

Measuring Detailed Sales of Service in the United States

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U.S. Census Bureau's Services Statistics Program Sector Coverage

- NAICS 42 Wholesale Trade
- NAICS 44-45 Retail Trade
- NAICS 48-49 Transportation and Warehousing
- NAICS 51 Information
- NAICS 52 Finance and Insurance
- NAICS 53 Real Estate and Rental and Leasing
- NAICS 54 Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services
- NAICS 55 Management of Companies and Enterprises
- NAICS 56 Administrative and Support, Waste Management and Remediation
- NAICS 61 Educational Services
- NAICS 62 Health Care and Social Assistance
- NAICS 71 Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation
- NAICS 72 Accommodation and Food Services
- NAICS 81 Other Services (Except Public Administration)

U.S. Census Bureau's Services Statistics Program Survey Frequency

NAICS Sector		Monthly	Annual	5-year
Code	Description	Survey	Survey	Economic Census
42	Wholesale Trade	Y*	Y*	Υ
44-45	Retail Trade	Υ	Υ	Y
48-49	Transportation and Warehousing		Y*	Υ
51	Information		Υ	Y
52	Finance and Insurance		Y*	Υ
53	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing		Y*	Υ
54	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services		Υ	Y
55	Management of Companies and Enterprises			Y
56	Administrative and Support, Waste Management and Remediation		Y	Y
61	Educational Services			Y
62	Health Care and Social Assistance		Υ	Υ
71	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation		Υ	Υ
72	Accommodation and Food Services	Y*	Υ	Υ
81	Other Services (Except Public Administration)		Y*	Υ

^{*} Partial industry coverage

Measurement of Detailed Sales of Services

- Economic Census (1997) 1,900 categories
- Annual Surveys (2000) 180 categories

Measurement of Detailed Sales of Services 1997 Economic Census

- Commodity lines (wholesale) over 600 categories
- Merchandise lines (retail) over 400 categories
- Receipts lines (other services) about 850 categories

Measurement of Detailed Sales of Services 2000 Annual Surveys

- Merchandise lines (Electronic Shopping and Mail Order) 13 categories
- Receipts lines (other services) over 170 categories
 - Truck Transportation, Publishing, Broadcasting, Cable Telecommunications, Information Services and Data Processing, Securities, Computer Systems Design, and Selected Health Care Services

Measurement of Detailed Sales of Services Measurement Issues

- Limited detailed sales of service categories
- Lack of comprehensive system
- Lack of standard set of categories and definitions
- Lack of a single defining principles

North American Product Classification System (NAPCS)

- Canada, Mexico, and United States
- February 1999
- Comprehensive demand-based product classification system

North American Product Classification System (NAPCS) Guiding Principles

- Identify final products.
- Produce consistent product titles and definitions.
- Organize final products in a demand-based comprehensive system
- Give special attention to service products, new products, and advance technology products.
- Promote compatibility with other international classification systems

North American Product Classification System (NAPCS) Phase I

- NAICS 51 Information
- NAICS 52 Finance and Insurance
- NAICS 54 Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services
- NAICS 56 Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services.

North American Product Classification System (NAPCS) Phase II

- NAICS 48, 49 Transportation and Warehousing
- NAICS 61 Education
- NAICS 62 Health Care and Social Services
- NAICS 71 Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation
- NAICS 72 Accommodation and Food Services

Using NAPCS Products in Measurement Programs

- 2001 Annual Surveys
- 2002 Economic Census



Impact of Using NAPCS Products

- Annual Surveys
 - 2000 180 categories
 - 2001 300 categories
- Economic Census
 - 1997 1,900 categories
 - 2002 2,700 categories

Impact of Using NAPCS Products

2002 Economic Census

Industry	Numl 1997	ber c	of Product Lines 2002
Banks	35	\rightarrow	174
Engineering Services	20	\rightarrow	78
Computer Systems Design	23	\rightarrow	45
Telecommunications	25	\rightarrow	50
Internet Service Providers	5	\rightarrow	33
Waste Management	12	\rightarrow	100

Thank You!

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