

The SES Web Entrepreneurship Survey Frequently Asked Questions

What is The SES Web Entrepreneurship Survey?

It is an omnibus longitudinal survey on electronic commerce, focusing specifically on small- and medium-sized enterprises. Having timely and accurate data on emerging on-line business trends is critical to corporate and government decision-makers involved in the Internet. The Web Entrepreneurship Survey identifies opportunites and assists clients in understanding the perceptions and activities of small business entrepreneurs regarding the commercialization of the Internet.

What is the project methodology?

With a final sample target of 1,000 businesses, the Web Entrepreneurship Survey is the leading on-going research project of its kind in Canada. Small- and medium-sized enterprises are randomly selected across Canada to participate in a telephone survey. By using a random telephone survey rather than an on-line methodology, SES is better able to understand the obstacles to widespread use of the Internet for e-commerce.

What type of information is collected?

Information is collected on a series of issues such as current Internet and e-commerce use, dollar value of purchasing and selling activities, doing business on the Internet, and potential timelines for future electronic commerce activities. All information is cross-correlated by a number of variables including the respondent business' geographic location, number of employees, profile of Internet decision-maker and number of years in business.

What do clients receive from SES?

Subscribers will receive a detailed copy of the survey findings for each of the core research modules as well as significant cross-tabulations and longitudinal data. The fee also includes an unlimited electronic site license (Adobe 4.0 format) for the clients internal use.

What are the costs involved?

The standard fee to purchase a report is \$1,500 Canadian plus applicable sales taxes for each survey report (including electronic site license). Individual tables are available for \$450. For an additional fee, clients can request special analyses or tabulations and can add questions (\$975 for a closed-ended question and \$1,800 for an open-ended question) to the survey with advance notice.