



RESOURCES

As a follow up to the publication of IRRPP's *State of Racial Justice in Chicago* report, we are compiling a list of our report partners and resources for educators, researchers, students and other community members. These are partners and resources that we consulted with directly in our research on the report or that we turn to in our work. This list is not exhaustive by any means.

This is a working document that we will be adding to and changing. If you would like to share your ideas for resources, please email us at irrpp@uic.edu.

REPORT PARTNERS

These organizations were central to the completion of the State of Racial Justice in Chicago Report and we greatly value their collaboration, expertise, and support.

- **Arab American Action Network**

The Arab American Action Network (AAAN) strives to strengthen the Arab community in the Chicago area by building its capacity to be an active agent for positive social change. As a grassroots nonprofit, our strategies include community organizing, advocacy, education, providing social services, leadership development, cultural outreach and forging productive relationships with other communities.

<http://www.aaan.org/>

- **Asian Americans Advancing Justice**

Advancing Justice–Chicago was established in 1992 by a group of visionary Chicago community activists, academicians, and business leaders in response to the growing need to build a pan-Asian policy agenda among Chicago's diverse Asian American communities. Advancing Justice-Chicago projects a united voice on the most pressing issues of concern to Asian Americans in metropolitan Chicago. Its staff and board work closely with a broad network of established community leaders and emerging activists who have bridged ethnic and cultural differences to find solutions to shared concerns.

<http://www.advancingjustice-chicago.org/>

- **Chicago Community Trust**

The Chicago Community Trust is a community foundation dedicated to improving our region through strategic grant making, civic engagement and inspiring philanthropy. The CCT is here to serve the nonprofit organizations, the generous donors and the thoughtful residents who strive to make a difference, helping their bold vision create lasting community change. The CCT works with a number of partnerships and initiatives to accomplish this work.

<http://cct.org/>

- **Chicago Urban League**

The Chicago Urban League works for economic, educational and social progress for African Americans and promotes strong, sustainable communities through advocacy, collaboration and innovation. The Chicago

Urban League believes that a strong African American community makes a stronger Chicago. For nearly a century, the Urban League—through unique community, corporate and civic relationships,—has helped people find jobs, affordable housing, educational opportunities, and grow businesses. We are passionate advocates for educational equality, economic development and social justice.

<https://www.thechicagourbanleague.org/>

- **Great Cities Institute**

The Great Cities Institute at UIC formulates solutions to tackle the multi-dimensional challenges of the changing socio-political economy of cities and their metropolitan regions. GCI's Mission is to link its academic resources with a range of partners to address urban issues by providing research, policy analysis and program development. Tied to the University of Illinois at Chicago Great Cities Commitment, GCI seeks to improve quality of life in Chicago, its metropolitan region and cities throughout the world.

<https://greatcities.uic.edu/>

- **Health and Medicine Policy Research Group**

The Health and Medicine Policy Research Group promotes social justice and challenges inequities in health and health care. They are an independent policy center that conducts research, educates and collaborates with other groups to advocate policies and impact health systems to improve the health status of all people.

<http://www.hmprg.org/>

- **Institute of Government and Public Affairs**

The Institute of Government and Public Affairs improves public policy discussion through non-partisan, evidence-based research and public engagement in Illinois. IGPA believes that ideas and evidence should be the bedrock of democracy. They mobilize public policy scholars to generate evidence-based, nonpartisan analysis and information essential to a thoughtful and effective policy discussion in Illinois and beyond.

<https://igpa.uillinois.edu/>

- **Institute for Policy and Civic Engagement**

The Institute for Policy and Civic Engagement at UIC focuses on transforming democracy by creating a more fully engaged citizenry with more effective leaders. As a catalyst for learning and action, the Institute creates opportunities for scholars, concerned citizens, students, and government officials to actively participate in social discourse, research, and educational programs on policy issues and social trends.

<https://ipce.uic.edu/>

- **Nathalie P. Voorhees Center for Neighborhood and Community Improvement**

The Voorhees Center at UIC engages residents, leaders, and policymakers seeking effective strategies for advancing community livability and vitality. Since its founding in 1978, the center has worked collaboratively with a diverse set of partners to provide technical assistance, conduct research, and generate new knowledge in comprehensive community development and neighborhood quality-of-life issues. Their work is grounded in the idea that all individuals have a right to such amenities as quality housing, education, jobs, transportation and safety to lead decent and productive lives.

<https://www.voorheescenter.com/>

- **Social Justice Initiative**

The Social Justice Initiative seeks to build upon and foreground a critically important part of UIC's mission as a public research university in a diverse global city. Our work is focused on promoting a greater good, serving the under-served, and improving lives through scholarship, teaching and community engagement.

<https://sjj.uic.edu/>

ORGANIZATIONS

These are organizations that do social justice work in the following areas. This is not an exhaustive list and we welcome your suggestions for additions.

Research & Policy Institutes:

- **Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture at the University of Chicago**

The Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture was established pursue new types of research devoted to the study of race and ethnicity, an approach that seeks to expand the study of race beyond the black/white paradigm while exploring social and identity cleavages within racialized communities. Scholars affiliated with the Center have also endeavored to make race and ethnicity central topics of intellectual investigation at the University of Chicago by fostering interdisciplinary research, teaching, and public debate.

<http://csrpc.uchicago.edu/>

- **Chicago Justice Project**

The Chicago Justice Project (CJP) is an independent, non-profit research organization that strives to access and analyze data from criminal justice agencies to promote evidence based reforms that will better serve the justice needs of local communities.

<https://chicagojustice.org>

- **Heartland Alliance**

Heartland Alliance is a Chicago-based anti-poverty organization. It works in communities throughout the U.S. and abroad to serve those who are homeless, living in poverty, or seeking safety. Carrying out its vision, Heartland provides a comprehensive array of services in the areas of health, housing, jobs and justice – and leads state and national policy efforts, which target lasting change for individuals and society.

<https://www.heartlandalliance.org/>

- **Insight Center for Community Economic Development**

The Insight Center is a national research, consulting, and legal organization dedicated to building economic health in vulnerable communities. Its mission is to help people and communities become, and remain, economically secure through policy avenues that allow all people to enjoy the benefits of our economic system.

<https://insightccd.org/>

- **Institute for Housing Studies at DePaul University**

The Institute for Housing Studies (IHS) is a research center situated in the Real Estate Center at DePaul University. IHS's mission is to provide reliable, impartial, and timely data and research to inform housing policy decisions and discussions about the state of housing in the Chicago region and nationally. IHS's work in particular focuses on affordable housing issues and understanding the changing dynamics of neighborhood housing markets.

<https://www.housingstudies.org/>

- **Kinder Institute for Urban Research at Rice University**

The mission of the Kinder Institute is to: 1) advance understanding of the most important issues facing Houston and other leading urban centers through rigorous research, policy analysis, and public outreach and 2) collaborate with civic and political leaders to implement promising solutions to these critical urban issues.

<http://kinder.rice.edu/>

- **Latino Policy Forum**

The Latino Policy Forum strives to improve education outcomes, advocate for affordable housing, promote just immigration policies, and engage diverse sectors of the community. It does this by conducting analysis to inform, influence, and lead, all with an understanding that advancing Latinxs advances a shared future.

<http://www.latinopolicyforum.org/>

- **Mansfield Institute for Social Justice and Transformation at Roosevelt University**

The Mansfield Institute develops an integrated program of curriculum, research, and outreach focused on social justice issues through the development of socially conscious leaders. It creates and facilitates scholar activism among students, faculty, and members of the community, through a pedagogy of transformational learning, social justice programming, and action.

<https://www.roosevelt.edu/centers/misjt>

- **Metropolitan Planning Council**

Since 1934, the Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC) has been dedicated to shaping a more equitable, sustainable and prosperous greater Chicago region. As an independent, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, MPC serves communities and residents by developing, promoting and implementing solutions for sound regional growth.

<https://www.metroplanning.org>

- **New America**

New America is a think tank and civic enterprise committed to renewing American politics, prosperity, and purpose in the Digital Age. It attempts to bridge the gap between technology and policy, and curate broad public conversation. Structurally, it combines as a policy research institute, technology laboratory, public forum, media platform, and a venture capital fund for ideas.

<https://www.newamerica.org>

- **Prosperity Now (formerly the Corporation for Enterprise Development)**

Prosperity Now is an organization that believes everyone deserves a chance to prosper. Since 1979, it has helped make it possible for millions of people, especially people of color and those of limited incomes, to achieve financial security, stability, and, ultimately, prosperity. It offers a unique combination of scalable practical solutions, in-depth research and proven policy solutions, all aimed at building wealth for those who need it most.

<https://prosperitynow.org/>

- **Roosevelt Institute**

Inspired by the legacy of Franklin and Eleanor, the Roosevelt Institute reimagines America as it should be: a place where hard work is rewarded, everyone participates, and everyone enjoys a fair share of our collective prosperity. The Institute believes that when the rules work against this vision, it's our responsibility to recreate them.

<http://rooseveltinstitute.org/>

- **Samuel DuBois Cook Center on Social Equity at Duke University**

The Cook Center is a scholarly collaborative engaged in the study of the causes and consequences of inequality and in the assessment and redesign of remedies for inequality and its adverse effects. Concerned with the economic, political, social and cultural dimensions of uneven and inequitable access to resources, opportunity and capabilities, Cook Center researchers take a cross-national comparative approach to the study of human difference and disparity.

<https://socialequity.duke.edu/about>

- **Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law**

Based in Chicago, the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law brings together lawyers, community leaders and allies from across the country as the nation's leading advocate for people living in poverty. Its goal is to make justice, equality and opportunity work for everyone.

<http://www.povertylaw.org/>

- **Urban Institute**

The Urban Institute is a Washington D.C.-based research organization that is dedicated to addressing the nation's urban problems and evaluating the effectiveness of social and economic policies aimed at alleviating these problems.

<https://www.urban.org/>

- **Woodstock Institute**

The Woodstock Institute is a nonprofit research and policy organization with headquarters in Chicago. It works to create a just financial system in which lower-wealth persons and communities and people and communities of color can achieve economic security and community prosperity.

<http://www.woodstockinst.org/>

Education and Youth Focused:

- **Facing History and Ourselves**

Facing History and Ourselves is a nonprofit international educational and professional development organization. They work with teachers, students, and communities everywhere, through online professional development, international events, and their free library of classroom resources. Their website includes curriculum resources with unit and lesson plans on social justice topics.

<https://www.facinghistory.org/>

- **National Association for Independent Schools**

The National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) is a nonprofit membership association that provides services to more than 1,800 schools and associations of schools in the United States and abroad, including more than 1,500 independent private K-12 schools in the U.S. Contains curriculum and instruction resources, information, and best practices from NAIS.

<https://www.nais.org/learn/knowledge-center/curriculum-and-instruction/>

- **Teachers for Change**

Teaching for Change provides teachers and parents with the tools to create schools where students learn to read, write and change the world. By drawing direct connections to real world issues, Teaching for Change encourages teachers and students to question and re-think the world inside and outside their classrooms, build a more equitable, multicultural society, and become active global citizens.

<http://www.teachingforchange.org/>

- **Teaching Tolerance**

Teaching Tolerance provides free resources to educators—teachers, administrators, counselors and other practitioners—who work with children from kindergarten through high school. Educators use our materials to supplement the curriculum, to inform their practices, and to create civil and inclusive school communities where children are respected, valued and welcome participants. Our program emphasizes social justice and anti-bias. The anti-bias approach encourages children and young people to challenge prejudice and learn how to be agents of change in their own lives. Our Social Justice Standards show how anti-bias education

works through the four domains of identity, diversity, justice and action.

<http://www.tolerance.org/>

- **The National Association for Multicultural Education**

NAME has become the premier national and international organization that is committed to issues of equity, inclusion, diversity, and justice in schooling. Website has information about the organization, resources to assist efforts to diversify education, and opportunities to learn more about all aspects of education that is multicultural.

<https://www.nameorg.org/resources.php>

- **Zinn Education Project**

The Zinn Education Project promotes and supports the teaching of people's history in middle and high school classrooms across the country. Its goal is to introduce students to a more accurate, complex, and engaging understanding of United States history than is found in traditional textbooks and curricula. This website includes searchable teaching materials and texts organized by theme, medium, and reading level.

<http://zinnedproject.org/>

Youth Empowerment:

- **Mikva Challenge**

Mikva Challenge develops youth to be empowered, informed, and active citizens who will promote a just and equitable society. Their website has an array of resources including civic engagement curriculum and teacher support.

<http://www.mikvachallenge.org/>

- **Alternatives Inc**

Alternatives Inc offers a support system that provides safe spaces for youth and their families to address root causes and discover positive alternatives. Reaching 4,000 young people and their families each year, their programs focus on leadership development, prevention of violence and substance abuse, academic enrichment, and counseling.

<https://www.alternativesyouth.org>

- **Chicago Freedom School**

Chicago Freedom School (CFS) seeks to create new generations of critical and independent thinking young people who use their unique experiences and power to create a just world. CFS provides training and education opportunities for youth and adult allies to develop leadership skills through the lens of civic action and through the study of the history of social movements and their leaders.

<http://chicagofreedomschool.org/>

DATA SOURCES ON RACIAL INEQUITIES

These are data sources that include information about racial inequities across different metrics. This is not an exhaustive list and we welcome your suggestions for additions.

National:

- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System is a longitudinal survey collected annual since 1993. It includes a section called “reactions to race,” where it asks participants to identify their race and determine how other people identify and treat them on account of their race. BRFSS then offer a series of questions that probe at how often people think about their race and whether it affects their healthcare experiences.

<https://www.cdc.gov/brfss/index.html>

The National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) is a continuous health survey of about 87,500 individuals a year that has been conducted since 1957. The study records information on basic health as well as various health topics that change periodically as certain information is needed. The NHIS is the primary source of information on health and physical wellbeing in the U.S.

<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/index.htm>

Individual-level microdata is also available.

<https://nhis.ipums.org/nhis/>

500 Cities: local data for better health provides information on chronic disease risk factors, health outcomes, and clinical preventative service use for the largest 500 cities in the U.S.

<https://www.cdc.gov/500cities/>

- **Consumer Finance Protection Bureau**

Provides data tools and other information on lending.

<https://www.consumerfinance.gov/data-research/hmda/explore>

- **Diversity and Disparities Project at the Spatial Structures in Social Sciences, Brown University, John Logan**

The Diversity and Disparities Project provides measures of inequality for metro areas and cities throughout the U.S. including levels of residential, school, and income segregation.

<https://s4.ad.brown.edu/projects/diversity/Data/data.htm>

- **Food Access Research Atlas at the United States department of Agriculture**

The Food Access Research Atlas provides information on food access at the census-tract level across populations. The data also provide various measures of supermarket accessibility.

<https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/food-access-research-atlas/>

- **General Social Survey at the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago**

The GSS is a longitudinal survey that has been collected every two years since 1972. It features data that cover a wide variety of social and political attitudes, opinions, and behaviors of U.S. adults. Many of these data are race-centered.

<http://gss.norc.org/>

- **Home Mortgage Disclosure Act Data at the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council**

The Home Mortgage Disclosure Act requires that financial institutions report data on home loans. This

includes information on applicant demographic information, lender information, application materials, loan amounts, types of loans, and reason for denial of loan (when applicable). These data are geocoded by census tract of the property that the loan is to be used for.

<https://www.ffiec.gov/hmda/hmdaproducts.htm>

- **National Center for Education Statistics**

The NCES is the largest repository for data on education in the U.S. The center includes information on K-12 school enrollment and achievement as well as patterns of college attainment and field of study.

<https://nces.ed.gov/x>

- **National Equity Atlas**

Provides summarized data on race/ethnic diversity by state, region, and city in the U.S. across multiple measures of equity including wages, unemployment, education, and health.

<http://nationalequityatlas.org/>

- **National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health at the Carolina Population Center at UNC**

The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, also known as Add Health, was initiated in 1994 by Congressional mandate to better understand health and risk behaviors, including personal traits, families, friendships, romantic relationships, peer groups, schools, neighborhoods, and communities. It is perhaps the most comprehensive survey of adolescents collected to date. The survey includes questions about social, economic, psychological and physical well-being and places each participant into a social context by asking about their family, community, and school.

<http://www.cpc.unc.edu/projects/addhealth>

- **National Student Clearinghouse**

The National Student Clearinghouse provides information on educational trajectories for students throughout the U.S., allowing researchers to determine rates of educational attainment by school of origin.

<https://nscresearchcenter.org/>

- **Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention National Archive of Criminal Justice Data**

The National Archive of Juvenile Justice Data (NAJJD) is a data repository for research on criminal justice and juveniles.

<https://www.ojjdp.gov/research/nacjd.html>

The NAJJD's archive is run through the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan.

<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/NACJD/discover-data.jsp>

- **Panel Study of Income Dynamics at the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan**

The PSID is the longest running longitudinal household survey that began in 1968 to measure employment, income, wealth, expenditures, health, marriage, childbearing, child development, philanthropy, education, and numerous other topics.

<https://psidonline.isr.umich.edu/>

- **Primary Care Service Area Project at The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy & Clinical Practice**

The Primary Care Service Area Project provides data on proximity to primary care clinicians for individuals throughout the U.S. This dataset also includes information on primary care use among the elderly.

<http://tdi.dartmouth.edu/research/evaluating/health-system-focus/primary-care-service-area>

- **Uniform Crime Reporting Statistics at the U.S. Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Investigation**

The Uniform Crime Reporting Statistics provides information on crime reported by local law enforcement agencies throughout the U.S. Data are available for crime counts by city, county, state, and the nation.

<https://www.ucrdatatool.gov/>

- **U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics**

The U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics is the most comprehensive source of data for law enforcement and justice in the United States. BJS provides information on corrections, courts, crime, law enforcement, and victims of crime. Data is aggregated to varying geographical unit including municipality, zip code, and county.

<https://www.bjs.gov/>

- **U.S. Census Bureau**

The U.S. Census Bureau provides the most comprehensive source of demographic data in the United States. The Bureau runs multiple surveys. The Decennial Census and the American Community survey provide comprehensive socio-demographic information on the U.S. population. The Census of Governments reports information on public employment and state finance. Another survey run by the U.S. Census Bureau is the Economic Census which reports on businesses throughout the country. Data from the U.S. Census is available in various forms depending on the level of detail and unit of analysis.

<https://www.ipums.org/>

Individual-level data geo-coded to PUMA (Public Use Microdata Area which generally follows county or country group boundaries) are available through the Integrated Public Use Microdata Series.

<http://gss.norc.org/>

Census data aggregated to varying levels of geography are available through the National Historical Geographic Information System.

<https://www.nhgis.org/>

Data on specific geographical locations can be found on the user-friendly American Fact Finder, run by the U.S. Census Bureau.

<https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml>

The Current Population Survey is a monthly survey of about 60,000 nationally representative households in the U.S. measuring labor force status, income, and socio-demographics.

<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/technical-documentation/methodology.html>

Individual-Level Data from the Current Population Survey is also available.

<https://cps.ipums.org/cps/>

The Survey of Income and Program Participation consists of a series of nationally representative panels, each lasting an average of four years. This survey is often used to evaluate government program outcomes and includes a variety of information on economic wellbeing.

<https://www.census.gov/sipp/>

The Survey of Business Owners and Self-Employed Persons is taken every five years and collects socio-demographic and economic characteristics for business and their owners in the U.S.

<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/sbo.html>

The Annual Survey of State and Local Governments reports the revenue, expenditures, and assets for national, state, and local governments in the U.S.

<https://catalog.data.gov/dataset/annual-survey-of-state-and-local-government-finances>

Chicago:

- **Chicago Health Atlas**

The Chicago Health Atlas maps health outcomes and resources by neighborhood and zip code across Chicago.

<http://www.chicagohealthatlas.org/>

- **Chicago Data Portal at the City of Chicago**

The Chicago Data Portal is run by the city government and provides the largest set of publically available administrative data for Chicago. The portal includes information on city administration, property, education, environment, health, crime, and transportation. Data is compiled from several departments, including the Chicago Department of Public Health, Chicago Police Department, Chicago Parks District, and the Department of Streets and Sanitation.

<https://data.cityofchicago.org/>

- **Chicago Public Schools**

The Chicago Public Schools website provides data on school enrollment, composition, performance, and student/teacher/parent/guardian surveys by school and city-wide.

<http://cps.edu/SchoolData/Pages/SchoolData.aspx>

- **Citizens Police Data Project**

The Citizens Policy Data Project provides information on complaints files towards Chicago police officers by race, gender, and age of both complainant and the accused officer. The project also provides information on the outcomes of complaints. Data are geo-coded by ward, police beat, and neighborhood.

<https://cpdb.co/data/LjgrKk/citizens-police-data-project>

- **Illinois Report Card**

The Illinois Report Card contains data on academic performance, school environment, and student composition for public schools in the state of Illinois.

<https://www.illinoisreportcard.com/>

- **Institute for Housing Studies at DePaul University**

The Institute for Housing Studies provides data on properties in the City of Chicago and surround counties. Property-level information is provided on foreclosures, property transfers, mortgages, delinquent property tax sales, and other characteristics.

<https://www.housingstudies.org/data/about-data-clearinghouse/>