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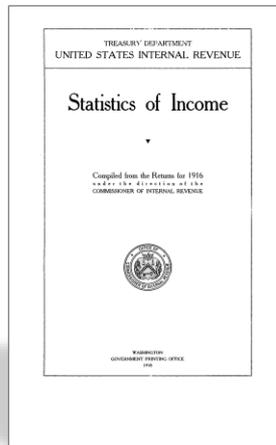
Career Choices in Statistics: Statistics of Income Division, IRS

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SOI History and Mission

The Revenue Act of 1916 requires the Secretary of the Treasury to publish statistics on the operations of the tax system, at least annually (Internal Revenue Code Section 6108(a))



Statistics of Income Mission

To collect, analyze, and disseminate information on federal taxation for the Treasury Department's Office of Tax Analysis, Congressional Committees, the Internal Revenue Service in its administration of the tax laws, other organizations engaged in economic and financial analysis, and for the general public.

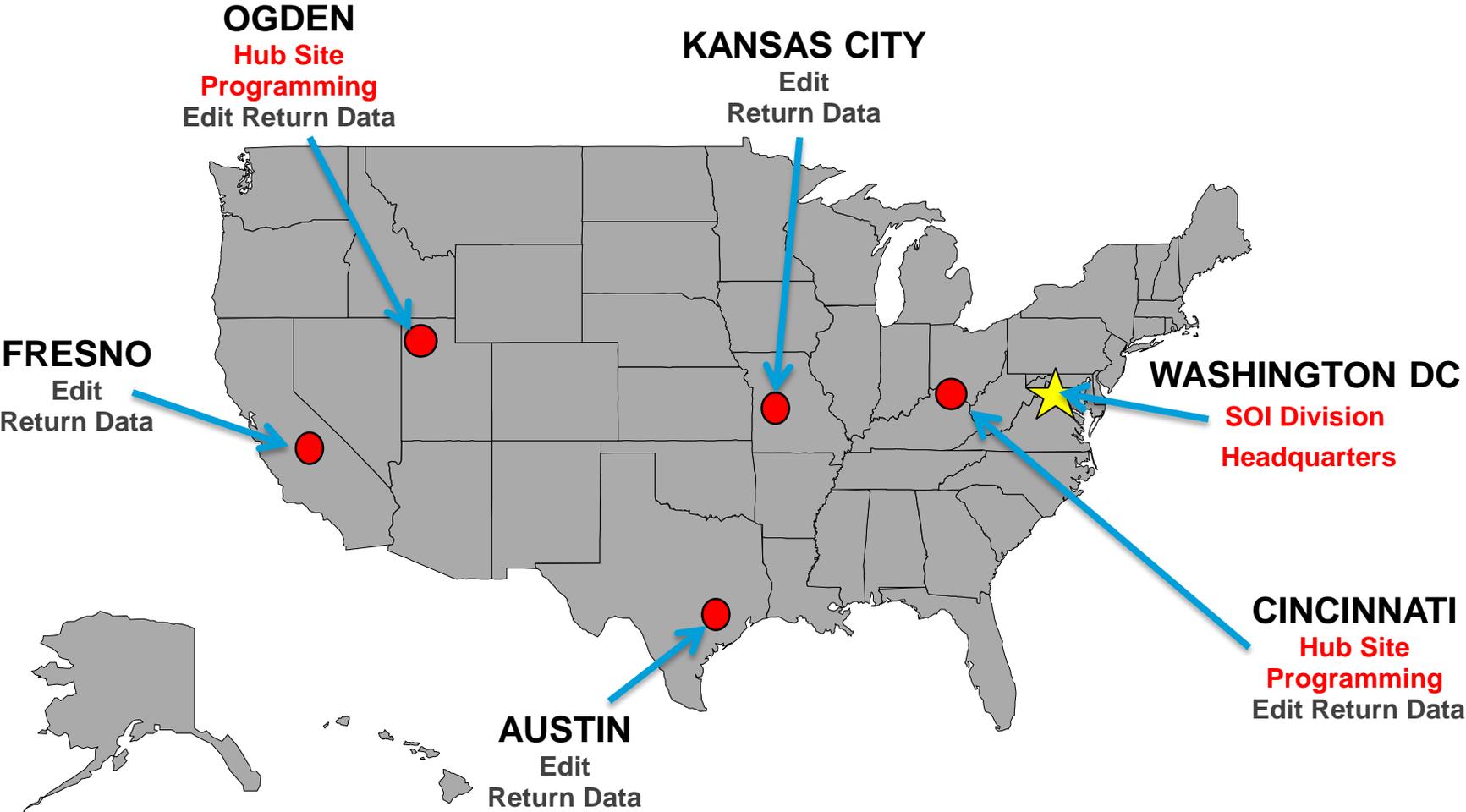
SOI's Customers



Uses of data (OTA, JCT, BEA):

- Tax policy, economic, and demographic research
- Microsimulation models and revenue estimation
- Estimate business profits in the national accounts

Data Collection Operations



How SOI is Different From Other FedStat Agencies

- Unlike agencies that collect data through censuses and surveys, SOI collects its data from the administrative records created from its processing of tax and information returns.
- An administrative record is “collected and maintained for the purpose of taking actions on or controlling actions of an individual person or other entity.”

The American Association's Ad Hoc Committee
on Privacy and Confidentiality (1977)

SOI's Staff



National Office Staff: 138

Economist: 44

IT Specialists: 49

Mathematical Statisticians: 13

Statisticians: 17

Others: Management and Program Analysts; Visual Information Specialists; Writer-Editors and Secretary: 15

Job Qualifications

Mathematical Statistician

Applicants must have a bachelor's degree that includes:

- a. 24 semester hours of mathematics and statistics, of which at least 12 semester hours were in mathematics and 6 semester hours were in statistics. OR
- b. Combination of education and experience -- at least 24 semester hours of mathematics and statistics, including at least 12 hours in mathematics and 6 hours in statistics, as shown above, plus appropriate experience or additional education.

Economist

Applicant must have a bachelor's degree that includes:

- a. At least 21 semester hours in economics and 3 semester hours in statistics, accounting, or calculus. OR
- b. Combination of education and experience: courses equivalent to a major in economics, as shown above, plus appropriate experience or additional education.

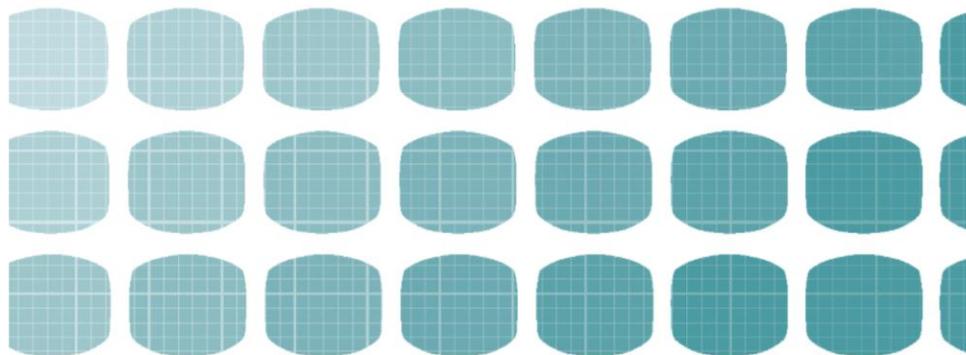


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Questions & Answers

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