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. Year of death
2. Region designation for State code
3. Report ID (unique 5-digit code)
4. Injury (illnesses are maintained as a separate file)
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)
9. Occupation (based on the 1990 Census of Population 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, month, and year)
21. Days survived (number of days between injury and death)
22. Born in foreign country (name of region)
23. Establishment sizes (5 employment size groups)
24. Length of time with employer (in years)
25. Urban or rural area
26. Time of incident (to the nearest hour)
27. How the injury occurred (narrative description up to 1,500 characters)
28. Confined space incident*
29. Contractor information (whether worker was employed by a contractor and contracting agency's industry code, and ownership)*

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

2. Date of birth
3. Date of death
4. Death certificate identification number
5. Narrative industry and occupation description

*Added beginning with data for 2011