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North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)

In 2001 the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) permanently replaced the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system in use for seventy years. NAICS is an industrial classification system that groups establishments into industries based on the activities in which they are primarily engaged. It is a comprehensive system covering the entire field of economic activities, both producing and non-producing. NAICS has twenty separate industrial sectors that are described in this appendix. These twenty sectors are grouped into eleven supersectors. Most NAICS data used in this publication is presented by supersectors.

NAICS Supersectors*

Goods-Producing Domain (GPD)

Natural Resources and Mining Supersector

- 11 Agriculture, Forest, Fishing and Hunting
- 21 Mining

Construction Supersector

- 23 Construction

Manufacturing Supersector

- 31-33 Manufacturing

Service Producing Domain (SPD)

Trade, Transportation and Utilities Supersector

- 22 Utilities
- 42 Wholesale Trade
- 44-45 Retail Trade
- 48-49 Transportation and Warehousing

Information Supersector

- 51 Information

Financial Activities Supersector

- 52 Finance and Insurance
- 53 Real Estate and Rental and Leasing

Professional and Business Services Supersector **

- 54 Professional, Scientific and Technical Services
- 55 Management of Companies and Enterprises
- 56 Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services

Education and Health Services Supersector

- 61 Educational Services
- 62 Health Care and Social Assistance

Leisure and Hospitality Supersector

- 71 Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation
- 72 Accommodation and Food Services

Other Services Supersector

- 81 Other Services (except Public Administration)

Public Supersector* as used in this publication, includes the Public Administration NAICS sector defined below, plus all other jobs in federal, state and local government.

NAICS Sectors

Natural Resources and Mining Supersector:

11-Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting comprises establishments primarily engaged in crop growing, animal raising, and timber and fish harvesting.

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21-Mining comprises establishments that extract naturally occurring mineral solids, liquid minerals, and gases.

Construction Supersector:

23-Construction comprises establishments primarily engaged in the construction of buildings or engineering projects.

Manufacturing Supersector:

31-33-Manufacturing comprises establishments engaged in the mechanical, physical, or chemical transformation of materials, substances, or components into new products.

Trade, Transportation and Utilities Supersector:

22-Utilities comprises establishments engaged in the provision of the following utility services: electric power, natural gas, steam supply, water supply and sewage removal, through a permanent infrastructure of lines, mains, and pipes.

42-Wholesale Trade comprises establishments engaged in wholesaling merchandise, generally without transformation, and rendering services incidental to the sale of merchandise, including the outputs of agriculture, mining, manufacturing, and certain information industries, such as publishing. The wholesaling process is an intermediate step in the distribution of merchandise.

44-45-Retail Trade comprises establishments engaged in retailing merchandise, generally without transformation, and rendering services incidental to the sale of merchandise. The retailing process is the final step in the distribution of merchandise; retailers are, therefore, organized to sell merchandise in small quantities to the general public. This sector comprises two main types of retailers: store and nonstore retailers.

48-49-Transportation and Warehousing comprises industries providing transportation of passengers and cargo, warehousing and storage for goods, scenic and sightseeing transportation, and support activities related to modes of transportation (air, rail, water, road, and pipeline).

Information Supersector:

51-Information comprises establishments engaged in producing and distributing information and cultural products, providing the means to transmit these products, and processing data.

Financial Activities Supersector:

52-Finance and Insurance comprises establishments primarily engaged in financial transactions (transactions involving the creation, liquidation, or change in ownership of financial assets) and/or in facilitating financial transactions.

53-Real Estate and Rental and Leasing comprises establishments primarily engaged in renting, leasing, or otherwise allowing the use of tangible or intangible assets.

Professional and Business Services Supersector:**

54-Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services comprises the performing of professional, scientific, and technical activities for others. These activities require a high degree of expertise and training. Some activities performed include: legal advice and

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representation, accounting, engineering services, computer services, research services, advertising services, and veterinary services.

55-Management of Companies and Enterprises comprises establishments that either hold the securities of companies for the purpose of owning a controlling interest or influencing management decisions, or establishments that administer, oversee, and manage establishments of the company and that normally undertake the organizational planning and decision making role of the company.

56-Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services include establishments performing routine support activities for the day-to-day operations of other organizations. Activities performed include: office administration, hiring and placing of personnel, document preparation and similar clerical services, solicitation, collection, security and surveillance services, cleaning, and waste disposal services.

Education and Health Services Supersector:

61-Educational Services comprises establishments that provide instruction and training to a wide variety of subjects. This instruction and training provided by specialized establishments, such as schools, colleges, universities, and training centers.

62-Health Care and Social Assistance comprises establishments that provide health care and social assistance for individuals.

Leisure and Hospitality Supersector:

71-Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation comprises a wide range of establishments that operate facilities or provide services to meet varied cultural, entertainment, and recreational interests of their patrons.

72-Accommodation and Food Services comprises establishments providing customers with lodging and/or preparing meals, snacks, and beverages for immediate consumption.

Other Services Supersector:

81-Other Services (except Public Administration) comprises establishments engaged in providing services not specifically provided for elsewhere in the classification system. Establishments in this sector are primarily engaged in activities, such as equipment repairing, administering religious activities, grantmaking, advocacy, and providing laundry services, personal care services, death care services, pet care services, photofinishing services, temporary parking services, and dating services.

Public Supersector* as used in this publication, includes the Public Administration NAICS sector defined below, plus all other jobs in federal, state and local government.

Public Administration The Public Administration sector consists of establishments of federal, state, and local government agencies that administer, oversee, and manage public programs and have executive, legislative, or judicial authority over other institutions within a given area.

****Professional and Business Services Supersector:** In this and other MERC publications MERC uses the acronyms **PBS** and **BPS** interchangeably to refer to this NAICS supersector.