This guide explains how to access Nonemployer Statistics (NES) data in Comma Separated files (CSV) or the American FactFinder (AFF). You may also contact the staff at 301-763-2580 or ewd.nonemployer.statistics@census.gov for assistance.

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Definitions

• **Nonemployer** - A nonemployer business is one that has no paid employees, has annual business receipts of $1,000 or more ($1 or more in the Construction industry), and is subject to federal income taxes.

• **Legal Form of Organization (LFO)** – An LFO is the organizational structure a firm chooses to adopt.

• **North America Industry Classification System (NAICS)** – Is the standard used by Federal statistical agencies in classifying business establishments. For more information, visit the NAICS website: [https://www.census.gov/eos/www/naics](https://www.census.gov/eos/www/naics)

• **Noise Infusion** – A method of disclosure. Read more on the Methodology page.

• **Noise Flags** –
  - G - Low Noise Infusion
  - H - Medium Noise Infusion
  - J - High Noise Infusion
  - S – Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards
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Using the Homepage

Nonemployer Statistics (NES)

About this Program
Data
Guidance for Data Users
Library
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NES is an annual series that provides subnational economic data for businesses that have no paid employees and are subject to federal income tax. This series includes the number of businesses and total receipts by industry.

What is NES?

Where can I find NES data?

Visualizations

Data is available:
• Through AFF
• Through data.census.gov
• Downloadable (in CSV)
• API

News

PRESS RELEASE | JUNE 21, 2018
Nonemployer Establishments in Taxi Service Grew by 45.9 Percent
Nonemployer establishments, which are establishments without paid employees, in the Transportation and Warehousing sector increased by 22.0 percent in 2016.
Nonemployer Statistics (NES)

Data

Nonemployer Statistics has been produced as a consistent annual series since 1997. This data is available in various formats. Prior to 1997, statistics for businesses without paid employees were published in certain Economic Census publications (Economic Census data is tabulated every five years). The National Archives hold the data files for printed reports not available online.

NES Tables
NES data tables are available on data.census.gov from 2012-present, in American Factfinder from 2004-2016, and in print publication from 1997-2004.

NES Datasets
NES data are available in downloadable CSV format, along with record layouts and reference guides, from 1997-present.

API
The Census Bureau's Application Programming Interface (API) allows users to create custom queries. Users can embed these statistics into web or mobile apps.
To access data using data.census.gov, simply click on the hyperlink after selecting a desired year on the NES Data Tables page. You will then be directed to data.census.gov.
## Geographic Area Series: Nonemployer Statistics by Legal Form of Organization and Receipt Size

### Class: 2016

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<th>2012 NAICS code</th>
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<th>Meaning of Legal form of organization code</th>
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<th>Number of nonemployer establishments</th>
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Accessing and Customizing Data using Data.Census.Gov

Customize your table (geography, NAICS, or year) by clicking either ‘CHANGE GEOGRAPHY’ or ‘CHANGE YEAR’

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Accessing and Customizing Data using Data.Census.Gov: Selecting a different Geography

1. Select ‘Geography’ as the filter you wish to change.
2. Select the geography type (U.S., state, county, metropolitan areas, or combined statistical areas).
3. Select the geographic area(s) you want.
4. Click the chevron to apply the filter to the table.

1. Select ‘Codes’ as the filter you wish to change.
2. Select the ‘Industry Codes (NAICS)’.
3. Select the NAICS code(s) you want.
4. Click the chevron to apply the filter to the table.
Accessing and Customizing Data using Data.Census.Gov: Selecting a different Year of data

1. Select ‘Years’ as the filter you wish to change.
2. Select the desired year (ex. 2016).
3. Click the chevron to apply the filter to the table.
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Data.Census.Gov Features


Geography: United States
Year: 2016

HIDE/FILTER/SORT
Allows data users to Hide/Show columns, such as noise flags. As well as, filter a column for a specific value or meaning.

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To download the desired table, click ‘DOWNLOAD/PRINT/SHARE’, select your preferred options, and click Download.
Accessing Data using American FactFinder (AFF)

To access data using AFF, simply click on the hyperlink after selecting a desired year on the NES Data Tables page. You will then be directed to AFF.
Customize your search in Advanced Search...

1. Under **Topics**, select the desired year (ex. **2016**) as the Year.
2. Filter data by **Geographies** (U.S., state, county, metropolitan and micropolitan areas, or combined statistical areas).
3. Filter by **Industry Codes** (NAICS)
**AFF Features**

Search Results: 1-6 of 6 tables and other products match 'Your Selections'

### Refine your search results:
- **topic or table name**
- **state, county or place (optional)**

**Options**
- topics
- race/ancestry
- industries
- occupations

**2 Selected:**
- [ ] NS1600A1
- [ ] NS1600A2
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### Table, File or Document Title
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**Options**
- Download
- Compare
- Clear All
- Reset Sort

**Show results from:**
- All

**Last updated:** 6/21/2019

### Instructions:
- **Open by simply clicking on table title (1)**
- **OR check off the boxes of multiple tables (2) and ...**
- **...click View (3)**
AFF Features

Modify Table

Allows data users to Show Hidden Rows/Columns such as noise flags.

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https://factfinder.census.gov/bkmk/table/1.0/en/NES/2016/00A2
To download the desired table, select your preferred options, click OK, and then click Download.
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Downloading Data in Comma-Separated Value (CSV)

Data users can download NES datasets in CSV format by clicking on NES Datasets and selecting the desired year.

Data files are available from 1997 to 2017.
Datasets are available as .ZIP files which may contain multiple files.

Once selecting a year, you will have access to all available datasets for that year.

Record layouts are also available for reference.

Data

Nonemployer Statistics: 2017

This series includes the number of establishments and receipts (in 1,000s). This data is useful for studying the economic activity of small areas; analyzing economic changes over time; and as a benchmark for other statistical series, surveys, and databases between economic censuses. Businesses use the data for analyzing market potential, measuring the effectiveness of sales and advertising programs, setting sales quotas, and developing budgets. Government agencies use the data for administration and planning.

The Census Bureau has reviewed this data product for unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and has approved the disclosure avoidance practices applied. (Approval ID: CBDRB-FY19-373)

Datasets

- Complete County File [4.2 MB]
- Complete State File [<1.0 MB]
- Complete U.S. File [<1.0 MB]
- Complete MSA File [1.6 MB]
Help with Nonemployer Statistics Data
Phone: (301)763-2580
E-mail: ewd.nonemployer.statistics@census.gov

Help with American FactFinder and data.census.gov (economic data only)
Phone: (301)763-5185
E-mail: econ.dissemination@census.gov and cedsci.feedback@census.gov

Help with American FactFinder (demographic and other data)
Phone: (301)763-INFO(4636)
Website: https://ask.census.gov/newrequest.php

Related links
American FactFinder: http://factfinder.census.gov/
County Business Patterns: http://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/cbp.html
2017 Economic Census: https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/economic-census.html
Census Bureau Other Economic Programs: http://www.census.gov/econ/other_econ.html