

U.S. adopts new coding system

The Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system, used to code industries and occupations in the U.S. economy for more than 60 years, is being replaced with a new coding system. Virtually all business and commerce activity is collected and reported utilizing these codes.

The new system, the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS), is based on current data from the U.S. Census Bureau. It more accurately reflects the shift to an information and service-based economy and incorporates new industries that have evolved out of rapidly developing technology.

The NAICS system adds 10 new industry "sectors" which doubles the number in the old system. It covers a broader spectrum of industries, adding 350 new industries not included in the SIC system.

New NAICS sectors are:

- Information
- Health care and social assistance
- Arts, entertainment and recreation
- Accommodation and food service
- Professional, scientific and technical
- Real estate and rental leasing
- Administrative and support
- Waste management and remediation
- Educational services
- Other services

The new system also meets the requirement in the North American Free Trade Agreement, which calls for the United States, Canada and Mexico to standardize their industrial classification systems.

In addition to new industry code numbers, system changes include:

- Grouping similar information in the same classification.
- Hierarchical structure.
- Changing from SIC's four-digit system to six digits to provide broader sectors and country-level national industries.
- Improved international business use as NAICS aims to become compatible with the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities of the United Nations.

According to the Census Bureau, the NAICS system makes substantial structural improvements and will be updated every five years.

Canada, the United States and Mexico will each produce a manual for their particular country. The U.S. manual is called *North American Industry Classification System - United States Manual*,

which is available from JIST Works, Inc.

More information about the NAICS coding system is available from JIST by calling 1-800-547-8872, or the JIST fax-on-demand system at 1-800-471-0364. Callers should request document #1607 (NAICS table of contents) and document #1807 (NAICS sample page).

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NAICS Codes with covered and uncovered RTK SICs

NAICS CODE	NAICS DESCRIPTOR	SIC_CODE	SIC DESCRIPTOR
111998	All Other Miscellaneous Crop Farming		
		0139	Field Crops, Except Cash Grains, NEC (except peanut, sweet potato, yam and hay farms)
		0191	General Farms, Primarily Crop
		0831	Forest Products (maple sap, gathering of)
		0919	Miscellaneous Marine Products (plant aquaculture)
		2099	Food Preparations, NEC (reducing maple sap to maple syrup)
311611	Animal (except Poultry) Slaughtering		
		0751	Livestock Services, Except Veterinary (custom slaughtering)
		2011	Meat Packing Plants
		2048	Prepared Feeds and Feed Ingredients for Animals and Fowls, Except Dogs and Cats (animal slaughtering for pet food)
311612	Meat Processed for Carcasses		
		2013	Sausages and Other Prepared Meats
		5147	Meat and Meat Products (boxed beef)
313311	Broadwoven Fabric Finishing Mills		
		2231	Broadwoven Fabric Mills, Wool (wool broadwoven fabric finishing)
		2261	Finishers of Broadwoven Fabrics of Cotton
		2262	Finishers of Broadwoven Fabrics of Manmade Fiber and Silk
		2269	Finishers of Textiles, NEC (broadwoven fabric finishing)
		5131	Piece Goods and Notions (broadwoven converters)
313312	Textile and Fabric Finishing (except Broadwoven Fabric) Mills		
		2231	Broadwoven Fabric Mills, Wool (wool finishing except broadwoven fabric)

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		2257	Weft Knit Fabric Mills (finishing)
		2258	Lace and Warp Knit Fabric Mills (finishing)
		2269	Finishers of Textiles, NEC (except broadwoven fabric finishing)
		2282	Yarn Texturizing, Throwing, Twisting, and Winding Mills (spooling purchased yarn)
		2284	Thread Mills (thread finishing)
		2299	Textile Goods, NEC (finishing hard fiber thread and yarn)
		5131	Piece Goods and Notions (converters, except broadwoven)
314121			
	Curtain and Drapery Mills		
		2391	Curtains and Draperies
		5714	Drapery, Curtain, and Upholstery Stores (custom drapes)
334612			
	Prerecorded Compact Disc (except Software), Tape, and Record Reproducing		
		3652	Phonograph Records and Prerecorded Audio Tapes and Disks (reproduction of all other media except video)
		7819	Services Allied to Motion Picture Production (reproduction of video)
335312			
	Motor and Generator Manufacturing		
		3621	Motors and Generators
		7694	Armature Rewinding Shops (remanufacturing)
337121			
	Upholstered Household Furniture Manufacturing		
		2512	Wood Household Furniture, Upholstered
		2515	Mattress, Foundations, and Convertible Beds (convertible sofas)
		5712	Furniture (custom made upholstered household furniture except cabinets)
337122			
	Nonupholstered Wood Household Furniture Manufacturing		
		2511	Wood Household Furniture, Except Upholstered

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		5712	Furniture Stores (custom made wood household furniture except cabinets)
339115	Opthalmic Goods Manufacturing	3851	Opthalmic Goods
		5995	Optical Goods Stores (optical laboratories grinding of lenses to prescription)
42183	Industrial Machinery and Equipment Wholesalers	5084	Industrial Machinery and Equipment
		5085	Industrial Supplies (fluid power accessories)
42295	Paint, Varnish and Supplies Wholesalers	5198	Paint , Varnishes and Supplies (except paints, etc. sold via retail method)
		5231	Paint, Glass and Wallpaper Stores (sold via wholesale method)
44412	Paint and Wallpaper Stores	5198	Paints, Varnishes, and Supplies (sold via retail method)
		5231	Paint, Glass, and Wallpaper Stores (paint and wallpaper)
44422	Nursery and Garden Centers	5191	Farm Supplies (sold via retail method)
		5193	Flower, Nursery Stock, and Florists' Supplies (sold via retail method)
		5261	Retail Nurseries, Lawn and Garden Supply Stores (except outdoor power equipment and cut Christmas trees)
44612	Cosmetics, Beauty Supplies and Perfume Stores	5087	Service Establishment Equipment and Supplies (beauty and barber supplies sold via retail method)
		5999	Miscellaneous Retail Stores, NEC (cosmetics and perfumes)

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44711	Gasoline Stations with Convenience Stores	5411	Grocery Stores (convenience store with gas)
		5541	Gasoline Service Station (gasoline station with convenience store)
454311	Heating Oil Dealers	5171	Petroleum Bulk Stations and Terminals (heating oil sold to final consumer)
		5983	Fuel Oil Dealers
454312	Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Bottled Gas) Dealers	5171	Petroleum Bulk Stations and Terminals (LP gas sold to final consumer)
		5984	Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Bottled Gas) Dealers
48711	Scenic and Sightseeing Transportation, Land	4119	Local Passenger Transportation, NEC (sightseeing buses and cable and cog railways, except scenic)
		4789	Transportation Services, NEC (horse-drawn cabs and carriages)
		7999	Amusement and Recreation Services, NEC (scenic transport operations, land)
48821	Support Activities for Rail Transportation	4013	Railroad Switching and Terminal Establishment (all but short line railroads)
		4741	Rental of Railroad Cars (grain leveling in railroad cars, grain trimming for railroad equipment, precooling of fruits and vegetables in connection with transportation, and railroad car cleaning, icing, ventilating, and heating)
		4789	Transportation Services, NEC (car loading and unloading ; cleaning of railroad ballasts; dining, parlor, sleeping, and other car operations; and railroad maintenance)
48839			

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48849	Other Support Activities for Water Transportation	4499	Water Transportation Services, NEC (all but lighthouse operations, piloting vessels in and out of harbors, boat and ship rental, and marine salvage)
		4785	Fixed Facilities and Inspection and Weighing Services for Motor Vehicle Transportation (marine cargo checkers)
		7699	Repair Shops and Related Services, NEC (ship scaling)
488999	Other Support Activities for Road Transportation	4173	Terminal and Service Facilities for Motor Vehicle Passenger Transportation
		4231	Terminal and Joint Terminal Maintenance Facilities for Motor Freight Transportation
		4785	Fixed Facilities and Inspection and Weighing Services for Motor Vehicle Transportation (all but marine cargo checkers)
49211	All Other Support Activities for Transportation	4729	Arrangement of Passenger Transportation, NEC (arrangement of carpools and vanpools)
		4789	Transportation Services, NEC (pipeline terminals and stockyards for transportation)
51223	Couriers	4215	Courier Services, Except by Air (hub and spoke intercity delivery)
		4513	Air Courier Services
513322	Music Publishers	2731	Books: Publishing or Publishing and Printing (music books)
		2741	Miscellaneous Publishing (sheet music publishing)
		8999	Services, NEC (music publishing)
	Cellular and Other Wireless Telecommunications	4812	Radiotelephone Communications (cellular carriers)

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		4899	Communications Services, NEC (radio dispatch)
532411	Commercial Air, Rail, and Water Transportation Equipment Rental and Leasing	4499	Water Transportation Services, NEC (boat and ship rental, commercial)
		4741	Rental of Railroad Cars (rental of railroad cars)
		7359	Equipment Rental and Leasing, NEC (airplane rental and leasing)
541618	Other Management Consulting Services	4731	Arrangement of Transportation of Freight and Cargo (freight rate-auditors and tariff consulting)
		8748	Business Consulting Services, NEC (safety consulting)
54189	Other Services Related to Advertising	5199	Nondurable Goods, NEC (advertising specialties goods distributors)
		7319	Advertising, NEC (except media buying, display advertising, except outdoor; and advertising material distributors)
		7389	Business Services, NEC (sign painting and other advertising related business services)
54194	Veterinary Services	0741	Veterinary Services For Livestock
		0742	Veterinary Services For Animal Specialties
		8734	Testing Laboratories (veterinary testing laboratories)
56171	Exterminating and Pest Control Services	4959	Sanitary Services, NEC (mosquito eradication)
		7342	Disinfecting and Pest Control Services (exterminating and pest control)
56172	Janitorial Services		

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		4581	Airports, Flying Fields and Airport Terminal Services (airplane cleaning and janitorial services)
		7342	Disinfecting and Pest Control Services (except exterminating)
		7349	Building Cleaning and Maintenance Services, NEC
56173			
	Landscaping Services		
		0782	Lawn and Garden Services
		0783	Ornamental Shrub and Tree Services
562111			
	Solid Waste Collection		
		4212	Local Trucking without Storage (solid waste collection without disposal)
		4953	Refuse Systems (solid waste collection)
562112			
	Hazardous Waste Collection		
		4212	Local Trucking Without Storage (hazardous waste collection without disposal)
		4953	Refuse Systems (hazardous waste collection)
562119			
	Other Waste Collection		
		4212	Local Trucking Without Storage (other waste collection without disposal)
		4953	Refuse Systems (other waste collections when combined with disposal)
56291			
	Remediation Services		
		1799	Special Trade Contractors, NEC (asbestos abatement and lead paint removal contractors)
		4959	Sanitary Services, NEC (remediation services)
611512			
	Flight Training		
		8249	Vocational Schools, NEC (aviation schools, excluding flying instruction)
		8299	Schools and Educational Services, NEC (flying instructions)
611519			
	Other Technical and Trade Schools		

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		8243	Data Processing Schools (computer repair training)
		8249	Vocational Schools, NEC (except aviation and flight training and apprenticeship training)
811198			
	All Other Automotive Repair and Maintenance		
		7534	Tire Retreading and Repair Shops (repair)
		7549	Automotive Services, Except Repair and Carwashes (except lubricating and towing)
81149			
	Other Personal and Household Goods Repair and Maintenance		
		3732	Boat Building and Repair (pleasure boat repair)
		7219	Laundry and Garment Services, NEC (alteration and repair)
		7631	Watch, Clock, and Jewelry Repair
		7692	Welding Repair
		7699	Repair Shops and Related Services, NEC (except industrial,electronic, home and garden, appliance, and leather goods)