

Reading Tables

Table Structure

There are 4 kinds of fields (columns) that make up a table:

- *Control Fields* are columns used to classify, index, sort and restrict the rows and/or columns in the table (e.g., geography, NAICS code, year, etc).
- *Data Fields* are columns of data that are tabulated for industries, products, lines and other related data.
- *Data Quality Fields* are columns that contain imputation rates, standard errors and other indicators of data quality for certain data fields.
- *Flag Fields* are columns that are associated with each data field. When applicable, flag fields have symbols, or "flags," that replace data in the data fields. By default, flag fields are hidden in American FactFinder. Their values overlay or are appended to the data field values as appropriate and display only when downloading data.

Control Fields				Data Fields	
Geographic area name	2007 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code	Meaning of 2007 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code	Year code	Sales (\$1,000)	Annual payroll (\$1,000)
Easton city, Pennsylvania	442	Furniture and home furnishings stores	2007	24,811	3,788
Easton city, Pennsylvania	4421	Furniture stores	2007	10,812	1,994
Easton city, Pennsylvania	44211	Furniture stores	2007	10,812	1,994
Easton city, Pennsylvania	442110	Furniture stores	2007	10,812	1,994
Easton city, Pennsylvania	4422	Home furnishings stores	2007	13,999	1,794
Easton city, Pennsylvania	44229	Other home furnishings stores	2007	D	D
Easton city, Pennsylvania	442299	All other home furnishings stores	2007	D	D

Flags

Table Notes

Each table has descriptive text associated with it. Table notes have details about the table, including geographic coverage, data limitations and file size. To find the table notes, click on the "Table Notes" button to the top-right of the table.



