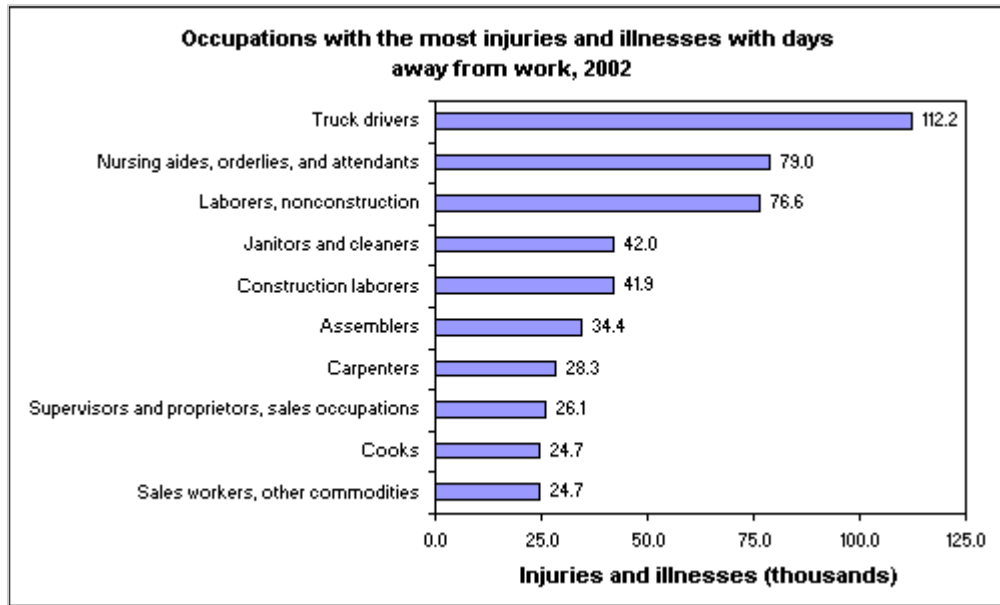


Occupations with the Most Injuries and Illnesses with Days Away from Work, 2002

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- In 2002, there were 4.7 million nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses in the private sector.
- Nearly 1 in 3 (about 1.4 million) required at least 1 day away from work beyond the day of the incident.
- Truck drivers had the largest number of such lost-worktime incidents (112,200), followed by nursing aides (79,000) and nonconstruction laborers (76,600).
- Injured or ill truck drivers typically were men; half of their injuries were sprains or strains, often to the trunk or lower extremities.
- Most of the nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants who were injured or became ill were women suffering sprains and strains to the back due to overexertion related to lifting or moving patients.

For more information, see [Lost-Worktime Injuries and Illnesses: Characteristics and Resulting Days Away From Work, 2002](http://www.bls.gov/news.release/osh2.toc.htm), USDL 04-460 (U.S. Department of Labor, March 25, 2004), available on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/osh2.toc.htm>

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Data for Chart: Occupations with the Most Injuries and Illnesses with Days Away from Work, 2002

Occupations	Injuries and Illnesses (thousands)
Sales workers, other commodities	24.7
Cooks	24.7
Supervisors and proprietors, sales occupations	26.1

Occupations	Injuries and Illnesses (thousands)
Carpenters	28.3
Assemblers	34.4
Construction laborers	41.9
Janitors and cleaners	42.0
Laborers, nonconstruction	76.6
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	79.0
Truck drivers	112.2

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