

COPAFS News

COPAFS welcomes the National Council for Measurement in Education

COPAFS is pleased to welcome the National Council for Measurement in Education (NCME) as its newest member! NCME joined COPAFS on December 2. Based near Philadelphia, [NCME](#) is a community of measurement scientists and practitioners who work together to advance theory and applications of educational measurement to benefit society. Members are involved in the construction and use of standardized tests; new forms of assessment, including performance-based assessment; program design; and program evaluation. Their Annual Meeting will be held in Denver on April 23-26. Please join me in welcoming NCME at the Quarterly Meeting!

Census Pre-Release Webinar: 2019-2023 ACS 5-year Estimates: Dec 5

The U.S. Census Bureau is scheduled to hold a prerelease [webinar](#) about the 2019-2023 [American Community Survey](#) (ACS) 5-year estimates on Thursday, Dec. 5, at 1 p.m. EST. The webinar will explain how to access ACS data and online resources and provide tips for comparing geographies and statistics over time. The statistics will be available to embargo subscribers beginning Dec. 10, at 10 a.m. EST for a variety of geographic areas. This includes all states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, congressional and state legislative districts, metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas, counties, places, and other geographies down to census tracts and block groups.

Upcoming Events

COPAFS Quarterly Meeting: December 6

The next Quarterly Meeting will be held on **Friday, December 6, 2024**. The [agenda](#) is posted and you can register for either in-person or virtual attendance, but we hope you can join us in-person at the AERA Convening Center.

2025 ASSA Annual Meeting: Jan 3-5

The 2025 ASSA Annual Meeting will be held in San Francisco on January 3-5, 2025. For more information, please click [here](#).

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.



Agency Releases

Bureau of Economic Analysis (DOC)

- Nov 27 - [Gross Domestic Product, Third Quarter 2024 \(Second Estimate\) and Corporate Profits \(Preliminary\)](#). Real gross domestic product (GDP) increased at an annual rate of 2.8 percent in the third quarter of 2024, according to the "second" estimate release. In the second quarter, real GDP increased 3.0 percent. The GDP estimate released today is based on more complete source data than were available for the "advance" estimate issued last month. In the advance estimate, the increase in real GDP was also 2.8 percent. The update primarily reflected upward revisions to private inventory investment and nonresidential fixed investment as well as downward revisions to exports and consumer spending. Imports, which are a subtraction in the calculation of GDP, were revised down (refer to "Updates to GDP").
- Nov 5 – [U.S. International Trade in Goods and Services, September 2024](#). The goods and services deficit was \$84.4 billion in September, up \$13.6 billion from \$70.8 billion in August, revised.

Bureau of Justice Statistics (DOJ)

- Nov 14 - [State and Local Law Enforcement Training Academies and Recruits, 2022 – Statistical Tables](#). Two in 5 starting recruits were trained at an academy operated by either a 2-year college (21%) or a municipal police department (21%). State and local law enforcement academies required an average of 806 hours of basic training. There were 414 training academies operated by law enforcement entities and 333 operated by colleges or technical schools.
- Nov 13 - [Trends and Patterns in Firearm Violence, 1993-2023](#). The rate of nonfatal firearm violence for persons age 12 or older declined 72% from 1993 to 2023, dropping from 7.3 to 2.0 victimizations per 1,000 persons, and varied from 1.2 to 2.3 per 1,000 during 2019 to 2023. About 64% of nonfatal firearm violence was reported to police during 2018–2022. The firearm homicide rate among persons age 12 or older fluctuated between 1993 and 2023, with a decline from 1993 to 2014 (from 8.4 to 4.0 homicides per 100,000 persons age 12 or older) before rising to 7.3 per 100,000 in 2021.

Bureau of Labor Statistics (DOL)

- Nov 27 - [Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment Summary](#). Unemployment rates were higher in October than a year earlier in 272 of the 389 metropolitan areas, lower in 98 areas, and unchanged in 19 areas. A total of 80 areas had jobless rates of less than 3.0 percent and 5 areas had rates of at least 8.0 percent. Nonfarm payroll employment increased over the year in 32 metropolitan areas, decreased in 1 area, and was essentially unchanged in 356 areas. The national unemployment rate in October was 3.9 percent, not seasonally adjusted, up from 3.6 percent a year earlier.
- Nov 20 – [County Employment and Wages Summary](#). From June 2023 to June 2024, employment increased in 259 of the 369 largest U.S. counties. In June 2024, national employment increased to 155.7 million, a 0.8-percent increase over the year, as measured by the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) program. Kings, NY, had the largest over-the-year increase in employment, with a gain of 4.0 percent. Employment data



in this release are presented for June 2024, and average weekly wage data are presented for second quarter 2024.

Bureau of Transportation Statistics (DOT)

- Nov 29 – [National Transportation Statistics Update](#). This month's updated data tables include U.S. System Mileage; Vehicle Miles; Passenger-Miles; Number of Stations Served by Amtrak and Rail Transit; Transit Buses and Rail Stations with Disabilities Accessible; Number of U.S. Aircraft, Vehicles, Vessels, and Other Conveyances; Injured Persons by Transportation Mode; Safety Belt and Motorcycle Helmet Use; Transit Safety and Property Damage; and Profiles of General Aviation and Transit.
- Nov 14 – [August 2024 Passenger Enplanements, Domestic and International](#). U.S. airlines carried 86.8 million systemwide (domestic and international) scheduled service passengers in August 2024, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS). When adjusted for seasonality, August enplanements are up 0.6% from July and down 1.2% from the all-time high reached in June 2024. BTS reported 74.8 million domestic passengers and 12 million international passengers on U.S. airlines flights in August, not adjusting for seasonality.

Census Bureau (DOC)

- Nov 19 – [2023 Civic Engagement and Volunteering Supplement](#). The data support evidence-based decision-making and efforts to understand how people make a difference in communities across the country. The 2023 CEV also introduces a new measure of virtual volunteering, making it the first federal survey to include such a measure.
- Nov 12 – [America's Families and Living Arrangements Tables](#). About 64% of households were classified as family households in 2024. This marks a significant change from 50 years ago, when 79% of households were family households. Family households are defined as those that include at least one person related to the householder by birth, marriage or adoption.

Economic Research Service (USDA)

- Nov 12 - [Rural America at a Glance: 2024 Edition](#). After the only decade of overall population loss for rural counties (2010–20), the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic contributed to renewed rural population growth during the 2020s. Since 2020, rural population growth has relied solely on net migration, with more people moving into rural areas each year than moving out. Working age populations in rural counties are shrinking, resulting in greater concentration in younger and older age groups. This was particularly evident in remote and rural adjacent counties, indicating that a relatively small working age population must support both a significant child population and a relatively large older population.

Energy Information Administration (DOE)

- Nov 29 – [Natural Gas Monthly](#). In September 2024, dry natural gas production decreased year over year for the sixth time in the past seven months. Preliminary dry natural gas production in September 2024 was 3,064 billion cubic feet (Bcf), or 102.1 billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/d). Production was 2.2% (2.3 Bcf/d) lower in September 2024 than in September 2023 (104.4 Bcf/d). Gross withdrawals also decreased from September 2023.



- Nov 13 – [Short Term Energy Outlook](#). India has emerged as the leading source of growth in global oil consumption in our forecast. Over 2024 and 2025, India accounts for 25% of total oil consumption growth globally. We expect an increase of 1.0 million barrels per day (b/d) in global consumption of liquid fuels in 2024. We expect even more growth next year, with global oil consumption rising by 1.2 million b/d.

National Agricultural Statistics Service (USDA)

- Nov 7 – [2022 Census of Agriculture Zip Code Tabulations](#). This release allows users to explore farm characteristics at a local level. The zip code tabulations are available through Quick Stats, NASS's online data query tool. "We are excited to provide data users yet another access point to ag census data with our zip code tabulations," said NASS Administrator Joseph Parsons. "Information from the Census of Agriculture is highly sought after by producers, agribusinesses, community planners, researchers, and policymakers alike. The ability to examine the data from local vantage points – congressional district, watershed, county, and now five-digit postal zip code – gives those stakeholders and decisionmakers the ability to advocate for their industry and their communities."

National Center for Education Statistics (IES)

- Nov 25 - [Language Barriers for Spanish-speaking Parents Participating in School Activities: 2018–19](#). This Data Point examines the barriers due to speaking a language other than English faced by Spanish-speaking families of enrolled students when they try to participate in their student's school activities. It also explores the language services that are provided by schools to Spanish-speaking parents. This Data Point uses data collected from the Parent and Family Involvement Survey of the National Household Education Surveys Program (PFI-NHES:2019).
- Nov 14 – [School Survey on Crime and Safety, 2019-2020 Public Use Data Files](#). SSOCS is a nationally representative survey of public schools and collects detailed information from the schools' perspective on the incidence, frequency, seriousness, and nature of violence affecting students and school personnel, as well as on the practices and programs schools have implemented to promote school safety.

National Center for Health Statistics (CDC)

- Nov 26 - [Characteristics of Older Adults Who Met Federal Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans: United States, 2022](#). Overall, 13.9% (age adjusted) of adults age 65 and older met federal physical activity guidelines for both aerobic and muscle-strengthening activities in 2022. Differences were seen by several sociodemographic characteristics. Men (16.9%), White non-Hispanic adults (15.2%), and those living in metropolitan areas (14.7%) were more likely to meet the guidelines. The percentage meeting the federal physical activity guidelines increased with increasing education level and family income and decreased with number of chronic conditions.
- Nov 21 - [Chronic Pain and High-impact Chronic Pain in U.S. Adults, 2023](#). In 2023, 24.3% of adults had chronic pain, and 8.5% of adults had chronic pain that frequently limited life or work activities (referred to as high-impact chronic pain) in the past 3 months. Chronic pain and high-impact chronic pain both increased with age. American Indian and Alaska Native non-Hispanic adults were significantly more likely to have chronic pain (30.7%) compared with Asian non-Hispanic (11.8%) and Hispanic (17.1%) adults. The percentage of adults with chronic pain and high-impact chronic pain increased with decreasing urbanization level.



National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NSF)

- Nov 25 - [Higher Education R&D Expenditures Increased 11.2%, Exceeded \\$108 Billion in FY 2023](#). Total academic R&D reached \$108.8 billion in FY 2023, an increase of \$11.0 billion from FY 2022. R&D expenditures funded by federal sources accounted for \$5.6 billion of the total increase. Universities' internally funded R&D expenditures (institution funds) were \$3.2 billion greater than in FY 2022, while R&D funded by state and local governments also increased in FY 2023 by \$529 million. R&D expenditures funded by nonprofit organizations increased by \$706 million and those funded by businesses increased by \$523 million. R&D funded by all other sources increased by \$459 million in FY 2023.
- Nov 13 - [State Government Agencies' Expenditures for R&D Total \\$3.0 Billion in FY 2023, an Increase of 14% from FY 2022](#). This is the largest year-to-year increase since FY 2015 when state government R&D expenditures increased 18.9% from FY 2014. While some states show larger year-to-year changes than others, there is no one state or governmental function driving the increase; the increases are broadly observed across states and functions. However, when adjusted for inflation, FY 2023 state government agency R&D expenditures totaled \$2.5 billion in constant 2017 dollars, an increase of 10.2% from the adjusted FY 2022 amount of \$2.3 billion.



Federal Register Notices

There were 33 federal register notices posted by federal statistical agencies from October 26, 2024 to November 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) – 3 New Notices

<i>Date</i>	<i>Notice</i>
Nov 12	Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Services Surveys: BE-9, Quarterly Survey of Foreign Airline Operators' Revenues and Expenses in the United States
Nov 12	Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Services Surveys: BE-30, Quarterly Survey of Ocean Freight Revenues and Foreign Expenses of U.S. Carriers, and the BE-37, Quarterly Survey of U.S. Airline Operators' Foreign Revenues and Expenses
Nov 12	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) – 8 New Notices

<i>Date</i>	<i>Notice</i>
Nov 20	Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Extension of a Previously Approved Collection; Application for Suspension of Deportation (EOIR-40)
Nov 19	Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Revision of a Previously Approved Collection; Transactions Among Licensee/Permittees and Transactions Among Licensees and Holders of User Permits
Nov 19	Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Revision of a Previously Approved Collection; Notification to Fire Safety Authority of Storage of Explosive Materials
Nov 12	Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; New Collection; Title-COP Community Policing Advancement Performance Report
Nov 12	Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Extension of a Previously Approved Collection; Request for Registration Under the Gambling Devices Act of 1962
Nov 5	Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Extension of a Previously Approved Collection; Semiannual Progress Report for the Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Grant Program



Nov 5	Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Extension of a Previously Approved Collection; Semiannual Progress Report for Grantees From the Engaging Men and Youth Program
Oct 28	Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Reinstatement With Change of a Previously Approved Collection; Contract Guard Personal Qualification Statement

Bureau of Labor Statistics (DOL) – 2 New Notices

<i>Date</i>	<i>Notice</i>
Oct 30	Information Collection Activities; Comment Request - Proposed extension of the “Consumer Price Index Housing Survey”
Oct 29	Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting and Agenda; Correction

Bureau of Transportation Statistics (DOT) – 3 New Notices

<i>Date</i>	<i>Notice</i>
Nov 14	Agency Information Collection: Activity Under OMB Review: Report of Financial and Operating Statistics for Large Certificated Air Carriers
Nov 8	Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Agency Request for Renewal of a Previously Approved Collection: Airline Service Quality Performance-Part 234
Nov 8	Agency Information Collection; Activity Under OMB Review; Report of Financial and Operating Statistics for Small Aircraft Operators

Census Bureau (DOC) – 9 New Notices

<i>Date</i>	<i>Notice</i>
Nov 18	The Census Bureau's Proposed Race/Ethnicity Code List for the American Community Survey and the 2030 Census
Nov 18	Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Construction Progress Reporting Surveys
Nov 15	Meeting of the 2030 Census Advisory Committee
Nov 13	Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Annual Integrated Economic Survey (AIES)
Nov 12	U.S. Census Bureau Tribal Consultation; Virtual Public Meeting
Nov 5	Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; American Community Survey and Puerto Rico Community Survey
Nov 4	Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; 2026 Census Test-Group Quarters Advance Contact (GQAC)
Oct 31	Foreign Trade Regulations (FTR): Clarification of Filing Requirements Regarding In-Transit Shipments and Other FTR Provisions



Oct 30	Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplement
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Economic Research Service (USDA) – No New Notices

Energy Information Administration (DOE) – 1 New Notice

<i>Date</i>	<i>Notice</i>
Nov 20	Agency Information Collection Proposed Extension - Three-year extension, with changes, to the Petroleum Marketing Program (PMP)

National Agricultural Statistics Service (USDA) – No New Notices

National Center for Education Statistics (DOEd) – 6 New Notices

<i>Date</i>	<i>Notice</i>
Nov 12	Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; High School and Beyond 2022 (HS&B:22) First Follow-Up Field Test Data Collection
Nov 7	Technical Assistance on State Data Collection-IDEA Data Management Center
Nov 5	Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; 2020/25 Beginning Postsecondary Students (BPS:20/25) Full-Scale Study
Nov 1	Submission of Data by State Educational Agencies; Submission Dates for State Revenue and Expenditure Reports for Fiscal Year 2024, Revisions to Those Reports, and Revisions to Prior Fiscal Year Reports
Oct 31	Student Debt Relief Based on Hardship for the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program (Direct Loans), the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program, the Federal Perkins Loan (Perkins) Program, and the Health Education Assistance Loan (HEAL) Program
Oct 30	Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 2026

National Center for Health Statistics (HHS) – No New Notices

National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NSF) – 1 New Notice

<i>Date</i>	<i>Notice</i>
Nov 21	Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request: Survey of Earned Doctorates

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

Statistics of Income Division (IRS) – No New Notices