

Table 3-1
Absence rates for full-time employees by occupation and sex — Both sexes, 2008 ¹

| | 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 | | | percent | | | days | | |
| Management | 6.1 | 4.0 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 1.9 | 0.6 | 6.3 | 4.7 | 1.6 |
| Business, finance and administrative | 9.8 | 6.8 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 3.2 | 0.9 | 10.1 | 8.0 | 2.1 |
| Business professionals | 7.4 | 4.9 | 2.4 | 3.0 | 2.2 | 0.8 | 7.4 | 5.5 | 1.9 |
| Administrative | 9.0 | 6.1 | 2.9 | 3.6 | 2.8 | 0.8 | 8.9 | 6.9 | 2.0 |
| Clerical | 10.8 | 7.7 | 3.2 | 4.6 | 3.7 | 0.9 | 11.4 | 9.2 | 2.3 |
| Natural and applied sciences | 8.1 | 4.9 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 2.0 | 1.1 | 7.8 | 5.1 | 2.7 |
| Health | 11.0 | 8.8 | 2.1 | 6.4 | 5.6 | 0.8 | 16.1 | 14.0 | 2.1 |
| Health professional | 7.6 | 5.7 | F | 4.0 | 3.1 | F | 10.0 | 7.8 | F |
| Nursing | 12.2 | 10.1 | 2.1 | 7.5 | 6.6 | 1.0 | 18.8 | 16.4 | 2.4 |
| Technical occupations in health | 10.7 | 8.4 | 2.3 | 6.2 | 5.4 | 0.8 | 15.5 | 13.4 | 2.1 |
| Support staff in health | 11.1 | 9.0 | 2.1 | 6.4 | 5.7 | 0.7 | 16.1 | 14.3 | 1.8 |
| Social and public service | 9.2 | 6.4 | 2.8 | 3.9 | 2.9 | 1.0 | 9.8 | 7.3 | 2.5 |
| Legal, social and religious workers | 9.6 | 6.6 | 3.0 | 4.1 | 3.1 | 1.0 | 10.4 | 7.8 | 2.6 |
| Teachers and professors | 8.8 | 6.2 | 2.6 | 3.7 | 2.8 | 0.9 | 9.3 | 6.9 | 2.4 |
| Secondary and elementary teachers | 9.7 | 7.0 | 2.8 | 4.0 | 3.1 | 1.0 | 10.1 | 7.6 | 2.4 |
| Other teachers and professors | 6.7 | 4.4 | 2.3 | 3.0 | 2.1 | 0.9 | 7.6 | 5.4 | 2.2 |
| Culture and recreation | 8.0 | 5.4 | 2.5 | 3.2 | 2.3 | 0.9 | 8.0 | 5.8 | 2.2 |
| Sales and service | 7.8 | 5.7 | 2.0 | 3.8 | 3.1 | 0.8 | 9.5 | 7.6 | 1.9 |
| Wholesale | 6.1 | 4.1 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 1.7 | 0.6 | 5.7 | 4.4 | 1.4 |
| Retail | 7.5 | 5.5 | 2.1 | 3.6 | 2.8 | 0.8 | 9.0 | 7.0 | 2.0 |
| Food and beverage | 6.1 | 4.4 | 1.7 | 3.1 | 2.4 | 0.7 | 7.7 | 5.9 | 1.8 |
| Protective services | 7.9 | 6.1 | 1.7 | 4.9 | 4.1 | 0.8 | 12.3 | 10.2 | 2.1 |
| Childcare and home support | 11.2 | 8.0 | 3.2 | 5.1 | 4.0 | 1.1 | 12.7 | 10.0 | 2.7 |
| Travel and accommodation | 9.2 | 7.0 | 2.2 | 4.6 | 3.8 | 0.8 | 11.5 | 9.6 | 2.0 |
| Trades, transport and equipment operators | 8.5 | 5.9 | 2.6 | 4.2 | 3.3 | 0.9 | 10.6 | 8.4 | 2.2 |
| Contractors and supervisors | 5.9 | 3.3 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 1.7 | 0.7 | 5.9 | 4.2 | 1.8 |
| Construction trades | 8.5 | 5.7 | 2.8 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 0.9 | 9.9 | 7.6 | 2.3 |
| Other trades | 8.7 | 5.9 | 2.8 | 4.1 | 3.2 | 0.9 | 10.3 | 7.9 | 2.4 |
| Transportation equipment operators | 8.0 | 5.7 | 2.3 | 4.7 | 3.8 | 0.9 | 11.7 | 9.4 | 2.3 |
| Helpers and labourers | 9.9 | 7.4 | 2.4 | 5.0 | 4.2 | 0.8 | 12.5 | 10.6 | 1.9 |
| Occupations unique to primary industry | 6.8 | 4.5 | 2.3 | 3.7 | 2.8 | 0.8 | 9.2 | 7.1 | 2.1 |
| Occupations unique to production | 10.0 | 7.3 | 2.7 | 5.4 | 4.5 | 0.9 | 13.5 | 11.2 | 2.3 |
| Machine operators and assemblers | 10.0 | 7.2 | 2.8 | 5.5 | 4.5 | 1.0 | 13.7 | 11.3 | 2.4 |
| Labourers | 10.1 | 7.6 | 2.4 | 5.1 | 4.3 | 0.7 | 12.7 | 10.8 | 1.9 |

1. Excluding maternity leave.