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Median days away from work are a measure of the severity of nonfatal injuries and illnesses.

Carpal tunnel syndrome and fractures were the most severe injuries and illnesses, as measured by median number of days away from work.

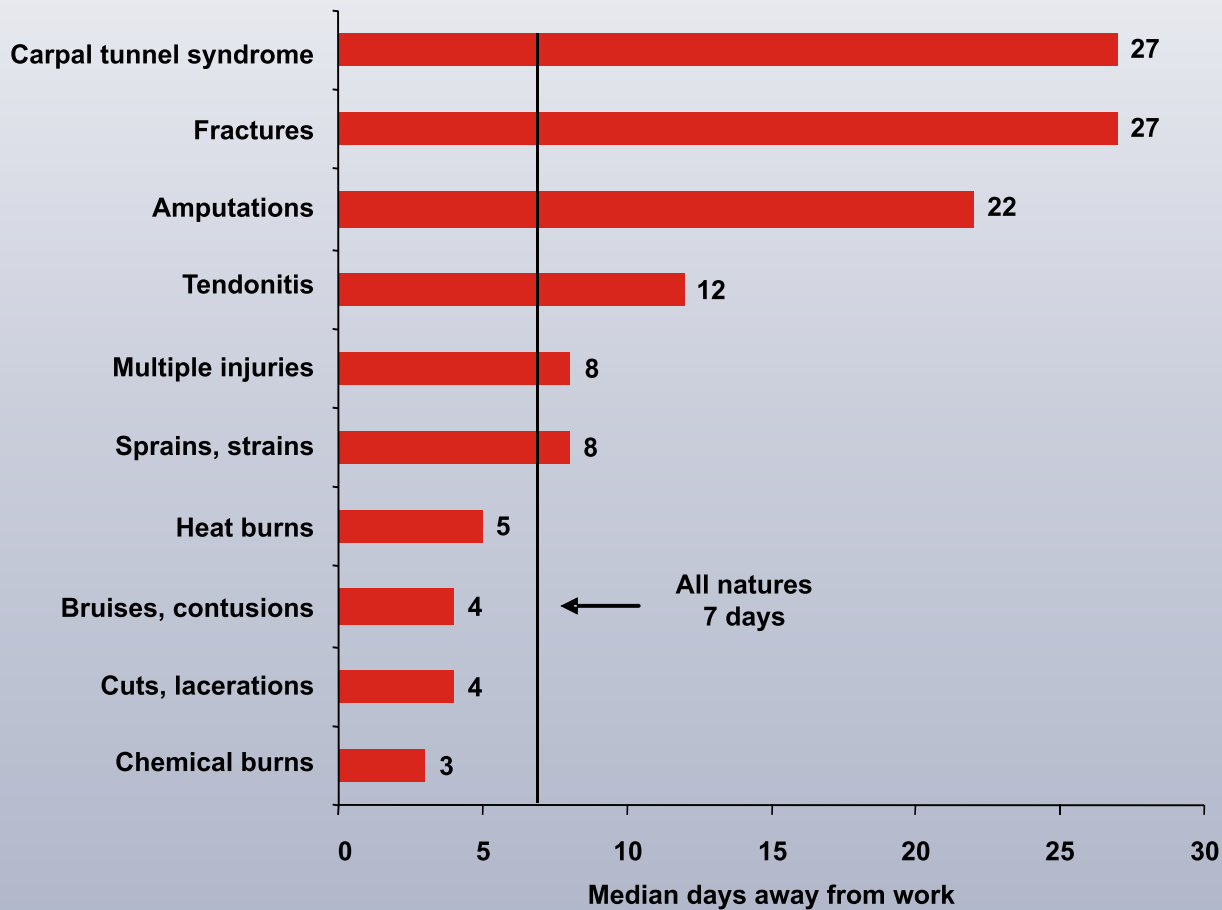
Cases of carpal tunnel syndrome and cases of fracture each had a median of 27 days away from work, followed by amputations, with 22 days in 2005.

The median number of days away from work declined by 1 day for both carpal tunnel syndrome and fractures, and declined by 3 days for amputations, between 2004 and 2005.

The median number of days away from work increased for multiple injuries and stayed the same for all other natures described in the chart.



Median number of days away from work due to injuries or illness, by nature, 2005



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