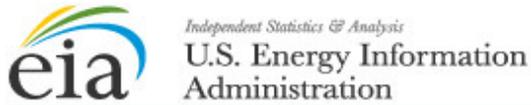


**From:** U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA)  
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**Subject:** 2007 Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey (CBECS) will not be Released



EIA regrets to report that the 2007 Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey (CBECS) has not yielded valid statistical estimates of building counts, energy characteristics, consumption, and expenditures. Because the data do not meet EIA standards for quality, credible energy information, neither data tables nor a public use file will be released. In the interim, EIA will develop key energy indicators for commercial buildings in collaboration with EIA's forecasting staff for the Annual Energy Outlook.

Factors contributing to this outcome include the use of a cheaper but experimental survey frame and sampling method by EIA's prime contractor, design errors in the construction of the method and selection of common building types, and an inability to monitor and manage its use in a production survey environment. EIA has reviewed and introduced significant changes in its procurement and project management standards that will prevent this type of loss in the future.

As reported in the EIA Press Release, "Immediate Reductions in EIA's Energy Data and Analysis Programs Necessitated by FY 2011 Funding Cut" (<http://www.eia.gov/pressroom/releases/press362.cfm?src=email>), work on the 2011 CBECS has been suspended at this time.

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