



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Records About Worker-Initiated Strikes and Employer-Initiated Lockouts, ca. 1988 - 2017 Record Group 257

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1. What information is in these records?

This series contains records of worker-initiated strikes and lockouts of workers by their employers that involved six workers or more and continued for the equivalent of a full day or shift or longer and includes the number of workers idle, industry, labor union, state, standard metropolitan area (SMSA), and major issues.

2. Why were these records created?

The agency used these records to collect and provide statistics on work stoppages.

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 Worker-Initiated Strikes and Employer-Initiated Lockouts, or using the National Archives Identifier 572397, 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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