

COPAFS News **April, 2025**

Reorganization of HHS and termination of 10,000 staff

On April 1, Secretary Kennedy released the reorganization plan for the Department of Health and Human Services. This included significant reductions in staff, 10,000 to be terminated (in addition to the 10,000 that opted for retirement or early separation) taking down HHS employees to 62,000 from 82,000. This swift, reckless, and dangerous purge of health expertise from our nation's health agencies will be felt among the public through declining health outcomes, less reliable information on various diseases and vaccinations, as well as harm to the economy. The National Center of Health Statistics (NCHS) was relatively spared, losing their Office of Informatics, Governance, and Assurance but retaining most of their staff. The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality was hit hard losing 111 employees (~50% of their staff) along with the following offices:

- Office of the Director (except Acting Director)
- Office of the Commissioner
- Office of Extramural Research, Education and Priority Populations
- Office of Management Services

All 17 staff who worked on the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) which tracked drug use and mental health in the U.S. for over 50 years, were terminated. As of today, the staff working on the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS) at AHRQ has been retained. MEPS is a set of large-scale surveys of families and individuals, their medical providers, and employers across the United States which measures the cost and utilization of healthcare and health insurance.

Public Citizen Brings Lawsuit Challenging the Dismantling of the Institute of Education Sciences

On Friday, April 4, the Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP) and the Institute for Higher Education Policy (IHEP) — represented by Public Citizen Litigation Group — filed a [lawsuit](#) against Secretary of Education Linda McMahon and the U.S. Department of Education for unlawfully acting to dismantle the Institute of Education Sciences (IES). This administration recently initiated a reduction in force of 90% of IES staff and canceled dozens of contracts that support congressionally mandated research and allow IES to operate. These actions have left IES unable to perform its statutory functions. As the complaint explains, these actions were outside the Department's statutory authority, arbitrary and capricious, contrary to the numerous statutes that require IES to do its work, and violate laws regarding the spending of congressional appropriations.

43 Members of Congress send letter to Education Secretary regarding Impact Aid

On April 8th a [letter](#) signed by 42 Democrats and 1 Republican (Don Bacon R-NE) and led by Marilyn Strickland (D-WA) was sent to Linda McMahon, Education Secretary, seeking clarification about how Impact Aid funds will be disbursed given the deep cuts in staffing the Department of Education has experienced in recent weeks. The letter reads in part:

We write to you with deep concern about how the President's recent Executive Order to dismantle the Department of Education will affect the disbursement of Impact Aid. As you know, public schools are funded through state and local property taxes. However, in school districts where there is a significant amount of federal land, schools



lose funding because federal lands are exempt from paying state and local property taxes.

We are seeking clarification on how this program will be affected by the recent mass Reduction in Force (RIF) at the U.S. Department of Education, signed by the President on March 20, 2025. The reality is that the President has no right to eliminate the Department of Education as he is attempting to do without Congressional approval. These major staffing changes and potential disruption in program funding will adversely impact the educational outcomes of all students. Impact Aid dollars are especially necessary for our nation's military families. The U.S. maintains at least one military installation in all 50 states.

AERA and SREE Files Lawsuit against the Department of Education over the Unlawful Dismantling of the Institute of Education Science (IES)

On Monday, April 14, the American Education Research Association (AERA) and the Society of Research and Educational Effectiveness (SREE) filed a [lawsuit](#) against the Department of Education over the unlawful dismantling of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) and its consequent harms to our members and the educators, policy makers, and countless families and students who benefit from education research. A press release states that “the administration has arbitrarily canceled foundational contracts that support the work of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) and essential programs of the other IES centers, gutted IES staff, and created conditions that hinder researchers’ access and use of essential federal education data. These actions are causing serious harm to the work of education researchers, upending the academic progress of graduate students, and undermining the ability of practitioners and policymakers to make evidence-based decisions.”

Dr. Spiro Stefanou is named Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics

A recent [release](#) announced Dr. Spiro Stefanou is the Acting Deputy Under Secretary for the Research, Education, and Economics mission area, comprised of more than 8,500 employees across five organizations including the Agricultural Research Service, Economic Research Service, National Agricultural Statistics Service, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, and the Office of the Chief Scientist. Together, these organizations advance agricultural research, innovation, data, and Extension addressing agriculture's highest priorities across the entire U.S. food supply chain. Since 2020, Dr. Stefanou has served as the Administrator of USDA's Economic Research Service (ERS), providing leadership for this Federal statistical agency's research, analytical, and technical operations. In this role he oversaw professional staff that focus on relevant and timely research and analyses on the economics of agriculture, food, the environment, and rural America. Dr. Kelly Maguire has been named the Acting Administrator of ERS.

Schedule Policy Career Federal Register Comment Period

On January 20, 2025, the second Trump administration issued [Executive Order 14171](#) to implement similar policies to Schedule F, now referred to as "Schedule Policy/Career." This order is titled "Restoring Accountability to Policy-Influencing Positions Within the Federal Workforce." The Biden Administration's rule about reclassifying employees delayed implementation of the new order by several months. On April 23, 2025, OMB posted a [proposed regulation](#) called "Improving Performance, Accountability and Responsiveness in the Civil Service," in the Federal Register for a



30-day comment period – Comments must be received on or before May 23, 2025. Any member of the public may comment, and OPM must respond to the comments received before adopting the rule. Here is the link to the website: <https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2025-06904>.

NAEP Revised Schedule released

On April 21, The National Assessment Governing Board (Governing Board) voted on a [new assessment schedule](#) for The Nation's Report Card. The Governing Board revised the assessment schedule due to the U.S. Department of Education's stated need to find efficiencies in all Departmental activities, including NAEP. The changes streamline future voluntary assessments (which will be administered between 2028 and 2032). They do not impact legislatively mandated assessments, including the 2026 NAEP in math and reading.

New since last Weekly Update

ACTION ALERT: Friends of BLS Schedule Policy/Career Templates

The Friends of BLS and COPAFS are very concerned about the potential impact on federal statistics of the Schedule Policy/Career Rule, a proposed change to federal employment policy. This change, initially introduced at the end of the first Trump administration (then referred to as “Schedule F”) seeks to reclassify certain senior federal employees, making it easier to remove them from their positions. Doing this requires adoption of regulations (a “rule”) to govern its implementation. Last week, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) opened a 30-day comment period on a rule to institute Schedule Policy/Career. OMB is accepting comments through May 23, 2025.

We urge everyone to visit the Friends of BLS [webpage](#) which links to a Policy Brief on Schedule Policy/Career written by former BLS Commissioner, Erica Groshen, as well as templates to help you write your representatives in Congress and/or submit a comment to the federal register opposing the reclassification of approximately 50,000 federal employees.

Please take a moment to make your voice heard on this issue which is a significant threat to the independence of our federal statistical system as it would politicize career positions which have, historically, been filled by those with relevant expertise.

Actions by the New Administration

The White House continues to raise concern among federal data stakeholders. COPAFS will continue to track actions which affect federal statistics directly and will continue to provide a weekly summary of these to COPAFS members in addition to the monthly update. The weekly updates will be rolled up in the monthly updates for archival purposes.

Some items of note from April:

- Apr 1 – Reorganization of HHS eliminates or severely diminishes agencies within HHS including AHRQ, SAMHSA, CMS, CDER and others. This action also eliminated all staff working on NSDUH.
- Apr 2 – Trump nominates Susan Monarez, of Wisconsin, to be Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Monarez is serving as Acting Director and has been doing so since January. During the Senate confirmation process, she is likely to face



questions over the role she's played in controversial decisions at the agency in recent months, including [undermining the independence](#) of the CDC's flagship medical research publication, the *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, abruptly delaying a meeting of the outside vaccine advisers and plans to research whether vaccines cause autism — long after its scientists had debunked the claims.

- Apr 8 – DRP 2.0 and VERA hit all of DOL, potentially affecting staffing at BLS through voluntary separations.
- Apr 9 – Almost one-third of the staff at the Economic Research Service has chosen to voluntarily separate from the agency taking staffing levels at the agency down to ~200 FTEs. This week, the Trump administration sent a general announcement to USDA staff that they may be relocated to one of three cities throughout the U.S., having an effect on staff's decision to separate from the agency.
- Apr 14 – U.S. Census Bureau sees key personnel opt for early separation and/or retirement including [Luis Cano](#), Chief Information Officer
- Apr 20 – The Energy Information Administration's CBECS Redesign Pilot Test Contract was cancelled by DOGE.
- The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is expected to lose up to 170 staff due to early separations.
- The Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) is expected to lose up to 50% of their staff due to early separations.
- The Energy Information Administration (EIA) is expected to lose up to 40% of their staff. Energy transitions are defined by new information and how societies flex and respond to it for strategic planning. EIA cuts specifically target the data sets that enable any such foresight. The exodus raises concerns about the agency's ability to maintain its regular output of energy reports, many of which influence global oil and gas markets.

A friendly reminder that COPAFS is a non-partisan organization, however we are dedicated to “Advancing Excellence in Federal Statistics” and will move forward with this mission over the coming months. Your support is greatly appreciated and if there are specific concerns you have, please reach out to me.

Follow COPAFS on Social Media

Be sure to follow COPAFS on Bluesky ([@copafs.bsky.social](#)) and LinkedIn for updates on the latest actions affecting the federal statistical system.



Fed Stats in the News

Mar 30 – DOGE comes for the data wonks

<https://www.economist.com/united-states/2025/03/30/doge-comes-for-the-data-wonks>

Apr 1 – Widespread layoffs, purge of leadership underway at U.S. health agencies

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2025/04/01/hhs-senior-leaders-put-on-leave-nih/>

Apr 1 – US government fired researchers running a crucial drug use survey

<https://www.newscientist.com/article/2474698-us-government-fired-researchers-running-a-crucial-drug-use-survey/>

Apr 1 – US Dept of Ed has been cut in half, we have thoughts

<https://www.edweek.org/policy-politics/opinion-the-u-s-dept-of-ed-has-been-cut-in-half-we-have-thoughts/2025/04>

Apr 1 – At CDC, Trump administration's job cuts wipe out wide array of specialists

<https://www.statnews.com/2025/04/01/cdc-rif-2400-layoffs-rfk-jr-hhs-reorganization-rapid-response-capability-weakened/>

Apr 2 – Slashing the public health workforce hurts the U.S. economy

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2025/04/02/hhs-layoffs-trump-health-care-economy/>

Apr 2 – Parents Don't Know It but K-12 Students Are Falling Into 'the Honesty Gap'

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/04/02/opinion/florida-standardized-tests.html?smid=nytcore-android-share>

Apr 2 – A Century-Long Battle Over the Census is Brewing

<https://time.com/7265213/battle-over-the-census-brewing/>

Apr 2 – Blowing up Ed research is easy, rebuilding it is what matters

<https://www.the74million.org/article/mark-schneider-blowing-up-ed-research-is-easy-rebuilding-it-is-what-matters/>

Apr 4 – Lawsuit Challenges Trump Admin's Dismantling of Institute of Education Sciences

<https://www.citizen.org/news/lawsuit-challenges-trump-admins-dismantling-of-institute-of-education-sciences/>

Apr 7 – USDA to slash headquarters, other staff and relocate some to new 'hubs' around the country

<https://www.govexec.com/workforce/2025/04/usda-slash-headquarters-other-staff-and-relocate-some-new-hubs-around-country/404371/?oref=ge-author-river>



Apr 7 – BLS Employee: I Took the Federal Buyout; Keep My 6-Figure Salary Through September

<https://www.businessinsider.com/took-federal-buyout-will-get-six-figure-salary-through-september-2025-4>

Apr 7 - NAEP, the Nation's Report Card, Was Supposed to be Safe. It's Not

<https://www.kqed.org/mindshift/65386/naep-the-nations-report-card-was-supposed-to-be-safe-its-not>

Apr 9 – Census CIO to Depart at the End of April

<https://www.nextgov.com/people/2025/04/census-cio-depart-end-april/404417/>

Apr 9 – DOL Expands Exit Offers Agency-Wide, Warning of Future Layoffs

https://news.bloomberglaw.com/daily-labor-report/dol-expands-exit-offers-agency-wide-warning-of-future-layoffs?utm_source=Email_Share

Apr 9 – Economic data face imminent threats

<https://www.slowboring.com/p/trump-threat-economic-data>

Apr 17 - Brain drain at Census Bureau has employees warning about the country's statistics

<https://www.npr.org/2025/04/17/nx-s1-5349435/us-census-bureau-data-decennial>

Apr 17 – U.S. Department of Education Releases Statement on 2026 NAEP Schedule

<https://www.ed.gov/about/news/press-release/us-department-of-education-releases-statement-2026-naep-schedule>

Apr 17 – Trump is putting crucial school funding at risk by dismantling the Department of Education

<https://www.epi.org/blog/trump-is-putting-crucial-school-funding-at-risk-by-dismantling-the-department-of-education/>

Apr 17 - Report Calls for Creation of National Information Clearinghouse for Cybercrime Data; Urges FBI to Adopt New System for Categorizing Cybercrimes

<https://www.nationalacademies.org/news/2025/04/report-calls-for-creation-of-national-information-clearinghouse-for-cybercrime-data-urges-fbi-to-adopt-new-system-for-categorizing-cybercrimes>

Apr 16 - Federal education cuts and Trump DEI demands leave states, teachers in limbo

<https://stateline.org/2025/04/16/federal-education-cuts-and-trump-dei-demands-leave-states-teachers-in-limbo/>

Apr 15 – DOE Statement on EIA Annual Energy Outlook

<https://www.energy.gov/articles/doe-statement-eia-annual-energy-outlook>

Apr 14 – Federal Crime Data Hasn't Noticeably Changed . . . Yet

<https://jasher.substack.com/p/federal-crime-data-hasnt-noticeably>



Apr 14 - NASS to Host Bi-Annual Data Users Meeting on April 29

<https://agnetwest.com/nass-host-bi-annual-data-users-meeting/>

Apr 11 - Warren, Warnock Press Fed on Safeguards for Inflation and Jobs Decisions Citing Trump's Politicization of Economic Data

<https://www.banking.senate.gov/newsroom/minority/warren-warnock-press-fed-on-safeguards-for-inflation-and-jobs-decisions-citing-trumps-politicization-of-economic-data>

Apr 11 - Census Bureau CIO Luis Cano Announces Retirement

<https://executivegov.com/2025/04/census-bureau-cio-luis-cano-retirement/>

Apr 11 - Brain drain? Trump cutbacks force scientists to seek jobs in Europe

<https://www.reuters.com/world/scientists-us-harried-by-trump-cuts-turn-towards-europe-2025-04-11/>

Apr 17 - Leaked Budget Document Confirms Axed CDC Offices

<https://www.medpagetoday.com/special-reports/features/115174>

Apr 18 – Mass Incarceration of Low-Level Offenders Exposed in New Data

<https://www.washingtoninformer.com/jail-data-initiative-criminal-justice/>

Apr 18 - Understanding America's Labor Shortage: The Most Impacted Industries

<https://www.uschamber.com/workforce/understanding-americas-labor-shortage-the-most-impacted-industries>

Apr 18 - *How Universities Became So Dependent on the Federal Government*

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/04/18/us/trump-universities.html>

Apr 19 - EIA Sees Energy Consumption Decreasing in Next Several Years

<https://www.publicpower.org/periodical/article/eia-sees-energy-consumption-decreasing-next-several-years>

Apr 21 - Hammer or Scalpel? Trump's cuts and the changing landscape of research funding

<https://www.commonwealmagazine.org/hammer-or-scalpel>

Apr 22 - Elon Musk Issues Birth Rate Warning For US; Cites NCHS

<https://www.newsweek.com/elon-musk-birth-rate-warning-us-2062571>

Apr 22 - Labor Department to Lose 20% of Staff to Resignation Offers

<https://news.bloomberglaw.com/daily-labor-report/labor-department-to-lose-20-of-staff-to-fork-resignation-offer>

Apr 22 - What the dismantling of the Education Department means for its data

<https://fedscoop.com/what-the-dismantling-of-the-education-department-means-for-its-data/>



Apr 22 - EIA Cuts Threaten the U.S. Energy Transition

<https://nationalinterest.org/blog/energy-world/eia-cuts-threaten-the-u-s-energy-transition>

Apr 23 - The Switch: The Changing Conditions Behind the New GDPNow Model

<https://www.atlantafed.org/blogs/macroblog/2025/04/23/the-switch-changing-conditions-behind-new-gdpnow-model>

Apr 24 – LDF Sues U.S. Department of Education on Behalf of Education Research Organizations Over Discontinuation of Critical Demographic Data Collection

<https://www.naacpldf.org/press-release/ldf-sues-u-s-department-of-education-on-behalf-of-education-research-organizations-over-discontinuation-of-critical-demographic-data-collection/>

Apr 24 – BJS Statement on the Release of Unredacted Mortality in Correctional Institutions (MCI) Data

<https://bjs.ojp.gov/announcement/bjs-statement-release-unredacted-mortality-correctional-institutions-mci-data>

New Since last Weekly Update

Apr 30 - Diabetes deaths fall to lowest levels in years, in early CDC figures

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/diabetes-deaths-lowest-levels-years-early-cdc-figures/>

Apr 30 – Some of America’s Most Important Economic Data is Dying

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2025-04-30/why-us-labor-statistics-and-other-data-are-deteriorating-jobs-report>

Apr 28 - All-Cause Mortality and Life Expectancy by Birth Cohort Across US States

https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamanetworkopen/fullarticle/2833159#google_vignette

Apr 27 - Measles could return to endemic status if US vaccination rates fall further

<https://www.news-medical.net/news/20250427/Measles-could-return-to-endemic-status-if-US-vaccination-rates-fall-further.aspx>

Apr 25 - CAP Comments on the Census Bureau’s Proposed Race-Ethnicity Code List for the ACS and the 2030 Census

<https://www.americanprogress.org/article/cap-comments-on-the-census-bureaus-proposed-race-ethnicity-code-list-for-the-acsc-and-the-2030-census/>

Apr 25 – USAFacts CEO urges Education Dept. to preserve data unit

<https://www.semafor.com/article/04/25/2025/usafacts-ceo-steve-ballmer-urges-education-department-to-preserve-data-unit>

Apr 25 - Feds Accused Of Illegal Education Data Collection Rollback

<https://www.law360.com/employment-authority/other/articles/2330009/feds-accused-of-illegal-education-data-collection-rollback>



Apr 24 - Americans went on a shopping spree to beat tariffs

<https://qz.com/march-u-s-shopping-behavior-census-bureau-tariffs-1851777738>



Upcoming Events

COPAFS Quarterly Meeting: June 6

The next Quarterly Meeting will be held on **Friday, June 6, 2025**. The meeting will be held at the AERA Convening Center (1430 K St, NW) with a virtual option available. The agenda will be posted in May.

Mark your calendars for subsequent Quarterly Meetings in 2025:

- Friday, September 5
- Friday, December 5

A friendly reminder that you can download the presentations from our Quarterly Meetings at <https://copafs.org/meetings-events/quarterly-meetings/>. You can also view the recordings of past Quarterly Meetings on the Members Only [site](#).

AAPOR 80th Annual Conference: May 14-16

The 80th Annual Conference of the American Association for Public Opinion Research will take place on May 14-16 at the St. Louis Union Station Hotel in St. Louis, MO. The conference theme is “Reshaping Democracy’s Oracle: Transforming Polls, Surveys, and the Measurement of Public Opinion in the Age of AI.” For more information, click [here](#).

2025 ACS Data Users Conference: May 29 & June 3

The 2025 American Community Survey (ACS) Data Users Conference will be held on May 29 (virtual) and June 3 (in-person), 2025. We will have virtual breakout sessions with remote attendees on May 29, 2025 and in-person networking, plenary discussions, and roundtable listening sessions on June 3, 2025.

For more information, go to <https://acsdatacommunity.prb.org/p/conferences>

2025 FCSM Conference is Cancelled

The in-person FCSM Annual Conference scheduled for October 21-23, 2025 at the University of Maryland, College Park is cancelled. The FCSM Planning Committee is exploring alternative approaches to this year’s conference. When available, information will be posted on <https://fcsmconf.org/> and circulated via email.



Agency Releases

Bureau of Economic Analysis (DOC)

- Apr 30 – [GDP 1st Quarter 2025 \(Advance Estimate\)](#). Real gross domestic product (GDP) decreased at an annual rate of 0.3 percent in the first quarter of 2025 (January, February, and March). In the fourth quarter of 2024, real GDP increased 2.4 percent.
- Apr 2 - [Arts and Cultural Production Satellite Account, U.S. and States, 2023](#). The Arts and Cultural Production Satellite Account shows that arts and cultural economic activity, adjusted for inflation, increased 6.6 percent in 2023 after increasing 3.8 percent in 2022. By comparison, the broader economy, as measured by real gross domestic product (GDP), increased 2.9 percent in 2023 after increasing 2.5 percent in 2022. Arts and cultural economic activity accounted for 4.2 percent of GDP, or \$1.17 trillion, in 2023.

Bureau of Justice Statistics (DOJ)

- Apr 9 - [Maternal Healthcare and Pregnancy Prevalence and Outcomes in Prisons, 2023](#). In the 47 jurisdictions that reported pregnancy testing data, 88% of female admissions were tested for pregnancy during 2023. Sixty percent of pregnant women in the custody of state and federal correctional authorities were white, 20% were black, 9% were Hispanic, 4% were American Indian or Alaska Native, and 2% were Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Other Pacific Islander. Between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023, 727 pregnancy outcomes—including live births, miscarriages, and abortions—were reported in 49 jurisdictions.
- Apr 8 - [Jail Inmates in 2023 – Statistical Tables](#). At midyear 2023, local jails held 664,200 persons in custody, similar to midyear 2022 (663,100) and marking a 9% decrease in the inmate population compared to a decade ago (731,200). Between 2020 and 2023, the number of adults in local jails increased by 21%, while the population of individuals age 65 and over grew disproportionately by 78%. There were 198 persons incarcerated in jail per 100,000 U.S. residents at midyear 2023, down from 231 inmates per 100,000 at midyear 2013.

Bureau of Labor Statistics (DOL)

- Apr 29 – [Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment – March 2025](#). Unemployment rates were higher in March than a year earlier in 279 of the 387 metropolitan areas, lower in 72 areas, and unchanged in 36 areas. A total of 25 areas had jobless rates of less than 3.0 percent and 10 areas had rates of at least 8.0 percent. Nonfarm payroll employment increased over the year in 23 metropolitan areas, decreased in 1 area, and was essentially unchanged in 363 areas. The national unemployment rate in March was 4.2 percent, not seasonally adjusted, up from 3.9 percent a year earlier.
- Apr 24 – [Productivity and Costs by Industry: Manufacturing & Mining Industries – 2024](#). Labor productivity decreased in 52 of the 86 four-digit NAICS manufacturing industries in 2024. Among durable manufacturing industries, 22 of 51 had productivity increases in 2024, led by a gain of 17.2 percent in the household appliances industry. Productivity rose in 11 of 35 nondurable goods manufacturing industries, led by a 12.5-percent gain in fiber, yarn, and thread mills. Productivity fell in 4 of the 5 mining industries in 2024 with the greatest decrease occurring in the metal ore mining industry (-10.6 percent). Among industries with more than 350,000 workers, aerospace products and parts had the largest productivity



decline in 2024 (-7.0 percent) while electronic instruments recorded the highest productivity gain (2.8 percent).

Bureau of Transportation Statistics (DOT)

- Apr 15 – [2024 Annual Average Domestic Air Fare Decreases from 2023](#). The average U.S. domestic air fare in the fourth quarter of 2024 was \$398, increasing 8.5% from an inflation-adjusted third quarter 2024 fare of \$366.
- Apr 11 – [Transportation Producer Price Index – March 2025](#). PPI reflects the change in the costs faced by producers purchasing transportation services and industries producing them, from March 2024 to March 2025. The PPI measures inflation from the perspective of costs to industry or producers of products. Transportation equipment PPI indicate the changes in transportation equipment prices faced by transportation providers, and any increase, increases providers costs. The PPI shows that prices increased for freight transportation and equipment 1.6% in March 2025 from March 2024.

Census Bureau (DOC)

- Apr 24 – [Economic Census Establishment and Firm Size Statistics](#). The Wholesale Trade (NAICS 42) sector had 14,320 establishments with sales of \$100 million or more, the highest among all sectors. The Health Care and Social Assistance (NAICS 62) sector had the most establishments (4,360) of any sector with 500 or more employees, amounting to a combined 7,164,388 employees and \$518.4 billion in annual payroll. The 50 largest firms in terms of revenue in the Information sector consisted of 34,617 establishments with \$1.3 trillion in revenue, out of a total of \$2.2 trillion in revenue for the entire sector. This sector also had the highest concentration of revenue for the top 50 firms of any sector as measured by the Herfindahl-Hirschman Index, or HHI. The HHI is a common measure of industry concentration.
- Apr 15 - [Annual Survey of State Government Tax Collections Data Release](#). STC provides information on different taxes imposed and collected by state governments and the District of Columbia. These data cover five broad tax categories and up to 25 tax subcategories. The U.S. Congress, federal agencies, state and local governments, educational and research organizations, and the public use this information to examine and develop such things as tax policy, gross domestic product (GDP) estimates, and national income and product accounts.

Economic Research Service (USDA)

- Apr 30 - [Growing Demand for Broken Rice for Feed and Food: The Implications for Global Trade](#). Rice is one of the world's most widely cultivated and consumed crops, and the efficient operation of the rice market is a critical concern for global food security. Broken rice (a byproduct of milling) is sold at a lower price than full grain rice for direct consumption, animal feed, or for industrial use. A potential exists that increased demand for broken rice for feed and industrial use could affect importing countries that depend on broken rice for food.
- Apr 24 - [Assessing the Recent Shift in the Price Relationship Between India's and Global Grain Markets](#). In response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and unprecedented



food inflation, India's Government doubled the amount of wheat and rice provided to food insecure households through its food distribution programs. In the years that followed the expansion of these programs, the Government of India also implemented trade restrictions on staple food items, including rice and wheat. However, imports of genetically engineered soybean products were excluded from India's trade restrictions. Although some program details and trade restrictions have changed, these types of policies remained in effect through April 2024. This report investigates the underlying price relationship between international grain and oilseed prices and domestic market prices in India before and after implementing the new policy framework.

Energy Information Administration (DOE)

- Apr 15 – [Annual Energy Outlook 2025](#). U.S. energy consumption decreases in the next several years and doesn't increase again until the early 2040s through 2050. U.S. energy consumption in 2050 is lower than in 2024 in most of the scenarios modeled in AEO2025, but the range of outcomes varies significantly based on the underlying assumptions in the scenarios EIA analyzed.
- Apr 10 – [Short Term Energy Outlook – April 2025](#). Recent developments in global trade policy and oil production will likely contribute to lower global demand growth for petroleum products through 2026, which contributes to significantly lower oil prices than previously forecast. The STEO is based on current market conditions, and in the first week of April, numerous developments affected the global market—especially oil markets. On April 2, President Donald J. Trump signed an Executive Order announcing a minimum 10% tariff on imports from all countries, which also included higher tariffs on some countries. On April 4, China responded by imposing 34% tariffs on imports from the United States. Amid the tariff announcements, OPEC+ members announced on April 3 that some countries will start oil production increases in May that were originally set for July.

National Agricultural Statistics Service (USDA)

- Apr 24 – [Census of Agriculture Data for American Samoa & Guam](#). In American Samoa, There were 7,157 farms, up 13% or 828 farms from 2018. Land in farms totaled 9,253 acres, with an average farm size of 1.3 acres. The total value of sales was \$ 35.3 million, with an average value of \$ 4,932 per farm. In Guam, There were 583 farms, an increase of 319 farms since the last census in 2018. Land in farms totaled 2,848 acres, with an average farm size of 4.9 acres. The total value of sales was \$ 6,162,085 million, with an average value of \$ 10,570 per farm.

National Center for Education Statistics (IES)

- Apr - [Revenues and Expenditures for Public Elementary and Secondary Education: School Year 2022–23](#). The 50 states and the District of Columbia reported \$981.8 billion in revenues collected for public elementary and secondary education in FY 23. State and local governments provided \$855.4 billion, or 87.1 percent of all revenues. The federal government contributed \$126.4 billion, or 12.9 percent of all revenues.



National Center for Health Statistics (CDC)

- Apr 23 - [Births: Provisional Data for 2024](#). The provisional number of births for the United States in 2024 was 3,622,673, up 1% from 2023. The general fertility rate was 54.6 births per 1,000 females ages 15–44, an increase of less than 1% from 2023. The total fertility rate was 1,626.5 births per 1,000 women in 2024, an increase of less than 1% from 2023.
- Apr 16 - [Characteristics of Adults Age 18 and Older Who Took Prescription Medication for Depression: United States, 2023](#). In 2023, the percentage of adults age 18 and older who took prescription medication for depression was 11.4%. Women (15.3%) were more than twice as likely to take medication for depression than men (7.4%). White non-Hispanic adults and adults who are multiple races were more likely to take medication for depression compared with all other race and Hispanic-origin groups.

National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NSF)

- Apr 10 - [A Brief Annotated History of Federal R&D Obligations: FYs 1951–2024](#). Obligations represent the amount for orders placed, contracts awarded, services received, and similar transactions during a given period, regardless of when the funds were appropriated or when future payment of money is required. Throughout the past 75 years, these data reflect shifts in emphasis of U.S. science and technology (S&T) policy and thereby R&D obligations.



Federal Register Notices

There were 16 federal register notices posted by federal statistical agencies from March 26, 2025 to April 25, 2025. Links to each of these notices are organized by agency below.

Bureau of Economic Analysis (DOC) – No New Notices

Bureau of Justice Statistics (DOJ) – 1 New Notice

Date	Notice
Apr 4	Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Extension of a Previously Approved Collection; National Use-of-Force Data Collection

Bureau of Labor Statistics (DOL) – 4 New Notices

Date	Notice
Apr 24	Information Collection Activities; Comment Request: Pretest of the NLSY 2027
Apr 18	Information Collection Activities; Comment Request: Extension of Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses
Apr 10	Information Collection Activities; Comment Request: Extension of Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries
Mar 28	Information Collection Activities; Comment Request: Extension of American Time Use Survey

Bureau of Transportation Statistics (DOT) – No New Notices

Census Bureau (DOC) – 10 New Notices

Date	Notice
Apr 18	Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; American Community Survey (ACS) Methods Panel Tests
Apr 18	Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; National Sample Survey of Registered Nurses
Apr 14	Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; 2026 Government Units Survey; Cancellation
Apr 4	Current Mandatory Business Surveys
Apr 4	Geographically Updated Population Certification Program
Mar 31	Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Annual Business Survey
Mar 31	Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Business Trends and Outlook Survey
Mar 31	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



Mar 31	Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; EEO Initial Informal Complaint Contact Sheet Common Form
Mar 26	Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; High Frequency Surveys/Household Trends and Outlook Pulse Survey (HTOPS); Correction

Economic Research Service (USDA) – No New Notices

Energy Information Administration (DOE) – No New Notices

National Agricultural Statistics Service (USDA) – No New Notices

National Center for Education Statistics (DOEd) – 1 New Notice

<i>Date</i>	<i>Notice</i>
Apr 18	Governing Board Meeting: April 21, 2025

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

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