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Key Federal Statistical System Initiatives

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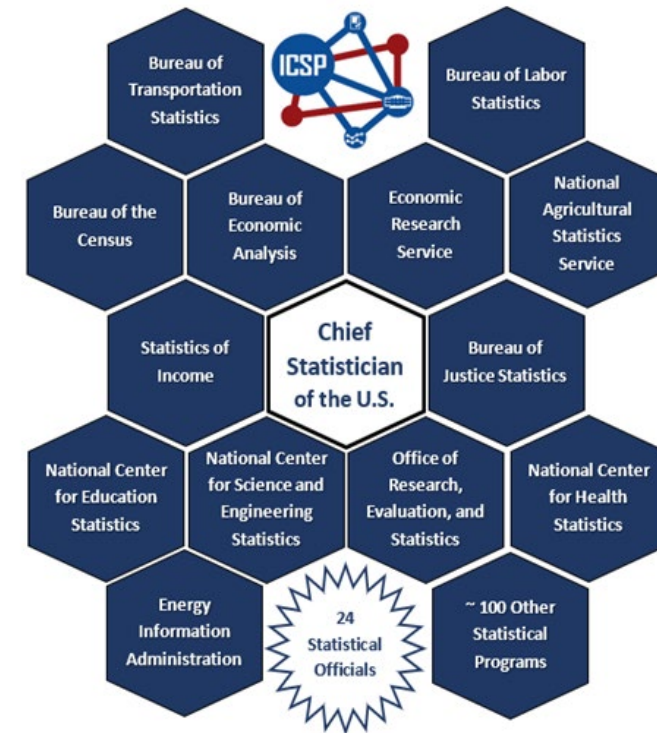
U.S. has a decentralized Federal statistical system

Coordinated by the Chief Statistician of the U.S.:

- Provides leadership, oversight, and coordination
- Issues Statistical Policy Directives, guidance, etc.
- Chairs Interagency Council on Statistical Policy (ICSP)
- Engages with international statistical community

Vision for the Federal statistical system:

“Operates as a seamless system, as stewards of much of the nation's most sensitive data, enabling greater evidence building, civic engagement, and public and private sector decision-making”



Few Highlighted Priorities:

- Review and revision of OMB's statistical standards for maintaining, collecting, and presenting data on race and ethnicity
- Advancing the "Trust" regulation
- Development and implementation of other Evidence Act related efforts:
 - Standard Application Process (SAP)
 - National Secure Data Service (NSDS) demonstration
 - Presumption of Accessibility regulation
 - Expanding Secure Data Access regulation

Review and Revision of OMB's Race and Ethnicity Standards

OMB maintains government-wide standards for Federal race and ethnicity data – to ensure ability to compare information and data across Federal agencies and to understand how well Federal programs serve a diverse America.

Some Current Actions:

- **June:** CSOTUS announcement - formal review to revise Standards is beginning
- **July:** OMB issues plain language discussion of current flexibilities of and best practices for collecting and reporting more detailed data under current standards.
- **August:** CSOTUS announcement that ITWG has been convened and how the public can participate in the revision process
 - Public input on ITWG's initial proposal for revisions to the standards through a FRN
 - Virtual, bi-monthly listening sessions to hear directly from members of the public
 - **Connect with us! Email** Statistical_Directives@omb.eop.gov

Advancing the “Trust” Regulation

- Required under Evidence Act/CIPSEA 2018
- Intended to bolster trust in the Federal statistical system through protecting its independence and objectivity
- Intended to increase efficiency and effectiveness of the Federal statistical system

Development and Implementation of Other Evidence Act-Related Efforts

- Advisory Committee on Data for Evidence Building (ACDEB)
- National Secure Data Service (NSDS) demonstration
- Standard Application Process (SAP)
- Expanding Secure Data Access regulation
- Presumption of Access regulation

Advancing Equity

- Equitable Data Engagement and Accountability [OMB & OSTP led]
- Federal Evidence Agenda on LGBTQI+ Equity [OMB & OSTP led]
- Report on best practices for measuring sexual orientation and gender identity on federal statistical surveys [CSOTUS]

Economic Statistics

- Natural Capital Accounting and Environmental Economic Statistics
- Executive Order on Bioeconomy
 - ITWG on bioeconomy to produce recommendations for NAICS & NAPCS

FCSM.gov - launched!

Great resources like Data Protection Toolkit and Framework for Data Quality

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The Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology (FCSM) is an interagency committee **dedicated to improving the quality of Federal statistics.**

[View our Mission and Charter](#)

Key Topics

- Data Protection**
 Explores the challenges of providing access to data and aggregated statistics for research, evaluation, and evidence-based policymaking, while protecting the confidentiality of all related individuals and organizations.
- Data Quality**
 Identifies and promotes best practices for assessing and communicating data quality from surveys, administrative records, sensors, and other sources that are used individually and together in statistical estimates.
- Nonresponse Bias**
 Develops guidelines and best practices for nonresponse bias analyses and reporting in federal surveys.
- Measuring Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI)**
 Explores the best practices of the measurement of SOGI in the context of federal information collections.

Get Involved!

- **FCSM Groups** [FCSM.gov/groups/](https://fcsm.gov/groups/)
Engage with experts on topics/ methodologies; produce products
 - Interest Groups⁺
 - Working Groups (sponsored by FCSM Subcommittees)⁺
- **ICSP Mentoring Program**[#]
 - Annual program
 - Next kickoff in early 2023
 - Structured mentor/mentee relationships for professional development
- **Office of the CSOTUS**
 - Come on a Detail with us! ⁺
 - Support FSS-wide priorities through leading projects, developing statistical policies, and/or supporting implementation
 - Participate in topical ITWGs⁺
 - Engage with experts to review and analyze an FSS issue/challenge and develop recommendations to the CSOTUS

⁺ open to Federal career staff

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