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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.

There are no open meetings currently scheduled, but please check our [website](#) for updates.

Call for Experts Submission deadline, October 22, 2023	Currenctly accepting nominations for a new Panel on Cybercrime Classification and Measurement. Learn more about the project and the expertise being sought [here](#).

PEOPLE NEWS

CNSTAT Congratulates Claudia Goldin on Receiving the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences

The Nobel committee in Stockholm on October 9, 2023, announced that Claudia Goldin, Henry Lee professor of economics at Harvard University and director of the NBER Development of the American Economy program from 1989 to 2017, will receive the 2023 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences for her pathbreaking work on women in the workforce. She is a member of the National Academy of Sciences and the American Philosophical Society and a fellow of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Society of Labor Economists (SOLE), the Econometric Society, and the Cliometric Society. She received the IZA Prize in Labor Economics and the Mincer Prize for life-time contributions to the field of labor economics from SOLE. She has a B.A. from Cornell University and a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. She is best known, and was so recognized by the Nobel committee, for her historical work on women in the U.S. economy. Her most influential papers in that area have concerned the history of women's quest for career and family, coeducation in higher education, the impact of the "Pill" on women's career and marriage decisions, women's surnames after marriage as a social indicator, the reasons why women are now the majority of undergraduates, and the new lifecycle of women's employment. For CNSTAT, she served as a member of the committee from 1990-1991 and as a member of the panel that produced *At What Price? Conceptualizing and Measuring Cost-of-Living and Price Indexes* in 2002 and of the panel that produced *Evaluation of Compensation Data Collected Through the EEO-1 Form* in 2023.

CNSTAT Mourns the Passing of Emerson Elliott

Emerson Elliott, former commissioner of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), died on September 26, 2023, at age 89. His career in federal statistics spanned nearly four decades. He led NCES for nearly 11 years and became the first presidentially appointed and Senate-confirmed NCES commissioner, serving from 1988 to 1995. He is widely credited with the establishment of NCES as a credible source of statistical information on public education in the United States, taking a critical report from CNSTAT (*Creating a Center for Education Statistics: A Time for Action*, 1986), as a challenge to improve the agency's quality standards and timeliness. Previously he led the Issues Analysis Staff in the

Office of the Under Secretary of Education, served as the deputy director of the National Institute of Education, and directed the U.S. Office of Management and Budget education branch when that was established in 1967. After retiring from the U.S. Department of Education, he served as Director of Special Projects at the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. He received presidential rank awards for meritorious and distinguished executive service and the 2011 American Educational Research Association (AERA) Distinguished Public Service in Education Award, and was a fellow of the American Statistical Association (ASA). He served as AERA's representative to the Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics for many years, chaired the National Academies Board on International Comparative Studies in Education, and, for ASA, was active in developing papers on the need for increased professional autonomy for NCES. He had an M.A. in public administration from the University of Michigan.

SPECIAL RESOURCES

In case you missed it, we have a fantastic new video 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 Public Seminar: *Modernizing Poverty Measurement,* **September 29, 2023**
Videos and other materials now available on this site.

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.

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

CNSTAT Public Seminar: *Enhancing Survey Programs by Using Multiple Data Sources,* **April 24, 2023**
Video and other materials available from this site.

Workshop: *Approaches to Improve the Measurement of Suicide in Law Enforcement in the United States,* **April 25-26, 2023**
Video and other materials available from this site.

Workshop: *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**
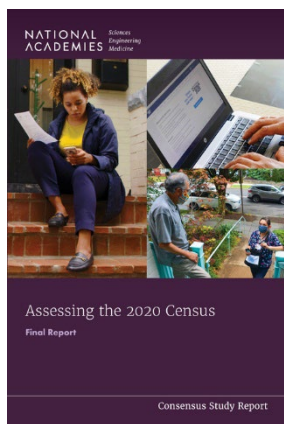Video and other materials available from this [site](#).

CNSTAT Public Seminar: *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](#).


Assessing the 2030 Census, a consensus report chaired by Teresa Sullivan (University of Virginia) and sponsored by the U.S. Census Bureau, was released October 3, 2023. Free PDFs are available [here](#).

Since 1790, the U.S. census has been a recurring, essential civic ceremony in which everyone counts; it reaffirms a commitment to equality among all, as political representation is explicitly tied to population counts.

This new report from the Committee on National Statistics assesses the quality of the 2020 Census and its constituent operations, drawing appropriate comparisons with prior censuses. The report looks at the extraordinary challenges the Census Bureau faced in conducting the census and provides guidance as it plans for the 2030 Census. The report encourages research and development as the goals and designs for the 2030 Census are developed, urging the Census Bureau to establish a true partnership with census data users and government partners at the state, local, tribal, and federal levels.
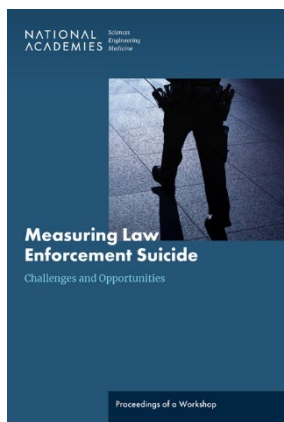
Measuring Law Enforcement Suicide: Challenges and Opportunies: Proceedings of a Workshop, was released September 26, 2023. Free PDFs are available [here](#).

From April 25-26, 2023, the Committee on National Statistics of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine convened a workshop to identify challenges in and opportunities for measuring suicide in the law enforcement occupation. Experts in the field met to identify ways to improve the measurement of suicide by current and former police and corrections officers, dispatchers, and other sworn and civilian personnel, in public and private organizations. This proceedings provides a synthesis of key themes identified during the workshop.

Reducing Intergenerational Poverty, a consensus report chaired by Greg Duncan (University of California, Irvine), and sponsored by the 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, and W.K. Kellogg Foundation, was released September 21, 2023. Free PDFs are available [here](#).

Experiencing poverty during childhood can lead to lasting harmful effects that compromise not only children's health and welfare but can also hinder future opportunities for economic mobility, which may be passed on to future generations. This cycle of economic disadvantage weighs heavily not only on children and families experiencing poverty but also the nation, reducing overall economic output and placing increased burden on the educational, criminal justice, and health care systems.

Reducing Intergenerational Poverty examines key drivers of long- term, intergenerational poverty, including the racial disparities and structural factors that contribute to this cycle. The report assesses existing research on the effects on intergenerational poverty of income assistance, education, health, and other intervention programs and identifies evidence-based programs and policies that have the potential to significantly reduce the effects of the key drivers of intergenerational poverty. The report also examines the disproportionate effect of disadvantage to different racial/ethnic groups. In addition, the report identifies high-priority gaps in the data and research needed to help develop effective policies for reducing intergenerational poverty in the United States.
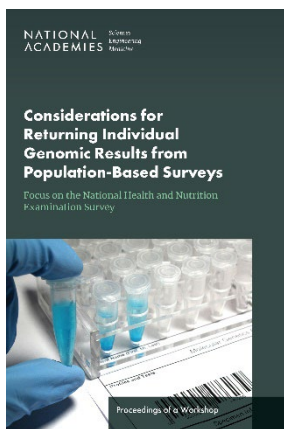
Considerations for Returning Individual Genomic Results from Population-Based Surveys: Focus on the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey: Proceedings of a Workshop was released July 24, 2023. Free PDFs are available [here](#).

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.
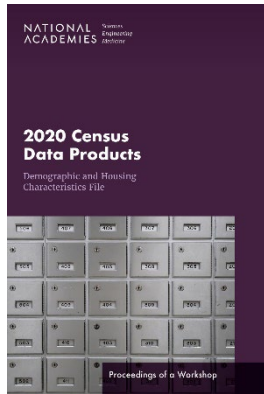
2020 Census Data Products: Demographic and Housing Characteristics File: Proceedings of a Workshop was released May 2, 2023. Free PDFs are available [here](#).

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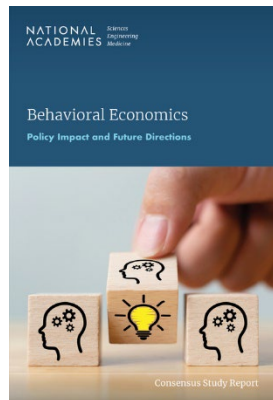
Behavioral Economics—Policy Impact and Future Directions, a consensus report, co-chaired by Alison Buttenheim (University of Pennsylvania) and Robert Moffitt (Johns Hopkins University), and sponsored by the National Institutes of Health, the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, and the W.W. Kellogg Foundations,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

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.
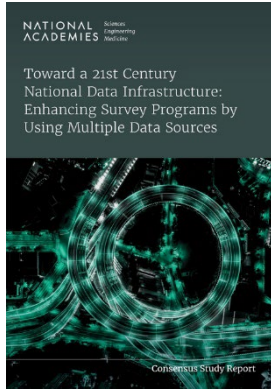
Toward a 21st Century National Data Infrastructure: Enhancing Survey Programs by Using Multiple Data Sources, a consensus report, chaired by Sharon Lohr (Arizona State University, emerita) and sponsored by the National Science Foundation, was released March 31, 2023. Free PDFs are available [here](). Also, check out our [interactive site]() 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.
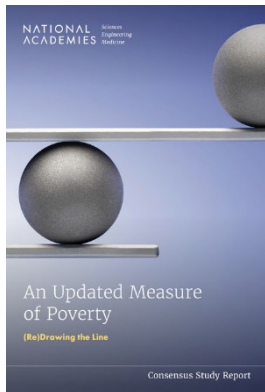
An Updated Measure of Poverty: (Re)Drawing the Line, a consensus report, chaired by James Ziliak (University of Kentucky) and sponsored by the U.S. Census Bureau, was released March 29, 2023. Free PDFs are available [here.]()

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.
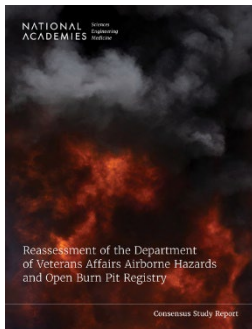
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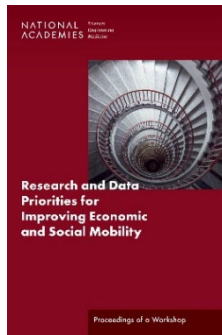
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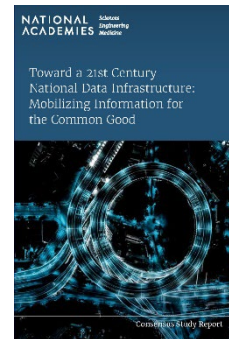
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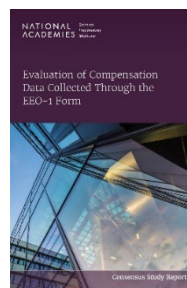
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OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

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 here for more information and how to comment.

FCSM Conference, October 24-26, 2023, College Park, MD

The Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology (FCSM) is holding its annual conference, October 24-26, 2023, at the College Park Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, 3501 University Blvd E, Hyattsville, MD 20783. The conference theme is: *Building Toward the Future: Strengthening and Expanding the Capacity of the Federal Statistical Ecosystem*. For more information and to register, see here.

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 (prepublication) released March 29, 2023 (see "Recent Events and Reports" above)
Meetings: Last public meeting held January 2022; seminar held September 29, 2023; see this site for more information

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: Prepublication scheduled for release on October 18, 2023

Meetings: Closedmeeting held June 22, 2023; no additional meetings planned; see this site 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 (prepublication) released October 3, 2023 (see "Recent Events and Reports" above)

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 (prepublication) 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 site 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 (prepublication) released September 21, 2023 (see "Recent Events and Reports" above

Meetings: Closed meeting held February 9-10, 2023; Webinar September 21, 2023; see this site 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 (prepublication) 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

Cybercrime Classification and Measurement
Sponsors: Federal Bureau of Investigation
Duration: September 2023–March 2025
Study Director: Dan Cork; senior program officers: Katrina Stone and Tho Nguyen; program assistant: Anthony Mann
Chair: TBD
Publication planned: Consensus report
Call for Experts: Submit nominations here by 10/22/23
Meetings: TBD; see this site for more information

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 released September 26, 2023 (see "Recent Events and Reports" above)
Workshop: Workshop held April 25-26, 2023; see this site 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 [site](#) 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 [site](#) for more information

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Did you know CNSTAT provides a wide range of services, from consensus studies to workshops to small expert meetings? We are uniquely positioned to guide effective, forward-looking, and scientifically rigorous approaches to improving statistical methods and information. We can bring together experts to help you tackle your most challenging issues.

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FUTURE MEETING DATES

**154th CNSTAT Meeting
October 12-13, 2023**

This meeting will be closed.
The CNSTAT fall seminar, *An Updated Measure of Poverty: (Re)Drawing the Line,* was held in-person and virtually on September 29, 2023.

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OUR MISSION

The Committee on National Statistics (CNSTAT) was established in 1972 at the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to provide an independent review of federal statistical activities. The mission of CNSTAT is to provide advice to the federal government and the nation grounded in the current best scientific knowledge and practice that will lead to improved statistical methods and information upon which to base public policy. CNSTAT seeks to advance the quality of statistical information, contribute to the statistical policies and coordinating activities of the federal government, and help provide a forward-looking vision for the federal statistical system and national statistics more broadly in service of the public good.