

Resources for Fahe Members

Often when creating a proposal for funding, or evaluating needs for particular programs, it is helpful to look at data related to a particular community or state. Many organizations and agencies provide accurate and easily accessible data on a variety of topics relevant to our members. Below are a number of such resources with brief descriptions of their content. If you would like to discuss how this data might be useful to your work, please reach out to Fahe's Research Director, Katy Stigers.

Each of the tools below offers data focused on the county or state level. Sometimes funders, particularly those focusing on urbanized areas with large, dense populations may be interested in the characteristics of smaller units of geography, such as a census tract, which might be a proxy for a neighborhood. School districts are another smaller area that might be of interest to your organization.

Resources

- The National Association of Counties Data Explorer: <https://ce.naco.org/>
Includes maps on county level finances, governance, workforce, demographics, economy, education, energy & environment, federal funding, health & human services, housing & community development, justice & public safety, public lands, transportation and infrastructure

Includes county profiles on economies, housing affordability, payments in lieu of taxes, secure rural schools, state child care and development block grants, statewide municipal bonds, state and local tax deduction, statewide bridge inventory, supplemental nutrition assistance program, community development block grant, HOME Investment Partnership Program, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
- Rural Data Portal (Housing Assistance Council): <http://www.ruraldataportal.org/>
Data primarily come from custom tabulations of 2010 Census of Population and Housing, American Community Survey, and Home Mortgage Disclosure Act.

Includes demographic, social, economic, housing, and housing finance information for rural, suburban, and urban geographies at the national, state, and county level.
- Annie E. Casey Foundation Kids Count: <https://datacenter.kidscount.org/>
Each year, through this data collection effort Kids Count assesses child well being in the United States

For most states and indicators data is available at the national, state, county, school district, city, congressional district and council level

Display options include tables, maps, trends, and bar charts.

Options will depend on the geography of data collection -- not all indicators are available at every level.

- County Health Rankings (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation): <http://www.countyhealthrankings.org>

Data collected nationally and reported at the county level.

Due to differences in methodologies across states, check definitions before making cross state comparisons on individual indicators.

- Appalachian Overdose Mapping Tool (NORC at University of Chicago and Appalachian Regional Commission): <http://overdosemappingtool.norc.org/>

Visualizes incidence of drug-overdose and other economic and demographic characteristics for the 420 county Appalachian Region

Illustrates correlations between various characteristics and opioid misuse.

- St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank Economic Resilience and Inclusion Navigator:
https://bsr.stlouisfed.org/ERIN?utm_source=CBNList&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=CentralBankerNewsletter04_19

Creates maps (county level) for a variety of economic, business, and socio-economic indicators

- GeoFRED: Geographical Economic Data from the St. Louis Fed

<https://geofred.stlouisfed.org/>

Creates maps at a variety of geographic levels for many data points of interest

- Philadelphia Federal Reserve "Map Your Community"

This tool creates maps for specific areas, including micropolitan areas, and allows users to plot HUD public housing, USDA Rural Development Multi-Family, LIHTC, and Historic Tax Credits

<https://www.philadelphiafed.org/community-development/map-your-community>

- Atlanta Federal Reserve

Allows you to look at the number of jobs needed to achieve a certain unemployment rate. Jobs Calculator <https://www.frbatlanta.org/chcs/calculator> - available for state level use

- Living Wage Calculator (MIT)

Estimates the cost of living in your community or region based on typical expenses.

<https://livingwage.mit.edu/>

- Housing Wage

"Out of Reach" is Annual Report by the Housing Assistance Council which tracks the wage needed to afford a modest two-bedroom apartment. They note, "Seven of the

ten U.S. occupations projected to grow the most over the next decade provide a median wage that is less than what a full-time worker needs to earn to afford a one-bedroom rental home. The gap between what workers earn and what they need to earn to afford rental housing is even greater for people of color.” When developing programs or a case for support that relate to housing affordability or quality jobs, considering the housing wage can help benchmark those numbers.

There is a report and interactive website.

<https://reports.nlihc.org/oor>

<https://nlihc.org/resource/nlihc-releases-out-reach-2019-national-housing-wage-nearly-23-hour-modest-two-bedroom>

- Appalachian Regional Commission

The ARC regularly develops in-depth analyses of data for the Appalachian region, including indicators such as “County Economic Status”, as well as compiling data from the American Community Survey for the entire region.

<https://www.arc.gov/research/DataReports.asp>

- National Equity Atlas

<https://nationalequityatlas.org/indicators>

Provides important information on demographic trends and economic inclusion. Includes data for the 150 largest metro areas and 100 largest cities, including Fahe-served metros: Birmingham, AL, Huntsville, AL, and Knoxville, TN as well as nearby areas such as Lexington, KY.