

47. Absences from work of employed full-time wage and salary workers by occupation and industry

Occupation and industry	2008						
	Workers in absence universe (in thousands) ¹	Absence rate ¹			Lost worktime rate ²		
		Total	Illness or injury	Other reasons	Total	Illness or injury	Other reasons
OCCUPATION							
Management, professional, and related occupations	39,016	2.8	1.9	1.0	1.5	0.9	0.6
Management, business, and financial operations occupations	15,963	2.5	1.6	.8	1.3	.8	.5
Management occupations	10,984	2.2	1.5	.7	1.2	.8	.4
Business and financial operations occupations	4,980	3.1	2.0	1.1	1.6	.9	.7
Professional and related occupations	23,053	3.1	2.0	1.1	1.7	1.0	.7
Computer and mathematical occupations	3,283	2.5	1.7	.8	1.1	.7	.4
Architecture and engineering occupations	2,608	2.4	1.8	.6	1.1	.8	.3
Life, physical, and social science occupations	1,054	2.8	2.1	.7	1.4	1.0	.4
Community and social services occupations	1,852	3.5	2.5	1.1	1.9	1.3	.7
Legal occupations	1,144	3.4	2.1	1.3	1.8	.9	.9
Education, training, and library occupations	6,374	3.1	1.9	1.2	1.7	.9	.8
Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media occupations	1,494	2.6	1.4	1.1	1.4	.7	.7
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations	5,245	3.7	2.5	1.3	2.2	1.4	.8
Service occupations	13,879	3.5	2.5	1.0	2.0	1.4	.6
Healthcare support occupations	2,131	4.9	3.4	1.5	2.7	2.0	.8
Protective service occupations	2,576	3.0	2.2	.9	1.8	1.3	.5
Food preparation and serving related occupations	3,787	3.1	2.1	1.0	1.8	1.2	.6
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	3,302	3.5	2.7	.8	1.9	1.4	.4
Personal care and service occupations	2,084	3.5	2.4	1.1	2.0	1.3	.7
Sales and office occupations	24,158	3.4	2.4	1.1	1.7	1.2	.6
Sales and related occupations	9,553	2.6	1.7	.8	1.4	.9	.5
Office and administrative support occupations	14,605	4.0	2.8	1.2	2.0	1.3	.7
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	11,090	2.7	2.1	.6	1.5	1.2	.3
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	696	1.9	1.4	.5	1.1	.9	.2
Construction and extraction occupations	6,111	2.6	2.0	.6	1.4	1.1	.3
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	4,283	2.9	2.3	.7	1.6	1.3	.3
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	14,163	3.4	2.7	.7	2.0	1.7	.4
Production occupations	7,717	3.4	2.6	.8	2.0	1.6	.4
Transportation and material moving occupations	6,447	3.4	2.8	.6	2.1	1.8	.3

See footnotes at end of table.

47. Absences from work of employed full-time wage and salary workers by occupation and industry—Continued

Occupation and industry	2008						
	Workers in absence universe (in thousands) ¹	Absence rate ¹			Lost worktime rate ²		
		Total	Illness or injury	Other reasons	Total	Illness or injury	Other reasons
INDUSTRY							
Private sector	84,466	3.0	2.1	0.9	1.6	1.1	0.5
Agriculture and related industries	810	1.7	1.3	.5	.8	.6	.2
Nonagricultural industries	83,656	3.0	2.1	.9	1.6	1.1	.5
Mining	729	2.1	1.6	.6	1.5	1.1	.4
Construction	6,701	2.4	1.7	.6	1.3	1.0	.3
Manufacturing	14,079	3.0	2.2	.7	1.7	1.3	.4
Durable goods	9,134	2.8	2.1	.7	1.6	1.2	.4
Nondurable goods	4,945	3.2	2.4	.8	1.8	1.5	.4
Wholesale and retail trade	13,411	3.0	2.1	.9	1.6	1.1	.5
Wholesale trade	3,227	2.3	1.7	.6	1.3	1.0	.3
Retail trade	10,184	3.1	2.2	.9	1.7	1.2	.5
Transportation and utilities	4,663	3.0	2.4	.7	2.0	1.6	.4
Transportation and warehousing	3,820	3.1	2.4	.7	2.1	1.7	.5
Utilities	844	2.8	2.2	.6	1.5	1.2	.3
Information	2,612	3.0	2.1	.8	1.6	1.1	.5
Financial activities	7,582	2.8	1.8	1.0	1.4	.9	.5
Finance and insurance	5,930	2.9	1.9	1.0	1.4	.9	.6
Finance	3,907	2.5	1.6	.9	1.3	.8	.5
Insurance	2,023	3.6	2.5	1.1	1.8	1.2	.6
Real estate and rental and leasing	1,651	2.5	1.6	.9	1.2	.8	.4
Professional and business services	9,965	2.9	1.9	.9	1.4	.9	.5
Professional and technical services	6,211	2.8	1.8	.9	1.4	.8	.6
Management, administrative, and waste services	3,754	3.0	2.1	.9	1.5	1.0	.5
Education and health services	13,894	3.8	2.5	1.2	2.1	1.4	.7
Educational services	2,564	2.7	1.6	1.1	1.5	.8	.7
Health care and social assistance	11,330	4.0	2.8	1.3	2.2	1.5	.7
Leisure and hospitality	6,239	2.6	1.7	.9	1.4	1.0	.5
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	1,254	2.7	1.9	.8	1.7	1.2	.5
Accommodation and food services	4,985	2.6	1.7	.9	1.4	.9	.5
Accommodation	1,110	2.3	1.6	.7	1.2	.8	.4
Food services and drinking places	3,876	2.6	1.7	1.0	1.4	.9	.5
Other services	3,781	2.4	1.7	.8	1.2	.8	.4
Other services, except private households	3,442	2.4	1.7	.8	1.2	.8	.4
Public sector	17,841	3.9	2.8	1.1	2.1	1.4	.7
Federal government	3,222	4.3	3.2	1.1	2.2	1.7	.6
State government	5,112	4.1	3.0	1.1	2.1	1.5	.6
Local government	9,506	3.7	2.5	1.1	2.0	1.3	.7

¹ The absence universe includes most wage and salary workers who usually work full-time at their primary or sole job. Absences are defined as instances when persons who usually work 35 or more hours a week at their main job worked less than 35 hours during the reference week for one of the following reasons: Own illness, injury, or medical problems; child-care problems; other family or personal obligations; civic or military duty; and maternity or paternity leave. Excluded are situations in which work was missed due to vacation or personal days, holiday, labor dispute, slack work or business conditions, and the wait for a new job to begin. For multiple jobholders, absence data refer only

to work missed at their main jobs. All self-employed persons are excluded, regardless of whether or not their jobs are incorporated. Conceptually, the absence rate is the ratio of workers with absences to total full-time wage and salary workers who usually work 35 hours or more on their main job.

² Hours absent as a percent of hours usually worked, which is derived using the number of workers in absence universe as defined in footnote 1 above, minus those who reported that their hours varied.

NOTE: Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.