

2017 E-Stats Report Summary of Changes

Release of E-commerce Data

E-commerce estimates were released prior to the 2017 E-Stats report. The data were released as follows:

- Service Annual Survey: November 20, 2018
- Annual Wholesale Trade Survey: March 6, 2019
- Annual Retail Trade Survey: April 11, 2019

Annual Survey of Manufacturing did not release data for 2017. The manufacturing data for 2017 were collected as part of the Economic Census-Manufacturing; done every five years (years ending in 2 and 7). The 2016 manufacturing data were collected as part of the Annual Survey of Manufactures (ASM).

See 2017 Economic Census-Manufacturing Sector below for further explanation.

Notes on Comparability

Survey estimates were revised to reflect historical corrections to current sample data. Corrections are made to replace previously reported data with more accurate data received at a later date or to replace imputed data with reported data obtained from the company.

For areas that were not able to revise or provide historical data, please visit their respective sections of the report and the Explanatory Notes for further information.

2017 Economic Census-Manufacturing Sector:

The 2017 E-Stats report is directly comparable with the 2016 E-Stats report with the following exceptions:

The manufacturing data for 2017 were collected as part of the Economic Census Manufacturing; done every five years (years ending in 2 and 7). The 2016 manufacturing data were collected as part of the Annual Survey of Manufactures (ASM).

The data for the 2016 ASM provided in the 2016 E-Stats report was not revised for the 2017 report, like done in years prior. Overall, the 2016 ASM was not and is not expected to be updated.

2017 manufacturing data are based on the 2017 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS), whereas 2016 manufacturing data are based on the 2012 NAICS.

2017 Annual Retail Trade Survey (ARTS)

The 2017 ARTS estimates were revised to reflect historical corrections to current sample data. Corrections are made to replace previously reported data with more accurate data received at a later date or to replace imputed data with reported data obtained from the company.

2017 Annual Wholesale Trade Survey (AWTS)

The 2017 AWTS estimates were revised to reflect historical corrections to the current sample data. Corrections are made to replace previously reported data with more accurate data received at a later date or to replace imputed data with reported data obtained from the company.

2017 Services Annual Survey (SAS)

The 2017 SAS estimates reflect the newly designed question introduced in 2017 "Revenues from Electronic Sources". For more information on this change and why it was implemented, please see the Explanatory Notes section for Services (SAS).