

Table 10. Number and percent of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses involving days away from work¹ resulting from carpal tunnel syndrome, by occupation with one percent or more of total cases, 2004

Occupation	Carpal tunnel syndrome							
	Total all events and exposures		Repetitive typing or keyentry		Repetitive use of tools		Repetitive placing, grasping, or moving objects, except tools	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Laborers and Freight- Stock- and Material Movers- Hand	540	2.9	--	--	80	3.2	260	4.9
Customer Service Representatives	480	2.6	400	8.5	--	--	--	--
Construction Laborers	380	2.0	--	--	300	12.0	50	0.9
Truck Drivers- Heavy and Tractor-Trailer	350	1.9	--	--	--	--	100	1.9
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	340	1.8	--	--	--	--	110	2.1
Legal Secretaries	330	1.8	280	6.0	--	--	--	--
Floral Designers	320	1.7	--	--	--	--	290	5.5
Sewing Machine Operators	320	1.7	--	--	--	--	130	2.4
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	290	1.5	--	--	--	--	100	1.9
Bookkeeping- Accounting- and Auditing Clerks	290	1.5	250	5.3	--	--	--	--
Janitors and Cleaners- Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	280	1.5	--	--	20	0.8	60	1.1
Office Clerks- General	280	1.5	160	3.4	--	--	40	0.8
Retail Salespersons	260	1.4	--	--	--	--	100	1.9
Billing and Posting Clerks and Machine Operators	260	1.4	130	2.8	--	--	--	--
Inspectors- Testers- Sorters- Samplers- and Weighers	240	1.3	--	--	--	--	130	2.4
Packers and Packagers- Hand	240	1.3	--	--	--	--	200	3.8
Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics- Except Engines	230	1.2	--	--	220	8.8	--	--
Data Entry Keyers	210	1.1	180	3.8	20	0.8	--	--
Food Preparation Workers	200	1.1	--	--	--	--	50	0.9
Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians	190	1.0	170	3.6	--	--	--	--
Nursing Aides- Orderlies- and Attendants	190	1.0	--	--	--	--	50	0.9
Cashiers	190	1.0	90	1.9	--	--	70	1.3
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	190	1.0	20	0.4	--	--	100	1.9
Carpenters	190	1.0	--	--	120	4.8	--	--
Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	180	1.0	170	3.6	--	--	--	--
Secretaries- Except Legal- Medical- and Executive	180	1.0	100	2.1	40	1.6	--	--
Electrical and Electronic Equipment Assemblers	180	1.0	--	--	--	--	60	1.1

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

NOTE: Because of rounding and data exclusion of nonclassifiable responses, data may not sum to the totals. The ways in which carpal tunnel syndrome occurs includes data for types of repetitive motion other than those shown separately, as well as some cases not involving repetitive motion. 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