

**Table 1: Priority Recommendations for the 10 Agencies**

Agency	Priority Recommendations
Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)	<p>BEA needs support to—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve the accuracy and reliability of its data</li> <li>• Develop new and expanded products to measure a dynamic economy in coordination with other economic statistical agencies</li> <li>• Improve customer understanding and modernize access to and use of BEA's products</li> <li>• Strive for operational excellence to meet mission-critical goals in a cost-effective and efficient manner</li> <li>• Coordinate its work with other economic statistics agencies</li> </ul>
Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS)	<p>BJS needs a strong leadership structure to—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modernize and strengthen its data collections and publish data and reports in a timely manner</li> <li>• Produce new products that are timelier and more specific to communities (e.g., victimization rates at the local levels)</li> <li>• Build partnerships to achieve these needs and relationships with stakeholders</li> <li>• Rationalize its budget structure</li> </ul>
Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)	<p>BLS needs support to—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the frequency of data release from the Consumer Expenditure Survey (CES) to twice annually</li> <li>• Increase resources for the Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS)</li> <li>• Access state unemployment insurance (UI) wage records and UI claims data</li> <li>• Fund a new cohort for the National Longitudinal Surveys of Youth (NLSY)</li> </ul>
Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS)	<p>BTS needs—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urgent attention to its short- and long-term budget shortfalls</li> <li>• Reinstatement of its Advisory Council on Transportation Statistics</li> <li>• Measures to strengthen its independence from political and other undue external influence</li> </ul>
Economic Research Service (ERS)	<p>ERS needs—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support and flexibility to rebuild its staff, especially for senior leadership</li> <li>• Affirmation and commitment from the department for its               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independence and objectivity within the Research, Education, and Economics mission area</li> <li>• Role as one of 13 principal federal statistical agencies, thereby adhering to standards promulgated by the chief statistician of the United States</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Further consideration of its optimal configuration between two locations</li> </ul>
National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)	<p>NASS needs support to—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve the accuracy and reliability of its data while also reducing respondent burden</li> <li>• Develop new and expanded products</li> <li>• Transition from traditional survey data collection to in-depth integration of survey data with alternative sources and methods</li> <li>• Modernize its IT infrastructure</li> <li>• Strengthen protections within USDA to ensure objective and reliable data</li> </ul>
National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)	<p>NCES needs—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More technical staff</li> <li>• Enhanced resources</li> <li>• Independence from political and other undue external influence</li> <li>• Authority to retain its management responsibilities for both assessment (including the "Nation's Report Card") and its other statistical activities</li> </ul>
National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)	<p>NCHS needs to—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a platform for using electronic health records (EHR) to facilitate processing, analysis, and access to timely and detailed morbidity data</li> <li>• Combine the assets of its National Health Interview Survey and National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey to address response bias and growing requests for more detailed data</li> <li>• Improve vital statistics data quality and timeliness by funding states to develop new and upgraded electronic registration systems and by upgrading internal NCHS systems to support real-time reporting and data dissemination</li> <li>• Explore use of innovative techniques to better protect data confidentiality and expand access to linked files</li> <li>• Redesign its website to improve data access, usability, and visualizations</li> <li>• Upgrade its computing technology and capacity</li> </ul>
National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES)	<p>NCSES needs strong NSF leadership support and enhanced staffing and budget resources to—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expand its data portfolio on the science and technology enterprise</li> <li>• Develop innovative services to link, analyze, and disseminate data as the foundation for rigorous research to generate insights that can improve American society (e.g., design and implement a secure research data center)</li> <li>• Collaborate broadly with national and international scientific communities to support innovation and create knowledge to improve the future</li> <li>• Give attention to its budget and budget structure</li> </ul>
US Census Bureau	<p>The Census Bureau needs—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional time to produce apportionment and redistricting data and data products from the 2020 Census</li> <li>• Additional protections to conduct its mission free from undue political interference</li> <li>• Nomination of a director with a demonstrated ability to manage large organizations; experience in the collection, analysis, and use of statistical data; and a commitment to ensuring the accuracy and reliability of census data</li> </ul>