

**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, 2000**

	Occupation	Number	Median days away from work
	All occupations	577,814	7
804	Truck drivers	45,327	9
447	Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	44,660	5
889	Laborers, nonconstruction	30,998	6
785	Assemblers	17,157	9
453	Janitors and cleaners	13,001	9
095	Registered nurses	12,074	4
869	Construction laborers	11,689	10
276	Cashiers	10,526	6
567	Carpenters	9,960	6
877	Stock handlers and baggers	9,886	5
243	Supervisors and proprietors, sales occupations	8,836	8
449	Maids and housemen	8,497	6
364	Traffic, shipping, and receiving clerks	8,130	5
274	Sales workers, other commodities	7,431	5
783	Welders and cutters	7,207	13
436	Cooks	5,958	12
806	Driver-sales workers	5,692	8
207	Licensed practical nurses	5,598	5
575	Electricians	5,222	15
505	Automobile mechanics	5,211	7
585	Plumbers, pipefitters, and steamfitters	4,687	10
486	Groundskeepers and gardeners, exc. farm	4,549	7
365	Stock and inventory clerks	4,398	6
754	Packaging and filling machine operators	4,070	9
444	Miscellaneous food preparation occupations	3,807	7
856	Industrial truck and tractor equipment operators	3,739	7
446	Health aides, exc. nursing	3,709	4
518	Industrial machinery repairers	3,645	10
579	Painters, construction and maintenance	3,471	7
888	Hand packers and packagers	3,322	5
628	Supervisors, production occupations	3,266	8
796	Production inspectors, checkers, and examiners	3,041	7
463	Public transportation attendants	3,034	14
507	Bus, truck, and stationary engine mechanics	3,032	14
379	General office clerks	2,943	14
318	Transportation ticket and reservation agents	2,706	7
683	Electrical and electronic equipment assemblers	2,677	12
534	Heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics	2,426	7
734	Printing press operators	2,425	8
479	Farm workers	2,394	7
439	Kitchen workers, food preparation	2,391	9
313	Secretaries	2,342	7

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686 Butchers and meat cutters	2,254	7
759 Painting and paint spraying machine operators	2,175	7
744 Textile sewing machine operators	2,073	15
637 Machinists	2,014	10
435 Waiters and waitresses	2,003	7
376 Investigators and adjusters, exc. insurance	1,925	10
709 Grinding, abrading, buffing, and polishing machine operators	1,906	9
866 Helpers, construction trades	1,897	15
885 Garage and service station related occupations	1,802	6
799 Graders and sorters, exc. agricultural	1,792	15
874 Production helpers	1,783	7
719 Molding and casting machine operators	1,741	6
808 Bus drivers	1,739	11
706 Punching and stamping press machine operators	1,693	8
529 Telephone installers and repairers	1,665	10
887 Vehicle washers and equipment cleaners	1,657	5
259 Sales representatives, mining, manufacturing, and wholesale	1,636	5
426 Guards and police, exc. public service	1,610	5
769 Slicing and cutting machine operators	1,607	8
748 Laundering and dry cleaning machine operators	1,600	5
636 Precision assemblers, metal	1,574	12
859 Miscellaneous material moving equipment operators	1,553	6
523 Electronic repairers, communications and industrial equipment	1,541	7
434 Bartenders	1,531	32
203 Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians	1,487	8
878 Machine feeders and offbearers	1,438	7
573 Drywall installers	1,434	5
516 Heavy equipment mechanics	1,409	7
363 Production coordinators	1,377	2
319 Receptionists	1,370	14
337 Bookkeepers, accounting, and auditing clerks	1,363	18
443 Waiters'/waitresses' assistants	1,347	6
595 Roofers	1,339	10
727 Sawing machine operators	1,333	4
373 Expeditors	1,332	7
597 Structural metal workers	1,299	21
514 Automobile body and related repairers	1,250	15
356 Mail clerks, exc. postal service	1,223	6
563 Brickmasons and stonemasons	1,211	8
756 Mixing and blending machine operators	1,159	6
174 Social workers	1,094	4
327 Order clerks	1,056	9
385 Data-entry keyers	1,047	13
464 Baggage porters and bellhops	1,042	7
503 Supervisors, mechanics and repairers	1,036	10

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757	Separating, filtering, and clarifying machine operators	1,030	5
596	Sheetmetal duct installers	1,024	10
206	Radiologic technicians	1,016	3
268	Sales workers, hardware and building supplies	1,016	4
264	Sales workers, apparel	999	5
508	Aircraft engine mechanics	990	7
653	Sheet metal workers	984	15
433	Supervisors, food preparation and service occupations	945	6
375	Insurance adjusters, examiners, and investigators	936	19
213	Electrical and electronic technicians	922	5
766	Furnace, kiln, and oven operators, exc. food	905	4
566	Carpet installers	890	35
017	Managers, food serving and lodging establishments	873	10
577	Electrical power installers and repairers	853	14
795	Miscellaneous hand working occupations	845	13
015	Managers, medicine and health	829	9
455	Pest control occupations	828	4
527	Telephone line installers and repairers	815	8
737	Miscellaneous printing machine operators	774	5
383	Bank tellers	758	15
844	Operating engineers	739	14
544	Millwrights	734	11
576	Electrician apprentices	732	8
448	Supervisors, cleaning and building service workers	707	6
029	Buyers, wholesale and retail trade exc. farm products	699	6
634	Tool and die makers	695	13
275	Sales counter clerks	670	5
459	Attendants, amusement and recreation facilities	662	5
588	Concrete and terrazzo finishers	661	18
484	Nursery workers	646	5
768	Crushing and grinding machine operators	646	9
589	Glaziers	644	11
526	Household appliance and power tool repairers	631	14

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733	Miscellaneous woodworking machine operators	629	7
487	Animal caretakers, exc. farm	621	4
307	Supervisors; distribution, scheduling, and adjusting clerks	620	4
519	Machinery maintenance occupations	620	8
357	Messengers	616	3
657	Cabinet makers and bench carpenters	606	4
689	Inspectors, testers, and graders	590	5
715	Miscellaneous metal, plastic, stone, and glass working machine operators	582	8
755	Extruding and forming machine operators	580	8

<sup>1</sup> Days away from work include those which result in days away from work with or without restricted work activity.

<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 2000 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.

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