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2012 Economic Census Informational Webinar

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The U.S. Census Bureau Measures the Nation's People, Places, and our Economy

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Why We Are Here Today

- To inform you about the 2012 **Economic Census**
- To provide key information for you and your organization
- To review the resources available for you and your members or readers







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Webinar Outline

- What is the Economic Census
- Why is the Economic Census so Important?
- Available Resources
- Q&A







The Economic Census

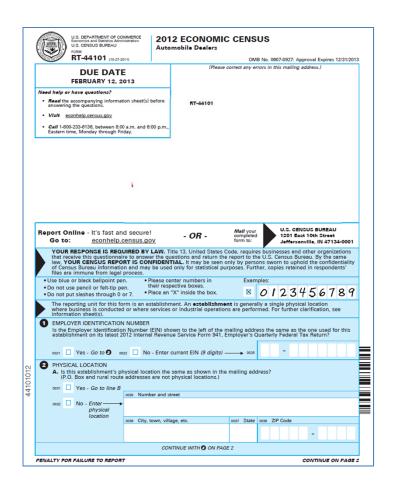
- The U.S. Government's official 5-year measure of American business and economy
- Part of the Census Bureau's mission to measure its people, places, and our economy

Measuring America—People, Places, and Our Economy



Who Will Receive a Form?

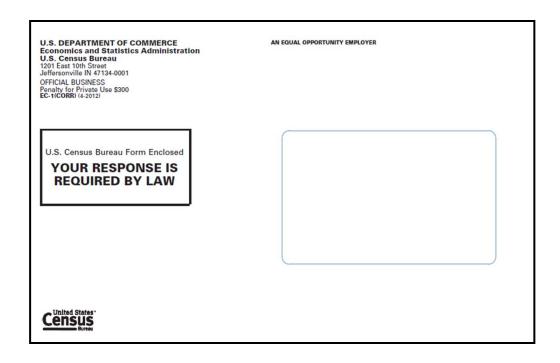
- About 4.2 million employer businesses in all industries and communities
- Most very small businesses will not get a form
- Nonemployers are excluded from the **Economic Census**



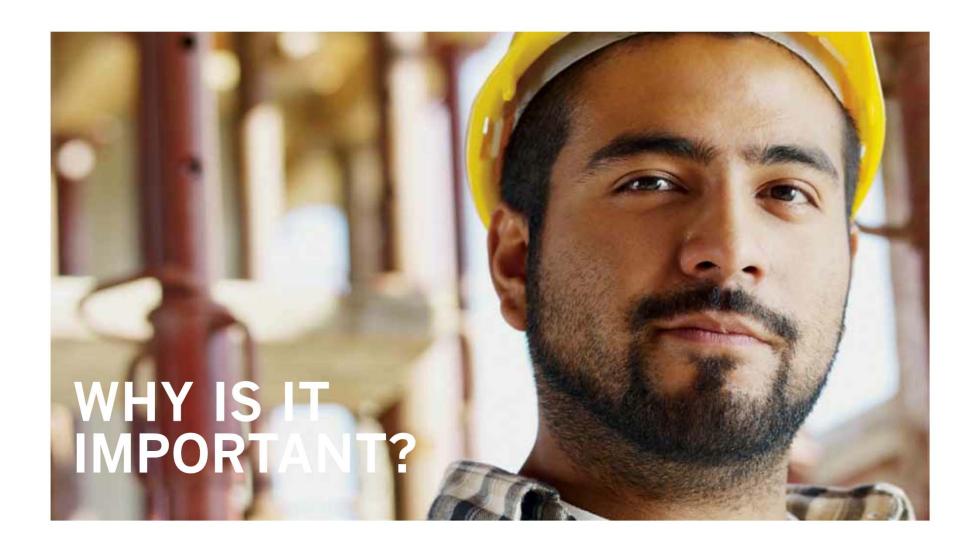


When is it Due?

- Businesses will receive their forms in November and December
- Forms are due by February 12, 2013
- Response is required by law



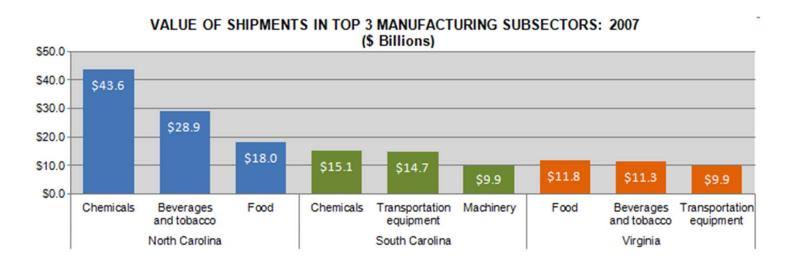






Organizations Rely On the Data

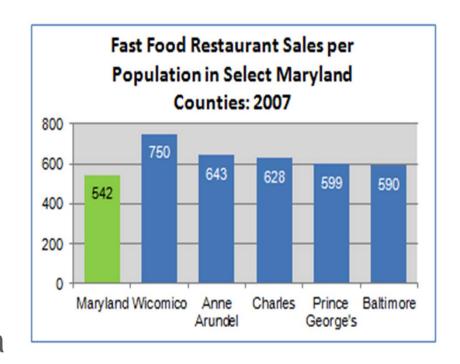
- Trade associations and chambers of commerce rely on it for economic development
- Business organizations rely on it for strategic planning





Economic Census Data are Valuable

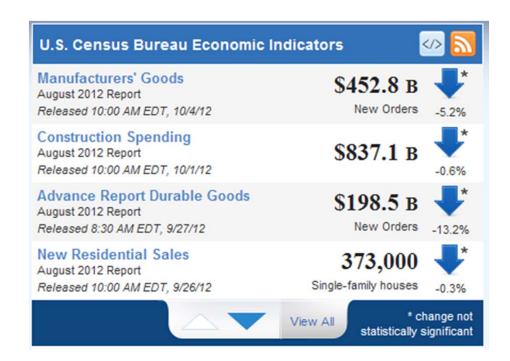
- Business owners use the data
 - For market research
 - For business decisions
 - To compare their business to industry averages
- Entrepreneurs use the data in business plans





Economic Census Data are Essential

- Economic Census data form the foundation of key economic reports
- Current economic programs are benchmarked to the Economic Census

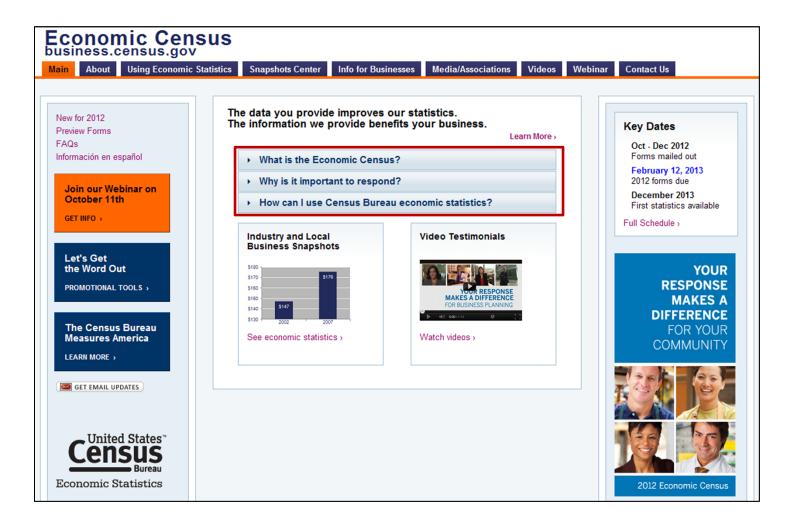






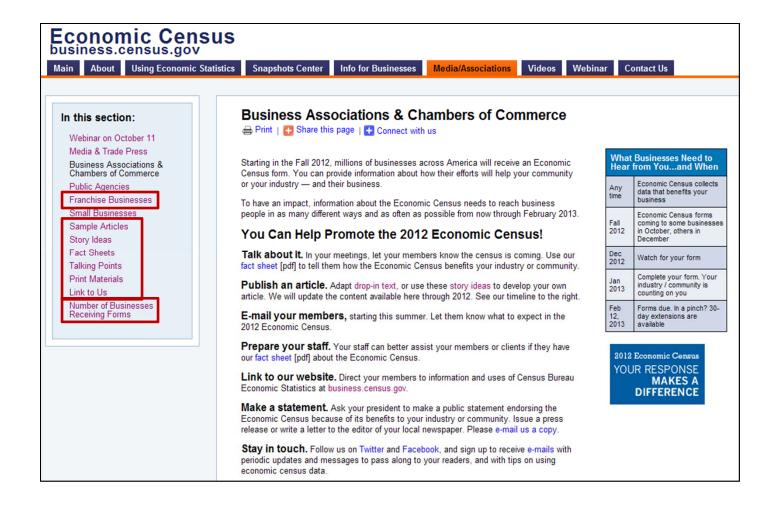


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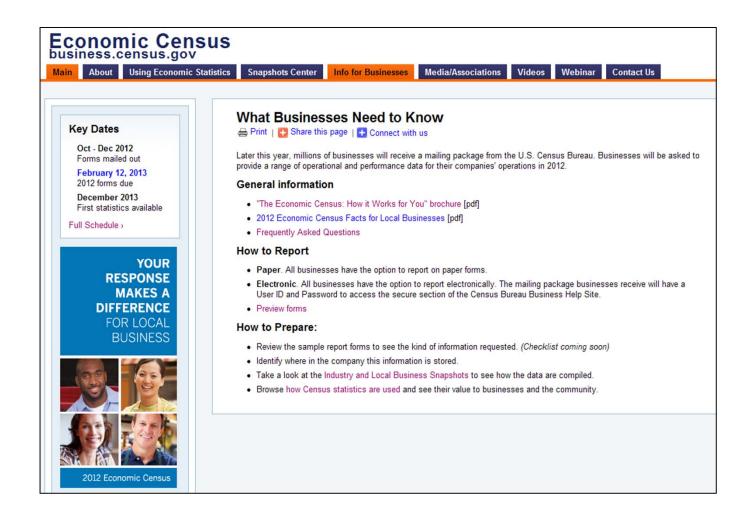


Information for You to Use



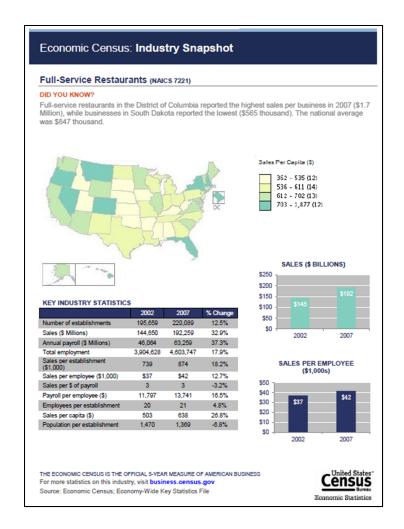


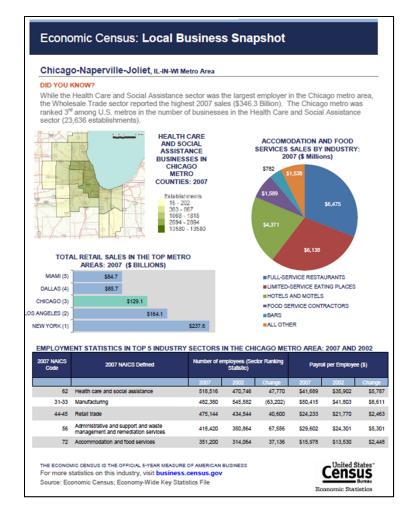
Information for Businesses





Industry & Local Business Statistics







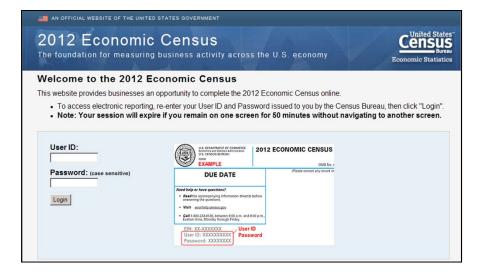
Reporting Options

- Electronic Reporting
 - NEW online Direct Internet Reporting tool for single-location businesses

Downloadable Surveyor software for multi-location

businesses

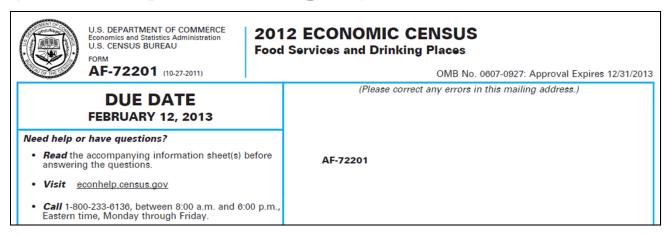
Paper forms





How to Get Help

Help with Reporting: See the Business Help Site (econhelp.census.gov)



- General information about the Economic Census
 - econ@census.gov
 - (301)763-2547 or 1(877)790-1876



Company Contacts

- Account Manager Program for largest companies
- Contact Exchange Card
- Advance Information Pre-Notice





Outreach and Promotion

- Partnerships with
 - trade associations
 - chambers of commerce
 - other organizations

















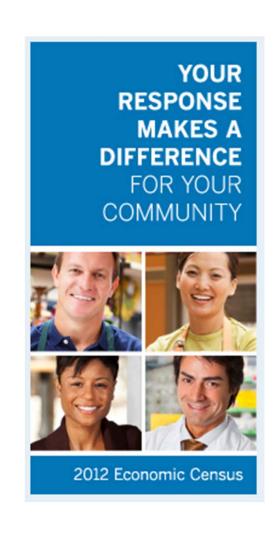
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Your Organization

- Learn more about the **Economic Census**
- Widgets
- Newsletters and web site articles
- Email blasts
- Blogs

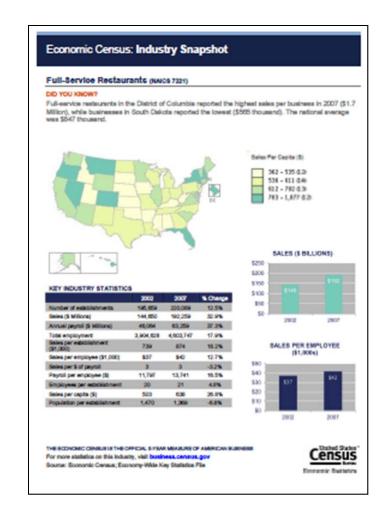
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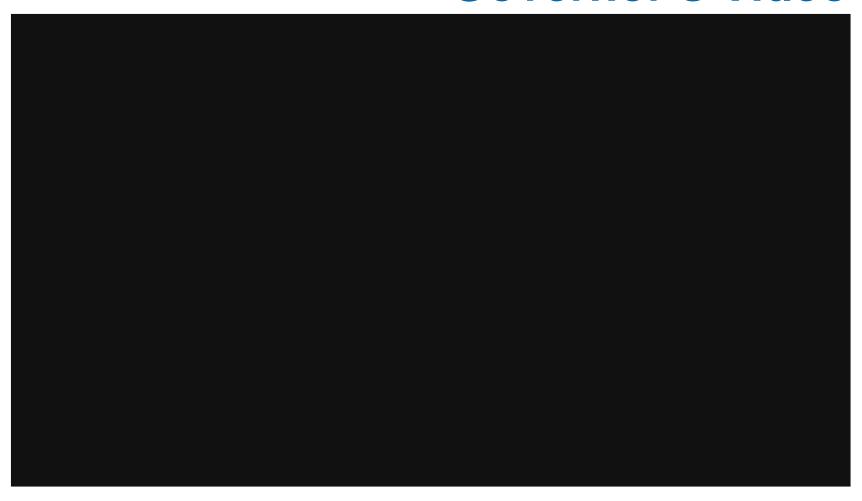
Your Members or Readers

- Preview forms
- Learn about reporting options and tips
- Visit Business Help Site (coming this fall)
- Learn how to use the data

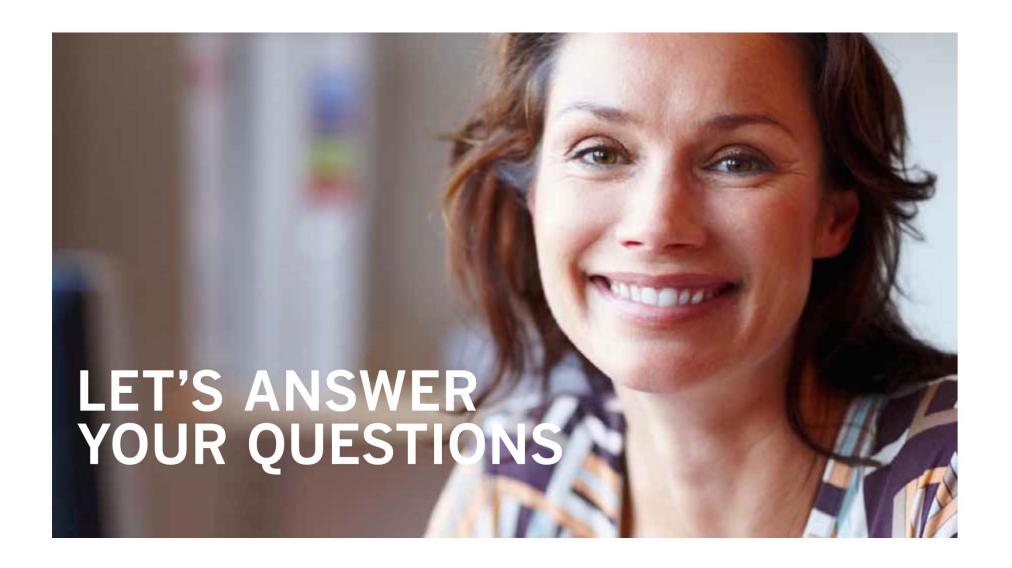




Governor's Video



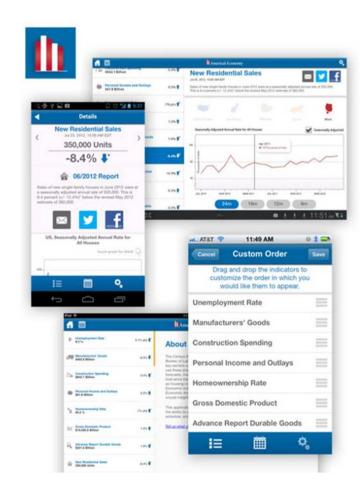






America's Economy Mobile App

- www.census.gov/mobile
- 16 Key Economic Indicators, including International Trade
- Available for iPhone, iPad and Android devices





For More Information

- Media Inquiries:
 - Public Information Office: 301-763-3030
- Customer and Respondent Outreach Branch
 - Toll Free at 1-877-790-1876
 - -301-763-2547
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In Closing

- Attend our next webinar (January 2013)
 - Geared to respondents
- Visit business.census.gov for general information
- Tweet about the Economic Census (#econcensus)
- Visit econhelp.census.gov for help with response

