



COPAFS News

2024 FCSM Conference – Registration Open!

The 2024 FCSM Research and Policy Conference will take place October 22 thru October 24 at the College Park Marriott Hotel and Conference Center. Registration is now open and the Early bird rate of \$300 ends on September 30. Sponsorships for the conference are available for purchase at fcsmconf.org.

COPAFS Director's Blog

The first installment of the [COPAFS Director's Blog](#) is now online. This will be a space to post thoughts about the current state of our statistical system and give a little deeper dive into certain issues. The first blog is focused on the news we learned at the June Quarterly Meeting about the proposed sample size reduction to the Current Population Survey.



Upcoming Events

COPAFS Quarterly Meeting: September 6

The next Quarterly Meeting will be held on **Friday, September 6, 2024**. The [agenda](#) features presentations from OMB, Friends of BLS, Census, and ASA. This will be a hybrid meeting, but we hope you can join us in-person at the AERA Convening Center.

NABE 66th Annual Meeting: September 29 – October 1

The 66th NABE Annual Meeting will be held in Nashville, TN from September 29 thru October 1. The meeting will be hosted at the Grand Hyatt Nashville and this year's theme is "Finding Harmony in the Noise: Transitioning to a New Normal". For more information visit the [conference site](#).

2024 FCSM Research & Policy Conference: October 22-24

Registration is open for the 2024 FCSM Conference. The theme for the conference is "The Relevance, Timeliness, and Integrity of Federal Statistics." The keynote speaker is Jeri Mulrow from Westat who has recently been elected the 2026 President of the American Statistical Association. Early bird registration ends on September 30. Please visit www.fesmconf.org for more details.

2024 APPAM Fall Research Conference: November 21-23

The Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management's Fall Research Conference will be held November 21-23 in National Harbor, MD. The conference theme is "Policymaking at the Federal, State, and Local Levels." For more information visit the [conference site](#).



Agency Releases

Bureau of Economic Analysis (DOC)

- August 23 – [Activities of U.S. Multinational Enterprises, 2022](#). Worldwide employment by U.S. multinational enterprises increased 2.2 percent to 44.3 million workers in 2022 (preliminary) from 43.3 million workers in 2021 (revised), according to statistics released today by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis on the operations and finances of U.S. parent companies and their foreign affiliates. Employment in the United States by U.S. parents increased 2.5 percent to 30.2 million workers in 2022. U.S. parents accounted for 68.3 percent of worldwide employment by U.S. multinational enterprises (MNEs), up from 68.1 percent in 2021. Employment abroad by majority-owned foreign affiliates of U.S. MNEs increased 1.5 percent to 14.0 million workers and accounted for 31.7 percent of employment by U.S. MNEs worldwide.
- August 6 – [U.S. International Trade in Goods and Services, June 2024](#). The U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis announced today that the goods and services deficit was \$73.1 billion in June, down \$1.9 billion from \$75.0 billion in May, revised. June exports were \$265.9 billion, \$3.9 billion more than May exports. June imports were \$339.0 billion, \$2.0 billion more than May imports. The June decrease in the goods and services deficit reflected a decrease in the goods deficit of \$2.5 billion to \$97.4 billion and a decrease in the services surplus of \$0.6 billion to \$24.2 billion.

Bureau of Justice Statistics (DOJ)

- August 13 – [Socio-Emotional Consequences of Violent Crime, 2022](#). Nearly half of all violent victimizations (47%) resulted in moderate to severe distress to the victim. About 22% of violent victimizations resulted in the victim experiencing significant problems with family or friends, and 18% caused significant problems with their job or schoolwork. More than half of rape or sexual assault (63%), robbery (59%), and aggravated assault (52%) victimizations resulted in moderate to severe distress to the victim, compared to less than half of simple assault (40%) victimizations.
- August 1 – [Justice Assistance Grant \(JAG\) Program, 2023](#). The total allocation for the 2023 JAG funding was approximately \$318.7 million, of which \$311.7 million went to states and \$7.0 million to U.S. territories and the District of Columbia. The five states with the largest total allocations were California (\$35.7 million), Texas (\$26.5 million), Florida (\$18.8 million), New York (\$16.4 million), and Illinois (\$11.7 million).

Bureau of Labor Statistics (DOL)

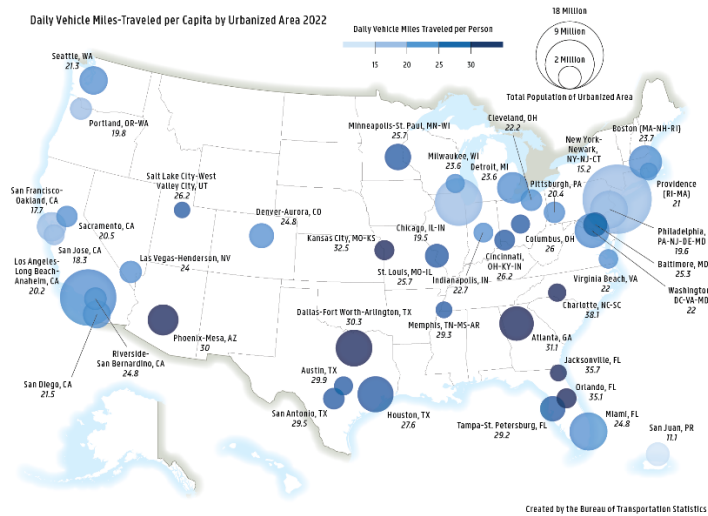
- August 20 – [Employment and Unemployment among Youth, Summer 2024](#). In July 2024, 54.5 percent of young people (those ages 16 to 24) were employed, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. This measure was little changed from 55.0 percent in July 2023. (The month of July typically is the summertime peak in youth employment.) The youth unemployment rate was 9.8 percent in July 2024, higher than the rate in July 2023 (8.7 percent). (Because this analysis focuses on the seasonal changes in youth employment and unemployment that occur each spring and summer, the data are not seasonally adjusted.)
- August 15 – [U.S. Import and Export Price Indexes](#). Prices for U.S. imports ticked up 0.1 percent in July, after being unchanged the previous month, the U.S. Bureau of Labor



Statistics reported today. Higher nonfuel and fuel prices each contributed to the July advance. U.S. export prices increased 0.7 percent in July following a 0.3-percent decline in June.

Bureau of Transportation Statistics (DOT)

- August 9 – [Air Travel Consumer Report: May 2024](#). For May 2024, 1.4% of flights were cancelled, higher than the 0.6% cancellation rate for May 2023 and lower than the 2.0% cancellation rate in both 2022 and in pre-pandemic May 2019.
- Map of the Month: [Daily Vehicle Miles-Traveled per Capita by Urbanized Area 2022](#). This map features daily vehicles-miles of travel (VMT) per capita by federal-aid urbanized areas with one million or more people. Urban areas with the highest per capita VMT are found predominately in the southeast United States whereas areas with the lowest per capita VMT are found in the Northeast, San Francisco Bay Area, and San Juan, Puerto Rico.



Census Bureau (DOC)

- August 22 - [2023 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates Webinar](#). The U.S. Census Bureau is scheduled to hold a prerelease [webinar](#) about the 2023 [American Community Survey](#) (ACS) 1-year estimates on **Thursday, Sept. 5, at 1 p.m. ET**. The webinar will provide tips for comparing geographies and statistics over time as well as resources for accessing ACS statistics.
- August 15 – [119th Congress Block Equivalency Files](#). These files are the whole 2020 Census tabulation block representations of the 119th Congressional District plans as submitted by the states to the Census Bureau. The .ZIP file contains a national block equivalency file and individual state files for the five states (Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, New York and North Carolina) that redrew their congressional district plans for the 119th Congress.

Economic Research Service (USDA)

- August 22 – [Land Use of Rejected, Enrolled, and Expiring Fields in the Conservation Reserve Program](#). In this report, the authors determine the extent to which the CRP removes land from production and examines land-use outcomes of parcels that were both offered and rejected in 2016 from the General Signup, the CRP’s competitive auction



mechanism. The 2016 General Signup had the highest rate of rejection in the history of the contemporary CRP General Signup at approximately 82 percent. The study finds that of acres rejected from the 2016 CRP Signup, 37.7 percent were in crops from 2017 through 2019, 14.7 percent in mixed forage, 20.7 percent in grassland, 10.6 percent fallowed or idled, 0.6 percent in timber, and 15.7 in CRP through Continuous Signup.

- August 6 – [U.S. Agricultural Exports in Southeast Asia](#). Southeast Asia has potential for growth as an agricultural export market, with its growing population of middle-class consumers, especially for exporters such as the United States. Leading U.S. exports to Southeast Asia are soybean products, wheat, cotton, skim milk powder, and distillers' grains. U.S. agricultural exports to Southeast Asia increased from \$9.4 to \$14.2 billion from 2012 to 2022, and the U.S. share of Southeast Asia's agricultural imports was steady at just over 11 percent.

Energy Information Administration (DOE)

- August 22 – [Wholesale Electricity and Natural Gas Market Data](#). The market data provided here are republished, with permission, from data collected by the [Intercontinental Exchange \(ICE\)](#) and are updated biweekly. Currently, electricity products can be traded at more than two dozen hubs and delivery points in North America, and natural gas products can be traded at more than 120 hubs. The data posted under EIA's agreement with ICE represent eight major electricity hubs and their corresponding natural gas trading hubs.
- August 21 – [Outlook on Global Refining to 2028](#). In 2023, global refining capacity was estimated at 103.5 million barrels per day (b/d)¹. With recent structural changes to world petroleum markets in reaction to the COVID-19 pandemic, Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and shipping disruptions in the Red Sea, there is increased interest in how much refinery capacity may enter service within the next few years to meet rising demand. This analysis looks at several major refinery investments with plans to enter service through 2028, their collective refined product output, and their meaning for global crude oil and refined product trade.

National Agricultural Statistics Service (USDA)

- August 22 – The [32nd Annual Morris Hansen Lecture](#) will be held on Thursday, Sept. 26, 2024, from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. EDT at USDA's Jefferson Auditorium in the South Building located at 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, D.C. A reception will follow from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. EDT at USDA's Whitten Building, across Independence Avenue. The lecture is free and open to the public but [registration](#) is required. This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Constance F. Citro, a senior scholar with the Committee on National Statistics (CNSTAT). The discussants will be Dr. Marina Gindelsky, a research economist for the Office of the Chief Economist at the Bureau of Economic Analysis, and Dr. Jonathan Rothbaum, a research economist in the Social, Economic, and Housing Statistics Division at the U.S. Census Bureau.
- August 12 – The [Crop Production Report](#) issued today by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) forecasted corn production down from 2023 and soybean production up from last year. Corn production is down 1% from last year, forecast at 15.1 billion bushels; soybean growers are expected to increase their production 10% from 2023, forecast at a record high 4.59 billion bushels. Average corn yield is forecast at record high 183.1 bushels per acre, up 5.8 bushels from last year. NASS also forecasts record high yields



in Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Michigan, Nebraska, South Dakota, Washington, and Wisconsin. As of Aug. 4, 67% of this year's corn crop was reported in good or excellent condition, 10 percentage points above the same time last year.

National Center for Education Statistics (IES)

- August 21 - [Postsecondary Institutions and Cost of Attendance in 2023-24; Degrees and Other Awards Conferred: 2022-23; and 12-Month Enrollment: 2022-23 \(Provisional\)](#). This set of provisional web tables include fully edited and imputed data from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) fall 2023 collection, which included three survey components: Institutional Characteristics for the 2023-24 academic year, Completions covering the period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, and data on 12-Month Enrollment for the 2022-23 academic year.

National Center for Health Statistics (CDC)

- August 21 – [U.S. State Life Tables, 2021](#). Among the 50 states and District of Columbia, Hawaii had the highest life expectancy at birth, 79.9 years in 2021, and Mississippi had the lowest, 70.9 years. From 2020 to 2021, life expectancy at birth declined for 39 states, increased for 11 states, and remained unchanged for the District of Columbia. In 2021, life expectancy at age 65 ranged from 16.1 years in Mississippi to 20.6 years in Hawaii. Life expectancy at birth was higher for females in all states and the District of Columbia. The difference in life expectancy between females and males ranged from 3.9 years in Utah to 7.6 years in New Mexico.
- August 20 – [Births in the United States, 2023](#). The number of births in the United States declined 2% from 2022 to 2023. The general fertility rate declined 3% in 2023 to 54.5 births per 1,000 females ages 15–44. Birth rates declined for females ages 15–19 (4%), 15–17 (2%), and 18–19 (5%), from 2022 to 2023. The percentage of mothers receiving prenatal care in the first trimester of pregnancy declined 1% from 2022 to 2023, while the percentage of mothers with no prenatal care increased 5%.

National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NSF)

- August 15 – [Analysis of Federal Funding for Research and Development in 2022](#). Funding for U.S. domestic research and development (R&D) performance, estimated to reach \$885.6 billion in 2022, comes from a number of sectors, including businesses, government, higher education, and nonprofit organizations. The [National Patterns of R&D Resources \(National Patterns\)](#) publication series compiles data from surveys of organizations that perform R&D and documents trends in U.S. R&D funding and performance. In the 1980s, the business sector passed the federal government as the largest overall funder of domestic R&D performance.

Statistics of Income (IRS)

- August – [Tax-Exempt Private Activity and Governmental Bonds, Calendar Year 2021](#). Updated tax-exempt bond data for private activity and governmental bonds issued in Calendar Year 2021 are now available on Statistics of Income's (SOI's) Tax Stats webpage. The SOI studies of tax-exempt bonds include data obtained from Form 8038, Information Return for Tax-Exempt Private Activity Bonds, and Form 8038-G, Information Return for Tax-Exempt Governmental Bonds, filed and processed by the Internal Revenue



Service after the bonds are issued. Tabulated data regarding issuance volumes, the types of projects financed, and state-by-state breakdowns are available.



Federal Register Notices

There were 18 federal register notices posted by federal statistical agencies from July 26, 2024 to August 25, 2024. Links to each of these notices are organized by agency below. Please note the new format for this section - the date of the notice now serves as the URL for each item.

Bureau of Economic Analysis (DOC) – 1 New Notice

<i>Date</i>	<i>Notice</i>
Aug 5	Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Services Surveys: BE-185, Quarterly Survey of Financial Services Transactions Between U.S. Financial Services Providers and Foreign Persons

Bureau of Justice Statistics (DOJ) – 10 New Notices

<i>Date</i>	<i>Notice</i>
Aug 23	Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Extension of a Previously Approved Collection; Exempt Chemical Preparations Under the Controlled Substance Act
Aug 23	Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments; Requested; New Collection; Data Collection for OVW Demonstration Program on Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Training for Law Enforcement on Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking (Abby Honold) Program
Aug 23	Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments; Requested; New Collection; Semi-Annual and Annual Performance Reporting Data Catalog for Formula and Discretionary Grant Programs
Aug 23	Agency Information Collection Activities Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; New Collection; Optional Flexible Financial Assistance Survey
Aug 22	Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Extension of a Previously Approved Collection; Cargo Theft Incident Report
Aug 20	Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Revision of a Previously Approved Collection; District/Aviation Security Officers (DSO/ASO) Personal Qualifications Statement
Aug 19	Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Revision of a Previously Approved Collection; Request for Interim Security Clearance-ATF Form 8620.70
Aug 19	Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Extension of a Previously Approved Collection; Report of Multiple Sale or Other Disposition of Pistols and Revolvers-ATF Form 3310.4
Aug 1	Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Reinstatement, With Change, of a Previously Approved Collection for Which Approval Has Expired: Census of Medical Examiner and Coroner Offices (CMEC)
Jul 30	Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Reinstatement With Change of a Previously Approved Collection; Vulnerability Assessment Request



Bureau of Labor Statistics (DOL) – No New Notices

Bureau of Transportation Statistics (DOT) – No New Notice

Census Bureau (DOC) – 2 New Notices

<i>Date</i>	<i>Notice</i>
Aug 13	Census Scientific Advisory Committee
Aug 6	Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Generic Clearance for Emergency Economic Information Collections

Economic Research Service (USDA) – No New Notices

Energy Information Administration (DOE) – No New Notices

National Agricultural Statistics Service (USDA) – 1 New Notice

<i>Date</i>	<i>Notice</i>
Aug 20	Notice of Intent To Request a Revision and Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

National Center for Education Statistics (DOEd) – 2 New Notices

<i>Date</i>	<i>Notice</i>
Aug 19	Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; School Pulse Panel 2025-26 (SPP 2025-26) Preliminary Field Activities
Jul 29	Indian Education Discretionary Grant Programs; Professional Development Program

National Center for Health Statistics (HHS) – 2 New Notices

<i>Date</i>	<i>Notice</i>
Jul 26	Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review: National Post-acute and Long-term Care Study (NPALS)
Jul 26	Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review: National Hospital Care Survey (NHCS)

National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NSF) – No New Notices

Office of Research, Evaluation & Statistics (SSA) – No New Notices

Statistics of Income Division (IRS) – No New Notices