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How we classify contributions

The Center uses a hierarchical coding system to classify contributions by industry and interest group. At the top level are 13 **sectors**— ten covering business groups and one each for "labor," "ideological/single-issues," and "other." At the middle level are about 100 **industries**, more detailed than the broad sectors. At the most detailed level are more than 400 **categories**.

Here are some examples:

- Sectors: agribusiness; communications and electronics; health
- Industries: crop production and processing; TV / movies / music; health professionals
- Categories: sugar producers; cable TV; chiropractors

The list below shows all the industries, sectors and categories that are profiled in this section. There is also an alphabetical list available here.

Agribusiness

Crop Production & Basic Processing Vegetables & Fruits

Sugar Cane & Sugar Beets

Tobacco

Dairy

Poultry & Eggs

Livestock

Agricultural Services & Products

Food Processing & Sales

Food Products Manufacturing

Food Stores

Meat processing & products

Forestry & Forest Products

Communications/Electronics

Printing & Publishing

Books, Magazines & Newspapers

TV / Movies / Music

Cable & Satellite TV Production & Distribution

Commercial TV & Radio Stations

Motion Picture Production & Distribution

Recorded Music & Music Production

TV Production & Distribution

Telephone Utilities

Telecom Services & Equipment

Computers/Internet

Computer Software

Construction

General Contractors

Home Builders

Special Trade Contractors

Construction Services

Architectural Services

Building Materials & Equipment

Defense

Defense Aerospace

Defense Electronics

Miscellaneous Defense

Energy & Natural Resources

Oil & Gas

Natural Gas Pipelines

<u>Mining</u>

Coal Mining

Alternative Energy Production & Services

Electric Utilities

Waste Management

Finance, Insurance & Real Estate

Commercial Banks

Savings & Loans

Credit Unions

Finance / Credit Companies

Student Loan Companies

Payday Lenders

Securities & Investment

Venture Capital

Hedge Funds

Private Equity & Investment Firms

<u>Insurance</u>

Real Estate

Mortgage Bankers & Brokers

Accountants

Health

Health Professionals

Chiropractors

Dentists

Nurses

Hospitals & Nursing Homes

Health Services/HMOs

Pharmaceuticals / Health Products

Medical Devices & Supplies

Nutritional & Dietary Supplements

Pharmaceutical Manufacturing

Ideological/Single-Issue

Republican/Conservative

Democratic/Liberal

Leadership PACs

Democratic Leadership PACs

Republican Leadership PACs

Foreign & Defense Policy

Pro-Israel

Women's Issues

Human Rights

Gay & Lesbian Rights & Issues

Environment

Gun Control

Gun Rights

Abortion Policy/Anti-Abortion

Abortion Policy/Pro-Abortion Rights

Candidate Committees

Republican Candidate Committees

Democratic Candidate Committees

Labor

Building Trade Unions

Industrial Unions

Transportation Unions

Air Transport Unions

Public Sector Unions

Postal Unions

Teachers Unions

Misc Unions

Lawyers & Lobbyists

Lawyers / Law Firms

Lobbyists

Misc Business

Business Associations

Food & Beverage

Restaurants & Drinking Establishments

Beer, Wine & Liquor

Retail Sales

Miscellaneous Services

Funeral Services

Business Services

Advertising/Public Relations

Recreation / Live Entertainment

Professional Sports, Sports Arenas & Related Equipment & Services

Casinos / Gambling

Indian Gaming

Lodging / Tourism

Chemical & Related Manufacturing
Steel Production
Misc Manufacturing & Distributing
Clothing Manufacturing
Textiles

Other

Non-profits, Foundations & Philanthropists
Civil Servants/Public Officials
Education
For-profit Education
Clergy & Religious Organizations
Retired

Transportation

Air Transport

Airlines

<u>Automotive</u>

Auto Manufacturers

Car Dealers

Car Dealers, Imports

Trucking

Railroads

Sea Transport

Cruise Ships & Lines

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