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## Finding Government Economic Statistics

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### Overview

- U.S. statistical system
- Demographic data
- Industry statistics
- Economic indicators
- Prices and Inflation
- Measures of compensation
- Forecasts and projections
- International comparisons
- Finding economic data

### Why do you need them?

- Accurate
- Timely
- Authoritative

### U.S. Statistical System

- Decentralized
- Key agencies for economic statistics
- Specialized agencies

<http://stats.bls.gov/oreother.htm>

### Demographic Data

- Population (and housing) Census

<http://www.census.gov/dmd/www/pdf/d61a.pdf>

- Every decade since 1790
- Necessary for detailed geographic data
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- Intercensal surveys

- CPS

<http://www.bls.gov/cps/home.htm>

- SIPP

<http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/pubs/main.htm>

- CE

<http://stats.bls.gov/csxovr.htm>

### **Industry Statistics**

- Economic Census

<http://www.census.gov/epcd/ec97/us/US000.HTM>

- NAICS vs. SIC

<http://www.census.gov/epcd/ec97brdg/>

<http://www.census.gov/epcd/naics/>

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### **Economic Indicators**

- National Accounts/GDP

<http://www1.whitehouse.gov/fsbr/output/html>

<http://www.bea.doc.gov/bea/an/0398niw/maintext.htm>

- Employment, hours, earnings

<http://146.142.4.24/cgi-bin/surveymost?ee>

- FED Beige Book

<http://www.bog.frb.fed.us/FOMC/BeigeBook/2000/>

- Productivity

<http://stats.bls.gov/lprhome.htm>

- Other indicators

<http://www1.whitehouse.gov/fsbr/production.html>

<http://www.bog.frb.fed.us/releases/G17/Current/>

### **Prices and Inflation**

- CPI

<http://stats.bls.gov/cpifact8.htm>

- Other inflation measures

- PPI

<http://stats.bls.gov/ppihome.htm>

- PCE

<http://www.bea.doc.gov/bea/glance/htm>

- IPP

<http://stats.bls.gov/news.release/ximpim.toc.htm>

- ECI

<http://stats.bls.gov/wh/ectbrief.htm>

### **Measures of Compensation**

- Wages and Benefits

<http://stats.bls.gov/news.release/ebs3.t01.htm>

<http://stats.bls.gov/comhome.htm>

- Occupational and area differences

[http://stats.bls.gov/oes/national/oes\\_prof.htm](http://stats.bls.gov/oes/national/oes_prof.htm)

<http://stats.bls.gov/oes/national/oes31502.htm>

[http://stats.bls.gov/soc/soc\\_home.htm](http://stats.bls.gov/soc/soc_home.htm)

### **Forecasts and Projections (including private sector sources)**

- Conference Board: leading economic indicators  
<http://www.conference-board.org/products/frames.cfm?main=lei1.cfm>
- NBER: business cycles  
<http://www.nber.org/cycles.html>
- BLS: projections of occupations and demand for skills  
<http://stats.bls.gov/asp/oep/noeted/empoptd.asp>  
<http://stats.bls.gov/ocohome.htm>

### **International Comparisons**

- BLS  
<http://stats.bls.gov/flsdata.htm>  
<http://stats.bls.gov/oreother.htm>
- IMF  
<http://dsbb.imf.org/country.htm>

### **Finding economic data**

- Statistical Abstract  
<http://www.census.gov/statab/www/>
- FedStats  
<http://www.fedstats.gov/>
- Economic Report of the President  
<http://w3.access.gpo.gov/eop/>
- Economic Briefing Room  
<http://www1.whitehouse.gov/fsbr/esbr.html>