

Online Data Sources to Support Economic Development Analysis

Source	Data Contents	Geography	Update Frequency
U.S. Census - American Community Survey (www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/)	Data tables including Comparison and Selected Population Profiles, and Subject, Detailed, Ranking, and Geographic Comparison Tables	National down to Census block	Annually
BLS Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (https://www.bls.gov/cew/)	Count of employment and wages reported by employers, by industry	National, State, County, or MSA	Quarterly
BLS Current Employment Statistics (https://www.bls.gov/ces/)	Industry data on employment, hours, and earnings of workers on nonfarm payrolls	Major metropolitan areas	Monthly
EDA Tools - U.S. Economic Development Administration (http://eda.gov/tools/)	Distress report or social and economic context report for selected geography	State, County, or metropolitan area	Annually
Cluster Mapping (clustermapping.us)	Over 50 million open data records on industry clusters and regional business environments in the United States	Region, city, or zip code	data on the website is refreshed when new underlying industrial data becomes available

Stats America (http://statsamerica.org/)	Portal to a broad range of resources that support economic development analysis, including data profiles, maps, tools, and guidance	Various	Various
State Labor Market Information (http://www.bls.gov/bls/ofolist.htm)	Jobs, businesses, wages levels	Small cities	Varies
U.S. Census Bureau County Business Patterns	Economic data by industry, including the number of establishments, employment during the week of March 12, first quarter payroll, and annual payroll	Available at Zip Code level	Annually
U.S. Census Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates	Estimates of income and poverty statistics	School district, County, and State	Annually
BLS Local Area Unemployment Statistics (https://www.bls.gov/lau/)	Employment, unemployment, and labor force data	Census regions and divisions, States, counties, metropolitan areas, and many cities, by place of residence	Monthly and annually
BLS Occupational Employment Statistics (https://www.bls.gov/oes/)	Mean and median hourly wages, mean annual wages	Nation, State, and Metropolitan and Non-metropolitan areas	Annually

BEA Regional Economic Accounts
(<https://www.bea.gov/regional/>)

GDP by State, GDP by metropolitan area, quarterly State personal income, annual State personal income and employment, local area personal income and employment, real personal income and regional price parities

State, County, Metropolitan, Micropolitan, CSA

Varies

IRS Tax Stats - County Data
(<https://www.irs.gov/statistics/soi-tax-stats-county-data>)

Detailed income information, including number of returns, number of personal exemptions, adjusted gross income, wages and salaries, dividends, and interest

County and State

Annually

EconWorks
(<https://planningtools.transportation.org/13/econworks.html>)

A collection of web based tools designed to help planners incorporate economic analysis into early project decision making, including 125 case studies, estimates the economic impact of potential projects based on user-defined parameters, and downloadable spreadsheets useful for assessing other economic benefits from transportation projects.

Project-specific

Periodically