

Congressional Briefing on 2012 Economic Census



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The American Economic Association in cooperation with Senator Tom Carper (R-DE), Representative John Campbell (R-CA) and Representative Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) held a briefing on the importance of the 2012 Economic Census for business and government decision making on Monday, September 26, 2011 in the Rayburn House Office Building, Room B-340. The impetus for the briefing was a budget impact statement to OMB from the Census Bureau that the Economic Census could be cancelled due to inadequate FY2012 funding.

The briefing was co-sponsored by the American Statistical Association, Annie E. Casey Foundation, Association of Population Centers, Association of Public Data Users, Association for University Business and Economic Research, Census Project Coalition, Consortium of Social Science Associations, Council for Community and Economic Research, Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics, Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, Industry Studies Association, International Council of Shopping Centers, International Franchise Association, Marketing Research Association, National Association for Business Economics, Population Association of America, Population Reference Bureau, Population Resource Center, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Moderator: Charles Schultze, Brookings Institution

Speakers:

- J. Steven Landefeld, Bureau of Economic Analysis, “The Importance of the 2012 Economic Census to GDP and Other Key Macroeconomic Statistics”
- Katharine G. Abraham, Council of Economic Advisers, “The Importance of Economic Census Data for Federal Policy”
- Tim Maney, U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- William Shobe, University of Virginia, “State and Local Use of the Economic Census”