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UPCOMING MEETINGS

PLEASE NOTE

The National Academies is holding some meetings in person with a virtual option and others fully virtual; virtual options are available for all public meetings. All times are Eastern.

September 21 11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Policies and Programs to Reduce Intergenerational Poverty Report Release Webinar. For more information and to register for this virtual webinar, go <u>here</u> .
September 29 12:00 – 12:45 pm	What is the Future of Behavioral Economics and Public Policy? Takeaways from <i>Behavioral Economics: Policy Impact and Future Directions</i> . For more information and to register for this virtual webinar, go <u>here</u> .
September 29 3:00 – 5:00 pm	CNSTAT Public Seminar: <i>An Updated Measure of Poverty: (Re)Drawing the Line.</i> For more information and to register to attend in person or virtually, go <u>here</u> .

PEOPLE NEWS

CNSTAT Thanks Alex Piquero for His Service as Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics

Alex Piquero, who was appointed as director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) in June 2022, has returned to the University of Miami to resume his teaching and research. He is professor of sociology & criminology and arts & sciences distinguished scholar at Miami. BJS said that he "elevated BJS's public profile by engaging with stakeholders to share information about the scope and value of statistics produced by BJS." During his tenure, BJS launched new data visualization features and a new report series, *Just the Stats*, aimed at presenting important data on key crime and justice questions in easily digestible ways.

CNSTAT Congratulates Samuel (Chris) Haffer and Nancy Potok on their <u>Election as ASA Fellows</u> for their professional contributions, leadership, and commitment to the field of statistical science. Chris Haffer is the former Chief Data Officer for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and Nancy Potok is the former Chief Statistician of the United States.

CNSTAT Congratulates Karen Kafadar and Vijayan Nair on Receiving ASA Founders Awards

The American Statistical Association (ASA) Founders Award recognizes individuals who have provided distinguished service to the association over a long term and with lasting impact. Two former CNSTAT members received 2023 Founders Awards:

• Karen Kafadar received a 2023 Founders Award "for nearly 30 years of service to the ASA, including serving as council representative for the Colorado-Wyoming Chapter, editor of *Technometrics*, JSM

program chair for the Section on Physical and Engineering Sciences, and chair of the Section on Statistical Computing on two separate occasions; for service on nine ASA committees and task forces, including outstanding leadership on the Forensic Science Advisory Committee and Climate Change Advisory Committee; for two terms as a member of the Committee on Publications and two terms on the ASA Board of Directors as publications representative; and for outstanding leadership as the 2019 ASA president. She is Commonwealth professor of statistics at the University of Virginia and served on CNSTAT from 2006–2012.

• Vijay Nair received a 2023 Founders Award "for service to the ASA spanning more than 30 years; for leading the journal *Technometrics* as its editor and also by chairing its management committee; for serving on and chairing the Committee on Publications; for serving on the Outstanding Statistical Application Award Committee and Committee on Energy Statistics; for service on the selection committee for the International Prize in Statistics; for leadership on the Committee on Nominations, particularly developing and clarifying procedures; and for providing guidance and wise advice to the association on many occasions." He is Donald A. Darling professor emeritus of statistics at the University of Michigan and served on CNSTAT from 2002–2008.

SPECIAL RESOURCES



In case you missed it, we have a fantastic new <u>video</u> out about the value of objective national data and statistics. We're certain you know someone who would like to see it—or better yet, some organization that would like to share it. Will you take 3 minutes to check it out and then send it to a colleague?

Also take a look at our interactive site on CNSTAT's data infrastructure series.

RECENT EVENTS AND REPORTS

CNSTAT Special Seminar Series—International Approaches to Conducting a Census in the 21st Century:

Office of National Statistics, United Kingdom, May 18, 2023 Statistics Canada, May 24, 2023 Australian Bureau of Statistics, May 31, 2023 Statistics New Zealand, June 7, 2023

Videos and other materials now available on this site.

Toward a Vision for a New Data Infrastructure for Federal Statistics and Social and Economic Research in the 21st Century Workshop 3: Approaches to Sharing Blended Data in a 21st Century Data Infrastructure, May 22, 23, and 25, 2023 Videos and other materials now available on this site.

Enhancing Survey Programs by Using Multiple Data Sources, April 24, 2023 Video and other materials available from this <u>site</u>.

Approaches to Improve the Measurement of Suicide in Law Enforcement in the United States: A Workshop, April 25-26, 2023

Video and other materials available from this site.

Workshop on Considerations for Returning Individual Genomic Results from Population-Based Surveys: Focus on the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, December 2, 7, and 8, 2022

Video and other materials available from this site.

Celebrating 50 Years of CNSTAT and Looking to the Future: Toward a 21st Century National Data Infrastructure, October 13, 2022 Video and other materials available from this site.



REMINDER: Slides from previous CNSTAT public seminars are available on the CNSTAT homepage.



Considerations for Returning Individual Genomic Results from Population-Based Surveys: Focus on the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey: Proceedings of a Workshop was released July 24, 2023 (pre-publication). Free PDFs are available <u>here</u>.

The National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) is a population survey that also administers a physical examination, collects biospecimens, and reports some test results (e.g., cholesterol levels) to the participant. While in the process of redesigning the NHANES program for 2025 and beyond, the CDC sponsored a workshop in 2022 to assist NHANES in thinking through the many logistic and ethical issues that must be considered when returning genomic data to study participants.

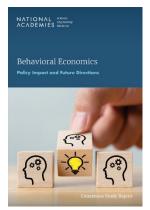
The Committee on National Statistics (CNSTAT) of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine convened a workshop on Considerations for Returning Individual Genomic Results from Population-Based Surveys: Focus on the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, which was held virtually and live-streamed on December 2, 7, and 8, 2022. The workshop was to assist NCHS and other organizations in considering whether and how they might best return genomic results to survey participants in both a timely and ethical manner. This report summarizes the presentations and discussions from this workshop.



2020 Census Data Products: Demographic and Housing Characteristics File: Proceedings of a Workshop was released May 2, 2023. Free PDFs are available <u>here</u>.

The U.S. Census Bureau's Demographic and Housing Characteristics (DHC) file is an important source of data for local governments - particularly those with small populations – as well as many other data users in the federal, state, academic, and business sectors. Importantly, DHC data have ramifications for measuring diversity because it provides age, sex, race, ethnicity, and household characteristics.

To assist the Census Bureau with its new disclosure avoidance system for 2020 Census data products, the Committee on National Statistics convened a public workshop on June 21-22, 2022 focusing specifically on the DHC. The disclosure avoidance system implements a new approach to protect the confidentiality and privacy of respondents. The workshop garnered feedback from users on the usability of the privacy-protected data by evaluating DHC demonstration files produced with the TopDown Algorithm for 2010 Census data. Participants included demographers; academics; and local, state, and federal government officials, who provided feedback on the parameters of the TopDown Algorithm for the 2020 DHC.



Behavioral Economics—Policy Impact and Future Directions, a consensus report, co-chaired by Alison Buttenheim (University of Pennsylvania) and Robert Moffitt (Johns Hopkins University), and sponsored by the National Institutes of Health, the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, and the W.W. Kellogg Foundations, was released April 25, 2023. Free PDFs are available <u>here</u>.

Behavioral economics—a field based in collaborations among economists and psychologists—focuses on integrating a nuanced understanding of behavior into models of decision-making. Since the mid-20th century, this growing field has produced research in numerous domains and has influenced policymaking, research, and marketing. However, little has been done to assess these contributions and review evidence of their use in the policy arena. *Behavioral*

Economics: Policy Impact and Future Directions examines the evidence for behavioral economics and its application in six public policy domains: health, retirement benefits, climate change, social safety net benefits, climate change, education, and criminal justice. The report concludes that the principles of behavioral economics are indispensable for the design of policy and recommends integrating behavioral specialists into policy development within government units. In addition, the report calls for strengthening research methodology and identifies research priorities for building on the accomplishments of the field to date.





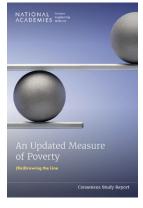


Toward a 21st Century National Data Infrastructure: Enhancing Survey Programs by Using Multiple Data Sources, a consensus report, chaired by Sharon Lohr (Arizona State University, emerita) and sponsored by the National Science Foundation, was released March 31, 2023. Free PDFs are available <u>here</u>. Also, check out our <u>interactive site</u> on data infrastructure series.

Much of the statistical information currently produced by federal statistical agencies—information about economic, social, and physical well-being that is essential for the functioning of modern society— comes from sample surveys. In recent years, there has been a proliferation of data from other sources, including data collected by government agencies while administering programs, satellite and sensor data, private-sector data such as electronic health records

and credit card transaction data, and massive amounts of data available on the internet. How can these data sources be used to enhance the information currently collected on surveys, and to provide new frontiers for producing information and statistics to benefit American society?

Toward a 21st Century National Data Infrastructure: Enhancing Survey Programs by Using Multiple Data Sources, the second report in a series funded by the National Science Foundation, discusses how use of multiple data sources can improve the quality of national and subnational statistics while promoting data equity. This report explores implications of combining survey data with other data sources through examples relating to the areas of income, health, crime, and agriculture.



An Updated Measure of Poverty: (Re)Drawing the Line, a consensus report, chaired by James Ziliak (University of Kentucky) and sponsored by the U.S. Census Bureau, was released March 29, 2023. Free PDFs are available here.

An accurate measure of poverty is essential for determining the size and composition of the population whose basic needs are going unmet and to help society target resources to address those needs. Poverty statistics are also necessary to fully understand how the economy is performing across all segments of the population and to assess the effects of government policies on the wellbeing of communities and families. *An Updated Measure of Poverty: (Re)Drawing the Line* recommends updating the methodology used by the Census Bureau to calculate the Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM) to more

accurately reflect households' basic needs and estimate their resources available to meet those needs. This report recommends that the more comprehensive SPM replace the current Official Poverty Measure as the primary statistical measure of poverty produced by the Census Bureau. The report assesses the strengths and weaknesses of the SPM and provides recommendations for updating its approach to handling key basic needs—such as medical care, childcare, and housing—of American families.



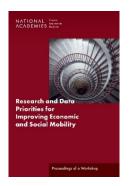
An Assessment of the Need for Native Seeds and the Capacity for their Supply: Final Report, a consensus report, chaired by Susan Harrison (University of California, Davis) and sponsored by the Bureau of Land Management, was released January 26, 2023. Free PDFs are available here.

Extreme weather and wildfires, intensified by climate change, are damaging the native plant communities of landscapes across the United States. Native plant communities are foundational to thriving ecosystems, delivering goods and services that regulate the environment and support life, provide food and shelter for a wide range of native animals, and embody a wealth of genetic information with many beneficial applications. Restoring impaired ecosystems

requires a supply of diverse native plant seeds that are well suited to the climates, soils, and other living species of the system. This report examines the needs for native plant restoration and other activities, provides recommendations for improving the reliability, predictability, and performance of the native seed supply, and presents an ambitious agenda for action.



Reassessment of the Department of Veterans Affairs Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry



Research and Data Priorities for Improving Economic and Social Mobility: Proceedings of a Workshop



Toward a 21st Century National Data Infrastructure: Mobilizing Information for the Common Good





Innovation, Global Value Chains, and Globalization Measurement—Proceedings of a Workshop Evaluation of Compensation Data Collected Through the EEO-1 Form

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OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

JSSAM issues call for editors; applications due September 15, 2023	The American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR), the American Statistical Association (ASA), and publisher Oxford University Press invite applications and nominations for co-editors for the <i>Journal of Survey Statistics and Methodology (JSSAM)</i> . This team will succeed the current co-editors Kristen Olson (survey methodology) and Jenny Thompson (survey statistics). The deadline for applications is September 15, 2023. JSSAM's objective is to publish cutting-edge scholarly articles on statistical and methodological issues for sample surveys, censuses, administrative record systems, and other related data. For more information on JSSAM's aims and scope, please see http://jssam.oxfordjournals.org/ . For information on nominations and applications, email Gina Walejko at jssam.search@gmail.com.
Nominations for 2030 Census Advisory Committee due September 30, 2023	The Census Bureau issued a <i>Federal Register</i> notice, August 25, 2023, establishing a 2030 Census Advisory Committee and requesting nominations of members representing stakeholder organizations, groups, interests, and viewpoints. Nominations are due by September 30. See <u>here</u> for more information and how to submit nominations.
Comments on proposed "Trust Regulation" due October 2, 2023	The chief statistician's office in the U.S Office of Management and Budget issued a <i>Federal Register</i> notice on August 18, 2023, inviting public comment on a proposed rule to promote public trust in federal statistics (referred to as the "Trust Regulation"). The summary states: Public trust in Federal statistics is essential to their value and use in informing decisions across public and private sectors. To promote public trust in the statistical agencies and units that produce Federal statistics, the Office of Management and Budget proposes to issue regulations pursuant to Title III of the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018 (Evidence Act) that provide direction to statistical agencies and units. These proposed regulations also would provide direction to other Federal agencies to enable, support, and facilitate statistical agencies and units in carrying out four

fundamental responsibilities: produce and disseminate relevant and timely statistical information, conduct credible and accurate statistical activities, conduct objective statistical activities, and ensure the confidentiality and exclusive statistical use of data collected for statistical purposes. Comments are due October 2. See <u>here</u> for more information and how to comment.

Comments on proposed revision to Statistical Policy Directive No. 3 due October 24, 2023 The chief statistician's office in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued a *Federal Register* notice on August 25, 2023, inviting public comment on a proposed revision to Statistical Policy Directive No. 3, Compilation, Release, and Evaluation of Principal Federal Economic Indicators, to change the timing of public comments by employees of the executive branch. The summary states:

The procedures in Directive No. 3, published in 1985, were designed to ensure equitable, policy-neutral, and timely release and dissemination of Principal Federal Economic Indicators (PFEIs). The goals of Directive No. 3 remain sound; this Notice proposes updates to procedures consistent with these goals to reflect advances in communication technologies and methods. In particular, OMB proposes to modify the provision, "employees of the Executive Branch shall not comment publicly on the data until at least one hour after the official release time," by replacing "one hour" with "thirty minutes."

Comments are due October 24. See <u>here</u> for more information and how to comment.

Congratulations to the Bureau of Justice Statistics on the 50th Anniversary of the National Crime Victimization Survey On September 27, 2023, the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS)—a principal federal statistical agency and one of CNSTAT's core sponsors—will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) with events at the U.S. Department of Justice that are free and open to the public for <u>registration</u>. The NCVS is one of the nation's largest household surveys. It collects self-report data including whether respondents reported their victimization(s) to the police and reasons why if they did not. A <u>historical timeline</u> of the NCVS and observations from past BJS directors provides background on this ongoing, national survey.

One of CNSTAT's first reports was *Surveying Crime* published in 1976 when the survey was called the National Crime Survey (NCS), renamed the NCVS after an extensive redesign. The first supplement to the NCVS was introduced in 1989 when the National Center for Education Statistics sponsored the School Crime Supplement. CNSTAT's outgoing chair, Robert Groves, chaired the panel for *Surveying Victims: Options for Conducting the National Crime Victimization Survey* published in 2008. Key milestones for the NCVS and the upcoming full implementation of another redesign can be found <u>here</u>.

CURRENT PROJECT PORTFOLIO (listed by sponsor)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Consensus Panel on Evaluation and Improvements to the Supplemental Poverty Measure

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau
Duration: September 2020–December 2023
Study director: Christopher Mackie; senior scholar: Constance Citro; project assistant: Anthony Mann
Chair: James Ziliak (University of Kentucky)
Publication: Consensus report (pre-publication) released March 29, 2023 (see "Recent Events and Reports" above)
Meetings: Last public meeting held January 2022; see this site for more information
Consensus Study for a Roadmap for Disclosure Avoidance in the Survey of Income and

Consensus Study for a Roadmap for Disclosure Avoidance in the Survey of Income and Program Participation

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau
Duration: September 2021–March 2024
Study director: Brad Chaney; senior program officers: David Johnson and Nancy Kirkendall; project assistant: Madeleine Goedicke
Chair: Trivellore (Raghu) Raghunathan (University of Michigan)
Publication planned: Consensus report is in response to review
Meetings: Closed meeting held June 22, 2023; see this <u>site</u> for more information

Consensus Panel to Review and Evaluate the Quality of the 2020 Census

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: May 2021–October 2023

Study director: Daniel Cork; senior scholar: Constance Citro; senior program officers: Michael Cohen and Katrina Stone; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Chair: Teresa Sullivan (University of Virginia)

Publication planned: Interim consensus report, Understanding Quality in the 2020 Census: Interim Report, released April 7, 2022 ; final consensus report is in response to review

Meetings: Closed meeting held May 2, 2023; see this site for more information

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Consensus Committee on Future Directions for Applying Behavioral Economics to Policy (*led by Board*

on Behavioral, Cognitive, and Sensory Sciences)

Sponsors: National Institutes of Health, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, W.K. Kellogg Foundation **Duration:** January–December 2023

Study Director: Molly Checksfield Dorries; senior program officer: Christopher Mackie

Chair: Alison Buttenheim (University of Pennsylvania)

Publication: Consensus report (pre-publication) released April 25, 2023 (see "Recent Events and Reports" above)

Meetings: Closed meeting held November 30-December 1, 2022; Webinar September 29, 2023; see this <u>site</u> for more information

Consensus Committee on Policies and Programs to Reduce Intergenerational Poverty (*led by Board on Children, Youth, and Families*)

Sponsors: Administration for Children and Families, Bainum Family Foundation, Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, Foundation for Child Development, National Academy of Sciences W.K. Kellogg Fund, Russell Sage Foundation, W.K. Kellogg Foundation

Duration: September 2021–September 2024

Study Director: Jennifer Gootman; senior scholar: Constance Citro; senior program officer: Christopher Mackie

Chair: Greg Duncan (UC Irvine)

Publication planned: Consensus report has been approved and is being prepared for release

Meetings: Closed meeting held February 9-10, 2023; Webinar September 21, 2023; see this <u>site</u> for more information

Workshop on Considerations for Returning Individual Genomic Results from Population-Based Surveys with a Focus on the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey

Sponsor: National Center for Health Statistics

Duration: May 2022–February 2024

Study Director: Celeste Stone; project assistant: Alex Henderson

Chair: Jeffrey R. Botkin (University of Utah)

Publication: Workshop proceedings (pre-publication) released July 24, 2023 (see "Recent Events and Reports" above)

Workshop: Held December 2, 7, and 8, 2022; see this site for more information and workshop materials

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Workshop on Approaches to Improve the Measurement of Suicide in Law Enforcement in the U.S.

Sponsor: Bureau of Justice Statistics

Duration: September 2022—November 2023

Study director: Katrina Stone; project assistant: Madeleine Goedicke

Co-chairs: Joel Greenhouse (Carnegie Mellon University) and Vickie Mays (UCLA)

Publication planned: Workshop proceedings has been approved and is being prepared for release **Workshop**: Workshop held April 25-26, 2023; see this <u>site</u> for more information

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Impacts of Alternative Compensation Methods on Commercial Motor Vehicle Driver Retention and Safety Performance (*led by Transportation Research Board*)

Sponsor: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Duration: July 2022–July 2024

Study director: Noel Popwell; senior program officer: Brad Chaney

Chair: B. Starr McMullen (Oregon State University)

Publication planned: Consensus report

Meetings: Meeting (open and closed sessions) held July 27, 2023; see this site for more information

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Toward a Vision for a New Data Infrastructure for Federal Statistics and Social and Economic Research in the 21st Century

Workshop 1: The Scope, Components, and Characteristics of a 21st Century Data Infrastructure
Sponsor: Division of Social and Economic Sciences
Duration: April 2021–March 2023
Study director: Thomas Mesenbourg; associate program officer: Michael Siri; associate program officer: Katelyn Stenger; program assistant: Joshua Lang
Chair: Robert Groves (Georgetown University)
Publication: Consensus report released in final March 3, 2023 (see "Recent Events and Reports" above)
Meetings: Workshop sessions held December 9 and 16, 2021; see this site for more information
Workshop 2: The Implications of Using Multiple Data Sources for Major Survey Programs

Sponsor: Division of Social and Economic Sciences Duration: April 2021–March 2023 Study director: Krisztina Marton (previously Daniel Weinberg); program assistant: Joshua Lang Chair: Sharon Lohr (Arizona State University, emerita) Publication: Consensus report released in final August 25, 2023 (see "Recent Events and Reports" above) Meetings: Workshop sessions held May 16 and 18, 2022; see this <u>site</u> for more information

Workshop 3: Approaches for Data Governance and Protecting Privacy

Sponsor: Division of Social and Economic Sciences
Duration: April 2021 – March 2024
Study director: Jennifer Park; senior program officer: Brad Chaney; project assistant: Anthony Mann; project assistant: Kevona Jones
Chair: Jerry Reiter (Duke University)
Publication planned: Consensus report is being drafted
Meetings: Workshop held May 22, 23, and 25, 2023; see this site for more information

THE SPIEGEL FAMILY FUND; THE OMIDYAR NETWORK; THE WILLIAM AND FLORA HEWLETT FOUNDATION; THE ALFRED P. SLOAN FOUNDATION

Consensus Panel on an Integrated System of Household Income, Wealth, and Consumption Data and Statistics to Inform Policy and Research

Sponsors: Spiegel Family Fund, Omidyar Network, William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation

Duration: January 2022–March 2024

Study director: David Johnson; senior scholar: Constance Citro; senior program officer: Christopher Mackie; program assistant: Alex Henderson

Chair: Tim Smeeding (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

Publication planned: Consensus report is being drafted

Meetings: Closed meeting held August 31, 2023; Public meeting held February 27, 2023; see this <u>site</u> for more information

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- <u>Attend</u> our public seminars, workshops, and events
- Engage with our ongoing project on envisioning a new national data infrastructure

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FUTURE MEETING DATES

154th CNSTAT Meeting	This meeting will be closed. The CNSTAT fall seminar, An Updated
October 12-13, 2023	Measure of Poverty: (Re)Drawing the Line, will be held in-person and
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