

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

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

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