

# Allsup Study of Workplace Injuries

## Injuries-Illnesses and SSDI Claims

[More than 1 million U.S. workers](#) each year experience an injury that causes them to miss a day or more of work. [A recent report](#) from the Social Security Administration's Office of Retirement and Disability Policy used statistical sampling to identify injuries as the sixth-leading cause of SSDI claims.

Even many claims not filed as injuries involve conditions that can be job related. For example, musculoskeletal conditions make up the largest category of SSDI claims. This group includes impairments such as degenerative back disorders that can be caused or exacerbated by work and severely hamper an individual's ability to find a new source of employment.

### Work-Threatening Injuries and SSDI Claims by State (2011)

[Injury cases involving days of job transfer or restriction / All initial SSDI claims](#)

	Number of injury and illness cases (thousands)	Initial SSDI Claims (thousands)
Alabama	11.6	79.6
Alaska	1.1	5.5
Arizona	14.0	51.2
Arkansas	6.2	51.3
California	109.4	279.4
Connecticut	11.3	28.0
Colorado	*	37.5
Delaware	1.3	8.9
District of Columbia	0.5	8.8
Florida	*	222.5
Georgia	21.4	81.7
Hawaii	1.0	8.8
Idaho	*	13.9
Illinois	26.5	110.8
Indiana	23.2	74.0
Iowa	9.3	24.8
Kansas	8.8	19.6
Kentucky	10.9	68.3
Louisiana	5.1	71.7
Maine	6.2	14.4

Maryland	9.4	59.2
Massachusetts	9.8	53.1
Michigan	24.9	120.2
Minnesota	14.5	40.5
Mississippi	*	54.8
Missouri	16.9	87.5
Montana	1.8	8.7
Nebraska	5.3	13.5
Nevada	8.4	20.1
New Hampshire	*	11.8
New Jersey	16.1	67.2
New Mexico	5.3	18.0
New York	9.5	171.2
North Carolina	21.8	115.6
North Dakota	*	4.3
Ohio	*	138.8
Oklahoma	10.7	45.7
Oregon	10.2	36.3
Pennsylvania	36.9	151.0
Rhode Island	*	11.2
South Carolina	12.1	59.1
South Dakota	*	6.1
Tennessee	17.5	85.7
Texas	60.5	252.4
Utah	6.2	15.5
Vermont	1.4	5.9
Virginia	17.9	69.0
Washington	17.1	61.9
West Virginia	2.1	27.7
Wisconsin	17.5	47.3
Wyoming	0.8	3.8

**\* Note:** The following states do not consistently report data to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and so could not be incorporated into this study: Colorado, Idaho, Mississippi, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Ohio, Rhode Island and South Dakota. Florida has participated in this reporting program in the past, but 2011 data are not available. See methodology section for more information.