

## Importance of Federal Statistics

The federal statistical system is decentralized across the federal government with 13 primary statistical agencies and approximately 100 statistical offices. These federal statistical agencies collect, analyze, and disseminate critical statistical data and information such as the following:

STATISTICAL AGENCY	EXAMPLES OF DATA	USERS OF DATA
<b>Bureau of Economic Analysis</b>	Economic indicators (GDP), international trade	Consumers, businesses, economists, investors, policymakers
<b>Bureau of Justice Statistics</b>	Justice systems, crime, incarceration rates	Correctional agencies, law enforcement, policymakers
<b>Bureau of Labor Statistics</b>	Inflation, employment, earnings, working conditions	Consumers, businesses, Federal Reserve, policymakers
<b>Bureau of Transportation Statistics</b>	Airline on-time performance, pirates at sea, transportation trends	Businesses, urban planners, policymakers
<b>Census Bureau</b>	Main source of data about population and economy	Individuals, businesses, nonprofits, policymakers, public health officials, urban planners
<b>Energy Information Administration</b>	Use and price of coal, natural gas, nuclear energy, renewable energy	Consumers, businesses, energy producers, policymakers
<b>Economic Research Service</b>	Agriculture, food, the environment, and rural development	Agriculturalists, consumers, farmers, nonprofits, policymakers
<b>National Agricultural Statistical Service</b>	Food production and supply, organic sales, chemical use	Agriculturalists, businesses, consumers, farmers, policymakers
<b>National Center for Education Statistics</b>	Education data, literacy rates, international comparisons of students	Educators, parents, policymakers, students
<b>National Center for Health</b>	Life expectancy, health insurance coverage, health	Individuals, policymakers, public health officials, researchers

<b>Statistics</b>	trends	
<b>National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics</b>	Science and engineering workforce, R&D expenditures	Educators, businesses, policymakers, researchers
<b>Office of Research Evaluation and Statistics</b>	Social security benefits, payments, covered workers	Individuals, businesses, policymakers
<b>Statistics of Income</b>	Income sources, exemptions, tax revenue, international boycotts	Individuals, estates, nonprofits, trusts, investors, policymakers

Sources: [Count on Stats](#), [USA.gov](#)