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# TECHNICAL NOTE

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## SUGGESTED DATA SOURCES FOR SOCIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS

### Preface

The purpose of this Technical Note is to provide a list of data sources that may be used in the development of social analyses profiling property value, income, poverty level, unemployment, and ethnicity and race.

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## INDICATOR

## SOURCES OF DATA

## 1. Property value

Local real estate agent/s.

Census tract

Census Tract Reports: Tables H1-H10, "Occupancy, Utilization, and Financial Characteristics of Housing Units: 1980." General Housing Characteristics. These tables are contained in PHC80-2-# (each state has its own number.) U.S. Department of Commerce: Bureau of the Census.

State, county and local

Good for urban flood issues: Tables 1 and 1A, "Summary of General Housing Characteristics: 1980." (Volume 1 - "Characteristics of Housing Units," Chapter A - "General Housing Characteristics.") These tables are contained in HC80-1-A# (each state has its own number.) U.S. Department of Commerce: Bureau of the Census.

## 2. Income

## A. Per capita income

\*Rural Farm portion of counties

Table 191 - "Economic Characteristics for the Rural Farm Portion of Counties: 1980." (Volume 1 - "Characteristics of Populations," Chapter C - "General Social and Economic Characteristics.") This table is contained in the PC80-1-C# (each county has its own number.) U.S. Department of Commerce: Bureau of the Census.

Rural portion of counties

Table 189 - "Economic Characteristics for the Rural Portion of Counties: 1980." (Volume 1 - "Characteristics of Populations," Chapter C - "General Social and Economic Characteristics.") This table is contained in the PC80-1-C# (each county has its own number.) U.S. Department of Commerce: Bureau of the Census.

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State, county  
and local

"Regions of the U.S. Current Population Report  
Local Population Estimates," Series P-26,  
No. 86 (call 301-763-5060, request report for  
state.)

Bureau of Economic Analysis - call 202-523  
0917 or 523-0966 for the April edition of  
"Current Business Survey" (back issues are  
\$5.50 a copy.) Other alternatives include  
contacting the Government Printing Office at  
202-783-3238 or submitting written requests  
for state, county and nation information to:

Regional Economic Information System  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
Bureau of Economic Analysis  
BE55  
Washington, D.C. 20230  
Att: Kathy Albetski

Also available on IBM compatible 5 1/4"  
floppies and magnetic tape.

National

Current Population Report - Consumer Reports  
P-60, No. 161 - "Money, Income and Poverty  
Status in the U.S.: 1987."

B. Median family  
income

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portion of  
counties

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the Rural Farm Portion of Counties: 1980."  
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Characteristics.") This table is contained in  
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number.) U.S. Department of Commerce: Bureau  
of the Census.

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State

Table 71 - "Income Characteristics in 1979: 1980." (Volume 1 - "Characteristics of Populations," Chapter C - "General Social and Economic Characteristics.") This table is contained in the PC80-1-C# (each state has its own number.) U.S. Department of Commerce: Bureau of the Census.

C. Fixed income  
transfer payment

County

Personal Income by Major Source," (each county will have a table.) U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Employment Data, 1985.

State

"Personal Income by Major Source - Nonmetropolitan," (whatever state you are working in.) U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Employment Data, 1985.

National

"Personal Income by Major Source - Nonmetropolitan United States," U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Employment Data, 1985.

3. Poverty level

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counties

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County and city	"County and City Data Book" (issued annually) U.S. Bureau of the Census
State and county	Table 181 - Poverty Status in 1979 of Families and Persons in Counties: 1980." (Volume 1 - "Characteristics of Populations," Chapter C - "General Social and Economic Characteristics.") This table is contained in the PC80-1-C# (each county has its own number.) U.S. Department of Commerce: Bureau of the Census
State	U.S. Bureau of the Census, PC80-1-C# (each state has its own number.)

## 4. Unemployment

National average for three years	"Employment and Earnings" - a monthly publication by the Department of Labor (at Federal Depository Library.)
State and local	"Unemployment in State and Local Areas: 1987." Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (Federal Depository Library). Call 202-523-1002.  Contact State Employment Commission and request statistics compiled for the Department of Labor.

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5. Ethnic and race

Census tract

Census Tracts from 1980 Census of Population and Housing - PHC80-2 (each Metropolitan area has its own number.)

General Social and Economic Characteristics - PC80-1-C# (each state has its own number.)  
Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

County

Table 32 - "Farm Operators - Black and Other Races"

Table 33 - "Farm Operators - Black and Other Races"

Table 34 - "Operators by Selected Racial Groups"

Table 35 - "Operators of Spanish Origin"

- \* The "Rural Farm Portion of Counties" (Table 191), a subset of the "Rural Portions of Counties" (Table 189), involves data collected from farm residences.