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The Economic Census. Put it on your calendar.



Pe realize your time is valuable. Most businesses can complete their economic census form in about an hour. The information you provide will help build economic indicators, like the GDP, that America uses to chart its future.

In December 1997, 5 million businesses will receive an economic census form. If you get one, fill it out. **Send it in by February 12.** Your company's response is confidential, It's important, and it's required by law.

Make sure your business is counted. Help us provide the information America needs.

To learn more, visit our web site: **www.census.gov/econ97**. For assistance or questions about your form, call **1-800-233-6136**.



Make Sure Your Business is Counted

Questions Frequently Asked About the Economic Census

What is the economic census?	The Economic Census gathers detailed information about the Nation's economy once every 5 years.
	In December 1997, the Census Bureau will mail economic census questionnaires to more than 5 million businesses, possibly including your business clients with paid employees. We will combine the important information that these businesses provide with that sup- plied by other businesses, and publish summary reports on industries and geographic areas from the national to the local level.
	These reports are central to the work of economic policymakers, the business community, researchers, and directly or indirectly, the general public.
	The 1997 Economic Census introduces the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS). Census forms will reflect the old Standard Industrial Classification System, but data will be published on the NAICS basis. The 1997 Economic Census reports will be the first in North America based on this new classification system.
	There are nearly 500 versions of the census form, each tailored to the particular industries or types of activity. The content of the forms was developed in consultation with representative trade associations and other data users; data suppliers; accounting organizations; and the Office of Management and Budget.
What is the legal authority for the economic census?	Title 13, United States Code, requires firms to complete census questionnaires sent to them.
	Title 13 directs the Census Bureau to publish no data that reveal the identity or activities of any individual or company. Individual responses may be seen only by sworn Census Bureau employees, and are exempt from the Freedom of Information Act. The law also protects from disclosure any photocopies of the census questionnaires that a company retains in its own records.
Will my client receive a	All large companies will receive census forms.
census form?	Your client <i>probably</i> will not receive a form —
	If it has no employees. Fifteen million companies with no employees will not receive a census form. This alleviates the burden on small businesses.
	If it is an entity owned by another company. In that case, the census form requiring information on your client's activity most likely will go to the "parent" company.
	The economic census measures activity at the "establishment" level, generally, a single physical location . Companies operating more than one establishment will receive a separate form for each physical location. All of these questionnaires will be mailed to the company headquarters.
	(This differs from reporting for financial and income tax purposes, where the reporting unit may be a legal entity consisting of more than one establishment.)
	In some industries, companies will receive separate forms that consolidate certain activities on a statewide basis. In such cases, a separate form covering each state in which the company operates will cover all of the establishments in the state.
When will the forms be mailed? When are they due?	The Census Bureau will mail economic census questionnaires in mid-December 1997. Completed reports are due February 12, 1998.

What period is covered?	Each form requests data for calendar year 1997. Your fiscal year is acceptable if it includes both March and October of 1997. However, employment and payroll still should relate to the calendar year.
Can my client's company be excused?	No. Federal law requires every company that receives a census form to complete and return it.
Can I use estimates?	Yes. We accept estimates where the information requested is not readily available from actual business records.
What If I do not have some records for my client's business?	Your client may need to supply certain operating statistics, such as product lines, kinds of service, or merchandise lines, from records that are not available to you. In such cases, give your client a copy of the form to supply the required data, and then consolidate the information onto one form.
	Please, remind your client that estimates are acceptable, as indicated above.
What if the form does not apply?	If you receive a form that does not seem to apply to your client's operations, complete all items that do apply and return the form along with a description of the activity actually performed.
Can I submit the completed form electronically?	Yes, in some cases. Electronic reporting can reduce your client's cost to complete the economic census, and we are offering electronic options in selected industries. Available formats include EDI (Electronic Data Interchange) and diskette-based reporting. The best tools are available for retail trade, foodservices and accommodations businesses.
	If you are interested in reporting for your client on electronic media (regardless of industry) please contact:
	Electronic Reporting Staff U.S. Cenus Bureau Washington, DC 20233-6100 Telephone: 301-457-4125 email: ers@census.gov
How do I request an extension?	If you require additional time to complete the economic census form for your client, call the toll-free help line: 1-800-233-6136
	Please, do not call to request an extension before your clients receive census forms.
	 Have ready the 11-digit Census File Number (CFN).
How will the 1997	Many census forms have been shortened and ask fewer questions.
forms differ from the ones my client's firm completed for 1992?	The company summary report, Form ES-9100, has been dropped.
	Questions on some forms are changed to accomodate the North American Industrial Classification System.
	The questionnaires for various sectors have been made more standardized.
	For the first time, sample forms are available on the Internet.
Alert!	Make a file copy of the completed census forms for your client's records before returning them to the Census Bureau!

What Will My Client Receive, and When?

Economic census forms will be mailed in December 1997. The due date is February 12, 1998.

The economic census mailing package will contain:

An **inventory list** of all establishments that constitute your client's company and its subsidiaries. The list will identify the specific forms that must be completed for its economic activity in 1997. If any corrections are necessary, you may convey them to us by telephone or email, or by returning a corrected list via FAX.

A **separate questionnaire for each establishment** of your client's company. The numbers and types of report forms your client's company receives will depend on the company's size and diversity. *(Remember: businesses without paid employees will not receive a form.)*

How Can I Use the World Wide Web to Learn More About the 1997 Economic Census, so I am Better Able to Complete the Census Forms my Client's Company May Receive?

The Census Bureau's web site has a page devoted to the economic census:

http://www.census.gov/econ97.

You can use this site to learn more about the economic census and about why it is important to the Nation — and to your client. The economic census web page provides links to

Key dates in the economic census Sample forms Questions and answers about the economic census Information about the new North American Industry Classification System The latest census results, for 1997 (when available) and 1992

There also is a link to the **Economic Briefing Room**, which provides up-to-the-minute information about the U.S. economy.

System Requirements

The 1997 Economic Census web page provides a link to sample copies of every questionnaire being used in the census. The list is organized by **form number** within **sector**.

Sample forms are stored as page images in PDF format. You need an Internet browser to retrieve the files, and PDF reader software (available for free downloading from the World Wide Web) to view the files. Once files are downloaded to the reader you can view them on screen, or print them on a local printer. Most census forms are legal length (8-1/2" by 14"). If your printer has letter size paper (8-1/2" by 11") you can print the forms on a single sheet by checking "Shrink to fit" at the bottom of the print window.

Remember: please complete and return ONLY the forms we send to your client, even if the company is involved in a different activity. And, please **do not complete a census form until we send one to your client.**

Major Data Items at a Glance

Collected at the establishment level, by industry group

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R Retail trade only

S Services only

Basic Data Items

There are nearly 500 different 1997 Economic Census forms, each tailored to specific industries and activities. The sample forms on the following pages, which cover services and construction, illustrate the format that is common to nearly every census form.

You can retrieve sample copies of **any** census questionnaire from the Census Bureau's World Wide Web site, www.census.gov/econ97 (see page 5). The number and types of forms that we send to your client's company will be determined by the number of establishments it operates and its principal activities. **Your client will receive a separate census form for each physical location (establishment)**. The examples below are for illustration only. Since some concepts differ across industries, each individual form or questionnaire package provides detailed instructions.



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Item 6. PAYROLL IN 1992 BEFORE DEDUCTIONS What were the annual payroll costs to this establishment for –	Key	Mil.	Thou.	Marl (X) ii
Exclude fringe benefits listed in item 8.	447		i 	"0"
construction workers (as defined in item 5a)? other employees (as defined in item 5b)?	117 118		<u> </u>	
c. all employees? Sum lines a and b	119			
Item 7. FIRST QUARTER PAYROLL		Mil.	Thou.	
What were the first quarter payroll costs (January to March) for all employees before deductions in 1992?	120		 	
Item 8. FRINGE BENEFITS	120	Mil.	Thou.	
What were your employer costs of this establishment in 1992 for –			 	1
a. legally required fringe benefits? Include employer payments for Social Security, unemployment compensation, workman's compensation, and State disability programs, if required.	121		1	
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b. voluntarily provided fringe benefits? Include such items as payments for life insurance, medical insurance, pensions, welfare benefits, and union-negotiated benefits.	122		 	
c. all fringe benefits? Sum lines a and b	123			
Item 9. CONSTRUCTION WORK SUBCONTRACTED OUT		Mil.	Thou.	
What was the total cost to this establishment for construction work subcontracted out in 1992? Exclude the cost of materials purchased by this establishment for subcontractors.	124		, 	
Item 10. MATERIALS, COMPONENTS, AND SUPPLIES	.27	Mil.	Thou.	
What were the job-site, general office, and all other costs to this establishment for			r]
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 items purchased by this establishment that were installed in a building but were not part of its structure, such as production machinery, furniture, etc. 			l I	
items listed in item 11.	125		i	
Item 11. SELECTED COSTS		Mil.	Thou.	ł
What were the job-site, general office, and all other costs to this establishment in 1992 for – Where items are combined on your books, separate estimates are preferred.				
a. purchased electricity?	126		 	
b. natural gas and manufactured gas (propane)?	127		 	
c. gasoline and diesel fuel – ON highway? d. gasoline and diesel fuel – OFF highway?	128 129		1	
e. all other fuels and lubricants, including heating oils, lubricating oils and greases?	130) 	
f. communication services, including telephone, data transmission, telegraph, telex and teletype, and related service contracts?	131		 	
g. purchased maintenance and repair of construction equipment and tools; machinery; office equipment, furniture, and fixtures; and vehicles, including related service contracts?	132		 	
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i. the rental or lease of construction equipment and tools; machinery; office equipment, furniture and fixtures; and vehicles? Exclude capital leases (leases with a contract to own at the end of the lease).	134		 	
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each of the following construction activities? (As reported in item 12a)						7400		
Building sprinkler system installation contractor Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning contractor						7102 7101		
Mechanical contractor						7107		
Plumbing contractor						7108		
Refrigeration contractor						7109		
Septic system installation contractor						7110		
Steam fitting and piping contractor Sheet metal contractor						7111 7613		
Other kinds of construction – Refer to list of construction						7013		
activities – Specify kind(s) of construction and enter code(s)								
each of the following other business activities? (As reported in item 12b) Engineering services						9914		
Manufacturing – products manufactured and sold to others – Specify kind						9914		
Retail trade – Specify kind						9920		
Wholesale trade – Specify kind						9922		
Other business activities – Specify kind						9999		
The sum of the percentages reported should equal 100%. m 14. TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION							100)
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ILDING CONSTRUCTION	Key	(1)	Ney	(2)	Key	(3)	Key	(4
Single-family houses, detached	301	%	401	%	501	%	601	
Single-family houses, attached, including townhouses and townhouse type condominiums	302	%	402	%	502	%	602	
Apartment buildings with two or more units, including rentals, apartment type condominiums, and cooperatives	303	%	403	%	503	%	603	
Hotels, motels, and tourist cabins	304	%	404 405	%	504	%	604	
Other residential buildings – Specify kind Office buildings	305 306	%	405	%	505 506		605 606	
Other commercial buildings, such as stores, restaurants, and automobile		,,,		70		/.		
service stations	307	%	407	%	507	%	607	
Industrial buildings	308	%	408	%	508	%		
Warehouses	309	%	409	%	509	%	-	
Religious buildings Educational buildings	310 311	%	410 411	%	510 511	%		
Hospitals and institutional buildings	311	%	411	%	512	%	612	
Farm buildings, nonresidential	313	%	413	%	513	%	613	
Amusement, social, and recreational buildings	314	%	414	%	514	%	614	
Other nonresidential buildings – Specify kind	319	%	419	%	519	%	619	
ONBUILDING CONSTRUCTION Outdoor swimming pools	332	%	432	%	532	%	632	
Tunnels: highways, pedestrian, railroad, etc.	340	%	440	%	540	%	640	
Urban mass transit: subways, trolleys, streetcars, and light rail systems	350	%	450	%	550	%	650	
Power and cogeneration plants, except nuclear	354	%	454	%	554	%	654	
Power plants, nuclear	353	%	453	%	553	%	653	
Sewers, sewerlines, septic systems, and related facilities	347	%	447	%	547	%	647	
Sewage treatment plants Water mains and related facilities	355 357	%	455 457	%	555 557	%	655 657	
Water treatment plants	365	%	457	%	565	%	665	
Pipeline construction other than sewer or waterlines	348	%	448	%	548	%	648	
	352	%	452	%	552	%	-	
Blast furnaces, petroleum refineries, chemical complexes, etc.	399	%	499	%	599	%	699	
Other nonbuilding construction – Specify kind		100 %	400	%	500	%	600	
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Other nonbuilding construction – Specify kind TOTAL value of construction work done in 1992 (Sum of columns (2), (3), and (4) should equal 100%) m 15. OWNERSHIP OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	uction wo	ork done by	this			_		
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Item 17. STATES IN WHICH CONSTRUCTION WORK WAS DONE IN 1992

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701	Ala.	%	712	Fla.		%	722	La.		%	731	Nebr	r.	%	6	740	Okla.		%	750	Vt.	%
702	Alaska	%	713	Ga.		%	723	Maine		%	732	Nev.		%	_	741	Oreg.		%	751	Va.	%
704	Ariz.	%	715	Hawaii	-	%	724	Md.	_	%	733	N.H.		%	_	742	Pa.		%	753	Wash.	%
705 706	Ark. Calif.	%	716 717	Idaho III.		% %	725 726	Mass. Mich.		%	734 735	N.J. N. M		%	_	744 745	R.I. S.C.	+	%	754 755	W. Va. Wis.	%
708	Colo.	%	718	Ind.		%	727	Minn.	-	%	736	N.Y.	iex.	%	_	746	S. Dak.		%	756	Wyo.	%
709	Conn.	%	719	lowa	-	%	728	Miss.		%	737	N.C.		%	_	747	Tenn.		%	Total		
710	Del.	%	720	Kans.		%	729	Mo.		%	738	N. Da	ak.	%	_	748	Tex.		%	const	ruction	1000/
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How to use this booklet

In December, more than 5 million businesses nationwide will receive 1997 Economic Census forms. This booklet will help you complete

census forms for your clients.

These topics are covered:

- How the economic census will be conducted.
- The legal requirement to report and the guarantee of confidentiality.
- Changes since the last census was conducted.

We answer some of the questions accountants ask most frequently about the economic census—

- Will my client receive a form?
- Can my client be excused?
- How can I get an extension for my client?
- Can I use estimates?
- What non-financial data will I need to get from my client?

The table on page 6 lists the statistics that companies in various industries will be required to report.

Basic measures (employment, payroll, and sales or receipts), are requested on nearly every form. Other items, such as assets, inventories, and product shipments, are collected only from certain industries.

If your client receives a census form, it will relate to the specific industry or activities in which the business operates. In this booklet, however, we are supplying samples from the service sector and the construction sector.

Many of your clients may choose to complete the census form on their own. In such cases, the information in this booklet may come in handy, if they call on you for assistance.

If you need help with Economic Census forms, call our toll-free help line:

1-800-233-6136

You also may call this number to request a filing extension *after your clients receive their census forms.* Be sure to have your client's Census File Number ready when you call.

If you publish a newsletter for your business clients, you can alert them:

- Economic Census forms are coming in December
- Response is required by law
- Completed forms are due February 12, 1998

If you maintain a web site, you can link to the Economic Census web site, www.census.gov/econ97. This page contains details your clients will need:

- Samples of all economic census forms
- Key dates
- Information about the new North American Industry Classification System
- Links to Economic Census results

The Census Bureau prepared this booklet with the help of the America Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), the National Society of Accountants (NSA). We wish to thank these organizations for their continuing guidance and support over the years.

To request additional copies of this booklet, write:

1997 Economic Census U.S. Census Bureau Room 2565–3 Washington, DC 20233-6100

Telephone:	301-457-2547
FAX:	301-457-2058
email:	econ97@census.gov

Important Notes

- Census forms will arrive in December 1997.
- The economic census covers activity during calendar year 1997.
- Forms are due February 12, 1998.
- Response is required by law.
- All data are confidential.
- Reasonable estimates are acceptable.
- Make a file copy of the completed economic census form for your client's records.
- To request an extension, call
 1-800-233-6136 after January 1, 1998.