Tips on using the U.S. Census Bureau website

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Breaking Local Stories with Economic Data workshop

Firms with No Employees: Start here: census.gov/econ/nonemployer

- Use dropdown menu to choose your metro area.

- Click on the "Detail" button for even smaller breakdowns or on the "Compare" button to compare with other areas.

Economic Census: Done every five years; 2012 data will be out in late 2013 and 2014

- Please see the video on how to access local data: http://vimeo.com/60038984

County Business Patterns: Start here: census.gov/econ/cbp

- Use dropdown to select your metro area.

- Please see the video for a step-by-step guide: https://vimeo.com/60039103

Quarterly Workforce Indicators: Start here: lehd.did.census.gov

- Click here: lehd.ces.census.gov/datatools/qwiapp.html

- Choose your state and metro.

Local Building Permits: Start here: census.gov/construction/bps

- Click either Permits by Metro Area – Monthly: census.gov/construction/bps/msamonthly.html OR Permits by County or Place: censtats.census.gov/bldg/bldgprmt.shtml

- Make your selections from the dropdown menus.

- "Browse" button opens new window with data for that row from every county/city in that state.

- "Metro" option opens text file to use in spreadsheet. Note link structure for December 2012: census.gov/construction/bps/txt/tb3u201212.txt