



## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### Records About Major Collective Bargaining Agreements, 1974 - 1995 Record Group 257

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#### 1. What information is in these records?

This series includes information extracted from collective bargaining agreements that cover firms with more than 1000 workers in both the private and public sectors. Each record identifies the employer, the labor union, the Standard Industrial Classification code for the industry, the type of bargaining unit, the region or state and plant location covered by the agreement, the number of employees, the date negotiations began, the effective date of the agreement, its expiration date, the reopening date for negotiations for a new agreement, information related to any escalator clauses in the agreement, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) base year, CPI formula applied in the agreement, dates of cost of living reviews, and beginning and ending date of any related work stoppage.

#### 2. Why were these records created?

The agency used these records to provide a detailed statistical summary of wage and benefit changes in collective bargaining agreements.

#### 3. How can I access a copy of the full file(s)?

The raw data file, along with the associated technical documentation, may be downloaded from the National Archives Catalog at: <https://catalog.archives.gov/>. There you can search by the series name, Records About Major Collective Bargaining Agreements, or using the National Archives Identifier 572503, which is the description identifier for this series.

In the results, select to view the full series description. Click on the link “file unit(s) described in the catalog” next to “Includes:” for a list of the file units within this series. Then select the file unit containing the records of interest to you. The file unit description will include the list of electronic records and documentation files available for viewing and/or downloading.

Additional information about downloading electronic records from the Catalog is available at: <https://www.archives.gov/research/electronic-records/access-in-catalog-faqs>.

Please keep in mind that the data file consists of the raw structured data as loaded into AAD (i.e. the coded values without meanings), but without the AAD software that displays the meanings for coded values and field titles. For more details about using files containing raw structured data, you may wish to review our "Introduction to Raw Data" at: <https://www.archives.gov/files/research/electronic-records/raw-data-intro.pdf>.

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