

# MUSIC PUBLISHERS INDUSTRY (NAICS 51223)

## INDUSTRY DEFINITION AND RELATED INDUSTRIES

**NAICS 51223: Music Publishers** . This industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in acquiring and registering copyrights for musical compositions in accordance with law and promoting and authorizing the use of these compositions in recordings, radio, television, motion pictures, live performances, print, or other media. Establishments in this industry represent the interests of the songwriter or other owners of musical compositions to produce revenues from the use of such works, generally through licensing agreements. These establishments may own the copyright or act as administrator of the music copyrights on behalf of copyright owners.

### Related Industries

- Music Production
- Book Publishing
- Miscellaneous Publishing
- Music Instrument Production

### U.S. Census Categories

NAICS 51223 – Music Publishers is 100% comparable to:  
SIC 2731 – Music Books Publishing  
SIC 2741 – Sheet Music Publishing

### Sub-Industries

- Book publishing
- Books, publishing only
- Book clubs: publishing only, not printed on site
- Book music: publishing only, not printed on site
- Pamphlets: publishing only, not printed on site
- Textbooks: publishing only, not printed on site
- Books, publishing and printing
- Book clubs: publishing and printing
- Book music: publishing and printing
- Pamphlets: publishing and printing
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