

Homeless-Related Data Resources on the World Wide Web

The websites listed below were recommended (by the indicated persons) as reliable data resources that are updated regularly. Please notify Otis Thornton (otis.thornton@fortworthgov.org) if you discover any problems with the existing citations or if you wish to recommend additional citations.

Category	Description	Comments	URL
Economy	ACCRA Cost of Living Index	Relative costs of housing, transportation, food, etc., across cities. (<i>Gwen Shapard</i>)	http://www.coli.org/
Economy	Bureau of Economic Analysis	Various US economic data (GDP by state, personal income). (<i>Gwen Shapard</i>)	http://www.bea.gov/
Economy	Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis: Consumer Price Index (CPI)	CPI and inflation through 2007. (<i>Gwen Shapard</i>)	http://woodrow.mpls.frb.fed.us/research/data/us/calc/
Economy	County Business Patterns	The series is useful for studying the economic activity of small areas; analyzing economic changes over time; and as a benchmark for statistical series, surveys, and databases between economic censuses. (<i>Gwen Shapard</i>)	http://www.census.gov/epcd/cbp/view/cbpview.html
Economy	EconData.Net	Links to socioeconomic data sources, arranged by subject and provider. (<i>Gwen Shapard</i>)	http://www.econdata.net/
Economy	Economic Census	The 2002 Economic Census covers nearly all of the US economy in its basic collection of establishment statistics. There also are several related programs, including statistics on minority- and women-owned businesses. Censuses of agriculture and governments are conducted at the same time. Updated every 5 years. Reports by state. (<i>Gwen Shapard</i>)	http://www.census.gov/econ/census02/
Economy	Economic Indicators	State-level data on employment, consumer demand, energy, gross state product, and income. Most variables are updated monthly. (<i>Gwen Shapard</i>)	http://www.window.state.tx.us/ecodata/ecoind/ecoind.html
Economy	Economic Research Service	From U.S. Department of Agriculture. Farm data from 2002, other data through 2005. (<i>Gwen Shapard</i>)	http://www.ers.usda.gov/
Economy	Economics and Statistics Administration	Various statistics, including home sales, GDP, construction, corporate profits. National level, updated monthly. (<i>Gwen Shapard</i>)	http://www.economicindicators.gov/

Economy	Bureau of Labor Statistics: Texas Economy at a Glance	Employment types by MSA (DFW). Updated monthly. <i>(Gwen Shapard)</i>	http://www.bls.gov/ro6/ro6_tx.htm#TX_MSA
Economy	Federal Business, Trade, and Economic Data	From US Department of Commerce. Links to various economic data sources. Many sources require a subscription. <i>(Gwen Shapard)</i>	http://www.stat-usa.gov/
Economy	Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas	More local economic data than you have ever wanted to know about. Site even includes PowerPoint presentation on local economic issues. Has lots of data sets including economic outlook, housing, employment, etc. <i>(Tony Guinn)</i>	http://dallasfed.org/index.cfm
Economy	Local Sales Tax Rate	Search for a local area's sales tax rate. <i>(Gwen Shapard)</i>	http://ecpa.cpa.state.tx.us/taxrates/RateCalc.jsp
Economy	Overview of the Texas Economy	Business and industry data center. Compilation of business and population data from various sources. <i>(Gwen Shapard)</i>	http://www.bidc.state.tx.us/overview/2-2te.htm
Economy	Poverty Guidelines	The poverty thresholds/poverty line is updated annually. Through 2007. <i>(Gwen Shapard)</i>	http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/index.shtml#latest
Economy	Survey of Current Business	Bureau of Economic Analysis reports on national business trends and personal and per-capita income (MSA level, 2005). <i>(Gwen Shapard)</i>	http://www.bea.gov/scb/index.htm
Education	National Center for Education Statistics	Various school-related data. <i>(Gwen Shapard)</i>	http://nces.ed.gov/
Education	School District Demographics	National Center for Education Statistics. Census data compiled on a school-district level. More detailed demographics than the TEA. <i>(Gwen Shapard)</i>	http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/sdds/index.asp
Education	School District Profiles	Snapshots of data for Texas and for districts. Summary of property wealth, district size, tax rate. <i>(Gwen Shapard)</i>	http://www.tea.state.tx.us/perfreport/snapshot/
Education	Texas Comptroller's School District Watch List	Quick links to basic data compiled by the TEA on each school district. Lists each district's current accreditation rating. <i>(Gwen Shapard)</i>	http://www3.cpa.state.tx.us/districts.nsf
Education	Texas Education Agency	Academic Excellence Indicator System reports updated annually. AEIS reports feature test scores, graduation rates, and other academic data, as well as racial, language, and economic data on students. Searchable at state, region, district, and school level. Enrollment reports updated annually. One of my top-three sites. <i>(Gwen Shapard)</i>	http://www.tea.state.tx.us/data.html

Housing	American Housing Survey	Year of update depends on the geographic area (Fort Worth-Arlington MSA is 2002). Detailed housing characteristics, such as value, year built, and repairs needed. (<i>Gwen Shapard</i>)	http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/housing/ahs/ahs.html
Housing	Comprehensive Market Analysis Reports	HUD analyses taking into consideration changes in the economic, demographic, and housing inventory characteristics of a specific housing market area during three periods: from 1990 to 2000, from 2000 to the as-of date of the analysis, and from the as-of date to a forecast date. The reports present counts and estimates of employment, population, households, and housing inventory. (<i>Gwen Shapard</i>)	http://www.huduser.org/publications/econdev/mkt_analysis.html
Housing	Corporation for Supportive Housing	User friendly, well organized, rich array of information, including good selection of on-line publications. Mostly policy and supportive housing focused, but other useful information as well. (<i>Tony Guinn</i>)	http://csh.org/
Housing	Homes and Communities	From U.S. HUD. Easy-to-use site that is rich with information, including some local data. A “must visit” site for any homeless/housing question. (<i>Tony Guinn</i>).	http://www.hud.gov/
Housing	Housing Affordability Data System	Categorizes housing units by affordability and households by income, with respect to the Adjusted Median Income, Fair Market Rent (FMR), and poverty income. (<i>Cindy Crain</i>)	http://www.huduser.org/datasets/hads/hads.html
Housing	Knowledge Plex®	By the Fannie Mae Foundation. An extremely comprehensive site (portal really) focused on affordable housing and community development information. Extensive access to relevant publications and links to related sites; a “must use”. (<i>Tony Guinn</i>)	http://www.knowledgeplex.org/
Housing	Mortgage Bankers Association	Provides commentary on mortgage finance and economic climate. Monthly economic forecasts list national-level variables such as GDP, consumer prices and unemployment. Also data on mortgage interest rates and outstanding loans. (<i>Cindy Crain</i>)	http://www.mortgagebankers.org/ResearchandForecasts
Housing	National Alliance to End Homelessness	Good site specific to homeless issues. Rich array of information, and well organized. (<i>Tony Guinn</i>)	http://naeh.org/
Housing	National Center for Real Estate Research	From the National Association of Realtors. Research reports on housing opportunity and state and local policy, as well as statistics such as housing affordability index and metropolitan area prices. (<i>Cindy Crain</i>)	http://www.realtor.org/ncrer.nsf/pages/ncrerhome
Housing	National Association of Realtors	Links to real estate research sources and to the National Center for Real Estate Research. Quick reference to housing indicators such as home sales and prices. (<i>Cindy Crain</i>)	http://www.realtor.org/research/index.html
Housing	Texas Home Sales	Texas residential MLS activity (number of homes sold). Updated frequently. (<i>Gwen Shapard</i>)	http://recenter.tamu.edu/Data/hs/trends1.html

Housing	Research Institute for Housing America	The Research Institute for Housing America of the Mortgage Bankers Association is a 501(c)(3) trust fund. Its chief purpose is to encourage and aid - through grants and sponsored research to distinguished scholars, educational institutions, research facilities, and government organizations - the pursuit of knowledge of mortgage markets and real estate finance. <i>(Cindy Crain)</i>	http://www.housingamerica.org/
Housing	Residential Building Permit Activity	Number and value of building permits per year. Updated monthly. <i>(Gwen Shapard)</i>	http://recenter.tamu.edu/Data/bpm/
Housing	Texas A&M Real Estate Center	Housing values and actual sales prices (instead of just listing prices). Number of home sales, housing affordability, and rural land values. <i>(Gwen Shapard)</i>	http://recenter.tamu.edu/
Housing	Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs	Resources and publications on housing programs administered by the state. <i>(Cindy Crain)</i>	http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/pubs.htm
Housing	Texas Housing Affordability Index	Looks at interest rates and how much income it takes to buy a median-priced home. <i>(Gwen Shapard)</i>	http://recenter.tamu.edu/Data/dataaffd.html
Housing	Texas Real Estate Market Reports	General data on markets (Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington is one market). Population, education, employment, etc. <i>(Gwen Shapard)</i>	http://recenter.tamu.edu/mreports/
Housing	Texas Residential MLS Housing Activity	Home sales, listings, and price activity for over 40 Texas metropolitan MLS (Multiple Listing Service) areas. <i>(Gwen Shapard)</i>	http://recenter.tamu.edu/Data/datahs.html
Labor	Bureau of Labor Statistics	Statistics on employment and unemployment; projections of the labor force and employment by industry and occupation; consumer expenditures; prices and inflation at various levels of the economy; wages and employee benefits; collective bargaining; productivity and technological changes in US industries; occurrence of work-related injuries and illnesses in private industry; work-related fatal injuries in private and public-sector establishments, including the self-employed. <i>(Gwen Shapard)</i>	http://www.bls.gov/
Labor	Current Population Survey	The primary source of information on the labor force characteristics of the U.S. population. <i>(Gwen Shapard)</i>	http://www.census.gov/cps/

Labor	Household Employment/ Unemployment	Unemployment rate from 1990 to present, organized by county. Also, percent of change each year. (<i>Gwen Shapard</i>)	http://recenter.tamu.edu/Data/dataemp.html
Labor	Labor Market and Career Information	From Texas Workforce Commission. Provides statistics and analyses on the dynamics of the Texas labor market. (<i>Cindy Crain; also, Gwen Shapard</i>)	http://www.tracer2.com/
Labor	Median Income Charts	From US HUD. Tarrant County area median income, including Fort Worth and Arlington. (<i>Otis Thornton</i>)	http://www.huduser.org/Data/sets/IL/IL06/tx_fy2006.pdf
Labor	Paycheck to Paycheck	An interactive web site that provides access to information on wages/salaries and median home prices and fair market rent. (<i>Diane Loeffler</i>)	http://www.nhc.org/chp/p2p/
Labor	Wages by Area and Occupation	From the Bureau of Labor Statistics. For Metro area of Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington area. Average pay for various types of occupations. (<i>Gwen Shapard</i>)	http://stats.bls.gov/bls/blswage.htm
Misc.	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance	Interesting data set from Center for Disease Control. This site has much relevance to homeless issues because of the public health issues of the homeless population. The CDC site is huge and has many "sub-sites". Everything you ever wanted to know, but can be difficult to use. (<i>Tony Guinn</i>)	http://www.cdc.gov/brfss/
Misc.	Bureau of Justice Statistics	From US DOJ. Extremely friendly site with just about every kind of data related to criminal justice you could want. (<i>Tony Guinn</i>)	http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/welcome.htm
Misc.	Bureau of Transportation Statistics	Information on the nation's transportation systems; including inter-modal transportation. (<i>Gwen Shapard</i>)	http://www.bts.gov/
Misc.	City of Fort Worth Comprehensive Plan	Summary of the City's recommended policies and strategies, programs, and projects that will enable the City to achieve its mission of focusing on the future, working together to build strong neighborhoods, developing a sound economy, and providing a safe community. Refer (especially) to the Housing and Human Services chapters. (<i>Ernest Johnson</i>)	http://www.fortworthgov.org/planning/info/default.aspx?id=17306
Misc.	Demographics/ Socioeconomic Data	Population, economic, poverty, and health insurance statistics. Some are HHSC's data and some are links to outside sources, such as the Census. Frequency of update varies. (<i>Gwen Shapard</i>)	http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/research/dssi.htm
Misc.	Energy Information Administration	Energy consumption and use statistics. (<i>Gwen Shapard</i>)	http://www.eia.doe.gov/
Misc.	Funding Information Center	Information related to grant opportunities. Must be a member to search the directory. (<i>Don Shisler</i>)	http://www.fic-ftw.org/

Misc.	National Center for Health Statistics	Vital statistics (births/deaths), as well as topical reports. Date of latest data varies by subject. <i>(Gwen Shapard)</i>	http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/Default.htm
Misc.	NCTCOG Development Monitoring Report	Maps of various types of development as indicated by color-coded dots. Applies to major developments over 100,000 square feet or over 100 employees. <i>(Gwen Shapard)</i>	http://www.nctcog.org/ris/demographics/devmon/searchcity.asp
Misc.	North Central Texas Council of Governments	Various data from 16-county region that includes Tarrant. <i>(Steve Braun)</i>	http://dfwinfo.com
Misc.	Offender Profile Data – Probation	Very difficult to find site that gives data on persons on probation. Reports are “canned”, but very useful and specific to a local area. <i>(Tony Guinn)</i>	http://www.cjadtaip.tdcj.state.tx.us/OffenderProfile/OffenderProfileInstructions.htm
Misc.	State of the Cities Data System	Provides data for individual metropolitan areas, central Cities, and suburbs. Population, unemployment, crime, building permits, business patterns. <i>(Cindy Crain)</i>	http://socds.huduser.org/
Misc.	Statistical Abstract of the United States	Census data for the U.S., organized by topic for easy access. <i>(Gwen Shapard)</i> .	http://www.census.gov/prod/www/statistical-abstract.html
Misc.	Statistical Resources on the Web	Links to statistics on several topics, arranged alphabetically. Includes a topic on homelessness. <i>(Gwen Shapard)</i>	http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/stats.html
Misc.	Statistics from Federal Agencies	Links to a number of federal agencies, including Census, CDC, and HUD. <i>(Gwen Shapard)</i>	http://www.fedstats.gov/
Misc.	Tarrant County ACCESS	HMIS data for Tarrant County. <i>(Steve Braun)</i>	http://www.tcaccess.org
Misc.	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	Local homeless surveys. <i>(Steve Braun)</i>	http://www.tchcoalition.org/
Misc.	Texas Comptroller’s Compendium of Socioeconomic data	The data can be downloaded for state, counties, and cities; data varies depending on the geography. These tables feature economic data, such as sales tax collection and oil and gas production. <i>(Gwen Shapard)</i>	http://www.window.state.tx.us/ecodata/compendium/

Misc.	Texas State Data Center	Useful for historical census data, so a good source if you are looking for, say, African-American population in 1960. <i>(Gwen Shapard)</i>	http://txsdc.utsa.edu/
Misc.	Texas State Health Services	Relevant data for Texas and local areas. Somewhat limited data sets, but very good "County Fact Sheets," including some socioeconomic indicators. <i>(Tony Guinn)</i>	http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/datareports.shtm
Population	American Community Survey	Annual survey taken since 2000. Updated every summer. <i>(Gwen Shapard)</i>	http://www.census.gov/acs/www/
Population	American Fact Finder	Data from US Census Bureau about the decennial censuses (1990 and 2000). This site can get difficult to use if you "drill down" into the data, but the reports are easy and contain most of the typical information you would want to know about an area. <i>(Tony Guinn; also, Gwen Shapard)</i>	http://factfinder.census.gov/home/saff/main.html?_lang=en
Population	DataPlace	Best and easiest site to use that I have found so far. It is a service of Fannie Mae. Basically takes Census data and puts a very friendly user interface on it. The site has some expanded data sets not found in census data as well. One can get local data presented in variety of ways, including data maps. Some detailed data map information for the local area is only available for the 2000 census. <i>(Tony Guinn; also, Cindy Crain)</i>	http://www.dataplace.org/
Population	North Central Texas Council of Governments	Annual city and county population estimates for the 16-county NCTCOG region. Updated in March. The interactive query also features number of households, housing units, jobs, and major employers for the area. COG's 2040 population forecast is due out in 2008. One of my top-three sites. <i>(Gwen Shapard)</i>	http://www.nctcog.org/ris/demographics/population.asp
Population	Population and Household Data	Population data compiled from the Census. <i>(Gwen Shapard)</i>	http://recenter.tamu.edu/Data/datapop.html
Population	State and County Quick Facts	Brief overview of population, race, housing, and business indicators at state and county level. Less detailed than American Fact Finder. <i>(Gwen Shapard)</i>	http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/index.html
Population	US Census Bureau	Census Bureau home page. Summary file 1 features population, race, and ethnicity; Summary file 3 features social and economic data (income, educational attainment, etc). One of my top-three sites. <i>(Gwen Shapard)</i>	http://www.census.gov/