
Asbestos: Number of samples, geometric mean exposures, and percent exceeding designated occupational exposure limits by industry, MSHA and OSHA samples, 1995–2003

CIC	Industry	Number of Samples	GM (f/cc)	% > PEL	% > REL
050	Nonmetallic mining and quarrying, except fuel	322	0.004	0.0	9.9
262	Miscellaneous nonmetallic mineral and stone products	23	0.002	8.7	8.7
060	Construction	424	0.002	5.2	5.2
900	Executive and legislative offices	23	0.003	4.3	4.3
040	Metal mining	131	0.002	0.0	3.1
351	Motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment	68	0.004	1.5	1.5
	All other industries*	1,217	0.001	0.7	0.7
	TOTAL	2,208	0.002	1.5	3.2

CIC - Census Industry Code PEL - permissible exposure limit REL - recommended exposure limit GM - geometric mean
 MSHA - Mine Safety and Health Administration OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration
 f/cc - fibers per cubic centimeter

* includes industries with no samples exceeding the REL or industries with less than 10 samples.

NOTE: The MSHA PEL is 2 f/cc. The OSHA PEL is 2 f/cc before July 21, 1986, 0.2 f/cc from July 21, 1986 to October 10, 1994, and 0.1 f/cc after October 10, 1994. The NIOSH REL is 0.1 f/cc. See appendices for source description and methods.

SOURCE: MSHA metal/nonmetal mine data. OSHA Integrated Management Information System.