

Nonemployer Statistics

WHAT IS NONEMPLOYER STATISTICS?

[Nonemployer Statistics \(NES\)](#) is an annual series that provides subnational economic data, at a detailed industry level, for businesses that have no paid employees and are subject to federal income tax. The NES series is the primary resource available to study the scope and activities for nonemployers at a detailed geographic level. For complementary statistics on the establishments that do have paid employees, refer to the [County Business Patterns](#).

WHAT DATA VARIABLES ARE INCLUDED?

NES provides data on the number of nonemployer businesses, and total receipts by industry. The data are also available by legal form of organization (U.S. and state only) and receipts-size class of establishments (U.S. level only).

WHICH BUSINESS TYPES ARE COVERED?

Nonemployer Statistics cover most NAICS industries excluding crop and animal production (NAICS 111,112), National postal service (NAICS 491), Investments, funds, trusts, and other financial vehicles (NAICS 525), Management of companies and enterprises (NAICS 55), private households (NAICS 814), and Public administration (NAICS 92). Certain industries are automatically reclassified when they appear in the Nonemployer universe. For full list of these industries, please see [Nonemployer Statistics Methodology](#). In addition, Tax-exempt businesses are excluded from the Nonemployer Statistics tabulations.

HOW FREQUENTLY IS IT PUBLISHED?

NES has been published annually, approximately 17 months after each reference year, since 1997.

WHAT INDUSTRY LEVELS ARE PUBLISHED?

Data for nonemployers generally are provided at broader levels of industry detail than data for employers. Nonemployer Statistics are limited to approximately 450 codes that are available through administrative-record sources and are common to all three legal forms of organization applicable to nonemployer businesses (sole proprietorship, partnership, and corporation).

WHAT GEOGRAPHIC LEVELS ARE PUBLISHED?

Data are shown at the national, state, combined statistical area, metropolitan statistical area, and county levels.

ARE THE DATA KEPT CONFIDENTIAL?

In accordance with U.S. Code, Title 13, Section 9, no data are published that would disclose the operations of an individual business.

NES uses noise infusion as a method of disclosure avoidance in which values for each establishment are perturbed prior to table creation by applying a random noise multiplier to the data. This allows for more data to be published.

WHERE ARE THE DATA FROM?

NES data are administrative data maintained in the Business Register (BR). The data originate from statistical information obtained through business income tax records that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) provides to the Census Bureau.

The data are processed through various automated and analytical review to eliminate employers from the tabulation, correct and complete data items, remove anomalies, and validate geography coding and industry classification

HOW CAN I ACCESS THE DATA?

Data tables for the NES are found at: <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/nonemployer-statistics/data.html>. Additionally, data from the NES are included in [Census Business Builder](#), [QuickFacts](#), and [My Congressional District](#) data tools.

For developers, NES data can be found with other Census data at: <https://www.census.gov/data/developers/data-sets/cbp-nonemp-zbp.html>

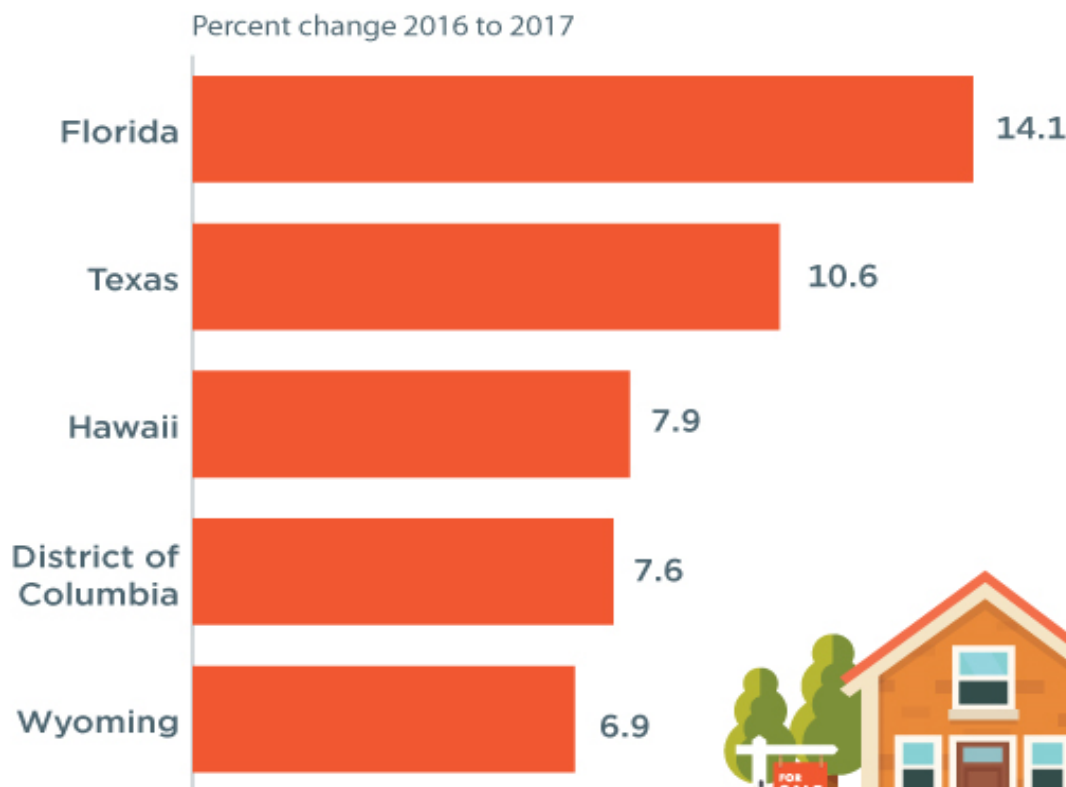


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Top 5 States With a Growing Real Estate Industry

Based on Receipts of Businesses Without Paid Employees



Note: Ordering of the states may be different from shown because of nonsampling error and disclosure avoidance methods used to protect the confidentiality of the data.

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ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE SIMILAR DATA?

Selected annual data are available from a variety of annual business surveys, including the Statistics of U.S. Businesses <<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/susb.html>> and County Business Patterns <<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/cbp.html>>. Detailed statistics from the 5-year Economic Census <www.census.gov/programs-surveys/economic-census.html> are also available.

WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?

For information about Nonemployer Statistics, contact <ewd.nonemployer.statistics@census.gov> or call 301-763-2580. For more information, visit <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/nonemployer-statistics.html>.

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