

# FEDERAL JOBS DATA UNLOCKED

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States Economy

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# Why measurement?

“If you cannot measure it, you cannot manage it.”\*

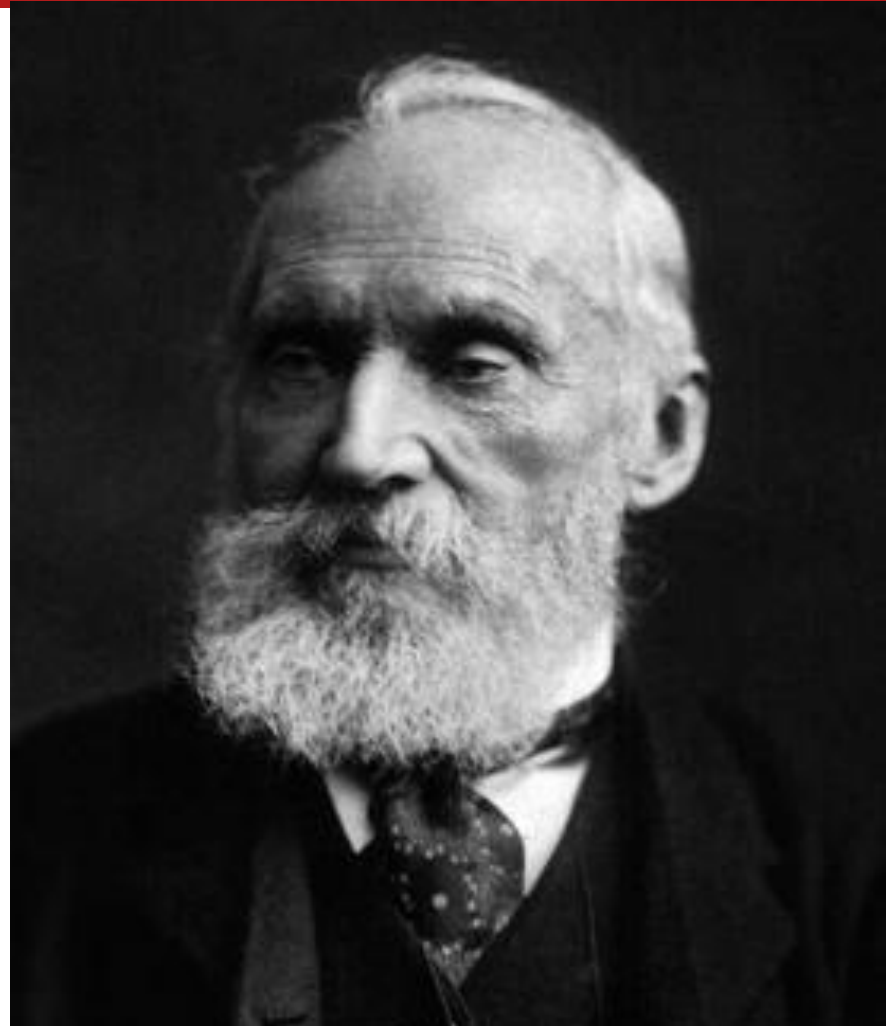
William Thomson, Lord Kelvin  
(1824-1907)

To support evidence-based  
public and private decision-  
making.

\*Paraphrased

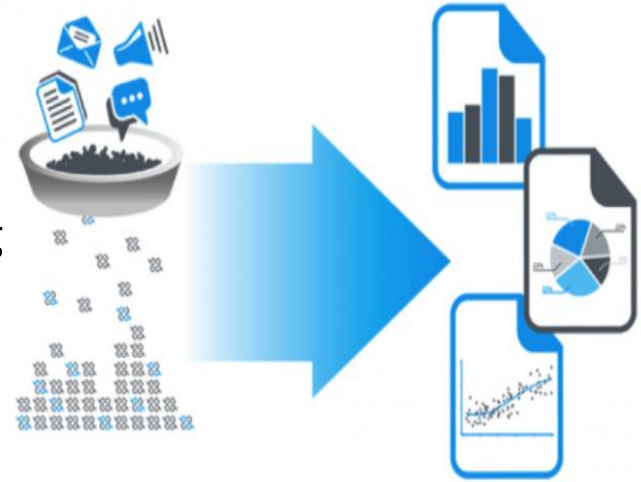


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# US Bureau of Labor Statistics

- Established 1884: industrial turmoil
  - Technological change
  - Trade
  - Immigration
  - Unionization
- Principal Federal agency responsible for measuring
  - Labor market activity
  - Working conditions
  - Price changes in the economy
- Collect, analyze, and disseminate essential economic information
- Support public and private decision making



# Just the facts, for everyone

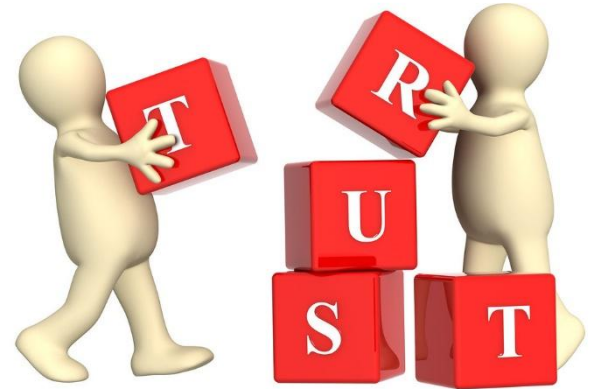


- Is the glass half full or half empty?
  - It is a 12 oz. glass with 6 oz. of liquid.
- Equal access to data for all users



# Trust is mission critical for statistical agencies

- To use data products to guide their decisions, users must trust that the data are accurate and objective
- To supply data inputs, data subjects and data providers must trust that their data will
  - Serve an important need
  - Not be used to harm them
  - Be held securely



# Data systems are infrastructure

- Support enterprise and democratic society
- Facilitate movement of goods, services, and people by informing decisions
- Need an upgrade
  - One-off solutions are not enough



# BLS data sources

- Household surveys
  - Contracted out, mostly to Census Bureau
- Establishment surveys
  - Mostly fielded internally by regional offices and state partners
  - Many collection modes
  - Mostly voluntary
  - Response rates better than private surveys, but falling
- Growing use of administrative and non-survey data
  - UI employer records
  - Web scraping, 3rd party sources, corporate dumps, etc.





# Current Population Survey

## Household survey

- 60,000+ households
- Records labor market activity of household members during week containing the 12<sup>th</sup> of month
- First contact in person; rest usually by phone
- Reported by person answering phone
- 4 months in; 8 months out; 4 months in
- 69% response rate



# CPS questions and classification strategy

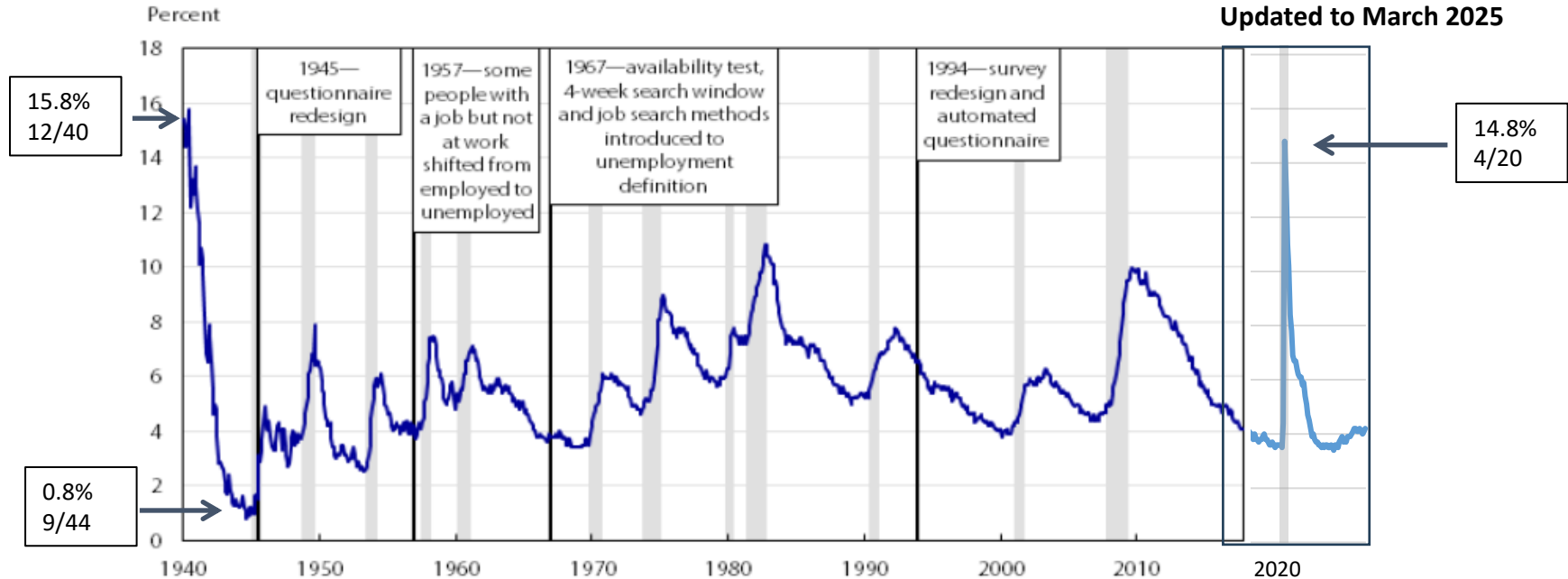
- Questions
  - Based on activities, not self-classification
  - Delivered by trained professional field staff
  - Tested, validated, updated, and retested
  - Transparent
- Classification
  - Based on activity questions
  - Hierarchical, mutually exclusive

**Employed → Unemployed → Not in Labor Force**



# History of US unemployment rate

**Figure 1. Unemployment rate and timing of changes to Current Population Survey measurement, 1940–2017**



Note: Shaded areas represent recessions as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research. Estimates for 1940–47 are not seasonally adjusted and pertain to people 14 years and older. Data for 1948–present are seasonally adjusted and refer to people 16 years and older.

Source: 1940–47 figures are based on authors' calculations using U.S. Census Bureau data; 1948–2017 data are from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.



# Establishment Surveys

## Current Employment Statistics (CES)--“Payroll Survey”

- 147,000 businesses and agencies at 634,000+ worksites (covers 1/3 of non-farm jobs)
- Records jobs, hours and earnings in pay period containing 12<sup>th</sup> of month
- Contains industry and location
- Reported by employer using various modes
- 43% response rate

## Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS)

- Records job postings, separations, hires over the month
- 34% response rate



# Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW)

## Administrative data

- Collected from quarterly reports filed by employers with state Unemployment Insurance offices
- Cover 95% of US jobs
- Records number of jobs and total quarterly earnings of all employees in the establishment
- Contains industry and location

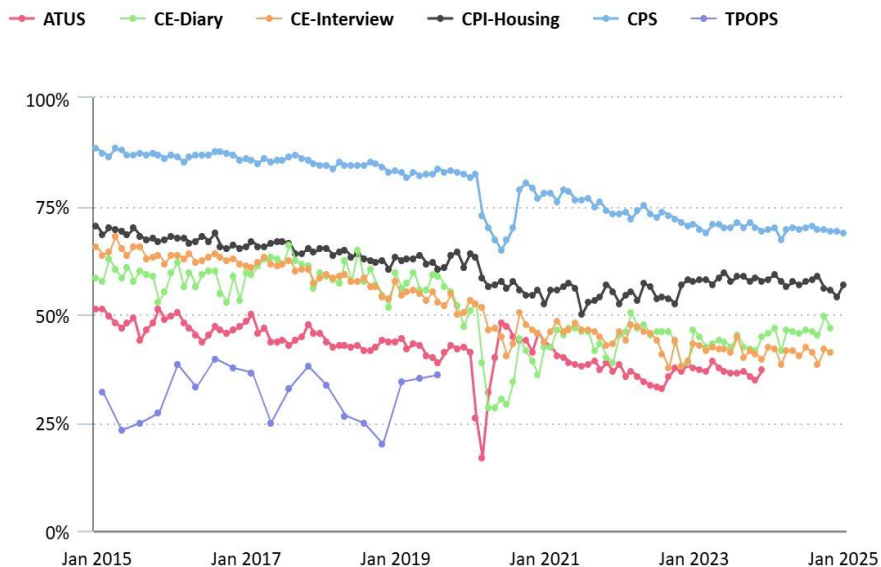


# Future of Federal Employment Statistics

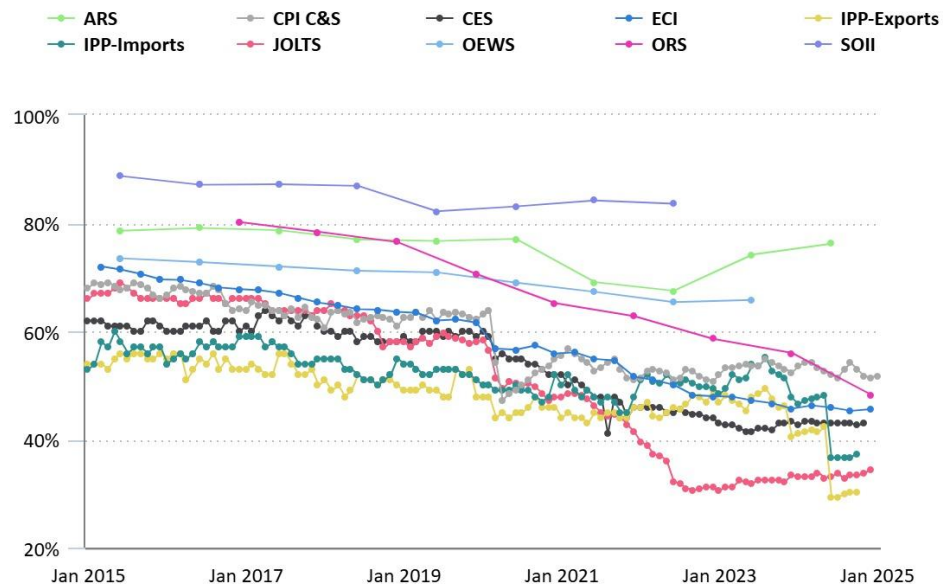


# Survey response rates are declining, eroding quality and granularity of official statistics

Household survey response rates, January 2015–January 2025



Establishment surveys unit response rates, January 2015–January 2025



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics <https://www.bls.gov/osmr/response-rates/>

# Evolution of US official statistics

**Stats 1.0** (1880s-mid 1900s): Convenience samples



**Stats 2.0** (mid 1900s-early 2000s): Surveys dominate

- Administrative data, if available

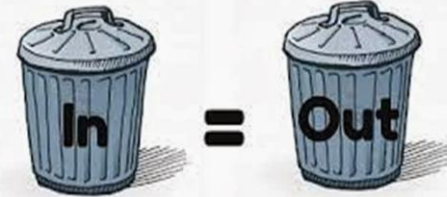


**Stats 3.0** (now): Threats to surveys

- Survey fatigue
- Security and privacy concerns
- Low survey response rates that raise costs and erode reliability



**G.I.G.O.**



**"GARBAGE IN, GARBAGE OUT"**





# Toward a 21<sup>st</sup> century data infrastructure

- Opportunity—Big Data explosion
  - Digitized operations; cheap powerful computers; internet connectivity; novel software (e.g., AI)
- Challenge—Undesigned inputs
  - Flawed, incomplete, inconsistent, siloed
- **Stats 3.0 Solution: Blended data products**
  - Combine multiple sources to overcome limitations
  - Promote quality and interoperability via data standards

➤ [Report](#) by Committee on National Statistics, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, Sept. 2022

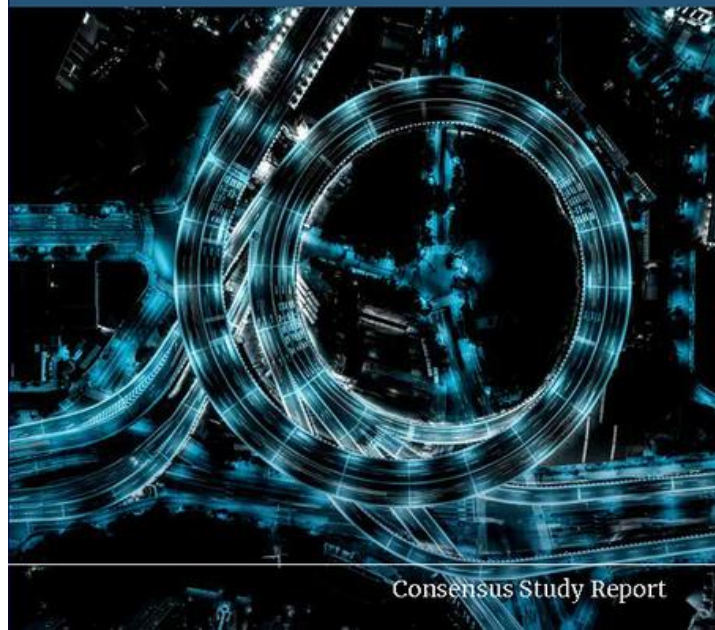


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National Data Infrastructure:  
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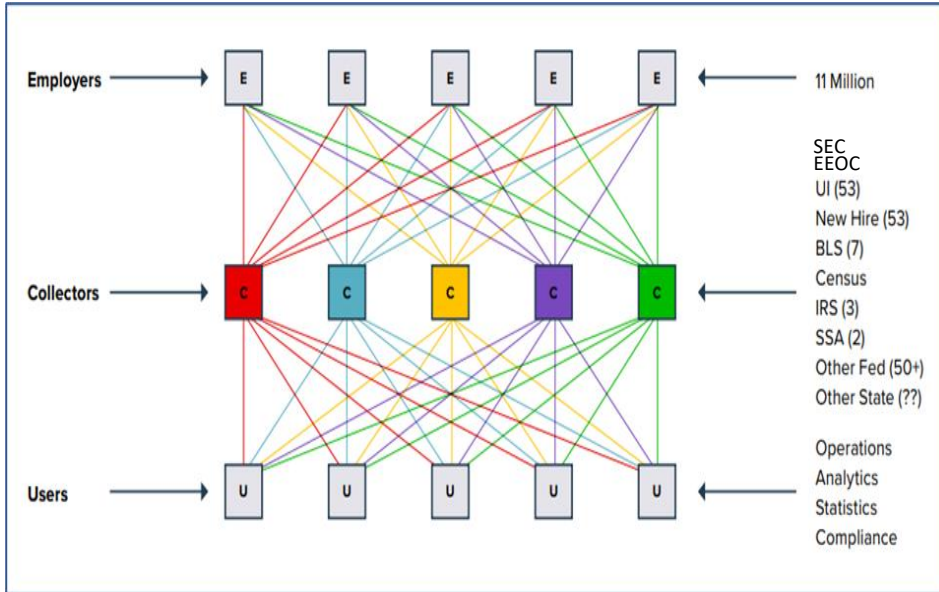
Consensus Study Report

# Why data standards?

- We're in the Information Age
  - ...“a time in which information has become **a commodity that is quickly and widely disseminated** and easily available especially through the use of computer technology.” (*Merriam Webster*)
- Make administrative data more like surveys
  - Interoperable
  - Designed for measurement purposes
- Lower burden for respondents and collectors
  - All employers have similar records already



# Current workforce administrative data system is a mess



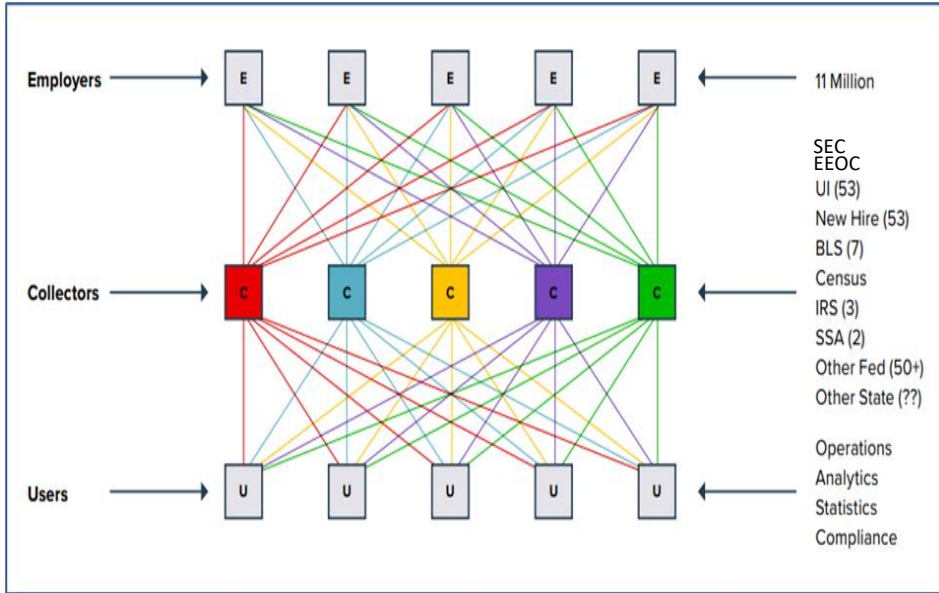
Note: Current diagram omits the complex web of siloed data-sharing arrangements between collectors and other Federal and State agencies.

- Each line represents a flow of employer administrative data.
- The flow contents are similar, but not the same.
- Essentially, variations on UI worker and employer records.

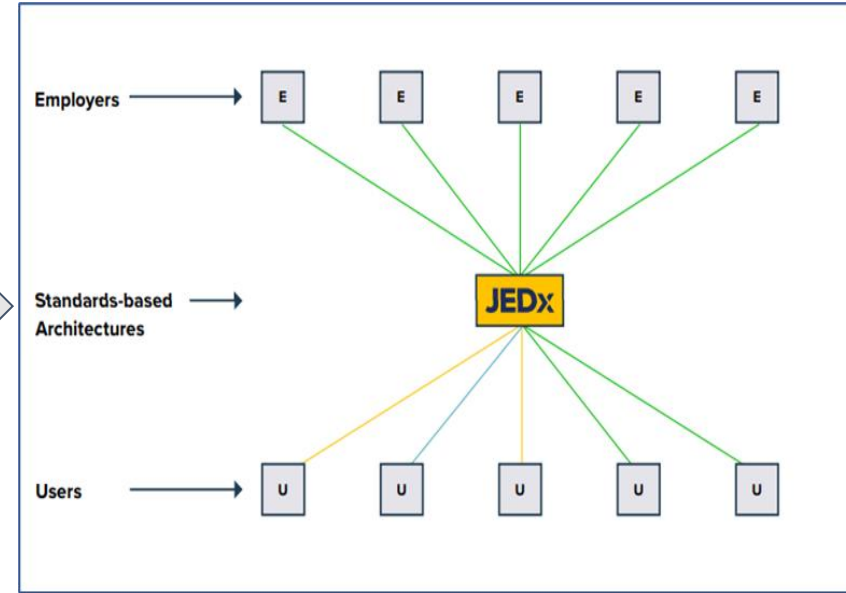


# Vision for a modern workforce data system

## Current



## 21st Century



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# Initiative for workforce data standards: Jobs and Employment Data Exchange

- U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation public-private, standards-based initiative
- Promotes sharing and using **workforce data** via
  - **Data standards:** data model and definitions
  - **Technology standards:** improve data sharing, management, and protection
  - **Governance mechanism**

# JEDx



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JEDx resources: [one-pager](#) & [website](#)



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# To modernize, consolidate the statistical system

- Now: 13 principal stats agencies + >100 statistical units all under Cabinet members
- Modernization requires
  - Economies of scale and scope to improve efficiency and agility
  - Sharing data
  - Coordination and prioritization across agencies to improve interoperability
  - Ability move resources around
- Preserving trust requires ensuring the statistical system operates outside of policy and political influence on methodology
- Proposed by many previous administrations, maybe now is the time?
  - Administration is bold
  - Threats to trust are high
  - Need for modernization is getting critical



# Thank you.

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# Comparing government and private data products

- Not “or” .... “and”

Government	Private
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Transparent</li><li>• Access to comprehensive and sensitive data</li><li>• High survey response rates</li><li>• Objective</li><li>• Long history</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proprietary methods</li><li>• Speedy production</li><li>• Quick innovation</li><li>• Access to transactional data</li><li>• Tailored to special needs</li></ul>





# Assessing non-survey data and risks

- Quality
  - Bias
  - Production-grade
- Access
  - Cost
  - Data stream can change
- Legal framework
  - Administrative enforcement data
  - Web scraping



# Study of AI can inform implementation of data standards

- Salient application/“use case” for standards
- Demonstrate how standards improve
  - Occupational supply and demand analysis
  - Program and policy evaluation
  - Research on AI
- Validate and prioritize fields for collection
- Test viability of collection in pilot projects



# Building blocks of good data



ccurate. . . Getting it right



bjective. . . Free from bias



levant. . . Information you can use



imely. . . Getting it out quickly

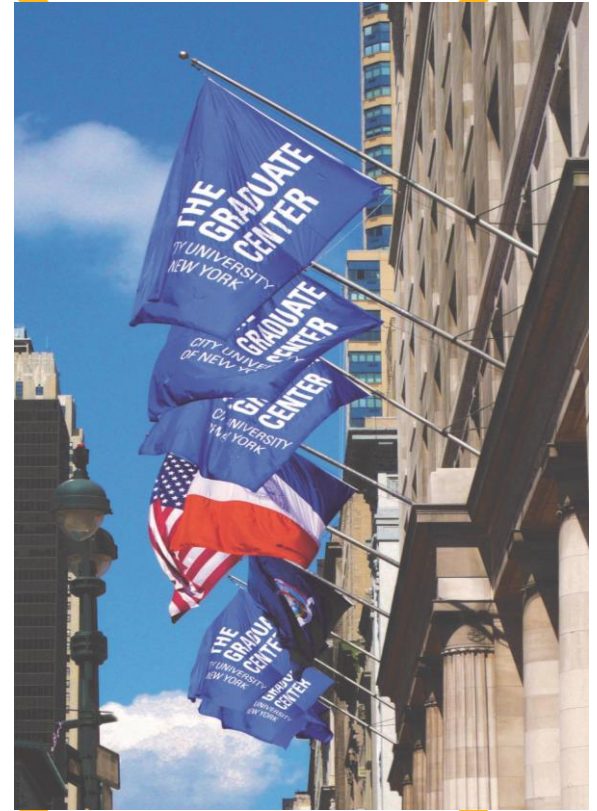


ccessible. . . Meeting you where you are



# FEDERAL DATA OVERVIEW

- ❖ Key data sets – public and private
- ❖ Example uses in policymaking and program design



# KEY DATA SETS

- ❖ Survey versus administrative data
- ❖ Individuals, households, firms, industries, geographies
- ❖ Frequency of data collection
- ❖ Public versus private

# KEY DATA SETS: PUBLIC

DATA SETS	FOCUS	INFORMATION
Current Population Survey (CPS)	People & Households	Monthly national data collection: employment, unemployment, labor force participation, income, types of job (industry, occupation), union membership, worker characteristics, household characteristics. Special supplements some months.
Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS)	Job changes	Monthly and annual estimates of job openings, both private & public sector <i>except fed gov't</i> (i.e., demand/shortages), hires (people added to payrolls), and separations (worker v employer initiated, other). Available at national and regional levels, and industry.
Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW)	Geography & industry, employment & wages	Industry data reported by employers, including employment numbers and wages. Compiled from full unemployment insurance reporting, rather than survey estimates.
Current Employment Statistics (CES) – sometimes called “Payroll Survey”	Jobs currently held	Monthly estimates at national and state level of employment, hours, and earnings, size of firm, by industry from smaller employer sample than QCEW (~120,000 businesses), but available faster. Benchmarked annually to QCEW.

# KEY DATA SETS: PRIVATE

DATA SETS	
❖	LinkedIn
❖	Lightcast
❖	ADP
❖	Indeed

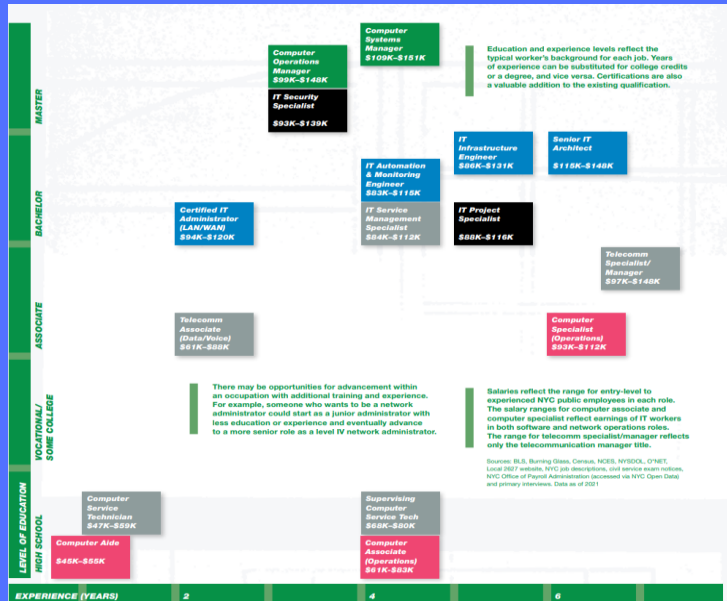
BENEFITS & DRAWBACKS	
❖	Data source
❖	Representativeness of sample
❖	Neutrality
❖	Comparable definitions

# DATA IN POLICYMAKING

- ❖ The Federal Reserve uses federal data to determine interest rates and manage inflation/unemployment. For example, monthly jobs reports (CES, CPS) help the Fed assess labor market “slack.”
- ❖ Tax credits and subsidies (like EITC or child tax credits) are adjusted using income distribution data from sources like the Census Bureau’s Current Population Survey (CPS) and others.
- ❖ QCEW can reveal which counties or industries are hit hardest by layoffs or economic downturns to help guide government interventions.



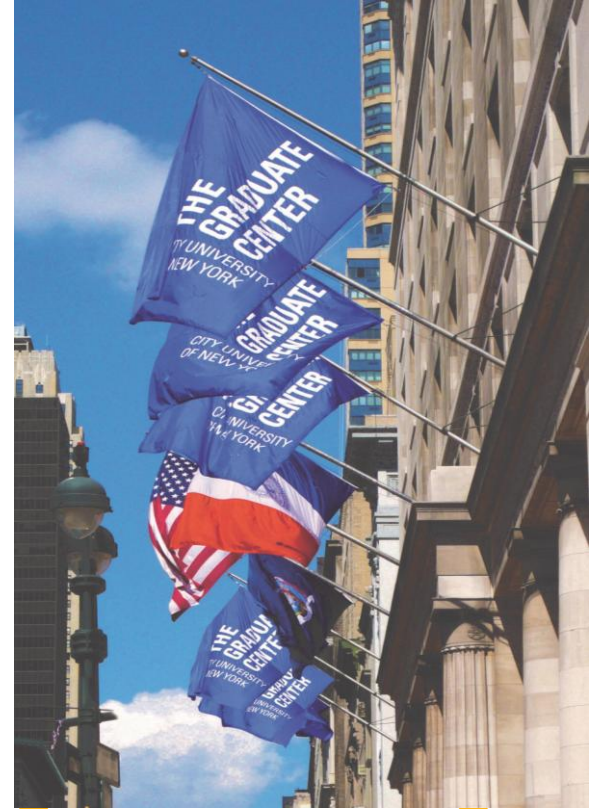
# COMBINING DATA: EXAMPLES IN PRACTICE



- ❖ DC 37 public sector union: the value of unions in career pathways
- ❖ NYC Department of Veterans' Services: comparing population's success
- ❖ NYC Public Schools: helping young people prepare

# LMIS

- ❖ NYC Labor Market Information Service (LMIS) is an applied research center at the CUNY Graduate Center.
- ❖ We are the only NYC-based organization devoted to conducting mixed-methods labor market research and making the findings relevant and actionable for mission-driven organizations.



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- Federal statistics disadvantaged in approps process
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# The Health of the Federal Statistical Agencies: “The Nation’s Data at Risk”

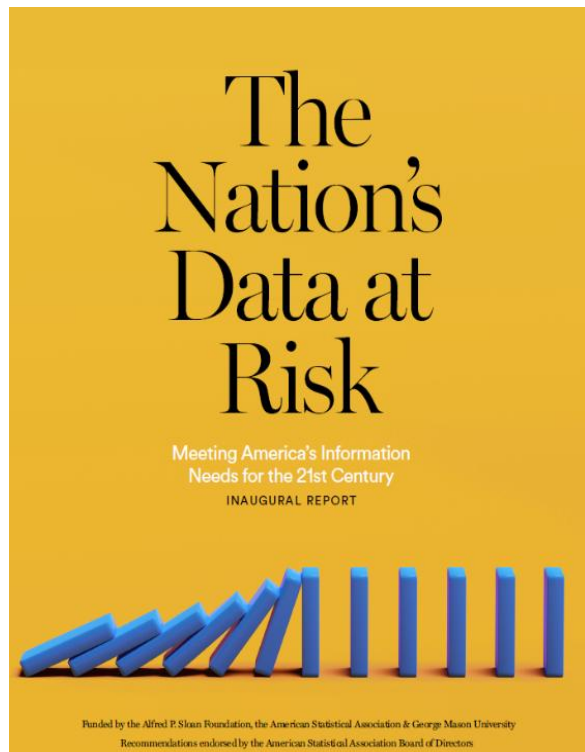
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- Assessing the health of the federal statistical agencies
  - Inaugural report (“baseline”)
  - 2025
- Congressional challenges for federal statistical agency budgets
- Ways to contribute



Assesses capacity of 13 principal statistical agencies and chief statistician's office to serve the nation's data needs.

Assesses the support required to enable these statistical agencies to meet their missions in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Goal is annual report with active dissemination to increase visibility and motivate stakeholders to act

1. Is the agency able to consistently produce relevant, timely, credible, accurate, and objective statistics?
2. Is the agency trustworthy, accountable, and agile?
3. Does the agency have sufficient support in three key areas: professional autonomy; parent-agency support; budget and staffing
4. What are the challenges and threats the agency faces?
5. What is its record with innovation?
6. Is the agency responsive to user needs and transparent about its data products and decisions that affect users?

For inaugural report, questions boil down to

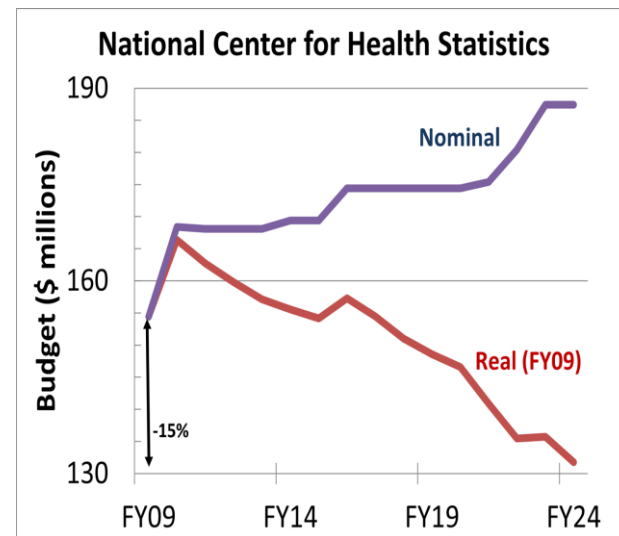
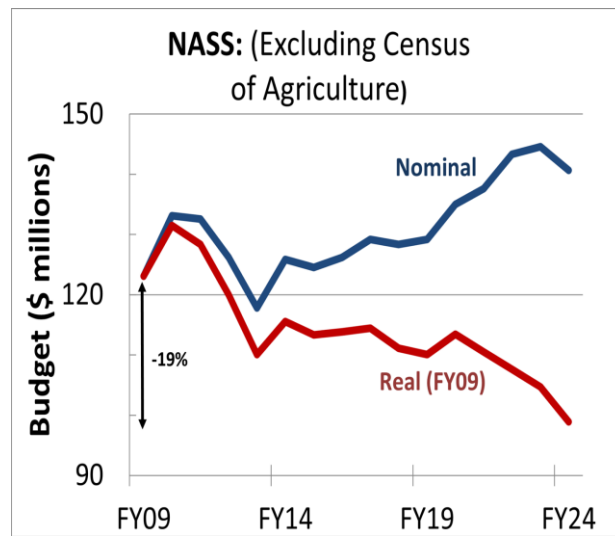
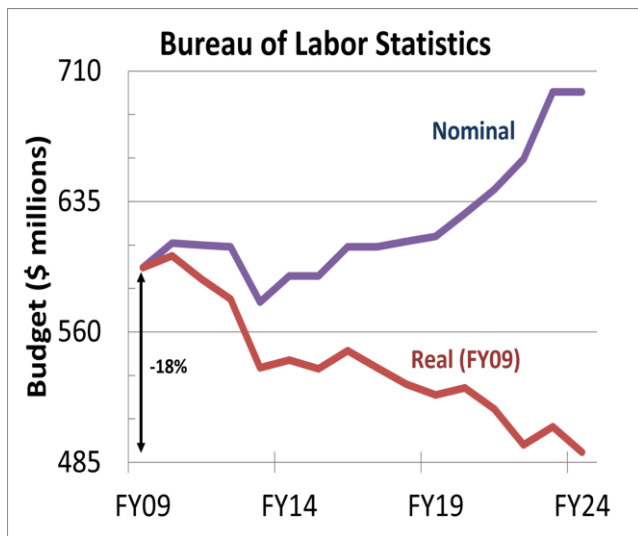
Is the agency able to produce relevant and timely statistics

- Requires constant innovation to update existing products, create new products
- Requires support in three areas: professional autonomy, parent-agency support, budget and staffing

⇒Take into account headwinds (declining response rates, unfunded mandates, rising costs) and challenges of changing economy, society, data user needs, etc.



- Highly innovative culture but innovation capacity hamstrung
- Most, if not all, statistical agencies have a significant weakness in at least one of three critical supports:
  - Weak legislative protection for how agencies collect and analyze data and disseminate products—makes agencies vulnerable to political meddling as has happened in other countries; also weakens accountability
  - Lack of support from parent agency
  - Insufficient resources (budget and staffing levels - often woefully so)

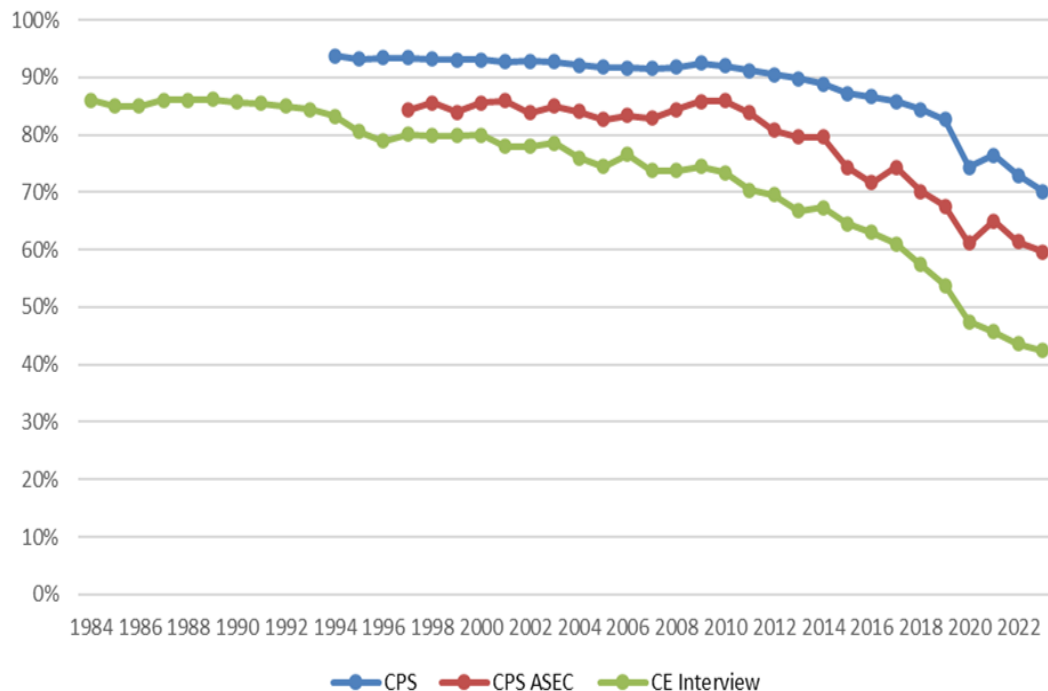


NASS: National Agricultural Statistics Service; GDP deflator used to adjust for inflation; total nondefense discretionary domestic budget increased by 16% in real terms over same period

- Ability to innovate/modernize impeded: necessary condition for relevant & timely products; agile, accountable, & trustworthy agency
- Long-running series for key economic and social indicators prone to become outdated in content and methods—e.g., Current Population Survey (CPS) unemployment rate, consumer spending...
- Agencies lack resources for testing, improvement, concurrent series

- Environmental headwinds drive up survey costs, degrade quality, and make “blended data” solutions hard to achieve
  - Survey response rates declining here and abroad
  - Costly to strive to maintain response rates
  - Other data sources could help (e.g., administrative data, commercial data), but barriers (legal, regulatory, cost) often stand in the way
- Increasing threats to privacy and confidentiality; agencies pulling more data into limited access research centers, limiting equitable data access

CPS, CPS ASEC, & CE Interview - Response Rates



- **Current Population Survey**  
produces monthly unemployment rate
- **CPS Annual Social and Economic Supplement** produces yearly poverty rate, median household income
- **Consumer Expenditure Survey**  
produces market basket weights for the CPI

- Chief statistician's office lacks sufficient resources to fully carry out its myriad responsibilities—only 8 statistical policy staff
- Office is remarkably productive given small size, but lacks capacity to
  - Conduct meaningful strategic planning
  - Expedite and coordinate needed innovation in cross-cutting topic areas—e.g., education, health, labor force, economic well-being
  - Handle full plate of standards and regulations on a timely basis

Agency*	Resources	Staffing applicable only to BJS, NCES & NCSES)	Professional Autonomy	Parent-Agency Support
BEA	Mixed	—	Challenging	Good
BJS	Weak	Challenging	Mixed	Mixed
BLS	Challenging	—	Mixed	Good
BTS	Challenging	—	Weak	Challenging
Census	Mixed	—	Weak	Good
EIA	Challenging	—	Good	Strong
ERS	Challenging	—	Challenging	Good
NASS	Challenging	—	Challenging	Good
NCES	Challenging	Weak	Weak	Weak
NCHS	Challenging	—	Mixed	Mixed
NCSES	Mixed	Challenging	Mixed	Mixed
ORES		—	Challenging	
SOI	Challenging	—	Challenging	Mixed

# 2025-What are we witnessing so far

**Shifted our project to more real-time monitoring:**

[bit.ly/FedStatMonitoring](https://bit.ly/FedStatMonitoring)

**Five situations we are watching most closely (anything that would undermine the continued availability and objectivity of govt stats):**

- Cuts in Statistical Programs
- Delays, Reduced Detail, or Cancellations of Data Products
- Resources: Decreases in Budget or Staffing
- Undermining Leadership and Staff Security
- Accessing and Using Statistical Data for Nonstatistical Purposes



# 2025-What are we witnessing so far

## Mostly Collateral Damage so far:

- People, contracts, leadership, advisory committees, data resources
  - 0-95% staff loss due to early retirement, early separations, RIFs, hiring freezes, and probationary firing
- NCES especially devastated
- Social Security Administration statistical agency, ORES, gutted
- Statistical units in SAMHSA and USDA likely gone
  - Future of their programs unclear
- Some contracts renewed but not managed by experienced SM experts

## **April 23: Uncertainty regarding**

- **RIFS, further departures**
- **Schedule Policy/Career**
- **Reorg**
- **Budgets**
- **What next?**

# Federal Statistical Agencies Challenged in Appropriations

Powerful, compelling message so what's the problem?

- Government statistics are a public good
  - Supported by all, championed by few; lack of awareness
- Appropriations process disadvantages statistical agencies
  - “Popularity” game; extremely competitive; modernization doesn't sell
- Political expediency is the default—no statistical perspective
- Little advocacy for federal statistical agencies

# What you can do

- **Raise awareness**
- **Educate on value/uses of data**
- **Contact your elected officials**
- **Contribute to understanding of statistics production/inter-connectness**
- **Talk about the opportunity**

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Finding and Preserving  
At-Risk Federal Data

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# Need access to data that is no longer online?

Dataset	Website	Status	Maintainer
Billion-Dollar Weather and Climate Disasters	noel.noaa.gov	In Progress	GTDC
BLS Downloads	download.bls.gov	Finished	DRP
CDC FTP	ftp.cdc.gov	Finished	DRP
US Census Bureau FTP	census.gov	Finished	DRP
National Hurricane Center	nhc.noaa.gov	Finished	DRP
United States Geological Survey	usgs.gov	Finished	DRP
Office of General Counsel Documents	noaa.gov	Finished	DRP
National Hurricane Center FTP	ftp.nhc.noaa.gov	Finished	DRP
Enforcement and Compliance History Online	echo.epa.gov	Finished	DRP
System for Award Management	sam.gov	In Progress	GTDC
American Communities Survey	census.gov	In Progress	GTDC
Consumer Expenditure Survey	bls.gov	In Progress	GTDC
USA Spending	www.usaspending.gov	In Progress	GTDC
Consumer Finance Bureau Website	consumerfinance.gov	Finished	DRP
College Scorecard	collegescorecard.ed.gov	Finished	DRP DL
Campus Safety and Security	oee.ed.gov	Finished	DRP DL
Equity in Athletics Data Analysis Cutting Tool	oee.ed.gov	Finished	DRP DL

**Data Rescue Tracker from [datarescueproject.org](http://datarescueproject.org)**  
Check out the “Backups” list to see which datasets have been captured already

**Datalumos.org**  
ICPSR’s crowd sourced repository of government data



INTERNET ARCHIVE

**The End of Term Archive at IA**  
**[web.archive.org](http://web.archive.org)**  
Federal government websites archived during government transitions

# Need access to data that is no longer online? <sub>p2</sub>

**Library Innovation Lab**  
Full archive of data.gov



**find** lost\* **data**

[findlostdata.org](https://findlostdata.org)  
Search for data across various  
sites/databases

**UMN's Guide to Finding Government Information during  
the 2025 Administration Transition**  
[z.umn.edu/govinfo25](https://z.umn.edu/govinfo25)



[Roper](#), [IPUMS](#), [OEDI](#), [Big Local News](#) (Stanford Fed Data Coll Colab), [DataRefuge](#)  
[DataVerse](#)



Know of at-risk data?

1. Identify the type of data you're working with:
  - Datafile or publication (pdf, spreadsheet, image, etc)
  - Dataset or database (one that may require selection to subset, or API to access)
  - Website (static vs interactive)
  - Code
2. Check if it's already been preserved
3. Submit a request to preserve the data
  - Data Rescue Tracker [Download Submission Form](#)
  - Submit to the [End of Term Archive](#)
  - Request to save code through [Software Heritage](#)



**Data Rescue  
Project**

<https://www.datarescueproject.org/>

Know of at-risk data? p2

4. If the data are not complex, very large, or restricted, make a local copy *including metadata and documentation*



DATA  
CURATION  
NETWORK



Consult MIT's Checklist for Federal Data Backups, the DCN's CURATED steps for data rescue, and UW's Data Rescue Guides

5. Consider putting a copy of the raw data to archive just backed up in a data repository or

6. Ask your local experts for help, resources, and guidance



<https://data.research.cornell.edu>

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About that local download... record provenance!

You need more than just the files!

- Full dataset titles and full filenames
- Source URL
- Dataset identifiers
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- Agency/program/organization that produced the data
- Date of download
- Date of last recorded change to dataset
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- Any tools or apps that are needed to interact with the data
- Any issues that arose during download

## Example 1: BLS Download

[download.bls.gov - /pub/time.series/compressed/tape.format/](https://www.bls.gov/download.bls.gov/-/pub/time.series/compressed/tape.format/)

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<b>All Urban Consumers (Chained CPI)</b> (Consumer Price Index - CPI)							
<b>Average Price Data</b> (Consumer Price Index - CPI)							
<b>Prices - Producer</b>							
<b>Industry Data</b> (Producer Price Index - PPI)							

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A1 Series Title

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Average hourly wage for level 06 management occupations in the U.S.	National	National	Management occupations
Average hourly wage for level 07 management occupations in the U.S.	National	National	Management occupations
Average hourly wage for level 08 management occupations in the U.S.	National	National	Management occupations
Average hourly wage for level 09 management occupations in the U.S.	National	National	Management occupations
Average hourly wage for level 10 management occupations in the U.S.	National	National	Management occupations
Average hourly wage for level 11 management occupations in the U.S.	National	National	Management occupations
Average hourly wage for level 12 management occupations in the U.S.	National	National	Management occupations
Average hourly wage for level 13 management occupations in the U.S.	National	National	Management occupations
Average hourly wage for level 14 management occupations in the U.S.	National	National	Management occupations
Average hourly wage for level 15 management occupations in the U.S.	National	National	Management occupations
Average hourly wage for not able to be leveled management occupations in the U.S.	National	National	Management occupations
Average hourly wage for nonunion management occupations in the U.S.	National	National	Management occupations
Average hourly wage for full-time management occupations in the U.S.	National	National	Management occupations
Average hourly wage for full-time level 06 management occupations in the U.S.	National	National	Management occupations
Average hourly wage for full-time level 07 management occupations in the U.S.	National	National	Management occupations
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Average hourly wage for full-time level 09 management occupations in the U.S.	National	National	Management occupations
Average hourly wage for full-time level 10 management occupations in the U.S.	National	National	Management occupations
Average hourly wage for full-time level 11 management occupations in the U.S.	National	National	Management occupations
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Average hourly wage for full-time level 13 management occupations in the U.S.	National	National	Management occupations
Average hourly wage for full-time level 14 management occupations in the U.S.	National	National	Management occupations
Average hourly wage for full-time level 15 management occupations in the U.S.	National	National	Management occupations
Average hourly wage for full-time not able to be leveled management occupations in the U.S.	National	National	Management occupations
Average hourly wage for time-based management occupations in the U.S.	National	National	Management occupations
Average hourly wage for incentive-based management occupations in the U.S.	National	National	Management occupations
Average hourly wage for not able to be leveled chief executives in the U.S.	National	National	Chief executives
Average hourly wage for nonunion chief executives in the U.S.	National	National	Chief executives
Average hourly wage for full-time chief executives in the U.S.	National	National	Chief executives
Average hourly wage for time-based chief executives in the U.S.	National	National	Chief executives
Average hourly wage for level 08 general and operations managers in the U.S.	National	National	General and operations managers
Average hourly wage for level 09 general and operations managers in the U.S.	National	National	General and operations managers
Average hourly wage for level 10 general and operations managers in the U.S.	National	National	General and operations managers
Average hourly wage for level 11 general and operations managers in the U.S.	National	National	General and operations managers
Average hourly wage for level 12 general and operations managers in the U.S.	National	National	General and operations managers

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Time-based pay All workers Level 08  
All workers Level 09  
All workers Level 10  
All workers Level 11

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# Our systems are fragile. How can we do better?

- What can be done?
  - Infrastructure – both user-facing and underlying architecture
  - How to track not just take-downs, but alterations?
- Who should do it?
  - How to create sustainable collaborations
- How can/should it be funded?
- How can we advocate for improvements?
  - Tell stories of why the data are valuable. What alternate uses might the data have outside original intent?
  - Build in transparency and trust.