

how many datasets has the current administration terminated?

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Deleted data US news

Trump 2.0 has deleted or altered nearly 400 US datasets, endangering public health, education and more

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it depends on how you define data and termination

(the former chief data scientist of the U.S. explains)

(and then tells you the answer)

Federal data are everywhere, even if you don't know it.

**A farmer pricing a crop,
a county planning a
hospital, a business
siting a warehouse
– all of these decisions
rely on federal data.**



**Other data save patients money by identifying
generic drugs that can replace more expensive
brand names, help airplanes avoid deadly bird
strikes, and warn consumers about recalls of
dangerous products.**



**Because data like these are
mostly invisible, it can be hard to
tell when they go away.**

Why are there different numbers on federal data losses?

Some sources report the number of removed datasets at 3,000, drawing from various websites and reports.

But this number has some problems: a big dataset like the American Community Survey has hundreds of tiny datasets within it that are counted separately on data.gov.

#1 Federal

Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity - American Community Survey
Organization: U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
Dataset Last Updated: November 21, 2025

This dataset includes select data from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) on the percent of adults who bike or walk to work. This data is used for DNPAO's Data, Trends, and...

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#4

American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates for Coastal Geographies
Organization: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce
Dataset Last Updated: January 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

The American Community Survey (ACS) is an ongoing statistical survey that samples a small percentage of the population every year. These data have been apportioned to 13 coastal geographies, and...

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#10 Federal

American Community Survey: 5-Year Estimates: Data Profiles 1-Year
Organization: Department of Commerce
Dataset Last Updated: April 03, 2024

The American Community Survey (ACS) is a statewide survey designed to provide communities a fresh look at how they are changing. The ACS replaced the decennial census long form in 2010 and thereafter...

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#11 Federal

American Community Survey: 5-Year Migration Flows
Organization: Department of Commerce
Dataset Last Updated: September 18, 2023

Migration flows are derived from the relationship between the location of current residence in the American Community Survey (ACS) sample and the responses given to the migration question "Where..."

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these are all
from the same
parent dataset!
and dw the ACS hasn't
gone dark, we just
needed a good example

What should be included when we count data terminations?

Easy mode

When an agency ends a primary data collection – e.g., the survey stops going out, the forms stop being filed, or the sensor stops collecting data – that's an obvious data termination.

(Washington, D.C., September 20, 2025) — The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced the termination of future Household Food Security Reports. These redundant, costly, politicized, and extraneous studies do nothing more than fear monger.

For 30 years, this study—initially created by the Clinton administration as a means to support the increase of SNAP eligibility and benefit allotments—failed to present anything more than subjective, liberal fodder. Trends in the prevalence of food insecurity have remained virtually unchanged, regardless of an over 87% increase in SNAP spending between 2019 - 2023.

**If this rationale sounds extremely ideological it's because it is
(a lot of data termination is)**

Teeeeecccchhhnically other entities could or do collect that data, but it loses the gravitas of being Official Government Data That Can Be Trusted.

What should be included when we count data terminations?

Medium difficulty

Think composites, indices, and model outputs that are built from data that still exist somewhere in government (or outside of it), so ending them doesn't destroy an underlying collection of data.

Trump admin ends extreme weather database that has tracked cost of disasters since 1980

MAY 8, 2025 ▾

By Andrew Freedman

Private sector revives the climate disaster database Trump tried to squash

JAN 8, 2026 ▾



By Andrew Freedman

An example is NOAA's terminated Billion Dollar Weather and Climate Disasters data. Climate Central hired the NOAA researcher behind the data and reconstructed the model. Stewarding this dataset outside of government **requires substantial resources and expertise.**

What should be included when we count data terminations?

Hard mode

“Terminated” is not necessarily a forever status. Most of the data taken down to comply with the day-one executive orders came back, though much of it with notable changes.

Per a court order, HHS is required to restore this website to its version as of 12:00 AM on January 29, 2025. Information on this page may be modified and/or removed in the future subject to the terms of the court's order and implemented consistent with applicable law. Any information on this page promoting gender ideology is extremely inaccurate and disconnected from truth. The Trump Administration rejects gender ideology due to the harms and divisiveness it causes. This page does not reflect reality and therefore the Administration and this Department reject it.

this is on an official government webpage. oh okay!

The CDC's Social Vulnerability Index returned by court order, but data are no longer updated. The Household Pulse Survey's gender identity fields were removed, then back in the historical data by May 2026, but are no longer part of the survey moving forward.

So how much data has been terminated? (as of July 2026)

Using the scope we defined above, we get a count of roughly three dozen clear terminations. Some were easy to find:

PRESS RELEASE

USDA Terminates Redundant Food Insecurity Survey

PUBLISHED: September 20, 2025

USDA issued a press release when it terminated the Current Population Survey's Food Security Supplement, calling the survey "redundant."

**Others ended quietly
...or were never announced at all.**

Department of Homeland Security stopped reporting the numbers on people who have returned to their country of citizenship or a third country.

Yes, that means that during the largest enforcement push in decades, the official numbers are dark.

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Data File	File Extension	File size	Date Posted	Report Year	Data Category	
Immigration Enforcement and Legal Processes Monthly Tables - November 2024	xlsx	695.17 KB	01/16/2025	2024	Legal Processes Monthly Tables	
Immigration Enforcement and Legal Processes Monthly Tables - August 2024	xlsx	655.36 KB	12/06/2024	2024	Legal Processes Monthly Tables	
Immigration Enforcement and Legal Processes Monthly Tables - July 2024	xlsx	651.92 KB	11/08/2024	2024	Legal Processes Monthly Tables	

Okay but what else is gone

There are many more removed *data elements* than entire datasets. Hundreds of continuing datasets have lost variables, **most commonly gender identity, sexual orientation, race, and ethnicity.**

all these and more @ dataindex.us/terminations-tracker

Environment

Understanding the Human Response to Water Hazards: A Social Network Analysis

Agency: NOAA

Status: Data elements removed

A one-time NOAA study using social network analysis to examine how people receive and respond to water hazard warnings.

Caveats: The study continues; NOAA revised the demographic questions to follow OPM guidance implementing EO 14176, dropping response options from the sex question and replacing the expanded race and ethnicity question with OMB minimum categories.

Health

Domestic Victims of Human Trafficking (DVHT) Program Data (DVHT)

Agency: ACF

Status: Data elements removed

ACF performance data from Domestic Victims of Human Trafficking program grantees on victims served, reported in aggregate in the Attorney General's annual trafficking report to Congress.

Caveats: The collection continues; sexual orientation and gender identity items were removed.

Health

National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS) (NISVS)

Agency: CDC

Status: Data elements removed

CDC's national survey measuring the prevalence of intimate partner violence, sexual violence, and stalking among U.S. adults, published as national and state reports.

Caveats: The survey continues; gender identity items were removed.

Health

Health Insurance Marketplace Application (CMS-10440)

Agency: CMS

The application consumes files for health coverage and subsidies through the federal Marketplace, the source of CMS's enrollment reports and public use files.

Caveats: The collection continues; sexual orientation and gender identity items were removed under Executive Order 14176.

Transportation

National Traffic Safety Survey (NTSS)

Agency: NHTSA

NHTSA's nationally representative survey of public attitudes and behaviors on traffic safety, successor to the agency's earlier attitude surveys.

Caveats: The survey continues; gender identity items were removed.

Health

Monitoring and Reporting for the Overseas Data to Action Cooperative Agreement (OD2A)

Agency: CDC

Performance monitoring and progress reporting submitted by health departments funded under CDC's Overseas Data to Action cooperative agreements, including the OD2A-6 (pilot) and OD2A-LOCAL (territory, city, and county) components.

Caveats: The collection continues; CDC revised questions to align with Executive Orders 14176 and 14181, without specifying which items of concern.

Education

RSA-509, Annual Protection and Advocacy of Individual Rights Program Performance Report (RSA-509)

Agency: ED

Annual performance report from Protection and Advocacy of Individual Rights programs serving people with disabilities, posted by state and fiscal year on [rsa.ed.gov](https://www.rsa.ed.gov).

Caveats: The collection continues; gender identity items were removed.

Health

Rape Prevention and Education (RPE) Program (RPE)

Agency: CDC

Performance reporting from state health departments to CDC on sexual violence prevention work funded by the Rape Prevention and Education program.

Caveats: The collection continues; CDC submitted a change request to comply with current executive orders, and the gender identity measure was removed.

Education

OSERS Client Assistance Program Annual Performance Report (RSA-227) (RSA-227)

Agency: ED

Annual performance report from state Client Assistance Programs, which help people navigate vocational rehabilitation services, filed with ED's Rehabilitation Services Administration and published on [rsa.ed.gov](https://www.rsa.ed.gov).

Caveats: The report continues; gender identity items were removed under Executive Order 14188.

eye am
noticing a
trend here

So what?

How many times do I have to say federal data is everywhere before you get that federal data is everywhere.

Eliminating gender identity from the American Housing Survey obfuscates real differences people face, and that data bear out.

Justice

National Law Enforcement Accountability Database (NLEAD)

Agency: DOJ

DOJ database of misconduct records for federal law enforcement officers, created so agencies could screen hires.

SOURCES

- [The National Law Enforcement Accountability Database](#) – CRS Insight

 NATIONAL LOW INCOME HOUSING COALITION

MEMO TO MEMBERS

Transgender Individuals Experience Homelessness at Eight Times the Rate of the General U.S. Population

Jun 08, 2026



Deleting law enforcement misconduct data means an agency may hire a very bad apple because they had no way to see their previous record of abuse.

learn more about how we collected this data on datasets, see what's gone missing, and let us know if you have a terminated dataset to report

Federal Data Terminations Tracker

The most policy-relevant, verified source of federal datasets terminated since January 2025.

Have a termination or removal to add? Contact us at removals@dataindex.us.

Read more about the methodology and why quantifying data terminations is so challenging in this Federation of American Scientists [blogpost](#). To learn more about the Federal Data Terminations Tracker, [register](#) for our webinar on August 19, 2026 from 1:30PM – 2:30PM ET.

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