

Introducing the Federal Data Terminations Tracker

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Federal Data Terminations Tracker

Datasets Terminated 38

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Data Elements Removed 338

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Household Pulse Survey / Household Trends and Outlook Pulse Survey (HPS/HTOPS) The Census Bureau's rapid-turnaround household survey, relaunched in 2025 as HTOPS, measuring how national events affect households' social and economic conditions.	CENSUS	Demographics	The survey continues as HTOPS, but a February 2025 change request citing EO 14168 deleted its five gender identity questions and replaced sex-at-birth with a single binary sex question; sexual orientation is still asked.	• HTOPS Non-substantive Change Request - ICR 202502-0607-003 (OMB 0607-1029) – Reginfo.gov (OIRA) • HTOPS Non-substantive Change Request Submission, February 14, 2025 – Reginfo.gov (Census Bureau submission) • HTOPS March 2026 Questionnaire (English) – census.gov • Archived copy (Wayback Machine)

Why build the Federal Data Terminations Tracker?

Federal data benefit American lives and livelihoods in ways most people never see.

Because these data are mostly invisible, their disappearance is invisible too.

The purpose of the Federal Data Terminations Tracker is to be the most policy-relevant, verified accounting of federal data terminations available.

We've identified dozens of federal datasets and hundreds of data elements that have been terminated – significantly fewer than other reports, but more tailored to informing future data policies needed to run a modern society.

What counts as a data termination?

It depends on what we count as "data" AND what counts as a termination.

In order to be most relevant for data policy, we count a data termination as:

1. the documented ending of a primary federal data collection;
2. the discontinuation of a derivative or modeled data product that could not easily be reproduced outside government, or would not serve its intended purpose if it were not a government asset; or
3. the removal of substantive elements from a continuing product (counting at the level of the data product).

Easy Choices

When an agency ends a primary data collection that is an obvious data termination.

For example:

- a survey stops going out
- a form stop being filed,
- a sensor stops collecting data

Sometimes a collection is terminated, and technically other entities could or do collect that data, but without the gravitas of the U.S. Government.

More Difficult Choices

Derivative products and modeled data—like composites, indices, and model outputs—can be terminated even when their underlying data still exist.

We count them when they:

- can't easily be reproduced outside government, or
- stop serving their purpose if they were anything other than a government asset

We also have to decide what level of granularity to count. Instead of counting individual files, tables, or reports, we count the data product.

Most Difficult Choices

"Terminated" is not necessarily a forever status.

A dataset can:

- be temporarily taken down and later restored
- return by court order but no longer updated
- still be collected but no longer published
- be terminated but later reenvisioned
- be piloted but end without formal notice or publication of results

How do we make the count credible?

A data termination must be tied to primary evidence, for instance an agency notice, a press release, or a regulatory filing.

However, there are two judgement calls we make:

1. Baseline problem: Data terminations happen in every administration. We have to ask whether it is part of that ordinary churn or something above it.
2. Uniqueness to government: We have to ask whether it is a loss that only the government can repair, or if the data can be produced outside the government.

Our number of terminated datasets is versioned, and updated at least quarterly.

How to Stay Engaged

If a dataset you rely on...

- disappears
- loses variables
- quietly stops updating
- is revived or reenvisioned
- has relevant updates
- gets significant news coverage
- or anything else changes

Please tell us!

We are here to verify data terminations at removals@dataindex.us.

Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS)

Health



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Agency: USAID

USAID-funded household surveys that tracked health, fertility, and nutrition in more than 90 low- and middle-income countries for four decades.

Caveats: Other funders have stepped in to complete current rounds and make sure data are available historically.

SOURCES

- [The End of the DHS Program and the Future of Gender Data: What's at Stake](#) – UN Women
- [The DHS Program](#) – USAID program site

Development Data Library (DDL)

International development 

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USAID's public library of the data produced by the projects and research it funded.

Caveats: The evidence is a pair of archived captures showing the portal live on January 16, 2025 and redirecting to a sign-in page by February 1 - a loss of public access rather than a documented decision to destroy the holdings. Date terminated reflects the first capture showing access closed.

SOURCES

- [USAID Development Data Library \(archived 2025-01-16, live\)](#) – Wayback Machine
- [USAID Development Data Library \(archived 2025-02-01, redirect to sign-in\)](#) – Wayback Machine
- [USAID website goes dark amid Trump administration's freeze on foreign aid worldwide](#) – Associated Press via PBS NewsHour

Arctic Report Card (ARC)

Climate

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Agency: NOAA

Peer-reviewed annual assessment of Arctic environmental conditions, published by NOAA every year since 2006.

Caveats: NOAA is ending coordination and administrative support, stating that coordination of the 2026 Arctic Report Card will not be facilitated through NOAA; the agency says the data it contributes will continue to be collected and remain publicly available. The Report Card's data portal is hosted by the NSF-funded Arctic Data Center rather than NOAA. The 2026 edition was already underway and may proceed under another sponsor. Date terminated reflects the date NOAA's decision was reported; no dated agency notice has been located.

SOURCES

- [Arctic Report Card](#) – NOAA program page
- [Trump administration ends support for flagship Arctic climate reports](#) – CNN
- [Trump administration ends NOAA support for annual Arctic Report Card](#) – Alaska Beacon

Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS)

Health 

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Agency: CDC

CDC and state health department survey of new mothers about their experiences before, during, and after pregnancy.

Caveats: Data collection is continuing as states fund it, standardized weighting and publication at the national level has ceased

SOURCES

- [Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations \(90 FR 52666, PRAMS\)](#) – Federal Register Notice
- [Gold-standard maternal mortality database in limbo as CDC staff placed on leave](#) – STAT News
- [The Landscape of Major Federal Health Survey Data Releases in 2025](#) – SHADAC
- [Archived copy \(Wayback Machine\)](#)

Violence Against Children and Youth Survey (VACS)

Health



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Agency: CDC

Household survey measuring physical, sexual, and emotional violence against people aged 13 to 24, piloted in the U.S. in two Maryland communities.

Caveats: Only a two-county pilot was ever fielded in the United States, so what ended was a planned national survey rather than an ongoing one.

SOURCES

- [Pilot Implementation of the Violence Against Children and Youth Survey \(VACS\) in the US - ICR](#) – Reginfo.gov (OIRA)
- [CDC staff reel from shooting, harassment, vaccine panel and mass layoffs](#) – CBS News
- [With CDC injury prevention team gutted, 'we will not know what is killing us'](#) – NPR
- [Archived copy \(Wayback Machine\)](#)

Indicators of School Crime and Safety (ISCS)

Education



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Agency: ED

Annual joint NCES-BJS compendium bringing together federal statistics on crime, violence, discipline, and safety in American schools.

Caveats: An annual compendium; the most recent edition was published July 25, 2024 and was the 26th. No edition has appeared in the roughly two years since, and the program site at nces.ed.gov/programs/crimeindicators/ now returns a 404. The report PDFs themselves remain posted. Date terminated reflects the termination for convenience of the supporting contracts; no discontinuation notice was issued, so the date is inferred from that action rather than from an announcement.

SOURCES

- [Crime and Safety Surveys](#) – NCES program page
- [Report on Indicators of School Crime and Safety: 2023 \(NCES 2024-145\)](#) – NCES published product

Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program (GHGRP)

Environment



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Agency: EPA

EPA program requiring roughly 8,000 large facilities and fuel suppliers to report greenhouse gas emissions every year.

Caveats: Still legally in force: EPA has only proposed ending the program, and the RY2025 reporting deadline was extended to October 2026.

SOURCES

- [Reconsideration of the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program](#) – Federal Register Proposed Rule
- [EPA Releases Proposal to End the Burdensome, Costly Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program, Saving up to \\$2.4 Billion](#) – EPA Newsroom
- [Extending the Reporting Deadline Under the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Rule for 2025](#) – Federal Register Final Rule
- [Archived copy \(Wayback Machine\)](#)

U.S. Embassy Air Quality Monitoring Data

Environment 

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Agency: STATE

Air quality monitors at U.S. embassies that published real-time pollution readings for cities around the world.

Caveats: The monitoring network was a State Department program; EPA's AirNow was the publication venue, not the program owner. State turned off the network in March 2025 citing funding constraints, and roughly 17 years of readings were removed from airnow.gov.

SOURCES

- [US Embassy Air Quality Data Halt](#) – Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air

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Current Population Survey Food Security Supplement (CPS-FSS)

Food security



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Agency: USDA

Annual survey supplement that measured how many American households struggled to afford enough food, the basis for USDA's yearly food insecurity report.

SOURCES

- [USDA Terminates Redundant Food Insecurity Survey](#) – USDA Press Release

Immigration Enforcement and Legal Processes Monthly Tables

Immigration



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Agency: DHS

DHS statistics office's monthly tables of immigration arrests, detentions, and deportations.

Caveats: Publication simply stopped after January 16, 2025, with no termination notice or formal decision on the record.

SOURCES

- [Immigration Enforcement and Legal Processes Monthly Tables](#) – DHS Office of Homeland Security Statistics

Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Kindergarten Class of 2022-23 follow-ups (ECLS-K)

Education

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Kindergarten Class of 2022-23 follow-ups
(ECLS-K)**

Agency: ED

Longitudinal study following a national cohort of children from kindergarten through elementary school; the base year was collected and the planned follow-ups were cancelled.

Caveats: Base-year data release is funded and proceeding; a modification signed August 7, 2026 reinstated the requirement to complete the 2024 data release. What ended is the longitudinal design — the spring 2025 and spring 2027 follow-ups were cancelled when the contract was terminated for convenience on February 10, 2025, with roughly \$59 million removed against a \$359,000 add-back for the release work. Date terminated reflects that contract action. NCES had separately decided before March 2025 to drop a planned spring 2029 collection, which is not counted here.

SOURCES

- [Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Kindergarten Class](#) – NCES program page
- [Contract 91990019C0002 modification history](#) – FPDS-NG

Trends in Data Element Removals

Gender Identity & Sexual Orientation

1. Removal of gender identity
2. Removal of sexual orientation
3. Removal of SO and/or GI data elements from bias motivation questions

Race & Ethnicity and DEI

1. Removal of race and ethnicity
2. Removals related to DEI, civil rights, health equity, cultural competence, etc.
3. Walked back implementation of SPD-15

Q&A

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