

National Resources for Community Assessment Data

This chart highlights a number of government agencies, national organizations, and research groups that can provide data sources for your community assessment. This list is not exhaustive; other national and local resources may also offer valuable information.

Agency or Organization	Area of Focus	Website
Administration for Children and Families (ACF)	Promotes the economic and social well-being of families, children, individuals, and communities with funding, strategic partnerships, guidance, and training and technical assistance. They maintain data and reports on a variety of topics, and you can link to information about a number of programs and initiatives from their website. An office of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).	www.acf.hhs.gov
American Fact Finder	Provides access to official and current demographic, economic, and geographic data from the U.S. Census Bureau. Topics include population estimates, housing, and economics. Information can be searched by multiple criteria.	www.factfinder.census.gov
Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)	A national nonprofit organization that works to improve the lives of low-income people.	www.clasp.org
Child Trends	Monitors and examines more than 120 indicators of children's well-being.	www.childtrends.org
Child Welfare Information Gateway	Promotes the safety, permanency, and well-being of children, youth, and families. They maintain information, resources, and data on topics such as child welfare, child abuse and neglect, out-of-home care, adoption, and more. An office of HHS/ACF.	www.childwelfare.gov



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Data Resource Center for Child and Adolescent Health	Examines the physical and emotional health of children. Special emphasis is placed on factors that may relate to the well-being of children. Databases can be searched by topic or by state or geographic region. A project of the Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative.	www.nschdata.org
National Alliance to End Homelessness	Works to prevent and end homelessness by improving policy, building capacity, and educating opinion leaders. They have developed interactive maps, calculators, and charts with data about issues related to homelessness.	www.endhomelessness.org
Annie E. Casey Foundation	A national and state effort to track the status of children in the U.S. Their data center has state-by-state data on multiple indicators of child and family well-being.	www.aecf.org
Maternal and Child Health Bureau	Provides programs with resources to promote and improve the health of mothers, infants, children, and adolescents. They have rich data on children's health and health-care related issues. An office of HHS, Health Resources and Services Administration.	www.mchb.hrsa.gov
National Center for Children in Poverty (NCCP)	Dedicated to promoting the economic security, health, and well-being of America's low-income families and children. They maintain information on state demographics and early childhood profiles.	www.nccp.org
National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)	Maintains information about subject-matter achievement, instructional experiences, and school environment for populations of students, and information about factors that may be related to children's learning.	www.nces.ed.gov



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National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)	The nation's principal health statistics agency. An office of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.	www.cdc.gov/nchs
National Institute of Early Education Research (NIEER)	Supports early childhood education initiatives by providing objective, nonpartisan information based on research. They profile state-funded pre-kindergarten programs and national trends for enrollment in, quality of, and state spending on preschool. Tables include information on state-funded pre-K, Head Start, child care, and U.S. census data.	www.nieer.org
Office of Child Care	Administers the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF). Works to promote family economic self-sufficiency and help children succeed in school and life through affordable, high-quality early care and afterschool programs. They maintain reports on CCDF data by state. An office of HHS/ACF.	www.acf.hhs.gov/occ
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)	Leads public health efforts to advance the behavioral health of the nation. Has extensive mental health data. An office of HHS.	www.samhsa.gov

