



## Nonemployer Statistics Data User Guide

*This guide explains how to access Nonemployer Statistics data in Hypertext tables, Comma Separated files (CSV), or the American FactFinder (AFF). You may also contact the US Census Bureau's Nonemployer Statistics staff at 301-763-2580 or [ewd.nonemployer.statistics@census.gov](mailto:ewd.nonemployer.statistics@census.gov) for assistance.*



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## Nonemployer Statistics 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. The following LFO's are incorporated under nonemployer statistics:
  - Corporations
  - Partnerships
  - Sole Proprietorships
- **North America Industry Classification System (NAICS)** – Is the standard used by Federal statistical agencies in classifying business establishments for the purpose of collecting, analyzing, and publishing statistical data related to the U.S. business economy. For more information, visit the NAICS website: <https://www.census.gov/eos/www/naics>
- **NOISE** - Noise infusion is a method of disclosure avoidance in which values for each firm are perturbed prior to table creation by applying a random noise multiplier to the receipts data for each business. Disclosure protection is accomplished in a manner that results in a relatively small change in the vast majority of cell values. Read more on the [How the Data Are Collected](#) page.
- **NOISE Flags**–
  - G - Low Noise Infusion
  - H - Medium Noise Infusion
  - D - Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual companies; data are included in higher level totals
  - S – Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards

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## Using the Homepage

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- American FactFinder
- Business and Industry
- County Business Patterns

## Nonemployer Statistics

Nonemployer Statistics is an annual series that provides subnational economic data for businesses that have no paid employees and are subject to federal income tax. The data consist of the number of businesses and total receipts by industry. Most nonemployers are self-employed individuals operating unincorporated businesses (known as sole proprietorships), which may or may not be the owner's principal source of income.

The majority of all business establishments in the United States are nonemployers, yet these firms average less than 4 percent of all sales and receipts nationally. Due to their small economic impact, these firms are excluded from most other Census Bureau business statistics (the primary exception being the [Survey of Business Owners](#)). The Nonemployers Statistics series is the primary resource available to study the scope and activities of nonemployers at a detailed geographic level. For complementary statistics on the firms that do have paid employees, refer to the [County Business Patterns](#). Additional sources of data on small businesses include the [Economic Census](#), and the [Statistics of U.S. Businesses](#).

For help accessing the data via hypertext tables or American FactFinder, please refer to the [Data User Guide \[PDF\]](#).

For Internet Explorer 9 and 10 enable [Compatibility View](#) in the event tables do not display properly.

For frequently asked questions (FAQs) visit [Ask.Census.gov](#) or click the FAQs tab at the top of the screen. This link will open a new page within this window. Enter 'nonemployer' into the search box to narrow the results.

### View data in hypertext tables

U.S., States, and Counties (2002-2013) Select Area  GO

Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas <sup>1</sup> (2002-2013) Select Area  GO

### Data in other formats for manipulation and analysis

The Nonemployer Homepage offers two easy methods of accessing the data; immediately through the hypertext tables feature, and in depth through the offline formats.

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## Using the Hypertext Table

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### 2013 Nonemployer Statistics

Year: 2013  Without noise flag  With noise flag [Go](#)

U.S./State: [Select a State](#)

- United States
- Alabama
- Alaska
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- District of Columbia
- Florida
- Georgia
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maine
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Minnesota

State Total/Countries: [Select State Total or County in District of Columbia](#) [Go](#)

in Statistical Area: [Go](#)

Statistical Area: [nd!!!](#) [Go](#)

Nonemployer statistics originate from Internal Revenue Service tax returns. The data are subject to nonsampling error, such as errors of self-classification by industry on tax forms, as well as errors of response, nonresponse, and coverage. Receipts totals are slightly modified to protect confidentiality. All dollar values are expressed in current dollars and are not adjusted for price changes. For further information about methodology and data limitations, see [Survey Methodology](#). For descriptions of column headings and rows (industries), click on the appropriate underlined element in the table.

NAICS Detail	Compare Areas		Nonemployers	
			Establishments	Receipts (\$1,000)
Total for all sectors		00	52,262	2,506,768
<a href="#">Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting</a>		11	45	1,903

When you select the area of interest (here, District of Columbia), the hypertext tables will immediately show you, by industry, the number of establishments and their total receipts for the most recent year. To learn more about industry classification, select the industry under the "Description" header.

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## Accessing Nonemployer Statistics Data in Hypertext Tables

The following options will allow users to view **Nonemployer Statistics** in different formats :

1. **NAICS Detail** – data will display at the different NAICS levels for the selected sector.

[Click here to learn about the NAICS Detail feature](#)

2. **Compare Areas** – this option will compare data by state, county, or metropolitan area [Click here to learn about the Compare Areas feature](#)

### 2013 Nonemployer Statistics



Year  
 2013  Without noise flag  With noise flag

U.S./State      State Total/Counties  
 Select a State      Select State Total or County in Alabama

Metropolitan/Micropolitan Statistical Area  
 Select a Metro Area

Combined Metropolitan Statistical Area  
 Select a Combined Area

#### Autauga County, AL

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1		2		<u>Nonemployers</u>	
<u>NAICS Detail</u>	<u>Compare Areas</u>	NAICS code	Description	<u>Establishments</u>	<u>Receipts (\$1,000)</u>
Detail	Compare	00	Total for all sectors	2,947	108,465
Detail	Compare	11	<u>Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting</u>	44	2,183
Detail	Compare	21	<u>Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>D</u>
Detail	Compare	22	<u>Utilities</u>	3	69

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## Data Displayed by NAICS Detail Feature

### 2013 Nonemployer Statistics



**Year**  
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**U.S./State**      **State Total/Counties**  
  [Go](#)

**Metropolitan/Micropolitan Statistical Area**  
 [Go](#)

**Combined Metropolitan Statistical Area**  
 [Go](#)

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**Autauga County, AL**  
 23 - Construction

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Compare Areas	NAICS code	Description	Nonemployers	
			<a href="#">Establishments</a>	<a href="#">Receipts (\$1,000)</a>
	23	<a href="#">Construction</a>		
<a href="#">Compare</a>		All Establishments	403	19,666
	236	<a href="#">Construction of buildings</a>		
<a href="#">Compare</a>		All Establishments	110	7,163
	2361	<a href="#">Residential building construction</a>		
<a href="#">Compare</a>		All Establishments	94	6,593
	2362	<a href="#">Nonresidential building construction</a>		
<a href="#">Compare</a>		All Establishments	<a href="#">D</a>	<a href="#">D</a>

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## Data Displayed By Compare Area Feature (county)

### Nonemployer Statistics



**Year**  
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**U.S./State**  
 Select a State

**State Total/Counties**  
 Compare all Counties in Alabama  [Go](#)

**Metropolitan/Micropolitan Statistical Area**  
 Compare all Metropolitan/Micropolitan Statistical Area  [Go](#)

**Combined Metropolitan Statistical Area**  
 Compare all Combined Metropolitan Statistical Area  [Go](#)

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Industry Code Comparison  
 23 - Construction  
 All Establishments

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NAICS Total		NAICS Detail		Area name	Nonemployers	
					<a href="#">Establishments</a>	<a href="#">Receipts (\$1,000)</a>
Total		Detail		Alabama	39,463	2,028,666
Total		Detail		Autauga County, AL	403	19,666
Total		Detail		Baldwin County, AL	2,106	129,691
Total		Detail		Barbour County, AL	156	8,704



## Downloading Nonemployer Statistics Data

Nonemployer Statistics data can be downloaded in two different ways:

1. By using American Fact Finder (AFF) - [click here](#)
2. Through the CBP main webpage, in comma separated value (CSV) files – [click here](#)

### Data in other formats for manipulation and analysis

- 1 Extract and manipulate the data in the [New American FactFinder \(2004 to 2013\)](#).
  - View the [Revised 2008 Nonemployer Statistics Table](#) [.xls] reflecting 2009 methodology changes.
- 2 Download the data in [comma-delimited format](#) (1997 to 2013).
  - Read about [Historical Nonemployer Statistics](#) for earlier years, including data for 1997 to 2001 online.

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## Downloading Nonemployment Statistics Data in American FactFinder (AFF)

**United States Census Bureau** **FactFinder**

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**Your Selections**

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Program:  
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clear all selections and start a new search

load search | save search

Search using the options below:

- Topics (age, income, year, dataset, ...)
- Geographies (states, counties, places, ...)**
- Race and Ethnic Groups (race, ancestry, tribe)
- Industry Codes (NAICS industry, ...)**
- EEO Occupation Codes (executives, analysts, ...)

Search Results: 1-25 of 50 tables and other products match "Your Selections"

topic or table name state, county or place (optional)

Refine your search results:

topics  race/ancestry  industries  occupations

Selected: View Download Compare Clear All Reset Sort ?

Show results from: All available years

ID	Table, File or Document Title
<input type="checkbox"/> NS1300A1	Geographic Area Series: Nonemployer Statistics by Legal Form of Organization: 2013
<input type="checkbox"/> NS1300A2	Geographic Area Series: Nonemployer Statistics for the US, States, Metropolitan Areas, ...
<input type="checkbox"/> NS1300A3	Geographic Area Series: Nonemployer Statistics by Receipt Size Class: 2013
<input type="checkbox"/> NS1300A1_FTP	Geographic Area Series: Nonemployer Statistics by Legal Form of Organization: 2013
<input type="checkbox"/> NS1300A2_FTP	Geographic Area Series: Nonemployer Statistics for the US, States, Metropolitan Areas, ...
<input type="checkbox"/> NS1300A3_FTP	Geographic Area Series: Nonemployer Statistics by Receipt Size Class: 2013
<input type="checkbox"/> NS1200A1	Geographic Area Series: Nonemployer Statistics by Legal Form of Organization: 2012
<input type="checkbox"/> NS1200A2	Geographic Area Series: Nonemployer Statistics for the US, States, Metropolitan Areas, ...

### Nonemployer Statistics Data in AFF

When accessing Nonemployer Statistics data in AFF, users will be able to filter data by Geographies (U.S., state, county, zip code, metropolitan and micropolitan areas) as well as Industry Codes (NAICS). For help using the AFF interface, see the following links:

- [Using FactFinder](#)
- [What We Provide](#)

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## Opening Nonemployer Statistics Tables in AFF

### Opening Tables

To open a table, simply click on the hyperlinked table title.

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ID	Title	Dataset	About
<input type="checkbox"/> NS0900A1	2009 Nonemployer Statistics: Geographic Area Series: Nonemployer Statistics by Legal Form of Organization: 2009	2009 Nonemployer Statistics	<a href="#">i</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> NS0900A2	2009 Nonemployer Statistics: Geographic Area Series: Nonemployer Statistics for the US, States, Metropolitan Areas, and Counties: 2009	2009 Nonemployer Statistics	<a href="#">i</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> NS0900A3	2009 Nonemployer Statistics: Geographic Area Series: Nonemployer Statistics by receipt size by establishment: 2009	2009 Nonemployer Statistics	<a href="#">i</a>

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To open multiple tables:

1. Check off the checkboxes next to the tables you would like to view, then click the "View" button.

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ID	Title	Dataset	About
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NS0900A1	2009 Nonemployer Statistics: Geographic Area Series: Nonemployer Statistics by Legal Form of Organization: 2009	2009 Nonemployer Statistics	<a href="#">i</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> NS0900A2	2009 Nonemployer Statistics: Geographic Area Series: Nonemployer Statistics for the US, States, Metropolitan Areas, and Counties: 2009	2009 Nonemployer Statistics	<a href="#">i</a>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NS0900A3	2009 Nonemployer Statistics: Geographic Area Series: Nonemployer Statistics by receipt size by establishment: 2009	2009 Nonemployer Statistics	<a href="#">i</a>

2 Selected: View Download Compare Clear All

2. The first table opens. To view the next table, click the right-arrow on the top right corner.



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[State Record Layout](#)

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#### References for Industry and Geography:

[NAICS Descriptions for 2012 - 2013](#)

[NAICS Descriptions for 2007 - 2011](#)

[NAICS Descriptions for 2002 - 2006](#)

[NAICS Descriptions for 1997 - 2001](#)

[State and County Codes 2012 - 2013](#)

[State and County Codes 2002-2011](#)

[State and County Codes 1997-2001](#)

#### Download Comma-Separated Value (csv) Files

##### Files Available for Download:

- 2013 Data - [US](#) (.3 mb), [State](#) (.5 mb zip), [County](#) (3.9 mb zip) Released May 21, 2015
- 2012 Data - [US](#) (.3 mb), [State](#) (.6 mb zip), [County](#) (4.5 mb zip) Released April 24, 2014
- 2011 Data - [US](#) (.3 mb), [State](#) (.6 mb zip), [County](#) (4.5 mb zip) Released May 30, 2013
- 2010 Data - [US](#) (.3 mb), [State](#) (.6 mb zip), [County](#) (4.5 mb zip) Released August 15, 2012
- 2009 Data - [US](#) (.3 mb), [State](#) (.6 mb zip), [County](#) (4.5 mb zip) Released August 15, 2012 (supercedes version released on July 28, 2011)
- 2008 Data - [US](#) (.07 mb), [State](#) (.6 mb zip), [County](#) (4.5 mb zip) Released June 24, 2010
- 2007 Data - [US](#) (.01 mb), [State](#) (.7 mb), [County](#) (4.6 mb zip) Released June 25, 2009
- 2006 Data - [US](#) (.01 mb), [State](#) (.6 mb), [County](#) (4.6 mb zip) Released July 31, 2008
- 2005 Data - [US](#) (.01 mb), [State](#) (.6 mb), [County](#) (4.4 mb zip) Released June 27, 2007
- 2004 Data - [US](#) (.01 mb), [State](#) (.6 mb), [County](#) (3.5 mb zip) Released July 26, 2006
- 2003 Data - [US](#) (.01 mb), [State](#) (.6 mb), [County](#) (2.8 mb zip) Released October 2005
- 2002 Data - [US](#) (.01 mb), [State](#) (.6 mb), [County](#) (2.8 mb zip) Released April 2005
- 2001 Data - [US](#) (.01 mb), [State](#) (.6 mb), [County](#) (2.8 mb zip) Released September 2003
- 2000 Data - [US](#) (.01 mb), [State](#) (.6 mb), [County](#) (2.8 mb zip) Released October 2002
- 1999 Data - [US](#) (.01 mb), [State](#) (.6 mb), [County](#) (2.8 mb zip) Released January 2002
- 1998 Data - [US](#) (.01 mb), [State](#) (.6 mb), [County](#) (2.8 mb zip) Released July 2001
- 1997 Data - [US](#) (.01 mb), [State](#) (.6 mb), [County](#) (2.8 mb zip) Released January 2001

The **Comma-Separated Value Files** will display data at the U.S., state, and county levels.

The **Record Layout** links are available to aid in better understanding the data tables.

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## For Further Assistance

### Help with Nonemployer Statistics Data

Phone: (301)763-2580

E-mail: [ewd.nonemployer.statistics@census.gov](mailto:ewd.nonemployer.statistics@census.gov)

### Help with American FactFinder (economic data only)

Phone: (301)763-5185

E-mail: [econ.dissemination@census.gov](mailto:econ.dissemination@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/econ/cbp/>

Nonemployer Statistics: <http://www.census.gov/econ/nonemployer/>

2012 Economic Census: <http://www.census.gov/econ/census/>

Census Bureau Other Economic Programs: [http://www.census.gov/econ/other\\_econ.html](http://www.census.gov/econ/other_econ.html)