

Industry Definitions

Primary and Utilities

- Growing crops, raising animals, harvesting timber, harvesting fish and other animals from their natural habitats and providing related support activities
- Extracting naturally occurring minerals (incl. coal and ores, crude petroleum, natural gas)
- Operating electric, gas and water utilities

Construction

- Constructing, repairing and renovating buildings and engineering works, and in subdividing and developing land

Manufacturing

- The chemical, mechanical or physical transformation of materials or substances into new products. These products may be finished, in the sense that they are ready to be used or consumed, or semi-finished, in the sense of becoming a raw material for an establishment to use in further manufacturing.

Wholesale and Retail Trade

- Wholesaling or retailing merchandise, generally without transformation, and rendering services incidental to the sale of merchandise

Transportation and Warehousing

- Transporting passengers and goods, warehousing and storing goods, and providing services to these establishments. The modes of transportation are road (trucking, transit and ground passenger), rail, water, air and pipeline

Information and Cultural Industries

- Producing and distributing (except by wholesale and retail methods) information and cultural products. The main components of this sector are the publishing industries, the motion picture and sound recording industries, the broadcasting industries, the telecommunications industries, and the data processing and hosting services industries.

Finance, Insurance and Real Estate

- Conducting financial transactions (that is, transactions involving the creation, liquidation, or change in ownership of financial assets) or facilitating financial transactions, including financial intermediation and the pooling of risk by underwriting annuities and insurance.
- Renting, leasing or otherwise allowing the use of tangible or intangible assets. Managing real estate for others; selling, renting and/or buying of real estate for others; and appraising real estate.

Business Services

- Legal services; accounting, tax preparation, bookkeeping and payroll services; architectural, engineering and related services; specialized design services; computer systems design and related services; management, scientific and technical consulting services; scientific research and development services; and advertising, public relations, and related services.
- Managing companies and enterprises and/or holding the securities or financial assets of companies and enterprises, for the purpose of owning a controlling interest in them and/or influencing their management decisions
- Activities that support the day-to-day operations of other organizations; and waste management activities

Education and Healthcare

- Providing instruction and training in a wide variety of subjects. This instruction and training is provided by specialized establishments, such as schools, colleges, universities and training centres. These establishments may be privately owned and operated, either for profit or not, or they may be publicly owned and operated
- Providing health care by diagnosis and treatment, providing residential care for medical and social reasons, and providing social assistance, such as counselling, welfare, child protection, community housing and food services, vocational rehabilitation and child care

Personal Services

- Operating facilities or providing services to meet the cultural, entertainment and recreational interests of their patrons
- Providing short-term lodging and complementary services to travellers
- Preparing meals, snacks and beverages, to customer orders, for immediate consumption on and off the premises
- Repairing, or performing general or routine maintenance, on motor vehicles, machinery, equipment and other products; providing personal care services, funeral services, laundry services and other services to individuals, such as pet care services and photo finishing services; organizing and promoting religious activities; supporting various causes through grant-making, advocating (promoting) various social and political causes, and promoting and defending the interests of their members

Public Administration

- Activities of a governmental nature, that is, the enactment and judicial interpretation of laws and their pursuant regulations, and the administration of programs based on them. Legislative activities, taxation, national defence, public order and safety, immigration services, foreign affairs and international assistance, and the administration of government programs are activities that are purely governmental in nature