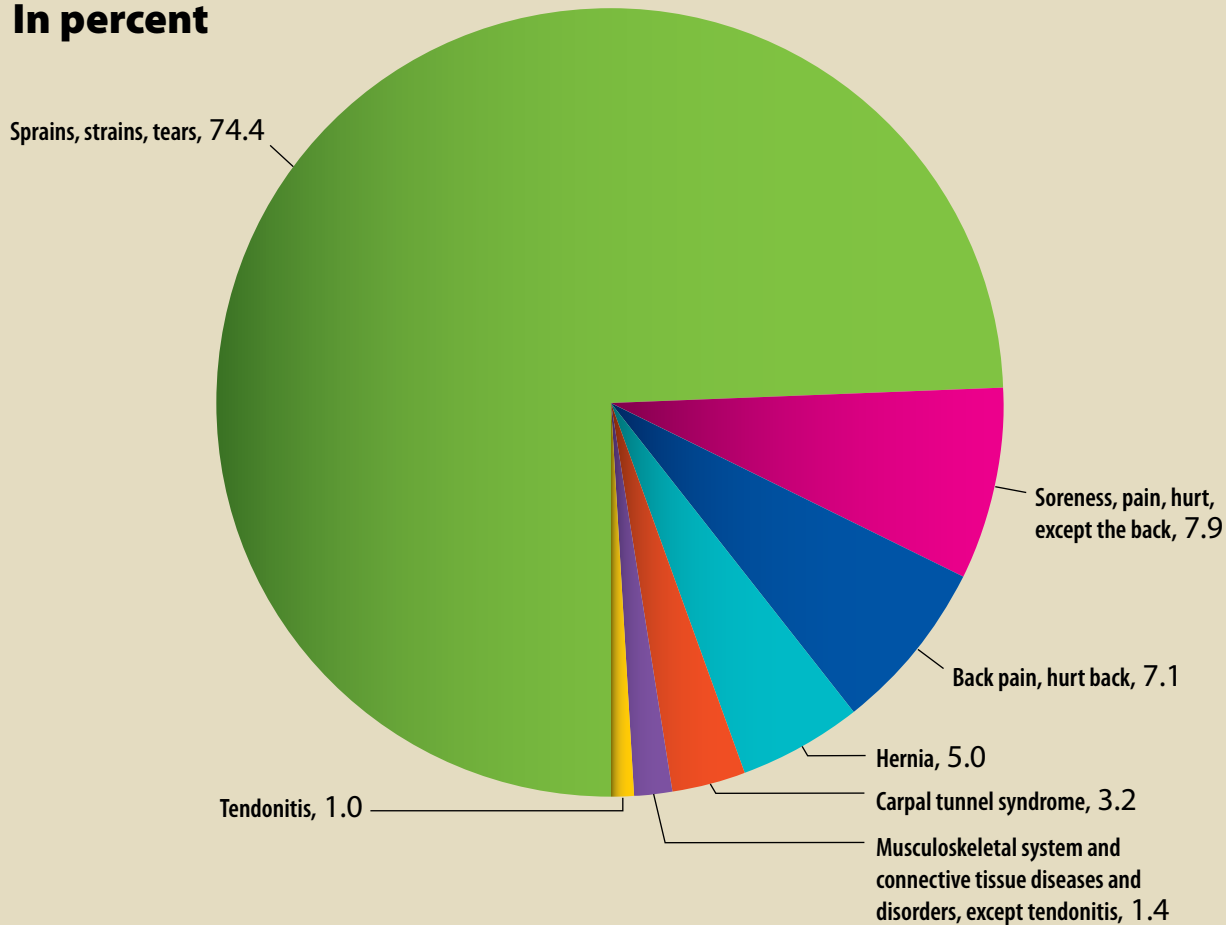


MUSCULOSKELETAL DISORDERS

In private industry, sprains, strains and tears caused 236,260 cases of musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs), accounting for nearly three-quarters of all MSD cases. Soreness, pain, and hurt (except in the back) were the next-largest proportion of MSDs, with 7.9 percent. Hernias of various types were 5.0 percent of MSDs, and carpal tunnel syndrome made up 3.2 percent.

Distribution of musculoskeletal disorders, by nature of injury or illness, 2008

In percent



SOURCE: Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, November 2009.