

Table 1. Number, incidence rate ¹, median days away from work ² and relative standard errors ³ of occupational injuries and illnesses involving days away from work ⁴ by selected natures with musculoskeletal disorders⁵ in selected ownerships for Alabama, 2008

Ownership	Nature of the injury or illness	Total Cases	Incidence Rate	Median Days	Relative Standard Error
private industry	All Selected Natures	3,670	26.6	10	6.3
private industry	021 Sprains- strains- tears	2,980	21.6	11	6.5
private industry	0972 Back pain- hurt back	210	1.5	4	13.7
private industry	0973 Soreness- pain- hurt- except the back	330	2.4	6	11.5
private industry	1241 Carpal tunnel syndrome	40	0.3	30	29.3
private industry	153 Hernia	90	0.6	25	20.4
private industry	1530 Hernia- unspecified	60	0.5	30	23.8
private industry	1531 Inguinal hernia	20	0.2	15	38.1
private industry	17 Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue disea	20	0.2	29	38.8
private industry	173 Rheumatism- except the back	20	0.2	15	39.7
private industry	1733 Tendonitis	20	0.1	35	47.2
local government	All Selected Natures	500	27.0	5	24.0
local government	021 Sprains- strains- tears	300	16.1	3	29.3

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Ownership	Nature of the injury or illness	Total Cases	Incidence Rate	Median Days	Relative Standard Error
local government	0972 Back pain- hurt back	100	5.5	5	46.5
local government	0973 Soreness- pain- hurt- except the back	100	5.4	5	46.9
state government	All Selected Natures	50	5.8	3	31.8
state government	0972 Back pain- hurt back	40	4.7	4	35.7

¹ Incidence rates represent the number of injuries and illnesses per 10,000 full-time workers and were calculated as:
 $(N / EH) \times 20,000,000$ where,

N = number of injuries and illnesses,

EH = total hours worked by all employees during the calendar year,

20,000,000 = base for 10,000 full-time equivalent workers (working 40 hours per week, 50 weeks per year).

² Median days away from work is the measure used to summarize the varying lengths of absences from work among the cases with days away from work. Half the cases involved more days and half involved less days than a specified median. Median days away from work are represented in actual values.

³ Relative standard errors are a measure of the sampling error of an estimate. Sampling errors occur because observations are made on a sample, not on the entire population. Estimates based on the different possible samples of the same size and sample design could differ. Relative standard errors less than 0.05 are not shown.

⁴ Days away from work cases include those which result in days away from work with or without job transfer or restriction.

⁵ 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: Dashes indicate data that do not meet publication guidelines or data for incidence rates less than .05 per 10,000 full-time workers. The scientifically selected probability sample used 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, January 14, 2010