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COPAFS Update

December 5, 2025

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Executive Director

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- H.R. 151 – Letter Opposing the Equal Representation Act
  - Mark-up on Dec 2 (20 Yea, 19 Nay)
- Section 605
  - Approved by House Appropriations Committee
  - Limits federal data collection (save decennial) to voluntary and no more than 2 contact attempts

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Friends of BLS Update

- **Sep 11:** Statement of Support of BLS Mission, Leadership and Staff
- **Oct 23:** Friends of BLS Member Webinar
- **Nov 12:** 2025 Government Shutdown FAQs on BLS Data
- **Nov 25:** Letter to Senate & House Leadership asking for no less than the House FY26 Mark for BLS - $714M

2026 FCSM Conference

- Scheduled for 2 days in March, 2026
- Will take place at the Suitland Federal Center
- Registration will be limited to federal employees only
- Received 193 abstracts – a record!
- Acceptance Notifications will be sent mid-December

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2026 COPAFS Meeting Calendar

Shifting the Quarterly Meeting from First Friday to Second Friday

Mark you Calendars for:

- Friday, March 13
- Friday, June 12
- Friday, September 11
- Friday, December 11

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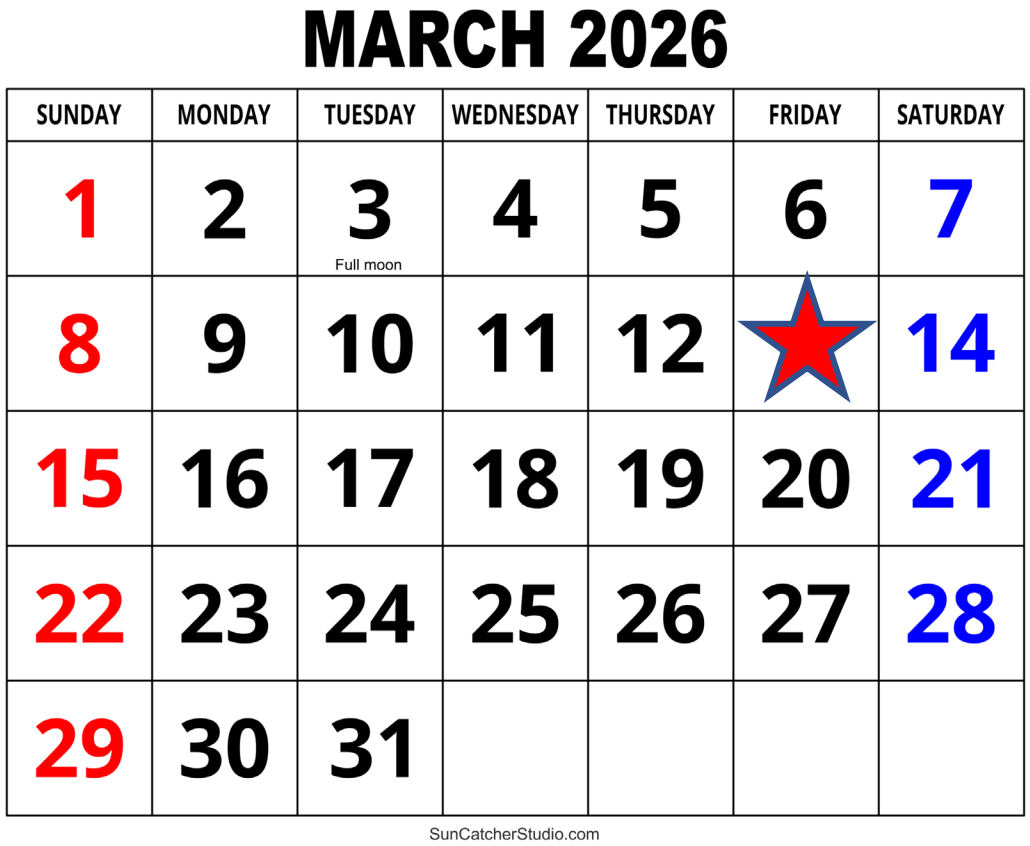
Save the Date!

The Next COPAFS Quarterly Meeting is on . . .

Friday, March 13, 2026



Subsequent 2026 Quarterly Meetings will be held on:

- Friday, June 12
- Friday, September 11
- Friday, December 11

Agenda

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9:30 – 9:40	*Welcome and Report from the Board of Directors*
9:40 – 10:00	*COPAFS Update* **Paul Schroeder, Executive Director**
10:00 – 11:00	*Why it's time to revisit Data Governance Policy* **Jake Pasner, MDI**
11:00 – 12:00	*It is Better to be Roughly Correct, Than Precisely Wrong: The Case of the Household Food Security Survey* **Spiro Stefanou, former ERS Commissioner***
12:00 – 1:15	Lunch Break
1:15 – 2:15	*Federal Statistics for Economic Security* **Chris Borges and Andrew Reamer, CSIS**
2:15 – 2:30	*Break*
2:30 – 3:30	*Update on the Federal Statistical System* **Mark Calabria, U.S. Chief Statistician**
3:30 – 4:00	*Business Meeting*
4:00	*Adjourn*