

Building activity as published in Detailed Tables

Principal building activity variable available in public use data (PBA)

Building activity subcategory variable available in public use data (PBAPLUS)

Examples and definitions of the subcategories

<i>16 categories</i>	<i>code</i>	<i>20 categories</i>	<i>code</i>	<i>53 categories</i>	
Education	14	Education	27	College/university	College or university classroom building
			28	Elementary/middle school	Elementary or middle school, junior high school, K-12 school
			29	High school	High school classroom building
			30	Preschool/daycare	Preschool or daycare
			31	Other classroom education	Adult education, career or vocational training, religious education, training for disabled, health-related training, art school, tutoring
Food sales	06	Food sales	12	Convenience store	Convenience stores and convenience stores with gas stations are combined into one category in the building activity subcategory tables
			13	Convenience store with gas station	
			14	Grocery store/food market	Grocery store, supermarket, meat market, seafood market, produce store
			15	Other food sales	Retail bakery, other food sales
Food service	15	Food service	32	Fast food	Fast food restaurant
			33	Restaurant/cafeteria	Restaurant, cafeteria, dining hall
			53	Bar/pub/lounge	Bar, pub, lounge
			34	Other food service	Catering service, coffee, bagel, or doughnut shop, ice cream or frozen yogurt shop, reception hall, concession stand
Health care – Inpatient	16	Inpatient health care	35	Hospital/inpatient health	Inpatient hospital, inpatient rehabilitation center, inpatient psychiatric care
Health care – Outpatient	08	Outpatient health care	18	Medical office (diagnostic)	Doctor's or dentist's office that reported equipment for medical diagnosis or treatment
			19	Clinic/other outpatient health	Clinic, outpatient rehabilitation, veterinarian, cancer center, blood donation center
Lodging	18	Lodging	37	Dormitory/fraternity/sorority	Dormitory, fraternity, sorority
			38	Hotel	Hotel
			39	Motel or inn	Motel, inn, guest cottage
			40	Other lodging	Retirement home, convent, monastery, halfway house, shelter, children's home
	17	Nursing	36	Nursing home/assisted living	Nursing home, assisted living
Mercantile – Retail (other than mall)	25	Retail other than mall	41	Vehicle dealership/showroom	Dealership or showroom for vehicles or boats
			42	Retail store	Department store, furniture, clothing, hardware, sporting goods, office supplies, drugstore, bookstore, building supplies, auto parts, lumber, home improvement, farm equipment, lawn and garden, floral, crafts, gifts, antiques, pawn shop, wholesale club
			43	Other retail	Beer, wine, or liquor store; rental center such as for equipment furnishings or movies; studio or gallery; showroom; wholesale supply

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Mercantile – Enclosed and strip malls	23	Strip shopping mall	50	Strip shopping mall	Strip shopping center buildings contain establishments that are operated independently of each other; strip shopping center buildings are reported at the building level in the CBECS
	24	Enclosed mall	51	Enclosed mall	Enclosed malls usually contain a few anchor stores, many smaller establishments, and indoor common area
Office	02	Office	02	Administrative/professional office	Administrative or professional such as consulting, insurance, law, utilities, publishing, or college administration; non-profit or social services; religious office; research and development; sales or leasing office
			03	Bank/other financial	Bank, credit union, home finance
			04	Government office	Government office, city hall, city center
			05	Medical office (non-diagnostic)	Doctor's or dentist's office that did not report equipment for medical diagnosis or treatment
			06	Mixed-use office	Mixed-use office
			07	Other office	Call center; contractor's office such as construction, plumbing, or HVAC
			Public assembly	13	Public assembly
23	Library	Library			
24	Recreation	Gymnasium, health club, bowling alley, ice rink, field house, indoor racquet sports, dance, gymnastics, martial arts			
25	Social/meeting	Community center, lodge, meeting hall, convention center, senior center			
26	Other public assembly	Armory, broadcasting studio, exhibition hall, funeral home, student activities center, transportation terminal (airport, bus, or train station)			
Public order and safety	07	Public order and safety			
			52	Courthouse/probation office	Courthouse or probation office
			17	Other public order and safety	Jail, reformatory, penitentiary, ambulance dispatch
Religious worship	12	Religious worship	21	Religious worship	Religious worship

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Service	26	Service	44	Post office/postal center	Post office, postal center, mail processing
			45	Repair shop	Upholstery, furniture restoration, metal shop, shoe repair, clothing alterations
			46	Vehicle service/repair shop	Vehicle service, vehicle repair, tire center
			47	Vehicle storage/maintenance	Vehicle storage and maintenance (car barn), boat storage
			48	Other service	Beauty parlor, spa, salon, tanning salon, barber shop, building or grounds maintenance, car wash, copy center or printing service, dry cleaner, laundromat, gas station, kennel, animal shelter, pet grooming, mixed-use service, photo processing, embroidery, frame shop, light industrial
Warehouse and storage	05	Nonrefrigerated warehouse	09	Distribution/shipping center	Distribution, fulfillment, shipping center
			10	Non-refrigerated warehouse	Non-refrigerated warehouse or storage
			11	Self-storage	Self-storage (each separate block of units is considered a building by CBECS definition)
	11	Refrigerated warehouse	20	Refrigerated warehouse	Refrigerated warehouse or storage
Other	91	Other	49	Other	Agricultural with some retail, manufacturing or industrial with some retail, airplane hangar, crematorium, data center or server farm, telephone switching facilities, bathhouse for a swimming pool, public restroom, locker-room
			04	Laboratory	08
Vacant	01	Vacant	01	Vacant	Vacant (previously used for or intended to be used for commercial purposes)