

COPAFS News

Reduction in Sample Size for CPS on Pause

Thank you to all who signed onto the [Friends of BLS letter](#) urging Congress to fully fund and modernize the Current Population Survey. The letter garnered over 140 signatures from businesses and organizations which rely on CPS data. Further, there was a separate [letter](#) signed by 120 former members and staff of the Council of Economic Advisors which carried the same message. We are pleased to report that [BLS announced on Oct 29](#) that the provision in the CR for the CPS was enough to pause plans to reduce the sample size by 5,000.

2024 FCSM Research and Policy Conference Recap

The FCSM Conference was held from Oct 22 to 24 and was the best attended one yet! We had 976 registrants for the conference, a 30% increase from last year. The conference featured 67 sessions on a variety of topics related to the federal statistical. A special thank you to our 11 exhibitors and 8 sponsors. Presentations from the conference will be posted on FCSM.gov.

BEA Advisory Committee Meeting: November 8

The [BEA Advisory Committee](#) advises the Director of BEA on matters related to the development and improvement of BEA's national, regional, industry, and international economic accounts, especially in areas of new and rapidly growing economic activities arising from innovative and advancing technologies, and provides recommendations from the perspectives of the economics profession, business, and government. The meeting will focus on very big picture issues such as future opportunities, key measurement challenges, and asking Advisors to help think about prioritization given the current budget environment. This meeting is open to the public and may be of interest to COPAFS Stakeholders.

Upcoming Events

COPAFS Quarterly Meeting: December 6

The next Quarterly Meeting will be held on **Friday, December 6, 2024**. The [agenda](#) will be released in November. This will be a hybrid meeting, but we hope you can join us in-person at the AERA Convening Center.

2025 FCSM Research & Policy Conference: October 21-23

Save the Date! The 2025 FCSM Conference will be held at the College Park Marriott Hotel and Conference Center. The Call for Abstracts will be issued in February. Please visit www.fcsmconf.org for details as they become available.

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)

- Oct 30 - [Gross Domestic Product, Third Quarter 2024 \(Advance Estimate\)](#). Real gross domestic product (GDP) increased at an annual rate of 2.8 percent in the third quarter of 2024. In the second quarter, real GDP increased 3.0 percent. The GDP estimate released today is based on source data that are incomplete or subject to further revision by the source agency (refer to “Source Data for the Advance Estimate” on page 2). The “second” estimate for the third quarter, based on more complete source data, will be released on November 27, 2024.
- Oct 8 – [U.S. International Trade in Goods and Services, August 2024](#). The goods and services deficit was \$70.4 billion in August, down \$8.5 billion from \$78.9 billion in July, revised.

Bureau of Justice Statistics (DOJ)

- Oct 29 - [Human Trafficking Data Collection Activities, 2024](#). A total of 1,912 persons were referred to U.S. attorneys for human trafficking offenses in fiscal year 2022, a 26% increase from the 1,519 persons referred in 2012. The number of persons prosecuted for human trafficking more than doubled from 2012 to 2022 (from 805 to 1,656 persons). The number of persons convicted of a human trafficking offense increased from 578 persons in 2012 to 1,118 persons in 2022. Of the 1,070 defendants charged with any of the three types of human trafficking offenses in U.S. district court in fiscal year 2022, 91% were male, 58% were white, 20% were black, 18% were Hispanic, 95% were U.S. citizens, and 71% had no prior convictions.
- Oct 22 - [Survey of Public Defenders \(SPD\) Pilot Report](#). The Survey of Public Defenders (SPD) is a new data collection effort by the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) that aims to capture information directly from public defenders about their demographics, working conditions, caseloads, interactions with clients, and access to resources. BJS designed a pilot test for the SPD to assess the viability of a dual-frame sampling plan, test response rates for the office-level and public defender-level surveys, and test response rates correlated with outreach strategies.

Bureau of Labor Statistics (DOL)

- Oct 30 – [Business Employment Dynamics – First Quarter 2024](#). 0.3 percent). From December 2023 to March 2024, gross job gains from opening and expanding private-sector establishments were 7.6 million, a decrease of 294,000 jobs from the previous quarter. Over this period, gross job losses from closing and contracting private-sector establishments were 7.1 million, a decrease of 384,000 jobs from the previous quarter. The difference between the number of gross job gains and the number of gross job losses yielded a net employment gain of 493,000 jobs in the private sector during the first quarter of 2024.
- Oct 22 – [State Employment and Unemployment – September 2024](#). Unemployment rates were higher in September in 5 states, lower in 1 state, and stable in 44 states and the District of Columbia. Twenty-two states and the District had jobless rate increases from a year earlier, 6 states had decreases, and 22 states had little change. The national unemployment rate changed little over the month at 4.1 percent but was 0.3 percentage point higher than in September 2023.



Bureau of Transportation Statistics (DOT)

- Oct 23 – [North American Transborder Freight – August 2024](#). Total transborder freight: \$136.7 billion of transborder freight moved by all modes of transportation, down 0.9% compared to August 2023. Freight between the U.S. and Canada: \$ 63.0 billion, down 6.4% from August 2023. Freight between the U.S. and Mexico: \$73.8 billion, up 4.2% from August 2023. Mexico continued to lead Canada in freight dollar value for the last 18 months.
- Oct 21 – [Air Travel Consumer Report: August 2024 Numbers](#). The 647,205 flights operated in August 2024 were 102.61% of the 630,761 flights operated in August 2023. Operated flights in August 2024 were up 2.61% year-over-year from the 630,761 flights operated in August 2023 and down 1.53% month-over-month from 657,233 flights operated in July 2024.

Census Bureau (DOC)

- Oct 24 – [Business Trends and Outlook Survey Data Release](#). The BTOS measures business conditions and projections on an ongoing basis. The BTOS includes data for multiunit/multilocation businesses. BTOS will continue to collect data complementary to key items found on other Economic surveys, such as revenues, employees, hours, and inventories. Additional details on [artificial intelligence](#) use and types used were added for one cycle and released March 28, 2024.
- Oct 17 – [2023 State-to-State Migration Flows Statistics](#). The state-to-state migration flows table package contains the following two tables: 1) [State-to-State Migration Flows](#) provide estimates of the number of people moving between the 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and to the United States from abroad. The 2023 table includes a new look-up tool that allows users to obtain migration flows estimates for states; 2) [State of Residence by Place of Birth](#) provides estimates of people living in the 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico in 2023 by place of birth. Newly released statistics are based on the 2023 [American Community Survey](#) (ACS) 1-year estimates.

Economic Research Service (USDA)

- Oct 10 – [Cuba's Deteriorating Food Security and Its Implications for U.S. Agricultural Exports](#). Cuba's economy, which has been struggling since 2016 and fared poorly during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, is facing lower tourism revenues, decreased agricultural output, energy shortages, and double-digit inflation. This continuing economic downturn is limiting Cuba's ability to import agricultural products. Along with reductions in domestic agricultural production, which have weakened Cuba's ability to supply its own food, Cuba faces a growing food security problem.
- Oct 8 – [Methodology of the USDA, Economic Research Service's Agricultural Trade Multipliers](#). The ATMs rely on an empirical approach called "input-output analysis" that explores the quantity of inputs needed to obtain one unit of output. To quantify the economic activity and employment supported by U.S. agricultural exports, the new computer program used to estimate the ATMs draws upon multiple data sources. These include trade data from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of the Census, supply-use tables from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis, farm sector cash receipts data from USDA, ERS, and employment data from the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics and from USDA's Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS). Together, these data are used to calculate the number of jobs and the total value of the economic activity supported by each dollar of U.S. agricultural exports. The employment



and output estimates are calculated separately for 124 agricultural product groups, from soybeans to essential oils.

Energy Information Administration (DOE)

- Oct 30 – [Annual Coal Distribution Report](#). Total coal distribution was an estimated 555.3 million short tons (MMst) in 2023. This value is 4.4% lower than in 2022. Total domestic coal distribution was an estimated 455.1 MMst in 2023. This value is 8.0% (39.8 MMst) lower than in 2022. Foreign distribution was 100.2 MMst, 16.6% (14.3 MMst) higher than in 2022. Wyoming was the leading coal-origin state, accounting for about 233.6 MMst of shipments delivered to 27 states. Texas was the leading coal-destination state, receiving about 54.5 MMst of domestic coal.
- Oct 28 – [U.S. Ethane Production – May 2024](#). U.S. ethane production increased steadily over the last decade and reached a record of 3.0 million barrels per day (b/d) in May 2024. Ethane production in the first half of 2024 (1H24) averaged a record 2.8 million b/d, according to data from our [Petroleum Supply Monthly](#). The increase was driven by more natural gas and ethane production in the Permian Basin, which spans Texas and New Mexico. Ethane serves mainly as a petrochemical feedstock to produce ethylene, which is used to make plastics and resins. Continued growth in ethane consumption in the global petrochemical sector, increasing proportions of ethane derived from U.S. natural gas production, and favorable production economics have driven steady increases in ethane production in recent years.

National Agricultural Statistics Service (USDA)

- Oct 31 – [2023 Irrigation and Water Management Data Release](#). The total amount of water used in 2023 was 81 million acre-feet, down 2.8% from 2018. The average acre-feet applied per acre was 1.5, which was the same as the 2018 irrigation survey. (An acre-foot is the amount of water required to cover one acre to a depth of one foot.) The largest portion of irrigated farmland acres in the United States was dedicated to cropland – including grain and oilseed crops, vegetables, nursery and greenhouse, and hay crops.
- Oct 23 – [USDA Seeks Nominations for the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics](#). Members of this Committee advise the Secretary of Agriculture on the scope, timing and content of periodic agricultural censuses, as well as surveys of agriculture and other related industries. The committee also makes recommendations on the content of agricultural reports and represents the views and data needs of suppliers and users of agricultural statistics.

National Center for Education Statistics (IES)

- Oct 29 – [Changes in Public School Teachers Certification Type](#). In 2020–21, some 6.9 percent of public school teachers did not hold a teaching certificate or held only provisional or emergency certificates in the state where they were teaching, hereafter referred to as “teachers without full teaching certification”. About 93.1 percent held regular, standard, advanced, or probationary certificates. The percentage of teachers without full teaching certification was higher in 2020–21 than in 2017–18 (6.2 percent) and 2015–16 (6.1 percent).
- Oct 17 – [Private School Universe Survey](#). The most recent PSS data are from the 2021–22 collection. The last PSS collection occurred during the 2023–24 school year; we anticipate these data will be available in fall 2025. Data are available for download in SAS, SPSS, and text formats. Text files are ASCII files in tab-delimited (TXT) format (1989–90 through



2011–12) or comma separated values (CSV) format (2013–14 and on) with a minimum of formatting and can be read into statistical processing programs or spreadsheet applications such as Excel.

National Center for Health Statistics (CDC)

- Oct 30 – [Daily Screen Time Among Teenagers: United States, July 2021–December 2023](#). During July 2021 through December 2023, one-half of teenagers ages 12–17 had 4 hours or more of daily screen time (50.4%). Black non-Hispanic teenagers were most likely to have 4 hours or more of daily screen time (60.4%) compared with teenagers in other race and Hispanic-origin groups. Teenagers living in metropolitan areas were more likely to have 4 hours or more of daily screen time than teenagers living in nonmetropolitan areas. About 1 in 4 teenagers with 4 hours or more of daily screen time have experienced anxiety (27.1%) or depression symptoms (25.9%) in the past 2 weeks.
- Oct 23 – [Bullying Victimization Among Teenagers: United States, July 2021 – December 2023](#). From July 2021 to December 2023, 34.0% of teenagers were bullied in the last 12 months. Sexual or gender minority teenagers were more likely to be bullied (47.1%) than teenagers who are not a sexual or gender minority (30.0%). White non-Hispanic teenagers were more likely to be bullied compared with teenagers in other race and Hispanic-origin groups.

National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NSF)

- Oct 15 – [Ongoing Changes in the Demographic Composition of Postdoctoral Researchers at Federally Funded Research and Development Centers: 2023](#). Between 2021 and 2023, the number of postdocs receiving training at FFRDCs remained stable, with 3,629 postdocs reported in 2023 and 3,637 reported in 2021. Between 2019 and 2023, the number of postdocs who were U.S. citizens or permanent residents increased by 190 (13% increase), whereas the number of postdocs with temporary visas increased by 104 (5% increase), resulting in a partial recovery of the decline in percentage of temporary visa holder postdocs in 2021.
- Oct 8 – [U.S. Nonprofits Spent \\$28 Billion on R&D Activities in FY 2022](#). The largest funding source for nonprofit R&D performance in FY 2022 was the federal government, contributing \$11.6 billion, or 42%, of the total. Nonprofit organizations' own internal funds were the next largest source at \$7.6 billion, or 27%, of the total. For-profit businesses funded \$3.6 billion (13%), foundations and other nonprofits contributed \$2.2 billion (8%), and individual donors contributed \$1.3 billion (5%). The remaining sources contributed less than 6% to total nonprofit R&D performance.

Statistics of Income (IRS)

- Oct – [U.S. Corporation Returns with a Foreign Tax Credit, Tax Year 2021](#). Statistics based on Foreign Tax Credit–Corporations (Form 1118) for Tax Year 2021 returns are now available in three tables on SOI's Tax Stats webpage. Table 1, U.S. Corporation Income Tax Returns with a Foreign Tax Credit, includes statistics for the number of returns, and foreign-source income, deductions, and taxes paid, accrued, or deemed paid. These statistics are available by major and selected minor industries. Table 2 includes statistics for foreign-source gross income, deductions, and taxes paid, accrued, or deemed paid by selected country. Table 3 includes statistics for the number of returns, foreign-source gross income,



deductions, and taxes paid, accrued, or deemed paid by category of foreign income for which separate credit was computed.

- Oct – [Base Erosion and Anti-Abuse Tax Tabulations, Tax Year 2021](#). A table presenting statistics for corporations that filed Tax on Base Erosion Payments of Taxpayers With Substantial Gross Receipts (Form 8991) for Tax Year 2021 is now available on SOI's Tax Stats webpage. The data include base erosion tax payments, tax benefits, and minimum tax, by major industrial sector, for taxpayers with an aggregated three-year average annual total gross receipt of \$500 million or more.



Federal Register Notices

There were 36 federal register notices posted by federal statistical agencies from September 26, 2024 to October 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) – 4 New Notices

<i>Date</i>	<i>Notice</i>
Oct 22	Federal Economic Statistics Advisory Committee – Renewal of Charter
Oct 22	Bureau of Economic Analysis Advisory Committee Meeting: Nov 8, 2024 9:30AM
Oct 22	Federal Economic Statistics Advisory Committee Meeting: Dec 13, 2024 10:00AM
Oct 17	Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Services Surveys: BE-29, Annual Survey of Foreign Ocean Carriers' Expenses in the United States

Bureau of Justice Statistics (DOJ) – 13 New Notices

<i>Date</i>	<i>Notice</i>
Oct 15	Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Extension of a Previously Approved Collection; Law Enforcement Suicide Data Collection
Oct 8	Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Revision of a Previously Approved Collection Federal Firearms License (FFL) RENEWAL Application-ATF Form 8 (5310.11) Part II
Oct 8	Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Revision of a Previously Approved Collection; FFL Out of Business Records Request-ATF Form 5300.3A
Oct 7	Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Revision of a Previously Approved Collection; Identification Markings Placed on Firearms
Oct 7	Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; New Information Collection Request; Emergency Medical Services Recordkeeping and Notice Requirements
Oct 7	Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Extension of a Previously Approved Collection; Leadership Engagement Survey (LES)
Oct 7	Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Revision of a Previously Approved Collection; Application for Registration and Application for Registration Renewal; DEA Forms 224, 224A
Oct 4	Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Revision of a Previously Approved Collection; Records of Acquisition and Disposition by Registered Importers of Arms, Ammunition, and Defense Articles on the U.S. Munitions Import List
Oct 4	Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Extension of a Previously Approved Collection; Identification of Imported Explosives Materials
Oct 4	Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Revision of a Previously Approved Collection; National Firearms Act Division and Firearms and Explosives Services Division Customer Service Survey
Oct 2	Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Revision of a Previously Approved Collection; Firearms Disabilities for Nonimmigrant Aliens



Oct 1	Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Reinstatement With Change of a Previously Approved Collection; Vulnerability Assessment Request
Sep 27	Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Reinstatement, With Change, of a Previously Approved Collection: 2024 Law Enforcement Management and Administrative Statistics (LEMAS) Survey

Bureau of Labor Statistics (DOL) – 2 New Notices

<i>Date</i>	<i>Notice</i>
Oct 18	Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting and Agenda: Nov 7 @ 10:00AM
Oct 18	Data Users Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting and Agenda: Nov 6 @ 12:00PM

Bureau of Transportation Statistics (DOT) – No New Notice

Census Bureau (DOC) – 10 New Notices

<i>Date</i>	<i>Notice</i>
Oct 23	Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; National Survey of Children's Health
Oct 23	Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; American Community Survey Methods Panel Tests
Oct 22	Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; 2025 Census Household Survey
Oct 18	National Advisory Committee Meeting: Nov 7 @ 8:30AM and Nov 8 @ 8:30AM
Oct 16	Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Census Household Panel Topical 13 and Topical 14 Operations
Oct 1	Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Boundary and Annexation Survey
Oct 1	Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Redistricting Data Program
Sep 30	Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Current Population Survey (CPS) 2025 Field Test
Sep 30	Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Quarterly Survey of Public Pensions
Sep 30	Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Business Enterprise Research and Development Survey

Economic Research Service (USDA) – No New Notices



Energy Information Administration (DOE) – 1 New Notice

<i>Date</i>	<i>Notice</i>
Oct 11	Agency Information Collection Proposed New Survey: Form EIA-112 is an annual survey that collects information on the number of monthly natural gas and electric service final notices, disconnections, and reconnections for bill non-payment across residential customers.

National Agricultural Statistics Service (USDA) – 2 New Notices

<i>Date</i>	<i>Notice</i>
Oct 10	Notice of Intent To Request To Conduct a New Information Collection: Gather data related to the use of agroforestry practices.
Oct 10	Notice of Intent To Request Revision and Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection: Custom Works Surveys

National Center for Education Statistics (DOEd) – 3 New Notices

<i>Date</i>	<i>Notice</i>
Oct 21	Committee and Quarterly Board Meetings: Nov 14 @ 9:45AM and Nov 15 @ 8:00AM
Oct 8	Applications for New Awards; Personnel Development To Improve Services and Results for Children With Disabilities-Personnel Preparation of Special Education, Early Intervention, and Related Services Personnel at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities, and Other Minority Serving Institutions
Oct 1	Request for Information for Recommendations on Improving Data User Experiences Through a National Center for Education Statistics' 2025 Data Users Conference

National Center for Health Statistics (HHS) – 1 New Notice

<i>Date</i>	<i>Notice</i>
Oct 1	Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review: NHANES

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