

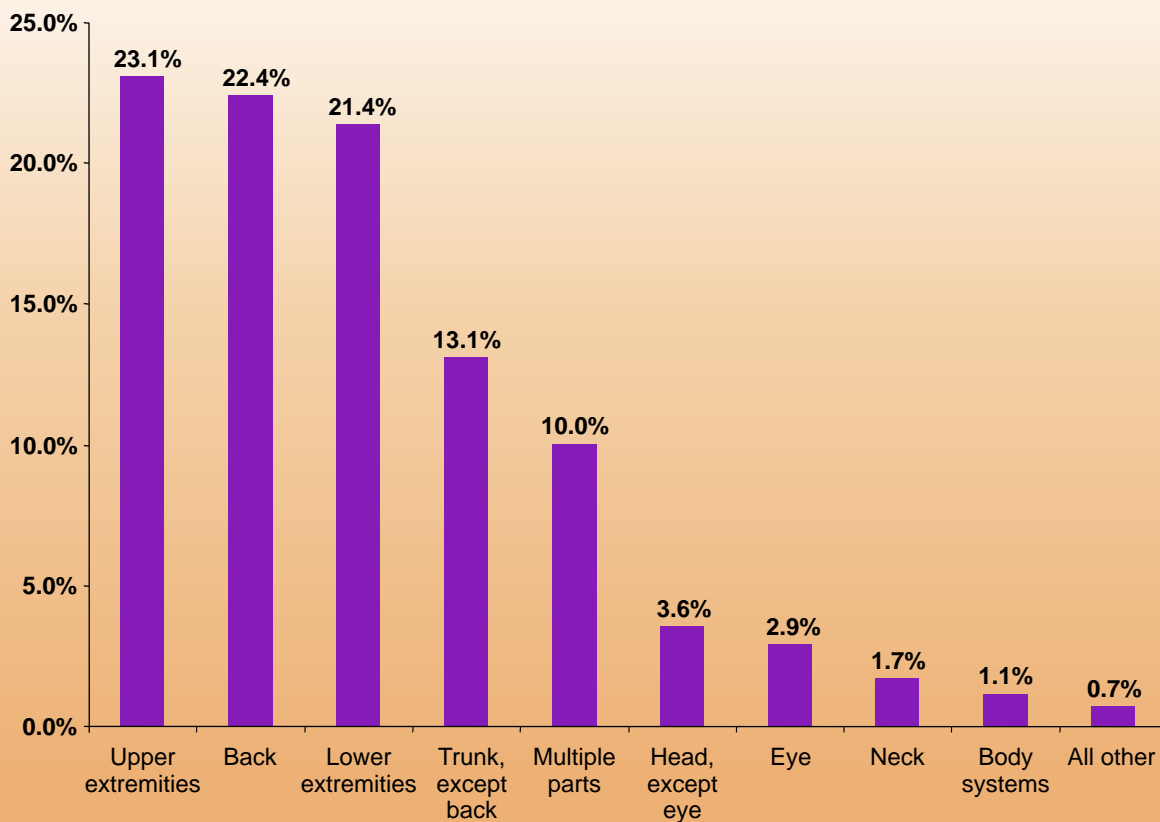
The upper extremities and back were involved in almost 1-half of all occupational injuries and illnesses.

Injuries to the upper extremities, which accounted for 23 percent of all days away from work cases, were largely cuts, lacerations, and punctures; back injuries were most commonly sprains and strains.

The most frequently injured part of the body was the back. These cases had a median 7 days away from work, the same as the median for all injuries and illnesses.



Nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses with days away from work, by the part of body affected, 2004



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, November 2005