EDA Update: Afternoon with the Districts 2026

03/11/26

What makes a strong CEDS?
Content Recommendations

1. Linking the sections to improve CEDS focus and measurable impact
2. Including key elements such as workforce, broadband, energy, etc.
3. Emphasizing measurable goals/strategies rather than a stand-alone list of projects
4. Integrating/leveraging other planning efforts and resources (cross-pollination)
5. Infusing economic resilience into the CEDS – broad definition

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Latest CEDS Guidance (April 2025)

- **In-Process CEDS:** CEDS that are under development (i.e., in any stage of development prior to EDA final approval) should have all references to and sections about equity and/or climate removed from the document.

- **Previously-Approved CEDS:** CEDS that have been previously approved (prior to the change in Administration) by EDA do not need to be changed or altered in order to remove references or sections related to climate or equity. While voluntary changes to remove such language outside of the regular 5-year update process will be allowed (e.g., as part of an annual update), no changes will be required before the regular 5-year update. However, as part of the regular 5-year update, it will be expected that grantees make changes to their CEDS as noted above for in-process CEDS.

Key CEDS Resources

1. **CEDS Content Guidelines** (https://eda.gov/ceds/)

2. **State and Local Economic Development Strategies (SLEDS) database** (https://www.stateeconomicdevelopment.org/state-local-alignment/data-products/)

3. **National Economic Resilience Data Explorer (NERDE)** (https://www.anl.gov/national-economic-resilience-data-explorer-nerde)

4. **Economic Development Capacity Index (EDCI)** (https://www.anl.gov/dis/economic-development-capacity-index)

5. **NADO's CEDS Central** (https://www.cedscentral.com/)

For those who were in the Argonne data session on Monday, who did Ryan's homework assignment?

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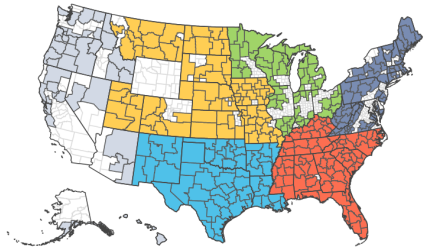
Resource Update

- StatsAmerica CEDS Resource Library has been discontinued. Make use of CEDS Central on NADO's website!

CEDS Resources

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) are locally based and regionally driven economic development planning processes. These CEDS have long been a cornerstone of the U.S. Economic Development Administration's programs and serve to engage community leaders, leverage involvement of the private sector and establish strategic blueprints for regional collaboration.

Hover the mouse pointer over a district to see its name:



StatsAmerica Resources

CEDS and StatsAmerica
Discover which tools and data on StatsAmerica are most helpful when building your CEDS

View user guide »

Strategic blueprint
What are the best practices to help turn the goals outlined in the CEDS into reality?

View best practices »

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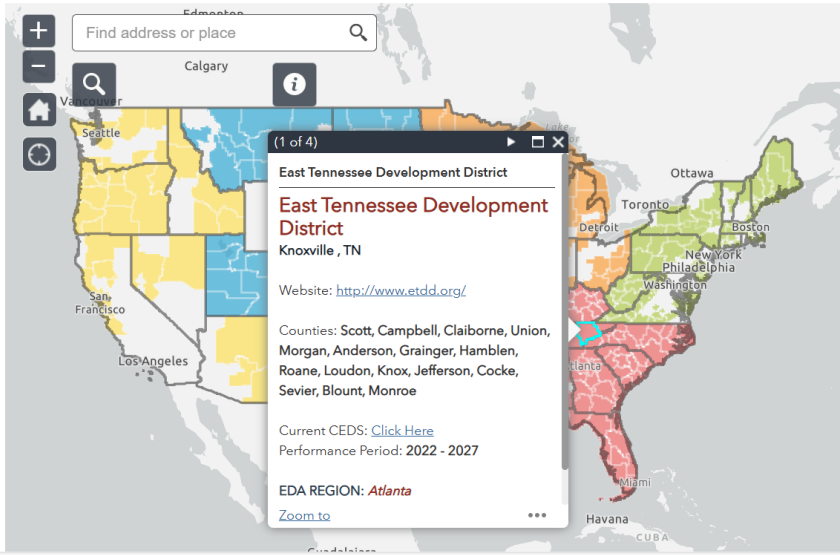

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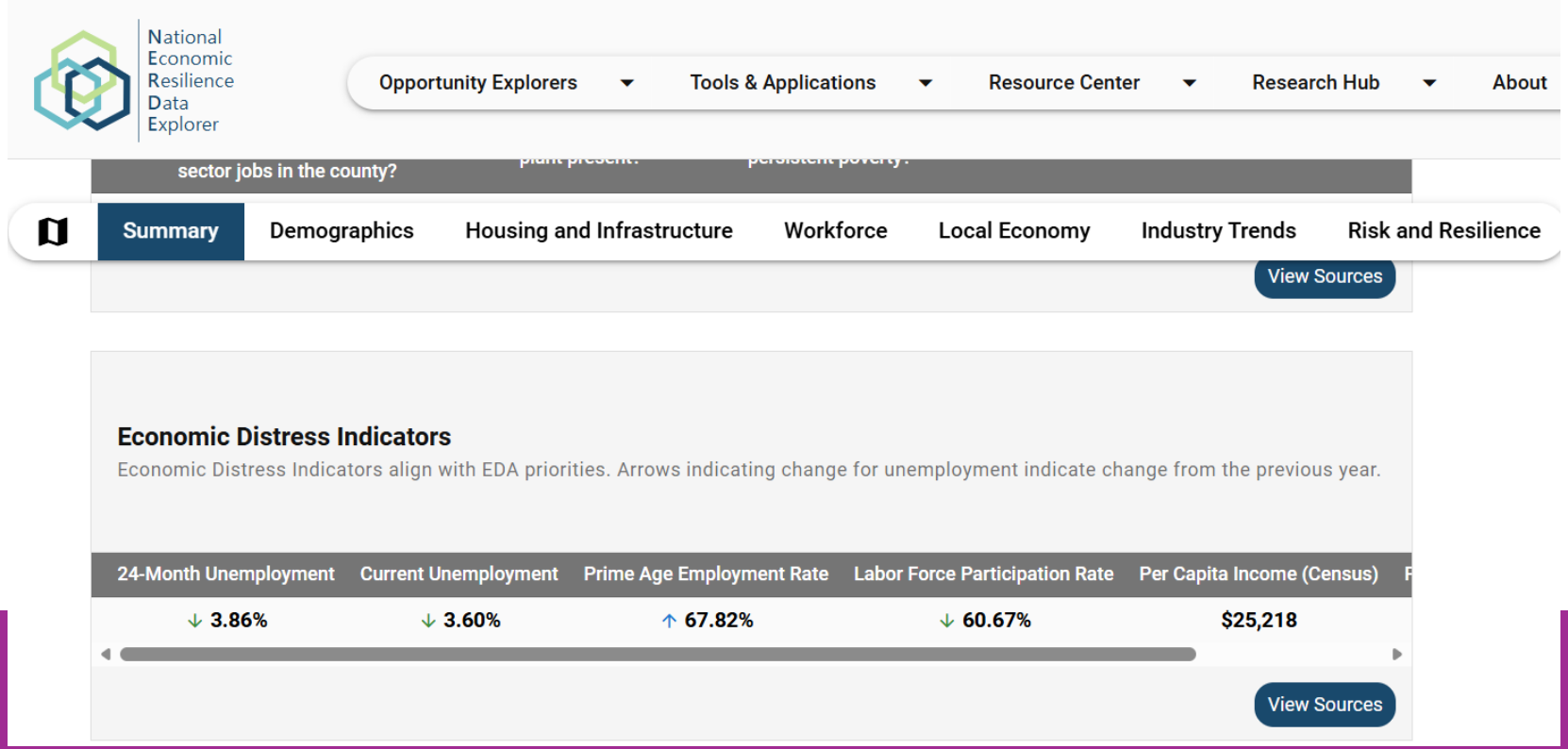
Other Updates

- NEW! Tribal Website [Tribal Economic Development Resources | U.S. Economic Development Administration]
- Economic Development Capacity Index – UPDATES COMING SOON!



NEW! Economic Distress Indicators updated in NERDE Data Explorer