

**Table 2-3**  
**Absence rates for full-time employees by industry, sector and sex — Females, 2008 <sup>1</sup>**

	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		
<b>Public sector <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>2.4</b>
<b>Private sector <sup>3</sup></b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>2.1</b>
<b>Goods-producing industries</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>2.0</b>
Primary	8.3	5.4	2.9	3.8	2.9	0.9	9.6	7.3	2.3
Agriculture	9.3	6.1	F	5.0	3.9	F	12.4	9.6	F
Other primary industries	7.6	4.9	F	3.0	2.3	F	7.6	5.7	F
Utilities	11.8	9.2	F	4.7	4.1	F	11.8	10.3	F
Construction	9.6	5.6	4.1	4.1	2.6	1.4	10.1	6.6	3.6
Manufacturing	10.3	7.5	2.8	5.0	4.4	0.7	12.6	10.9	1.7
Durable goods <sup>4</sup>	10.9	8.2	2.7	5.4	4.9	0.6	13.5	12.1	1.4
Non-Durable goods <sup>5</sup>	9.7	6.9	2.9	4.7	3.9	0.8	11.7	9.8	1.9
<b>Service-producing</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>2.2</b>
Trade	9.0	6.2	2.7	4.1	3.3	0.8	10.3	8.2	2.1
Wholesale trade	10.3	6.8	3.5	4.2	3.5	0.7	10.6	8.8	1.8
Retail trade	8.6	6.1	2.5	4.1	3.2	0.9	10.2	8.0	2.2
Transportation and warehousing	11.8	8.5	3.3	6.1	5.0	1.1	15.2	12.5	2.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	8.8	6.3	2.5	3.7	3.0	0.7	9.3	7.5	1.8
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Real estate and leasing	8.1	5.6	2.5	2.8	2.1	0.7	7.0	5.3	1.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	9.6	6.1	3.5	3.5	2.6	1.0	8.8	6.4	2.4
Business, building and other support services	13.4	9.8	3.6	5.9	4.6	1.3	14.7	11.5	3.2
Educational services	10.2	7.2	3.0	4.3	3.3	1.0	10.7	8.2	2.5
Health care and social assistance	11.5	9.0	2.4	6.3	5.4	0.9	15.8	13.6	2.3
Information, culture and recreation	9.2	6.4	2.8	3.7	2.9	0.8	9.3	7.2	2.1
Accommodation and food services	7.4	5.3	2.0	3.4	2.7	0.7	8.5	6.9	1.7
Other services	7.2	4.6	2.6	3.0	2.3	0.8	7.5	5.6	1.9
Public administration	13.3	9.8	3.5	5.9	4.8	1.0	14.7	12.1	2.5
Federal administration	15.2	10.8	4.4	6.0	4.8	1.3	15.0	11.9	3.2
Provincial administration	12.2	9.3	2.8	5.8	5.1	0.7	14.5	12.7	1.8
Local and other administration	11.7	8.9	2.8	5.7	4.7	1.0	14.1	11.7	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.