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2016 Hurricane Season

The North Atlantic hurricane season began on June 1 and lasts through Nov. 30. The U.S. Census Bureau produces timely local statistics that are critical to emergency planning, preparedness and recovery efforts.



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Did You Know
In Los Angeles city, California
59.5%
of females 16 years+ are in the civilian labor force

Source: American Community Survey

Select a state to begin

U.S. Census Bureau Economic Indicators

New Residential Construction	1,164,000	↓*
May 2016 Report Released 8:30 AM EDT, 6/17/16	Housing starts	-0.3%
Business Inventories	\$1,807.1 B	↑*
April 2016 Report Released 10:00 AM EDT, 6/14/16		0.1%
Advance Monthly Retail Sales	\$455.6 B	↑*

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* significance not reported / applicable

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State and Local Government Tax Revenues First Quarter 2016

June 21, 2016

Provides quarterly estimates of state and local government tax revenue at a national level, as well as detailed tax revenue data for individual states.



Offer and Take-Up of Employer-Sponsored Health Insurance Coverage

June 16, 2016

These research files on offer and take-up of employer-sponsored health insurance coverage are based on new questions asked in the 2014 & 2015 CPS ASEC.

Stat of the Day

Tax Revenues

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About

Where does the data come from that the Census Bureau uses?

The Census Bureau collects data about the economy and the people living in the United States from many different sources. Some data is collected from respondents directly (including businesses), through the censuses and surveys we conduct. We collect additional data from other sources, too. Primary sources for additional data are federal, state, and local governments, as well as some commercial entities. We generally refer to these types of data as “administrative data.”

Why is this additional information called “administrative data?”

This information is called “administrative data” because the data collected and maintained by agencies is used to administer (or run) programs and provide services to the public.

Why does the Census Bureau link administrative data with my survey and census data?

The Census Bureau is mandated by law to obtain and reuse data that already exists at other agencies to cut the cost of data collection and research, and also to reduce the burden on people who respond to our census and survey questions. By reusing data that already exists elsewhere, and linking it to census and survey data, the Census Bureau is able to conduct research that allows us to see the larger picture about the people and economy of the United States. By combining these data together, researchers can answer questions we couldn't answer before. This type of research allows the Census Bureau to help other government agencies better understand how their programs are working, and where they could be improved. For examples, visit the Census Bureau's website containing our [research papers](#) that use administrative data.

How does the Census Bureau protect my data?

All of the information we collect through censuses and surveys, as well as the administrative data we obtain, is confidential and protected by federal law (Title 13, United States Code). Data are only linked to answer questions that are part of a research projects that are approved by the Census Bureau and support our [mission](#). Also, because these data can only be used to produce statistics, it cannot be used for enforcement purposes or to decide whether someone is eligible for benefits through a social program.

Research results that are published do not identify any individuals. Rather, summarized data is released that represent groups of people—generally in tables of numbers. Before releasing any statistics to the public, the Census Bureau review them to make sure none of the information or characteristics could identify someone (or a business) individually.

For more information about how we protect the data please visit our website on [Data Protections and Privacy](#).

Visit the [Census Bureau's Linkage Infrastructure](#) website for more information about our data linkage and research activities.

Census Bureau Linkage Infrastructure (CBLI)

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The Census Bureau makes extensive use of administrative data to produce census and survey data. By integrating external data, we can reduce respondent burden and increase the scope and depth of statistics and analyses. The Census Bureau has been leveraging external data sources since the 1940s. Data linkages are conducted within stringent legal, ethical and security frameworks.

The Census Bureau acquires administrative records – files about programs and services – and third-party data on businesses and households from a variety of government and commercial sources.

- The first known statistical use of administrative records is associated with the production of economic statistics with the creation of the frame of mortgage holders in connection with the 1890 Census.
- In 1939, the Census Bureau began acquiring the IRS Form SS-4 business birth data from the Social Security Administration to append industry classification information to economic census records.
- Beginning with the 1940 Census, the Census Bureau has used demographic administrative records to develop separate population estimates to evaluate census coverage. The Census Bureau has produced intercensal estimates for the population since this era combining several sources of administrative records to obtain estimates of births, deaths, and migration.
- Today's uses of administrative records are grounded in strong laws that guide how the Census Bureau both accesses and protects administrative records.

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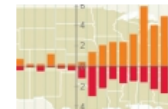
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Census Bureau data linkage activities support research and development to improve measures of the U.S. population and economy. Data linkages allow us to use external data to lower costs, increase efficiency, reduce respondent burden and improve data quality. Findings are released through reports and working papers.

Center for Administrative Records Research and Applications Working Papers

Reports on topics in demography, economics, statistics, and data linkage.

Center for Economic Studies Working Papers

Economic research papers to improve our understanding of US businesses, households, and individuals.



Exploring the Utility of Linking Data on Domestic Migration

October 10, 2012

This project is the first major attempt to link individual NCOA records to individual mover records in the ACS.

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