
Measuring the Health of the Federal Statistical System

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Resource Challenges for Principal Statistical Agencies (Budget)

Agency	Budget FY 2022 (in millions of \$)
U.S. Census Bureau	1354.0
Bureau of Labor Statistics	659.5
National Center for Education Statistics	304.9
National Agricultural Statistics Services	190.2
National Center for Health Statistics	180.5
Energy Information Administration	129.1
Bureau of Economic Analysis	111.7
Economic Research Service	87.8
Bureau of Justice Statistics	76.2
National Center for Science & Engineering Statistics	67.7
Statistics of Income Division	40.7
Office of Research, Evaluation, & Statistics	39.4
Bureau of Transportation Statistics	35.0

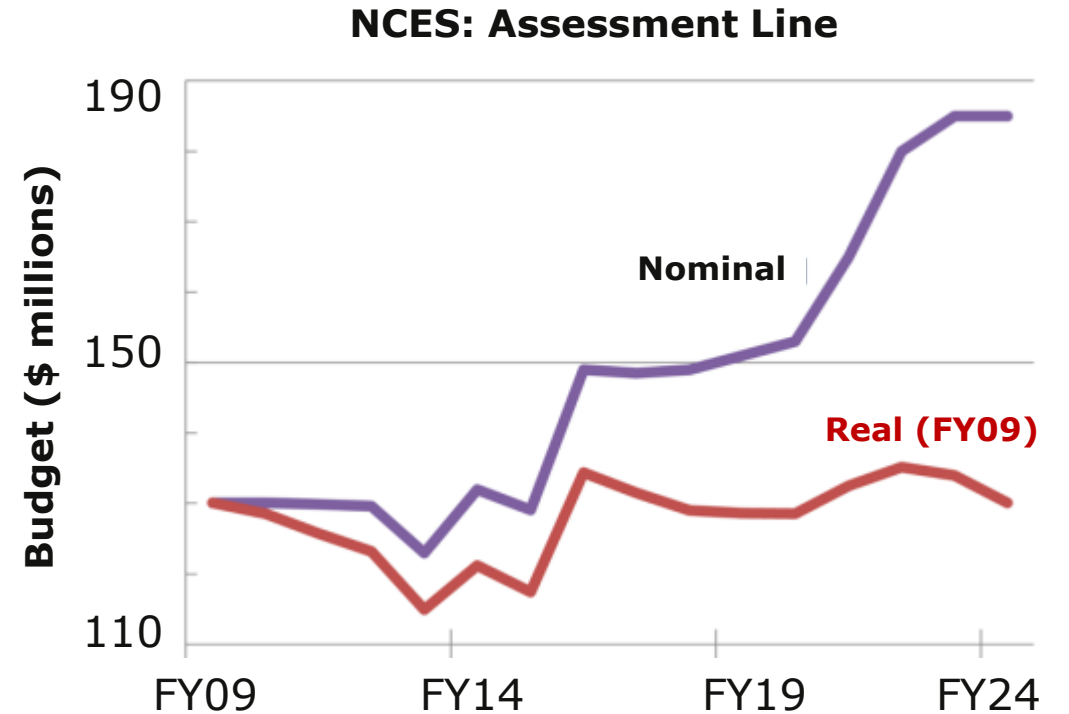
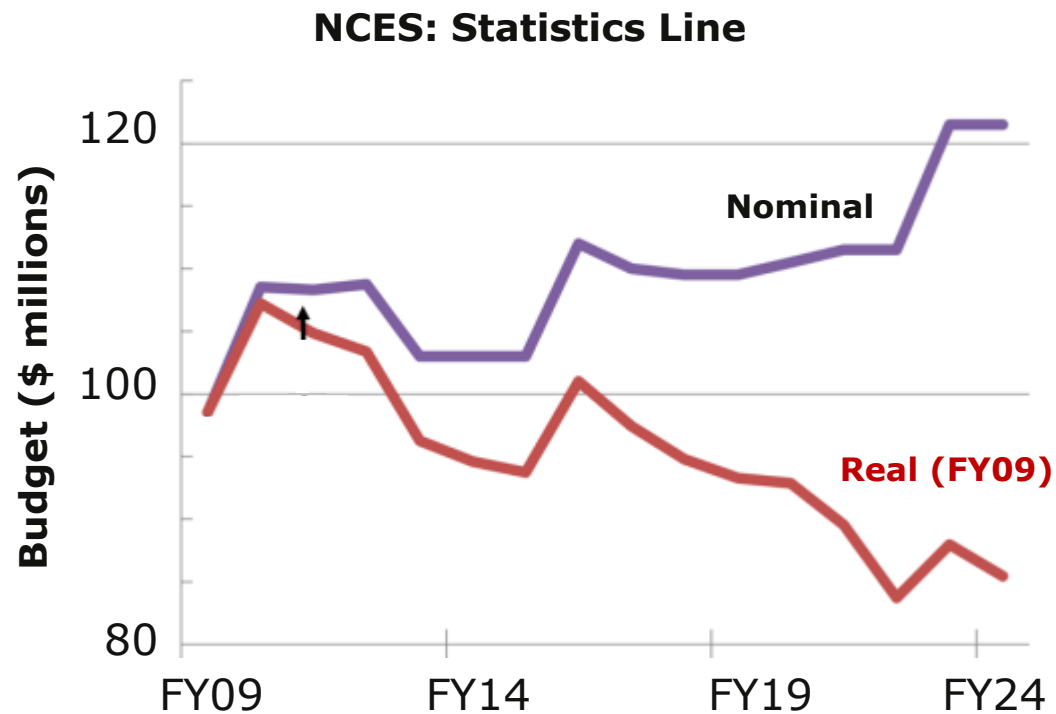
Resource Challenges for Principal Statistical Agencies (Staff Size)

Agency	Staff Size FY 2022
U.S. Census Bureau	7377
Bureau of Labor Statistics	2000
National Agricultural Statistics Services	862
National Center for Health Statistics	474
Bureau of Economic Analysis	472
Energy Information Administration	364
Economic Research Service	329
Statistics of Income Division	136
National Center for Education Statistics	84
Bureau of Transportation Statistics	77
Office of Research, Evaluation, & Statistics	66
Bureau of Justice Statistics	52
National Center for Science & Engineering Statistics	51

Resource Challenges for Principal Statistical Agencies (Budget-to-Staff Ratio)

Agency	Budget of Ratio (\$M) to Staff Average FY21-FY22
National Center for Education Statistics	3.75
Bureau of Justice Statistics	1.43
National Center for Science & Engineering Statistics	1.32
Office of Research, Evaluation, & Statistics	0.56
Bureau of Transportation Statistics	0.51
National Center for Health Statistics	0.37
Energy Information Administration	0.35
Bureau of Labor Statistics	0.33
Economic Research Service	0.30
Statistics of Income Division	0.29
Bureau of Economic Analysis	0.23
National Agricultural Statistics Services	0.22
U.S. Census Bureau	0.15

Allocations Congress Made to NCEs: Statistics and Assessment



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Trends

- **Evidence Act** and **Trust Regulations** key milestones
- **Before-and-after trends** could make valuable contribution

Thank You!