

# 2015

# New at BEA

BEA is releasing a batch of new statistics this year, part of an ongoing effort to better measure the dynamic U.S. economy and give businesses, policymakers, and households additional tools to make informed decisions.

## Arts and Culture Statistics

Release date:  
Jan. 12

- These annual statistics show the impact of arts and culture on the U.S. economy.
- Annual report covers 1998 – 2012.
- Report provides detailed information on spending on arts and culture as well as employment in those industries.

## Health Care Statistics

Release date: January,  
with additional statistics  
released in the Spring

- BEA in the January report releases a new set of Health Care Satellite Account statistics that for the first time provides information about the changes in prices to treat different diseases – illustrating trends in prices over time. The report covers 2000-2010.
- BEA also in January releases a new set of annual statistics that track how much is spent to treat different diseases, covering 2000-2010.
- The report in the Spring provides the same information but covers 2011 and 2012.
- BEA's new health care statistics emerge from a multiyear project to improve the way health care spending is measured throughout the U.S. economy.

## Quarterly Statistics on State Economic Activity

Release dates:  
Sept. 2 and Dec. 10

- New quarterly Gross Domestic Product by State statistics provide information on state economic activity six to seven months after the end of a quarter going back to the first quarter of 2005.
- In the Sept. 2 report, most recent period covered is the first quarter of 2015. In the Dec. 10 report, it's the second quarter of 2015.
- Quarterly reports provide information on economic activity generated by each state as measured by gross domestic product as well as forces supporting or restraining economic activity.
- These statistics offer a more up-to-date picture of how states' economies are faring and provide a more detailed view of economic activity across the entire United States. The statistics also serve as a better barometer for potential turning points in state economies.
- BEA released a prototype version of this report last year and begins releasing quarterly statistics on a regular basis starting in September.

## Consumer Spending by State

Release date:  
Dec. 1

- Annual report covers 2014 back to 1997
- The new Personal Consumption Expenditures by State statistics provide information on how much consumers are spending in each state as well as details on the goods and services they are buying.
- These statistics offer a detailed look at consumer spending behavior in each of the country's 50 states. Report provides a gauge of how consumers in different states are faring, offering a richer picture of economic activity across the entire United States.
- BEA released a prototype version of this report last year and releases the annual report for the first time on a regular basis in December.

## New International Investment Statistics

Release date:  
Late 2015

- New survey, launched near the end of 2014, collects information from companies in 2015. This lays the groundwork for BEA to produce new statistics about new investment made by foreign companies in the United States.
- These statistics provide information on "greenfield" investment – investment that occurs when a foreign firm establishes a new U.S. business or expands an existing one by building a new plant or facility. The statistics also cover the acquisition of U.S. businesses by foreign companies.
- BEA previously collected similar information, but that survey was discontinued in 2008 due to budget constraints.