National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)

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Major Activities of NCES

- **Assessments**
  - NAEP – National Assessment of Education Progress
  - International Assessments

- **Administrative Records**
  - CCD – Common Core of Data
  - IPEDS – Integrated Post Secondary Education System
  - EDGE – Education Demographic and Geographic Estimates

- **Survey Division**
  - Longitudinal Surveys
  - Cross-Sectional Surveys

- **Annual Reports**
  - Condition of Education
  - Indicators of School Crime and Safety
  - Digest of Education Statistics

- **Statistical Standards**
Challenges

- Declining response rates
  - Government-wide issue
  - Increase cost or drop sample sizes
  - Causes – privacy concerns, survey burnout

- Funding – Flat funding with inflation = less purchasing power

- Staffing
  - Limited FTE
  - Slow hiring process
    - multiple positions on July 29th on USAJOBS

- Regulatory burden
New Survey Collection Initiatives

- Developing location based SES estimate
  - Traditional NSLP eligibility even less effective
  - Working with Census (ACS data)
    - empirical Bayesian kriging
    - 25 closest data points
    - Full raster

- Conducting non-response research
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  - Time on task
  - Response data
    - Answer changes
    - Matching process
- Use of accommodations
- Survey response data
  - Hispanic students take longer to respond to the Ethnicity question than non-Hispanic students
Questions