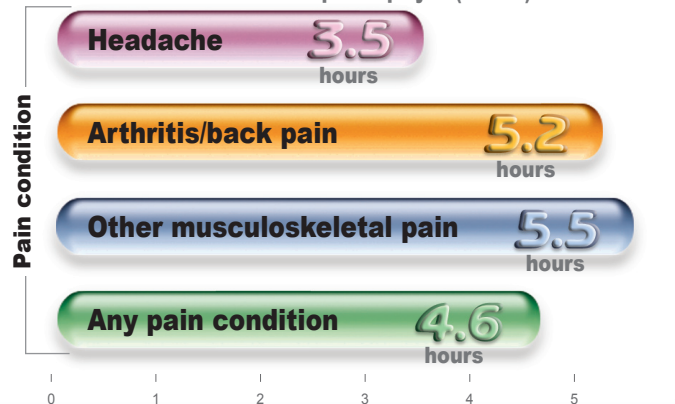


## Bringing Pain to the Workplace

A telephone survey of working U.S. adults found that common pain conditions accounted for a substantial drop in on-the-job productivity:

Productive time lost per employee (hrs/wk)



Overall, the authors estimate that lost productive time attributable to common pain conditions costs employers \$61.2 billion annually.

**SOURCE:** Stewart WF, Ricci JA, Chee E, et al. Lost productive time and cost due to common pain conditions in the U.S. workforce. JAMA, Nov. 12, 2003;290(18):2443-54.