

# Socioeconomic Information Need Regional Solution

## Phase I

Freely available data

Or available with minimal effort

(pages 37- 46)

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# 1996 Forum

- 182 Needs listed
- For example, “I need to know...”
  - Refugee population
  - Unemployment data
  - Current rent data
  - Job location and pay
  - daycare, shelters, group homes locations
  - Location of crack houses

# Six Areas (pp 39-40)

- Demographics (daytime & nighttime)
- Economic
- Housing
- Transportation
- Facility location
- Crime

# Desired Characteristics (p 39)

- Sub-city scale
- Annual updates
- 10 year time series

# Satisfactory Data Sources (p42)

- Decennial Census
- Census Transportation Planning Package
- Mn Dept of Employment & Econ Dev.
- Mn Dept of Revenue
- Mn Dept of Education
- Mn Bureau of Criminal Apprehension
- Metropolitan Council

# Demo of Web-Based Resources Page

alpha version

[http://www.datafinder.org/mg/socioeconomic\\_resources/](http://www.datafinder.org/mg/socioeconomic_resources/)

# Critique of Each (p43-44)

- Demographic Information
  - Adequate: Census is high quality
  - Deficient: once / 10 years
  - Potential to fill gap: American Community Survey
- Economic Information . . .

# Potential to Fill Gaps

- New Proposed Census Products to watch
  - American Community Survey  
(Endorsed by NLC, ICMA, NACo and others)
  - Local Employment Dynamics  
(dead for now)
- Local Sources with Possibilities
  - Social service records (sub-city summary)
  - United Way's 2-1-1 (First Call for Help)
  - Birth & Death Records (sub-city summary)

# Recommendations (p 37)

(Coordinating Committee 12/17/03)

- Web-based resource page
- Pursue local sources
- Negotiate potential enhancements