

# Plenary Session

## 2024 Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology Research and Policy Conference

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**2024 Research and Policy Conference**

*The Relevance, Timeliness, and Integrity of Federal Statistics*

**October 22-24, 2024**  
**College Park Marriott Hotel and Conference Center**  
**Hyattsville, MD**

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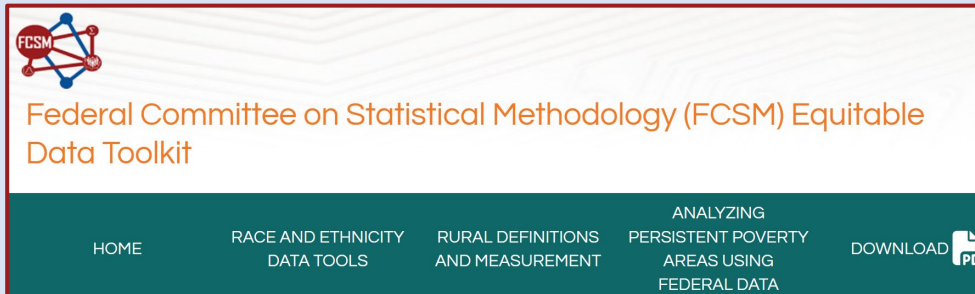
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September 27, 2024

## CDOC Completion of the Building Trust and FAIRness Into The Process for Finding and Using Government Data Project (FAIRness Project)

By Thomas "Tod" Dabolt, Interior and Michael Ratcliff, Census

# This Year's Theme



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# U.S. Federal Statistical System Annual Update: Two Policy Spotlights and Our Way Forward

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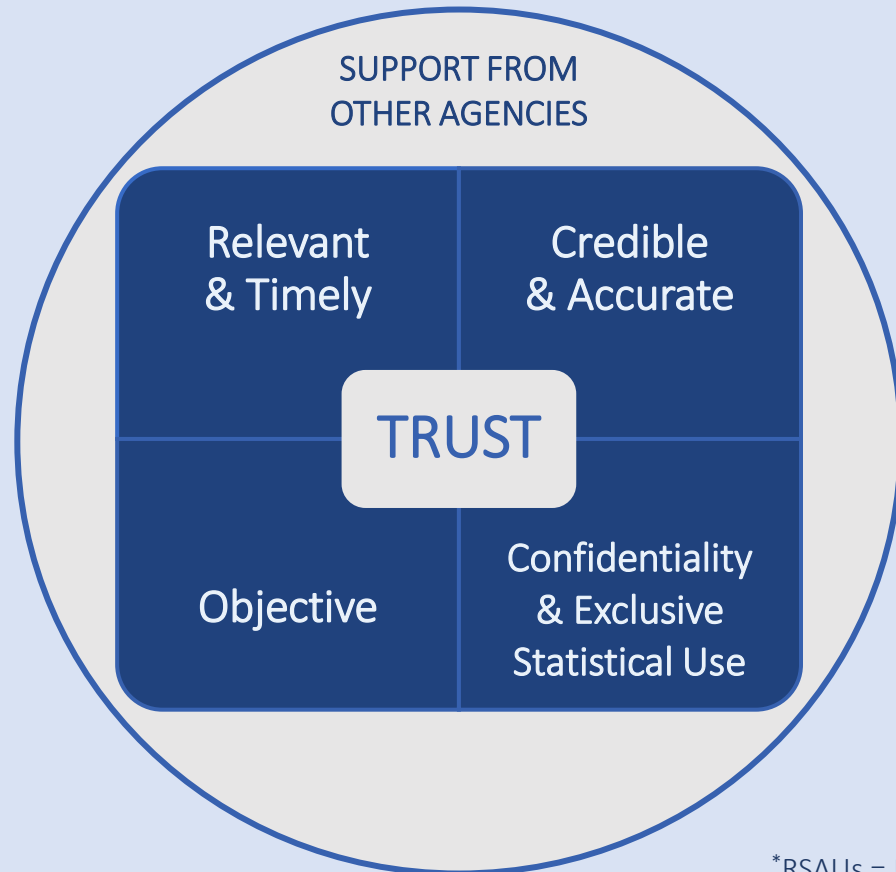
# Trust Regulation

Published Oct. 11, 2024! Effective Dec. 10, 2024



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## Four Responsibilities/Principles of RSAUs,\* including staff



**FEDERAL REGISTER**  
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© Rule

**Fundamental Responsibilities of Recognized Statistical Agencies and Units**

A Rule by the Management and Budget Office on 10/11/2024

Visit [StatsPolicy.gov](https://www.statspolicy.gov) > Policies

Strong alignment with United Nations' Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics  
Visit [unece.org](https://www.unece.org) > FPOS30

\*RSAUs = Recognized Statistical Agencies or Units

# SPD 15's Federal Race and Ethnicity Data Standards Revisions Published, Final, and Effective as of March 28, 2024!

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# 2024 SPD 15's Federal Race and Ethnicity Data Standards Implementation Timeline

## March 28, 2024 = Release of Final, Updated SPD 15

- Effective as of \*March 28, 2024\* | Agencies are directed to begin complying as soon as possible

## September 28, 2025 = Deadline for Agency Action Plan to be Submitted to OMB

- 24 CFO Act Agencies and EEOC must submit Action Plans on Race and Ethnicity Data describing how they intend to bring new and existing information collections *and* publications into compliance through OIRA's PRA clearance process
  - 16 RSAUs may create their own Action Plan as an appendix to their parent agency's plan
- OMB has instructed agencies to not wait until they complete their Action Plans to begin complying

## March 28, 2029 = Deadline to be in Compliance with the Updated SPD 15

- Federal information collections that are required to receive approval through OIRA's PRA clearance process and collect race and ethnicity data must be in compliance with the updated SPD 15 no later than this date

CFO Act = Chief Financial Officers Act; EEOC = Equal Employment Opportunities Commission;  
OIRA = OMB's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs; PRA = Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995;  
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# 2024 SPD 15's Federal Race and Ethnicity Data Standards Interagency Groups

## Federal Committee on SPD 15

- Convened by U.S. Chief Statistician
- Comprised of civil service staff representing CFO Act Agencies, RSAUs, and EEOC
- Chaired by OMB, Co-Chaired by Census Bureau and Department of Health and Human Services

### **Scope, as related to statistical activities**

- Implement SPD 15's updates across the Federal Government during this critical time period
- Develop, maintain, and carry out a Government-wide research agenda
- Undertake cyclical reviews of SPD 15 to take place on a 10-year cycle

## Interagency Policy Council on SPD 15

- Convened by OMB's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs
- Comprised of Policy Official representatives from across the EOP and Executive Branch
- Chaired by OIRA, Co-Chaired by the Office of Science and Technology Policy and the Domestic Policy Council

### **Scope, as related to Government-wide implementation**

- Agency resources
- Outreach and engagement with third-party data providers
- Coordination in the identification and prioritization of key data sets



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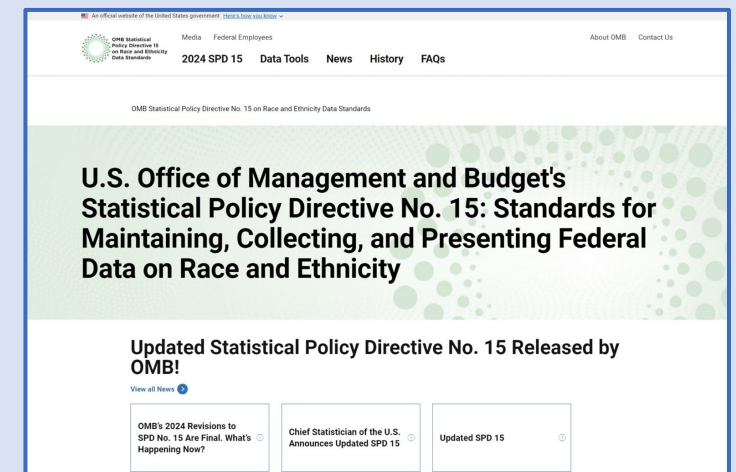
# 2024 SPD 15's Federal Race and Ethnicity Data Standards Successes and Public Engagement

## What are examples of programs already using the updated standards?

- Federal Emergency Management Agency's [online assistance application](#)
- Center for Medicare and Medicaid Service's [guidance to state Medicaid agencies](#)
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's [National Weather Service Extreme Heat Survey](#)

## How can community partners continue engaging on SPD 15 activities?

- Contact Federal agencies to share feedback on efforts to update collections and publications
- Provide feedback to agencies' Federal Advisory Committees
- Submit comments on agencies' proposals to update their information collection requests to comply with the updated standards
- Visit and bookmark [spd15revision.gov](https://spd15revision.gov) for the most up-to-date information



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- Lead and advance the following shared FSS resources, i.e., [ACS](#), [FSRDCs](#), [SAP](#)

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- Wed 10/23, 10:30am, Vessey 1  
E-4. Panel, Roles and Responsibilities of Statistical Officials
- Th 10/24, 3:30pm, Vessey 1  
K-4. The Future of Evidence Act Implementation

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- Tu 10/22, 2pm, Room 2110 B-4. Delivering Solutions for Evidence Building in a NSDS Demonstration
- Th 10/24, 1:45pm, Vessey 1 J-4. Session on U.S. Federal Statistical System (including the NSDS and FSRDCs)
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"Our Nation's future, and the ability to serve our citizens equitably and effectively, requires high quality, useful, and objective information for decision-making across the public and private sectors. The Federal statistical system is key to generating this trusted information."  
– Dr. Karin Orvis, Chief Statistician of the United States

**Community News and Upcoming Events**

- On Friday, October 11, 2024, OMB published the [Fundamental Responsibilities of Statistical Agencies and Units Final Rule](#). This final rule, known as the Trust Regulation, sets forth requirements for recognized statistical agencies and units to carry out their four fundamental responsibilities, as articulated in the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018 (Evidence Act). It also sets forth requirements for all other agencies to "enable, support, and facilitate" the recognized statistical

Describes the U.S. Federal Statistical System including leadership, top priorities, and on-going activities

- Community News and Events
- Governing Laws and Policies
- Statistical Policy Directives and Regulations
- Chapters in *Analytical Perspectives* volume of President's Budget
- Reports to Congress on *Statistical Programs of the U.S. Government*

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## Engage with system-wide experts via FCSM's Interest Groups and Working Groups

- Visit [FCSM.gov > Groups](https://www.fcsml.gov) and/or FCSM Chair/Co-Chair for more information!

## Join the ICSP Mentoring Program – as a mentor or as a mentee – to facilitate interagency sharing of knowledge and skills

- Stay tuned for CY25 program kickoff information!

## Alongside the U.S. Chief Statistician and Senior Statisticians, Scientists, and Policy Analysts at OMB, lead and coordinate system-wide efforts through:

- Detail opportunities
- Fellowship programs
- Intergovernmental Personnel Act Mobility Program
- Internships
- Participating in topical Interagency Technical Working Groups
- Contact [Statistical\\_Directives@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Statistical_Directives@omb.eop.gov) to express interest!



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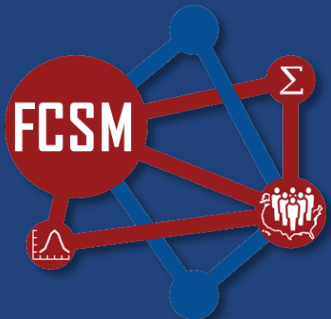
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