

Table 12. Number and median days of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses with days away from work¹ involving musculoskeletal disorders² by selected occupations, 2001

Occupation		Number	Median days away from work
Total		522,528	8
804	Truck drivers	42,772	10
447	Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	40,841	5
889	Laborers, nonconstruction	24,821	7
785	Assemblers	14,545	10
453	Janitors and cleaners	12,603	6
095	Registered nurses	11,759	5
877	Stock handlers and baggers	11,317	6
869	Construction laborers	10,474	10
243	Supervisors and proprietors, sales occupations	8,961	6
567	Carpenters	8,788	8
276	Cashiers	8,769	7
449	Maids and housemen	7,372	5
274	Sales workers, other commodities	7,008	7
364	Traffic, shipping, and receiving clerks	6,456	8
783	Welders and cutters	5,668	9
436	Cooks	5,026	8
806	Driver-sales workers	4,954	9
486	Groundskeepers and gardeners, exc. farm	4,519	8
505	Automobile mechanics	4,449	9
207	Licensed practical nurses	4,253	4
585	Plumbers, pipefitters, and steamfitters	4,055	12
575	Electricians	3,967	9
365	Stock and inventory clerks	3,700	6
446	Health aides, exc. nursing	3,676	4
888	Hand packers and packagers	3,633	8
439	Kitchen workers, food preparation	3,395	8
318	Transportation ticket and reservation agents	3,236	9
507	Bus, truck, and stationary engine mechanics	3,155	16
754	Packaging and filling machine operators	3,091	11
444	Miscellaneous food preparation occupations	3,045	5
628	Supervisors, production occupations	2,966	8
518	Industrial machinery repairers	2,959	15
637	Machinists	2,774	14
683	Electrical and electronic equipment assemblers	2,769	9
856	Industrial truck and tractor equipment operators	2,611	6
529	Telephone installers and repairers	2,580	12
796	Production inspectors, checkers, and examiners	2,531	9
479	Farm workers	2,383	6
463	Public transportation attendants	2,305	10
534	Heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics	2,220	10
376	Investigators and adjusters, exc. insurance	2,090	13
744	Textile sewing machine operators	2,038	15
866	Helpers, construction trades	2,028	7
719	Molding and casting machine operators	2,025	9
379	General office clerks	1,893	8

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885	Garage and service station related occupations	1,864	7
875	Garbage collectors	1,854	6
259	Sales representatives, mining, manufacturing, and wholesale	1,852	5
887	Vehicle washers and equipment cleaners	1,836	10
435	Waiters and waitresses	1,831	5
808	Bus drivers	1,768	9
313	Secretaries	1,713	7
385	Data-entry keyers	1,702	16
748	Laundering and dry cleaning machine operators	1,699	8
373	Expeditors	1,642	4
443	Waiters/waitresses' assistants	1,595	5
686	Butchers and meat cutters	1,576	12
734	Printing press operators	1,521	10
579	Painters, construction and maintenance	1,497	28
799	Graders and sorters, exc. agricultural	1,481	12
759	Painting and paint spraying machine operators	1,445	10
268	Sales workers, hardware and building supplies	1,413	6
874	Production helpers	1,413	7
029	Buyers, wholesale and retail trade exc. farm products	1,387	3
523	Electronic repairers, communications and industrial equipment	1,376	6
769	Slicing and cutting machine operators	1,322	8
595	Roofers	1,321	7
563	Brickmasons and stonemasons	1,319	12
356	Mail clerks, exc. postal service	1,308	23
426	Guards and police, exc. public service	1,284	6
596	Sheetmetal duct installers	1,278	7
709	Grinding, abrading, buffing, and polishing machine operators	1,277	15
878	Machine feeders and offbearers	1,258	10
573	Drywall installers	1,220	20
203	Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians	1,219	4
174	Social workers	1,218	5
526	Household appliance and power tool repairers	1,180	26
636	Precision assemblers, metal	1,179	15
017	Managers, food serving and lodging establishments	1,145	10
337	Bookkeepers, accounting, and auditing clerks	1,139	7
213	Electrical and electronic technicians	1,138	6
766	Furnace, kiln, and oven operators, exc. food	1,119	7
653	Sheet metal workers	1,112	5
327	Order clerks	1,107	6
597	Structural metal workers	1,105	25
375	Insurance adjusters, examiners, and investigators	1,091	16
357	Messengers	1,085	3
706	Punching and stamping press machine operators	1,076	10
859	Miscellaneous material moving equipment operators	1,066	7
448	Supervisors, cleaning and building service workers	1,058	7
516	Heavy equipment mechanics	1,053	11
264	Sales workers, apparel	1,028	6
844	Operating engineers	1,017	15

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433	Supervisors, food preparation and service occupations	984	12
434	Bartenders	979	5
464	Baggage porters and bellhops	960	4
727	Sawing machine operators	943	11
756	Mixing and blending machine operators	880	7
527	Telephone line installers and repairers	879	14
566	Carpet installers	876	12
533	Miscellaneous electrical and electronic equipment repairers	870	3
319	Receptionists	853	10
275	Sales counter clerks	815	9
023	Accountants and auditors	812	4
577	Electrical power installers and repairers	789	9
206	Radiologic technicians	772	5
757	Separating, filtering, and clarifying machine operators	765	15
514	Automobile body and related repairers	763	13
269	Sales workers, parts	754	14
515	Aircraft mechanics, exc. engine	720	7
438	Food counter, fountain and related occupations	701	10
508	Aircraft engine mechanics	698	6
519	Machinery maintenance occupations	696	7
589	Glaziers	685	11
487	Animal caretakers, exc. farm	668	7
576	Electrician apprentices	653	8
459	Attendants, amusement and recreation facilities	652	6
737	Miscellaneous printing machine operators	622	8
733	Miscellaneous woodworking machine operators	617	5
503	Supervisors, mechanics and repairers	616	14
668	Upholsterers	611	10
538	Office machine repairers	599	3
303	Supervisors, general office	592	4
363	Production coordinators	591	10
696	Stationary engineers	577	14
488	Graders and sorters, agricultural products	573	5
307	Supervisors; distribution, scheduling, and adjusting clerks	573	10
768	Crushing and grinding machine operators	571	14
634	Tool and die makers	570	14
383	Bank tellers	556	22
755	Extruding and forming machine operators	546	14
688	Food batchmakers	537	20
795	Miscellaneous hand working occupations	534	16
163	Counselors, educational and vocational	533	6
774	Photographic process machine operators	529	5

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657	Cabinet makers and bench carpenters	527	47
544	Millwrights	524	15
205	Health record technologists and technicians	517	5
484	Nursery workers	509	7
704	Lathe and turning machine operators	505	8
865	Helpers, mechanics and repairers	502	7

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

² 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 2001 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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