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Tips and Resources for Innovative Data Tools and Honoring a Legacy

In this issue, you will learn about available resources from the U.S. Census Bureau, including data tools such as the AESDirect Shipment Manager and the Automated Commercial Environment reports feature for managing electronic export filings. Additionally, see what's new in Census Business Builder version 5.12 and the newly redesigned and enhanced USA Trade Online website. We are here to help you and ensure you are fully equipped for success. Finally, we celebrate the inspiring legacy and remarkable career of retired former associate director for economic programs, Nick Orsini, and welcome our new associate director, Deirdre Bishop, who brings a wealth of expertise to the directorate to continue our path forward.

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Automated Export System (AES) Direct Shipment Manager vs Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) Export Reports

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The AESDirect Shipment Manager and ACE Export Reports are two tools available to filers to retrieve previously submitted export transactions, each serving a distinct purpose. This article compares both tools to help filers determine the best option for locating and managing their Electronic Export Information (EEI).

AESDirect Shipment Manager

The Shipment Manager is the first screen after logging into ACE and accessing the AESDirect portal. This tool provides high-level information on previously submitted AESDirect shipments and provides options to update them, as necessary. This information is listed under sortable columns that include the following: Filer ID, Shipment Reference Number/Count, Status, Last Action, International Transaction Number, Last Updated, Last Updated By, Export Date, U.S. Principal Party in Interest (USPPI), USPPI ID, Ultimate Consignee, Country of Destination, and Shipment Actions. We have a detailed video on our [AESDirect Walkthrough Series](#) for more information on the Shipment Manager functionality.

The Shipment Manager defaults to show the filings that were created in AESDirect within the last 90 days. In order to retrieve shipments beyond the last 90 days, you can utilize the filter criteria by selecting “Show Filters.” This option allows you to search for previously transmitted AESDirect shipments based on one or more search options including USPPI Name, USPPI ID, Consignee Name, Country of Destination, Port of Export, Standard Carrier Alpha Code/International Air Transport Association User Name, and “Filings Updated in.”

It is important to note that the filter option “Filings Updated in” also defaults to show filings from the past 90 days. You can expand your search to include shipments from the past 5 years by selecting a custom date range. However, searches must be conducted in

90-day increments for optimal performance. Overall, the Shipment Manager is an excellent tool to easily access and manage previously submitted AESDirect shipments, especially if you need to take any action on them.

ACE Export Reports

The ACE Export Reports are a comprehensive method for reviewing your EEI and provides a more inclusive listing of all your export filings. The reports feature discussed below includes all shipment data that is found in the AES. This differs from the Shipment Manager, which is limited to shipments filed only in AESDirect.

To access export reports, you must first complete the U.S. Census Bureau’s vetting process and receive authorization. Detailed guidance on the vetting requirements is available on the Census Bureau’s [website](#). Upon approval, you can generate reports and review export filing history directly through the ACE portal.

ACE Export Reports provide convenient, on-demand access to official export records. Users may generate three standard report types using their Employer Identification Number (EIN), the AES 201, AES 202 and AES 203, each each offering a range of associated data elements to support compliance monitoring, record keeping, and internal review.

The screenshot shows the 'Shipment Manager' interface with a 'Filters' section on the right. The filters include:

- USPPI Name**: Search
- USPPI ID**: Search
- Consignee Name**: Search
- Country of Destination**: Dropdown
- Port of Export**: Dropdown
- Carrier SCAC/IATA**: Dropdown
- User Name**: Dropdown
- Filings Updated in**: Dropdown with radio button options:
 - ☐ Last Day
 - ☐ Last 3 Days
 - ☐ Last Week
 - ☐ Last 2 Weeks
 - ☐ Last Month
 - ☒ Last 3 Months
 - ☐ Custom

AES 201 and AES 202

The AES 201 is the Filer Transactions Report requested by the filer and shows all export transactions submitted by the filer. The AES 202 is the USPPI Transactions Report requested by the USPPI and shows all export transactions filed on behalf of the USPPI. These two standard reports have identical data elements. However, you can customize these reports by adding or omitting elements to suit your business needs.

ITN	Country of Ultimate Destination Code	Shipment Reference Number	Shipment Status
Filing Option Type	EEI Filing Date	Export Date	USPPI ID Number
USPPI Company Name	Filer Name	Ultimate Consignee Company Name	USPPI Contact Name
Ultimate Consignee Type Code	Forwarding Agent Company Name	Conveyance Name	
Port of Export Code	HTS/Schedule B Number	HTS/Schedule B Description	Quantity 1
Unit of Measure Code (Quantity 1)	Unit of Measure Code (Quantity 2)	Quantity 2	
Export License Number	License Value	Commodity Line Value	Commodity Line Number

AES 203

The AES 203 is the USPPI Agent Filed Routed Transactions Report and shows all routed transactions filed on behalf of the USPPI. This report provides only the subset of data elements approved under the Foreign Trade Regulations (FTR). Effective March 2024, the data elements highlighted in red were added to the AES 203 report, expanding the information available and improving its overall functionality for the trade community.

U.S. State of Origin	ITN	Export Date	Filer Name	Foreign Trade Zone ID
USPPI Company Name	USPPI Address Line 1	USPPI Address Line 2	USPPI City	USPPI State
USPPI Zip Code	USPPI ID Number	Commodity Description	HTS/Schedule B Number - Full	
Quantity 1	Commodity Line Value	Quantity 2	Export Control Classification Number	
USPPI Contact Name	USPPI Contact Phone	Forwarding Agent Company Name		
Forwarding Agent Contact Name	Forwarding Agent Contact Phone	Unit of Measure Code (Quantity 1)		
Unit of Measure Code (Quantity 2)	Late File Indicator	License Type Code	Export License Number	

Lastly, ACE Export Reports provides export data filed in the last 5 years, in addition to the current year. For additional resources and opportunities to strengthen your understanding of export fundamentals, visit our [Upcoming Outreach Activities](#) webpage for upcoming webinars, seminars, and educational events.

In summary, the Shipment Manager is best suited for reviewing and managing AESDirect filings, particularly when updates or corrections are needed. ACE Export Reports provide a comprehensive historical record of export transactions filed by or on behalf of an exporter, making them the preferred tool for reporting, reconciliation, and record keeping purposes.

If you have further questions or need additional clarification, feel free to contact us.

For information regarding the AES and AESDirect:

Trade Data Collection Branch
Phone: 1-800-549-0595, option 1
Email: [<askaes@census.gov>](mailto:askaes@census.gov)

For information regarding ACE Export Reports

Authorization and Outreach Activities:

Data User and Trade Outreach Branch
Phone: 1-800-549-0595, option 5
Email: [<exportreports@census.gov>](mailto:exportreports@census.gov)

For information regarding ACE Accounts:

U.S. Customs and Border Protection—
ACE Account Service Desk
Phone: 1-866-530-4172, option 3
Email: [<ace.support@cbp.dhs.gov>](mailto:ace.support@cbp.dhs.gov)



What's New With Census Business Builder?

By Nidaal Jubran, branch chief, Internet Support Branch, U.S. Census Bureau

What Is Census Business Builder (CBB)?

The U.S. Census Bureau provides a wealth of data that are useful for all types of businesses and people. CBB is a dynamic tool specifically designed to help businesses and data users in general to access this data and to better understand the business landscape and their markets.

CBB At a Glance

CBB includes key demographic, socioeconomic, and housing data from the Census Bureau, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and other data sources. These data are shown at the state, county, city/town, ZIP code, and census tract levels.

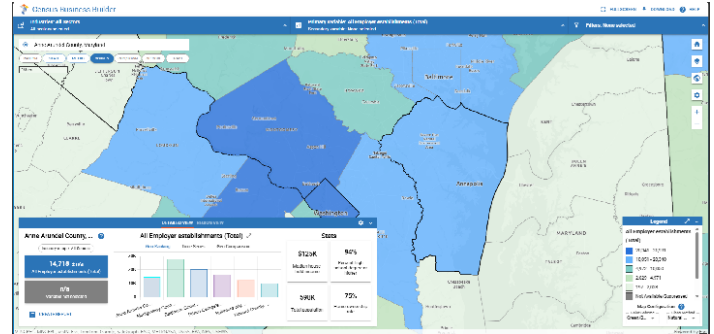
Information on the number of businesses, employment, payroll, and revenue are also provided down to the county level. CBB also includes data on the total value of imports and exports for selected industries, as well as a supply chain module which allows users to evaluate the potential impact of a disaster on a particular geographic region. All of these data are displayed in interactive maps and in customizable and downloadable reports.

As of August 2026, the Census Bureau released version 5.12 of the CBB application.

What's New in Version 5.12?

Version 5.12 includes:

- Enhanced North American Industry Classification System visibility.
- User Interface updates for "Industry Selection and Dashboard."
- A new data item: per capita income.
- Metadata updates.
- Fixes for known issues.



How Can I Use CBB for my Business?

The CBB application is a customizable and interactive data visualization tool that allows companies, entrepreneurs, researchers, and all sorts of data users to utilize census data to make business decisions. The application is equipped with an interactive map, dashboard, customizable reports, and many other features that will assist in identifying customers and markets as well as potential suppliers. Companies can also use CBB to evaluate their employment, payroll, and revenue metrics alongside comparable businesses, helping them pinpoint potential opportunities for improvement.

The screenshot presents a county-level view of the NOVA-DC-MD region, as well as a dashboard that provides additional details for Anne Arundel County, MD. To the left of the dashboard are the primary and secondary map variables. These map variables are customizable. In this case, the primary variable is set to display the number of establishments in Anne Arundel County, MD, for all industries, and no secondary variable has been assigned. Also observable is a Geo Ranking chart, which allows the user to compare the current geographic area, Anne Arundel County, MD, to its neighboring counties in terms of the primary variable. To the right of the Geo Ranking chart, there are four additional variables that are customizable.

How Can I Learn More?

For more information about CBB, visit the [CBB website](#) and check out our recent [webinars](#). To help shape future versions of the CBB, send us a note at [<emd.cbb@census.gov>](mailto:emd.cbb@census.gov) with your ideas for improvements.

USA Trade Online

A new way to envision
International Trade



New USA Trade Online Data Tool Now Available

The U.S. Census Bureau announced the launch of [USA Trade Online: Reimagined](#) and transitioned from the legacy USA Trade Online (UTO) platform.

UTO has been the most popular way for data users to access trade data for nearly 3 decades. This new version provides an improved user experience with a modern and more intuitive interface and streamlined design.

Data users no longer need to create an account to generate and save reports in the new UTO. Reports are saved by using an email address, eliminating the need for password management.

Additional features include:

- Enhanced navigation by consolidating all report selections on a single screen.
- Simplified report-sharing capabilities and enhanced collaboration features.
- Redesigned report management with custom tagging and dataset filtering options.

Visit the [user guide](#) to learn more.

Commodity Search: 920120 Grand Pianos

Country Search: Canada, China

A Pivot Table

Commodity	920120 Grand Pianos		
Domestic Foreign	Total Exports		
Country	Canada China		
District	All Districts All Districts		
Measures	Time		
Value (\$US) (Default Member)	2019	9,360,006	1,722,431
	2020	13,636,214	792,086
	2021	15,922,495	1,079,568
	2022		
	2023		
	2024		
	2025 through June		

Export Select which file format to export to

json { : } .xlsx .csv



A Legacy in Public Service: Nick Orsini

*By Dawit Asmellash, supervisory survey statistician, Economic Management Division/
Trade Data Collection Branch*



After 38 years of federal service, Nick Orsini retires leaving behind a legacy defined by transformation, resilience, and a deep belief in the power of public service. During his tenure, he held several different roles in the Economic Directorate of the U.S. Census Bureau, with a significant amount of that time being spent directly in the International Trade Program.

Under his direction, the Economic Directorate released numerous economic indicators on time while enhancing value, increasing efficiency, and expanding the scope to capture a wider snapshot of the nation's economy. The process improvements made and alliances built during his career will continue guiding the Economic Directorate for years to come. His legacy is not only in the data, but in the people he inspired, the programs he strengthened, and the belief he instilled.

We appreciate Nick Orsini's contributions, especially to the international trade landscape, and we wish him the best in his retirement and future endeavors.



Associate Director for Economic Programs, U.S. Census Bureau

We are thrilled to announce Ms. Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop as the associate director for economic programs at the U.S. Census Bureau.

The directorate conducts more than 60 monthly, quarterly, and annual surveys covering various sectors of the economy, including 12 economic indicators and an economic census and census of governments in years ending in two and seven. The directorate also conducts reimbursable surveys for other government agencies.

Prior to her current role, Bishop was chief of the Geography Division, where she led a staff in the development of a national geospatial database, the Census Bureau's MAF/TIGER System. This database of addresses, roads, and boundaries creates the foundation used to support data collection, tabulation, and dissemination for the agency's censuses and surveys. As a member of the United States Federal Geographic Data Committee, Bishop led the development and publication of the 2025-2035 National Spatial Data Infrastructure Strategic Plan.

For the past several years, Bishop has served as executive champion for the Frames Program, focused on modernizing and linking the agency's foundational frames of addresses, businesses, jobs, and people. She also served as chief of the Decennial Census Management Division, assistant chief of the Census Redistricting Data Office, and programs coordinator in the New York Regional Office. Bishop is currently co-chair of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management and Head of the United States Delegation to that Committee.

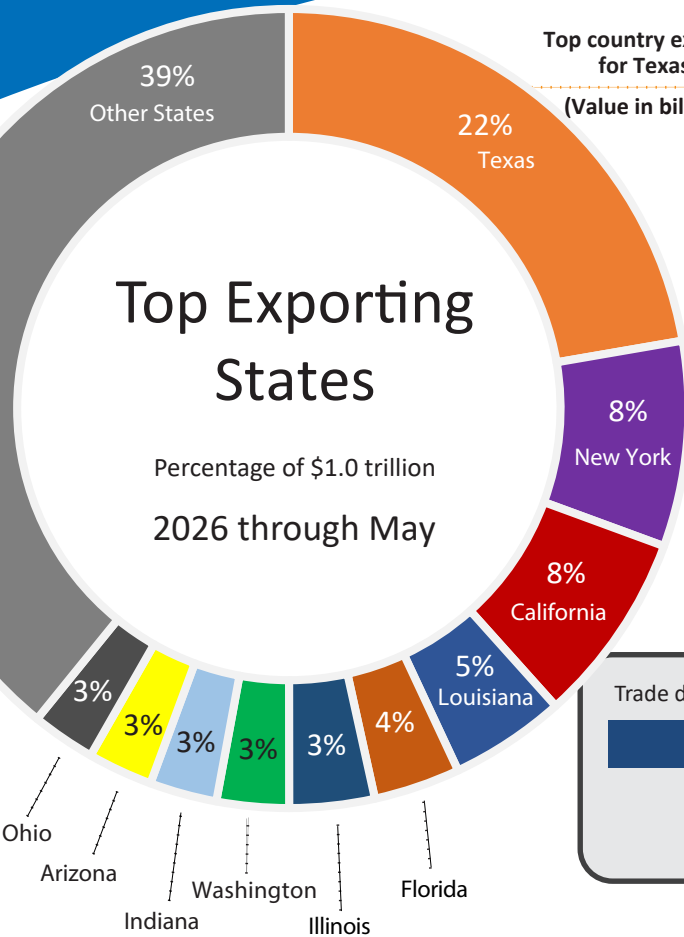


Bishop received her master's degree in public administration from New York University and her bachelor's degree in urban studies from Lehigh University. She is a graduate of the Department of Commerce's Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program and a four-time recipient of the Census Bureau's Bronze Medal Award. Join us in giving her a warm welcome.

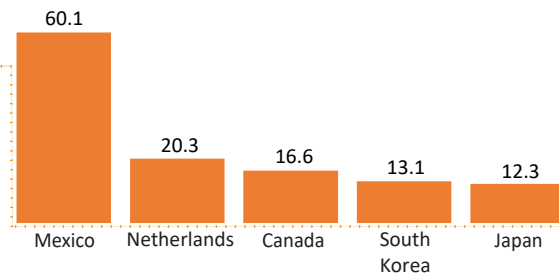
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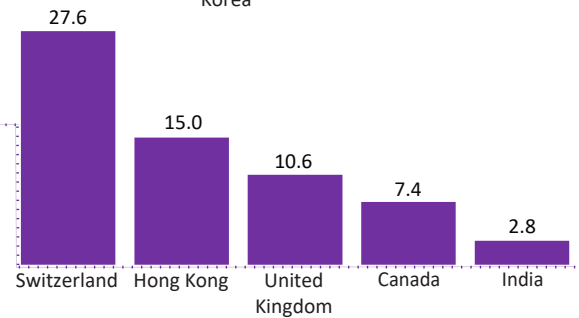
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Top country exports for Texas
(Value in billions)



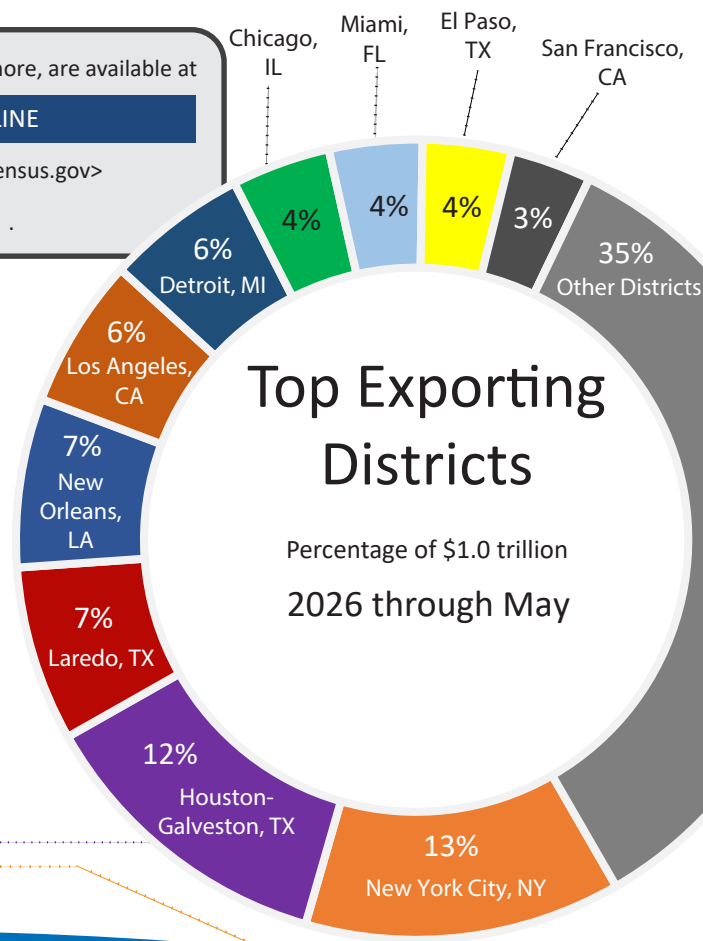
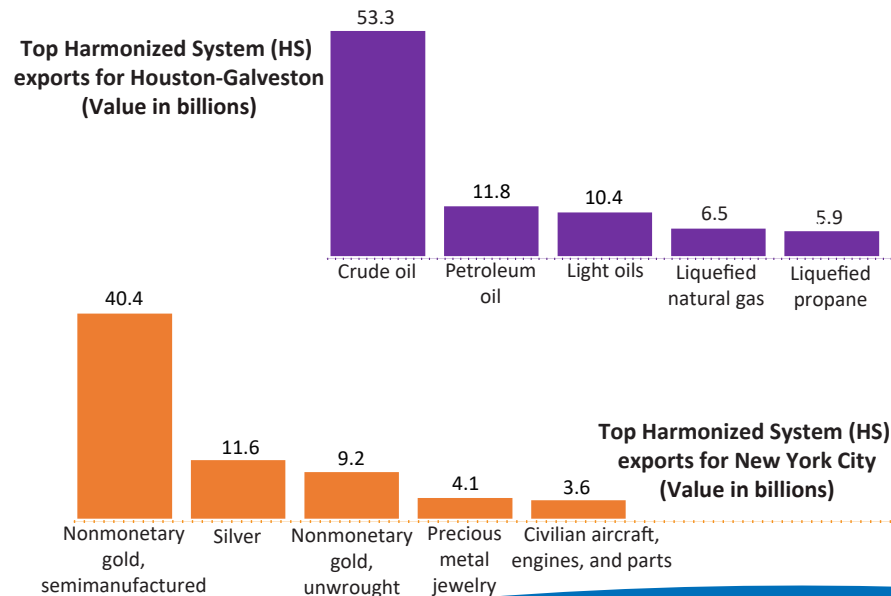
Top country exports for New York
(Value in billions)



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