

**Table 6B.2.1: Median Days Away from Work [1] for Nonfatal Injuries and Illnesses by Nature of Injury or Illnesses, United States 1997-2011**

	Median Days Away from Work								
	1997	1999	2001	2003	2005	2007	2009	2010	2011
Fractures	21	20	21	30	27	30	30	30	*
Carpal Tunnel Syndrome (MSD & Other)	25	27	25	32	27	28	21	27	*
Amputations	18	18	18	30	22	21	21	21	*
Tendonitis (MSD & Other)	11	9	10	11	12	10	14	10	*
Multiple Traumatic Injuries	7	7	8	9	8	10	9	10	*
Sprains, Strains (MSD & Other)	6	6	6	8	8	8	9	10	*
Soreness, Pain (except Back)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	8	8	8	*
Back Pain	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	8	8	7	*
Heat Burns	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	*
Bruises, Contusions	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	*
Cuts, Lacerations, Punctures	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	*
Chemical Burns	2	3	2	2	3	1	3	3	*
Musculoskeletal Disorders (MSDs) [2]	*	7	8	10	9	9	10	11	11
All Workplace Injuries	5	6	6	8	7	7	8	8	8
MSD Cases (in 000s)	*	582.3	522.5	435.2	375.5	335.4	283.8	284.3	*
All Workplace Injuries (in 000s)	1,833.3	1,702.5	1,537.6	1,315.9	1,234.7	1,158.9	965.0	933.2	908.3

\* Data not available

[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.

[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 or disorders, when the event or exposure leading to the injury or illness is bodily reaction/bending, climbing, crawling, reaching, twisting; overexertion; or repetition.

Source (1997 to 2005): U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses. "Table 9 (1997-2001) or 11 (2003-2005): Percent distribution of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses involving days away from work by selected injury or illness characteristics and number of days away from work: Nature of injury or illness. Lost work time:1996-2005". Available at: [www.bls.gov/iif/oshcdnew.htm](http://www.bls.gov/iif/oshcdnew.htm). Accessed July 7, 2007.

Source (2007): U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Injuries, Illnesses and Fatalities Program: "Case and Demographic Characteristics for Work-related Injuries and Illnesses Involving Days Away from Work. 2007 nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses: case and demographics". November 20, 2008, reissued March 2009. Available at: <http://www.bls.gov/iif/oshwc/osh/case/osch0038.pdf>. Accessed November 13, 2009.

Source (2008-2010): "Supplemental Table 6: Number, percent distribution, and median days away from work for nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses involving days away from work by selected worker and case characteristics and musculoskeletal disorders, (2008 - 2010)". U.S. Department of labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. <http://www.bls.gov/iif/oshcdnew.htm> (October 25, 2013)