NIPA Comprehensive Revision Plans

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Priorities for national economic accounts:

- Addressing data gaps and other shortcomings.
- Improving consistency and integration with other accounts.
- Improving consistency with international standards.
Strategic milestones

- Beginning in 2010 — hold flexible annual revisions.
- 2013 — incorporate 2007 benchmark input-output accounts.
Goals for 2008 Comprehensive Revision

- Improve scheduling and compilation processes — have data reviewed and ready for dissemination.
- Key statistical improvements:
  - Misreporting adjustments,
  - Disaster losses,
  - Classification of personal consumption expenditures.
Other possible changes for 2008

- Convert industry classification to NAICS 2002 (relatively minor changes).
- Look at fringe benefits—“cafeteria plans.”
- Extend work on integration with flow of funds accounts.
- Improve treatment of Federal government transactions with territories.
- Further improvements to measure of banking services.
**Strategic projects**

*Major conceptual changes that will be fully implemented after 2008:*

- Capitalize research & development.
  - First develop satellite account.
  - Expected to be part of SNA revision.
  - Later incorporate in core input-output accounts and NIPAs.
- Include return to capital in calculation of services of government capital.
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- Integration of BLS labor and capital services.