

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, State government, 2008

Characteristic	State government			Musculoskeletal disorders		
	Number	Percent	Median days away from work ³	Number	Percent	Median days away from work ³
Total State government	71,100	100.0	8	15,340	100.0	10
Occupation:						
Management, Business, and Financial Occupations	3,020	4.2	4	670	4.4	2
Professional and Related Occupations	13,970	19.6	7	2,360	15.4	10
Service Occupations	36,720	51.6	8	7,730	50.4	11
Sales and Related Occupations	850	1.2	7	240	1.6	14
Office and Administrative Support Occupations	5,250	7.4	5	1,340	8.7	11
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	550	.8	7	130	.8	18
Construction and Extraction Occupations	3,420	4.8	8	1,060	6.9	10
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	2,360	3.3	19	930	6.1	29
Production Occupations	930	1.3	7	300	2.0	7
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	3,860	5.4	8	500	3.3	6
Age:						
16 - 19	450	.6	4	130	.8	4
20 - 24	3,320	4.7	6	690	4.5	3
25 - 34	13,340	18.8	7	2,040	13.3	8
35 - 44	17,560	24.7	8	4,000	26.1	12
45 - 54	20,950	29.5	9	5,440	35.5	10
55 - 64	11,310	15.9	10	2,440	15.9	11
65 and over	1,510	2.1	9	220	1.4	16
Not reported	2,660	3.7	6	360	2.3	7
Race or ethnic origin:						
White only	20,430	28.7	7	4,710	30.7	11
Hispanic or Latino only	1,790	2.5	10	400	2.6	30
Black only	9,660	13.6	6	1,610	10.5	5
Asian only	370	.5	6	100	.7	9
American Indian or Alaskan Native only	370	.5	5	60	.4	7
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander only	330	.5	15	20	.1	180
Multi-race	30	(⁴)	11	-	-	-
Not reported	38,120	53.6	8	8,430	55.0	10
Gender:						
Male	36,670	51.6	8	7,510	49.0	10
Female	34,220	48.1	7	7,790	50.8	10
Not reported	210	.3	10	30	.2	7
Length of service with employer:						
Less than 3 months	2,090	2.9	8	340	2.2	7
3 - 11 months	5,910	8.3	6	1,120	7.3	6
1 - 5 years	20,090	28.3	7	3,860	25.2	10
More than 5 years	41,010	57.7	9	9,620	62.7	11
Not reported	1,990	2.8	6	390	2.5	27
Day of week:						
Sunday	4,680	6.6	8	1,180	7.7	7
Monday	12,080	17.0	8	2,870	18.7	8
Tuesday	12,720	17.9	7	2,910	19.0	14
Wednesday	13,850	19.5	7	2,550	16.6	10
Thursday	11,760	16.5	7	2,670	17.4	9
Friday	9,870	13.9	8	2,060	13.4	11
Saturday	6,140	8.6	10	1,100	7.2	18

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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, State government, 2008 — Continued

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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.	2,460	3.5	6	560	3.7	9
4:01 A.M. to 8:00 A.M.	8,180	11.5	7	1,960	12.8	13
8:01 A.M. to 12:00 noon	20,240	28.5	8	4,310	28.1	10
12:01 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.	16,230	22.8	7	3,260	21.3	10
4:01 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.	9,700	13.6	8	1,760	11.5	7
8:01 P.M. to 12:00 midnight	5,360	7.5	9	910	5.9	5
Not reported	8,930	12.6	9	2,570	16.8	14
Hours on the job before event occurred:						
Before shift began	890	1.3	7	30	.2	15
Less than 1 hour	7,250	10.2	8	1,390	9.1	12
1 hour to less than 2 hours	7,390	10.4	6	1,680	11.0	9
2 hours to less than 4 hours	15,630	22.0	8	3,150	20.5	10
4 hours to less than 6 hours	11,400	16.0	7	2,440	15.9	8
6 hours to less than 8 hours	11,650	16.4	8	2,500	16.3	10
8 hours to less than 10 hours	4,790	6.7	7	990	6.5	8
10 hours to less than 12 hours	950	1.3	11	180	1.2	11
12 hours to less than 16 hours	720	1.0	7	140	.9	28
More than 16 hours	90	.1	1	—	—	—
Not reported	10,320	14.5	9	2,840	18.5	14
Nature of injury, illness:						
Sprains, strains, tears	28,060	39.5	10	11,760	76.7	9
Fractures	4,390	6.2	16	—	—	—
Cuts, lacerations, punctures	2,450	3.4	6	—	—	—
Cuts, lacerations	2,040	2.9	6	—	—	—
Punctures	410	.6	10	—	—	—
Amputations	40	.1	46	—	—	—
Bruises, contusions	8,490	11.9	4	—	—	—
Heat burns, scalds	500	.7	6	—	—	—
Chemical burns	140	.2	3	—	—	—
Carpal tunnel syndrome	820	1.2	17	820	5.3	16
Tendonitis	150	.2	6	110	.7	11
Multiple traumatic injuries and disorders	4,570	6.4	7	—	—	—
Fractures and burns	520	.7	10	—	—	—
Sprains and bruises	2,070	2.9	9	—	—	—
Soreness, pain, including back	8,610	12.1	7	2,250	14.7	12
Back pain only	2,130	3.0	11	910	5.9	12
All other natures	12,870	18.1	7	390	2.5	43
Event or exposure:						
Contact with objects and equipment	11,060	15.6	5	—	—	—
Struck by object	5,880	8.3	5	—	—	—
Struck against object	3,190	4.5	6	—	—	—
Caught in or compressed by equipment or objects	910	1.3	8	—	—	—
Fall to lower level	4,230	5.9	10	—	—	—
Fall on same level	11,620	16.3	8	—	—	—
Slip, trip, loss of balance without fall	2,780	3.9	13	—	—	—
Overexertion	11,670	16.4	10	11,030	71.9	10
Overexertion in lifting	5,240	7.4	8	5,040	32.9	8
Repetitive motion	2,110	3.0	20	1,950	12.7	22
Exposure to harmful substances or environments	2,750	3.9	4	—	—	—
Transportation incidents	4,120	5.8	6	—	—	—
Highway Accident	3,380	4.8	6	—	—	—
Fires and explosions	50	.1	6	—	—	—

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	Number	Percent	Median days away from work ³	Number	Percent	Median days away from work ³
Event or exposure: - continued						
Assaults and violent acts	11,980	16.8	7	—	—	—
By person(s)	11,330	15.9	7	—	—	—
By animal	250	.4	4	—	—	—
All other events	8,710	12.3	10	2,350	15.3	8
Part of body affected:						
Head	5,640	7.9	3	—	—	—
Eye(s)	1,470	2.1	2	—	—	—
Neck, including throat	1,060	1.5	5	270	1.8	7
Trunk	19,700	27.7	10	9,270	60.4	10
Shoulder, including clavicle, scapula	4,490	6.3	15	2,130	13.9	14
Back, including spine, spinal cord	11,130	15.7	8	6,340	41.3	7
Upper extremities	12,440	17.5	7	3,040	19.8	11
Arm(s)	2,590	3.6	6	740	4.8	12
Wrist(s)	2,950	4.1	14	1,620	10.6	14
Hand(s), except finger(s)	2,050	2.9	6	120	.8	14
Finger(s), fingernail(s)	3,620	5.1	7	380	2.5	6
Lower extremities	16,040	22.6	10	1,640	10.7	15
Knee(s)	7,220	10.2	11	860	5.6	13
Ankle(s)	3,160	4.4	6	190	1.2	5
Foot, toe	2,630	3.7	9	250	1.6	25
Body systems	1,910	2.7	7	—	—	—
Multiple body parts	13,940	19.6	8	1,110	7.2	10
All other parts of body	380	.5	5	—	—	—
Source of injury, illness:						
Chemicals and chemical products	620	.9	3	—	—	—
Containers	3,460	4.9	10	2,440	15.9	10
Furniture and fixtures	2,470	3.5	8	910	5.9	8
Machinery	1,690	2.4	4	770	5.0	4
Parts and materials	2,100	3.0	8	780	5.1	7
Floors, walkways, ground surfaces	16,630	23.4	8	70	.5	29
Handtools	1,150	1.6	7	430	2.8	14
Vehicles	5,980	8.4	7	690	4.5	14
Person, injured or ill worker	11,460	16.1	10	4,280	27.9	11
Bodily motion or position of injured, ill worker	10,520	14.8	10	4,220	27.5	11
Person, other than injured or ill worker	16,310	22.9	7	3,720	24.3	8
Health care patient	9,180	12.9	7	2,780	18.1	8
All other sources	9,240	13.0	6	1,240	8.1	11

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