

# More than one-third of workers report work-related health problems

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(HealthDay)—More than one-third of employed individuals report work-

related health problems, according to research published in the April 3 issue of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*.

Hannah Free, M.P.H., from the CDC in Atlanta, and colleagues estimated the lifetime prevalence of self-reported work-related health problems for the currently employed population using data from the 2018 version of the SummerStyles survey.

The researchers found that 35.1 percent of employed [respondents](#) had ever experienced a work-related health problem, with back pain being the most commonly reported work-related health problem (19.4 percent). Overall, 14.7 percent of respondents reported a work-related injury that necessitated medical treatment. Construction was the industry with the highest prevalence of any work-related health problem (48.6 percent). There was no significant variation noted in the prevalence of work-related health problems by sex, but significant variation was seen by age, education, and race/ethnicity.

"Because respondents who left the workforce because of a work-related [health](#) problem, retirement, family commitments, or other reasons were not captured by this analysis, these results are still not capturing the entirety of work-related illnesses and injuries in the United States," the authors write.

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