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Current Industrial Reports Categorized and Archived

Current Industrial Reports (CIRs) provide timely, accurate data on domestic production and shipments of selected products. These popular reports have always been one of the larger file areas in the State of the Nation® (SOTN) database of STAT-USA®/Internet™. However, the overwhelming quantity of the files made them cumbersome to navigate quickly. STAT-USA has taken steps in an effort to make it easier for users to not only find the most current CIRs, but the historical ones as well!

Categorization

In the past, there were over 1,400 CIRs lumped together under "Industry Statistics". This meant that customers would have to page through possibly hundreds of reports before finding the section they were interested in.

The first step was to separate the current and historical files, so that the most current would be available in the Library, while the older files would be found in the SOTN Archive. Next, the current files were divided amongst 40 specific industry categories within "Industry Statistics". Each category is sorted so the newest report shows up first, but sorting by file date, file name, or title is also available.

So, now, instead of repeatedly selecting "Next Page", customers looking for Steel Mill CIRs can easily locate them with one simple click!

Archiving

Any CIR covering a year other than the current year or the previous year is in the Archives only. So the SOTN Library will provide reports covering 2005 and 2006 only, while the remaining 2,000+ historical files are housed in the SOTN Archive. Since Census frequently revises old reports, archived reports may show recent revision dates.

For consistency, the reports are categorized exactly the same as in the SOTN Library, with the most recent reports listed first. Sorting by file date and file name is also available.

Visit the SOTN Library's Industry Statistics section here:
http://www.stat-usa.gov/online.nsf/vwInd
Visit the new CIR SOTN Archive section here:
http://www.stat-usa.gov/SOTNArch.nsf/vwCIR_?OpenView

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