

Musculoskeletal conditions (MSK) and work

In the UK,

MSK is a leading cause of work limitations and

27.8 million working days

per year are lost due to MSK



MSK is the second largest single cause of sickness absence



People with MSK conditions are less likely to be in work than people without a health condition



In England, of the population report a long term MSK problem Agriculture, construction, health and social care, and transportation and storage industries all show elevated rates of MSK

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