

TABLE 1. Number, incidence rate¹, and median days² away from work for nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses involving days away from work³ for musculoskeletal disorders⁴ by nature of injury or illness and ownership, California, 2015

Nature	Musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs)		
	Number	Incidence rate	Median days away from work
Total private industry ^{5,6,7}	37,100	34.1	17
Traumatic injuries and disorders	34,910	32.0	16
Traumatic injuries to bones, nerves, spinal cord	150	.1	154
Traumatic injuries to nerves, except the spinal cord	150	.1	154
Pinched nerve	150	.1	154
Traumatic injuries to muscles, tendons, ligaments, joints, etc.	27,010	24.8	17
Dislocations	100	.1	3
Herniated discs	100	.1	3
Cartilage fractures and tears	90	.1	134
Meniscus tears	90	.1	134
Sprains, strains, tears	25,430	23.4	14
Sprains, strains, tears, unspecified	1,290	1.2	20
Major tears to muscles, tendons, ligaments	570	.5	90
Sprains	4,400	4.0	12
Strains	17,690	16.2	12
Multiple sprains, strains, tears	1,490	1.4	50
Hernias due to traumatic incidents	1,380	1.3	59
Other traumatic injuries and disorders	7,750	7.1	13
Nonspecified injuries and disorders	7,750	7.1	13
Soreness, pain, hurt—nonspecified injury	7,400	6.8	12
Swelling, inflammation, irritation—nonspecified injury	210	.2	22
Numbness—nonspecified injury	140	.1	2
Diseases and disorders of body systems	2,190	2.0	29
Nervous system and sense organs diseases	770	.7	28
Disorders of the peripheral nervous system	770	.7	28
Carpal tunnel syndrome	770	.7	28
Digestive system diseases and disorders	110	.1	72
Hernia—nontraumatic	110	.1	72
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue diseases and disorders	1,310	1.2	27
Dorsopathies	80	.1	5
Sciatica	20	(⁸)	5
Soft tissue disorders, except the back	1,220	1.1	30
Soft tissue disorder, except the back, unspecified	120	.1	55
Bursitis	50	(⁸)	22
Stenosing tenosynovitis	210	.2	30
Other tenosynovitis, synovitis	80	.1	65
Epicondylitis	100	.1	23
Other or unspecified tendonitis (tendinitis)	470	.4	28
Ganglion or cystic tumor	110	.1	27
Multiple soft tissue disorders	30	(⁸)	70
Soft tissue disorder, except the back, n.e.c.	60	.1	10
Total state government ^{5,6,7}	2,450	63.0	22
Traumatic injuries and disorders	2,280	58.8	22
Traumatic injuries to muscles, tendons, ligaments, joints, etc.	1,460	37.5	16
Sprains, strains, tears	1,420	36.5	16
Sprains, strains, tears, unspecified	70	1.9	3
Major tears to muscles, tendons, ligaments	20	.6	136
Sprains	270	7.0	16
Strains	1,030	26.4	14
Multiple sprains, strains, tears	30	.7	13
Hernias due to traumatic incidents	40	1.0	122
Other traumatic injuries and disorders	830	21.3	45
Nonspecified injuries and disorders	830	21.3	45
Soreness, pain, hurt—nonspecified injury	810	21.0	45
Diseases and disorders of body systems	160	4.2	38
Nervous system and sense organs diseases	30	.8	7
Disorders of the peripheral nervous system	30	.8	7
Carpal tunnel syndrome	30	.8	7
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue diseases and disorders	70	1.7	5
Soft tissue disorders, except the back	50	1.2	5
Total local government ^{5,6,7}	10,180	84.8	24

See footnotes at end of table.

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Nature	Musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs)		
	Number	Incidence rate	Median days away from work
Traumatic injuries and disorders	9,720	80.9	23
Traumatic injuries to muscles, tendons, ligaments, joints, etc.	7,480	62.3	23
Sprains, strains, tears	7,150	59.6	24
Sprains, strains, tears, unspecified	230	1.9	51
Major tears to muscles, tendons, ligaments	120	1.0	108
Sprains	1,290	10.7	14
Strains	5,340	44.5	21
Multiple sprains, strains, tears	170	1.4	56
Hernias due to traumatic incidents	320	2.7	21
Other traumatic injuries and disorders	2,240	18.6	24
Nonspecified injuries and disorders	2,240	18.6	24
Soreness, pain, hurt—nonspecified injury	2,050	17.0	26
Swelling, inflammation, irritation—nonspecified injury	80	.7	10
Numbness—nonspecified injury	100	.9	22
Diseases and disorders of body systems	470	3.9	66
Nervous system and sense organs diseases	80	.7	79
Disorders of the peripheral nervous system	80	.7	79
Carpal tunnel syndrome	80	.7	79
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue diseases and disorders	380	3.2	47
Soft tissue disorders, except the back	380	3.1	47
Soft tissue disorder, except the back, unspecified	190	1.6	85
Stenosing tenosynovitis	50	.4	4
Epicondylitis	50	.4	5
Other or unspecified tendonitis (tendinitis)	40	.3	47

¹ The incidence rates represent the number of injuries and illnesses per 10,000 full-time workers and were calculated as (N/EH) x 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 equivalent full-time workers (working 40 hours per week, 50 weeks per year).

² 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 fewer days than a specified median. Median days away from work are represented in actual values.

³ Days-away-from-work cases include those that resulted in days away from work, some of which also included job transfer or restriction.

⁴ Musculoskeletal disorders include cases in which the nature of the injury or illness is pinched nerve; herniated disc; meniscus tear; sprains, strains, tears; hernia (traumatic and nontraumatic); pain, swelling, and numbness; carpal or tarsal tunnel syndrome; Raynaud's syndrome or phenomenon; musculoskeletal system and connective tissue diseases and disorders, and when the event or exposure leading to the injury or illness is overexertion and bodily reaction, unspecified; overexertion involving outside sources; repetitive motion involving microtasks; other and multiple exertions or bodily reactions; and rubbed, abraded, or jarred by vibration.

⁵ Excludes farms with fewer than 11 employees.

⁶ Data for Mining (Sector 21 in the North American Industry Classification System United States, 2012) include establishments not governed by the Mine Safety and Health Administration rules and reporting, such as those in Oil and Gas Extraction and related support activities. Data for mining operators in coal, metal, and nonmetal mining are provided to BLS by the Mine Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor. Independent mining contractors are excluded from the coal, metal, and nonmetal mining industries. These data do not reflect the changes the Occupational Safety and Health Administration made to its recordkeeping requirements effective January 1, 2002; therefore, estimates for these industries are not comparable to estimates in other industries.

⁷ Data for employers in rail transportation are provided to BLS by the Federal Railroad Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation.

⁸ 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: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses, in cooperation with participating state agencies.