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## **Deadline for Economic Census Form Nears**

MIDDLETOWN, PA— The Pennsylvania State Data Center at Penn State Harrisburg reports that Pennsylvania businesses have until February 12, 2003, to complete and return their 2002 Economic Census form. Every 5 years the Economic Census develops a comprehensive portrait of the American Economy from the national to local level. In December, forms were mailed to 210,000 businesses in Pennsylvania. Federal law requires businesses to respond to the form.

## **Electronic Filing Makes Completing the 2002 Economic Census Form Faster and Easier**

The Census Bureau is reminding businesses that for the first time they can file their form electronically. Businesses that want to try electronic reporting can visit the Census Bureau business help site, [www.census.gov/econhelp](http://www.census.gov/econhelp). Using information businesses received in December, they can download a Windows-based electronic questionnaire tailored to their business. Businesses can complete the electronic forms at their own pace and file the form on a secure Internet site or mail a diskette to the Census Bureau. Electronic filing will especially benefit those businesses with multiple locations. These firms can now import information from company spreadsheets right into the economic census software.

In addition to electronic reporting, the Census Bureau's "Business Help Site" offers answers to frequently asked questions and provides other services, such as report receipt verification. Additionally, there is a toll-free "help line" available from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday. The toll-free number is 1.800.233.6136.

## **First Results Expected in Early 2004**

Data on more than 1,000 industries will be processed during 2003, and the first results are expected in early 2004. The Economic Census will yield more than 1,700 reports and data products for states, counties, places and ZIP codes. All reports and statistics for Pennsylvania can be obtained from the Pennsylvania State Data Center when they become available.

## Pennsylvania and the 1997 Economic Census

Data from the 1997 Economic Census for Pennsylvania shows that the industry with the most establishments was the taxable service industry with 85,488. This was an increase of 9.8 percent from 1992. Sales, receipts or shipments totaled over \$70 billion in the taxable service industry in 1997, a 43.5 percent increase from 1992. Transportation, communications and utilities industries experienced the largest percent increase in sales, receipts or shipments between 1992 and 1997 with a 92.3 percent increase (see Table 1).

**Table 1: Establishments and Sales, Receipts or Shipments by Industry, Pennsylvania: 1997**

1987 SIC Description	Establishments		Sales, receipts or shipments (\$1,000)	
	1997	Percent Change, 1992-97	1997	Percent Change, 1992-97
<b>Industries</b>				
Mining	916	-20.0	3,515,116	-5.4
Construction	27,046	3.1	D	N
Manufacturing	17,207	-1.9	177,169,793	27.3
Transportation, communications and utilities %%**	10,905	5.2	66,809,682	92.3
Wholesale trade	20,135	-0.5	166,524,386	31.8
Retail trade	70,702	-1.3	113,092,636	28.8
Financial, insurance and real estate	24,944	8.9	N	N
Service Taxable	85,488	9.8	70,881,373	43.5
Service Exempt	12,549	0.8	31,610,343	19.2
Auxiliaries	2,240	1.2	1,616,522	N

D-Data withheld to avoid disclosing data of individual companies; data are included in higher-level totals.

N-Comparable data not available

%%-Data do not include large certificated passenger carriers that report to the Office of Airline Statistics, U.S. Department of Transportation

\*\*-Railroad transportation and U.S. Postal Service industries are out of scope for the 1997 Economic Census

The taxable service industry had the most paid employees in Pennsylvania in 1997 with over 978,000 workers, an increase of 22.8 percent from 1992. The manufacturing industry had the largest payroll in Pennsylvania in 1997 with an annual payroll of over \$28 billion, an increase of 16.9 percent from 1992. The taxable service industry experienced the largest increase in annual payroll from 1992 to 1997 with a 47.5 percent increase (see Table 2).

**Table 2: Paid Employees and Annual Payroll by Industry, Pennsylvania: 1997**

1987 SIC Description	Paid Employees		Annual Payroll (\$1,000)	
	1997	Percent Change, 1992-97	1997	Percent Change, 1992-97
<b>Industries</b>				
Mining	17,529	-20.5	677,125	-8.4
Construction	226,488	6.1	7,165,776	27.5
Manufacturing	857,041	-0.8	28,688,934	16.9
Transportation, communications and utilities %%**	250,499	8	8,205,631	16.0
Wholesale trade	269,103	5.8	9,438,720	26.1
Retail trade	940,957	9.2	12,505,713	24.5
Financial, insurance and real estate	342,807	13.8	12,788,799	42.2
Service Taxable	978,912	22.8	27,644,027	47.5
Service Exempt	511,758	-0.5	13,003,161	13.2
Auxiliaries	163,621	-3.7	8,550,115	16.5

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