

2014 MANUFACTURING ENERGY CONSUMPTION SURVEY (MECS)

OVER 75% OF RESPONDENTS IN THE 2010 MECS CHOSE TO REPORT ELECTRONICALLY.

ELECTRONIC REPORTING...

Make sure to check out the Secure Messaging Center!

The Secure Messaging Center (SMC) is a secure, web-based messaging system. The SMC allows survey respondents to communicate with their Census Bureau contacts by providing a means to exchange sensitive information in a secure system.

To access the SMC, go to the "Contact Us" link found on the MECS Business Help Site:

<https://econhelp.census.gov/mecs>

✓ **IS SECURE.**

MECS' electronic reporting system, Centurion, is specifically designed to provide a secure means for respondents to report their survey data electronically.

✓ **SAVES TIME.**

The online survey automatically skips questions that do not apply to your company, checks for common errors, and gives you immediate confirmation of submission.

✓ **HAS FLEXIBLE DATA ENTRY.**

- Exit the online survey and come back as many times as necessary and your work will be saved.
- Save your survey data to a PDF by clicking *Main Menu* then *View/Print* report as PDF.
- Find a mistake after submitting your survey? You can resubmit the survey if you need to make any corrections.

✓ **IS EASY.**

Complete in just four steps:

1. **Go to the MECS BHS website:**
<https://econhelp.census.gov/mecs>
then click on the *Survey Log in* option.
2. **Log in to the survey.**
Enter your *User ID* and *Password* from the enclosed letter and click the *Login* button.
3. **Enter your data.**
Click the *Start* button under the *Action* column to start working on the survey.
4. **Submit!**
When you have entered all the establishment information, select *Submit Data*. To enter data for another establishment, select *Main Menu* and repeat these steps.

For further information or assistance regarding the MECS, reference the Business Help Site (BHS) FAQs: <https://econhelp.census.gov/mecs>. Any additional questions should be directed to the help line at 1-800-528-3049, option 2, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.



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