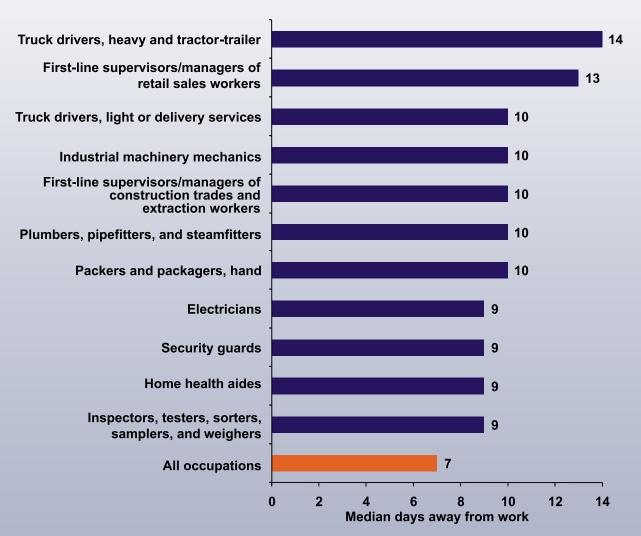
The median number of days away from work for injuries and illnesses is a key measure of severity of the injury.

Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers and first-line supervisors/managers of retail sales workers had the highest median number of days away from work among occupations with at least one-half percent of the total cases with days away from work. These two occupations had twice the median number of days than that for all occupations.

The median number of days away from work for first-line supervisors/managers of retail sales workers more than doubled, from 6 to 13 days. For these workers, falls on the same level increased by 60.5 percent from 2004 to 2005, and falls to a lower level increased by 33.7 percent.



Occupations with the highest median days away from work, 2005



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, November, 2006