# Measuring Connectivity: A Critical Element of Sustainable Communities

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## **Measuring Sustainable Community Principles**





## **Sustainable Communities Data Resources**











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## Performance Measures/Data

## Smart Location Database

This is a consistent nationwide GIS data resource for measuring location efficiency. It includes over 90 variables characterizing the built environment, transit service, destination accessibility, employment, and demographics at the census block group scale. Users can download data for their selected region, view data online in an interactive map, or access the data through a variety of web services.

## Sustainable Communities Census Hot Report

This database gives community leaders and residents a quick and easy way to determine how well a community is performing on a variety of sustainability indicators. The HotReport includes indicators for Transportation, Housing, Economic development, Income and Equity using data from the US Census Bureau. You can select your community and view charts, tables, and maps showing performance trends over time. You can also select other communities that you consider as "peer" or comparison communities.

## Guide to Sustainable Transportation Performance Measures

This guidebook, the outgrowth of a Smart Growth Implementation Assistance project assisting the California Department of Transportation, describes opportunities for transportation agencies to incorporate environmental, economic, and social sustainability into decision-making through the use of performance measures.

## Bureau of Transportation Statistics Livability Program

The Livability Program page lists numerous data sources to help policy makers and transportation planners assess and evaluate transportation's role in creating livable communities.

## Community Planning and Development Performance Measurement

HUD publishes collected data on the outcomes of activities funded by its Formula Grant Assistance programs.

## Smart Mobility 2010: A Call to Action for the New Decade (PDF 132p 15.44MB)

The Smart Mobility Framework emphasizes measures to improve travel choices, build healthy, livable communities, increase reliable travel times for people and freight, and safety for all users. It was developed in California with support from EPA and DOT.

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## Sustainable Community Indicator Catalog





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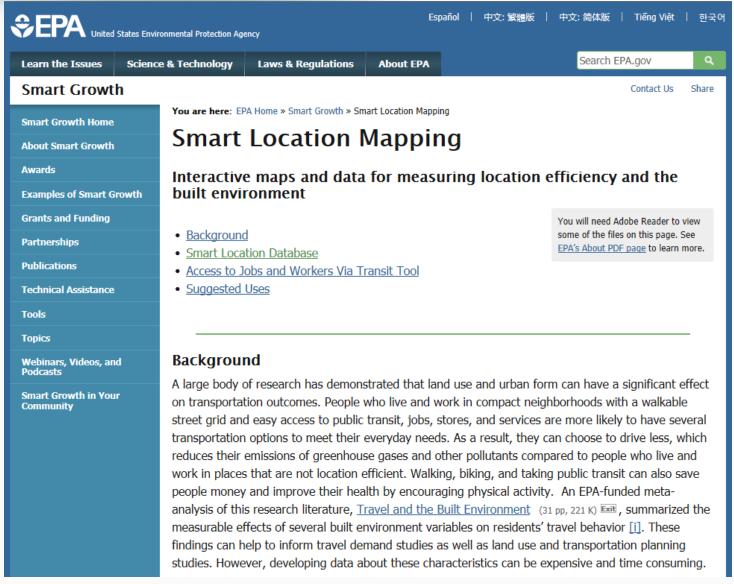


Indicator Name	Indicator Topic	Issue of Concern	Level of Urbanization	Geographic Scale
Intersection Density	Land Use, Transportation	Access and equity, Community and Sense of Place, Environmental quality, Public health	Rural, Suburban, Urban	Neighborhood/Corridor, Project
Access to transit: Percentage of jobs within walking distance of transit service	Land Use, Transportation	Access and equity, Affordability, Economic competitiveness, Environmental quality	Rural, Suburban, Urban	County, Municipality, Region
City Fleet; Gas Mileage	Transportation	Economic competitiveness, Environmental quality	Rural, Suburban, Urban	County, Municipality, Region
Walkability	Land Use, Transportation	Access and equity, Community and Sense of Place, Environmental quality, Public health	Rural, Suburban, Urban	County, Municipality, Neighborhood/Corridor
Fuel Consumption/Purchase	Transportation	Economic competitiveness, Environmental quality	Rural, Suburban, Urban	County, Municipality, Region
Access to Safe Parks & Recreation Areas: Percent of Residents within Walking	Housing, Land Use, Transportation	Access and equity, Community and Sense of Place, Public health	Suburban, Urban	County, Municipality, Neighborhood/Corridor, Project, Region

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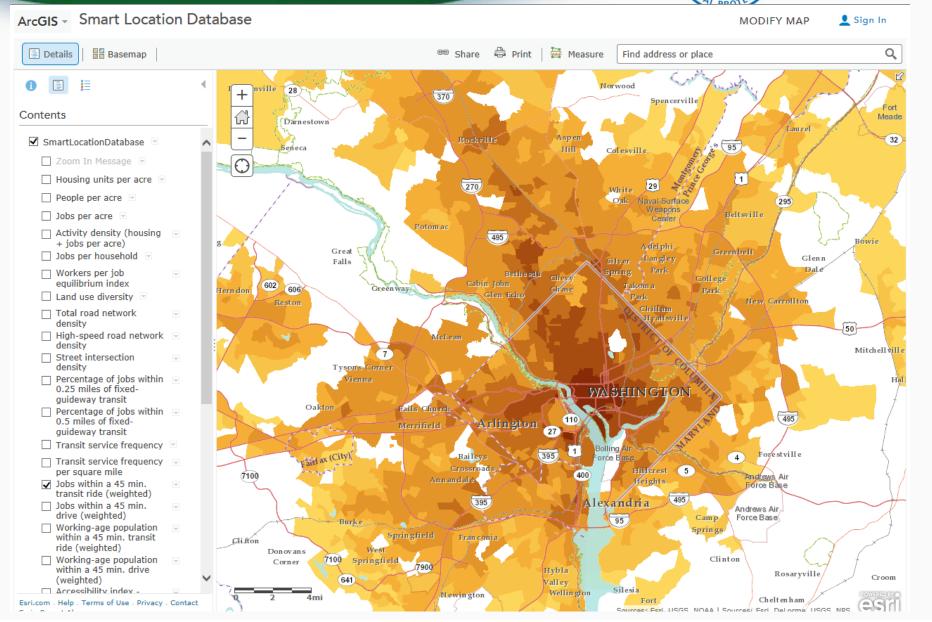
## Evaluating Connectivity: Location, Location





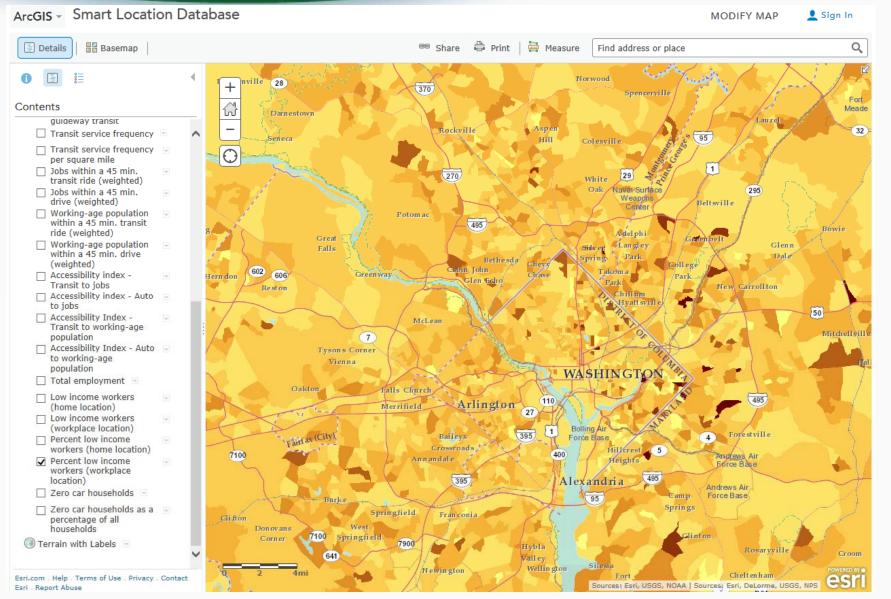
## Smart Location Database: Interactive Map Browser





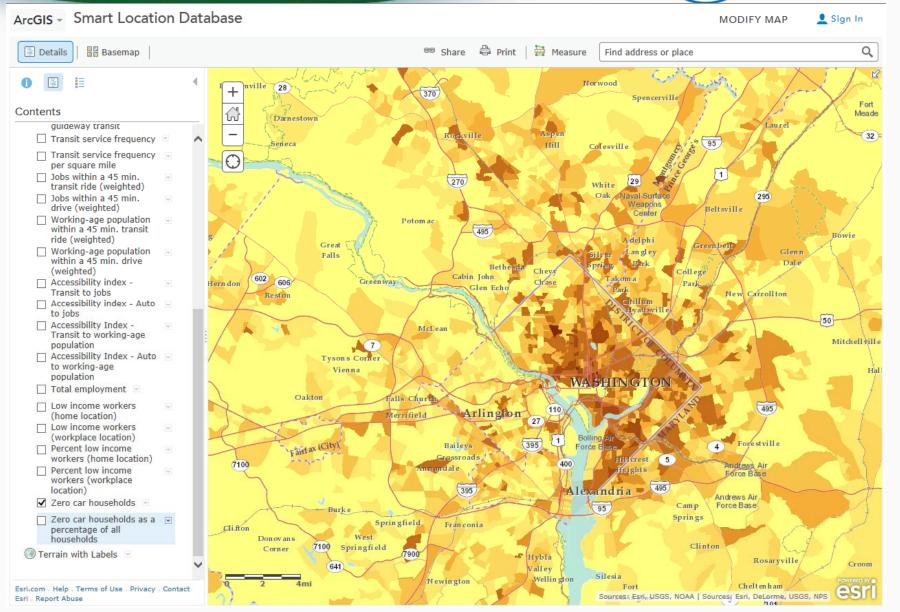
## Concentration of Lower Wage Jobs





## Concentration of Zero Car Households



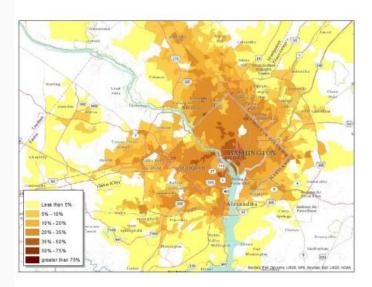


## Access to Jobs and Workers by Transit Tool



## Access to Jobs and Workers Via Transit Tool

Access to Jobs and Workers Via Transit is a free geospatial data resource and web mapping tool for comparing the accessibility of neighborhoods via public transit service. Indicators summarize accessibility to job as well as accessibility by workers, households and population. Coverage is limited to metropolitan regions served by transit agencies that share their service data in a standard format called GTFS Ext. The Access to Jobs and Workers Via Transit — Technical Documentation and User Guide includes a full list of those areas. Figure 2 shows one indicator from this dataset mapped for the Washington DC metropolitan region.



## Access the Data

Interactive map viewer Exit

<u>Download data for your</u> <u>community</u>

Download data for all areas with coverage:

- Shapefile (ZIP) (253 MB)
- Dbf (ZIP) (8 MB)
- Esri Geodatabase (ZIP)
   (120 MB)

Metadata

Web services

Figure 2: Percentage of all Jobs in the Metropolitan, D.C., Region That are Accessible by Transit

Employment data source: Census LEHD (2010); Transit service data sources: Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, DC Circulator, Maryland Transit Administration, Montgomery County RideOn, Central Maryland Regional Transit, Arlington Transit, Fairfax Connector, University of Maryland (2012)

## Smart Location Database: "Clip and Ship" Feature

