Community Development Data Inventory
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About This Guide

This data inventory is intended to help community development practitioners and researchers reach their organizational missions via a collection of timely, relevant, and publicly available data sources. The purposes of this guide are to assist community development stakeholders in navigating the breadth of available resources and to make the data more user friendly.

The guide focuses on resources to inform key community development issues, including demographics, the economy and jobs, housing, and education. For each resource, the guide includes an overview of the data, a description of the methodology and accompanying variables, links to training guides and additional information, and a few illustrations of the resources themselves.

This collection is by no means exhaustive and will be updated periodically by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. If you have rudimentary questions about any of the resources in this inventory or if you would like to recommend resources to include in future updates, please contact Keith Wardrip (keith.wardrip@phil.frb.org; 215-574-3810). Specific questions that require a greater familiarity with the data sets should be directed to the publisher of the data.

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American Community Survey
U.S. Census Bureau
http://www.census.gov/acs/www/

About the Data
The American Community Survey (ACS) is a national survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau that gathers information on demographic, social, economic, and housing characteristics. The survey samples approximately 3 million households annually, and the resulting data are useful for myriad community development issues and applications.

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Methodology and Data Sources
The ACS questionnaire is distributed to approximately 3 million addresses annually to generate a nationally representative sample of households. Estimates are released each year covering the most recent one-, three-, and five-year periods. One-year estimates are most appropriate for large geographic areas, while only five-year estimates are available for the least populous areas.

Select Variables
- Age
- Ancestry
- Disability
- Educational Attainment
- Employment
- Household Structure
- Housing Size and Type
- Income
- Poverty
- Race/Ethnicity
- Rent and Mortgage Costs
- School Enrollment
- Sex
- Tenure
- Veteran Status

Additional Resources
For more information, please refer to the following online resources:
- ACS Handbooks for Data Users
  http://www.census.gov/acs/www/guidance_for_data_users/handbooks/
- ACS Training Presentations
  http://www.census.gov/acs/www/guidance_for_data_users/training_presentations/
- ACS E-Tutorial
  http://www.census.gov/acs/www/guidance_for_data_users/e_tutorial/
Accessing This Data Set

ACS data can be accessed in a variety of ways, but the primary platform is through American FactFinder at http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml.

American FactFinder, one of the U.S. Census Bureau’s online data tools, lets users access the ACS’s data tables and other products.

Contact Information

Customer Help Center: 1-800-923-8282
For online help, go to https://ask.census.gov/.

Source

U.S. Census Bureau
American FactFinder
U.S. Census Bureau
http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml

About the Data
American FactFinder serves as the primary online platform for users to access the U.S. Census Bureau’s data sets, including the Decennial Census of Population and Housing, the American Community Survey, the Economic Census, and the Census of Governments. The website lets users quickly access Community Facts, work through a Guided Search process, or use an Advanced Search feature to view or download data for an array of standard census geographies.

Methodology and Data Sources
Each resource available on American FactFinder is a product of the U.S. Census Bureau. The methods and frequency of data collection vary, and for many, detailed methodological information can be found on the U.S. Census Bureau’s website (http://www.census.gov/).

Select Data Sets
- American Community Survey
- American Housing Survey
- Census of Governments
- Commodity Flow Survey
- Decennial Census
- Economic Census
- Equal Employment Opportunity Tabulation
- Population Estimates Program
- Puerto Rico Community Survey
- Survey of Business Owners

Additional Resources
For more information, please refer to the following online resources:
- The American FactFinder (AFF): Access to Census Statistics
  https://www.census.gov/mso/www/training/pdf/new_AFF_presentation.ppt
- American FactFinder Virtual Tour
- FAQs: How to Cite Tables and Maps in American FactFinder
  https://ask.census.gov/faq.php?id=5000&faqId=519
Using This Tool

Above, left: Users can opt to access Community Facts or choose to download data through one of American FactFinder’s other features. Above, right: The Guided Search helps users navigate the available data sets.

Below: The image depicts a sample data table. Users can modify, bookmark, print, or download the data from American FactFinder.

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E-mail: FactFinder@census.gov

Source
U.S. Census Bureau
Building Permits Survey
U.S. Census Bureau
http://www.census.gov/construction/bps/

About the Data
The Building Permits Survey provides data at a variety of geographic scales on the planned construction of privately owned residential units and developments.

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<td>July 2014</td>
<td>Monthly</td>
<td>CSV, PDF, TXT, XLS</td>
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Methodology and Data Sources
The data are collected from local building permit offices and are reported on a voluntary basis. Data from all permit-issuing places are collected annually. To complement annual data collection, a survey is administered monthly to 9,000 permit-issuing places, or just under half of the 20,000 places included in annual data collection efforts.

Select Variables
- Number of Buildings
- Number of Units
- Valuation of Permitted Units

Additional Resources
For more information, please refer to the following online resources:
- Building Permits Definitions
  http://www.census.gov/construction/bps/definitions/
- How the Data Are Collected
  http://www.census.gov/construction/bps/how_the_data_are_collected/
Accessing This Data Set

Above: The Building Permits Survey portal allows users to query data by geographic level; the portal contains additional resources and publications about residential construction.

Below: The image depicts sample data output. The tool lets users find data by month and by year. Moreover, the data can be directly downloaded in a variety of formats.

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Source

U.S. Census Bureau
County/Zip Code Business Patterns
U.S. Census Bureau

http://www.census.gov/econ/cbp/index.html

About the Data
The County and Zip Code Business Patterns data sets contain small-area economic statistics by industry, including indicators on employment, payroll, and the number of establishments operating within a given geography.

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Methodology and Data Sources
The County and Zip Code Business Patterns data sets are compiled using data from the U.S. Census Bureau-managed Business Register and other Census Bureau products, including the Economic Census, the Annual Survey of Manufactures, and Current Business Surveys. This data set provides data on establishments, which refer to specific physical locations and not necessarily entire companies. The data set excludes government employees and those who are self-employed.

Select Variables
- Number of Business Establishments
- Paid Employees
- Payroll

Additional Resources
For additional information, please refer to the following online resources:

- About the Data
  http://www.census.gov/econ/cbp/overview.htm
- Historical Data
  http://www.census.gov/econ/cbp/historical.htm
- How the Data Are Collected
  http://www.census.gov/econ/cbp/methodology.htm
- County Business Patterns Data User Guide
Accessing This Data Set

The County and Zip Code Business Patterns online portal lets users view data tables for each of the available geographic scales. It also features options for viewing and downloading historical data.

As an example of an output table from a County Business Patterns query, this image illustrates the data for detailed employment sectors.

Data tables can be downloaded as either CSV or TXT files.

Contact Information

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Source

U.S. Census Bureau
Decennial Census of Population and Housing
U.S. Census Bureau
http://www.census.gov/2010census/

About the Data
The Decennial Census of Population and Housing is a constitutionally mandated census of the full population that provides data on key demographic, social, and housing characteristics for all standard geographies. Prior to 2010, a short form that collected basic demographic data from all households was supplemented by a long form that asked additional questions of a sample of the population. From 2010 onward, the long form has been replaced by the American Community Survey.

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Methodology and Data Sources
The Decennial Census provides population and household counts, as well as information on select characteristics (e.g., age, race/ethnicity, and tenure). Data are collected through mail-in questionnaires and, when necessary, door-to-door visits. Because the short form questionnaire is distributed to the full population, the results are not estimates; however, estimates derived from the long form prior to 2010 are based on only a sample of the population.

Select Variables
- Age
- Housing Tenure
- Housing Vacancy
- Population Density
- Race and Ethnicity
- Sex
- Total Population

Before 2010, the Decennial Census used the long form and included additional data, similar to the information provided in the American Community Survey today.

Additional Resources
For additional information, please refer to the following online resources:

- How the Census Benefits Your Community
  http://www.census.gov/2010census/about/community-benefits.php
- 2010 Census Questions and Answers
  http://www.census.gov/2010census/about/answers.php
- FAQs: 2010 Census
  https://ask.census.gov/faq.php?id=5000&rtopic=1807
Accessing This Data Set
Decennial Census data can be accessed in several ways, but the primary platform to reach 2000 and 2010 data is American FactFinder at http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml.

Data from earlier censuses can be found at http://www.census.gov/population/www/censusdata/hiscendata.html.

American FactFinder, one of the U.S. Census Bureau’s online data tools, gives users access to 2000 and 2010 census data.

Contact Information
Customer Help Center: 1-800-923-8282
For online help, go to https://ask.census.gov/.

Source
U.S. Census Bureau
Earned Income Tax Credit Interactive
Brookings Institution
http://www.brookings.edu/research/interactives/eitc

About the Data
The Brookings Institution’s Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Interactive website enables users to view IRS tax return data for all individual filers, regardless of whether they received the EITC. Data are aggregated to standard census geographies.

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Methodology and Data Sources
The underlying data are provided to the Brookings Institution by the IRS at the zip code level. The Brookings Institution aggregates this information to other larger geographic areas.

Select Variables
- New Returns
- Number of Returns Filed on Forms 1040, 1040A, and 1040EZ
- Number of Returns Receiving EITC or Child Tax Credit
- Number of Returns Receiving Refunds
- Number of Returns in Various Adjusted Gross Income Categories
- Total Value of the Child Tax Credit
- Total Value of the EITC
- Total Value of Refunds

Additional Resources
For more information, please refer to the following online resource:
- EITC Interactive User Guide and Data Dictionary
Accessing This Data Set

The EITC Interactive interface allows users to download customizable data tables that can be filtered by tax year and geography.

Contact Information

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ekneebone@brookings.edu

Source

Brookings Institution
**Home Mortgage Disclosure Act Data**
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

http://www.consumerfinance.gov/hmda/explore

### About the Data
The Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) requires financial institutions to publicly disclose data on their mortgage lending activity. This information is now available at the application or loan level, or in the form of summary tables, through an interactive tool managed by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB).

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### Methodology and Data Sources
Most mortgage lending institutions in metropolitan areas are required to annually report data on mortgage applications and originations to the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC). These data are now available through the CFPB’s online tool from 2007 through 2013.

HMDA data provide information on loan applicants, lenders, properties and their neighborhoods, and the loans themselves.

### Select Variables
- Applicant Demographics
- High Price Status
- Lender
- Lien Status
- Loan Action
- Loan Amount
- Loan Purpose
- Loan Type

### Additional Resources
For more information, please refer to the following online resources:
- FFIEC HMDA Background Information and Resources
  http://www.ffiec.gov/hmda/default.htm
- CFPB’s “What is HMDA?” Video
  http://www.consumerfinance.gov/hmda/#video
- Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia’s Analysis of HMDA data
Accessing This Data Set

Left: With CFPB’s tool, users can generate custom tables that can be filtered by year, location, property type, loan type, lender, and the demographic characteristics of applicants.

Below: Users can also choose up to three variables for each summary table and download or share the raw data.

Contact Information
Phone: 855-411-2372
E-mail for general inquiries: info@consumerfinance.gov

Source
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics
Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics Program
U.S. Census Bureau
http://onthemap.ces.census.gov/

About the Data
The Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD) program at the U.S. Census Bureau produces a number of data sets that are useful for studying a local economy. One such data set, the LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics (LODES) data series, helps users understand, analyze, and visualize where people work and where workers live. The data are accessible primarily via the OnTheMap application.

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<td>2011</td>
<td>Annually (Uses Second Quarter Data)</td>
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Methodology and Data Sources
The LODES data set is compiled from a variety of sources, including unemployment insurance earnings data, the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, and a number of other censuses and surveys.

Select Variables
- Age
- Earnings
- Education
- Firm Age and Size
- Job Type
- Ownership
- Race and Ethnicity
- Sex

Additional Resources
For more information, please refer to the following online resources:
- Getting Started with OnTheMap
- OnTheMap: Data Overview
- OnTheMap: Sample Area Profile Analysis
- OnTheMap: Sample Distance/Direction Analysis
- Tutorials for Select OnTheMap Tools
  http://lehd.ces.census.gov/applications/help/onthe.map.html#!more_tutorials
Accessing This Data Set
The primary platform for accessing the LODES data set is OnTheMap. The data set can also be downloaded at http://lehd.ces.census.gov/data/.

Left: OnTheMap enables users to analyze employment data at a variety of geographic scales, including zip codes, counties, and metropolitan areas.

Below, left: The tool performs the analysis for workers based on where they work or live. Reports can be run for specific geographic areas or for particular labor market segments. Below, right: This image is a sample of an inflow-outflow analysis for New Jersey.

Contact Information
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E-mail: CES.Local.Employment.Dynamics@census.gov

Source
Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics Program
U.S. Census Bureau
Location Affordability Index
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
U.S. Department of Transportation
http://www.locationaffordability.info/lai.aspx

About the Data
The Location Affordability Index estimates the combined cost of housing and transportation at the census block group level. Recognizing that transportation costs are frequently a household’s second-largest expense after housing, this data set offers users a way to combine these costs to calculate a more nuanced and highly localized measure of affordability.

Methodology and Data Sources
The Location Affordability Index is calculated using six federal data sets as well as data compiled by the Center for Neighborhood Technology. The online calculator can be used to develop separate cost estimates for homeowners and renters and can accommodate several different household types.

Select Variables
- Annual Miles Driven
- Car Ownership
- Combined Costs of Housing and Transportation
- Transit Ridership
- Transportation and Housing Costs as Percentage of Income

Additional Resources
For more information, please refer to the following online resources:
- Location Affordability Index User Guide
- Data Download
- Video Tutorial
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7chvorxoC3w&feature=youtu.be
- Data and Methodology
  http://www.locationaffordability.info/LAPMethods.pdf
Accessing This Data Set

Right: The Location Affordability Index online tool gives users a way to analyze the combined cost of housing and transportation in neighborhoods covering 94 percent of the U.S. population. Data can be downloaded at multiple geographic levels.

Below: The tool displays the share of household income consumed by housing and transportation costs. Estimates can be modified by tenure and household type.

Contact Information
E-mail: helpdesk@locationaffordability.info

Source
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
U.S. Department of Transportation
**Market at a Glance**
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

[http://www.huduser.org/portal/ushmc/mag.html](http://www.huduser.org/portal/ushmc/mag.html)

**About the Data**
The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD’s) *Market at a Glance* report summarizes an area’s recent housing market, population, and economic trends. This is one of many resources available on HUD’s U.S. Housing Market Conditions website.

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<td>Monthly</td>
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**Methodology and Data Sources**
Data sets from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the U.S. Census Bureau are used to compile the *Market at a Glance* reports.

**Select Variables**
- Building Permits
- Economic Conditions
- Housing Market Conditions
- Migration
- Population

**Additional Resources**
For more information, the U.S. Housing Market Conditions website also includes:

- In-Depth Local Housing Market Data and Analysis
  [http://www.huduser.org/portal/ushmc/home.html#state_map](http://www.huduser.org/portal/ushmc/home.html#state_map)
- National Housing Market Data and Analysis
  [http://www.huduser.org/portal/ushmc/home.html](http://www.huduser.org/portal/ushmc/home.html)
Accessing This Report

Market-at-a-Glance

The "Market at a Glance" reports for the counties and metropolitan areas are based on data from BLS (Bureau of Labor Statistics), and American Community Survey data from the U.S. Census Bureau. Some adjustments are made by HUD field economists based on regional information. The data is expected to be released on monthly basis for most of the metropolitan areas and counties. Note: Readers who incorporate portions of the content from this publication in their own works, both print and electronic, are requested to give full attribution to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Office of Policy Development and Research.

Please Select a Category  Select a Category ▼

Above: Market at a Glance reports can be created for counties, MSAs, states, and regions. Right: This sample report examines state–level data for Delaware. The data are produced in graphical and tabular form; these reports can be downloaded as PDFs.

Contact Information
E-mail: helpdesk@huduser.org
Please use Market at a Glance as the subject line.

Source
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
National Housing Preservation Database
Public and Affordable Housing Research Corporation
National Low Income Housing Coalition
http://www.preservationdatabase.org/

About the Data
The National Housing Preservation Database was created by the Public and Affordable Housing Research Corporation and the National Low Income Housing Coalition to provide an address-level directory of federally subsidized housing units. The database offers data in tabular form and through an interactive mapping tool. The database contains information about the federal subsidy, the contract, and the owner of each of the properties. This information is valuable for assessing the sustainability of subsidized housing properties and for informing affordable housing preservation efforts.

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Methodology and Data Sources
The data, which come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), include information on nine different housing subsidy programs. The advantage of using this database, rather than information from the individual programs, is that it combines information from these programs and presents it at the property level, which gives users a better understanding of subsidy layering for affordable housing in a given community.

Select Variables
- Beginning and Ending Dates of Subsidy Periods
- Inspection Scores (i.e., REAC Scores)
- Location of Property
- Management and Ownership
- Number of Units
- Type of Subsidy

Additional Resources
For more information, please refer to the following online resource:
- National Housing Preservation Database User Guide
Accessing This Data Set

To access this database, users must first register at http://www.preservationdatabase.org/nhpd/Register.aspx.

Users can filter data by subsidy type and status (active or inactive). Because the data set provides address-level records, it is searchable by city, state, zip code, and county. The data tables can be downloaded as CSV or XLS files.
PolicyMap
The Reinvestment Fund
http://www.policymap.com/maps

About the Data
The Reinvestment Fund’s PolicyMap is an online data and mapping portal through which users can access a range of data on communities nationwide. The tool features approximately 15,000 indicators on topics ranging from demographics and education to real estate trends and supermarket access. The majority of the data sets can be accessed for free, but some data sets and more sophisticated features require a subscription.

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Methodology and Data Sources
PolicyMap compiles data from a variety of data sources. The methodology for each indicator can be found at http://www.policymap.com/our-data-directory.html.

Select Variables
PolicyMap includes indicators that fall into several categories:
- Analytics
- Demographics
- Economy
- Education
- Federal Guidelines
- Health
- Housing
- Incomes and Spending
- Lending
- Quality of Life

Additional Resources
For more information, please refer to the following online resources:
- Data Directory
- PolicyMap Tutorial
  http://www.policymap.com/blog/2013/04/policymap-tutorial/
PolicyMap offers a range of indicators in several topical areas including demographics, income and spending, housing, lending, quality of life, education, economy, and health. Paid subscribers can download reports, upload data, and create customizable regions.

Right: This is an example of a drop-down menu for demographic data. In each drop-down menu, PolicyMap features various indicators as well as related resources and articles.

Left: Users can visualize each of PolicyMap’s indicators spatially. Paid subscribers can customize the thematic ranges and define their own geographic areas.

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Source
The Reinvestment Fund
Quarterly Workforce Indicators
Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics Program
U.S. Census Bureau
http://qwiexplorer.ces.census.gov/

About the Data
The Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) data set contains detailed information on labor markets, including quarterly changes in employment counts and characteristics. With the QWI Explorer tool, users can quickly access and visualize QWI data.

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Methodology and Data Sources
The underlying data for the QWI data series is the Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics data set that links employees with their respective employers. The data are collected from numerous sources, including unemployment insurance earnings data, the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, Business Dynamics Statistics, and administrative records.

Select Variables
- Demographic Characteristics of Workers including Age, Sex, Race, and Education
- Earnings
- Employment Change for Individuals and Firms
- Employment Counts
- Sector of Employment

Additional Resources
For more information, please refer to the following online resources:

- Quarterly Workforce Indicators 101
- QWI Explorer Help and Documentation
  http://lehd.ces.census.gov/applications/help/qwi_explorer.html#!what_is_qwi_explorer
Accessing This Data Set

The QWI Explorer is an easy-to-use tool to access the QWI data set, as illustrated below. QWI data can also be downloaded using the LED Extraction Tool at http://ledextract.ces.census.gov/.

Left: Users can specify geographic areas, workforce indicators, and filters of interest with QWI Explorer.

Below, left: Filters include worker characteristics, firm characteristics, industries, and substate geography. Below, right: The dropdown menu offers a variety of labor market indicators from which to choose.

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Source

Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics Program
U.S. Census Bureau
StatsAmerica
Indiana Business Research Center
http://www.statsamerica.org/

About the Data
The StatsAmerica site offers data profiles featuring community development topics ranging from demographics and housing to the economy and the workforce. The site also includes tools to identify peer counties and measure distress, as well as a collection of economic development-related resources.

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Methodology and Data Sources
StatsAmerica compiles data from a variety of sources, including the U.S. Census Bureau, the Bureau of Economic Analysis, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the National Science Foundation, to develop county and state profiles. The methodology and data sources for the other tools on this site can be found under their respective About links.

Select Variables
- Bankruptcies
- Education and the Workforce
- Employment Statistics
- Housing
- Income
- Innovation Index
- Population
- State and Local Revenues and Expenditures
- Venture Capital and R&D Funding

Additional Resources
For more information, please refer to the following online resources:
- Most resources and tools on the StatsAmerica site have an About link that provides methodological information.
- Data Release Calendar
  http://www.stats.indiana.edu/data_calendar/chronological.asp
Using This Tool

The StatsAmerica portal contains options to generate data profiles for counties, metropolitan areas, and states. Side-by-side comparative profiles are also available, as are tools to map innovation and measure distress.

Below: The state profile report includes various indicators on the economy, education, income and taxes, population and housing, and the workforce. Bottom: This sample county profile offers a view of the tabular features of the report.

Contact Information
For online help, go to http://statsamerica.org/Contact.aspx.

Source
Indiana Business Research Center at Indiana University’s Kelley School of Business
USPS Vacancy Data
U.S. Postal Service
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
http://www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/usps.html

About the Data
The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) produce a quarterly census tract-level data set with information on the number of units classified as vacant. The data are available to government agencies and nonprofits only, and access requires an online registration.

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Methodology and Data Sources
The data set is based on USPS administrative records. Since 2008, the USPS has produced separate estimates for business, residential, and other addresses.

Select Variables
- Duration of Vacancy
- Total No-Stat Addresses (i.e., Units Not Currently Available)
- Total Number of Addresses
- Total Vacant Addresses
- Vacancy by Property Type (Business, Residential, and Other)

Additional Resources
For more information, please refer to the following online resources:

- Data Dictionary
- HUD USPS Zip Code Cross Walk Files
  http://www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/usps_crosswalk.html
Accessing This Data Set

USPS vacancy data can be accessed through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s website. However, this data set is available only to nonprofit organizations and governmental entities.

**HUD Aggregated USPS Administrative Data On Address Vacancies**

USPS vacancy data is now available at the 2010 Census tract of geographies level. After the 4th quarter of 2010, HUD will no longer be labeling the USPS vacancy data at the 2000 Census tract level.

HUD has entered into an agreement with the United States Postal Service (USPS) to receive quarterly aggregate data on addresses identified by the USPS as having been "vacant" or "Not in the previous quarter. HUD is making these data available to researchers and practitioners to explore potential utility for tracking neighborhood change over a quarterly basis. The potential power of these data is that they represent the universe of all addresses in the United States and are updated every three months. Unlike the current agreement with the USPS, HUD can make the data available only to governmental entities and nonprofit organizations registered to obtain. Use of the data is permitted only for activities related to the "general purpose" outlined in the agreement agreement.

**Data Description**

- **Total Number of Addresses** - This reflects all addresses (residential and commercial) that USPS has recorded in their database.
- **Total Vacant Addresses** - There are many reasons an address can be classified as vacant, including:
  - Home owner/issue address vacant for 60 days or longer
  - Address for businesses or homes under construction and not yet occupied
  - Address in urban areas identified by a census as not being active for some time

**Note to Users**

In March 2010, USPS began implementation of new procedures to improve the accuracy of the vacant indication. This change has led to an increase in vacant counts across the nation. Moving forward, USPS will be implementing changes to improve the accuracy of the vacant indication. These changes will be implemented starting in April 2010. This will result in a decrease in the number of vacant addresses reported.

**Download Quarterly Data**

**Contact Information**

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**Source**

- U.S. Postal Service
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
YourEconomy.org
Edward Lowe Foundation
http://youreconomy.org/

About the Data
Developed by the Edward Lowe Foundation, YourEconomy.org provides indicators on business establishments, jobs, and sales for economies at multiple scales. Furthermore, users can compare economic activity between geographies and years. Paid subscribers can also access more detailed information on specific industries, create custom regions, and access Dun & Bradstreet business lists.

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Methodology and Data Sources
YourEconomy.org’s data are based on the National Establishment Time Series (NETS) database from Walls & Associates and from Dun & Bradstreet data sets. Estimates are currently available from 1995 through 2013.

Select Variables
Data illustrating trends in establishments, jobs, and sales can be disaggregated in a number of ways, including by:
- Closings
- Contractions
- Establishments Moving In and Moving Out
- Expansions
- New Startups
- Non-Commercial Establishments
- Non-Resident Establishments
- Resident Establishments

Additional Resources
For more information, please refer to the following online resources:
- About the Data
  http://youreconomy.org/assets/images/news/_about/YE-About%20the%20data.pdf
- Overview of YourEconomy.org
With YourEconomy.org, users can generate results for a range of geographies and custom dates. Below left: This sample output provides information on economic growth—measured by the number of establishments, jobs, or total sales—by type of establishment and activity; the interface allows the user to access more detailed data, rankings, and time series. Bottom: Select variables can be downloaded for free via the Details page.