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The [Annual Capital Expenditures Survey](#) reports provide capital expenditures data about 12 months after each reference year. The reports provide new and used structures and equipment spending at the national level by 3-digit and selected 4-digit NAICS industries.

The [Capital Spending Report](#) is a bi-annual product and provides a historical look at the industry investment shares and capital spending patterns for structures and equipment by all U.S. businesses.

In addition, both reports summarize findings, describe survey background and concepts, and explain sample and estimation methods. To access these reports, see the Library section of this survey site.

Uses

Data on the amount of business expenditures for new plant and equipment and measures of the stock of existing facilities are critical to evaluate productivity growth, the ability of U.S. business to compete with foreign business, changes in industrial capacity, and measures of overall economic performance.

Some important uses of the ACES data include:

- Industry analysts use the data for market analysis, economic forecasting, identifying business opportunities, and developing new and strategic plans.
- The Bureau of Economic Analysis uses the data to refine annual estimates of investment in structures and equipment in the national income and product accounts, and to improve estimates of capital stocks.
- The Federal Reserve Board uses the data to improve estimates of investment indicators for monetary policy.
- The Bureau of Labor Statistics uses the data to improve estimates of capital stocks for productivity analysis.
- The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services use the data for monitoring and evaluating healthcare industries.
- The Department of the Treasury uses the data to analyze depreciation.
- Private companies, organizations, educators and students, and economic researchers use the survey results for analyzing and conducting impact evaluations on past and current economic performance, short-term economic forecasts, productivity, long-term economic growth, tax policy, capacity utilization, business fixed capital stocks and capital formation, domestic and international competitiveness trade policy, market research, and financial analysis.

Special Features

ACES provides the only comprehensive estimates of annual U.S. capital expenditures data covering all domestic non-farm businesses and detailing investments by type and industry.

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