

## **Indicator 7: Musculoskeletal Disorders Reported by Employers**

### **Significance**

Work-related musculoskeletal disorders and injuries affect the muscles, tendons, nerves, ligaments, joints and spinal discs and significantly impact the ability of workers to perform their jobs. Contributing work activities include repetitive motion, placing hands or limbs in awkward positions, using equipment that vibrates and handling heavy objects. Work-related musculoskeletal disorders can be prevented through the identification and control of occupational hazards and the implementation of safety procedures.

### **Methods**

In Colorado, musculoskeletal disorders reported by employers are not available because Colorado is 1 of 8 states that does not participate in the Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses (SOII).

### **Recommendations**

- Colorado should participate in the Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses (SOII).