

Table 11. Number, median days away from work¹ and relative standard errors² of occupational injuries and illnesses involving days away from work³ by selected occupations with musculoskeletal disorders⁴ in private industry for All United States, 2008

Occupation	Total Cases	Incidence Rate	Median Days
All Occupations	317,440	33.4	10
53-7062 Laborers and Freight- Stock- and Material Movers- Hand	26,720	147.8	11
31-1012 Nursing Aides- Orderlies- and Attendants	23,030	231.8	5
53-3032 Truck Drivers- Heavy and Tractor-Trailer	14,360	90.1	15
53-3033 Truck Drivers- Light or Delivery Services	9,790	113.1	13
37-2011 Janitors and Cleaners- Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	9,110	78.7	9
41-2031 Retail Salespersons	8,920	27.8	9
29-1111 Registered Nurses	8,120	48.4	6
43-5081 Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	8,000	57.8	8
47-2061 Construction Laborers	7,090	86.7	8
49-9042 Maintenance and Repair Workers- General	6,190	63.2	12
37-2012 Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	5,870	87.5	8
41-1011 First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Retail Sales Workers	5,560	48.4	8
47-2031 Carpenters	4,940	64.1	13
41-2011 Cashiers	4,210	18.8	10
49-3023 Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	3,500	61.6	14
31-1011 Home Health Aides	3,140	46.7	13
37-3011 Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers	3,020	46.6	12
43-4051 Customer Service Representatives	2,790	15.7	17
53-3031 Driver/Sales Workers	2,760	76.4	14
47-2152 Plumbers- Pipefitters- and Steamfitters	2,740	71.7	9
29-2041 Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics	2,690	228.3	6
49-9041 Industrial Machinery Mechanics	2,630	100.9	20
51-4121 Welders- Cutters- Solderers- and Brazers	2,620	70.4	11
29-2061 Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	2,520	48.5	5
43-5071 Shipping- Receiving- and Traffic Clerks	2,440	37.6	10
47-2111 Electricians	2,310	41.1	15
35-3021 Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers- Including Fast Food	2,180	13.2	16
43-4181 Reservation and Transportation Ticket Agents and Travel Clerks	2,180	157.1	11
39-9021 Personal and Home Care Aides	2,110	47.5	7
39-6031 Flight Attendants	1,790	239.7	19
53-7064 Packers and Packagers- Hand	1,790	27.8	8
51-9061 Inspectors- Testers- Sorters- Samplers- and Weighers	1,730	40.4	8
43-9061 Office Clerks- General	1,670	9.6	9
47-1011 First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	1,670	32.1	10
35-3031 Waiters and Waitresses	1,660	11.4	7
49-9021 Heating- Air Conditioning- and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	1,560	70.3	10
53-7051 Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	1,500	26.4	7
35-2012 Cooks- Institution and Cafeteria	1,390	83.6	16
35-1012 First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	1,310	19.7	10
35-2014 Cooks- Restaurant	1,250	18.6	6
45-2092 Farmworkers and Laborers- Crop- Nursery- and Greenhouse	1,240	--	5
35-2021 Food Preparation Workers	1,210	23.4	6
51-6011 Laundry and Dry-Cleaning Workers	1,200	70.8	8
51-4041 Machinists	1,180	29.8	15
49-3031 Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	1,170	59.5	16
51-9111 Packaging and Filling Machine Operators and Tenders	1,160	--	12
49-9052 Telecommunications Line Installers and Repairers	1,150	71.4	9
49-9091 Coin- Vending- and Amusement Machine Servicers and Repairers	1,120	343.3	10
43-1011 First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Office and Administrative Support Workers	1,100	9.6	4
47-2141 Painters- Construction and Maintenance	1,100	56.1	15
11-9111 Medical and Health Services Managers	1,070	52.4	2
51-1011 First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Production and Operating Workers	1,060	17	8

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43-6011 Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	1,020	10.5	13
37-1012 First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Landscaping- Lawn Service- and Groundskeeping Workers	1,000	115.8	10
49-1011 First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Mechanics- Installers- and Repairers	1,000	25.8	2
53-1021 First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Helpers- Laborers- and Material Movers- Hand	990	55.5	14
49-2022 Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers- Except Line Installers	970	55	27
49-3093 Tire Repairers and Changers	890	105.6	14
33-9032 Security Guards	860	11.5	10
43-3071 Tellers	830	17.5	14
51-5023 Printing Machine Operators	810	47.9	15
37-1011 First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Housekeeping and Janitorial Workers	800	63.7	3
25-9041 Teacher Assistants	790	44.4	3
53-3041 Taxi Drivers and Chauffeurs	790	55.9	4
53-7061 Cleaners of Vehicles and Equipment	790	30.4	12
43-5011 Cargo and Freight Agents	770	105.1	15
29-2034 Radiologic Technologists and Technicians	750	50.3	10
49-3011 Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	750	80.6	20
35-3041 Food Servers- Nonrestaurant	720	62.2	9
47-2121 Glaziers	720	156.2	12
51-4031 Cutting- Punching- and Press Machine Setters- Operators- and Tenders- Metal and Plastic	700	31.6	14
49-3021 Automotive Body and Related Repairers	690	51.4	68
47-2181 Roofers	680	69.6	17
41-4012 Sales Representatives- Wholesale and Manufacturing- Except Technical and Scientific Products	670	4.7	13
43-9051 Mail Clerks and Mail Machine Operators- Except Postal Service	670	69.5	7
47-2022 Stonemasons	670	429.1	4
47-2211 Sheet Metal Workers	660	45.8	10
47-2073 Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators	620	19.4	30
51-9198 Helpers--Production Workers	620	14.8	7
49-9051 Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	610	63.2	12
53-7063 Machine Feeders and Offbearers	610	48.8	19
53-3021 Bus Drivers- Transit and Intercity	590	99.2	16
41-1012 First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Non-Retail Sales Workers	540	20.8	2
35-3022 Counter Attendants- Cafeteria- Food Concession- and Coffee Shop	500	19.7	12
43-5021 Couriers and Messengers	500	65.9	12

¹ 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.

² 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.

³ Days away from work cases include those which result in days away from work with or without restricted work activity.

⁴ 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: Because of rounding and data exclusion of nonclassifiable responses, data may not sum to the totals. Dashes indicate data that do not meet publication guidelines. 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, November, 2009