

## Celebrating 50 years of Service to the Statistical Community 1972-2022

Committee on National Statistics • National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **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.*

**February 27, 2023**      **Integrated System of Household Income, Wealth, and Consumption Data and Statistics to Inform Policy and Research Panel Meeting** scheduled for 11:00 am – 1:30 pm EST February 27, 2023 (open virtual session) on health care issues; see this [site](#) for more information.

### PEOPLE NEWS

#### ***Passing of Tim Holt***

We are sad to report that Tim Holt, professor emeritus and former chair of social statistics at the University of Southampton, died suddenly on November 15, 2022, in the United Kingdom. He had a long and distinguished career in official statistics, beginning in 1970 at Statistics Canada, returning to the UK in 1973 to pursue an academic career at the University of Southampton. In 1995 he became director of the Central Statistical Office and led its merger with the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys, to form the Office for National Statistics (ONS) in 1996, providing a more integrated and comprehensive service to the government and the wider community. He was in the unique position of being the last director of the CSO and the first director of the ONS and ex officio registrar general. On his retirement from the ONS in 2000 he was made Companion of the Order of the Bath (CB) and returned to the University of Southampton. He was president of the Royal Statistical Society from 2005 to 2007. During that period, he gave an outstanding and prescient public seminar for CNSTAT on “The Official Statistics Olympic Challenge: Wider, Deeper, Quicker, Better, Cheaper.” He had a B.Sc. in mathematics and a Ph.D. from the University of Exeter.

#### ***COSSA Executive Director Wendy Nauss Elected as 2022 AAAS Fellow***

CNSTAT congratulates Wendy A. Naus, executive director of the Council of Social Science Associations (COSSA) since 2014, to the 2022 Class of Fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). She was recognized for “leadership in communicating to both Congress and the public the importance of the social and behavioral sciences, and for effective advocacy in support of these sciences.” Prior to joining COSSA, she spent a decade lobbying for the federal research and policy interests of scientific societies and U.S. universities. She has a B.A. in political science and urban studies from Canisius College.

## SPECIAL RESOURCES



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

### ***Workshop on Considerations for Returning Individual Genomic Results from Population-Based Surveys: Focus on the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, December 2, 7, and 8, 2022***

Video and other materials available from this [site](#).

### ***Celebrating 50 Years of CNSTAT and Looking to the Future: Toward a 21st Century National Data Infrastructure, October 13, 2022***

Video and other materials available from this [site](#).



### ***2020 Census Data Products: Workshop on the Demographic and Housing Characteristics Files, June 21-22, 2022***

Video and other materials available from this [site](#).

### ***Toward a Vision for a New Data Infrastructure for Federal Statistics and Social and Economic Research in the 21st Century Workshop 2: The Implications of Using Multiple Data Sources for Major Survey Programs, May 16 and 18, 2022***

Video and other materials available from this [site](#).

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



***An Assessment of the Need for Native Seeds and the Capacity for their Supply: Final Report***, a consensus report, chaired by Susan Harrison (University of California, Davis) and sponsored by the Bureau of Land Management, was released January 26, 2023. Free PDFs are available [here](#).

Extreme weather and wildfires, intensified by climate change, are damaging the native plant communities of landscapes across the United States. Native plant communities are foundational to thriving ecosystems, delivering goods and services that regulate the environment and support life, provide food and shelter for a wide range of native animals, and embody a wealth of genetic information with many beneficial applications. Restoring impaired ecosystems requires a supply of diverse native plant seeds that are well suited to the climates, soils, and other living species of the system. This report examines the needs for native plant restoration and other activities, provides recommendations for improving the reliability, predictability, and performance of the native seed supply, and presents an ambitious agenda for action.

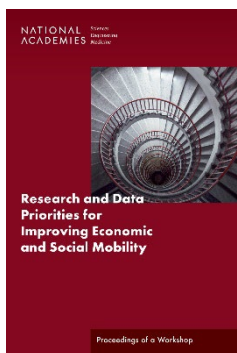


***Reassessment of the Department of Veterans Affairs Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry***, a consensus report, chaired by David Savitz (Brown University) and sponsored by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, was released October 14, 2022. Free PDFs are available [here](#).

Beginning with the 1990–1991 Gulf War, more than 3.7 million U.S. service members have been deployed to Southwest Asia, where they have been exposed to a number of airborne hazards, including oil-well fire smoke, emissions from open burn pits, dust and sand, diesel exhaust, and poor-quality ambient air.

Many service members, particularly those who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, have reported health problems they attribute to their exposure to emissions from open-air burn pits on military installations.

In 2013, Congress directed the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to establish and maintain the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit (AH&OBP) Registry to "ascertain and monitor" the health effects of such exposures. This report serves as a follow-up to an initial assessment of the AH&OBP Registry completed by an independent committee of the National Academies in 2017. This reassessment does not include any strength-of-the-evidence assessments of potential relationships between exposures to burn pits or airborne hazards and health effects. Rather, this report assesses the ability of the registry to fulfill the intended purposes that Congress and VA have specified for it.



***Research and Data Priorities for Improving Economic and Social Mobility: Proceedings of a Workshop*** was released October 3, 2022. Free PDFs are available [here](#).

Since around 1980, fewer Americans than before have been doing better than their parents – that is, more have experienced downward social and economic mobility in occupational status and income. This trend in downward mobility is occurring amidst high and rising levels of inequality in income, wealth, health, and life expectancy. To better understand the factors that influence social and economic mobility, the Committee on Population and the Committee on National Statistics

hosted a workshop on February 14-15, 2022. Courtney Coile (Wellesley College) chaired the workshop planning committee. The proceedings from this workshop, prepared by rapporteur Erin Hammers Forstag, identify key priorities for future research and data collection to improve social and economic mobility.

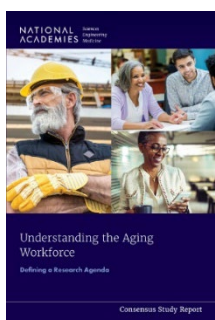


***Toward a 21st Century National Data Infrastructure: Mobilizing Information for the Common Good***, a consensus report, chaired by Robert Groves (Georgetown University) and sponsored by the National Science Foundation, was released September 15, 2022. Free PDFs are available [here](#).

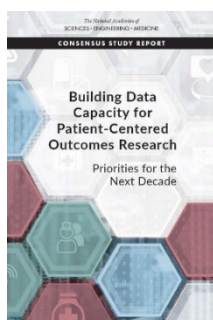
Historically, the U.S. national data infrastructure has relied on the federal statistical system and the data assets that it holds. Data and statistics from surveys were essential to what we know about the well-being of the society and economy, and provided an infrastructure for empirical social and economic research. Today,

national statistics face both grave threats and, also, a historic opportunity. Declining survey participation poses a severe threat to the quality of statistical information. Yet, at the same time, the country produces unprecedented amounts of digital data about the activities of individuals and businesses.

*Toward a 21st Century National Data Infrastructure: Mobilizing Information for the Common Good* is the first of three reports funded by the National Science Foundation to explore the many issues surrounding a new data infrastructure. The report describes the need for a new national data infrastructure, presents an initial vision, and describes expected outcomes and key attributes of a new national data infrastructure. The report also discusses the implications of blending data from multiple sources as well as the organizational implications of cross sector data access and use. The report concludes by identifying short- and medium-term activities that facilitate progress toward the full vision. These tasks provide a possible roadmap that permits progress toward a full vision.



*Understanding the Aging Workforce:  
Defining a Research Agenda*



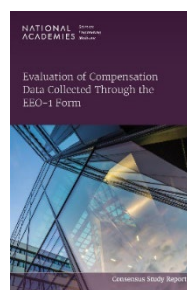
*Building Data Capacity for  
Patient-Centered Outcomes Research:  
Priorities for the Next Decade*



*Modernizing the Consumer Price Index*



*Innovation, Global Value Chains, and  
Globalization Measurement—Proceedings of a Workshop*



*Evaluation of Compensation Data Collected  
Through the EEO-1 Form*

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### All Reports Available in Print or PDF

PDFs are downloadable for free from <https://www.nap.edu>

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## OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

### **Public Comment Invited on Proposed Race and Ethnicity Reporting Standards—Comments Due April 12, 2023**

On January 26, 2023, the Chief Statistician’s Office in OMB released a set of initial proposals to revise OMB’s statistical standards for collecting and reporting race and ethnicity data across federal agencies in a [Federal Register Notice](#). These are initial proposals developed by an Interagency Technical Working Group—they are not the final recommendations from the Working Group to OMB, and they do not represent the positions of OMB or the agencies participating on the Working Group. Input from stakeholders and the public will be critical in guiding the Working Group as it continues to refine its recommendations. Comments can be submitted by **April 12 at [Regulations.gov](#)**, by searching for “OMB-2023-0001”. **The Working Group also has a new public website at: [spd15revision.gov](#)**. The target to complete these revisions is summer 2024.

### **OMB releases Best Practices for the Collection of SOGI Data**

In January 2023, the Chief Statistician’s Office in OMB issued [Recommendations on the Best Practices for the Collection of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Data on Federal Statistical Surveys](#). This is pursuant to the June 2022 Executive Order 14075 on *Advancing Equality for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex Individuals*.

### **FCSM 2022 Conference presentations posted; Call for Abstracts for 2023 Conference**

Presentations from the 2022 FCSM Conference can be accessed for download in PDF format at <https://www.fcsm.gov/events/2022-fcsm-conference/>.

Looking ahead to the **2023 FCSM Research and Policy Conference**, a few items to note:

- The conference will take place on **October 24-26, 2023, at the College Park Marriott Hotel & Conference Center** (3501 University Blvd E, Hyattsville, MD)
- The **Call for Abstracts** is available at [www.fcsm2023.org](http://www.fcsm2023.org), and abstracts are due **April 3, 2023**.

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

### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

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#### **Consensus Panel on Evaluation and Improvements to the Supplemental Poverty Measure**

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: September 2020–December 2023

Study director: Christopher Mackie; senior scholar: Constance Citro; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Chair: James Ziliak (University of Kentucky)

Publication planned: Consensus report is in response to review

Meetings: Public meetings held from March 2021 through January 2022; closed meetings held on a monthly basis thereafter; see this [site](#) for more information

#### **Consensus Study for a Roadmap for Disclosure Avoidance in the Survey of Income and Program Participation**

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: September 2021–September 2023

**Study director:** Brad Chaney; senior program officers: David Johnson and Nancy Kirkendall; project assistant: Madeleine Goedicke

**Chair:** Trivellore (Raghu) Raghunathan (University of Michigan)

**Publication planned:** Consensus report is being drafted

**Meetings:** Next closed meeting scheduled for March 2-3, 2023; see this [site](#) for more information

### **Consensus Panel to Review and Evaluate the Quality of the 2020 Census**

**Sponsor:** U.S. Census Bureau

**Duration:** May 2021–April 2023

**Study director:** Daniel Cork; senior scholar: Constance Citro; senior program officers: Michael Cohen and Katrina Stone; project assistant: Anthony Mann

**Chair:** Teresa Sullivan (University of Virginia)

**Publications planned:** Interim consensus report, *Understanding Quality in the 2020 Census: Interim Report*, released April 7, 2022 ; final consensus report is being drafted

**Meetings:** Closed meeting held December 1-2, 2022; see this [site](#) for more information

### **Workshop on 2020 Census Data Products: Demographic and Housing Characteristics File**

**Sponsor:** U.S. Census Bureau

**Duration:** January 2022—July 2023

**Study director:** Katrina Stone; project assistant: Anthony Mann

**Co-chairs:** V. Joseph Hotz (Duke University) and Elizabeth Garner (Colorado Department of Local Affairs)

**Publication planned:** Workshop proceedings has cleared review and is being prepared for public release

**Workshop:** Held June 21-22, 2022; see this [site](#) for more information

## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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### **Consensus Committee on Future Directions for Applying Behavioral Economics to Policy** (*led by Board on Behavioral, Cognitive, and Sensory Sciences*)

**Sponsors:** National Institutes of Health, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, W.K. Kellogg Foundation

**Duration:** January–December 2022

**Study Director:** Molly Checksfield Dorries; senior program officer: Christopher Mackie

**Chair:** Alison Buttenheim (University of Pennsylvania)

**Publication planned:** Consensus report

**Meetings:** Closed meeting held November 30-December 1, 2022; see this [site](#) for more information

### **Consensus Committee on Policies and Programs to Reduce Intergenerational Poverty** (*led by Board on Children, Youth, and Families*)

**Sponsors:** 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, W.K. Kellogg Foundation

**Duration:** September 2021–September 2024

**Study Director:** Jennifer Gootman; senior scholar: Constance Citro; senior program officer: Christopher Mackie

**Chair:** Greg Duncan (UC Irvine)

**Publication planned:** Consensus report is being drafted

**Meetings:** Closed meeting scheduled for February 9-10, 2023; see this [site](#) for more information

## **Workshop on Considerations for Returning Individual Genomic Results from Population-Based Surveys with a Focus on the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey**

Sponsor: National Center for Health Statistics

Duration: May 2022–July 2023

Study Director: Celeste Stone; project assistant: Alex Henderson

Chair: Jeffrey R. Botkin (University of Utah)

Publication planned: Workshop proceedings is being drafted

Workshop: Held December 2, 7, and 8, 2022; see this [site](#) for more information and workshop materials

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

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### **Consensus Committee on an Assessment of Native Seed Needs and Capacities**

*(led by Board on Agriculture and Natural Resources)*

Sponsor: Bureau of Land Management

Duration: Fall 2018 through Fall 2022

Study director: Robin Schoen (BANR); senior program officer: Krisztina Marton

Chair: Susan Harrison (University of California, Davis)

Publications planned: Final consensus report, *An Assessment of Native Seed Needs and the Capacity for Their Supply*, was released January 26, 2023 (see “Recent Events and Reports “ above)

Meetings: No additional meetings scheduled see this [site](#) for more information

## **DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

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### **Workshop on Approaches to Improve the Measurement of Suicide in Law Enforcement in the U.S.**

Sponsor: Bureau of Justice Statistics

Duration: September 2022—July 2023

Study director: Katrina Stone; project assistant: Madeleine Goedicke

Co-chairs: Joel Greenhouse (Carnegie Mellon University) and Vickie Mays (UCLA)

Publication planned: Workshop proceedings

Workshop: Scheduled for April 25-26 and May 2, 2023; see this [site](#) for more information

## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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### **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: Krisztina Marton

Chair: B. Starr McMullen (Oregon State University)

Publication planned: Consensus report

Meetings: Meeting held January 18-19, 2023; an in-person meeting is scheduled for May 16-17; see this [site](#) for more information

## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

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

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

Sponsor: Division of Social and Economic Sciences

Duration: April 2021–March 2023

Study director: Thomas Mesenbourg; associate program officer: Michael Siri; associate program officer: Katelyn Stenger; program assistant: Joshua Lang

Chair: Robert Groves (Georgetown University)

Publication: Consensus report released September 15, 2022 (see “Recent Events and Reports” above)

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 2023

Study director: Krisztina Marton (previously Daniel Weinberg); Mirzayan Fellow: Neeti Pokhriyal; program assistant: Joshua Lang

Chair: Sharon Lohr (Arizona State University, emerita)

Publication planned: Consensus report is in response to review

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 2023

Study director: Jennifer Park; senior program officer: Brad Chaney; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Chair: Jerry Reiter (Duke University)

Publication planned: Consensus report

Meetings: Closed meeting held February 2, 2023; workshop TBD; see this [site](#) for more information

## **THE SPIEGEL FAMILY FUND; 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–March 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 is being drafted

Meetings: Public meeting scheduled for February 27, 2023; 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.

- ◆ [Contact us](#) to discuss how we can help your organization
- ◆ [Attend](#) our public seminars, workshops, and events
- ◆ [Engage](#) with our ongoing project on envisioning a new national data infrastructure

## ABOUT CNSTAT

### FUTURE MEETING DATES

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**152<sup>nd</sup> CNSTAT Meeting**      This meeting will be held in Irvine CA. It is a closed strategic planning  
**February 23-24, 2023**      meeting for CNSTAT members and staff.

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### CORE SPONSORS

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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.