

Attachment B: NIOSH Surveillance Strategic Goal 3

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Strengthen surveillance of high-risk industries and occupations, and of populations at high risk, including special populations.

Certain populations of workers are at especially high risk for occupational illness, injury, and hazard. Those employed in agriculture, construction, and mining still account for a large burden of occupational illness and injury. Health care workers, representing a growing industrial sector, have increasing rates of nonfatal injuries and illnesses, as well as increased hazardous exposures to such dangers as blood-borne pathogens, latex, and biomechanical stress. Other groups of workers are at increased risk because of age, gender, race, disability, or genetic susceptibility. The extent and nature of sector-specific job characteristics and particular risks experienced by these special populations and groups at higher risk must be understood in order to effectively target preventive efforts.

Full text of the NIOSH Surveillance Strategic Plan is available at:
<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2001-118/>.