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The length of absences from work rose with the age of the worker from a median of 3 days for workers between 14 and 16 years old to a median of 12 days for workers 65 years and older.

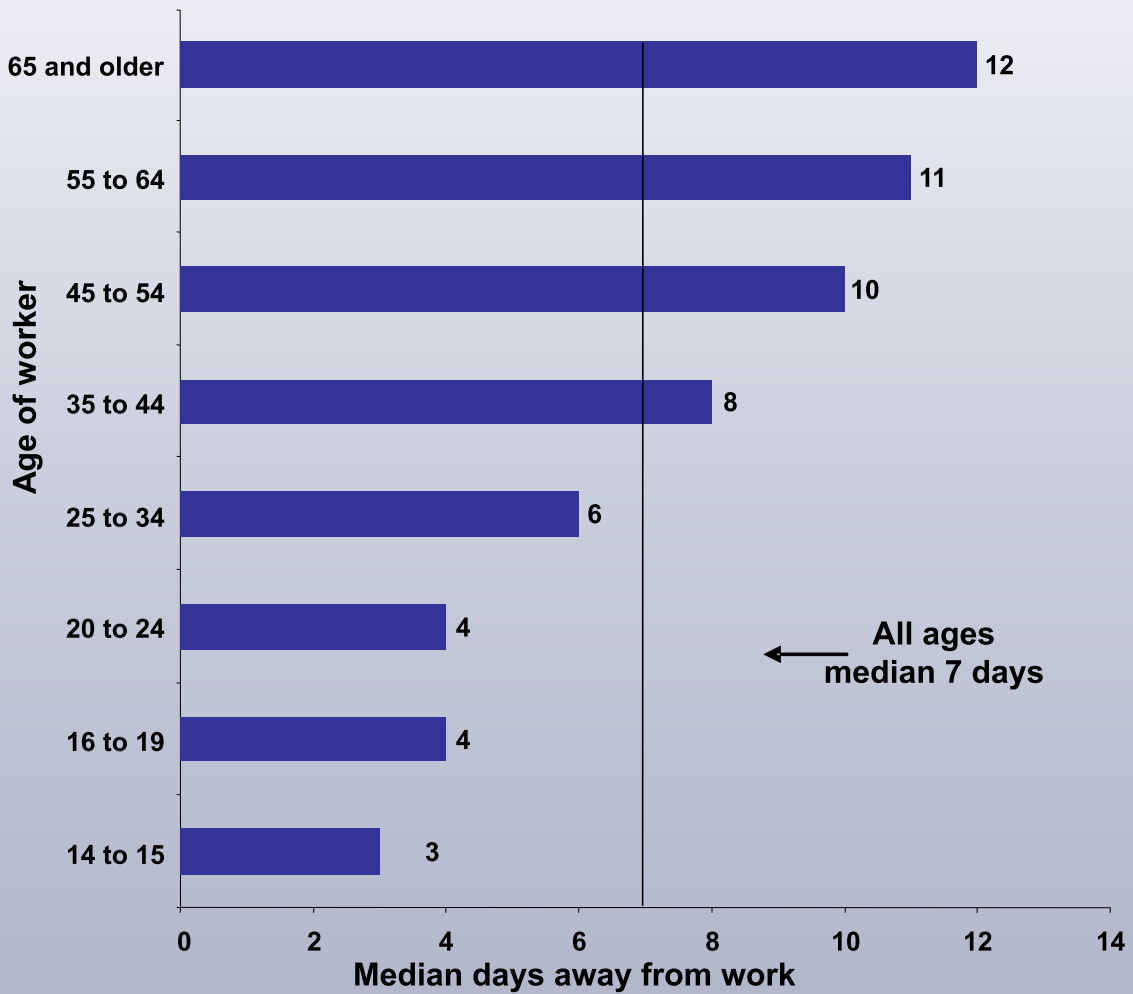
The median number of days away from work for workers aged 55 to 64 years dropped by 1 day, from 12 to 11 days; the median number for workers aged 20 to 24 years dropped from 5 to 4 days.

Workers aged 65 years and older have the most cases of fractures as a percentage of their total injuries. Fractures are more serious injuries, requiring a median of 27 days of recuperation, a relatively long time compared with the median 7 days for all injuries and illnesses.

Workers aged 16 through 19 years suffer more cuts, lacerations, and punctures than any other group. In general, cuts, lacerations, and punctures require a median of 4 days of recuperation.



Median days away from work due to injuries and illnesses, by age of worker, 2005



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, November, 2006