

Table 3-2
Absence rates for full-time employees by occupation and sex — Males, 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	5.2	3.4	1.9	2.2	1.6	0.6	5.5	3.9	1.6
Business, finance and administrative	8.1	5.6	2.4	3.3	2.5	0.8	8.2	6.3	1.9
Business professionals	6.5	4.0	2.5	2.7	1.9	0.8	6.7	4.8	2.0
Administrative	8.2	5.3	2.8	3.1	2.3	0.8	7.7	5.8	1.9
Clerical	8.7	6.3	2.3	3.6	2.8	0.8	9.0	7.1	1.9
Natural and applied sciences	7.3	4.2	3.1	2.9	1.7	1.1	7.2	4.3	2.8
Health	8.5	6.7	1.8	5.0	4.2	0.8	12.6	10.5	2.1
Health professional	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
Nursing	10.4	F	F	6.0	F	F	14.9	F	F
Technical occupations in health	10.1	8.1	F	6.7	5.9	F	16.7	14.7	F
Support staff in health	7.2	0.0	F	3.7	0.0	F	9.2	0.0	F
Social and public service	6.9	4.1	2.8	2.8	1.8	1.0	7.0	4.5	2.5
Legal, social and religious workers	7.1	3.9	3.3	3.0	1.8	1.2	7.4	4.4	3.0
Teachers and professors	6.7	4.3	2.4	2.6	1.8	0.8	6.6	4.6	2.0
Secondary and elementary teachers	7.8	5.3	2.5	3.0	2.3	0.7	7.6	5.8	1.8
Other teachers and professors	5.3	3.0	2.3	2.2	1.3	0.9	5.5	3.3	2.2
Culture and recreation	5.9	3.8	2.1	1.8	1.2	0.6	4.6	3.0	1.6
Sales and service	6.6	4.8	1.8	3.2	2.5	0.7	8.0	6.4	1.6
Wholesale	5.2	3.4	1.8	1.8	1.3	0.5	4.6	3.3	1.3
Retail	6.3	4.5	1.9	2.8	2.2	0.6	7.1	5.6	1.5
Food and beverage	4.5	3.0	1.5	2.0	1.4	0.6	5.1	3.5	1.5
Protective services	7.1	5.6	1.5	4.6	3.8	0.7	11.4	9.6	1.8
Childcare and home support	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
Travel and accommodation	8.1	6.1	1.9	4.0	3.3	0.7	10.0	8.2	1.8
Trades, transport and equipment operators	8.3	5.7	2.6	4.1	3.2	0.9	10.3	8.1	2.2
Contractors and supervisors	5.6	3.3	2.4	2.3	1.6	0.7	5.8	4.1	1.7
Construction trades	8.5	5.7	2.8	4.0	3.0	0.9	9.9	7.6	2.3
Other trades	8.6	5.8	2.8	4.1	3.1	1.0	10.2	7.8	2.4
Transportation equipment operators	7.6	5.4	2.2	4.5	3.6	0.9	11.2	8.9	2.3
Helpers and labourers	9.4	7.1	2.4	4.7	4.0	0.7	11.8	10.0	1.8
Occupations unique to primary industry	6.3	4.2	2.0	3.4	2.6	0.8	8.5	6.5	1.9
Occupations unique to production	9.3	6.7	2.6	5.0	4.0	0.9	12.4	10.0	2.4
Machine operators and assemblers	9.3	6.6	2.6	5.0	4.0	1.0	12.6	10.1	2.5
Labourers	9.7	7.3	2.4	4.6	3.9	0.7	11.6	9.8	1.8

1. Excluding maternity leave.