

Quarterly Services Survey

Measuring the U.S. Economy

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A Vital Resource for Service Economy Statistics

What is the Quarterly Services Survey?

The Quarterly Services Survey (QSS) is the only source of service industry indicator performance providing timely estimates of revenue and expenses for selected service industries.

What value does the QSS provide?

- Current statistics on the service sector of the economy.
- Major component of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP).
- Source of information for the Federal Reserve Board and Council of Economic Advisors.
- Provides data to industry groups, media, and private businesses for news and analysis.

What geographic levels are provided?

Data are provided at the national level.

How frequently is it conducted and released?

The QSS is conducted quarterly with the mailout occurring at the end of each calendar quarter. The Advance Quarterly Services Report is released approximately 50 days after the end of the calendar quarter. The Quarterly Services Report is released approximately 75 days after the end of the calendar quarter.

What is covered in the QSS?

Currently the QSS covers the following NAICS sectors (2-digit) and subsector (3-digit):

- Utilities (Sector 22)
- Transportation and Warehousing (Sectors 48 and 49)
- Information (Sector 51)
- Finance and Insurance (Sector 52)
- Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (Sector 53)
- Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (Sector 54)
- Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services (Sector 56)
- Educational Services (Sector 61)
- Health Care and Social Assistance (Sector 62)
- Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (Sector 71)
- Accommodation (Subsector 721)
- Other Services (Sector 81)

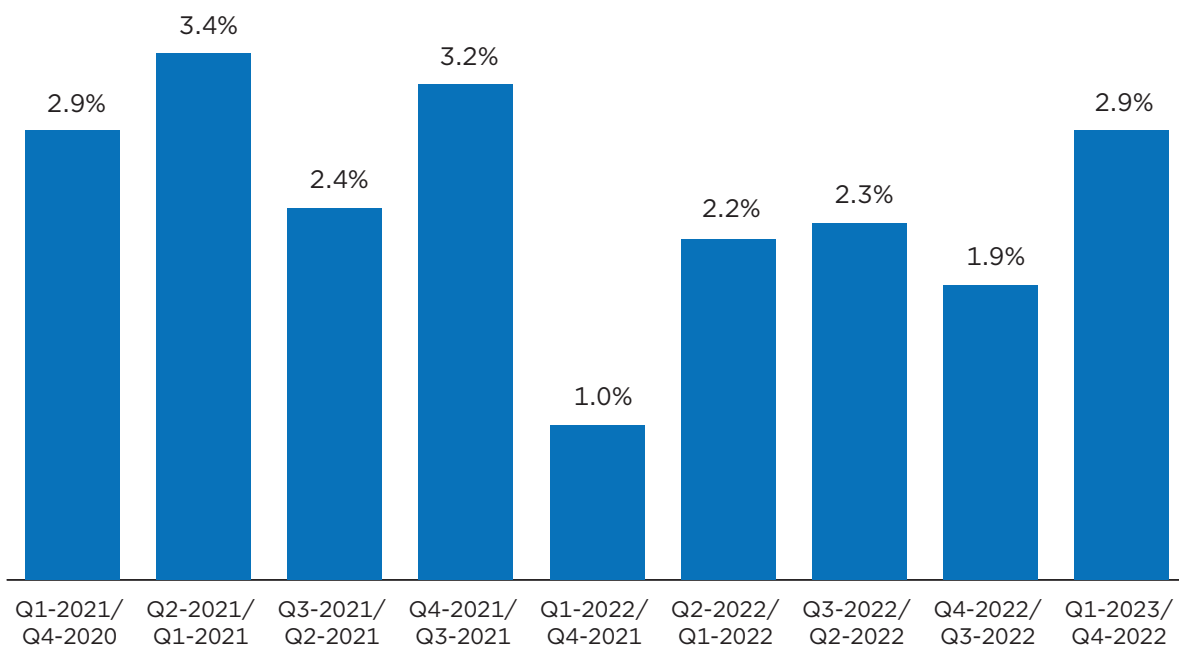
Is respondent information kept confidential?

Title 13, United States Code, Section 9, requires the Census Bureau to keep respondent information confidential and to use responses only to produce statistics.

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U.S. Selected Services Total Revenue
Quarter-to-Quarter Percentage Change
(Seasonally adjusted)



Note: Data adjusted for seasonal variation but not for price changes. Differences between percent changes may be attributed to sampling or nonsampling error, rather than underlying economic conditions. Caution should be used in drawing conclusions from the estimates and comparisons shown. Additional information on the survey methodology, including sample error (e.g., standard errors and relative standard errors) and nonsampling error, may be found at https://www.census.gov/services/qss/how_the_data_are_collected.html.

Source: Q1 2023 Quarterly Services Survey, <www.census.gov/services>.

Are there other programs that provide similar data?

Selected annual data are available, including data from the Service Annual Survey <www.census.gov/programs-surveys/sas.html> and County Business Patterns <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.