

Locating SIC and NAICS Codes

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What are SIC and NAICS Codes?

Standard Industrial Classification. (SIC) In the 1930s, The U.S. Standard Industrial Classification was developed to classify and compare industries by their principle economic activities. This 4 digit system placed activities in hierarchical categories. While SIC codes are still prevalent; The SIC Code was replaced in 1997 by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

The first two numerals of the SIC Code identify the major industry group;the third breaks the code down more specifically; and the final one identifies the particular industry.

45	Transportation by Air
451	Air Transportation, Scheduled, and Air Courier Services
4513	Air Courier Services

North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). (“NAIKES”). In 1997, NAICS replaced the SIC as the industry classification system. NAICS is a new 6 digit economic classification system that makes data comparable across Canada, The United States, and Mexico.

The first two numerals identify a major economic sector, the third identifies a more specific sector of the major group, the fourth represents an industry group, the fifth shows the industry, and the sixth designates the national industry.

48-49	Transportation and Warehousing
492	Couriers and Messengers
4921	Couriers
49211	Couriers
492110	Air Courier Service

BOOKS

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WEB RESOURCES

United States. Census Bureau. NAICS 1997 NAICS and 1987 SIC Correspondence Tables.

<http://www.census.gov/epcd/www/naicstab.htm>

<http://www.census.gov/epcd/ec97brdg/>

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---. Securities and Exchange Commission. Division of Corporate Finance. Standard Industrial Classification Code List. <http://www.sec.gov/info/edgar/siccodes.htm>

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COMPANY WEBSITES

Company websites can be very helpful in locating background information on the company. Some of these websites include the company's SIC and/or NAICS.

DATABASES

Business & Company Resource Center

- To locate information by the SIC code you may select *SIC Code* from the drop-down list under advanced search or type **si** and a space followed by the SIC code.
- You may replace the last two digits with two question marks for a more general search.

Lexis/Nexis Academic Universe

- Select Business
- Select Company Financial Reports
- Click on the arrow near Company Name
- Select SIC from the drop down box

- Type the SIC code
- Select the time period you wish to search
- Press search