

Health Impact Assessment Data Sources for Baseline Profiles of Health

Data Sources			
Peer Reviewed Literature	Name of Resource	What It Contains	Where to Find It
	PubMed	PubMed is a service of the U.S. National Library of Medicine that includes over 18 million citations from MEDLINE and other life science journals for biomedical articles back to 1948. PubMed includes links to full text articles and other related resources.	www.pubmed.com
Evidence Reviews	Name of Resource	What It Contains	Where to Find It
	Campbell Collection	The Campbell Collaboration helps people make well-informed decisions by preparing, maintaining and disseminating systematic reviews in education, crime and justice, and social welfare.	www.campbellcollaboration.org
	CDC Community Guide	Searchable, evidence-based recommendations for programs and policies to promote population health.	www.thecommunityguide.org
	Cochrane Collections	Improving healthcare decision-making globally, through systematic reviews of the effects of healthcare interventions, published in The Cochrane Library.	www.cochrane.org/reviews/
National Data Sources	Name of Resource	What It Contains	Where to Find It
American Public Health Association	Environmental Health	The site includes targeted educational materials, messages, and policies that highlight the connection between healthy communities and healthy people focused on climate change, built environment, environmental public health tracking, and workforce development.	http://www.apha.org/programs/environment/
Berkeley Institute for Transportation Sustainability		ITS research includes: transportation planning, logistics, traffic operations, infrastructure management, aviation, transportation economics and finance, intelligent transportation, public transportation, and transportation's environmental impacts	www.its.berkeley.edu/research/
Center for Civic Partnerships		Maps of community health resources	www.civicpartnerships.org/toolsRes.htm
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	Designing and Building Healthy Places	This site explores the interaction between people and their environments, natural as well as human-made, and how they relate to public health issues such as Accessibility, Children's Health & the Built Environment, Elders' Health & the Built Environment, Gentrification, Healthy Community Design, Health Impact Assessment, Injury, Mental Health, Physical Activity, Respiratory Health & Air Pollution, Social Capital, and Water Quality.	http://www.cdc.gov/healthyplaces/default.htm
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey	World's largest, on-going telephone health survey system tracking health conditions and risk behaviors in the U.S. (includes physical activity, nutrition, etc.)	apps.nccd.cdc.gov/brfss/Index.asp
Centers For Disease Control and Prevention. National Center for Health Statistics	Monitoring the Nation's Health Data Warehouse	National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), Vital Statistics	http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/ http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/datawh.htm
Data Place		Housing and demographic data on community, regional and national level	www.dataplace.org
Mathematica	Education and Policy Research	evaluations of and research about education programs from early learning to K-12 and college.	http://www.mathematica-mpr.com/education/

National Household Travel Survey		The dataset allows analysis of daily travel by all modes, including characteristics of the people traveling, their household, and their vehicles. The project is funded and managed by the Federal Highway Administration, Office of Policy and Information	http://nhts.ornl.gov/
Partners in Information, Access for the Public Health Workforce	Health Data Tools and Statistics	Links to data under the following topics: Health Information Technology and Standards, Health Statistics, National Public Health Data Sets, State and Local Public Health Data Sets, Public Health Infrastructure Data, Search for Other Tools, and Tools for Data Collection and Planning	http://phpartners.org/health_stats.html
U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics		Statistics about labor and working	www.bls.gov
U.S. Department of Agriculture	Food & Nutrition Service, Data & Statistics	Data and research regarding USDA Nutrition Assistance Programs	www.fns.usda.gov/fns/data.htm
U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences	National Center for Education Statistics	Search for public school information	http://nces.ed.gov/ccd/schoolsearch/
U.S. EPA	Envirofacts Data Warehouse	contains U.S. EPA environmental data, provides access to several EPA databases with information about environmental activities that may affect air, water, and land in the US. Also provides ability to generate maps of environmental information.	www.epa.gov/enviro
UC Davis Institute of Transportation Studies		organizes and conducts multidisciplinary research on emerging and important transportation issues	www.its.ucdavis.edu/about/index.php
Union of Concerned Scientists		Routinely collected data on environmental conditions	www.ucsusa.org
United States Census Bureau	American Fact Finder	Population data on demographics, social, and economic characteristics. At the state, county, city, zip code, census tract, block group, and block level	http://factfinder.census.gov/home/saff/main.html?_lang=en
United States Census Bureau	US Economic Census, 2002	Provides data on industries, firms, employees at various geographic levels	http://www.census.gov/econ/census02/
United States Census Bureau & ESRI	Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing system (TIGER/Line)	Shapefiles to download Census data to use in making GIS maps	http://www.census.gov/geo/www/tiger/ http://www.esri.com/data/download/census2000_tigerline/index.html
Urban Institute	Education	Research, data and resources related to education	http://www.urban.org/education/index.cfm
Urban Institute	Housing	Research, data and resources related to housing issues	http://www.urban.org/housing/index.cfm
US Department of Housing and Urban Development	Research and program information	HUD is a US federal agency working to increase homeownership, support community development and increase access to affordable housing free from discrimination. This website has an extensive library on affordable housing, homelessness, and economic development, as well as descriptions of all their housing assistance programs.	http://www.hud.gov/

US Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration	Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center (PBIC)	PBIC is a national clearinghouse for information about health and safety, engineering, advocacy, education, enforcement, access, and mobility for pedestrians (including transit users) and bicyclists. PBIC serves anyone interested in pedestrian and bicycle issues, including planners, engineers, private citizens, advocates, educators, police enforcement, and the health community.	http://www.walkinginfo.org/ http://www.bicyclinginfo.org/
Victoria Transport Policy Institute		The Victoria Transport Policy Institute is an independent research organization dedicated to developing innovative and practical solutions to transportation problems. The site contains a host of great research documents and transportation demand management encyclopedia.	http://www.vtppi.org/
CA Specific Data Sources	Name of Resource	What It Contains	Where to Find It
CA Department of Public Health	CA Nutrition Network Map Viewer	Online mapping tool with mapable and downloadable data on Health, Nutrition, and Education; Retail Food Channels; Worksite Channels; Administrative Boundaries; Transportation; Communities; and Demographics.	http://www.cnngis.org/
CA Department of Public Health	Cancer Prevention and Nutrition Section	contains data, statistics and information about nutrition and physical activity	http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/CPNS/Pages/default.aspx
CA Governor's Office of Planning and Research	California General Plan Guidelines	The OPR <i>General Plan Guidelines</i> provides advice on how to write a general plan that expresses a community's long-term vision, fulfills statutory requirements, and contributes to creating a great community.	http://www.opr.ca.gov/index.php?a=planning/gpg.html
CA Governor's Office of Planning and Research	Planning Zoning and Development Laws	A compilation of California statutes pertaining to city and county planning and zoning activities. Also includes the Subdivision Map Act, the Outdoor Advertising Act, and the Delta Protection Act.	http://www.opr.ca.gov/planning/publications/complete_pzd_2008.pdf
CA Resources Agency. CA Environmental Evaluation System	California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)	CEQA is a statute that requires state and local agencies to identify the significant environmental impacts of their actions and to avoid or mitigate those impacts, if feasible. This website contains the statute and guidelines for conducting, evaluating, or commenting on a CEQA environmental impact report.	http://www.ceres.ca.gov/ceqa/
California Air Resources Board	Data and Statistics	Provides access to ambient air quality data, maps of areas that violate the national and state air quality standards, and maps of the ambient air quality monitoring network. Also provides air quality models and standards.	www.arb.ca.gov/html/ds.htm
California Department of Education	DataQuest	facts about California's schools and districts	http://data1.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/
New Schools Better Neighborhoods		NSBN promotes the concept of designing smaller school facilities that can build upon and accommodate existing community land and facilities to save on the time, money, land, and other resources used to duplicate functions elsewhere	http://www.nsbns.org/
Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development	Healthcare Information Division	Find listings, reports and tables, financial data, interactive maps, data and other queries at the state and county level for hospitals, long-term care facilities, primary care/specialty clinics, home health & hospice, professional providers	http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HID/DataFlow/index
Prevention Institute	Strategic Alliance	local policy database, resources and tools focused on nutrition and physical activity in CA	http://www.preventioninstitute.org/sa/

RAND California	California Statistics	Various categories of statistics and information about the data source	http://ca.rand.org/stats/statlist.html
University of California at Los Angeles	California Health Interview Survey (CHIS)	CHIS is a California telephone survey of adults, adolescents, and children conducted every two years. The website has a data search tool, where you can obtain data at a regional or county level and control for a number of different variables.	http://www.chis.ucla.edu/
Bay Area Specific Data Sources			
Association of Bay Area Governments	Regional Housing Needs Assessment		www.abag.ca.gov/planning/housingneeds/index.html
Metropolitan Transportation Commission		Contains maps and data about transportation systems and resources in the nine-county Bay Area	http://www.mtc.ca.gov/
Transform		Reports and guidebooks to help local agencies and CBOs improve health and equity through transportation changes in their communities.	transformca.org
Los Angeles Specific Data Sources			
City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Engineering	Navigate LA	A web-based mapping application that delivers maps and reports based on data supplied by various City departments, Los Angeles County, and Thomas Bros. Maps. Among some of the reports available are: Bureau of Engineering Parcel Report, Building and Safety Parcel Report, Sewer Wye Parcel Report, and County Assessor Parcel Report.	http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/ha/ha_surveyintro.htm
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	LA County Health Survey	A population based telephone survey that provides information concerning the health of Los Angeles County residents. The data are used for assessing health-related needs of the population, for program planning and policy development, and for program evaluation. The relatively large sample size allows users to obtain health indicator data for large demographic subgroups and across geographic regions of the County, including Service Planning Areas and Health Districts.	http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/ha/ha_surveyintro.htm
South Coast Air Quality Management District		The South Coast Air Quality Management District is the air pollution control agency for all of Orange County and the urban portions of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.	www.aqmd.gov
Indicator Projects			
National Indicator Projects			
Anne E Casey Foundation	National Survey Indicators Database	The National Survey Indicators Database is designed to help users find survey questions, measures, and instruments that might contribute to their own data collection activities. The database was designed primarily as a resource for survey work in the <i>Making Connections</i> communities, and focuses on the issues and results most important to that Initiative. The database is organized according to the eight domains listed on this page, but can be searched from a number of different entry points according to the interests of the user. Begin by searching by either a domain, indicator, or measure, and then follow the menus to view that information.	http://tarc.aecf.org/initiatives/mc/mcid/index.php

Redefining Progress	Community Indicators Handbook	The 2nd edition of <i>Community Indicators Handbook</i> integrates the basics of building an indicator project to meet your community's needs with the best practices of projects around the country, insights into the progress and evolution of the indicator movement, and listings of local, regional and national organizations for reference.	http://www.rprogress.org/cihb/index.shtml
The Urban Institute.	A National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership Guide: Catalog of Administrative Data Sources for Neighborhood Indicators	Data source, Indicator examples, Source organization on data related to economy, health, education, social services, safety and security, community resources participation, housing, and environment.	http://www.urban.org/publications/411605.html
University of Kansas Community Toolbox	Gathering and Using Community-Level Indicators	Provides concise overview of why and how to create community-level indicators	http://ctb.ku.edu/tools/en/section_1371.htm
US Department of Health and Human Services	Healthy People 2010	Healthy People 2010 provides a framework for prevention for the Nation. It is a statement of national health objectives designed to identify the most significant preventable threats to health and to establish national goals to reduce these threats. Click on Link to Leading Health Indicators.	http://www.healthypeople.gov/
City-Specific Indicator Projects	Name of Resource	What It Contains	Where to Find It
San Francisco Department of Public Health	The Healthy Development Measurement Tool	The Healthy Development Measurement Tool (HDMT) is a comprehensive evaluation metric to consider health needs in urban development plans and projects. The tool includes over 100 community health indicators, the majority of which have data at the neighborhood level.	http://www.thehdmt.org
Sustainable Pittsburgh	Southwestern Pennsylvania Regional Indicators Report	This report is Sustainable Pittsburgh's second comprehensive assessment of regional sustainability trends for the six-county region of Southwestern Pennsylvania. This revised and updated edition improves significantly on the first assessment, first published in 2002, and is the product of hundreds of people's contributions, all focused on an attempt to answer this central question: are we going in the right direction?	www.SustainablePittsburgh.org <i>Link to 2002 report:</i> http://203.147.150.6/docs/swpaindicat ors2002.pdf
The Boston Foundation	Boston Indicators Project	The Boston Indicators Project offers new ways to understand Boston and its neighborhoods in a regional context. It aims to democratize access to information, foster informed public discourse, track progress on shared civic goals, and report on change in 10 sectors: Civic Vitality, Cultural Life and the Arts, the Economy, Education, the Environment, Health, Housing, Public Safety, Technology, and Transportation.	http://www.bostonindicators.org/IndicatorsProject/Default.aspx
Land Use and Health Checklists			
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Design for Health	Preliminary HIA Checklist, Health and Wellbeing Checklist	This simple two-page form enables planners to assess whether a project is significant enough in size and scope and has enough potential health effects to warrant more work. Part 1 addresses the size of the project/plan and Part 2 focuses on easily assessable specific items. These effects can be positive or negative and are not the only effects that a project/plan may have.	http://www.designforhealth.net/hiapri mchecklist.html
NACCHO	Public Health in Land Use and Community Design Checklist	The Tri-County (CO) Health Department has developed an environmental health checklist for planners and health officials. This tool may serve as a comprehensive assessment tool for review of land use plans as well as an educational tool. The checklist can be modified to be more appropriate for your jurisdiction.	http://archive.naccho.org/Documents/LandUseChecklist-03-10-03.pdf

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Shasta County Department of Public Health	Walkability Checklist	How walkable is your community? Print the checklist. Pick a destination to walk to, such as the route to school or work, a friend's house, the park or someplace else. Take the checklist on your walk as a tool to identify barriers to walking as well as features that encourage walking. Refer to the checklist for specific ideas on how you can be an action hero by taking steps to improve the walkability of your community.	http://www.healthyshasta.org/downloads/WalkabilityChecklist.pdf
Shasta County Department of Public Health	Public Health Development Checklist	The Shasta County Public Health department has created an internal Public Health Development Checklist for LHD's to evaluate development proposals, which would then be shared with the local land use planning staff. This example was not intended for a wider audience.	http://www.naccho.org/topics/hdpd/land_use_planning/documents/dvlptrvwchecklistPHAB1-07.pdf
Various groups	Affordable Housing Design Advisor	Developed by HUD, the AIA and other financial and nonprofit organizations, includes guidelines, checklists, photo galleries, and resources for communities planning affordable housing projects.	http://www.designadvisor.org/
Examples of Frameworks			
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Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative (BARHII)	Framework in Action	BARHII's data work group has developed a conceptual framework that effectively illustrates the connection between social inequalities and health, and focus attention on measures that have not characteristically been within the scope of public health department epidemiology.	http://barhii.org/programs/data.html
Prevention Institute	THRIVE - The Tool for Health and Resilience In Vulnerable Environments	THRIVE is a tool to help people understand and prioritize the factors within their own communities that can help improve health and safety. The tool identifies key factors and allows a user to rate how important that factor might be in the community. It also provides information about how each factor is related to health outcomes and some direction about what to do to address the factor and where to go for more information.	http://www.preventioninstitute.org/thrive/index.php
Additional Resources & Publications			
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American Planning Association	Healthy Communities through Collaboration	This site shares resources related to the APA and NACCHO partnership. The project aims to promote an interdisciplinary approach to creating and maintaining healthy communities by providing tools, resources, and networks to foster improved collaboration.	http://www.planning.org/
California Air Resources Board	Air Quality and Land Use Handbook: A Community Health Perspective	a general reference guide for evaluating and reducing air pollution impacts associated with new projects that go through the land use decision-making process.	http://www.arb.ca.gov/ch/landuse.htm
LEED-ND Core Committee	Understanding the Relationship between Public Health and the Built Environment	This report summarizes the relationship between how our communities are built and a series of public health outcomes such as physical activity, traffic accidents, respiratory health and mental health.	http://www.usgbc.org/ShowFile.aspx?DocumentID=1736
National Association of City and County Health Officials	Community Design and Land Use Program	NACCHO's Community Design project enhances the capacity of local health departments (LHDs) to be involved in decision-making processes and otherwise extend their role in issues related to land use.	http://www.naccho.org/topics/hdpd/Land_Use_Planning.cfm

PolicyLink	Equitable Development Toolkit	Toolkit tools have been crafted to help community builders achieve diverse, mixed-income neighborhoods that provide access to opportunities for employment, educations, and safe, affordable housing. The tools help reduce social and economic disparities among individuals, social groups, neighborhoods, and local jurisdictions across metropolitan regions.	http://policylink.org/EDTK/default.html
Public Health Law & Policy	Economic Development and Redevelopment: A Toolkit on Land Use and Health	This toolkit is designed for nutrition and other public health advocates who need additional resources, beyond zoning and general plan revisions, to improve the food access in low-income neighborhoods and are seeking a fundamental, introductory understanding of the economic development and redevelopment tools available, their use, and how to effectively participate in decisions about their use.	http://www.healthypartners.org/toolkit_edrd.html
Public Health Law & Policy	General Plans and Zoning: A Toolkit on Land Use and Health	This toolkit is designed for nutrition and other public health advocates who are seeking a fundamental, introductory understanding of how land use decisions are made and how advocates can effectively participate in those decisions.	http://www.healthypartners.org/toolkit_gpz.html
Smart Growth Network	Smart Growth Online	Smart Growth Online is a web-based catalogue of Smart Growth related news, events, information and resources. Developed and funded through a cooperative agreement between the US EPA and the Sustainable Communities Network, this tool is designed to advance public understanding of smart growth and how growth can improve community livability.	http://www.smartgrowth.org/sgn/default.asp
University of Minnesota, Cornell University, and the University of Colorado	Design for Health	Design for Health is a collaboration between the University of Minnesota, Cornell University, and the University of Colorado that serves to bridge the gap between the emerging research base on community design and healthy living and the every-day realities of local government planning. Their work entails events, a technical assistance library, a health impact assessment tool, and direct technical assistance.	http://www.designforhealth.net/
World Health Organization	Health Evidence Network	health information and evidence, evidence-based synthesis reports and summaries related to policy questions, sources of evidence and information from a number of web sites, databases and documents, and policy briefs focused on health systems of relevance to the European Region's Member States.	www.euro.who.int/HEN
World Health Organization	Guidelines for Community Noise		http://www.who.int/docstore/peh/noise/guidelines2.html

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