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2. See Landefeld, Moulton, Platt, and Villones (2010), *A New Architecture for the U.S. National Accounts* (Jorgenson, Landefeld, and Nordhaus 2006), and *Measuring Economic Sustainability and Progress* (Jorgenson, Landefeld, and Schreyer 2014).
3. BEA is currently updating its strategic plan—although, its primary mission goals will not change. The Bureau expects to release a revised version of the plan in the summer of 2020.
4. For an overview of this welfare literature, see *Welfare Volume 2: Measuring Social Welfare* (Jorgenson 1997).
5. See *Report to the Commission on the Measurement of Economic Performance and Social Progress* (Stiglitz, Sen, and Fitoussi 2009).
6. BEA’s planned projects under the “GDP and Beyond” initiative do not cover the multitude of suggestions for improving and extending the national accounts to better measure economic well-being. For a more comprehensive list of possible extensions, see “[Table 1. Timeline of Research on Economic Well-Being and Extensions to the National Accounts](#),” including Nordhaus and Kokkelenberg (1999); Abraham and Mackie (2005); Stiglitz, Sen, and Fitoussi (2009); and Jorgenson (2018).
7. For a comparison of the concepts and methods underlying several prominent income distribution measures for the United States, see “Measuring Inequality in the National Accounts” (Fixler, Gindelsky, and Johnson 2020).
8. The Gini coefficient is a commonly used inequality metric that illustrates how an actual distribution of income differs from one that has an equal distribution. Gini coefficients can have values between 0 and 1, where a value of 0 indicates that all individuals receive the same income, and a value of 1 means that all income accumulates to a single person. So, a larger Gini coefficient suggests that there is more inequality in the distribution of income.
9. For a summary of this work, see “Integrated Economic and Environmental Satellite Accounts” (Landefeld, Carson, and others 1994a).

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