

Department of the Interior Inventory Data Standards¹

The Department of the Interior (DOI) is committed to the stewardship and accountability of its museum collections, which includes the physical inventory of its museum objects. Inventory enables DOI to identify missing objects, update information in object catalog records, and assess object condition and conservation needs. Conducting an inventory involves physically locating and documenting a sub-set of objects from a particular collection housed at bureau facilities and non-Federal repositories. This is done at an interval and method identified in DOI policy and as determined by the DOI bureau responsible for inventorying the collection.

DOI uses the set of data standards identified below to inventory its museum objects. DOI asks that non-Federal repositories voluntarily provide the data for as many of the fields below as possible, per object inventoried. DOI is committed to working with its non-Federal repository partners to accomplish its biennial or annual inventories in the most practical, least burdensome manner, consistent with DOI's mandated stewardship responsibilities.

- (1) *Object(s) found.* Compare the catalog number to the number on the object's label or tag.
- (2) *Item count.* Includes item count, lot, bulk, and linear feet.
- (3) *Location of the object(s).* The actual physical location of the object.
- (4) *Condition of the object(s).*

Note: The most common inventory method that DOI units use is a random sample inventory.

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¹ Based on [DOI](#) Museum Property Directive 3, *Required Standards for Documenting Museum Property*.

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