

**STATS FOR AMERICA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
**Connecting Statistical Agencies and their Users**  
**June 3, 2019**  
**Bureau of Labor Statistics, Janet Norwood Conference Center**  
**Sponsored by the**  
**Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics**

The public data produced by the federal government has a uniquely important role to play in understanding the issues that impact our nation. But in a world that's become flush with data:

- What are the unique advantages of these public data assets?
- How can journalists, researchers, and communications professional find and use these assets?
- What are the statistical agencies doing to make their data more accessible?
- How can federal agencies go beyond publishing their data to help journalists and researchers make the most of the high quality and essential data they release?

The Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics is sponsoring a forum at the Janet Norwood Convention Center, Bureau of Labor Statistics, on Monday, June 3, 2019. The forum will connect federal agencies, the media, and users of federal statistics.

The outcomes of the workshop will address the needs of both the producers and users of federal statistics. This forum will explore:

- Innovations in the presentation of information
- The data and services available from federal agencies for journalists, analysts and other researchers
- Uses Federal Statistics that promotes transparency and trust
- The needs and concerns of data users

This event will feature panel discussions between users and producers, an interactive exhibition for media and agencies, and discussion of current issues relating to federal statistics. All will learn what is available, what is new, and where to get the best information.

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## Program

- 9:00 – 9:15 Welcoming Remarks: The Importance of Federal Data
- 9:15 - 10:15 Session I: What’s Changing and Improving in Federal Statistics  
*Modernization efforts within the agencies, and new initiatives such as the Foundations of Evidence-based Policy Act and the Federal Data Strategy outside the agencies.*
- 10:15 – 11:15 Session II: Keeping Federal Statistics from becoming “Fake News”  
*Impact of changing attitudes towards government data on public trust and how federal statistics are adapting to the new climate*
- 11:15 --11:30 Break
- 11:30 – 12:30 Session III: How you can use Federal Statistics on Deadline  
*Translating federal data into compelling stories*
- 12:30 – 2:30 Lunch and Exhibits by Federal Statistical Agencies  
Information Specialists from Federal Statistical Agencies will be available to field questions about communications outreach and demonstrate data resources during lunch period. Lunch will be served in the Atrium.
- 2:30 – 3:30 Session IV: The Open Data Movement meets Federal Statistics  
*Federal Statistical Agency initiatives to make their data more accessible—agency data releases and dissemination, communication strategies and/plans, engagement with stakeholders*
- 3:30 – 4:30 Session V: What would Edward Tufte say about the Charts and Graphs coming out of Washington  
*Helping audiences understand data with graphics, maps, visualizations, and interactive web products*

For the most up-to-date speaker list, [visit our webpage here](#).

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