

Areas of Persistent Poverty Discretionary Grant Webinar

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Background

➤ Statutory Framework:

- Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law No: 117-103, March 15, 2022)
- 49 U.S.C. 5307 (Urbanized), 49 U.S.C. 5310 (Enhanced Mobility), or 49 U.S.C. 5311 (Rural)
- Authorizes FTA to award grants to Areas of Persistent Poverty or Historically Disadvantaged Communities through a competitive process for projects
- Establishes a minimum federal share of not less than 90%

➤ Funding Available:

- **\$20,041,870** includes \$20 million (FY22) and \$41,870 (FY21)
- Funding supports planning, engineering, or development of technical or financing plans for projects eligible under Chapter 53 of Title 49 in Areas of Persistent Poverty or Historically Disadvantaged Communities.

➤ Key Dates:

- NOFO published 01-09-2023
- Applications due 03-10-2023 (*please apply early*)



Eligibility Information

➤ Eligible Applicants include:

- Eligible entities, Recipients or Subrecipients under *49 U.S.C. 5307, 49 U.S.C. 5310, or 49 U.S.C. 5311* located in Areas of Persistent Poverty or Historically Disadvantaged Communities.
- Entities that are subrecipients or indirect recipients under these programs must apply through their ordinary pass-through entities or designated recipients.
- State departments of transportation may apply on behalf of eligible applicants within their states.
- Applicants are also encouraged to work with non-profit organizations.



Eligibility Cont'd

➤ Eligible project areas are defined as follows:

- “Area of Persistent Poverty” is defined by 49 U.S.C. 6702(a)(1) as;
 - (1) any county (or equivalent jurisdiction) in which, during the 30-year period ending on November 15, 2021, 20 percent or more of the population continually lived in poverty, as measured by the 1990 decennial census, the 2000 decennial census, and the most recent annual small area income and poverty estimate of the Bureau of the Census;
 - (2) any census tract with a poverty rate of not less than 20 percent, as measured by the 5-year data series available from the American Community Survey of the Bureau of the Census for the period of 2014 through 2018; and
 - (3) any territory or possession of the United States.
- “Historically Disadvantaged Communities” is defined by 49 U.S.C. 6702(a)(1) as;
 - (a) certain qualifying census tracts, (b) any Tribal land, or (c) any territory or possession of the United States.

<https://usdot.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/75febe4d9e6345ddb2c3ab42a4aae85f>



Eligible Projects

- **Eligible projects** are *planning, engineering, or development of technical or financing plans for projects eligible under Chapter 53 of title 49, U.S.C. that will assist Areas of Persistent Poverty or Historically Disadvantaged Communities.*
 - **Eligible activities** include planning, engineering, or development of technical or financing plans for: (see NOFO for full list)
 - Improved transit services; New transit routes;
 - Engineering for transit facilities and improvements to existing facilities;
 - Innovative technologies; Low or No emissions
 - **Ineligible activities:**
 - Capital, maintenance, or operating costs
 - Procurement of vehicles or equipment
 - Support of the operation and maintenance of system



Program Goals and Priorities

- **Assist Areas of Persistent Poverty or Historically Disadvantaged Communities** in planning, engineering, or development of technical or financing plans for improved transit services and projects that:
 - **Address Climate Change and Sustainability:**
 - Executive Order 13990: Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis, and
 - Executive Order 14008: Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad
 - **Address Racial Equity and Barriers to Opportunity:**
 - Advance racial equity, support underserved and environmental justice populations and communities, racial equity, and barriers to opportunity
 - Protect public health and the environment

Evaluation Criteria

➤ Applications will be evaluated on the following:

- Demonstration of Need - quality and extent to which the proposed activities will support planning, engineering, or development of technical or financing plans that would result in a project eligible for funding under Chapter 53 of Title 49, U.S.C.
- Demonstration of Benefits - the quality and extent to which they demonstrate how the proposed activities will support planning, engineering, or development of technical or financing plans that would result in a project eligible for funding under Chapter 53 of Title 49, United States Code.
- Funding Commitments – documented sources of non-Federal cost-share and supporting evidence of the availability of funds for the project (*e.g., board resolution, budget document line item or other documentation of the source of non-Federal funds*).
- Project Implementation Strategy - the strength of the work plan, detailed budget, schedule, and process included in an application.
- Technical, Legal, and Financial Capacity – demonstration of the technical, legal, and financial capacity to undertake the project.



Additional Selection Criteria

➤ Climate Change and Sustainability

- Applications that create significant community benefits relating to the environment, and projects that address greenhouse gas emissions and climate change impacts.
- Applicants should demonstrate how they have considered climate change and environmental justice in the transportation planning process or anticipated design components with outcomes that address climate change.
- Applications should describe the specific climate change or environmental justice activities that have been incorporated, including whether a project supports a Climate Action Plan or Equitable Development Plan.
- Applicants should detail whether project planning tools like EPA's EJ Screen have been used in project planning.

<https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen>



Additional Selection Criteria Cont'd

➤ **Racial Equity and Barriers to Opportunity**

- Applications that advance racial equity in two areas: (1) planning and policies related to racial equity and overcoming barriers to opportunity; and (2) project investments that either proactively address racial equity and barriers to opportunity, including automobile dependence as a form of barrier, or redress prior inequities and barriers to opportunity.
- Applicants should describe transportation plans or policies related to equity and barriers to opportunity they are implementing or have implemented in relation to the proposed project.
- Applicants should specify project investment details necessary for FTA to evaluate if the investments are being made either proactively to advance racial equity and address barriers to opportunity or redress prior inequities and barriers to opportunity.
- Applicants should consider how the project will address the challenges faced by individuals and underserved communities in rural areas.



Grant Conditions

- Non-Federal Cost Share (Local Match) is 10 percent of Total Project Cost.
- Sources of Non-Federal Cost Share are:
 - Cash or In-kind contributions
 - Transportation Development Credits (toll revenue credits)
 - Sale of advertising/concessions
 - Revenue received under service agreement
 - Value capture etc.
- Pre-award authority guidance to be made available and described with notice of award selections.
- FTA may award less than the requested amount for each applicant.
- Planning Requirements apply - see 23 CFR 450.

Submitting an Application

- Apply through Grants.gov (FTA-2023-006-TPE) with SF 424 Mandatory/Supplemental Forms with attachments. FY23 AoPP NOFO can be downloaded at:
<https://www.transit.dot.gov/grant-programs/areas-persistent-poverty-program>
- Cumulative 15-page limit for Application and all attachments. Applications will be evaluated on information provided in Supplemental Form. Attachments will be used as supporting information.
- Confirmation of location in “Area of Persistent Poverty” or “Historically Disadvantaged Community” Map or Screenshot.
<https://usdot.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/75febe4d9e6345ddb2c3ab42a4aae85f>
- Confirmed eligibility, Legal, Technical, and Financial Capacity.
- Documentation of availability or commitment of match (10 percent).

Common Questions

1. How do I determine whether my project is in an “Area of Persistent Poverty” or “Historically Disadvantaged Community”?

FTA has provided a full list and map of all Counties in Areas of Persistent Poverty or Historically Disadvantaged Communities at:

<https://usdot.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/75febe4d9e6345ddb2c3ab42a4aae85f>

2. Can I be an eligible applicant if my project area is in an Area of Persistent Poverty and a Historically Disadvantaged Community?

Yes. Applicants can be eligible as both an Area of Persistent Poverty and a Historically Disadvantaged Community. Applicants are encouraged to note this information in their supplemental form.



Common Questions cont.

3. Is it required that a state or other designated recipient of FTA funding apply for an Areas of Persistent Poverty award in Grants.Gov on behalf of a subrecipient in either an urban or rural area?

No. Any recipient or subrecipient of Section 5307, Section 5310 or Section 5311 funding may apply directly through Grants.Gov for an Areas of Persistent Poverty award.

However, as described above, applicants that are not direct recipients of FTA funding, or have limited experience as a direct recipient, will need to secure the commitment of a designated recipient of FTA funding, such as the State Department of Transportation, to apply on their behalf for funding through TrAMS if selected for award.



Common Questions cont.

4. What should an applicant who is not an FTA direct funding recipient do to demonstrate they are eligible to receive an Areas of Persistent Poverty grant award?

Any eligible applicant and sub-recipient must provide documentation of an agreement with a current FTA direct recipient, such as the State Department of Transportation or another FTA direct recipient, to apply for funding through FTA's Transit Awards Management System (TrAMS) on their behalf if they are selected for a funding award.

5. What is the non-federal share of the project cost (local match) funding required?

The local, non-federal share of the project cost is 10 percent of the total project cost.



Common Questions cont.

6. Can my transit agency propose to use “in-kind” match?

Yes. In-kind match is permissible provided the source is documented.

7. May tribal governments or rural planning organizations or economic development agencies apply for Areas of Persistent Poverty funding?

Yes, provided they coordinate with a recipient of Section 5307, 5310, or 5311 funds or with the State Department of Transportation to develop the application. If they are not a recipient or sub-recipient of Section 5307, 5310, or 5311 funds, they should obtain partnership agreements with eligible entities.



Common Questions cont.

8. Are private non-profit organizations that work in collaboration with public transportation service providers eligible to apply for funding under the Areas of Persistent Poverty program?

No. However, private non-profits are welcome to participate in the Areas of Persistent Program by entering into a partnership with a public transit provider whereby the non-profit would be a sub-recipient of the funding award.

9. What is the process for selecting a non-profit or other non-governmental partner?

FTA 3rd Party Procurement Rules apply. The applicant's process for selecting the non-profit or other non-governmental partners must satisfy the requirements for a competitive procurement under 49 U.S.C. 5325(a). Applicants may undertake a competitive selection process that satisfies the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5325(a) prior to applying for an AoPP award and name the selected entities in the application.

FTA Circular (FTA C 4220.1F)



Common Questions cont.

10. How will projects be selected for funding?

Applications will be selected for funding based on the (5) Evaluation Criteria and the Additional Selection Criteria

➤ Evaluation Criteria

- Demonstrated Need
- Demonstration of Benefits
- Local Financial Commitment
- Project Implementation Strategy
- Technical Legal and Financial Capacity

➤ Additional Selection Criteria

- Climate Change and Sustainability
- Racial Equity and Barriers to Opportunity
- Justice40 and Environmental Justice

Common Questions cont.

11. What are the Planning Requirements for the Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant Program?

Applicants should engage the appropriate SDOT's, RTPO's or MPO's in areas likely to be served by the funds made available under this program. Selected projects must be incorporated into the long-range plans or unified planning work programs (UPWP) upon award and prior to being eligible for pre-award authority. FTA Circular (*FTA C 8100.1D*)

12. How do I use Pre-Award Authority?

FTA will issue specific guidance to recipients regarding Pre-Award Authority at the time of selection. FTA does not provide Pre-Award Authority for competitive funds until projects are selected and even then, there are Federal requirements that must be met before costs are incurred.

Common Questions cont.

13. What is the maximum amount of funding I can apply for?

Traditionally FTA has awarded the maximum amount of \$850,000, but the actual award amount may be lower, so that additional projects may be funded. FTA encourages applicants to provide a scaled project amount for which the applicant can still have a viable project.

14. Can funds be used to purchase Planning Software?

Yes. AoPP funds can be used for comprehensive transportation planning purposes. Under eligible awards-- innovative technologies are considered an eligible activity to improve transit service in an Area of Persistent Poverty or Historically Disadvantaged Community. (*FTA Circular C 8100.1D*)



Common Questions cont.

15. What mapping tool do I use for what information?

FTA's Mapping Tool can be used to determine if your project area is in an Area of Persistent Poverty and Historically Disadvantaged Community.

<https://usdot.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/75febe4d9e6345ddb2c3ab42a4aae85f>

EPA's Ej Screen Mapping Tool can be used to determine your project areas Low-Income Percentile in the Environmental Justice Populations Section on the Supplemental Form.

<https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen>

FTA encourages applicants to utilize the provided resources however this is not required.



Key Takeaways

- ✓ Determine your eligibility as an eligible FTA Recipient or officially partner with an FTA Recipient.
- ✓ Note whether the project is in an AoPP, HDC or Both in the application.
- ✓ Do not request funding for Capital, Operating, or Maintenance.
- ✓ Fully address all (5) Evaluation Criteria and optional Additional Selection Criteria.
- ✓ Provide a scalable amount for which the project will be viable.
- ✓ Submit a map and do not wait until the last day to submit your application.
- ✓ Read the NOFO.

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For more information about the program, visit:

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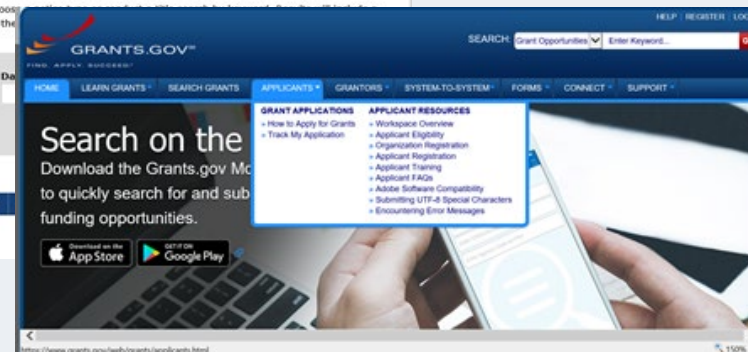
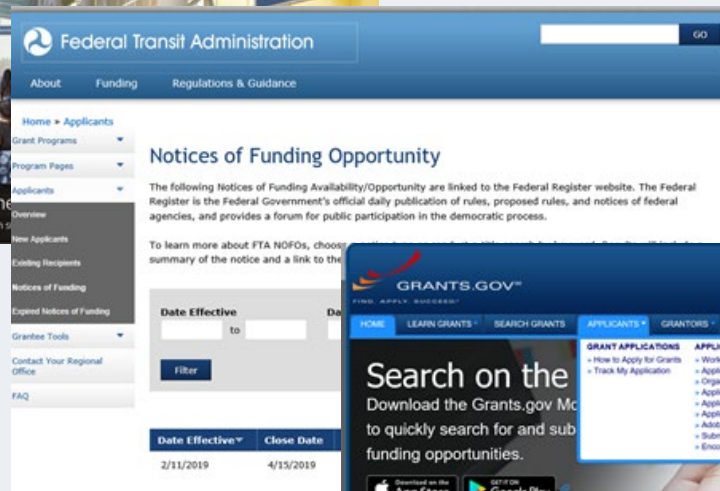
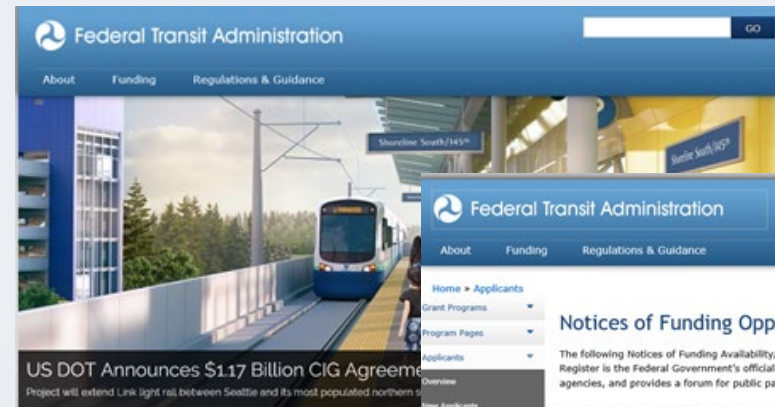
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Funding Opportunity Number: FTA-2023-006-TPE	Posted Date: Jan 09, 2023
Funding Opportunity Title: FY 2023 Competitive Funding Opportunity: Areas of Persistent Poverty Program	Last Updated Date: Jan 09, 2023
Opportunity Category: Discretionary	Original Closing Date for Applications: Mar 10, 2023
Opportunity Category Explanation:	Current Closing Date for Applications: Mar 10, 2023
Funding Instrument Type: Grant	Archive Date: Apr 09, 2023
Category of Funding Activity: Transportation	Estimated Total Program Funding: \$20,041,870
Category Explanation:	Award Ceiling: \$850,000
Expected Number of Awards: 45	Award Floor: \$0
CFDA Number(s): 20.505 – Metropolitan Transportation Planning and State and Non-Metropolitan Planning and Research	
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: Yes	

Eligibility

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Organization Legal Name:

FTA Recipient ID Number:

Organization Chief Executive Officer:
(Name and Direct Phone Number)

Applicant Eligibility:

- State
- Local Governmental Authority
- Public Transit Provider
- Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Federally-recognized Native American Tribe
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Registering an Organization
The instructions below are for new organizations or organizations that have never applied for a federal grant before. Most applicants work for organizations that already completed these steps to do business with the federal government.

Before your organization can apply for a federal grant, there are several steps an organization must complete outside of Grants.gov prior to submitting an application through Grants.gov. An organization is an entity that submits grant applications on behalf of the group, such as a state government, nonprofit organization, or a private business. Once you form a legal entity with a **Employer Identification Number (EIN)**, you are ready to complete the steps below.

Below are the main steps and links to more information to complete this process. The process below can take between three business days and five weeks, so please make sure to begin early. If you do not complete these steps by the submission deadline, you are unlikely to be allowed to submit an application. Contact the federal agency point of contact listed in the grant opportunity to discuss that agency's policy.

1. Obtain a DUNS Number

How do I get a DUNS number?
Call 1-866-705-5711 or access the Dun & Bradstreet website
<http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>

How long does this step usually take?
1-2 business days

2. Register with SAM

How do I register with the System Award Management (SAM)?
Access <https://www.sam.gov> and complete the online registration process. You also need the authorizing official of the organization to send a notarized letter to SAM and an EIN.

How long does this step usually take?
After SAM receives the notarized letter, up to 2 weeks (up to 5 more weeks to acquire EIN)

3. Register with Grants.gov

How do I register with Grants.gov?
Once you have completed the previous steps, you are ready to register with Grants.gov.

Organizations must register in Grants.gov in order to submit applications

Workspace in Grants.gov

WORKSPACE OVERVIEW

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Get Started on Your Workspace Application

Workspace is the standard way for organizations or individuals to apply for federal grants in Grants.gov. Workspace allows a grant team to simultaneously access and edit different forms within an application. Plus, the forms can be filled out online or offline—your choice.

Grants.gov Workspace also allows applicants and organizations to tailor their application workflow. Here are three approaches that applicants can take when completing a Workspace application:

Basic	Intermediate	Advanced
<p>+ Best for organizations with 1-2 registered Grants.gov users</p> <p>+ Application forms are downloaded and emailed to collaborators before being uploaded back to the workspace</p> <p>LEARN MORE ></p>	<p>+ Best for organizations with 3-5 registered Grants.gov users</p> <p>+ Applicant teams are typically comprised of an AOR who submits, as well as a Workspace Owner who oversees form completion</p> <p>LEARN MORE ></p>	<p>+ Best for organizations with external Grants.gov users such as consultants</p> <p>+ Workspace Owner manages form access</p> <p>+ Workspace Owner manages subforms</p> <p>LEARN MORE ></p>

Using Custom Roles in Workspace

Organizations are also able to create custom roles and assign these roles to the users affiliated with their organization.

[LEARN MORE >](#)

WORKSPACE ROLES

Grants.gov Roles & Privileges

When an applicant organization user registers with Grants.gov, the organization E-Business Point of Contact (EBiz POC) -- or a user with the Expanded AOR role -- can assign the user a core role, a custom role, or no role.

E-Business Point of Contact

The E-Business Point of Contact (EBiz POC) works primarily at the administrative level to (among other tasks) assign roles to organization users once they register with Grants.gov.

Web Addresses

FTA Funding Opportunities:



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FTA Mapping Tool

Areas of Persistent Poverty & Historically Disadvantaged Communities

February 2023

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FTA, Office of Systems Planning and Analysis



FTA Mapping Tool

<https://usdot.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/75febe4d9e6345ddb2c3ab42a4aae85f>

States

- Alabama
- Alaska
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- District of Columbia
- Florida
- Georgia
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maine
- Maryland

Area of Persistent Poverty (AoPP) & Historically Disadvantaged Communities (HDC)

User Instructions: On the list to the left, select your state; use the +/- icons or mouse wheel to zoom into the map. Click and drag the map area to pan. Use the select tool at the top left of the map to select an area of interest. The number of AoPP, HDC and total Census Tracts within the selected area are shown in boxes below. The list of selected AoPP and HDC Tracts are shown on the list to the right. Zoom-in further or click on the map to read the Census Tract number.

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AoPP Census Tracts

- Census Tract 104.04, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama
- Census Tract 104.07, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama
- Census Tract 108.03, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama
- Census Tract 117.03, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama
- Census Tract 118, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama
- Census Tract 119.01, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama
- Census Tract 121, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama
- Census Tract 123.04, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama

HDC Census Tracts (w/o Tribal Lands)

- Census Tract 104.04, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama
- Census Tract 108.03, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama
- Census Tract 117.03, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama
- Census Tract 118, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama
- Census Tract 121, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama
- Census Tract 124.04, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama
- Census Tract 124.05, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama
- Census Tract 203, Walker County, Alabama

21.7k

AoPP Census Tracts

22k

HDC Census Tracts (w/o Tribal Lands)

72.8k

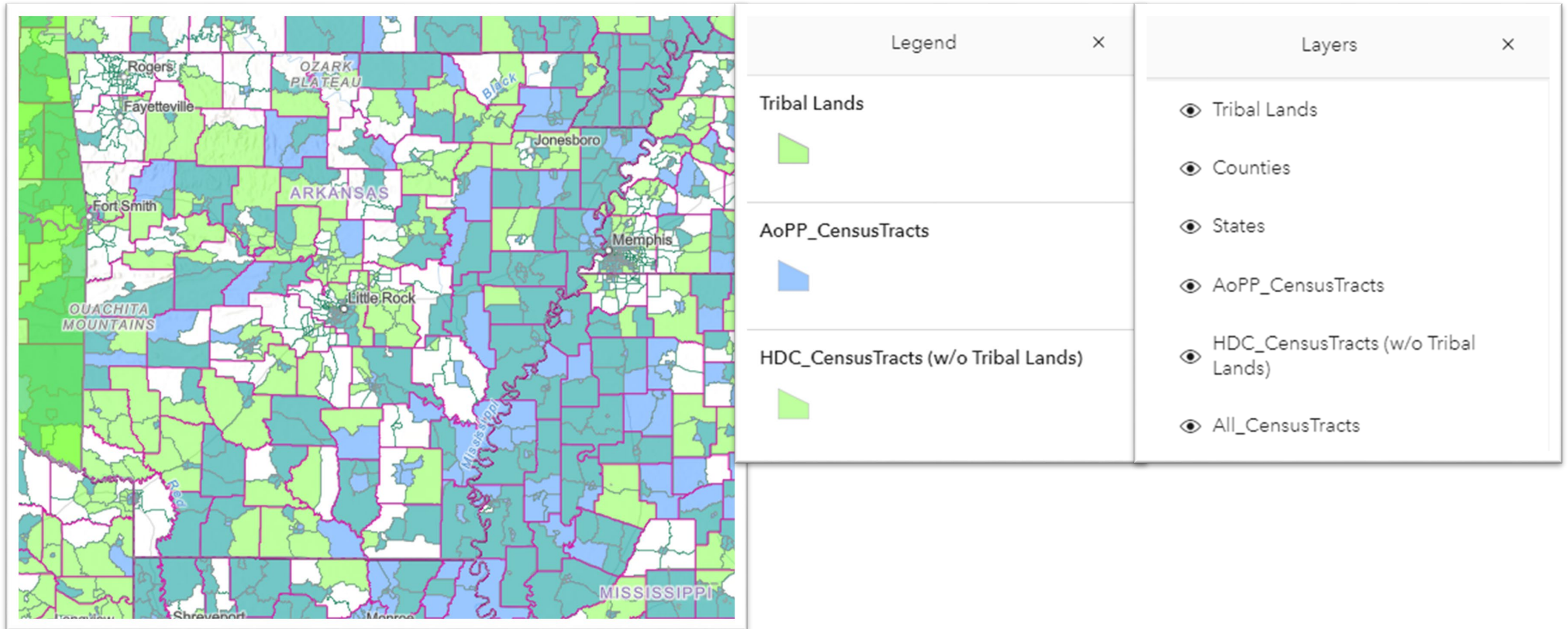
Total Census Tracts

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Legends & Layers



Selected AoPP & HDC Census Tracts

States

- Alabama
- Alaska
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- District of Columbia
- Florida
- Georgia
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Indiana
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AoPP Census Tracts

- Census Tract 9517, Johnson County, Arkansas
- Census Tract 9520, Johnson County, Arkansas
- Census Tract 9521, Johnson County, Arkansas
- Census Tract 9508, Pope County, Arkansas
- Census Tract 9513, Pope County, Arkansas
- Census Tract 9522, Johnson County, Arkansas
- Census Tract 9510, Pope County, Arkansas
- Census Tract 9514, Pope County, Arkansas

HDC Census Tracts (w/o Tribal Lands)

- Census Tract 9517, Johnson County, Arkansas
- Census Tract 9520, Johnson County, Arkansas
- Census Tract 9521, Johnson County, Arkansas
- Census Tract 9501, Logan County, Arkansas
- Census Tract 9508, Pope County, Arkansas
- Census Tract 9512, Pope County, Arkansas
- Census Tract 9513, Pope County, Arkansas
- Census Tract 9515.01, Pope County, Arkansas
- Census Tract 9523.02, Yell County, Arkansas

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AoPP Census Tracts

15

HDC Census Tracts (w/o Tribal Lands)

16

Total Census Tracts

Live Demo

<https://usdot.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/75febe4d9e6345ddb2c3ab42a4aae85f>



EPA EJScreen EPA's Environmental Justice Screening and Mapping Tool (Version 2.1) [EJScreen Website](#) | [Mobile](#) | [Glossary](#) | [Help](#)

Please note: Territory data (except Puerto Rico) is not available as comparable to the US. It is only comparable to the territory itself by using the 'Compare to State' functionality. Likewise, some of the indicators may not be available for territories.

Compare to US Compare to State
 Environmental Justice Indexes
 Supplemental Indexes
 Pollution and Sources
 Socioeconomic Indicators
 Health Disparities
 Climate Change Data
 Critical Service Gaps
 Additional Demographics
 Threshold Map

Indexes Threshold Map Widget

Step 1. Select type of Index:
 EJ Indexes Supplemental Indexes

Step 2. Select location:
 Compare to US Compare to State

Step 3. Select Index percentile range:
 Lower bound: 80 Upper bound: 100

Step 4. Select number of indexes or individual Indexes (maximum 12) within percentile range:

 At least 1 of the indexes is within the percentile range

Or

<input type="checkbox"/> Select All	<input type="checkbox"/> Ozone
<input type="checkbox"/> Particulate Matter 2.5	<input type="checkbox"/> Air Toxics Cancer Risk
<input type="checkbox"/> Diesel Particulate Matter	<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Proximity
<input type="checkbox"/> Air Toxics Respiratory HI	<input type="checkbox"/> Superfund Proximity
<input type="checkbox"/> Lead Paint	<input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste Proximity
<input type="checkbox"/> RMP Facility Proximity	<input type="checkbox"/> Wastewater Discharge
<input type="checkbox"/> Underground Storage Tanks	

Map Contents

EJ Index (US)

There are 94,962 block groups where 1 or more indexes are within 80-100 percentile

EJScreen

EPA's Environmental Justice Screening Tool

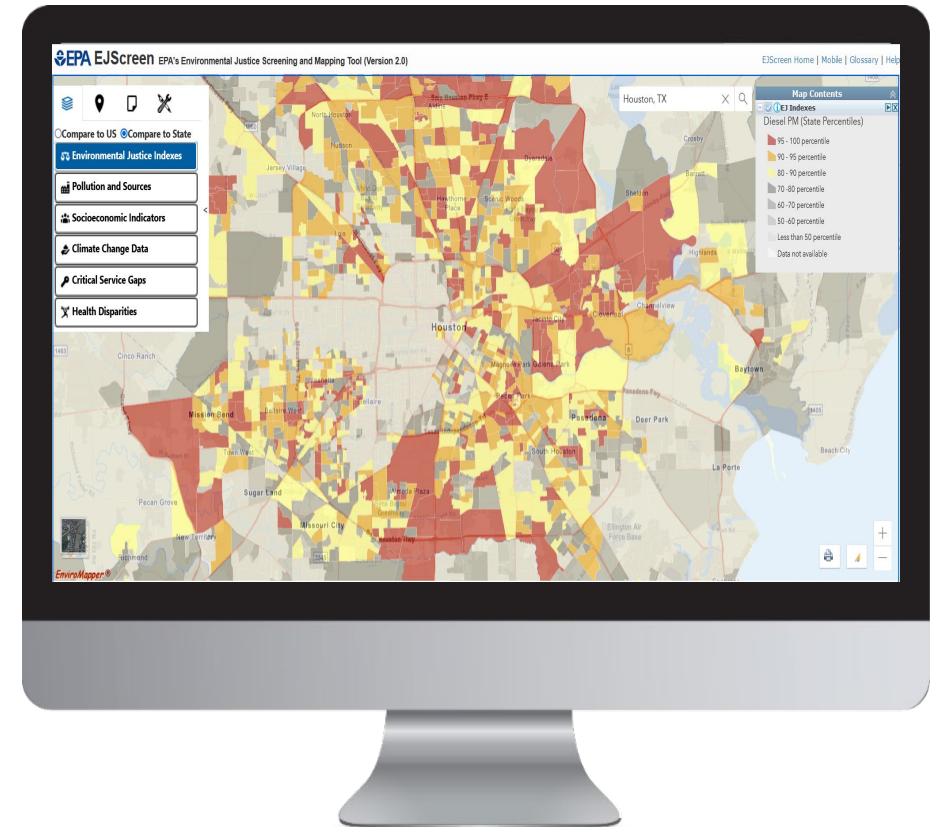


What is EJScreen?

EPA's web-based GIS tool for nationally consistent EJ screening and mapping

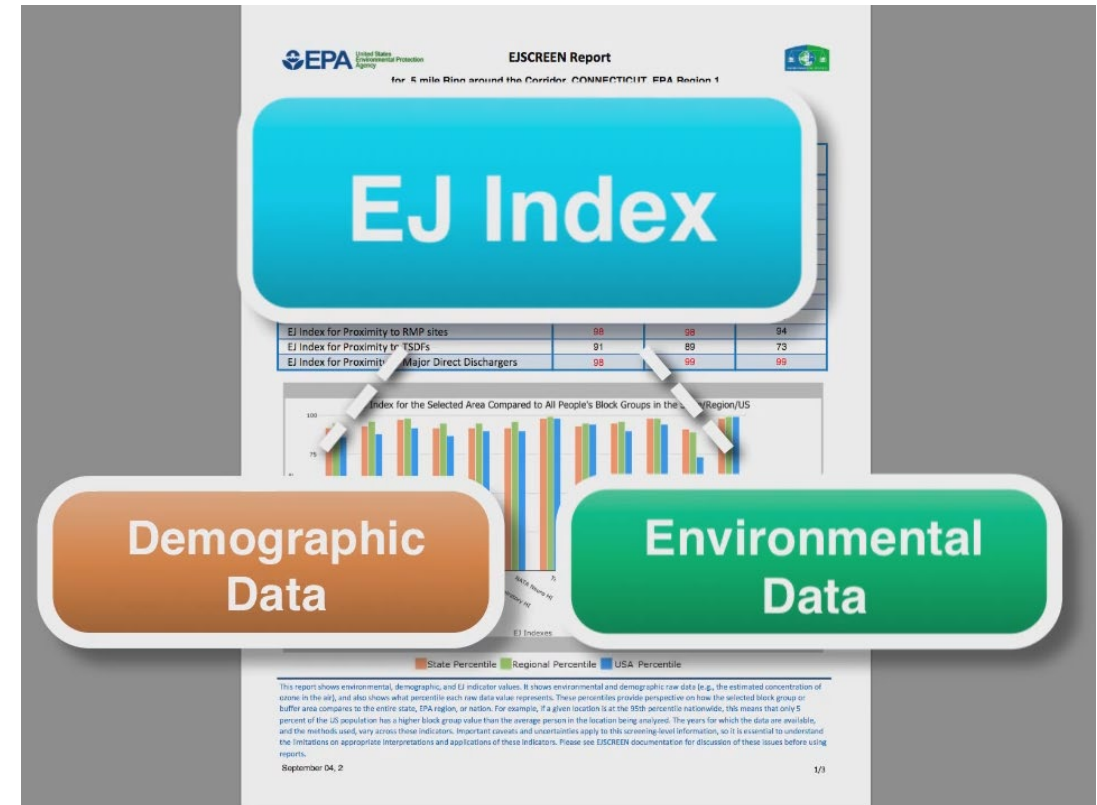
Combines environmental and socioeconomic data to highlight areas where vulnerable populations may be disproportionately impacted by pollution

Starting point for agency considerations of environmental justice



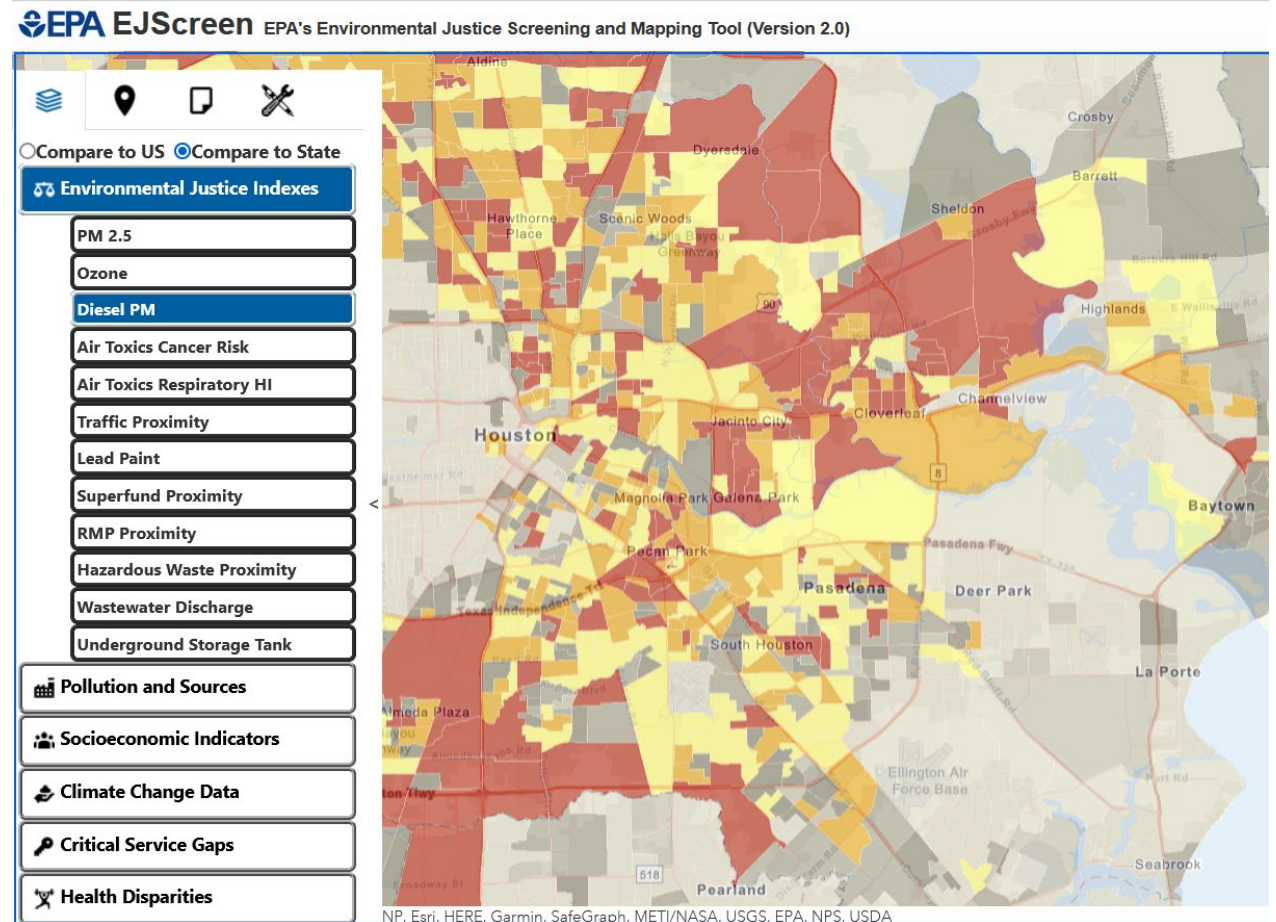
Primary EJScreen Datasets

- **EJ Indexes (12)**
- **Supplemental Indexes (12)**
- **Environmental (12 indicators)**
- **Socioeconomic (7 indicators)**
- **Health (3 indicators)**
- **Climate (6 indicators)**
- **Critical Service Gaps (3 indicators)**



EJScreen Key Features

- Annually updated environmental data
- Annually updated demographics – from most recent U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey (ACS)
- Highest resolution data available
- Ability to download data
- Accessibility / ease of use



New EJSCREEN 2.1 Features

Released 10/11/22



New Territory Data



Supplemental Indexes



Revised Calculations



Threshold Maps



Updated Demographic and Environmental Data



UNITS OF ANALYSIS



United States



State

primary governmental divisions of the United States.



County

Largest divisions within states.



Census Tract

Collection of Census block groups, mostly between 1,200 and 8,000 people.



Block Group

Collection of residential blocks, mostly, between 600 and 3,000 people.



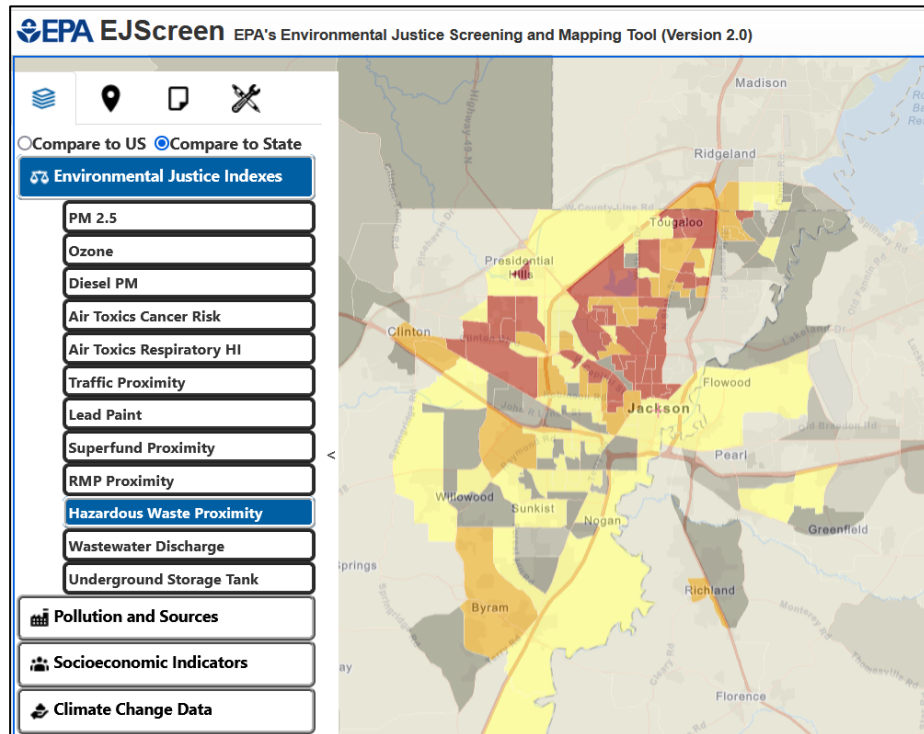
Block

Residential block, bounded on all sides by streets.



Viewing EJScreen Data

You can view the data within reports or on maps.



A map gives you one indicator at a time, for each of the block groups within a wider area (e.g. across several miles)

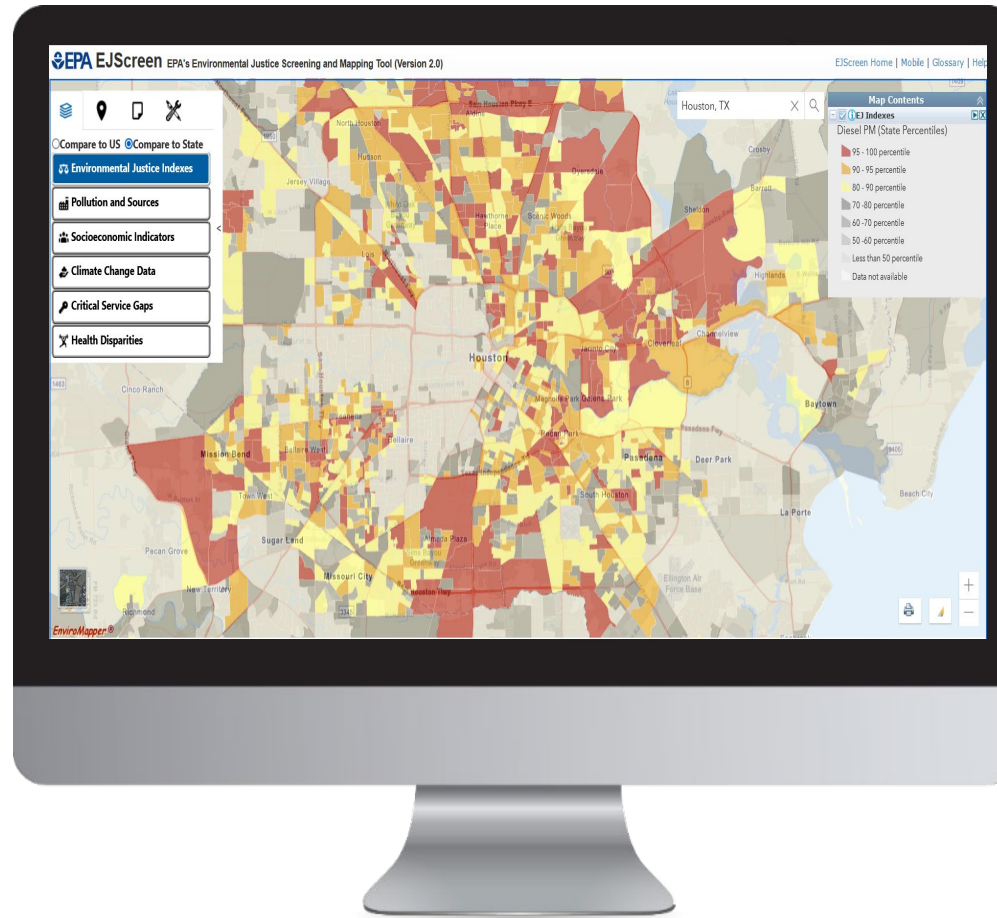
EJSCREEN Report
For 1 mile Ring Centered at 33.828864, -118.83191, CALIFORNIA, EPA Region 9
Approximate Population: 23624

Selected Variables	Raw Data	State Avg.	Note in State	EPA Region Avg.	Note in EPA Region	USA Avg.	Note in USA
Environmental Indicators							
Particulate Matter (PM 2.5 in $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	13.3	10.8	94	10.3	87	10.7	86
Ozone (ppb)	41.9	51.8	19	52.4	15	45.3	23
NATA Diesel PM ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) [*]	2.87	1.39	87	1.2	80-90th	0.824	90-95th
NATA Cancer Risk (lifetime risk per million) [*]	130	70	92	69	90-95th	49	95-100th
NATA Respiratory Hazard Index [*]	7.4	3.9	98	3.5	95-100th	2.3	95-100th
NATA Neurological Hazard Index [*]	0.18	0.072	98	0.068	95-100th	0.063	95-100th
Traffic Proximity and Volume (daily traffic count/distance to road)	810	210	91	190	92	110	98
Lead Paint Indicator (% pre-1980 housing)	0.57	0.3	78	0.28	82	0.3	79
MFL Proximity (mile count/mile distance)	0.086	0.13	61	0.11	66	0.099	71
SMP Proximity (facility count/mile distance)	1.1	0.46	90	0.41	91	0.31	94
TSDP Proximity (facility count/mile distance)	0.51	0.13	95	0.12	98	0.054	99
Water Discharger Proximity (facility count/mile distance)	0.33	0.18	88	0.19	87	0.25	81
Demographic Indicators							
Primary Demographic Index	47%	47%	50	40%	53	35%	71
Minority Population	71%	60%	58	57%	62	30%	80
Low Income Population	23%	35%	36	35%	36	34%	36
Linguistically Isolated Population	7%	11%	48	10%	53	5%	78
Population With Less Than High School Education	13%	20%	45	10%	48	15%	55
Population Under 5 years of age	5%	7%	33	7%	34	7%	36
Population over 64 years of age	16%	12%	77	12%	75	13%	69

* The National Scale Air Toxics Assessment (NATA) is EPA's ongoing, comprehensive evaluation of air toxics in the United States. EPA developed the NATA to prioritize air toxics, emission sources, and locations of interest for further study. It is important to remember that NATA provides broad estimates of health risks over geographic areas of the country, not definitive risks to specific individuals or locations. More information on the NATA analysis can be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/nata/natmain/index.html>

A standard report gives you all the indicators at once for a single specified location

LIVE DEMO



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- **Public Office Hours**
 - Feb. 15th at 12 p.m. E.T.



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