Assess Needs: Data Indicators

One way to begin the needs assessment process is to examine data sources. Relevant data sources are those compiled by universities, government, and other organizations.

Local Resources
- Chamber of Commerce
- Development Districts
- Human Resource Agencies
- Library
- Newspaper
- Department of Human Services
- School Nutrition Supervisor
- Planning Office
- Economic Development Council

National Resources
- United States Census Bureau
  http://www.census.gov/

- Centers for Disease Control National Center for Health Statistics
  http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hphome.htm

- USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service census of Agriculture
  http://www.nass.usda.gov/census/

- Executive Office of the President and the Dept. of Health and Human Services
  http://www.healthierus.gov/

- Annie E. Casey Foundation Kids Count Data Online
  http://www.aecf.org/

- Search Institute
  http://www.searchinstitute.org

- Child Trends Data Bank
  http://www.childtrendsdatabank.org/

- Children, Youth and Families Education and Research Network
  http://www.cyfernet.org/
State Resources
  UT Department of Agricultural Economics, TN Agricultural Census
  http://economics.ag.utk.edu/agcensus.html

  Tennessee Agricultural Statistics Service
  http://www.nass.usda.gov/tn/

  Tennessee Department of Health and UT Community Health Research Group
  http://www2.state.tn.us/health/statistics/HIT/hsr_hit.htm

  Tennessee Department of Education
  http://www.state.tn.us/education/mreport.htm

  Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development
  http://www.state.tn.us/ecd/tnglance.htm

Regional Resources
  Middle Tennessee State University Business and Economic Research Center
  quarterly economic data for Middle Tennessee:
  http://www.mtsu.edu/%7Eberc/publications.html

  University of Tennessee Center for Business and Economic Research
  Economic information for metropolitan counties:

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