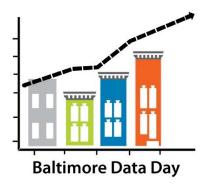
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Accessing Open Data: Baltimore Neighborhood Indicators Alliance





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About BNIA-JFI

- Non-profit started over 15 years ago by local stakeholders, now based within Jacob France Institute at University of Baltimore
- "One-stop-shop" for comprehensive, non-partisan data indicators and training
 - Multiple topic areas
 - Longitudinal data (2000 2016)
- Member of the National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership at Urban Institute
 - ▶ 35 cities focusing on *data democratization*
 - http://www.neighborhoodindicators.org



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Community Indicators

- Individual statistics, that when combined, provide a picture of what is happening in a community
 - Crime rate, unemployment rate, median household income, life expectancy, etc.
- When tracked over time, indicators can provide insight to the overall direction of a community
 - Is crime getting better or worse? Are more people finding jobs? Are there fewer vacant and boarded up houses?
- Used for setting goals and tracking progress
 - Did an intervention strategy work? How does the neighborhood compare to the city as a whole?

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Vital Signs

- Yearly report of our comprehensive indicators; Vital Signs 14 was released in Spring 2016 with data through 2014
- ▶ 160+ indicators, 50+ sources
- **Topic areas:**
 - Census Demographics
 - Housing and Community Development
 - Children and Family Health and Well-Being
 - Crime and Safety
 - Workforce and Economic Development
 - Arts and Culture
 - Education and Youth
 - Sustainability

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Community Statistical Areas

- Groupings of Census Tract (2010) geographies, based on similar populations
- Tract boundaries allow us to easily get population and household counts
 - Adjusting data for population allows you to compare areas!
- Total number: 55 communities



Accessing Vital Signs Online

Options for all data users at all skill levels

Beginners

- Data tables (online and PDF) for communities OR topics
- Downloadable summary reports
- Downloadable, pre-made maps

Advanced

- Search for indicator data tables online and display certain years
- Download open data in Excel and GIS formats



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Learning More

Ask BNIA Staff

Data Day Session (Room 205) - 2:00pm

BNIA @ Enoch Pratt

- Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 3:00pm (Northwood Branch on Loch Raven Blvd)
- Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 6:00pm (Walbrook Branch on North Ave)

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