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Sprains, strains, and tears accounted for more than three-fourths of the musculoskeletal disorder (MSD) cases that resulted in days away from work in 2005.

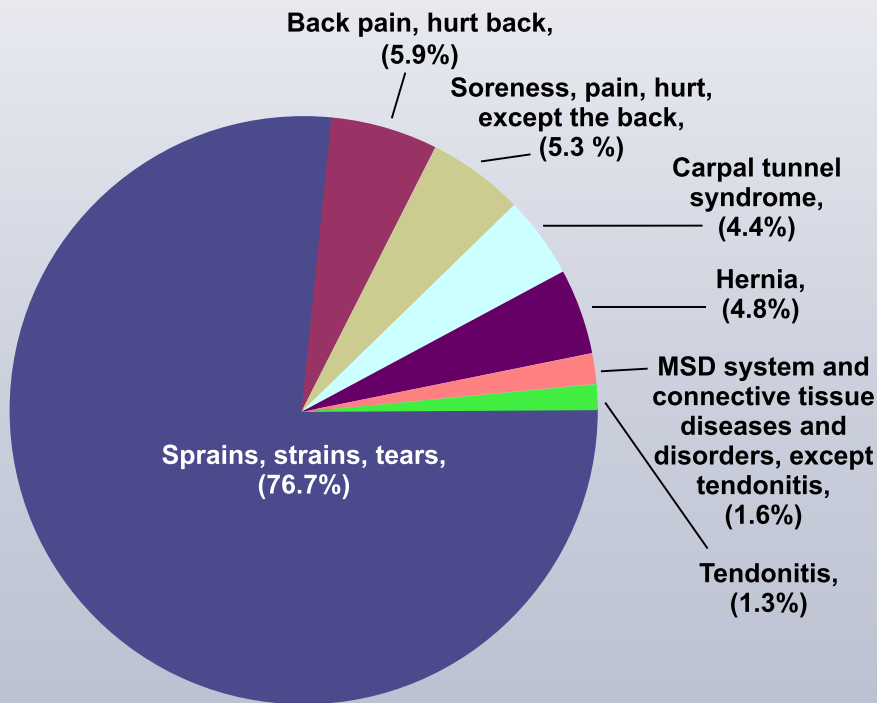
The health care and social assistance industry suffered the most injuries due to MSDs, accounting for 19 percent of all MSDs, followed by manufacturing (18 percent) and retail trade (15 percent).

Forty-one percent of injuries and illnesses in the health care and social assistance industry were due to MSDs.

The three occupations with the most MSDs in 2005 were laborers and freight, stock, and material movers (32,100); nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants (28,920); and heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers (18,330). Of these occupations, only heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers had a higher number of MSDs in 2005 than in 2004, with an increase of 3 percent.



Musculoskeletal disorders, (MSDs) by nature of injury or illness, 2005



(375,540 MSD cases with days away from work)