Let's Go beyond IPEDS: Review National Public Data Resources for Institutional Research

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Education

- Ph.D. in Economics
- M.S. in Quantitative Economics
- Master in Public Policy
- Fields: Higher Education Economics, Labor Economics
- Selected research projects:
 - Housing market impacts on college choices
 - Effectiveness of non-tenure-track professors
 - Student evaluation of teaching
- Research and Planning Analyst
 - Joined UConn's BPIR in 2017 as a GA
 - Data analysis:
 - National public data
 - Administrative data
 - Empirical model development (time-series forecasting, classification, causal evaluation, etc.)



Overview and Highlights



- Let's go beyond IPEDS: more NCES data for understanding students' situations in college
 - National longitudinal surveys
 - Beginning postsecondary students
 - Student aid studies
- Let's even go beyond NCES data U.S. population and its labor market
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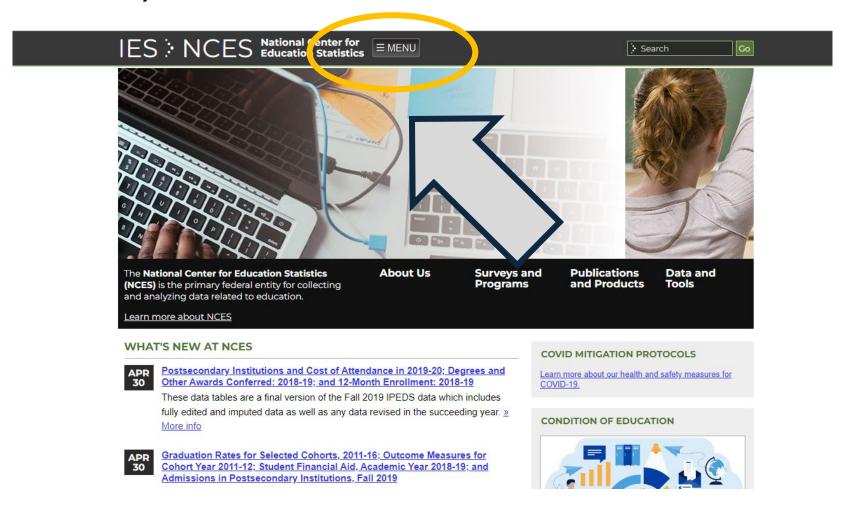
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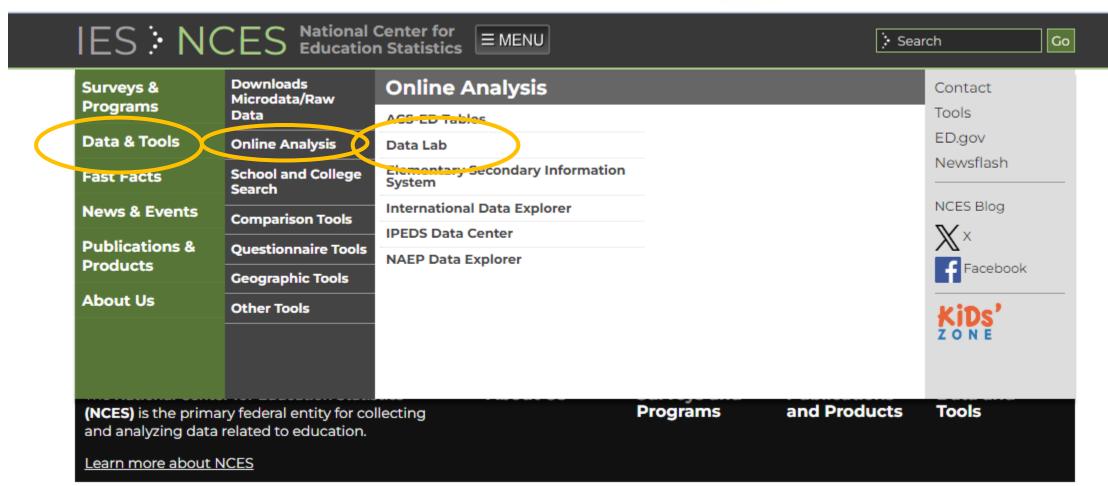
Besides IPEDS, What Else Is Available in NCES?





PowerStats Platform on NCES





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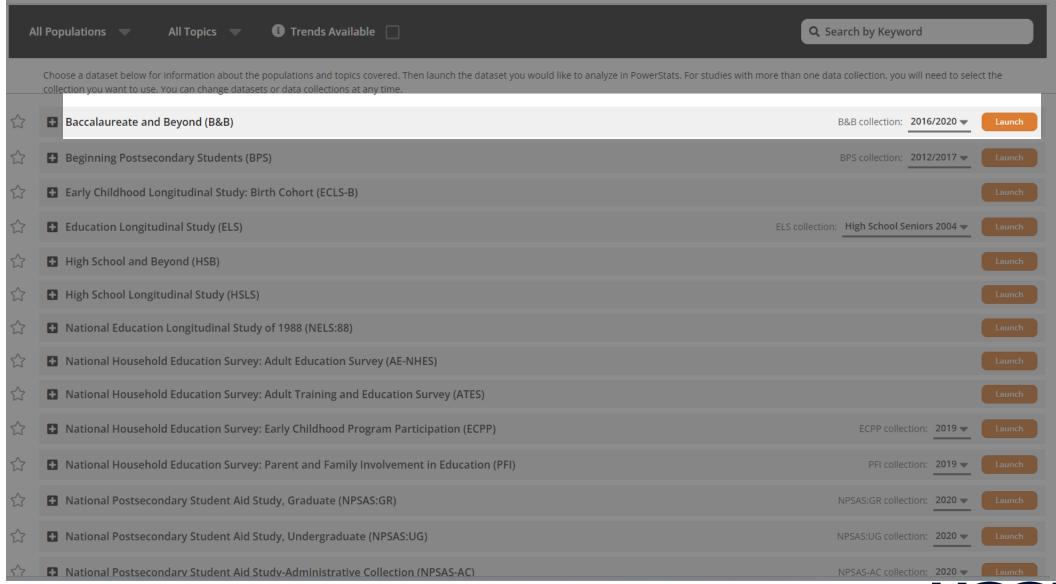


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All Populations All Topics **③** Trends Available □ Q Search by Keyword Choose a dataset below for information about the populations and topics covered. Then launch the dataset you would like to analyze in PowerStats. For studies with more than one data collection, you will need to select the collection you want to use. You can change datasets or data collections at any time. ■ Baccalaureate and Beyond (B&B) B&B collection: 2016/2020 ▼ ■ Beginning Postsecondary Students (BPS) BPS collection: 2012/2017 -■ Early Childhood Longitudinal Study: Birth Cohort (ECLS-B) **■** Education Longitudinal Study (ELS) ELS collection: High School Seniors 2004 -High School and Beyond (HSB) High School Longitudinal Study (HSLS) ■ National Education Longitudinal Study of 1988 (NELS:88) ■ National Household Education Survey: Adult Education Survey (AE-NHES) National Household Education Survey: Adult Training and Education Survey (ATES) ■ National Household Education Survey: Early Childhood Program Participation (ECPP) ECPP collection: 2019 -National Household Education Survey: Parent and Family Involvement in Education (PFI) PFI collection: 2019 -■ National Postsecondary Student Aid Study, Graduate (NPSAS:GR) NPSAS:GR collection: 2020 -Launch ■ National Postsecondary Student Aid Study, Undergraduate (NPSAS:UG) NPSAS:UG collection: 2020 -National Postsecondary Student Aid Study-Administrative Collection (NPSAS-AC) NPSAS-AC collection: 2020 ▼

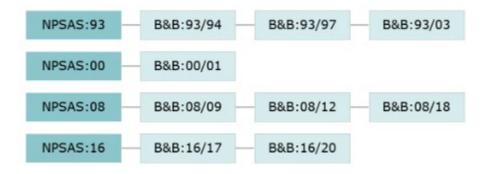


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Baccalaureate and Beyond (B&B)

- **Nationally representative** longitudinal study of students who completed the requirements for a bachelor's degree.
- Follows graduating seniors **1**, **4**, and **10** years after completion.
- The National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS) serves as the base year for each cohort.



 Four cohorts have been followed. Students in the most recent cohort completed their bachelor's degree in 2015–16 and were followed in 2017 and 2020. Data are now available from the 2020 follow up.



Baccalaureate and Beyond (B&B)

Key Data Elements: Student demographic characteristics Degrees earned Institutional characteristics Employment experiences* Enrollment histories Family formation Detailed information on college financing Undergraduate transcripts (for 1993 and 2008 cohorts) Collegiate experiences



^{*} Employment data has added focuses on graduates entering the teacher labor market.

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Why Population and Labor Market Data?

Application Area:



Enrollment Projection

Academic Program Optimization





Salary & Employment Negotiation

Student Career Services



- Many consulting products rely on nothing but these public data resources.
- Pinpoint real demands from the national and regional labor market.

Yes! We Can Do It!





American Community Survey

What is American Community Survey (ACS)?

The American Community Survey (ACS) is an ongoing survey that provides vital information on a yearly basis about our nation and its people. Information from the survey generates data that help inform how trillions of dollars in federal funds are distributed each year.



Occupation Education Attainment Family Members Jobs and Employment Veterans Housing



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Current Population Survey

What is Current Population Survey (CPS)?

The Current Population Survey (CPS) is one of the oldest, largest, and most well-recognized surveys in the United States. It is immensely important, providing information on many of the things that define us as individuals and as a society – our work, our earnings, and our education.



Survey Methodology: Survey Questions: Occupation Employment Education Details Voluntary Family Members Housing



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American Community Survey vs. Current Population Survey

ACS Entire Population: Social, Economic, Housing characteristics Areas with over **65,000** populations **1,924,527** addresses in 2005 Household population and military **Continuously** throughout the year*

CPS

Selected **S**ubpopulation and Focus on **T**imely estimations for **I**ncome, **H**ealth, **P**overty....

Nation, regions, and states for Selected Characteristics.

99,000 households in 2005

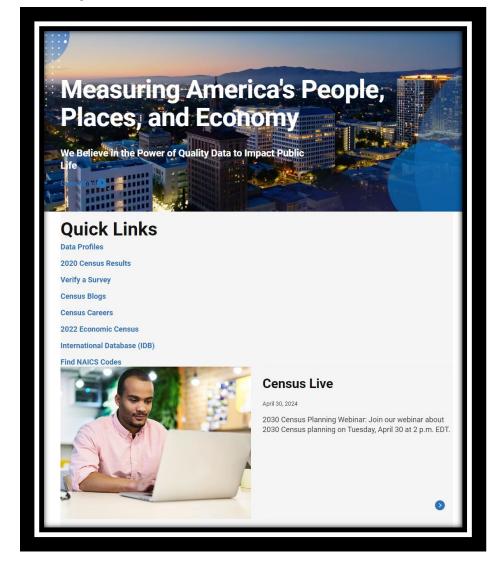
The universe excludes other military in households and in group quarters (barracks), and people living in institutions.

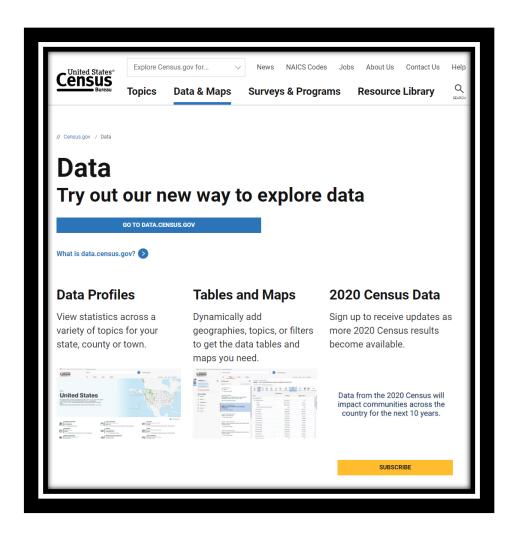
Monthly interviews conducted from **February** to **April** ask about income in the previous calendar year. The survey's 12-month estimates are centered on July 1.



^{*} The reference period for select questions (like income and the number of weeks worked) is the 12-month period prior to the response month

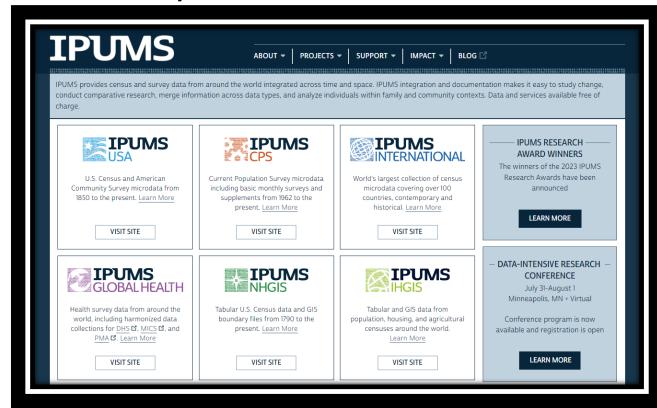
Two ways to download the ACS and the CPS data – Census Bureau

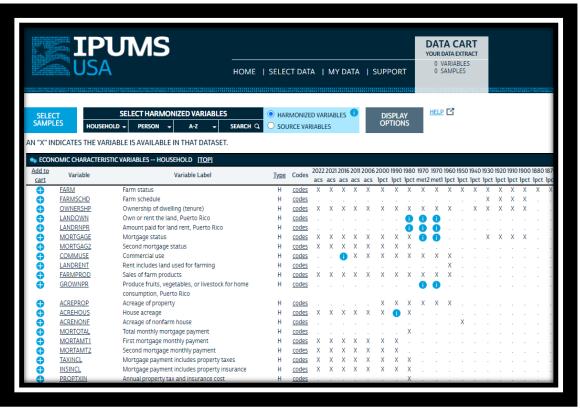






Two ways to download the ACS and the CPS data - IPUMS





IPUMS enables researchers to access the data with maximum flexibility and more....

- Time frames and timely publications of CPS
- Specify focusing population groups
- Multiple-year samples for time-series analysis



Bureau of Labor Statistics Data Tool

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) of the U.S. Department of Labor is the principal federal agency responsible for measuring labor market activity, working conditions, and price changes in the economy. Its mission is to collect, analyze, and disseminate essential economic information to support public and private decision making.....

BLS 2019b



Measure the US Labor Market in Various Dimensions



List for All Survey Hosted by BLS



Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics

- The OEWS survey draws its sample from state unemployment insurance (UI) files.
- The OEWS survey sample is stratified by metropolitan and nonmetropolitan area, industry, and size.
- To provide the most occupational coverage, larger employers are more likely to be selected than smaller employers.

Resources: https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_tec.htm

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Bureau of Labor Statistics Data Tool - Continued

Applications in IR Professions:

- The Occupational Coding System
 - Standard Occupation Classification (SOC)
 - "Federal statistical standard" just like CIP
 - All workers are classified into one of 867 detailed occupations
 - <u>CIP SOC Crosswalk</u> developed by NCES
- The Industry Coding System
 - North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)
- Information regarding occupation profiles
 - Job description
 - Typical degree requirement
 - Median salary

Tables Created by BLS

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- Occupation Profiles
- National (<u>HTML</u>) (<u>XLS</u>)
- State (<u>HTML</u>) (<u>XLS</u>)
- Metropolitan and nonmetropolitan area (<u>HTML</u>) (<u>XLS</u>)
- National industry-specific and by ownership (<u>HTML</u>) (<u>XLS</u>)
- All data (XLS) (TXT)
- Research estimates by state and industry
- Additional OEWS data sets
- Featured Tables





Thanks for Joining

Q & A

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