

caution should therefore be used in making comparisons between years.

Data on residential mortgages were collected continuously from 1890 to 1970, except 1930, as part of the decennial census by the Census Bureau. Since 1973, mortgage status data, limited to single family homes on less than 10 acres with no business on the property, have been presented in the American Housing Survey. Data on mortgage activity are covered in Section 25, Banking and Finance.

Housing units—In general, a housing unit is a house, an apartment, a group

of rooms or a single room occupied or intended for occupancy as separate living quarters; that is, the occupants live separately from any other individual in the building, and there is direct access from the outside or through a common hall. Transient accommodations, barracks for workers, and institutional-type quarters are not counted as housing units.

Statistical reliability—For a discussion of statistical collection and estimation, sampling procedures, and measures of statistical reliability applicable to Census Bureau data, see Appendix III.

Table 956. Construction—Establishments, Employees, and Payroll by Kind of Business (NAICS Basis): 2006 and 2007

[7,339 represents 7,339,000. Covers establishments with payroll. Excludes most government employees, railroad employees, and self-employed persons. Kind-of-business classification based on North American Industry Classification System (NAICS), 2002. For statement on methodology, see Appendix III]

Industry	2002 NAICS code ¹	Establishments		Paid employees ² (1,000)		Annual payroll (mil. dol.)	
		2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
Construction	23	802,349	811,452	7,339	7,268	322,004	336,131
Construction of buildings	236	243,614	244,862	1,708	1,672	82,560	83,317
Residential building construction	2361	198,912	198,530	966	905	42,481	39,060
New single-family housing construction (except operative builders)	236115	62,108	61,613	305	283	12,546	11,889
Nonresidential building construction	2362	44,702	46,332	742	767	40,079	44,257
Industrial building construction	23621	3,264	3,963	90	97	4,310	5,057
Commercial and institutional building construction	23622	41,438	42,369	652	670	35,769	39,200
Heavy and civil engineering construction	237	51,122	51,421	989	1,016	52,681	56,607
Utility system construction	2371	21,232	21,448	497	525	25,067	28,284
Land subdivision	2372	12,469	12,835	77	77	4,098	3,980
Highway, street, and bridge construction	2373	11,860	11,746	325	323	18,542	19,113
Other heavy and civil engineering construction	2379	5,561	5,392	90	92	4,974	5,230
Specialty trade contractors	238	507,613	515,169	4,641	4,579	186,763	196,207
Foundation, structure, and building exterior contractors	2381	117,456	115,764	1,168	1,103	41,956	42,369
Poured concrete foundation and structures contractors	23811	26,951	26,342	319	302	12,232	12,301
Structural steel and precast concrete contractors	23812	3,608	3,697	72	79	3,237	3,844
Framing contractors	23813	18,632	17,358	185	148	5,276	4,508
Masonry contractors	23814	27,430	27,122	249	235	8,483	8,426
Glass and glazing contractors	23815	5,469	5,584	53	55	2,211	2,472
Roofing contractors	23816	19,660	19,512	195	190	7,127	7,228
Siding contractors	23817	10,543	10,429	52	50	1,679	1,652
Other foundation, structure, and building exterior contractors	23819	5,163	5,720	43	45	1,711	1,938
Building equipment contractors	2382	182,368	187,856	1,940	1,962	86,667	93,655
Electrical contractors	23821	77,558	80,172	815	825	36,296	39,278
Plumbing, heating, and air-conditioning contractors	23822	98,147	100,806	1,001	1,013	43,763	47,154
Other building equipment contractors	23829	6,663	6,878	124	124	6,608	7,223
Building finishing contractors	2383	133,343	134,306	975	944	34,454	35,164
Drywall and insulation contractors	23831	22,237	22,458	331	320	12,300	12,655
Painting and wall covering contractors	23832	41,477	41,457	243	234	7,791	7,973
Flooring contractors	23833	16,630	16,927	87	85	3,294	3,230
Tile and terrazzo contractors	23834	11,572	11,965	72	71	2,503	2,517
Finish carpentry contractors	23835	34,738	34,263	174	164	6,009	5,908
Other building finishing contractors	23839	6,689	7,236	68	70	2,556	2,881
Other specialty trade contractors	2389	74,446	77,243	558	570	23,685	25,019
Site preparation contractors	23891	39,265	41,517	322	331	14,208	14,940
All other specialty trade contractors	23899	35,181	35,726	235	239	9,477	10,079

¹ North American Industry Classification System code, 2002; see text, Section 15. ² Employees on the payroll for the pay period including March 12.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, "County Business Patterns," July 2009, <<http://www.census.gov/econ/cbp/>>.