



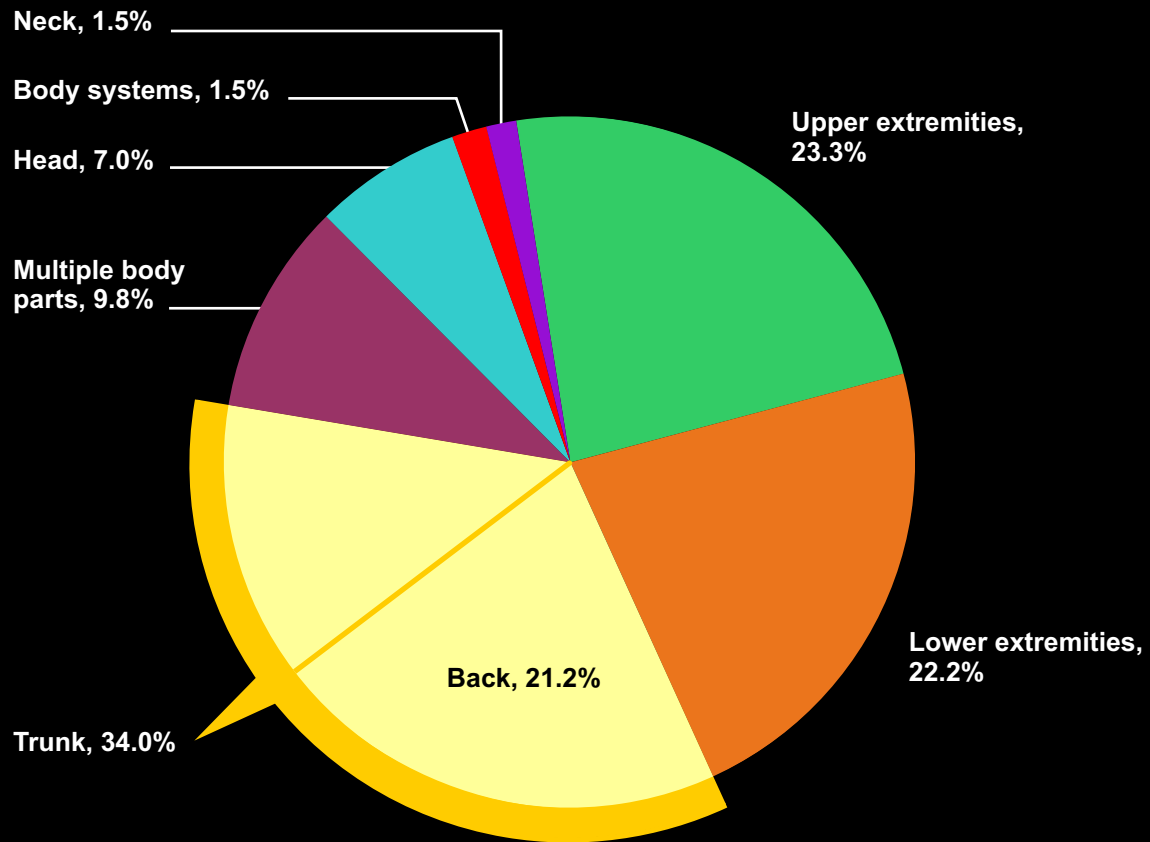
Three parts of the body—the upper extremities, lower extremities, and back—each accounted for more than one-fifth of all injuries and illnesses requiring days away from work in 2006.

The rate of injuries to the upper extremities was 141 percent higher for workers in construction and extractive occupations than the rate for workers in all private industry. The rate for production workers was 122 percent higher than the rate for all workers in private industry.

The rate of back injuries in the transportation and material moving occupations was two and one-half times the rate for workers in all private industry. The transportation and warehousing industry had a rate of back injuries more than twice as high as the rate for all private industry, and the health care and social assistance industry had a rate 63 percent higher than the rate for all private industry.

CHART 30

Distribution of injuries and illnesses, by part of body, private industry, 2006 (cases involving days away from work)



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, November 2007