

## Useful Public Datasets for Family & Consumer Sciences (FCS) Extension Professionals

### **Health, Nutrition, and Wellness**

1. *CDC PLACES Project*
  - Local-level estimates of chronic disease, physical activity, obesity, and more
    - [www.cdc.gov/places/](http://www.cdc.gov/places/)
2. *Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS CDC)*
  - State-level data on health behaviors: diet, exercise, smoking, preventive care
    - [www.cdc.gov/brfss/](http://www.cdc.gov/brfss/)
3. *County Health Rankings & Roadmaps*
  - County-level health, social, and economic indicators affecting families
    - [www.countyhealthrankings.org/](http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/)
4. *USDA Food Environment Atlas*
  - Data on food access, local food stores, and diet-related health outcomes
    - [www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/food-environment-atlas/](http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/food-environment-atlas/)
5. *USDA SNAP-Ed Evaluation Framework & Data Tools*
  - Useful for nutrition education programs and outcome tracking
    - [snapedtoolkit.org/](http://snapedtoolkit.org/)

### **Financial Wellness & Economic Stability**

6. *Consumer Expenditure Survey (Bureau of Labor Statistics)*
  - National data on how people spend money, useful for budgeting education
    - [www.bls.gov/cex/](http://www.bls.gov/cex/)
7. *U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey (ACS)*
  - Local data on income, employment, housing costs, family structure
    - [data.census.gov/](http://data.census.gov/)
8. *ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed United Way)*
  - County-level estimates of households struggling financially but above the poverty line
    - [www.unitedforalice.org/](http://www.unitedforalice.org/)

## **Family Well-being & Education**

### *9. Kids Count Data Center (Annie E. Casey Foundation)*

- Tracks child and family well-being indicators like childcare, teen birth rates, family income
  - [datacenter.kidscount.org/](http://datacenter.kidscount.org/)

### *10. National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)*

- Data on school enrollment, adult education, literacy, early childhood programs
  - [nces.ed.gov/](http://nces.ed.gov/)

### *11. Child Care and Early Education Research Connections*

- Research and data on early childhood and family support programs
  - [www.researchconnections.org/](http://www.researchconnections.org/)

## **Housing, Home Life & Community Context**

### *12. HUD Picture of Subsidized Households*

- Information on low-income housing and demographics of residents
  - [www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/picture/yearlydata.html](http://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/picture/yearlydata.html)

### *13. CDC Social Vulnerability Index (SVI)*

- Identifies communities that may need more support based on housing, income, education
  - [www.atsdr.cdc.gov/placeandhealth/svi/](http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/placeandhealth/svi/)

### *14. Opportunity Atlas*

- Tracks economic mobility by neighborhood and how early life conditions shape outcomes
  - [opportunityatlas.org/](http://opportunityatlas.org/)

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