

**Table 12. Number of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses involving days away from work<sup>1</sup> involving musculoskeletal disorders<sup>2</sup> by selected occupations, 2004**

Occupation	Number	Median days away from work <sup>3</sup>
Total	402,700	10
Laborers and Freight- Stock- and Material Movers- Hand	33,590	9
Nursing Aides- Orderlies- and Attendants	29,980	5
Truck Drivers- Heavy and Tractor-Trailer	17,770	12
Truck Drivers- Light or Delivery Services	12,450	13
Retail Salespersons	11,330	8
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	9,840	8
Janitors and Cleaners- Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	9,830	10
Construction Laborers	9,190	8
Registered Nurses	8,810	7
Carpenters	7,960	9
Cashiers	6,140	9
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	6,060	9
Maintenance and Repair Workers- General	6,030	9
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Retail Sales Workers	5,410	8
Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	5,060	10
Driver/Sales Workers	4,490	11
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	3,840	10
Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers	3,830	5
Welders- Cutters- Solderers- and Brazers	3,740	10
Customer Service Representatives	3,480	10
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	3,400	10
Plumbers- Pipefitters- and Steamfitters	3,360	11
Shipping- Receiving- and Traffic Clerks	3,220	10
Home Health Aides	3,170	11
Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics	2,980	5
Electricians	2,890	18
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	2,820	13
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers- Including Fast Food	2,760	16
Inspectors- Testers- Sorters- Samplers- and Weighers	2,740	13
Packers and Packagers- Hand	2,700	14
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	2,490	8
Food Preparation Workers	2,410	10
Heating- Air Conditioning- and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	2,180	14
Packaging and Filling Machine Operators and Tenders	2,140	14
Office Clerks- General	2,030	5
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Production and Operating Workers	1,980	10
Machinists	1,910	19
Cooks- Restaurant	1,730	4
Waiters and Waitresses	1,730	7
Farmworkers and Laborers- Crop- Nursery- and Greenhouse	1,730	14
Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	1,590	16
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	1,530	7
Flight Attendants	1,460	17
Personal and Home Care Aides	1,450	6
Reservation and Transportation Ticket Agents and Travel Clerks	1,410	12
Laundry and Dry-Cleaning Workers	1,320	7

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Telecommunications Line Installers and Repairers	1,310	14
Sewing Machine Operators	1,270	18
Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics- Except Engines	1,260	25
Dishwashers	1,200	12
Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers- Except Line Installers	1,190	7
Printing Machine Operators	1,190	5
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Office and Administrative Support Workers	1,160	4
Painters- Construction and Maintenance	1,150	27
Butchers and Meat Cutters	1,130	21
Cutting- Punching- and Press Machine Setters- Operators- and Tenders- Metal and Plastic	1,100	11
Cleaners of Vehicles and Equipment	1,100	7
Cooks- Institution and Cafeteria	1,080	4
Electrical and Electronic Equipment Assemblers	1,070	14
Sheet Metal Workers	1,060	10
General and Operations Managers	1,050	13
Sales Representatives- Wholesale and Manufacturing- Except Technical and Scientific Products	1,050	7
Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	1,040	5
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Mechanics- Installers- and Repairers	1,010	9
Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	1,000	19
Carpet Installers	930	9
Baggage Porters and Bellhops	900	14
Helpers--Production Workers	900	7
Receptionists and Information Clerks	880	5
Security Guards	870	6
Drywall and Ceiling Tile Installers	870	6
Tire Repairers and Changers	860	9
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Helpers- Laborers- and Material Movers- Hand	840	9
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators	830	7
Radiologic Technologists and Technicians	820	5
Food Servers- Nonrestaurant	790	5
Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	790	38
Brickmasons and Blockmasons	780	10
Taxi Drivers and Chauffeurs	780	10
Floral Designers	770	29
Molding- Coremaking- and Casting Machine Setters- Operators- and Tenders- Metal and Plastic	770	12
Parts Salespersons	760	5
Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians	750	8
Machine Feeders and Offbearers	750	10
Roofers	740	13
Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technicians	720	24
Mail Clerks and Mail Machine Operators- Except Postal Service	700	14
Mixing and Blending Machine Setters- Operators- and Tenders	700	9
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Housekeeping and Janitorial Workers	690	15
Child Care Workers	650	3
Recreation Workers	650	180
Bookkeeping- Accounting- and Auditing Clerks	650	5

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Hairdressers- Hairstylists- and Cosmetologists	640	3
Computer- Automated Teller- and Office Machine Repairers	630	10
Crushing- Grinding- and Polishing Machine Setters- Operators- and Tenders	620	14
Cutting and Slicing Machine Setters- Operators- and Tenders	600	12
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Non-Retail Sales Workers	590	6
Bus Drivers- Transit and Intercity	590	14
Grinding- Lapping- Polishing- and Buffing Machine Tool Setters- Operators- and Tenders- Meta	580	11
Farmworkers- Farm and Ranch Animals	570	6
Meat- Poultry- and Fish Cutters and Trimmers	560	7
Food Batchmakers	550	12
Painting- Coating- and Decorating Workers	550	15
Billing and Posting Clerks and Machine Operators	530	14
Automotive Body and Related Repairers	530	24
Medical Records and Health Information Technicians	520	10
Legal Secretaries	520	7
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Landscaping- Lawn Service- and Groundskeeping Workers	510	9
Tool and Die Makers	510	44
Woodworking Machine Setters- Operators- and Tenders- Except Sawing	510	10
Farm Equipment Mechanics	500	5
Food Service Managers	490	14
Entertainment Attendants and Related Workers	490	11
Cargo and Freight Agents	480	10
Medical and Health Services Managers	470	8
Aircraft Structure- Surfaces- Rigging- and Systems Assemblers	470	39
Athletes and Sports Competitors	460	11
Surgical Technologists	450	6
Sawing Machine Setters- Operators- and Tenders- Wood	450	12
Medical Assistants	440	5
Extruding- Forming- Pressing- and Compacting Machine Setters- Operators- and Tenders	440	9
Coating- Painting- and Spraying Machine Setters- Operators- and Tenders	440	8
Molders- Shapers- and Casters- Except Metal and Plastic	440	12

<sup>1</sup> Days away from work cases 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, 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

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 2004 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, December, 2005