

Annual Survey of Manufactures

WHAT WAS THE ANNUAL SURVEY OF MANUFACTURES (ASM)?

The ASM was a sample survey that provided key intercensal measures of manufacturing activity, products, and location for public and private sector use. The ASM provided the best measure of U.S. manufacturing industry outputs and inputs. It provided a continuous series of basic statistics for industries and furnished benchmarks for current business indicators and measures of industrial production and productivity.

WHAT DATA VARIABLES WERE INCLUDED?

The ASM provided economic data on employment, payroll, supplemental labor costs, cost of materials consumed, operating expenses, value of shipments, value added by manufacturing, detailed capital expenditures, fuels and electric energy used, and inventories.

WHAT BUSINESS TYPES WERE COVERED?

The ASM covered manufacturing establishments with one or more paid employees classified in NAICS Sector 31-33.

HOW FREQUENTLY WAS THE ASM CONDUCTED AND RELEASED?

The ASM was conducted annually, except for years ending in “2” and “7,” at which time ASM statistics were included in the manufacturing sector of the economic census.

WHAT INDUSTRY LEVELS WERE PUBLISHED?

The ASM provided data at the two through six digit NAICS levels.

WHAT GEOGRAPHIC LEVELS WERE PUBLISHED?

National and state level data were shown at the two through four digit NAICS levels.

WHERE CAN I ACCESS THE DATA?

ASM data can be found at the [ASM Tables](#) website.



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[census.gov](https://www.census.gov)

WHEN WAS THE ASM DISCONTINUED?

The ASM was discontinued after the 2021 survey year and data collection ended in late 2022. The data formerly collected for the ASM will now be collected as part of the Annual Integrated Economic Survey (AIES) for survey year 2023 (data collection in early 2024).

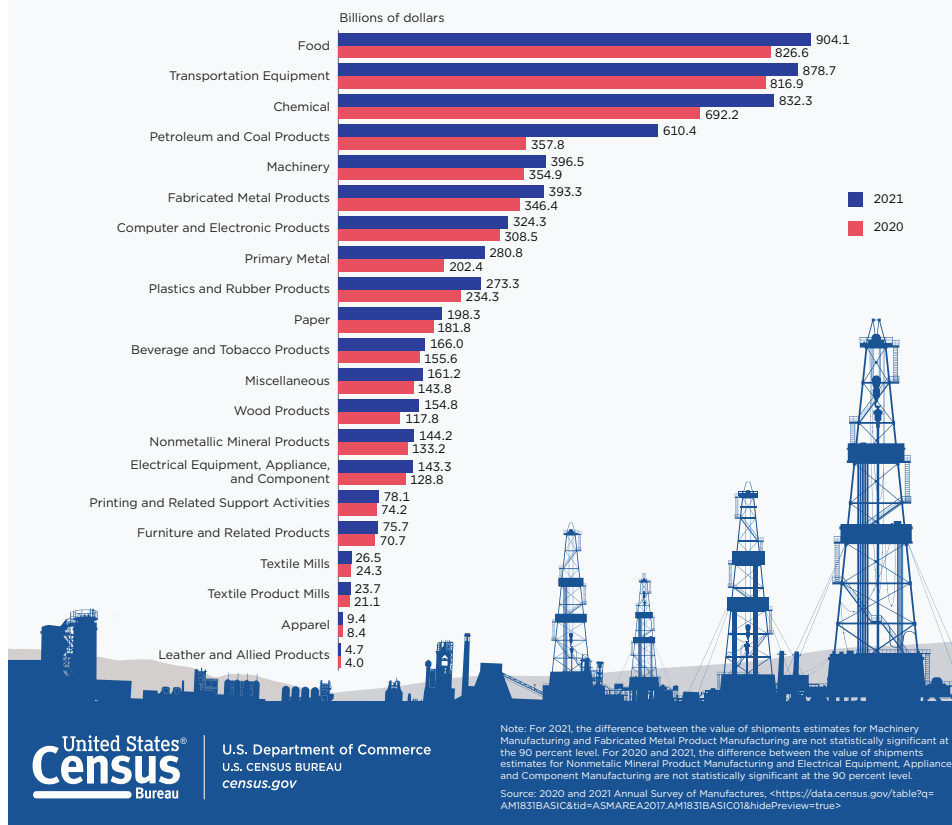
WHAT IS THE AIES?

The AIES is a new survey designed to integrate and replace seven existing annual business surveys into one survey. The AIES will provide the only comprehensive national and subnational data on business revenues, expenses, and assets on an annual basis. The AIES is designed to combine U.S. Census Bureau collections to reduce respondent burden, increase data quality, and allow the Census Bureau to operate more efficiently to reduce costs. For more information about the AIES, visit the [AIES](#) website.



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Manufacturing Value of Shipments by Subsector From 2020 to 2021



ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE SIMILAR DATA?

Monthly data are available from the Census Bureau's Economic Indicators, including the [Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders \(M3\)](#) and the [Quarterly Financial Report](#). Annual data are available from a variety of business surveys, including the [County Business Patterns](#) and [Annual Capital Expenditures Survey](#).

WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?

For information about the ASM, visit the [ASM](#) website or call 301-763-4757. For training on a wide range of Census Bureau data, tools, and resources, visit the [Census Academy](#) website.