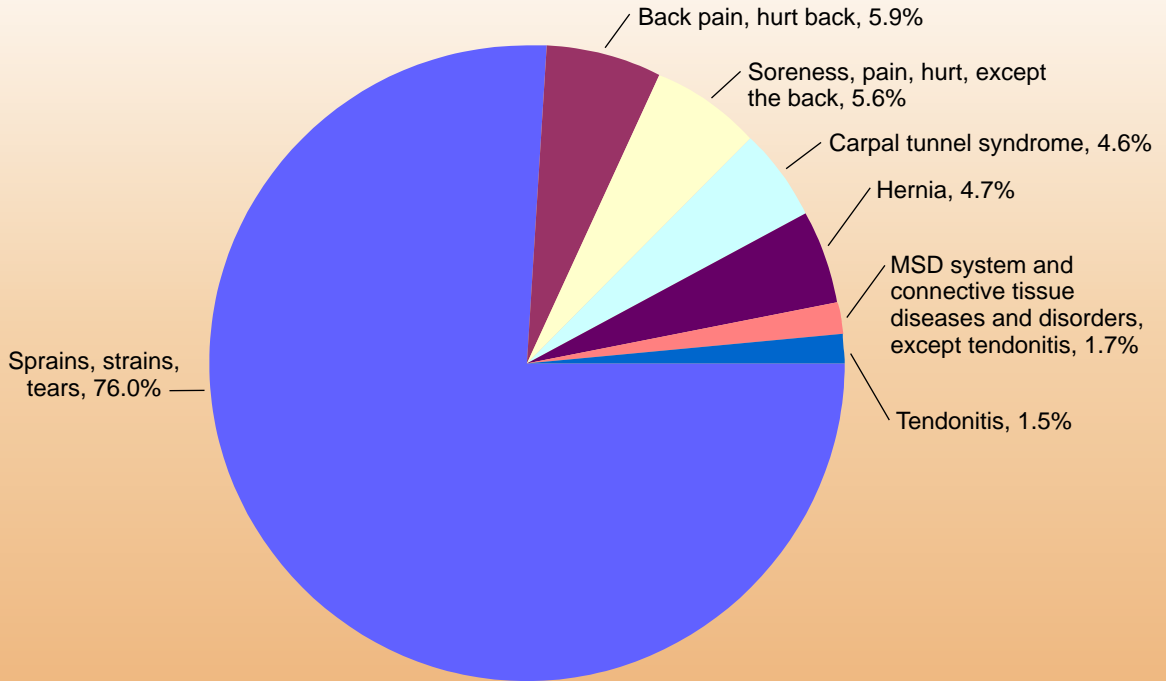
The service-providing industries reported the most musculoskeletal disorders, accounting for 69 percent of all cases. Within these industries, health care and social assistance reported the most cases.

Goods-producing industries reported 31 percent of all musculoskeletal disorder cases, led by manufacturing with about 20 percent.

The three occupations with the most musculoskeletal disorders were laborers and material movers; nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants; and heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers.



Musculoskeletal disorders with days away from work, by nature of injury or illness, 2004



Nature of Injury or Illness
(402,700 MSD cases resulted in days away from work)

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