

Tutorial 4 - How to find data and information using the Community Building Toolkit

The Community Building Toolkit, is a tool that has been developed to encourage and support sustainable community development.

You will be able to find it on the top of the page, under Toolkits/Community building and on the right pane.



The framework

The tool was developed using the **Community Capitals Framework** developed by sociologists Cornelia and Jan Flora at Iowa State University. You can find details about it by clicking **Framework** in the left pane.

Community capitals are assets or resources that belong to the community, which are invested in order to create new resources and additional benefits.

GEOGRAPHIC PROFILES

Find data organized by geographic area. Get profiles by state, planning region, Native American reservation area, county, metropolitan and micropolitan areas, and cities with populations of at least 1,000 people. [View profiles >](#)

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Highlighting measures focusing on population, household, social, and economic characteristics for each of the 47 districts in North Dakota. [View profiles >](#)

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The toolkit aims to help identify forms of capital in the community, understand how capital is invested at the present time and measure progress, educate the community, and lead communities in the right direction, so they are better equipped to form plans of action and intervention to assure continued support of community capitals in the future.

Similar to the Geographic Profiles, this tool pulls data already existent on the website and reorganizes it under the seven capitals. The seven capitals will look like the Key measures found under Topics.

COMMUNITY BUILDING TOOLKIT

Explore the ND Compass Community Building Toolkit. It provides a framework and resources to improve your community development process.

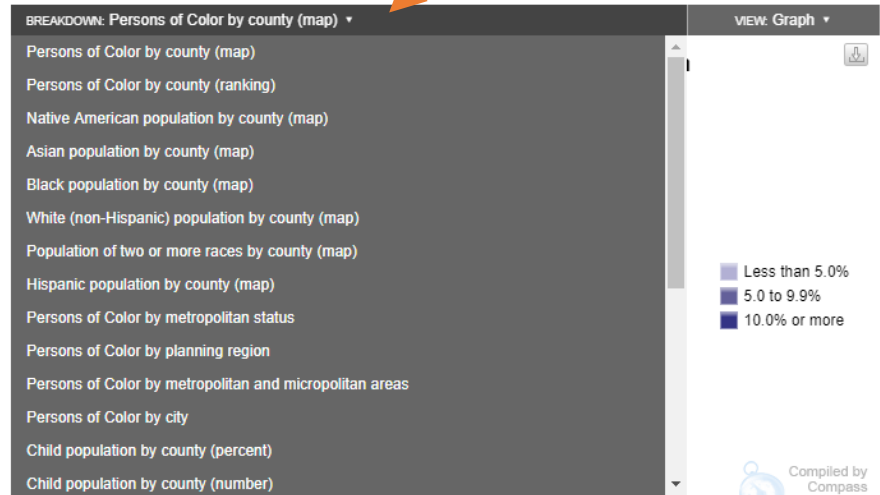
For example, under the **Cultural Capital** you'll find indicators that measure the racial distribution of population in North Dakota. Communities with greater diversity will benefit from recognizing and celebrating the traditions, values, heritage, arts, and social history of each cultural group.

Like when you search in Topics, you can see all the available graphs by bringing the cursor over the gray breakdown bar. If you hover over the **view** bar in the right, you can change the view to **Data and notes**, or download the data by choosing the **CSV file** option.



CULTURAL CAPITAL

In order to build successful communities, community leaders need to understand and appreciate diverse cultures, establish relationships, and build alliances among the various cultural groups. Understanding cultures will help us benefit from each cultural group's strengths and perspectives and overcome and prevent racial and ethnic divisions. Community cultural capital can be enhanced through community projects. Community festivals, heritage events, and preservation of community traditions are some examples. This section provides indicators that measure the racial distribution of population in North Dakota. Communities with greater diversity will benefit from recognizing and celebrating the traditions, values, heritage, arts, and social history of each cultural group.



Sources:
U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates.

The Community Building Toolkit also has available additional resources like those found under Topics: **More Measures, Ideas at Work, and Library**. While the data under the capitals are retrieved from the key measures existing on the website, the More Measures, Ideas at Work, and Library provide a great deal of new information that does not exist anywhere else on the website so make sure to check it out.