







# Useful Secondary Data Sources for Community Economic Development Work







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## DOMESTIC DATA





### General Data Sources:







-   **U.S. Census main site.** Links to all kinds of data sources at the bottom of the page. Can be overwhelming to navigate. [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)
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  - **American Fact Finder.** U.S. Census. Summary of Census and other data, by geographic location <http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml>
  - **U.S. Census County & City Book.** Self-described as the most comprehensive information source on U.S. counties and cities. The latest version is 2007. <http://www.census.gov/statab/www/ccdb.html>
-  **Integrated Public Use Microdata Series (IPUMS), USA.** Downloadable raw data on a variety of demographic, household, personal indicators. For data that are repeated cross-sections, the variables have been 'harmonized' to allow easy access. <https://usa.ipums.org/usa/>
-  **Social Explorer.** Easy to use, lots of data in map and table format. <http://www.socialexplorer.com/>
-  **National Atlas.** Maps of data, including agriculture, biology, climate, environment, geology, government, history, people, transportation, and water. <http://nationalatlas.gov/index.html>

### Agricultural Data:





-   **U.S. Census of Agriculture.** Detailed county-level data on farms, agricultural production and sales, costs. Conducted every 5 years. Includes summaries and raw data. <http://www.agcensus.usda.gov>
-   **National Agricultural Statistical Service.** Annual data on farms and farm production. Information is more limited than in the Census of Ag. <http://www.nass.usda.gov/>
-  **ARMS Farm Financial & Crop Production Practices.** This annual survey of farms is USDA's primary source of information on the financial condition, production practices, and resource use of America's farm businesses and the economic well-being of America's farm households. [www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/arms-farm-financial-and-crop-production-practices](http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/arms-farm-financial-and-crop-production-practices)
-  **U.S. Dept of Agriculture Food Desert** data and maps <http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/food-access-research-atlas>

### Economic Data:

-   **U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.** Detailed data on economic activity by region, state, metro area, county. (<http://www.bea.gov/>)
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  - **Bearfacts.** Summary of county level income <http://www.bea.gov/regional/bearfacts/>
  - **Interactive data.** Employment by industry for the state or county level, personal income, by major source & earnings by industry. <http://www.bea.gov/regional/index.htm>
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-   **U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.** Employment and unemployment rates, wages by sector, Consumer Price Information. <http://bls.gov/>
-  **County Business Patterns.** U.S. Census survey of businesses. Includes number of establishments, employment, payroll. Data and maps. <http://www.census.gov/econ/cbp/>
-   **PA Department of Labor & Industry Quick Statistics.** Workforce, employment, and unemployment compensation statistics statewide and by county. Includes 'Fast Facts' snapshot of labor market data. [www.paworkstats.state.pa.us](http://www.paworkstats.state.pa.us)
-  **Journey to Work.** U.S. Census. Data about county to county commuting patterns. <http://www.census.gov/hhes/commuting/>







## Education & School District Data:

-   **National Center for Education Statistics.** Student academic performance data in 10 subject areas, at state, county and district level. <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/naepdata/>
  -  **NCES Fast Facts.** State comparisons, state and district profiles. <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/states/>
-  **Annual audit report data from Pennsylvania school districts,** reported by PA Dept of Education. (see Summary-Level link) [http://www.education.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/summaries\\_of\\_annual\\_financial\\_report\\_data/7673](http://www.education.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/summaries_of_annual_financial_report_data/7673)






## Environmental Data:

-   **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Envirofacts.** Find hazardous materials, brownfields, etc near specific locations. <http://www.epa.gov/enviro/index.html>
  -  **U.S. EPA data finder.** Access to major air, climate change, health risks, pollutants, waste, water data. <http://www.epa.gov/data/>
  -  **U.S. EPA Toxic Release Inventory.** <http://www2.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-program>
-  **PA Dept of Environmental Protection Mapping/GIS tools.** Registry of remediation sites, water and water-related resources. <http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/tools/6014>
-   **US Geological Service Land Cover.** Maps of land cover, biodiversity, water quality, land use change. <http://landcover.usgs.gov/usgslandcover.php>
-  **National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, & Wildlife-Associated Recreation.** State level data collected every 5 years by the U.S. Census. <http://www.census.gov/prod/www/fishing.html>
-  **PennPilot.** Aerial photographic survey of PA, since the 1930s. [www.pennpilot.psu.edu](http://www.pennpilot.psu.edu)




## Health Data:

-  **PA Department of Health County Health statistics.** Births, deaths, cancer, other health statistics [http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/health\\_statistics\\_and\\_research/11599](http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/health_statistics_and_research/11599)
-  **U.S. Dept of Health & Human Services Area Health Resource File.** Demographic, health insurance, environment, hospital utilization and expenditure data. <http://arf.hrsa.gov/>
-   **Centers for Disease Control. School Health Policies and Practices Study** (state, district level and classroom level data) <http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/shpps/index.htm>
-   **Centers for Disease Control Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System** Annual telephone health survey on health issues. <http://www.cdc.gov/brfss/>





## Housing Data:

-   **U.S. Housing Survey.** Size and composition of housing inventory, vacancies, fuel usage, mortgages, home values, characteristics of recent movers <http://www.census.gov/housing/ahs/>
-   **U.S. Census Characteristics of New Housing.** <http://www.census.gov/construction/chars/sold.html>
-  **U.S. Census Building Permits by state, county or place** <http://www.census.gov/construction/bps/>

## Local Government Data:

-   **U.S. Census of Governments.** Local government data from across the U.S. <http://www.census.gov/govs/>
-  **Annual audit report data from PA county and municipal governments**, reported by PA Dept of Community & Econ Development <http://munstatspa.dced.state.pa.us/Reports.aspx>
-  **Annual real property tax base**, and market values, by land use type, for PA counties, municipalities, and school districts.. <http://www.newpa.com/local-government/steb>

## Population Data:







-  **U.S. Census of Population State and County 'QuickFacts'** Quick summary of population information. <http://quickfacts.census.gov/>
-  **U.S. Census American Community Survey.** Annual survey focused on age, sex, income, health insurance, education, etc. <http://www.census.gov/acs/www/>
-  **National Center for Education Statistics School District Demographics System.** U.S. Census and American Community Survey data (population, housing, etc) organized by School District. <http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/sdds/index.aspx>
-  **Penn State's Population Research Institute.** A Simple Online Data Archive for Population Studies (SodaPop) allowing easy download of various mostly demographic data sets (see <http://sodapop.pop.psu.edu/> ). Especially helpful is the availability of individualized versions of the U.S. Current Population Surveys (CPS).

# INTERNATIONAL DATA


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## General Data Sources:

-  **World Bank.** Download access to over 8,000 indicators across wide variety of topics, such as health, poverty, social development, climate change, and gender topics. <http://databank.worldbank.org/data>
-  **United Nations UNData.** Crime, education, energy, environment, finance, health, indicators. <http://data.un.org/>
-  **Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).** Environmental, demographic, finance, science, social well-being data. <http://stats.oecd.org/>
-   **CIA World Factbook.** Info on the history, people, government, economy, geography, maps, etc for 267 world entities. <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>
-  **Integrated Public Use Microdata Series (IPUMS), International.** Downloadable raw data on a variety of demographic, household, personal indicators. For data that are repeated cross-sections, the variables have been 'harmonized' to allow easy access. <https://international.ipums.org/international/>



## Agricultural Data:

-  **Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).** Hunger, food and agricultural data for 245 countries, from 1961 to the most recent year. <http://faostat.fao.org/>

## Economic Data:

-   **U.S. Foreign Trade.** Export and import statistics from U.S. Census. <http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/>
-   **U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis International Accounts.** Data on international trade in goods and services, balance of payments, investment income, and government and private financial flows. <http://www.bea.gov/international/index.htm>
-   **International Monetary Fund.** Financial statistics for more than 200 countries starting in 1948, world economic outlook. <http://www.imf.org/external/data.htm>









## Education, Science & Technology Data:

-  **UNESCO Institute for Statistics.** Cross-nationally comparable statistics on education, science and technology, culture & communication for more than 200 countries. <http://www.uis.unesco.org>
-  **National Center for Education Statistics International Data Explorer.** Detailed cross-country comparisons of student, teacher and school assessments. <http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/international/ide/>

## Environmental Data:

-  **World Bank Environmental Data** on biodiversity, pollution and emissions. <http://data.worldbank.org/topic/environment>

## Population Data:

-   **Population Reference Bureau.** Excellent source of information on population issues. <http://www.prb.org>
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  - **Data finder** is very helpful to find information. <http://www.prb.org/DataFinder.aspx>
  - **World Population Data** sheet provides up-to-date country-level data on demographic and socio-economic characteristics (the 2012 report is at: [http://www.prb.org/pdf12/2012-population-data-sheet\\_eng.pdf](http://www.prb.org/pdf12/2012-population-data-sheet_eng.pdf) )
-   **MEASURE DHS Demographic and Health Surveys.** Country quick stats on demographic and health indicators. <http://www.measuredhs.com/Data/>
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  - **MEASURE DHS downloadable datasets** <http://www.measuredhs.com/data/available-datasets.cfm>
-  **World Bank Living Standards Measurement Survey.** <http://iresearch.worldbank.org/lsm/lsmssurveyFinder.htm>

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