

**Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries  
Research File Data Elements**

The following data elements are included on the CFOI Research File for each fatality record. This file is given to qualified researchers who sign a Letter of Agreement and agree to comply with BLS confidentiality policy.

1. Reference year
2. Year of injury
3. Census Region (where incident occurred)
4. Record ID (unique code)
5. Race
6. Gender
7. Industry (based on the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Manual / North American Industry Classification System beginning with data for 2003)
8. Ownership (federal, state or local government; private, etc.)
9. Occupation (based on the 1990 Census Occupational Classification System / Standard Occupation Classification (SOC) beginning with 2003 data)
10. Employee status (wage and salary, self-employed, etc.)
11. Nature of injury/illness (based on the BLS Occupational Injury and Illness Classification Structures (OIICS), which was adopted as a National standard by ANSI Z16.2 in September 1995.
12. Part of body affected (BLS OIICS)
13. Source of injury (BLS OIICS)
14. Secondary source of injury (BLS OIICS)
15. Event or exposure (BLS OIICS)
16. Worker activity (at the time of incident)
17. Hispanic origin
18. Location of incident (farm, street, mine, etc.)
19. Age (10-year intervals starting with less than 20)
20. Date of injury (day of the week, and month of the year)
21. Days survived (number of days between injury and death)
22. Region of birth (name of region)
23. Establishment sizes (5 employment size groups)
24. Length of time in current position (in years)
25. Time of incident (to the nearest hour)
26. How the injury occurred (narrative description up to 1,500 characters)
27. Confined space incident\*
28. Contracted worker information (whether worker was employed by a contractor and contracting agency's industry code, and ownership)\*

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Additional data elements requested by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH):

1. State of incident
  2. Date of death
  3. Narrative industry and occupation description
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Additional data elements requested by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA):

1. State plan

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\*Added beginning with data for 2011