

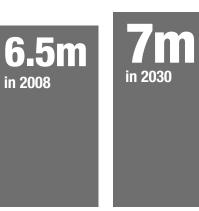
Health and Work Spotlight on musculoskeletal conditions (MSK)



1 in 8 of the working age population reported having an MSK



The **prevalence of MSK** in the workforce is **likely to increase**



Employment rate

for people who report MSK as their main health condition is

59.7%

In 2013, **MORE CLAYS** of sickness absence were attributed to back, neck and muscle pain than any other cause.

ln 2013,

30.6m days of sickness absence

23% of all working days lost

33% of English long-term sickness absence is attributed to MSK

In 2015, **139%** of **Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) recipients** reported MSK as their **main condition** In 2010, ESA claimants with MSK were more likely than those with other conditions, to attribute their health conditions to work – 36%

related it to work

An estimated

9.5m

working days were lost due to work related MSK,

an average of **17 days lost for each case**. This represents **40% of all days lost due to work related ill-health in 2014/15**. Agriculture; construction; health and social care; and transportation and storage industries all show elevated rates of MSK.

Sources: Health Survey for England, 2013; Health and wellbeing at work: a survey of employees, 2014; Labour Force Survey analyses, various years; Vaughan-Jones & Barham, 2009; Routes onto Employment and Support Allowance, 2011