

Table 2-1
Absence rates for full-time employees by industry, sector and sex — Both sexes, 2008¹

	Incidence			Inactivity rate			Days lost per worker in year		
	Total	Illness or disability	Personal or family responsibilities	Total	Illness or disability	Personal or family responsibilities	Total	Illness or disability	Personal or family responsibilities
	percent						days		
Public sector²	10.7	8.0	2.7	5.3	4.3	1.0	13.3	10.8	2.4
Private sector³	8.0	5.5	2.5	3.6	2.8	0.8	9.1	7.0	2.1
Goods-producing industries	8.1	5.5	2.6	3.9	3.1	0.8	9.7	7.7	2.1
Primary	6.1	4.0	2.0	3.1	2.4	0.7	7.7	5.9	1.8
Agriculture	7.1	4.4	2.6	3.4	2.5	0.8	8.4	6.4	2.0
Other primary industries	5.7	3.9	1.8	3.0	2.3	0.7	7.5	5.8	1.8
Utilities	9.2	6.7	2.6	4.0	3.2	0.8	10.1	8.1	2.0
Construction	7.4	4.9	2.6	3.4	2.6	0.8	8.6	6.5	2.1
Manufacturing	8.8	6.1	2.7	4.3	3.4	0.9	10.7	8.6	2.1
Durable goods ⁴	8.9	6.2	2.7	4.2	3.4	0.8	10.5	8.5	2.1
Non-Durable goods ⁵	8.5	6.0	2.6	4.4	3.5	0.9	11.0	8.8	2.2
Service-producing	8.9	6.3	2.6	4.1	3.2	0.9	10.2	8.0	2.2
Trade	8.0	5.5	2.5	3.5	2.7	0.8	8.8	6.8	2.0
Wholesale trade	8.2	5.3	2.9	3.3	2.5	0.8	8.3	6.3	2.0
Retail trade	7.9	5.5	2.4	3.6	2.8	0.8	9.1	7.1	2.0
Transportation and warehousing	8.7	6.6	2.2	4.9	4.1	0.8	12.3	10.3	2.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	7.8	5.4	2.4	3.3	2.5	0.7	8.2	6.3	1.9
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Real estate and leasing	7.1	4.6	2.4	2.8	2.0	0.8	7.0	5.0	2.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	7.6	4.5	3.1	2.5	1.7	0.8	6.3	4.2	2.1
Business, building and other support services	10.4	7.6	2.8	4.6	3.6	1.0	11.5	9.0	2.5
Educational services	9.2	6.4	2.8	3.9	2.9	1.0	9.7	7.3	2.4
Health care and social assistance	10.9	8.5	2.3	6.0	5.1	0.9	14.9	12.7	2.2
Information, culture and recreation	7.8	5.2	2.5	3.2	2.4	0.8	7.9	5.9	2.0
Accommodation and food services	6.3	4.5	1.8	2.9	2.2	0.7	7.3	5.6	1.7
Other services	7.5	4.7	2.8	3.2	2.3	0.9	7.9	5.6	2.3
Public administration	11.8	8.6	3.2	5.5	4.4	1.1	13.8	11.0	2.8
Federal administration	14.5	10.2	4.3	6.5	4.9	1.5	16.2	12.3	3.8
Provincial administration	10.8	8.2	2.5	5.0	4.3	0.7	12.6	10.8	1.8
Local and other administration	9.3	6.9	2.4	4.8	3.8	1.0	12.0	9.6	2.4

1. Excluding maternity leave.
2. Public sector employees are those working for government departments or agencies, crown corporations, or publicly funded schools, hospitals or other institutions.
3. Private sector employees are all other wage and salary earners. Those who work as employees of a private firm or business.
4. Durable goods include: wood, non-metallic mineral, primary metal, fabricated metal, machinery, computer and electronic, electric equipment, transportation equipment and furniture.
5. Non durable goods include: food, beverages and tobacco, textiles and textile products, clothing, leather and allied, paper, printing, petroleum and coal, chemicals, plastics and rubber and miscellaneous.