

# Public Data Sources

Data Sources, Data Uses, and Examples

# Data Basics

- Three general categories:
- **Tabular** - Spreadsheets or databases containing numbers, rates, values, ratios, percentages.
- **Spatial** – Maps; geographic data and map information.
- **Reports** – finished studies, narrative descriptions of problems, solutions, policies, or other issues (typically contain tabular data, maps, charts, and descriptive text)
- *Most people want to know generally how many, where, how old/young, what race, what sex, what income, how educated, employment status, and veteran status.*

# Decennial Census



- Census – what is it and [why do we do it?](#)
- What does it give us? *Population, Age, Race, Sex, Education, Housing, Income, and related data.*
- How accurate/reliable is it?
- How do I find it/use it?



# Other Federal Data

- [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)
- [Bureau of Economic Analysis](#)
- [United States Geological Survey](#)
- [Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#)
- [Federal Highway/ U.S. Dept. of Transportation](#)
  
- [Stats America](#)
- [Data USA](#)
- [U.S. Cluster Mapping](#)

# State Data

- [Ohio Development Services Agency – Research](#)
- [Ohio Labor Market Information](#) (Unemployment Info.)
- [Ohio Dept. of Transportation \(TIMS\)](#)
- [ODOT District Office Pages](#)
- [Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources](#) (Oil and Gas Info.)

# Other Data Sources

- County Offices and Agencies
- Local Development Districts and Planning Organizations
- [NADO/ DDAA](#)
- [National Assoc. of Counties – County Explorer](#)

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