

Subject: RE: Missing Historical Employment Data
Date: Monday, June 3, 2013 3:05:11 PM Central European Summer Time
From: IndustryEconomicAccounts
To: John M Abowd

John,

We have published historical NAICS-based employment information located here
http://www.bea.gov/industry/NAICSEmployment_datarelease.htm

However, this historical data is not consistent with the current 1998-2012 employment file. The 1947-1997 employment data uses the 1997 NAICS classifications and was last revised in 2006 and will not match BEA's most recent methodologies.

Thank you for your inquiry and please ask if we can be of further assistance.

Regards,

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From: IndustryEconomicAccounts
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2013 3:59 PM
To: John M Abowd
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John,

Thank you for your interest in the U.S. Industry accounts. I understand your question and am working on confirming an answer for you. While we attempt to respond to all inquiries immediately, an accurate and complete response to your specific inquiry may take a few days. You can expect to receive a full response within 5 working days.

Regards,

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From: John M Abowd [john.abowd@cornell.edu]
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2013 1:27 PM
To: IndustryEconomicAccounts
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I would be grateful for an answer to the question below. I have asked you if cross-walked NAICS-based employment number exist (official ones) for the period 1990-1997.

I don't see an answer in my email thread. Apologies if you did answer this.

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Do I conclude, then, that you have not cross-walked any of the employment data to a NAICS basis for the historical series? I can do this, but I would prefer to use the official numbers if they exist. I am only looking for data back to 1990. Thanks,

John

From: IndustryEconomicAccounts [<mailto:IEACCTS@bea.gov>]
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Hi John,

Thank you for your inquiry. BEA provides employment data by industry here:
http://www.bea.gov/industry/iedguide.htm#gdpia_ad_df. Under the heading "SIC Data:", click on the Excel file labeled "GDPbyInd_VA_SIC." Once the Excel file opens, the tab labeled "72SIC_Employment" will provide you with employment data from 1947-1987 on an SIC basis. The last tab labeled "87SIC_Employment" will provide you with employment data from 1987-1997 on an SIC basis.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Thank you.

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From: John M Abowd [<mailto:john.abowd@cornell.edu>]
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This link http://www.bea.gov/industry/xls/GDPbyInd_VA_NAICS_1947-1997.xls

Says "**Updated (12/13/2011) 1947-97 GDPbyInd_VA_NAICS:** Full-Time and Part-Time Employees by Industry, 1948-97; Value Added by Industry in Current Dollars, Quantity Indexes by Industry, and Price Indexes by Industry, 1947-1997; Value Added by Industry, Gross Output by Industry, Intermediate Inputs by Industry, and the Components of Value Added by Industry, 1987-1997"

here: http://www.bea.gov/industry/iedguide.htm#gdpia_ad_df

But there are no employment data (and no sheet like the 02NAICS_Employment sheet in http://www.bea.gov/industry/xls/GDPbyInd_VA_NAICS_1998-2011.xls) that I can see in this spreadsheet.

Where do I find the historical employment data?

Thanks,

John

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