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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.*

**May 2, 2024**

10:00 am–

5:00 pm

**[REGISTER NOW! AI Day for Federal Statistics](#)**

CNSTAT and FCSM are collaborating to organize an all day event, showcasing applications of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in federal statistics; see this [site](#) for more information and to register (by 4/26)

### PEOPLE NEWS

#### ***CNSTAT Congratulates Susan Murphy on Receiving the 2024 Mosteller Statistician of the Year Award***

Susan A. Murphy, Mallinckrodt professor of statistics and of computer science and associate faculty at the Kempner Institute of Harvard University, is the recipient of the 2024 Mosteller Statistician of the Year Award from the Boston Chapter of the American Statistical Association. Her current research focuses on developing online reinforcement learning (RL) algorithms for use in digital health interventions for with such health problems as substance misuse, hypertension, and bone marrow transplantation. In 2013 she was awarded a MacArthur Fellowship for her work on experimental designs to inform sequential decision making. She is a member of the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Medicine and served on CNSTAT from 2015–2017. She was a member of the CNSTAT panel that produced *The Prevention and Treatment of Missing Data in Clinical Trials* in 2010. She is a fellow of the College on Problems in Drug Dependence. She has a B.S. from Louisiana State University and a Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina.

#### ***CNSTAT Congratulates Sallie Ann Keller on Receiving the 2024 Links Lecture Award***

Sallie Ann Keller is chief scientist and associate director of the U.S. Census Bureau’s Research and Methodology Directorate. She also holds an endowed distinguished professorship in biocomplexity and faculty appointments in the School of Medicine, Department of Public Health Services; School of Engineering and Applied Science, Department of Engineering Systems and Environment; and School of Data Science at the University of Virginia (UVA). Dr. Keller is a member of the National Academy of Engineering and a current member of the National Academies Division Advisory Committee for the Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education. The lecture is anticipated to be held in October 2024.

#### ***CNSTAT Thanks Hubert Hamer for his 44 Years of Service to NASS***

Hubert Hamer recently retired from the National Agricultural Statistics Service at USDA, where he had served as Administrator since 2016. Before becoming administrator, he served as director of the Statistics Division. Hamer has also served as executive director of the NASS Agricultural Statistics Board (ASB) and executive director of the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics. He had previously served as chair of the ASB and served as associate deputy administrator for field operations, overseeing

24 state field offices as well as the Training and Career Development Office. Since joining NASS, Hamer has served in a number of capacities in Washington, D.C. as well as the Louisiana, Illinois, and Missouri field offices. While directing the Missouri office, he completed USDA's Senior Executive Candidate Development Program and was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in 2000. He is a graduate of Tennessee State University.

## SPECIAL RESOURCES

We have just released two new interactive sites on recent reports, [Measuring Law Enforcement Suicide: Challenges and Opportunities](#) and [An Updated Measure of Poverty: \(Re\)Drawing the Line](#). Also take a look at our interactive site on [CNSTAT's data infrastructure series](#). And take a look at CNSTAT's redesigned "About Us" page at [About the Committee on National Statistics | National Academies](#).



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?

## RECENT EVENTS AND REPORTS

**CNSTAT Spring Seminar: *Manging Privacy and Confidentiality Risks in Blended Data: Findings and Reactions*, April 1, 2024** (dissemination event co-hosted with The Data Foundation)  
*Coming Soon:* Video and other materials available on this [site](#).

**Webinar: Maternal and Child Health: The Evidence Behind the Role of SNAP, WIC, and Medicaid in Curbing Cycles of Poverty, December 11, 2023** (dissemination event for *Reducing Intergenerational Poverty*)  
Webcast available on this [site](#).

**CNSTAT Public Seminar: *Modernizing Poverty Measurement*, September 29, 2023**  
Videos and other materials available on this [site](#).

**CNSTAT Special Seminar Series—*International Approaches to Conducting a Census in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*:**

**Office of National Statistics, United Kingdom, May 18, 2023**

**Statistics Canada, May 24, 2023**

**Australian Bureau of Statistics, May 31, 2023**

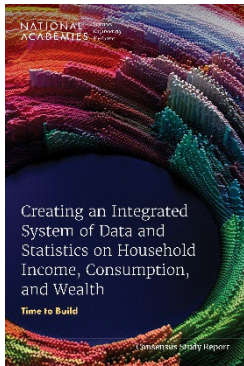
**Statistics New Zealand, June 7, 2023**

Videos and other materials 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 available on this [site](#).

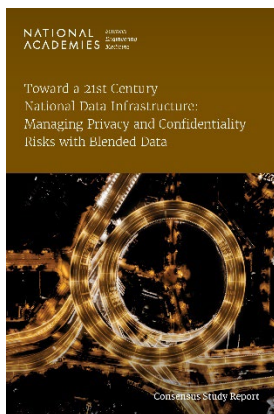
REMINDER: Slides from previous CNSTAT public seminars are available on the [CNSTAT homepage](#).



***Creating and Integrated System of Data and Statistics on Income, Consumption, and Wealth: A Time to Build***, a consensus report, chaired by Timothy Smeeding (University of Wisconsin–Madison), and sponsored by the California Community Foundation, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, Omidyar Network Services, and the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, was released March 26, 2024. Free PDFs are available [here](#).

Many federal agencies provide data and statistics on inequality and related aspects of household income, consumption, and wealth (ICW). However, because the information provided by these agencies is often produced using different concepts, underlying data, and methods, the resulting estimates of poverty, inequality, mean and median household income, consumption, and wealth, as well as other statistics, do not always tell a consistent or easily interpretable story. Measures also differ in their accuracy, timeliness, and relevance so that it is difficult to address such questions as the effects of the Great Recession on household finances or of the Covid-19 pandemic and the ensuing relief efforts on household income and consumption. The presence of multiple, sometimes conflicting statistics at best muddies the waters of policy debates and, at worst, enable advocates with different policy perspectives to cherry-pick their preferred set of estimates. Achieving an integrated system of relevant, high-quality, and transparent household ICW data and statistics should go far to reduce disagreement about who has how much, and from what sources. Further, such data are essential to advance research on economic wellbeing and to ensure that policies are well targeted to achieve societal goals.

*Creating an Integrated System of Data and Statistics on Household Income, Consumption, and Wealth* reviews the major household ICW statistics currently produced by U.S. statistical agencies and provides guidance for modernizing the information to better inform policy and research, such as understanding trends in inequality and mobility. This report provides recommendations for developing an improved 21st century data system for measuring the extent to which economic prosperity is shared by households throughout the population and for understanding how the distribution of resources is affected by government policy and economic events.

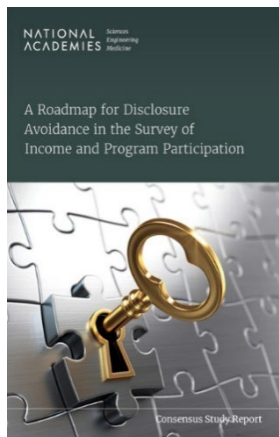


***Toward a 21<sup>st</sup> Century National Data Infrastructure: Managing Privacy and Confidentiality Risks with Blended Data***, a consensus report, chaired by Jerry Reiter (Duke University) and sponsored by the National Science Foundation, was released February 7, 2024. Free PDFs are available [here](#). Also, check out our [interactive site](#) on data infrastructure series.

Significant technical advances and policy changes have increased the availability of data that can be used to inform evidence building. Blended data, that is, combined sources of previously collected data, can improve the quality of analyses, enable new analyses, and reduce burden and cost to the public. Recent federal legislation, regulation and guidance has described broadly the roles and responsibilities for stewardship of blended data. Yet, questions remain as the country strives to create a modern national data infrastructure.

For this third report, *Toward a 21st Century National Data Infrastructure: Managing Privacy and Confidentiality Risks with Blended Data*, the panel identified privacy and confidentiality aspects of sharing and analyzing blended data that can be addressed by technical approaches; those that may require policy approaches; and key attributes of a framework to guide best practices when designing

and evaluating integrated technical and policy approaches. Taking these findings into account, the panel provided a framework illustrated using case studies informed by the panel’s public workshop event.

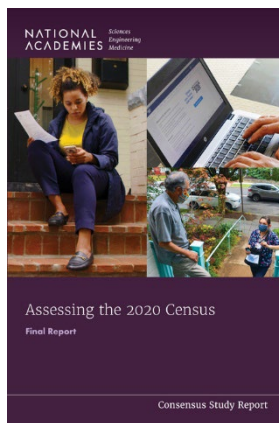


***A Roadmap for Disclosure Avoidance in the Survey of Income and Program Participation***, a consensus report chaired by Trivellore

Raghunathan (University of Michigan) and sponsored by the U.S. Census Bureau, was released October 18, 2023. Free PDFs are available [here](#).

The Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) is one of the Census Bureau’s major surveys with features making it a uniquely valuable resource for researchers and policy analysts. However, the Census Bureau faces the challenge of protecting the confidentiality of survey respondents, which has become increasingly difficult because numerous databases exist with personally identifying information that collectively contain data on household finances, home values, purchasing behavior, and other SIPP-relevant characteristics.

*A Roadmap for Disclosure Avoidance in the Survey of Income and Program Participation* addresses these issues and how to make data from SIPP available to researchers and policymakers while protecting the confidentiality of survey respondents. The report considers factors such as evolving privacy risks, development of new methods for protecting privacy, the nature of the data collected through SIPP, the practice of linking SIPP data with administrative data, the types of data products produced, and the desire to provide timely access to SIPP data. The report seeks to balance minimizing the risk of disclosure against allowing researchers and policymakers to have timely access to data that support valid inferences.

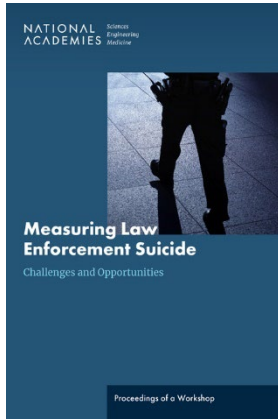


***Assessing the 2020 Census***, a consensus report chaired by Teresa Sullivan (University of Virginia) and sponsored by the U.S. Census Bureau, was released November 6, 2023. Free PDFs are available [here](#).

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 Opportunities: Proceedings of a Workshop***, was released September 26, 2023. Free PDFs are available [here](#). Also, check out our [interactive site](#) that provides an overview of the proceedings.

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.

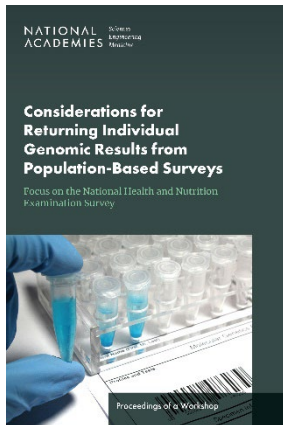


***Reducing Intergenerational Poverty***, a consensus report chaired by Greg Duncan (University of California, Irvine), and sponsored by the Administration for Children and Families, Bainum Family Foundation, Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, Foundation for Child Development, National Academy of Sciences 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.

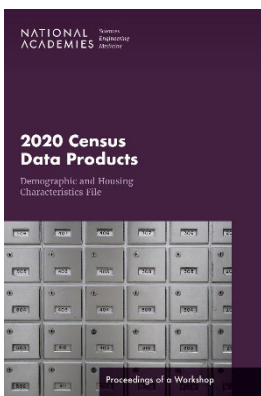




***Considerations for Returning Individual Genomic Results from Population-Based Surveys: Focus on the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey: Proceedings of a Workshop*** was released on October 12, 2023. Free PDFs are available [here](#).

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.

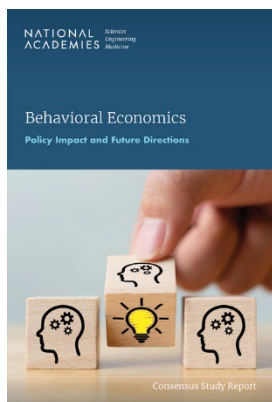
The Committee on National Statistics (CNSTAT) of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine convened a workshop on Considerations for Returning Individual Genomic Results from Population-Based Surveys: Focus on the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, which was held virtually 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 on 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 Bутtenheim (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.

## OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

### OMB issues revised SPD#15

On March 28, 2024, OMB published a revision to [OMB Statistical Policy Directive No. 15](#), which provides standard categories for race and ethnicity. This revision finalizes a proposal from January 2023 and will require federal agencies to have a single race/ethnicity question with new categories for Hispanic and Middle Eastern and North Africa (MENA).

## CURRENT PROJECT PORTFOLIO *(listed by sponsor)*

### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

**Consensus Committee on Federal Policy Impacts on Child Poverty** *(led by Board on Children, Youth, and Families)*

**Sponsors:** Administration for Children and Families, Bainum Family Foundation, Doris Duke Charitable Foundation

**Duration:** October 2023–March 2025

**Study Director:** Jennifer Gootman; senior program officers: Emily Backes, Christopher Mackie

**Chair:** V. Joseph Hotz (Duke University)

**Publication planned:** Consensus report

**Meetings:** First meeting held March 20–21, 2024; see this [site](#) for more information

## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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### **Consensus Panel on Cybercrime Classification and Measurement** *(with the Committee on Law and Justice and the Computer Science Telecommunications Board)*

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: Hal S. Stern (UC Irvine)

Publication planned: Consensus report

Meetings: Public meetings scheduled for April 5, 2024; see this [site](#) for more information

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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### **Consensus Committee on 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 is being drafted

Meetings: Closed meeting held January 23-24, 2024; see this [site](#) for more information

## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

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### **Consensus Committee on Developing a Strategy to Assess the 5<sup>th</sup> National Climate Assessment** *(led by Board on Atmospheric Sciences and Climate and with the Board on Environmental Change and Society)*

Sponsor: NASA

Duration: September 2023–August 2024

Study director: Hugh Walpole; senior program officer: Brad Chaney

Chair: Kai N. Lee (Owl of Minerva, LLC, and Williams College, emeritus)

Publication planned : Consensus report

Meetings: Public meeting held February 28-29, 2024; Closed meeting held April 1, 2024; see this [site](#) for more information

## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

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### **Future Directions for Social and Behavioral Science Methodologies in the Next Decade: A Workshop**

Sponsor: Methodology, Measurement, and Statistics (MMS) Program, Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences at the National Science Foundation

Duration: September 2023–April 2025

Study director: Daniel Cork; program officer: Celeste Stone; program assistant: Anthony Mann

Chair: Kri Nicholas Nagle (University of Tennessee–Knoxville)

Publication: Workshop-in-brief

Meetings: TBD; see this [site](#) for more information



## **Toward a Vision for a New Data Infrastructure for Federal Statistics and Social and Economic Research in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

### **Workshop 1: The Scope, Components, and Characteristics of a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Data Infrastructure**

Sponsor: Division of Social and Economic Sciences

Duration: April 2021–March 2024

Study director: Thomas Mesenbourg; associate program officer: Michael Siri; associate program officer: Katelyn Stenger; program assistant: Rebecca Krone

Chair: Robert Groves (Georgetown University)

Publication: Consensus report released in final March 3, 2023

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 2024

Study director: Krisztina Marton (previously Daniel Weinberg); program assistant: Rebecca Krone

Chair: Sharon Lohr (Arizona State University, emerita)

Publication: Consensus report released in final August 25, 2023

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; program assistant: Rebecca Krone

Chair: Jerry Reiter (Duke University)

Publication: Consensus report released in prepublication form on February 7, 2024

Meetings: Workshop sessions held May 22, 23, and 25, 2023; see this [site](#) for more information

## **BILL AND MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION**

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### **Consensus Panel on a Research Agenda for Improving Economic and Social Mobility in the United States** *(led by the Committee on Population)*

Sponsor: Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

Duration: November 2022–December 2024

Study director: Malay Majmundar; program officer: Iliya Gutin; program assistant: Anthony Mann

Chair: H. Luke Shaefer (University of Michigan)

Publication planned: Consensus report

Meetings: Closed meeting scheduled for April 23-24, 2024; see this [site](#) for more information

## **THE SPIEGEL FAMILY FUND (via California Community Foundation); THE OMIDYAR NETWORK; THE WILLIAM AND FLORA HEWLETT FOUNDATION; THE ALFRED P. SLOAN FOUNDATION**

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### **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–December 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, *Creating an Integrated System of Data and Statistics on Household Income, Consumption, and Wealth: Time to Build*, released in prepublication form on March 26, 2024 (see “Recent Events and Reports” above)

**Meetings:** Closed meeting held August 31, 2023; Public meeting held February 27, 2023; see this [site](#) for more information

## CNSTAT Core Funders

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### 8<sup>th</sup> Edition of Principles and Practices for a Federal Statistical Agency

**Sponsor:** See list of Core Funders below

**Duration:** January 2024-March 2025

**Study director:** Melissa Chiu; senior program officer: Jennifer Park; program assistant: Alex Henderson

**Chair:** Katharine Abraham (University of Maryland)

**Publication planned:** Consensus report

**Meetings:** Closed meeting scheduled for May 3, 2024; see this [site](#) for more information

## HOW CAN CNSTAT HELP YOU?

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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- ◆ [Engage](#) with our ongoing project on envisioning a new national data infrastructure
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## ABOUT CNSTAT

### FUTURE MEETING DATES

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#### 156<sup>th</sup> CNSTAT Meeting May 1-3, 2024

This meeting is closed to the public on May 1 and May 3, 2024. Thursday, May 2, 2024 will be an all-day public event showcasing applications of AI in federal statistics. It will be held at the National Academy of Sciences Constitution Ave building.

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## OUR MISSION

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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.