In 2004, fatalities in the private mining sector as a whole were up 8 percent from 2003, resulting primarily from a 13-percent increase in fatalities in oil and gas industries.

Oil and gas industry fatalities accounted for nearly two-thirds of the fatal work injuries in mining in 2004.

The Bureau classifies industries according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Oil and gas industries include NAICS 211 (oil and gas extraction), NAICS 213111 (drilling oil and gas wells), and NAICS 213112 (support activities for oil and gas operations).

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