

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.childtrends.databank.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:
<http://bus.utk.edu/cber/ind/y2002/ind0902.pdf>

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