

	Baltimore	Boston
Data Host	Baltimore Neighborhood Indicators Alliance	The Boston Foundation
Partners	A number of different community organizations serve on committees. The city is represented by the Planning Department on the Coordinating Committee. University of Maryland social work and urban planning departments are also involved.	City of Boston/Boston Redevelopment Authority and the Metropolitan Planning Council
Goals	The system promotes better decision-making by using accurate, reliable, and accessible data and information to improve quality of life.	The site itself consists of components of the 2002 Boston Indicators report that provides data, graphs, and charts.
Geographic unit	Census tract, zip code	Neighborhood, city
Mapping features	Interactive mapping is available. There is a login screen. Static maps are provided on the site in PDF format.	Static maps are provided.
Data downloads	Data may be downloaded in PDF format for the entire city or by neighborhood.	Users can download data for some charts in Excel or view them on-screen. There is a page that looks at information comparing neighborhoods.
Reports	Main report is Vital Signs and is rich with data tables for all neighborhoods.	The system produced a comprehensive indicators report for 2002 entitled "Creativity and Innovation: A Bridge to the Future)
Level of Community Input	Initial yearlong planning process involving several citywide nonprofit groups and neighborhoods.	The level of community input is unclear.
Data Sources	Census info; administrative data from city and state sources	Compiles data from a number of different sources and surveys. Not intended to be updated on a regular basis.
Access/Training	Believes in "one stop shop" for data. Available online and in the office. Technical training and assistance available	Web and print information is available but the outputs are not customizable.
Methodology	Focus group participants were asked to state what vision and outcome they wish to see in their neighborhood in 10 years and what indicators and measures would show that this outcome was being reached.	The system aggregates a large amount of data from a variety of sources.
Other Information	Not available	Not available
Source	http://www.bnial.org/vitalsigns/index.html . Accessed April 18, 2004.	http://www.tbf.org/indicators/ . Accessed April 18, 2004.

	Chicago	Cleveland
Data Host	Center for Neighborhood Technology	The T2K Group is a nonprofit collaborative that works to provide information for Cleveland's community-based organizations.
Partners	Funding is provided by the Sara Lee, Maramont, Polk Bros and Fannie Mae Foundations.	Case Western Reserve University (CANDO), Cleveland State University (Neighborhood Link) Enterprise Foundation, U.S. Department of Commerce, Cleveland Housing Network, City of Cleveland, Neighborhood Progress, Inc.
Goals	The system strives to prevent neighborhood decay by identifying warning signs and facilitating data access.	An interactive source for data on Cleveland's neighborhoods and is designed for use by community-based organizations, govt. agencies, students and researchers.
Geographic unit	Parcel, ward, neighborhood, zip code	Parcel, block, block group, tract
Mapping features	Is available. Feature was added in late April 2004 after this plan went to press.	Dynamic GIS mapping is available. Some static maps are provided as well.
Data downloads	Can do queries for statistics by building and area (ward, community area, zip code). Data primarily related to building structures.	Users can export data into Access or Excel and can also query for the system for specific information.
Reports	Not available	There are no regularly produced reports.
Level of Community Input	There is a low level of community input in the system.	This site uses information that may have come out of a separate community process, but the level of community input is unclear.
Data Sources	City and county tax info, housing court cases, fire data, sales data, census data	Census; city, state and federal agencies
Access/Training	The system is accessible only through a Web site.	The system is very accessible as part of the T2K Group's information web-portal for community organizations. Users can research by property, street or an area, and can query the database. There is an online tutorial available.
Methodology	The system aggregates several data sources.	It is unclear exactly how the T2K Group has gained access to data or how regularly information is updated. There is a link to Case Western Reserve University's CAN DO neighborhood data sharing project, which does gather much of the same info for the metropolitan area as well as Cleveland State University's Neighborhood Link.
Other Information	Output is difficult to draw conclusions from and not statistically-based. Trends seem difficult or even impossible to track (time series over a neighborhood). One of the oldest systems available for compiling information for use by housing advocates. Began in 1984.	The lack of contact information other than an e-mail link on the site is unfortunate. It is unclear who T2K is and subsequent links lead to the Cleveland Housing Network. There is a wealth of information on the Web site. However, greater transparency is needed.
Source	http://www.newschicago.org/ . Accessed April 18, 2004.	http://www.cleveinfo.net/ . Accessed April 18, 2004.

	Denver	Grand Rapids
Data Host	The Piton Foundation	Undecided. A group of Grand Rapids-based non-profits and neighborhoods is currently working on data collection issues.
Partners	The "Neighborhood Facts" component of the site is a joint project between Piton and the Community Planning and Development Agency of the City and County of Denver.	The web site is maintained by Grand Valley State University. The Dyer-Ives Foundation leads meetings.
Goals	"Neighborhood Facts" provides info on Denver's neighborhoods designed for use by residents, policy makers and other interested parties.	The goal is to create neighborhood-level indicators of environmental, physical, demographic, economic and cultural conditions that can be used to evaluate and monitor the health of Grand Rapids' neighborhoods.
Geographic unit	Neighborhood Census tracts; school (not school district)	Point, address, or tract
Mapping features	A variety of interactive neighborhood maps are provided for different data categories such as economics, demographics, and education. Also a clickable neighborhood map that brings up data tables.	Not available (indicators are still being developed)
Data downloads	Data graphs are available. Data is provided on-screen. Can cut and paste if needed. Search by neighborhood on map or by list. Can do customized searches of database.	Not available (indicators are still being developed)
Reports	No regularly published reports. There are fact sheets for select neighborhoods based on census data. Also reports with data analysis of neighborhood conditions.	Not available (indicators are still being developed)
Level of Community Input	The site provides no information on whether there was community input in gathering the information.	The system encourages broad-level input to make the indicators that are chosen useful for analyzing neighborhood conditions. Several organizations have participated so far.
Data Sources	Data Sources are not described on the web site.	US Census Bureau, REGIS, City of Grand Rapids, GVSU State of Michigan, FFIEC, US EPA
Access/Training	Requires registration and login. There are samples for users to view to see the types of information available. A few links and documents go over why data is important for grants and how to interpret Census information.	The system is committed to public access but protects confidentiality. Police records, for example, are aggregated to the neighborhood level.
Methodology	Not available	A working group met with neighborhood groups and stakeholders to help develop indicators. The site discusses what other programs are doing, but how they picked the indicators is a little hard to determine.
Other Information	A Spanish version of the web site is available.	The Community Data Working Group has developed a Web site where future meetings and progress is posted. Will try to include examples of how data is being used for change.
Source	http://piton.org/default.asp?nav_id+4 . Accessed April 18, 2004.	www.nicdwwg.org . Accessed April 18, 2004.

	Los Angeles	Miami
Data Host	UCLA Advanced Policy Institute	Miami-Dade County
Partners	The system is funded by: National Telecommunication Information Administration, Fannie Mae Foundation, Los Angeles Housing Department, Microsoft Corporation	None
Goals	The goal is prevention of neighborhood decay through identification of warning signs of decay, facilitation of data access, and mobilization of support for community improvement.	An information portal called "My Neighborhood" is hosted on the county's Web site. A staff member from the county works to compile community information, increase citizen awareness of their own communities, and empowers community groups.
Geographic unit	Individual property data, City Council District, Zip Code, or Census Tract, Community assets ("community" seems to have a fluid definition – you can choose the boundaries for your search)	Address, intersection and landmark
Mapping features	Includes a sophisticated and useful mapping interface, allowing flexibility in searches.	Interactive mapping is available.
Data downloads	Can view maps or tables with data. Not exportable but can cut and paste.	Not Available
Reports	No regular reports are produced.	No regular reports are produced.
Level of Community Input	The NKLA project demonstrates a high level of community input. NKLA formed as a result of a grass-roots community effort involving many neighborhood groups and the UCLA planning program	Community input is higher in the city of Miami than elsewhere, though data for other parts of the county are made available.
Data Sources	U.S. Census, tax delinquencies, code complaints, code enforcement, building permits, at-risk properties, contract nuisance abatements, non-profit orgs, identified assets, others	U.S. Census; various statistics from local agencies such as the Center for Children and Families.
Access/Training	A user must log in to access data and maps. The system conducts extensive training and outreach to ensure that NKLA is being used to improve LA neighborhoods. This training usually is targeted to community-based organizations that are involved with housing and neighborhood development.	The program has many users, composed mainly of organizations that already know about its existence.
Methodology	Not Available	Community agencies contact Miami-Dade County for information about their particular neighborhood. Information is gathered on a case-by-case basis for individual organizations, though general information is posted on a website.
Other Information	Simple searches and more advanced queries are available. A useful guidebook is included on the site, which is available in English and Spanish.	The system is essentially one staff member working with other public agencies.
Source	http://nkla.sppsr.ucla.edu/ . Accessed April 18, 2004.	http://gisims2.co.miami-dade.fl.us/MyNeighborhood/home.asp . Accessed April 18, 2004.

	Portland	Washington DC
Data Host	Auditor's Office, City of Portland	DC Agenda- a nonprofit civic organization.
Partners	Portland Multnomah Progress Board	The DC Data Warehouse is managed by the Urban Institute's Metro Center. The Annie E. Casey Foundation provides funding.
Goals	Establish benchmarks that are intended to gauge conditions in the community, encourage organizations to focus on outcomes, and increase collaboration to deal with significant, long-term conditions	The system provides community-based organizations and residents with local data and analysis they can use to improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods. The goal is to democratize data for use as a tool in civic engagement.
Geographic unit	City and county	Council Wards, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANC), Neighborhood Clusters (Clusters are used by the DC municipal government for budgeting, planning, service delivery, and analysis) Police Service Areas (PSA), Census tracts
Mapping features	Not available	Maps are used to choose geographic area.
Data downloads	Can download benchmark trend data into an Excel spreadsheet or download as a PDF.	Data charts are viewed on-screen. Users must cut and paste to utilize data.
Reports	There are a few reports that can be downloaded on benchmark trends.	"Issue Scan" is regularly produced report that looks at changes in neighborhood conditions. Report briefs are also posted on the site.
Level of Community Input	Medium: Citizens initially helped develop goals and translate them into benchmarks.	Limited
Data Sources	Census, city and state and federal departments.	US Census, TANF Cases, subsidized housing, crime reports & arrests, vital statistics records, home mortgage lending activity, property Sales, child abuse & neglect cases
Access/Training	Not available	Tables are available on the web site: mostly tables for each set of indicators. Published reports and briefs w/ data analysis and suggested applications Community outreach and capacity building. Technical assistance forms on web site, provides "on-demand" technical assistance to local organizations
Methodology	The system used community input to develop goals and indicators. The Progress Board currently tries to define benchmarks to track those issues of community concern.	The Metro Center cleans and stores the data files to be distributed through the NIS site.
Other Information	These benchmarks are not for use in comparing neighborhoods. However, there are a number of interesting indicators that have been included. The FAQ page on the site provides useful information about how benchmarks are used and how they are selected.	Two full-time support staff persons administrate system.
Source	http://www.portlandonline.com/auditor/index.cfm?c=27347 Accessed April 18, 2004.	http://www.dcagenda.org/nis/ . Access April 18, 2004.

West Oakland	
Data Host	Pacific Institute, a nonprofit research organization
Partners	The 7th Street Neighborhood Improvement Initiative
Goals	The goal is to give residents the information they need to revitalize their communities, especially information about environmental issues.
Geographic unit	Neighborhood
Mapping features	Not available
Data downloads	Not available
Reports	Individual indicator reports can be downloaded in PDF format.
Level of Community Input	The system is a resident-driven process managed and implemented by Pacific Institute.
Data Sources	Various city departments, EPA, other
Access/Training	Neighborhood groups have access to data and use it to advocate for the neighborhood.
Methodology	Neighborhood residents on a Neighborhood Taskforce choose indicators. Technical assistance and training is provided through different coalitions. Brochures and speakers are available to inform residents about the project.
Other Information	Pacific Institute for Studies in Development, Environment, and Security
Source	http://www.pacinst.org/eip/woeip.html . Accessed April 18, 2004.