An Overview of Census Bureau Economic Programs

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Outline

- Census Economic Programs Primer
 - Key Terms
- Business Programs and Key Related Tools Overview
 - Monthlies, Quarterlies, and Annuals
 - The Economic Census and Other Related Programs

Key Economic Census Terms

- NAICS (North American Industry Classification System)
 - Our primary data dimension
- Establishments (vs. Companies, Firms, etc.)
 - Our collection/tabulation level
- Employers (vs. Nonemployers)
 - EC only covers employer businesses
- U.S. Code <u>Title 13 and 26</u>
 - Protects business privacy



- Annual Data
 - Annual Survey of Manufactures
 - County Business Patterns
 - Nonemployer Statistics
- Quinquennial and Other Data
 - Economic Census
 - Survey of Business Owners and Other Related
 Programs





Economic Indicators

- Provides monthly and quarterly key economic statistics for nearly every sector
 - Monthly
 - MRTS, Permits, Const, Exports/Imports, Manufactured Homes, M3, MTIS, MWTS
 - Quarterly
 - PCU, QFR, QSS
- Sample surveys
- Shown at the national level only (with 2 exceptions):
 - Building Permits/Housing Starts
 - International Trade data
- Primary audience: Economists, Policy Analysts, etc.
- Reach audience: Small and medium-sized businesses



Economic Indicators Briefing Room

www.census.gov/economic-indicators/index.php

- Contains data from the **Economic** Indicators only
- WISH LIST: Cross-links to other tools





Annual Programs

- Provides annual economic statistics for nearly every sector
 - Single-sector programs
 - ASM, ARTS, AWTS, SAS
 - Multi-sector programs
 - CBP, NES
- Sample surveys or administrative data
- Shown primarily at the national level only (with a few exceptions):
 - ASM: US and States
 - NES: US, State, Metro, County
 - CBP: US, State, Metro, County, ZIP Code
- Primary audiences:
 - Single-sector programs: Industry Trade Associations, large companies, etc.
 - Multi-sector programs: Small businesses, local planners
- Reach audience: Opposite users

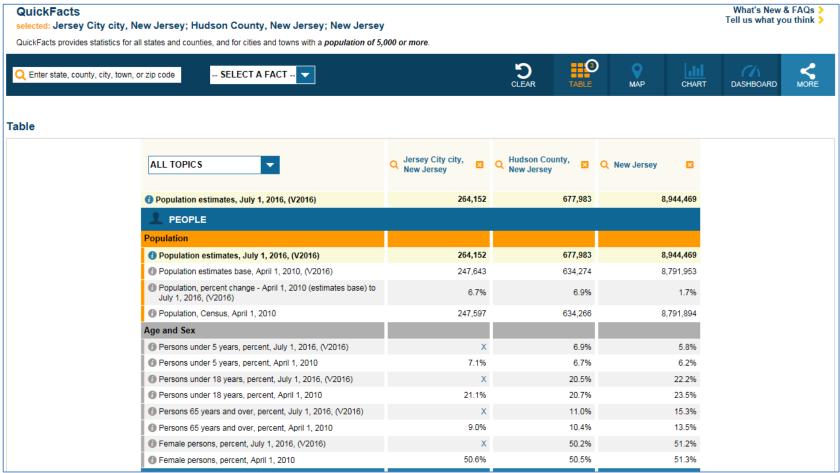




 Contains data from CBP and NES, plus the Economic Census and SBO

QuickFacts

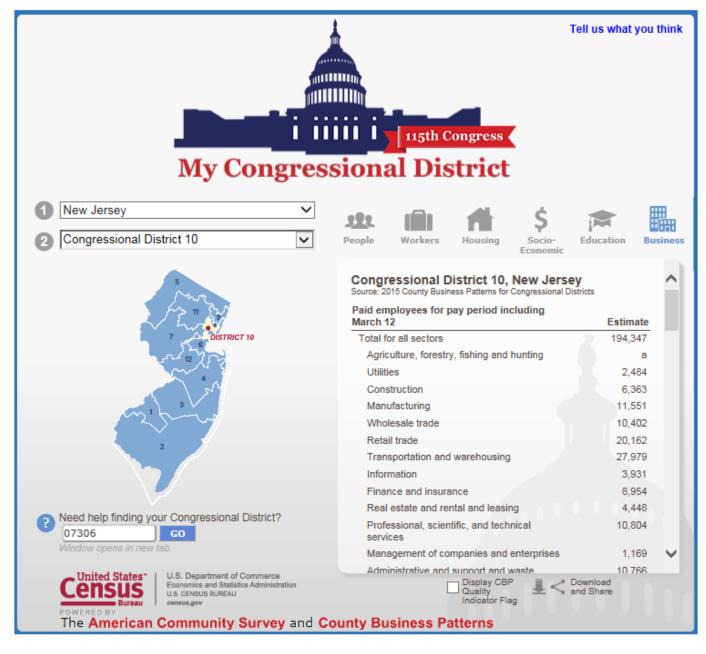
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My CD

www.census.gov/mycd/

Contains data from CBP only



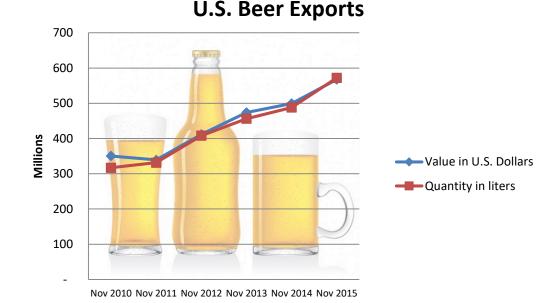


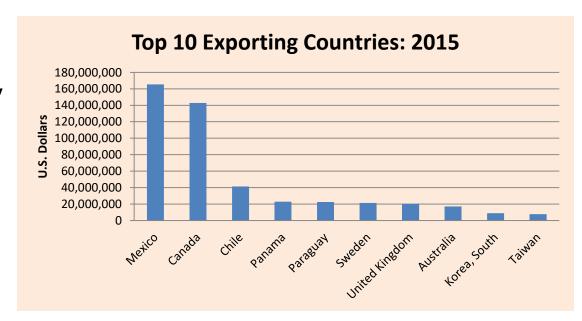
Other Current Economic Surveys

- Retail e-Commerce Sales (E-Stats) (census.gov/econ/estats/index.html)
- Annual Capital Expenditures Survey (<u>census.gov/econ/aces/index.html</u>)
- Statistics of U.S. Businesses (census.gov/econ/susb/index.html)
- Business Dynamics Statistics (https://www.census.gov/ces/dataproducts/bds/)
- International Trade (census.gov/foreign-trade/)
- Census of Governments (census.gov/govs/)

International Trade

- Provides monthly and annual U.S. exports and imports statistics at the national, state, and port levels
- Also provides data by Commodity Classification
- Issues export regulations from the U.S.
- See <u>census.gov/foreign-</u> trade/data/index.html
- Primary audience: Existing exporters, Policy Analysts, etc.
- Reach audience: Small and medium-sized businesses who don't currently export
- WISH LIST: Cross-links to other programs & tools







Statistics About Governments

- Main purposes
 - Provide economic statistics about governments at the federal, state, and local area levels
 - Serve as public-sector counterpart to private sector
 - Track activity of governments over time
- Response is voluntary
- Virtually no confidentiality restriction
 - Micro-level data available to be disseminated ("unit files")
- A Challenge: Governments vs. geographies

Core Programs Content

- Organization and Structure Governments by type
- Government Employment Full-time employees, Full-time gross payroll, Part-time employees, Part-time gross payroll, Computed FTE
- Government Finances Revenue by type, Expenditure by character object & function, Debt term, Cash and Securities by type of holding

See http://www.census.gov/govs/index.html for more information

WISH LIST: Cross-links to other programs and tools; expanded comparisons

The Economic Census & Related Programs



Economic Census

- Done on the years ending in "2" and "7"
- Cover business conducted during the Calendar Year
- Covers employer businesses in the U.S.
- Covers businesses in all NAICS sectors except:
 - Agriculture (USDA-NASS)
 - Public Sector
 - Other selected exclusions (see
 census.gov/econ/census/help/naics other classification systems/codes not covered.html)
- Very accurate



The Economic Census Offers...

- Over 200 unique industry statistics
- National-, state-, metro-, county-, place-, and ZIP Code-level data (varies by sector)
- Industry detail: 2- thru 6-digit NAICS codes
- Product Lines
- Additional cross-tabs, including:
 - Business employment and sales size
 - Taxable and tax exempt business
- Primary audience: Economists, Policy Analysts, local planners
- Reach audience: Small and medium-sized businesses

Census-Related Programs

- Commodity Flow Survey (CFS) Selected national- and finer-level data on the movement of products across the U.S. by mode of transportation (plus other breakouts). Partnership with DOT/BTS (http://www.census.gov/econ/cfs/)
- Economic Census of Island Areas Selected industry, product, and other data for American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. (http://www.census.gov/econ/islandareas/)
- Survey of Business Owners (SBO) Selected national- and finer-level industry data for women- and minority-owned businesses and the characteristics of all businesses and their owners. (http://www.census.gov/econ/sbo/)

Annual Survey of Entrepreneurs (ASE) – The ASE provides annual data on select economic and demographic characteristics of employer businesses and their owners by gender, ethnicity, race, and veteran status.

American FactFinder (AFF)

www.factfinder.census.gov

Contains data from CBP, NES, ASM, the **Economic** Census, the **Economic** Census of Island Areas, SBO, ASE, CFS, and Census of Governments



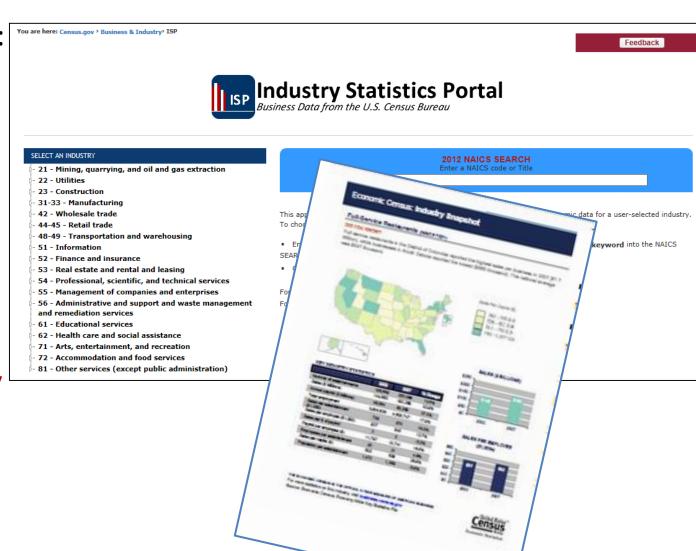


ISP and Snapshots

http://www.census.gov/econ/isp/

http://www.census.gov/econ/snap
shots/index.php

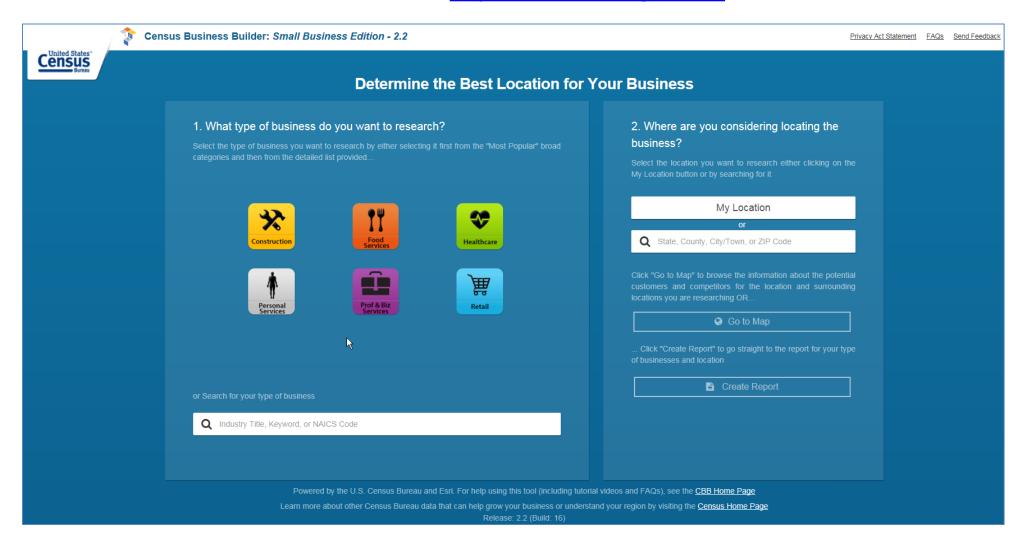
- Provides access to data from:
 - All Census Economic Programs
- Allows you to:
 - Browse all Census programs
 - Deep Link to AFF
 - View Industry Definitions/Comparability
 - Access to Snapshots





CBB: SBE

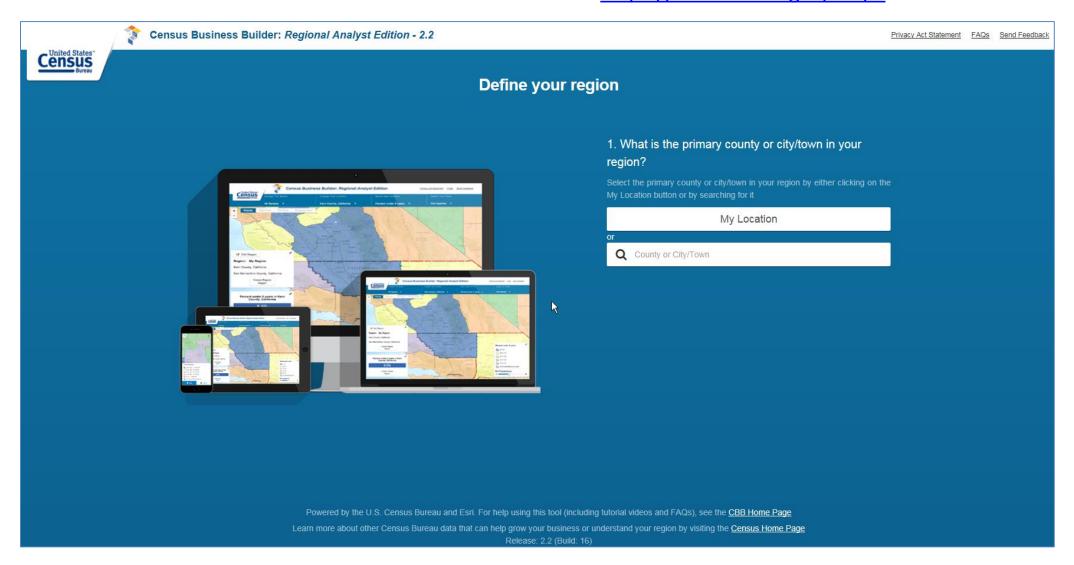
https://cbb.census.gov/sbe/





CBB: RAE

https://cbb.census.gov/rae/#





2017 Economic Census



Collection Changes

- Electronic Only no paper forms
- Collection strategies
 - Focused support
 - Hard to reach industries
 - Low response geographies
 - Delayed mailing to accommodate when most businesses close their books







- NAICS updates See the NAICS web site
 (http://www.census.gov/eos/www/naics/), including the Federal Register
 Notices (http://www.census.gov/eos/www/naics/federal_register_notices/fedregister.html)
- Increased implementation of North American Product Classification System (NAPCS)
- Geography Metro, Place, and other changes
- New dissemination system (https://data.census.gov/cedsci/search)
- Data product changes

Response Promotion

- Working with associations, chambers of commerce, and other business organizations
 - Strong response rates and quality reporting helps guarantee quality data for our users
 - What materials are needed for outreach to businesses and customers?
 - How else can we help?

Summary

- The Census Bureau is not just the Decennial Census! We provide a wealth of business data that can help users understand their local economy
- The most detailed of these programs is the Economic Census
- Lots of changes coming for 2017 EC
- Various tools to access the data

Questions or Feedback?

Please feel free to contact me!

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