

Part III: Data Providers for Neighborhood Indicators Systems

This appendix reports on the different data sources that have been used by the cities reviewed in case study research for this plan. Each city has used data beyond U.S. Census information to enrich their neighborhood indicator system. The local, state and federal agency from which data was obtained is listed as well as the type of information provided.

BALTIMORE, MD

Baltimore Neighborhood Indicators Alliance
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Web site: <http://www.bnia.org/index.html>

This list of data from different partners comes from the BNIA's data inventory report. (<http://www.bnia.org/PDF/DATA%20INVENTORY%202004.pdf>)

Baltimore City Board of Elections

- Population 18-25 registered to vote in general election
- Population ages 18-25 who voted in general election

Baltimore City Data Collaborative

The BCDC is a separate organization that warehouses public health from other agencies data on children and families for the City. (www.baltimorekidsdata.org)

- Arrest information for juveniles

Locations for:

- After-school programs
- Pre-school programs
- Head start programs
- Tutoring/mentoring programs
- Teen pregnancy prevention centers, family support centers
- Births data—born at full term, satisfactory birth weight, births to teens, births to bother receiving prenatal care
- Maternal and child health index
- Child abuse and neglect
- Emergency and non-emergency ER visits
- Children with asthma

Baltimore City GIS (Mayor's Office of Information Technology)

Site provides information for maps. Some of these features are added by BNIA.

- Bus routes
- Major streets/roads
- Light rail routes/stations
- Boundaries of police districts
- Public schools
- Libraries
- Colleges and universities
- Locations of health care clinics
- Mental health care clinics
- Stadiums
- Government buildings
- Museums
- Cultural centers, theaters
- Grocery stores
- Banks
- Post offices
- Recreation centers
- Parks
- Community gardens
- Religious organizations
- Maryland General Assembly legislative district boundaries
- City Council district boundaries
- Census tract boundaries
- Community Statistical Area boundaries
- Zip code boundaries

Obtained from Department of Housing and Community Development:

- Vacant and abandoned homes
- Other housing violations
- Baltimore City Health Department
- Information organized by zip code
- Houses with active lead violations
- Children ages 0-6 diagnosed with elevated blood lead levels
- People with vaccine-preventable disease
- AIDS cases

Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development

- Residential construction investment (new and rehab)
- Designated historic buildings
- Vacant lots

- Business construction and investment
- Vacant commercial properties
- Total commercial properties
- Empowerment Baltimore Management Corporation
- Empowerment zones
- Empowerment zone village centers

Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks

- Locations of public senior centers

Baltimore City Department of Planning

- % Of area covered by tree canopy (environment)
- Locations of community organizations
- Racial diversity index (from 2000 U.S. Census)
- Economic diversity index (from 2000 U.S. Census)

Baltimore City Police Department

- Criminal offenses
- Violent crime
- Domestic violence
- Total 911 calls
- Locations of police and fire stations (for maps)

Baltimore City Substance Abuse Systems

- Locations of drug treatment centers

Citistat (an accountability program for every City agency)

<http://www.baltimorecity.gov/news/citistat/index.html>

- Illegal dumping
- Dirty streets and alleys
- Clogged storm drains
- Abandoned vehicles
- Rats
- Parks maintenance

BNIA

- Main Street initiative programs

Maryland Center for Community Development

- Locations of community development corporations
- Maryland State Department of Education (compiled by school)
- Maryland student assessment test scores
- Enrollment
- Dropout rate

- Graduation rate
- Graduates completing advanced programs
- Locations of non-public schools

Maryland Department of Environment

- Ozone days (for entire city)
- Days above 90 degrees
- % Of population served by high quality water treatment
- Locations of hazardous waste sites (formerly and presently investigated) [mapping]

Maryland Transportation Authority

- Average daily boarding for weekdays and weekends

OTHER PROVIDERS

First American Real Estate Solutions, Maryland Property View

- Total properties-- residential
- Housing units sold
- Owner and renter-occupied units
- Sales prices and dates

Maryland Regional Information System

- Number of days property is on the market

Jacob France Institute at the University of Baltimore

- Dun and Bradstreet data on number of businesses including small businesses
- Households receiving temporary cash assistance (TCA) (from Maryland Department of Human Resources)

BOSTON, MA

The Boston Foundation Indicators Project
Web site: <http://tbf.org/indicators/>
The Boston Foundation
(617) 338-1700 info@tbf.org
75 Arlington Street, 10th Floor, Boston, MA 02116

These are the data providers for information that related specifically to Boston's neighborhoods.

Boston Office of Cultural Affairs

- Free and reduced price tickets at cultural institutions and venues in Boston by neighborhood

Boston Department of Neighborhood Development

- Median home prices by neighborhood, Boston, 1998-2002
- Distribution of affordable housing units by Boston neighborhood
- Abandoned residential properties by Boston neighborhood, 1997 - 2002

Boston Police Department

- Domestic violence by neighborhood
- Partnerships with law enforcement agencies by neighborhood

Public Citizen Survey

- Boston residents' trust in neighbors
- Resident public perception of safety and quality of life ranking by neighborhood

Boston Public Health Commission

- % Of children under 6 with elevated lead levels
- Asthma hospitalization rates for children under 5
- Reported cases of lead poisoning, 1992 - 2001

Boston Public Library

- Library books in circulation, by Boston neighborhood

Metropolitan Area Planning Council, Boston Redevelopment Authority

- Green space distribution, acres/1,000 children by Boston neighborhood

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management

- % Of Tree cover by neighborhood

Mass GIS

- Miles of bike paths

U.S. Small Business Administration

- Small business loans by neighborhood

After School for All Partnership

Public-private partnership focused on children

- Children served by after-school programs versus children ages 5-18, by neighborhood

Boston Indicators Project

Based on analysis of 2000 U.S. Census data

- Residents within a 10-minute walk or short drive from transit nodes by race, income, age group and transit dependency

Boston Natural Areas Network

Oversees many of the city's gardens

- Community gardens in Boston

Boston VOTE

Nonpartisan organization that tracks voting information

- Registered voters and participation rates, Boston, 2000-2002

New England Foundation for the Arts

- 2.3.1 Distribution of Boston's arts and cultural facilities

Bankers and Tradesman

- Mortgage foreclosures by Boston neighborhood, 1990 - 2002

CHICAGO, IL

CityNews

Community Technology and Neighborhood Early Warning System

Web site: <http://www.newschicago.org/>

Center for Neighborhood Technology

2125 W North Ave. Chicago, IL 60647-5415

(773) 278-4800

This is a list of the data that are available for view on the web site. The website does not give information as to which city departments in Chicago are responsible for providing these housing data.

(Note: A new mapping feature with additional information was introduced to the site after this plan went to press. Please refer to the web site for more information).

- Number of parcels
- Fires
- Code violations
- Housing court visits
- Annual sales
- Vacancies

Tax Class

- Buildings with Tax Classes
- Exempt
- Vacant
- Residential
- Rental
- Not for Profit
- Commercial and Industrial
- Industrial Incentive
- Commercial Incentive
- Commercial and Industrial Incentive
- Multi Family Incentive

CLEVELAND, OH

Cleveinfo

Web site: <http://www.cleveinfo.net>

Sponsored by the T2K Group, a nonprofit collaborative that has developed a web-based information portal.

The Cleveland Housing Network, Inc.

2999 Payne Avenue Suite 306 Cleveland, Ohio 44114

(216) 574-7100

Listing for data sources if found here: <http://www.cleveinfo.net/AllIndicators.asp>

City Community Development Dept

- Residential and commercial investments through city programs
- Building permits
- Code violations

Cleveland Municipal School District

- Public school attendance rate
- Public school enrollment rate

Cleveland Police Department

- Alcohol-related violations
- Drug-related violations
- Weapons violations
- Domestic violence
- Violent crimes (aggravated assault, homicide, assault, rape)
- Property crimes (arson, auto theft burglary, larceny)
- Arson

Cuyahoga County Auditor

- Auditor market value assessment
- Tax assessed value
- Sales price
- Building condition
- Building Size
- Buildings: general info, number of buildings, year building was built
- Amount of delinquent taxes as certified by the County
- City land bank property
- Address of owner
- Previous sales price of property
- Total property value
- Size of lots in square feet

Cuyahoga County Elections Board

- Registered voter participation rate
- Number of registered voters
- Voter participation rate
- Voting population

Starting Point

- The county's childcare referral and resource agency.
- Number of slots for children ages 0-18 months (infant), 18-36 months (toddler), 3-5 years (preschool), 6-12 (school age)
- Childcare centers with evening shifts
- Childcare centers that participate in the Headstart program
- Childcare centers that have overnight shifts

Ohio Department of Health

- Vital statistics
- Births to teen mothers/1,000
- Births to unwed mothers/1,000
- Low weight births/1,000
- Infant mortality rate
- Total births

Ohio Department of Human Services

- Food stamp recipients
- State public assistance recipients

Ohio Division of Liquor Control

- Address of liquor license holder

Home Mortgage Disclosure Act

- Denial rate for home improvement loans (%)
- Number of home improvement loan applications
- Number of home improvement loans approved
- Value of home improvement loans
- Denial rate for home purchase loans
- Number of home purchase loan applications
- Number of home purchase loans approved
- Value of home purchase loans

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

- Number of section 8 units
- Number of renters with Section 8 vouchers
- Number of units with HUD rental assistance in this property
- Number of total units w/section 8 expirations

Local CDCs

- CDC housing production--number of square feet, units
- Total cost of CDC sponsored project
- Year building was built/renovated
- CDC-related project-- include total cost, type of project, year built

DENVER, CO

The Piton Foundation
Web site: www.piton.org
370 17th Street, Suite 5300 Denver, CO 80202
info@piton.org

Denver Planning Office

- Number of housing units
- Average home sales price (from Denver Assessor's Office)
- Publicly assisted housing units (from Denver Housing Authority, Colorado Housing Finance Authority and HUD)

Denver Public Schools

- Public school children receiving free school lunch
- Student enrollment
- percent of students who speak no or limited English
- High school graduation rate
- Test scores
- High school dropout rate
- Public school suspension and expulsion violent offense rate

Denver Department of Safety

- Property crimes
- Violent crimes

Denver Department of Social Services

- People on public assistance

Denver Regional Council of Government (DRCOG)

- Type of jobs by sector
- Total number of jobs
- Average annual wage
- Average household income

Colorado Department of Human Services

- Out-of-home placement (children in foster care)
- Adults on TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)
- Number of childcare slots at licensed day care centers
- Number of children in subsidized childcare
- % Children on Medicaid
- Confirmed child abuse and neglect rate

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

- Total Births
- Teen birth rate
- Births to unwed mothers
- Births to women receiving prenatal care
- Low birth weight rate
- Premature birth rate

GRAND RAPIDS, MI

NICDWG
Neighborhood Indicators/Community Data Working Group

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Web site: <http://www.nicdwg.org/index.html>

This site is an interesting resource because it documents the process of developing a neighborhood indicators system. There are meeting minutes available on-line for review, especially regarding reviewing available data and selecting indicators. (<http://www.nicdwg.org/minutes.html>)

The group started meeting in January of 2002. Another section of the site details the availability of data from different agencies and organizations and the success of NICDWG in obtaining the information for use. (<http://www.nicdwg.org/sources.html>)

Currently, the Community Research Institute (CRI) at Grand Valley State University has community profiles with information about Grand Rapids neighborhoods. CRI staff has worked to gather relevant data such as crime, which must be requested directly from the police department. The City of Grand Rapids has a policy that requires individual departments to be responsible for the dissemination of information.¹³⁰

As for confidentiality issues, NICDWG will aggregate the data appropriately so individual privacy rights regarding sensitive topic such as health and financial situation are protected.¹³¹

The list of available information and the agencies that have provided them are detailed below and were compiled directly from CRI's web-site. Much of the data listed is from the 2000 U.S. Census.

¹³⁰⁻¹³¹ Neighborhood Indicators/
Community Data Working
Group. *Meeting minutes*. <http://www.nicdwg.org/minutes.html>.
February 19, 2003.

City Clerk's Office

- Voting participation rate by age

Grand Rapids Police Department

- Crime rate for residential areas

Potential indicators under consideration:

Assessors Office

- Percent of land used for open space
- Percent of parcels that are vacant land
- Sq. ft. of retail space / person
- Percent multi-family units
- Absentee landlords
- Commercial property tax delinquency
- Percent of homes owner-occupied
- Median home sales price
- Residential property tax delinquency
- Percent vacant units

Building Department

- Building Permits

Police Department

- Crime rate
- Reported disturbances / housing units

State Health Department

- Teen birth rate
- Infant mortality
- Percent low birth-weight births

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

- Amount of pollution emissions

Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA)

- Home lending activity

Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) data

- Business lending activity by tract

Other types of information

- Use of public space (observation)
- Volunteerism (neighborhood association)
- Satisfaction of residents (survey)

LOS ANGELES, CA

Neighborhood Knowledge Los Angeles (NKLA)

Web site: <http://nkla.ucla.edu/>

Advanced Policy Institute, UCLA

3317 Public Policy Building

Box 951656 Los Angeles, CA 90095

The NKLA project had its origins with the research program at the UCLA Department of Urban Planning. Initial funding for NKLA came from the City of Los Angeles through block grants.¹³² The city required that the project be based out of a non-profit organization rather than at the university to ensure direct accountability to an organization that was actively dealing with housing issues. Later as the project came to rely more on the computer labs and the graduate students at the school, NKLA moved back to UCLA.

In terms of gathering administrative data sets, NKLA's strategy was to work with the individuals who built and managed each database system and identifying whether there was a need for them to obtain information from other departments.¹³³ Since NKLA also had a contract with the Los Angeles Housing Department, establishing a formal basis for the researchers to be gathering data from different city departments relating to the project. The county government's main concern there was that the site would make public a unique assessor parcel identifier that is sold to private real estate firms.¹³⁴ An agreement was reached to sell UCLA only a portion of the assessor's data.

The sources for the property data is detailed in this section: <http://nkla.spsr.ucla.edu/Master.cfm?Page=PropertyDataGuide.cfm>

City of Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety

- Building permits
- Hazardous/public safety problems on property
- Building code complaints

City of Los Angeles Housing Department

- Code violations for rental properties
- "At-risk" affordable housing (affordability agreement has run out)

¹³² Neighborhood Knowledge Los Angeles, *The History of NKLA*. <http://nkla.spsr.ucla.edu/Master.cfm?Page=History/Main.cfm>. Accessed January 25, 2004.

¹³³⁻¹³⁴ Neighborhood Knowledge Los Angeles. *The NKLA How-to Kit*. <http://nkla.spsr.ucla.edu/Master.cfm?Page=HowToKit/main.cfm&Page2=Political.cfm#2>. Accessed January 25, 2004.

City of Los Angeles Information Technology Agency

- Property data base (addresses, zip codes, census tracts, council districts)

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

- Liens on property for unpaid utility bills

Los Angeles County Tax Collector

- Tax delinquent properties (amount due)

MIAMI, FL

My Neighborhood

Website: <http://gisims2.co.miami-dade.fl.us/MyNeighborhood/home.asp>

Miami-Dade County

Stephen P. Clark Center

111 N.W. First Street

Miami, FL33130

The data are assembled from different county-level departments. The web site maps information in the following categories:

- Capital improvement projects (multiple agencies)
- Code Violation (multiple agencies)
- Crime Incident (Miami-Dade Police Department)
- Land Use Information (multiple sources)
- Sales Information (Miami-Dade County Property Appraiser)
- Sexual Offender/Predator (Florida Department of Law Enforcement—state agency)
- Transportation Improvement (links to the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization)

MILWAUKEE, WI

COMPASS

Community Mapping and Analysis

Web site: http://www.milwaukee.gov/compass/public_applications.html

809 N. Broadway, Suite 400

Milwaukee, WI 53202

Metadata page: <http://compass.ci.mil.wi.us/metadata/metadata.htm>

City of Milwaukee Assessor's office

- Assessed value of residential property for each parcel

Department of Community Development

- Building inspection requests
- Neighborhood boundaries

Milwaukee Fire Department

- Reported fires

City of Milwaukee Health Department

- Births
- Percentage births to teens
- Percentage low birth weight
- Percentage prenatal care during pregnancy
- Percentage smoking during pregnancy

Information Technology Management Division

- Location of fire stations and police stations
- Non-owner occupied properties

Department of Neighborhood Services

- Raze orders for properties
- Property violations
- Permits for construction, plumbing and electrical

City of Milwaukee Police Department

- Violent crimes
- Property crimes

Milwaukee Public Schools

- Community learning centers

Treasurer's Office

- Tax-delinquent properties (parcel)

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

Urban Ecology Coalition Neighborhood Sustainability Indicators Project

Web site: <http://www.crcworks.org/nsip.html>

Crossroads Resource Center

P.O. Box 7423

Minneapolis, Minnesota 55407

Seward Neighborhood Group, Inc.

2323 E. Franklin Ave. Minneapolis, MN 55406

<http://www.sng.org/>

Longfellow Community Council

2727 26th Avenue South Minneapolis, MN 55406

<http://www.longfellow.org/>

More information about specific indicators and the process of working with neighborhood organizations to develop indicators can be obtained from the Neighborhood Sustainability Indicators Guidebook: <http://www.crcworks.org/guide.pdf>

The city of Minneapolis has drafted a sustainability plan to be reviewed and adopted. In January 2004, the Minneapolis Sustainability Initiative, which includes the city's Community Planning and Economic Development office, held a recent roundtable where possible indicators were proposed.¹³⁵ The following list details the neighborhood sustainability indicators that were developed by the Seward Neighborhood group as key indicators for measuring long-term neighborhood sustainability.¹³⁶ The data for many of these indicators will come from surveys.

Annual visual survey

- "Friendly spaces"-rate neighborhood spaces, both private and public

Annual business and/or resident survey

- Consumption by residents at independent local stores

Annual business survey

- Purchases from local vendors by local businesses
- Number of home-based businesses and resident-managed studio/office spaces

¹³⁵ Crossroads Resource Center. *Minneapolis Sustainability Roundtable: Possible Indicators*. <http://www.crcworks.org/msi/indicdraft.pdf>. Accessed April 26, 2004.

¹³⁶ Crossroads Resource Center. *1999 Neighborhood Sustainability Indicators Guidebook*. p. 24-25 <http://www.crcworks.org/guide.pdf>. Accessed April 26, 2004

Annual resident survey

- Number of residents who share skills or barter services with each other
- Number of residents who volunteer for church or community service work
- Residents who plan to stay in neighborhood for a specified number of years
- Percentage residents earning a living wage
- Percentage workers that work inside and outside of the neighborhood

Annual count of bike riders and cars

- Number of bicycles traveling on key routes compared to number of cars

PORTLAND, OR

Community Benchmarks

Web site: <http://www.portlandonline.com/auditor/index.cfm?c=27347>

Portland Multnomah Progress Board

1221 SW 4th Ave, Rm 140 Portland, OR 97204

Data notes are provided for each benchmark category. The data providers are diverse and varied because information is being collected at the city and county levels as well as for the metropolitan area. This site does not compare local neighborhoods. However, some interesting data sources have been used to identify indicators that are useful for creating policy changes.

Portland Audit Services Division

- Annual government performance survey (city only)
- Neighborhood safety
- Crime victims
- Emergency preparedness
- Neighborhood livability
- Street cleanliness

Portland Police Bureau

- Graffiti locations

City of Portland's Office of Sustainable Development

- Climate change
- Energy use

City of Portland's Water Bureau

- Water use

Port of Portland

- Number of metropolitan airports served by nonstop flights

**Portland-Vancouver Air Quality Maintenance Area
Air Surveillance Network**

- Ambient air quality

Multnomah County Elections Division

- Voting information

**Multnomah County's Office of School and
Community Partnerships**

- Homelessness

Oregon Department of Education

- Student achievement scores
- High school graduation rates

**Oregon Department of Employment, U.S. Bureau
of Labor Statistics**

- Average annual wages (also U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)
- Number of jobs
- Average annual unemployment rate

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

- Water quality
- Pounds per capita waste disposed in the tri-county metro region

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

- Indicator species—counts on fish and blue heron in the region

Oregon Department of Human Services

- Teen pregnancies
- Healthy birth weight babies
- Early diagnosis of HIV
- Domestic violence-child abuse
- Adult alcohol and drug abuse (telephone surveys)
- Fire injuries and fatalities

Oregon Progress Board/Oregon Department of Education

- Kindergarten readiness (survey)

Law Enforcement Data System, Oregon State Police

- Domestic violence-partner abuse
- Crimes motivated by prejudice
- Reported insides of crime
- Arrests

Oregon Department of Transportation

- Vehicle miles traveled

Oregon Healthy Teens

- Student illicit drug, alcohol and tobacco use

Oregon Population Survey

- Volunteer activity
- Access to health care

American Community Survey (U.S. Census Bureau)

- Public transportation trends
- Educational attainment
- Poverty rates
- Income spent on housing
- Commute times

U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

- Per capita income (county)

**Center for Population Research and Census
(Portland State University)**

- Population growth

Regional Arts and Culture Council

- Per capita government spending on the arts

WASHINGTON, D.C.

DC Agenda
Neighborhood Information Services
Web site: <http://www.dcagenda.org/nis/>
1825 K Street, NW, Ste 710
Washington, D.C. 20006

Urban Institute
DC Data Warehouse
http://www.urban.org/content/PolicyCenters/Housing_Communities/Projects/DCDataWarehouse/DCDataWarehouse.htm

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILES

Sources for data used in the neighborhood profiles are provided on this page of the web site: http://www.dcagenda.org/nis/common/Sources_notes.html

D.C. Metropolitan Police Department

- Violent crimes
- Property crimes

D.C. Department of Health

- Percent low weight births
- Percent births to teen mothers

Neighborhood Change Database (NCDB) from the Urban Institute

<http://www.urban.org/nnip/ncua/ncdb.html>

The data are available from Geolytics, Inc. and are based on the U.S. Census from 1980, 1990 and 2000. The information is remapped to fit 1990/2000 census tract boundaries. This allows for greater analysis of trend development across census tracts.

- Percent change population
- Percent change children
- Percent foreign-born
- percent different house 5 years ago
- Population by race/ethnicity
- Poverty rate
- Unemployment rate
- Percent population employed
- Percent households on public assistance
- Percent population without a high school degree
- Percent female-headed families with children
- Percent households with phones

- Percent households with vehicles
- Percent children in poverty
- Average family income
- Percent change in family income
- Occupied housing units
- Rental vacancy rate
- Homeownership rate

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

- Total HUD assisted units
- Percentage of public housing
- Section 8 housing units
- Section 8 certificates and vouchers

Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (HMDA) Data

- Total mortgage origination
- Home purchase loans
- Average mortgage value
- Average home purchase loan

DATA WAREHOUSE

Information about neighborhood data used in building the DC Data Warehouse is found in the most recent publication of “Issue Scan.”¹³⁷ In collecting data for the warehouse, the Urban Institute’s Metro Center and DC Agenda have negotiated data sharing agreements with city departments such as:

- Office of Planning
- Metropolitan Police Department
- Office of Chief Financial Officer
- Department of Human Services
- Office of Income Maintenance

Other sources of information used by the researchers and writers for the “Issue Scan” are described below.¹³⁸

- D.C. Department of Human Services
- Information and Referral Program
- Answers Please! Database

The database has information on services provided by the city as well as private organizations for citizens who call in seeking assistance. The data were geocoded and analyzed by the DC Data Warehouse staff.

D.C. Public Office of Educational Accountability

- Achievement test scores

¹³⁷ DC Agenda. 2004. *Issue Scan: An Annual Report Examining Changes in Neighborhood Conditions in the District of Columbia*. <http://www.dcagenda.org/pdf/neighborhooddata.pdf>. p. 129. Accessed April 26, 2004.

¹³⁸ DC Agenda. 2004. *Issue Scan: An Annual Report Examining Changes in Neighborhood Conditions in the District of Columbia*. <http://www.dcagenda.org/pdf/neighborhooddata.pdf>. p. 125-126. Accessed April 26, 2004.

D.C. Office of Tax and Revenue

- Real property assessment database <http://cfo.dc.gov/services/tax/property/database.shtm>

Users can use the site to search and provides online real property information

- Parcel identification
- Property sales
- Property characteristics

U.S. Census Bureau—Building Permits

<http://www.census.gov/const/www/permitsindex.html#estimates>

The Census Bureau releases monthly data on new privately owned residential housing units that have been issued building permits. The data are available at the county-level and tabulate the number of buildings, the number of units and the construction costs.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Dataset for “A Picture of Subsidized Households, 1998”

<http://www.huduser.org/datasets/assthsg/statedata98/index.html>

There are census tract summaries as well as project and agency summaries for each state. The HUD programs that are covered include:

- Indian housing
- Public housing
- Section 8 certificates and vouchers
- Section 8 moderate rehabilitation
- Section 8 new and substantial rehabilitation
- Section 236
- Other HUD subsidies
- Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC)

Fair Market Rents dataset

<http://www.huduser.org/datasets/fmr.html>

Fair market rents are used to determine the eligibility of rental housing units for section 8 as well as for calculations for subsidies. HUD estimates FMRs annually for metropolitan areas. The data are downloadable in an Excel spreadsheet.

FFIEC Community Reinvestment Act

<http://www.ffiec.gov/cra/default.htm>

- Small business loans data

The Community Reinvestment Act requires lending institutions

to disclose small business, small farm and community development loans. Data are available for census tracts and can be downloaded online.

WEST OAKLAND, CA

West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project
Web site: <http://www.pacinst.org/eip/woeip.html>

654 13th Street, Preservation Park
Oakland, CA 94612

The full report “Neighborhood Knowledge for Change: The West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project” may be accessed using this link: [http://www.pacinst.org/reports/EIP_final_\(w_printers_marks\).pdf](http://www.pacinst.org/reports/EIP_final_(w_printers_marks).pdf) The appendix contains detailed information about the data sources and methodology for each indicator.

City of Oakland, Business Tax Division

- Newly licensed businesses
- Business development by category

Office of the City Clerk

- Percentage of population eligible, registered, and who voted

Community and Economic Development Agency

- Land use conflict
- Percentage of West Oakland population living within 1/8 mile of an industrial area
- Bikeable Master Plan--total miles of streets in West Oakland with bike lanes

Community and Economic Development Agency

- Oakland Housing Authority
- Publicly subsidized housing

Fire Department Emergency Services

- % sensitive sites (public schools, childcare centers, parks, shelters, hospitals) that are within 1/8 mile of facilities that are at highest risk for chemical accidents

City of Oakland Public Works Agency

- Illegal dumping
- Tonnage removed per month & number of citations issued

Alameda County Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

- Number of children to have tested with elevated blood lead levels (zip code)
- Lead abatement—number of housing units that have lead clean up

Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District

- Accessibility of public transportation
- Average bus service miles

Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development

- Patient discharge database
- Number of children hospitalized and diagnosed with asthma

Toxic Release Inventory System (TRI)—U.S. EPA

- Air Pollution- amount of air pollutants released by large polluters
- Health risks to residents from air pollution
- Neighborhood toxic volumes

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

- Superfund sites

California Department of Toxic Substances Control, State Water Resources Control Board, and City of Oakland Emergency Services (Fire Department)

Compile from different local, state and federal sources and geocoded

- Toxic waste sites
- Site that handle hazardous materials

Oakland Association of Realtors

- Multiple Listing Service sales data
- Median home prices

Claritas, Inc.

- Income estimates

Homefinders, Inc.

- Median rents

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- Metroscan (parcel-level data)
- Percentage turnover of parcels by land use
- Number of parcels bought and sold within a given time period