

American Community Survey

Population: Question on Class of Worker

Questions on Industry

Questions on Occupation

Questions as they appear in the questionnaire.

41 Was this person –
Mark (X) ONE box.

an employee of a PRIVATE FOR-PROFIT company or business, or of an individual, for wages, salary, or commissions?

an employee of a PRIVATE NOT-FOR-PROFIT, tax-exempt, or charitable organization?

a local GOVERNMENT employee (city, county, etc.)?

a state GOVERNMENT employee?

a Federal GOVERNMENT employee?

SELF-EMPLOYED in own NOT INCORPORATED business, professional practice, or farm?

SELF-EMPLOYED in own INCORPORATED business, professional practice, or farm?

working WITHOUT PAY in family business or farm?

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42 For whom did this person work?
If now on active duty in the Armed Forces, mark (X) this box →
and print the branch of the Armed Forces.

Name of company, business, or other employer

43 What kind of business or industry was this?
Describe the activity at the location where employed.
(For example: hospital, newspaper publishing, mail order house, auto engine manufacturing, bank)

44 Is this mainly – Mark (X) ONE box.

manufacturing?

wholesale trade?

retail trade?

other (agriculture, construction, service, government, etc.)?

45 What kind of work was this person doing?
(For example: registered nurse, personnel manager, supervisor of order department, secretary, accountant)

46 What were this person's most important activities or duties? (For example: patient care, directing hiring policies, supervising order clerks, typing and filing, reconciling financial records)

MEETING FEDERAL NEEDS

These questions describe the work activity and occupational experience of the American labor force. Data are used to formulate policy and programs for employment, career development and training, and to measure compliance with antidiscrimination policies. Mandated reports for Congress on the labor force rely on the analysis of these characteristics. The Bureau of Economic Analysis uses this information, in conjunction with other data, to develop its state per capita income estimates used in the allocation formulas or for eligibility criteria in many federal programs such as Medicaid and plans to use the county-level information to develop its county and state per capita income estimates.

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COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Employment

Information about industry, occupation, and class of worker is important for creating jobs as companies use these data to decide where to locate new plants, stores, or offices.

Agencies use these data to plan job-training programs for seniors.

Federal agencies use these data in litigation where employment discrimination is alleged.

Social Services

Data are used to estimate the demand for staff in health care occupations and their geographic distribution based on these data.

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