

Today's Discussion Panels

*Panel on Confidentiality Protection and
Facilitation of Research*

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Panel on Confidentiality Protection and Facilitation of Research

1. What statutory authority did your agency have to protect the confidentiality of data that you collected or acquired prior to the passage of CIPSEA?
2. If you didn't have statutory authority, what did you do to try to protect the confidentiality of data that you collected?
3. How did your agency provide access to researchers for statistical purposes prior to being able to designate "agents" under CIPSEA?
4. How has implementing CIPSEA affected other aspects of your agency practices and culture, such as confidentiality training, disclosure review, interactions with external researchers, etc.
5. What enhancements, improvements, or changes to CIPSEA would you want to make if you could?

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Panel on the Need for Data Synchronization

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Panel on the Need for Data Synchronization

1. What data sharing activities has your agency been able to do under CIPSEA Subtitle B so far that you couldn't do before?
2. Have Subtitle A's protections allowed your agency to engage in other data sharing activities that you couldn't do before?
3. How would your agency benefit if the “data synchronization” legislation was passed, permitting access to federal tax data?
 - a) What could you do that you cannot do now?
 - b) Would this result in new statistical products? Greater efficiency and/or quality in producing existing products?
4. What other enhancements, improvements, or changes to CIPSEA would you want to make if you could?
5. Are there other legislative or regulatory changes that would be of major benefit to your agency to enable broader data sharing and access for exclusively statistical purposes?