

Table 12. Number and median days away from work¹ of occupational injuries and illnesses with days away from work² involving musculoskeletal disorders³ by selected occupations, All United States, private industry, 2005

Occupation	Total Cases	Median Days
All occupations	375,540	9
Laborers and Freight- Stock- and Material Movers- Hand	32,100	9
Nursing Aides- Orderlies- and Attendants	28,920	5
Truck Drivers- Heavy and Tractor-Trailer	18,330	14
Truck Drivers- Light or Delivery Services	11,760	10
Janitors and Cleaners- Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	10,470	9
Retail Salespersons	9,800	9
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	9,600	7
Registered Nurses	9,060	7
Construction Laborers	8,540	10
Maintenance and Repair Workers- General	6,870	7
Carpenters	6,630	10
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	6,320	8
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Retail Sales Workers	5,570	14
Cashiers	5,150	8
Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	4,610	12
Customer Service Representatives	4,050	11
Driver/Sales Workers	3,780	8
Electricians	3,770	8
Welders- Cutters- Solderers- and Brazers	3,510	8
Shipping- Receiving- and Traffic Clerks	3,440	8
Home Health Aides	3,080	9
Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers	3,020	5
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	3,010	7
Plumbers- Pipefitters- and Steamfitters	2,890	17
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	2,740	16
Packers and Packagers- Hand	2,600	11
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	2,340	12
Heating- Air Conditioning- and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	2,320	14
Inspectors- Testers- Sorters- Samplers- and Weighers	2,190	13
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Production and Operating Workers	2,180	11
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers- Including Fast Food	2,110	7
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	1,910	10
Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics	1,850	4
Waiters and Waitresses	1,780	16
Personal and Home Care Aides	1,710	17
Machinists	1,640	14
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Office and Administrative Support Workers	1,620	19
Office Clerks- General	1,590	10
Flight Attendants	1,580	22
Packaging and Filling Machine Operators and Tenders	1,580	6
Butchers and Meat Cutters	1,560	8

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Farmworkers and Laborers- Crop- Nursery- and Greenhouse	1,520	7
Reservation and Transportation Ticket Agents and Travel Clerks	1,380	25
Cooks- Institution and Cafeteria	1,330	5
Sales Representatives- Wholesale and Manufacturing- Except Technical and Scientific Products	1,320	12
Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	1,300	8
Cooks- Restaurant	1,240	14
Food Preparation Workers	1,240	11
Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers- Except Line Installers	1,220	13
Laundry and Dry-Cleaning Workers	1,150	7
Cargo and Freight Agents	1,140	57
Painters- Construction and Maintenance	1,100	8
Sheet Metal Workers	1,080	35
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	1,060	25
Telecommunications Line Installers and Repairers	1,040	14
Printing Machine Operators	1,010	8
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators	1,000	13
Automotive Body and Related Repairers	980	10
Psychiatric Aides	970	4
Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	950	9
Brickmasons and Blockmasons	950	12
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Mechanics- Installers- and Repairers	940	9
Taxi Drivers and Chauffeurs	910	10
Security Guards	890	14
Drywall and Ceiling Tile Installers	890	9
Tire Repairers and Changers	870	6
Roofers	860	18
Helpers--Production Workers	860	6
Radiologic Technologists and Technicians	830	6
Dishwashers	820	7
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Helpers- Laborers- and Material Movers- Hand	820	14
Food Servers- Nonrestaurant	810	7
Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	810	15
Cleaners of Vehicles and Equipment	810	9
Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	800	20
Sewing Machine Operators	800	25
Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics- Except Engines	790	9
Cutting- Punching- and Press Machine Setters- Operators- and Tenders- Metal and Plastic	770	11
Electrical and Electronic Equipment Assemblers	760	13
Food Service Managers	700	41
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Housekeeping and Janitorial Workers	700	6

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Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians	660	5
Glaziers	660	10
Machine Feeders and Offbearers	650	14
Molding- Coremaking- and Casting Machine Setters- Operators- and Tenders- Metal and Plastic	630	7
Dining Room and Cafeteria Attendants and Bartender Helpers	620	8
Cutting and Slicing Machine Setters- Operators- and Tenders	620	14
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Non-Retail Sales Workers	590	3
Bookkeeping- Accounting- and Auditing Clerks	580	8
Mail Clerks and Mail Machine Operators- Except Postal Service	580	7
Maintenance Workers- Machinery	560	7
Meat- Poultry- and Fish Cutters and Trimmers	560	9
Athletes and Sports Competitors	550	30
Medical and Health Services Managers	540	5
Receptionists and Information Clerks	540	5
Bus Drivers- Transit and Intercity	540	14
Grinding- Lapping- Polishing- and Buffing Machine Tool Setters- Operators- and Tenders- Metal and Plastic	530	15
Computer- Automated Teller- and Office Machine Repairers	510	4
Sawing Machine Setters- Operators- and Tenders- Wood	510	6
Extruding- Forming- Pressing- and Compacting Machine Setters- Operators- and Tenders	510	8
Couriers and Messengers	500	7

¹ Median days away from work is the measure used to summarize the varying lengths of absences from work among the cases with days away from work. Half the cases involved more days and half involved less days than a specified median. Median days away from work are represented in actual values.

² Days-away-from-work cases include those that result in days away from work with or without job transfer or restriction.

³ Includes cases where the nature of injury is: sprains, strains, tears; back pain, hurt back; soreness, pain, hurt, except back; carpal tunnel syndrome; hernia; or musculoskeletal system and connective tissue diseases and disorders and when the event or exposure leading to the injury or illness is: bodily reaction/bending, climbing, crawling, reaching, twisting; overexertion; or repetition. Cases of Raynaud's phenomenon, tarsal tunnel syndrome, and herniated spinal discs are not included. Although these cases may be considered MSD's, the survey classifies these cases in categories that also include non-MSD cases.

NOTE: Because of rounding and data exclusion of nonclassifiable responses, data may not sum to the totals. Dashes indicate data that do not meet publication guidelines. The scientifically selected probability sample used was one of many possible samples, each of which could have produced different estimates. A measure of sampling variability for each estimate is available upon request.

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