

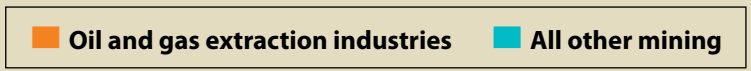
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In 2008, fatal work injuries in private sector mining as a whole were up 25 percent from 2003, though down slightly from 2007.

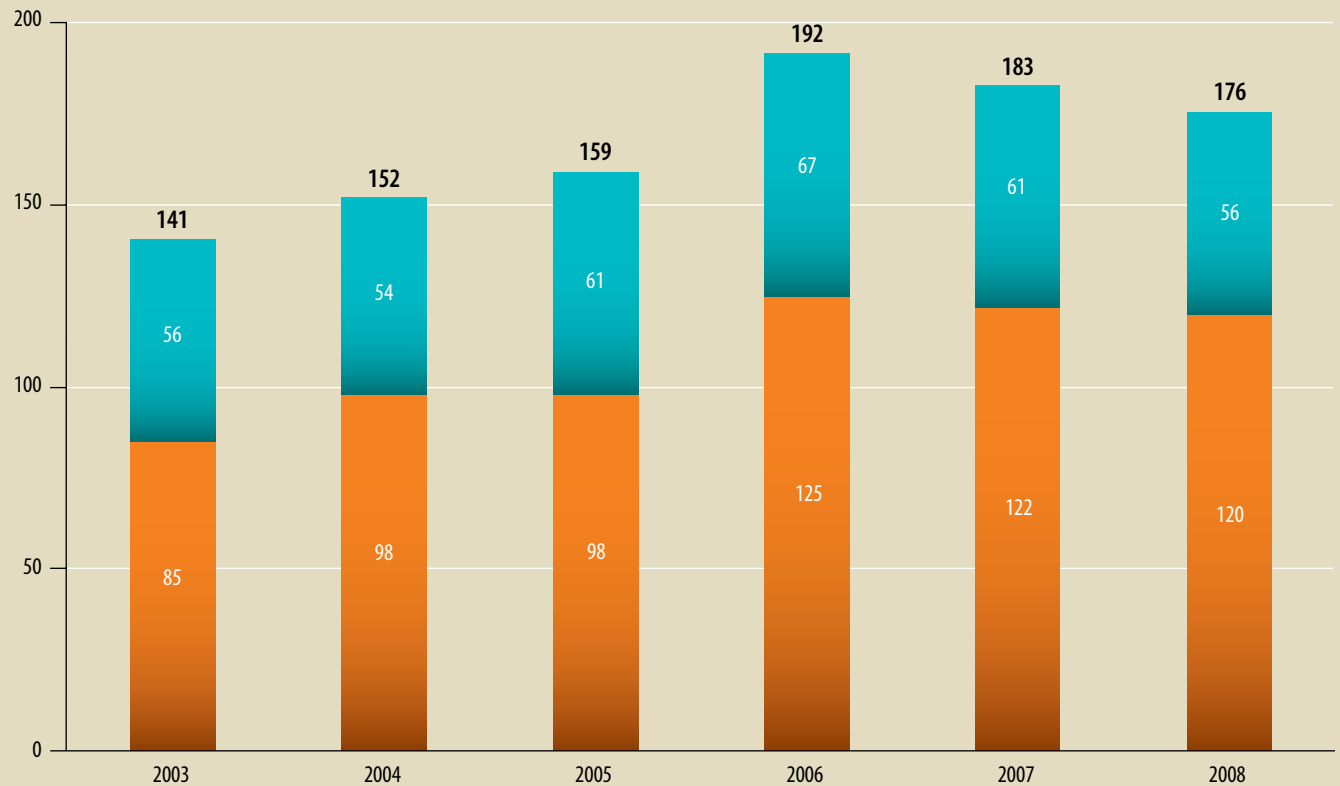
Fatal injuries in oil and gas extraction industries accounted for more than three-fifths of fatal work injuries in mining from 2003 to 2008.

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). NAICS 213110 (support activities for mining, unspecified) may include some oil and gas activities.

# Fatal occupational injuries in the private sector mining industry, 2003–08



Number of fatal work injuries



SOURCE: Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, April 2010.