

TABLE 6. Number, percent distribution, and median days away from work for nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses involving days away from work¹ by selected worker characteristics and musculoskeletal disorders², local government, 2008

Characteristic	Local government			Musculoskeletal disorders		
	Number	Percent	Median days away from work ³	Number	Percent	Median days away from work ³
Total local government	206,580	100.0	9	51,700	100.0	12
Occupation:						
Management, Business, and Financial Occupations	3,610	1.7	5	690	1.3	12
Professional and Related Occupations	42,150	20.4	5	7,130	13.8	6
Service Occupations	102,240	49.5	10	28,480	55.1	14
Sales and Related Occupations	200	.1	7	20	(⁴)	22
Office and Administrative Support Occupations	10,200	4.9	6	2,530	4.9	13
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	70	(⁴)	4	20	(⁴)	17
Construction and Extraction Occupations	11,350	5.5	13	3,550	6.9	20
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	10,630	5.1	9	3,370	6.5	14
Production Occupations	3,920	1.9	10	970	1.9	12
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	21,760	10.5	12	4,830	9.3	11
Age:						
14 - 15	40	(⁴)	3	—	—	—
16 - 19	1,260	.6	4	140	.3	7
20 - 24	8,420	4.1	4	1,770	3.4	5
25 - 34	37,600	18.2	8	8,700	16.8	8
35 - 44	55,090	26.7	9	14,520	28.1	13
45 - 54	59,460	28.8	9	16,690	32.3	14
55 - 64	35,430	17.2	11	8,500	16.4	21
65 and over	6,260	3.0	14	810	1.6	24
Not reported	3,030	1.5	8	570	1.1	10
Race or ethnic origin:						
White only	84,660	41.0	7	21,050	40.7	10
Hispanic or Latino only	12,510	6.1	10	3,310	6.4	14
Black only	13,090	6.3	7	3,520	6.8	10
Asian only	800	.4	13	180	.3	8
American Indian or Alaskan Native only	820	.4	5	210	.4	5
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander only	280	.1	19	110	.2	19
Multi-race	100	(⁴)	4	20	(⁴)	4
Hispanic or Latino and other race	40	(⁴)	6	—	—	—
Not reported	94,270	45.6	10	23,280	45.0	15
Gender:						
Male	122,670	59.4	10	33,820	65.4	13
Female	83,700	40.5	6	17,870	34.6	11
Not reported	200	.1	3	20	(⁴)	9
Length of service with employer:						
Less than 3 months	5,990	2.9	7	910	1.8	6
3 - 11 months	16,800	8.1	5	3,310	6.4	7
1 - 5 years	57,280	27.7	7	14,320	27.7	8
More than 5 years	123,970	60.0	10	32,820	63.5	15
Not reported	2,530	1.2	18	350	.7	30
Day of week:						
Sunday	9,490	4.6	9	2,300	4.4	12
Monday	38,670	18.7	9	9,950	19.2	12
Tuesday	40,200	19.5	8	10,330	20.0	10
Wednesday	38,210	18.5	8	9,980	19.3	13
Thursday	34,710	16.8	7	7,980	15.4	11
Friday	34,230	16.6	11	8,280	16.0	16
Saturday	11,070	5.4	10	2,890	5.6	11

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	Number	Percent	Median days away from work ³	Number	Percent	Median days away from work ³
Time of event:						
12:01 A.M. to 4:00 A.M.	6,300	3.0	10	1,260	2.4	14
4:01 A.M. to 8:00 A.M.	19,750	9.6	9	5,260	10.2	9
8:01 A.M. to 12:00 noon	69,330	33.6	8	16,460	31.8	10
12:01 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.	48,330	23.4	7	11,390	22.0	11
4:01 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.	21,700	10.5	11	4,900	9.5	16
8:01 P.M. to 12:00 midnight	10,620	5.1	13	2,900	5.6	26
Not reported	30,540	14.8	11	9,530	18.4	20
Hours on the job before event occurred:						
Before shift began	2,150	1.0	6	160	.3	23
Less than 1 hour	20,150	9.8	10	4,650	9.0	10
1 hour to less than 2 hours	20,200	9.8	9	6,210	12.0	14
2 hours to less than 4 hours	43,550	21.1	7	10,140	19.6	9
4 hours to less than 6 hours	32,760	15.9	7	8,200	15.9	8
6 hours to less than 8 hours	28,830	14.0	9	6,150	11.9	11
8 hours to less than 10 hours	13,930	6.7	11	2,670	5.2	19
10 hours to less than 12 hours	3,640	1.8	6	880	1.7	5
12 hours to less than 16 hours	3,160	1.5	15	1,290	2.5	20
More than 16 hours	1,240	.6	12	690	1.3	43
Not reported	36,970	17.9	11	10,660	20.6	17
Nature of injury, illness:						
Sprains, strains, tears	87,910	42.6	10	40,010	77.4	12
Fractures	13,060	6.3	20	—	—	—
Cuts, lacerations, punctures	9,290	4.5	5	—	—	—
Cuts, lacerations	7,750	3.8	5	—	—	—
Punctures	1,540	.7	5	—	—	—
Amputations	600	.3	48	—	—	—
Bruises, contusions	18,490	9.0	4	—	—	—
Heat burns, scalds	1,910	.9	6	—	—	—
Chemical burns	450	.2	1	—	—	—
Carpal tunnel syndrome	1,040	.5	25	1,040	2.0	25
Tendonitis	480	.2	41	260	.5	15
Multiple traumatic injuries and disorders	10,760	5.2	11	—	—	—
Fractures and burns	1,610	.8	27	—	—	—
Sprains and bruises	4,630	2.2	10	—	—	—
Soreness, pain, including back	24,550	11.9	7	8,330	16.1	10
Back pain only	6,630	3.2	7	4,050	7.8	7
All other natures	38,030	18.4	6	2,060	4.0	28
Event or exposure:						
Contact with objects and equipment	36,930	17.9	6	—	—	—
Struck by object	17,910	8.7	5	—	—	—
Struck against object	11,720	5.7	6	—	—	—
Caught in or compressed by equipment or objects	3,620	1.8	8	—	—	—
Fall to lower level	11,580	5.6	10	—	—	—
Fall on same level	37,960	18.4	10	—	—	—
Slip, trip, loss of balance without fall	7,650	3.7	10	—	—	—
Overexertion	38,560	18.7	13	36,800	71.2	13
Overexertion in lifting	19,280	9.3	14	18,620	36.0	14
Repetitive motion	3,500	1.7	14	3,240	6.3	14
Exposure to harmful substances or environments	9,460	4.6	3	—	—	—
Transportation incidents	14,430	7.0	10	—	—	—
Highway Accident	11,110	5.4	9	—	—	—
Fires and explosions	690	.3	14	—	—	—

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Characteristic	Local government			Musculoskeletal disorders		
	Number	Percent	Median days away from work ³	Number	Percent	Median days away from work ³
Event or exposure: - continued						
Assaults and violent acts	13,400	6.5	6	—	—	—
By person(s)	11,640	5.6	6	—	—	—
By animal	1,320	.6	3	—	—	—
All other events	32,420	15.7	10	11,660	22.6	11
Part of body affected:						
Head	13,030	6.3	3	—	—	—
Eye(s)	4,060	2.0	2	—	—	—
Neck, including throat	3,060	1.5	4	550	1.1	6
Trunk	63,510	30.7	10	34,540	66.8	11
Shoulder, including clavicle, scapula	14,810	7.2	18	6,910	13.4	21
Back, including spine, spinal cord	36,030	17.4	8	23,130	44.7	8
Upper extremities	33,170	16.1	8	6,360	12.3	14
Arm(s)	8,870	4.3	12	2,660	5.1	16
Wrist(s)	6,410	3.1	10	2,290	4.4	12
Hand(s), except finger(s)	6,280	3.0	5	360	.7	5
Finger(s), fingernail(s)	9,340	4.5	7	540	1.0	30
Lower extremities	54,160	26.2	12	6,550	12.7	17
Knee(s)	23,960	11.6	16	4,170	8.1	24
Ankle(s)	13,030	6.3	9	700	1.4	5
Foot, toe	7,000	3.4	6	170	.3	3
Body systems	5,500	2.7	3	—	—	—
Multiple body parts	32,130	15.6	8	3,550	6.9	16
All other parts of body	2,020	1.0	5	150	.3	51
Source of injury, illness:						
Chemicals and chemical products	2,630	1.3	2	—	—	—
Containers	12,610	6.1	10	8,360	16.2	12
Furniture and fixtures	7,770	3.8	8	3,050	5.9	12
Machinery	4,620	2.2	8	1,630	3.2	11
Parts and materials	8,440	4.1	10	3,600	7.0	20
Floors, walkways, ground surfaces	50,310	24.4	10	100	.2	15
Handtools	5,140	2.5	6	2,020	3.9	14
Vehicles	21,910	10.6	10	1,500	2.9	10
Person, injured or ill worker	36,450	17.6	10	14,870	28.8	11
Bodily motion or position of injured, ill worker	34,080	16.5	10	14,550	28.1	11
Person, other than injured or ill worker	23,490	11.4	7	9,940	19.2	9
Health care patient	8,260	4.0	9	6,800	13.2	9
All other sources	33,190	16.1	6	6,620	12.8	16

¹ Days-away-from-work cases include those that resulted in days away from work, some of which also included job transfer or restriction.

² Musculoskeletal disorders (MSD) include cases where the nature of the injury or illness is sprains, strains, tears; back pain, hurt back; soreness, pain, hurt, except the back; carpal tunnel syndrome; hernia; or musculoskeletal system and connective tissue diseases and disorders, when the event or exposure leading to the injury or illness is bodily reaction/bending, climbing, crawling, reaching, twisting; overexertion; or repetition.

³ 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.

⁴ Data too small to be displayed.

NOTE: Dash indicates data do not meet publication guidelines. Because of rounding and data exclusion of nonclassifiable responses, data may not sum to the totals.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses in cooperation with participating State agencies