

Table 2. Number, median days, incidence rate¹ and relative standard errors of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses with days away from work² involving musculoskeletal disorders³ by selected parts of body, Rhode Island, 2000

Part of body	Number	Median days away from work	Incidence rate	Relative standard error
Total	2,810	9	87.7	5.1
1 Neck, Including Throat	111	8	3.5	15.6
10 Neck, except internal location of diseases or disorders	111	8	3.5	15.6
2 Trunk	1,873	6	58.5	5.5
21 Shoulder, including clavicle, scapula	307	8	9.6	9.9
22 Chest, including ribs, internal organs	36	2	1.1	26.6
220 Chest, except internal location of diseases or disorders	36	2	1.1	26.6
23 Back, including spine, spinal cord	1,386	6	43.3	5.9
230 Back, including spine, spinal cord, unspecified	601	6	18.8	7.6
231 Lumbar region	676	5	21.1	7.3
232 Thoracic region	57	3	1.8	21.4
233 Sacral region	--	--	--	--
234 Coccygeal region	--	--	--	--
238 Multiple back regions	37	18	1.2	26.4
239 Back, including spine, spinal cord, n.e.c.	8	3	0.3	56.4
24 Abdomen	93	17	2.9	16.9
240 Abdomen, except internal location of diseases or disorders	39	2	1.2	25.8
241 Internal abdominal location, unspecified	34	36	1.1	27.7
245 Intestines, peritoneum	21	43	0.7	34.7
2450 Intestines, peritoneum, unspecified	21	43	0.7	34.7
25 Pelvic region	49	8	1.5	22.9
251 Hip(s)	--	--	--	--
252 Pelvis	--	--	--	--
254 Groin	40	8	1.3	25.3
3 Upper extremities	488	18	15.2	8.3
31 Arm(s)	128	15	4.0	14.6
310 Arm(s), unspecified	37	26	1.1	26.5
311 Upper arm(s)	25	16	0.8	32.1
312 Elbow(s)	52	15	1.6	22.4
313 Forearm(s)	15	1	0.5	41.5
32 Wrist(s)	245	20	7.6	10.9
33 Hand(s), except finger(s)	50	22	1.6	22.8
34 Finger(s), fingernail(s)	44	5	1.4	24.2
38 Multiple upper extremities locations	22	7	0.7	34.3
381 Hand(s) and finger(s)	--	--	--	--
382 Hand(s) and wrist(s)	8	5	0.3	56.4
383 Hand(s) and arm(s)	--	--	--	--
389 Multiple upper extremities locations, n.e.c.	8	7	0.2	57.7
4 Lower extremities	111	11	3.5	15.6
41 Leg(s)	88	11	2.8	17.4
410 Leg(s), unspecified	--	--	--	--
411 Thigh(s)	--	--	--	--
412 Knee(s)	77	11	2.4	18.5
413 Lower leg(s)	--	--	--	--
42 Ankle(s)	12	6	0.4	45.8
43 Foot(feet), except toe(s)	--	--	--	--
430 Foot(feet), except toe(s), unspecified	--	--	--	--
432 Sole(s)	--	--	--	--
4323 Heel(s)	--	--	--	--

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44	Toe(s), toenail(s)	--	--	--	--
48	Multiple lower extremities locations	--	--	--	--
482	Foot(feet) and ankle(s)	--	--	--	--
8	Multiple Body Parts	227	13	7.1	11.3

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

³ 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, July 10, 2003