

**Table 12. Number and median days of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses with days away from work<sup>1</sup> involving musculoskeletal disorders<sup>2</sup> by selected occupations, 2002**

Occupation	Number	Median days away from work
Total	487,915	9
447 Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	44,421	6
804 Truck drivers	36,814	12
889 Laborers, nonconstruction	24,862	8
453 Janitors and cleaners	15,237	7
785 Assemblers	15,230	14
869 Construction laborers	11,096	10
095 Registered nurses	10,815	6
243 Supervisors and proprietors, sales occupations	9,872	7
276 Cashiers	9,334	8
877 Stock handlers and baggers	8,805	5
274 Sales workers, other commodities	7,801	7
567 Carpenters	7,448	15
364 Traffic, shipping, and receiving clerks	6,984	7
449 Maids and housemen	6,791	6
806 Driver-sales workers	5,695	10
549 Not specified mechanics and repairers	5,493	14
436 Cooks	5,232	10
783 Welders and cutters	4,440	13
575 Electricians	4,134	10
486 Groundskeepers and gardeners, exc. farm	3,974	5
207 Licensed practical nurses	3,901	5
505 Automobile mechanics	3,847	10
444 Miscellaneous food preparation occupations	3,835	4
446 Health aides, exc. nursing	3,662	5
585 Plumbers, pipefitters, and steamfitters	3,633	14
365 Stock and inventory clerks	3,170	9
518 Industrial machinery repairers	3,121	14
888 Hand packers and packagers	2,974	7
628 Supervisors, production occupations	2,723	8
507 Bus, truck, and stationary engine mechanics	2,610	12
439 Kitchen workers, food preparation	2,508	6
856 Industrial truck and tractor equipment operators	2,507	9
885 Garage and service station related occupations	2,357	10
379 General office clerks	2,318	10
754 Packaging and filling machine operators	2,227	12
318 Transportation ticket and reservation agents	2,219	12
268 Sales workers, hardware and building supplies	2,213	20
534 Heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics	2,193	17
435 Waiters and waitresses	2,181	12
463 Public transportation attendants	2,079	23
637 Machinists	1,946	11
686 Butchers and meat cutters	1,912	18
796 Production inspectors, checkers, and examiners	1,909	11
748 Laundering and dry cleaning machine operators	1,908	6
683 Electrical and electronic equipment assemblers	1,821	14

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376	Investigators and adjusters, exc. insurance	1,781	18
313	Secretaries	1,729	8
443	Waiters'/waitresses' assistants	1,702	7
523	Electronic repairers, communications and industrial equipment	1,652	5
527	Telephone line installers and repairers	1,635	14
479	Farm workers	1,621	6
373	Expeditors	1,578	4
529	Telephone installers and repairers	1,578	14
734	Printing press operators	1,574	10
206	Radiologic technicians	1,514	14
203	Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians	1,361	5
259	Sales representatives, mining, manufacturing, and wholesale	1,330	9
859	Miscellaneous material moving equipment operators	1,325	13
808	Bus drivers	1,319	12
579	Painters, construction and maintenance	1,279	10
866	Helpers, construction trades	1,251	20
887	Vehicle washers and equipment cleaners	1,235	10
433	Supervisors, food preparation and service occupations	1,227	5
744	Textile sewing machine operators	1,223	15
874	Production helpers	1,211	14
426	Guards and police, exc. public service	1,190	7
595	Roofers	1,169	19
213	Electrical and electronic technicians	1,137	7
709	Grinding, abrading, buffing, and polishing machine operators	1,108	13
017	Managers, food serving and lodging establishments	1,092	7
563	Brickmasons and stonemasons	1,075	30
719	Molding and casting machine operators	1,039	12
759	Painting and paint spraying machine operators	1,035	10
878	Machine feeders and offbearers	1,020	10
573	Drywall installers	1,008	14
464	Baggage porters and bellhops	1,001	10
356	Mail clerks, exc. postal service	993	5
769	Slicing and cutting machine operators	985	15
727	Sawing machine operators	970	6
264	Sales workers, apparel	959	7
448	Supervisors, cleaning and building service workers	944	6
514	Automobile body and related repairers	936	8
275	Sales counter clerks	915	7
799	Graders and sorters, exc. agricultural	872	14
337	Bookkeepers, accounting, and auditing clerks	870	18
577	Electrical power installers and repairers	857	8
597	Structural metal workers	843	14
503	Supervisors, mechanics and repairers	842	2
756	Mixing and blending machine operators	828	12
013	Managers, marketing, advertising, and public relations	812	2
319	Receptionists	809	12
103	Physical therapists	800	9
375	Insurance adjusters, examiners, and investigators	784	16

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696 Stationary engineers	772	28
029 Buyers, wholesale and retail trade exc. farm products	764	4
596 Sheetmetal duct installers	762	8
385 Data-entry keyers	762	16
508 Aircraft engine mechanics	742	19
706 Punching and stamping press machine operators	711	14
327 Order clerks	702	15
636 Precision assemblers, metal	684	30
516 Heavy equipment mechanics	682	19
307 Supervisors; distribution, scheduling, and adjusting clerks	674	11
515 Aircraft mechanics, exc. engine	672	13
544 Millwrights	641	14
795 Miscellaneous hand working occupations	632	9
174 Social workers	623	7
484 Nursery workers	623	11
768 Crushing and grinding machine operators	606	8
303 Supervisors, general office	604	11
383 Bank tellers	599	4
459 Attendants, amusement and recreation facilities	545	8
687 Bakers	544	5
737 Miscellaneous printing machine operators	528	16
565 Tile setters, hard and soft	527	17
653 Sheet metal workers	523	14
766 Furnace, kiln, and oven operators, exc. food	523	11
634 Tool and die makers	522	13
487 Animal caretakers, exc. farm	516	7
363 Production coordinators	513	5
007 Financial managers	510	3
189 Photographers	502	3
589 Glaziers	496	4
269 Sales workers, parts	495	7
185 Designers	491	14
566 Carpet installers	490	12

<sup>1</sup> Days away from work include those that result in days away from work with or without job transfer or restriction.

<sup>2</sup> 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 in 2002 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  
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