

The Furman Center Data Search Tool

The Data Search Tool is a new online application that provides direct access to New York City data collected by the Furman Center. Visitors to the site can select from a range of variables to create customized maps, downloadable tables, and track trends over time.

The Data Search Tool offers a broad array of community indicators, including data on demographics, neighborhood conditions, transportation, housing stock, and other aspects of the local real estate market. Users are also able to overlay never-before available data on privately-owned, publicly-subsidized affordable housing projects collected through the Furman Center's Subsidized Housing Information Project (SHIP).

The Data Search Tool is accessible on the Furman Center's website at <http://furmancenter.org/data/search/>. The Furman Center also provides an online guide with Tutorials, Frequently Asked Questions, and Acronyms and Definitions to help users navigate the database.

What is the Subsidized Housing Information Project?

The Subsidized Housing Information Project (SHIP) is a critical resource from the Furman Center and its Institute for Affordable Housing Policy. It brings together multiple data sources to provide financial and physical information on nearly 235,000 units of privately-owned, subsidized affordable properties in New York City developed with financing and insurance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), HUD project-based rental assistance, New York City or State Mitchell-Lama financing, or the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit. Users can create maps or tables, or view property profiles detailing 40 property-level variables. The SHIP database can be used to track at-risk subsidized housing units and identify new opportunities for preserving affordability. *The State of New York City's Subsidized Housing* report was released in September 2011.

The Subsidized Housing Information Project relies on data and cooperation from the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD), the New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR), the New York City Housing Development Corporation (HDC), and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

What is the Neighborhood Information section of the Data Search Tool?

The Furman Center collects and analyzes key statistics about New York City, its boroughs and community districts to produce the annual *State of New York City's Housing and Neighborhoods*. Since 2004, the Furman Center has provided that data free to the public through the NYC Housing and Neighborhood Information System (NYCHANIS) online. With the new Data Search Tool, the Furman Center has improved our offerings with a streamlined user interface, additional variables, and upgraded mapping tools.

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