

Sprains and strains accounted for 472,740 cases, or approximately 4 out of 10 nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses with days away from work in 2006.

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The rate of sprains and strains decreased by 6 percent from 2005 to 2006. The rate for the category of soreness, pain, except back increased by 4 percent.

Carpal tunnel syndrome made up 6 percent of all cases in the finance and insurance industry. Sprains and strains made up more than 50 percent of all cases in the health care and social assistance industry, 49 percent in the utilities industry, and 47 percent in the transportation and warehousing industry.

Distribution of injuries and illnesses, by nature, private industry, 2006

