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Administrative Off. of U.S. Courts	Bankruptcy Filings					✓							1/.25
Agriculture	Agricultural Data and Stats		✓					✓					var.
Economic Research Service	Agricultural, Farm, Rural Data	✓	✓					✓					var.
Rural Development	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans			✓									1
Commerce / Bureau of Economic Analysis	Corporate Profits, Proprietors' Income, GDP							✓	✓				var.
Commerce / Census	Annual Capital Expenditures Survey							✓					5/1
	Business Dynamics Statistics		✓		✓	✓		✓	✓				1
	Business Expenses							✓	✓				5
	County Business Patterns		✓			✓		✓	✓				1
	Nonemployer Statistics					✓		✓	✓				1
	Statistics of U.S. Businesses		✓		✓	✓		✓	✓				5/1
	Survey of Business Owners	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓				5
	Survey of Income & Program Participation	✓	✓				✓			✓	✓		var.
Commerce / Int. Trade Admin.	Importers and Exporters		✓			✓							var.
Census & Bureau of Labor Stat.	Current Population Survey	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			mo.
FFIEC	Community Reinvestment Act data			✓									1
FDIC/FFIEC	Call Report Data / Outstanding SB Loans			✓									1
Federal Proc. Data System	Small Business Goaling Report							✓					1
Federal Reserve Board	Flow of Funds			✓									1/.25
	Senior Loan Officer Opinion Survey			✓									.25
	Survey of Consumer Finances	✓	✓	✓			✓						3
	Survey of Small Business Finances			✓									var.†
	Survey of Terms of Business Lending			✓									.25
Health and Human Services	Medical Expenditure Panel Survey						✓						1
Labor / Bureau of Labor Statistics	Business Employment Dynamics		✓		✓	✓							1/.25
	Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey		✓			✓							1/mo
	Survey of Employer-Provided Training										✓		var.†
	Links to More BLS Data		✓				✓	✓					var.
Labor / Employee Benefits Sec. Admin.	Private Pension Plan Bulletin, etc.						✓						1
Securities & Exchange Commission	EDGAR Database of Publicly Traded Cos.			✓									var.
Small Business Administration	SBA Lending Data	✓	✓	✓									.25
	Small Business Investment Company			✓									1
SBA Office of Advocacy	Small Business Research & Data	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	var.
Social Security Administration	Employment and Pension Data					✓	✓			✓			var.
Treasury / IRS / SOI	Statistics of Income			✓		✓				✓			var.

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