

NORC at the University of Chicago AmeriSpeak® Omnibus Questionnaire

Federal Data Use and Perspectives on Federal Statistics

Questionnaire for April and June 2026

STATS1.

Numbers such as (1) census population counts, (2) numbers of deaths in the U.S. from different diseases, (3) numbers of farms and ranches, (4) crime rates, (5) inflation rates, and (6) unemployment rates are produced by federal statistical agencies that are part of the federal government. These numbers are often shared in tables, maps, reports, and datasets. They are collectively called statistical products.

Have you ever used a statistical product from federal statistical agencies for study and/or work?

For a list of recognized statistical agencies, please see: <https://www.statspolicy.gov/about/>

Please select all that apply.

- 01 No, [CAWI: I am; CATI: you are] not familiar with federal statistical agencies. [SP]
 - 02 No, [CAWI: I; CATI: you] have not used a statistical product from federal statistical agencies. [SP]
 - 03 Yes, [CAWI: I; CATI: you] have cited facts or figures from a federal statistics report. [IF SELECTED Please describe how you primarily use facts or figures from a federal statistics report. [TEXTBOX]]
 - 04 Yes, [CAWI: I; CATI: you] have used individual statistical tables and/or maps. [IF SELECTED Please describe how you primarily use individual statistical tables and/or maps. [TEXTBOX]]
 - 05 Yes, [CAWI: I; CATI: you] have used public use microdata (or record-level data) with records for individual respondents, households, or businesses. [IF SELECTED Please describe how you primarily use microdata. [TEXTBOX]]
 - 06 Yes, [CAWI: I; CATI: you] have used data that are confidential and restricted access. [IF SELECTED Please describe how you primarily use confidential, restricted data. [TEXTBOX]]
 - 07 Yes, [CAWI: I; CATI: you] have statistical products in some other way (Please specify): [TEXTBOX]
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STATS2.

[#\[SHOW IF STATS1=3,4,5,6,7\]](#)

How often do you use statistics, tables, maps, reports, and/or datasets from federal statistical agencies?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 01 Less than once a year
- 02 Annually
- 03 Quarterly
- 04 Monthly
- 05 More than once a month

STATS3.

Personally, would you say that you tend to trust federal statistics or tend not to trust them?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 01 Tend to trust federal statistics
- 02 Tend not to trust federal statistics

STATS4.

Whether or not you use statistics or other data products from federal statistical agencies, please indicate the extent to which you [\[RANDOMLY ASSIGNED: disagree or agree, agree or disagree\]](#) with the following statements.

GRID ITEMS, ORDER RANDOMIZED:

- A. Statistics provided by federal agencies are generally accurate.
- B. Statistics provided by federal agencies are often biased.
- C. People can easily find out how federal statistics are produced.
- D. Statistics from federal agencies are accessible.
- E. Policymakers need federal statistics to make good decisions.
- F. Businesses need federal statistics to make good decisions.
- G. Statistics provided by federal agencies are available in a timely manner for decision-making.
- H. Statistics provided by federal agencies are available with the subgroup detail needed for decision-making.
- I. Statistics provided by federal agencies are available with the geographic detail needed for decision-making.
- J. People can trust federal statistical agencies to keep information about them confidential.
- K. Federal statistical agencies generally respect people's privacy.
- L. The government should combine data from different agencies to inform decision-making as long as individuals' information is kept strictly confidential.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

RANDOMLY ASSIGNED EITHER 1-2-3-4-5 OR 5-4-3-2-1

- 01 Strongly disagree
 - 02 Disagree
 - 03 Neither agree nor disagree
 - 04 Agree
 - 05 Strongly agree
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STATS5.

Whether or not you use statistics or other data products from federal statistical agencies, how important is it to you for federal statistics to be objective and credible? [CATI: Would you say extremely important, very important, moderately important, slightly important, or not at all important?]

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 01 Extremely important
- 02 Very important
- 03 Moderately important
- 04 Slightly important
- 05 Not at all important