

NNIP Showcase, Part 2

Tuesday afternoon 1:15 – 1:45 p.m.

These 5-minute presentations give a lightning-quick overview of our NNIP Partners and their work.

Strengthening Neighborhoods: Data-Driven Approaches to Property Tax Relief

Kenton Spencer, DataWorks NC (Durham)

We will share how DataWorks NC is leveraging data to empower communities and advocate for property tax relief. Focusing on the Community Justice Collaborative Data Architecture Pilot project, we will examine the critical role of data analysis in highlighting tax inequities and driving policy changes that benefit low-income and historically marginalized neighborhoods. We will discuss key methodologies used to gather and interpret tax equity data and showcase successful case studies from Durham, Wake, and Orange counties. By the end of this presentation, attendees will gain insight into how data-driven strategies can lead to substantial financial savings and greater community empowerment, fostering more equitable and resilient neighborhoods.

Leveraging Integrated Data to Examine Youth Homelessness

Mike Henderson, Center on Poverty and Community Development, Case Western Reserve University (Cleveland)

We will present our recent study that explored the use of integrated data systems (IDS) to provide a more accurate count of youth experiencing homelessness, which is crucial for effective policymaking. By leveraging the Child Household Integrated Longitudinal Data (CHILD) system in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, we developed a baseline registry of youth using administrative data and a novel “address list” method to identify additional cases of homelessness. The findings suggest that for every youth documented as homeless, up to three others face extreme housing instability but go unrecorded, highlighting significant undercounting in traditional data sources.

Building Local Data Capacity to Inform Equitable Housing Policy

Claudia Aiken, Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy, New York University

The Housing Solutions Lab based at the NYU Furman Center launched an initiative last year called Data Talks, a series of short lunchtime webinars meant to build localities' capacity to collect and analyze local data to inform housing policy. In the first year of the series, we hosted webinars on topics including rental registries, property inventories, homelessness data systems, and community surveys. In our second year of Data Talks, we are planning a series of webinars that will explicitly focus on harnessing local data to promote equitable housing outcomes. We will reflect on our goals, our experience so far, and the potential to make the series even more useful and impactful going forward.

Voter Outreach 2024

Jeff Matson, Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, University of Minnesota (Minneapolis-St. Paul)

With another close election expected this November, get-out-the-vote (GOTV) efforts are more critical than ever. To help GOTV organizations in Minnesota, the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) has partnered with the Secretary of State's Office, Minnesota Compass, and the Minnesota Council on Foundations to produce a precinct-level web application that combines voter turnout from our most recent election (2022) with detailed demographic information on race and ethnicity to help target outreach efforts. Our unique bivariate mapping quickly identifies precincts that contain both high concentrations of a user-selected race or ethnicity and low voter turnout. Additional layers correlated with low turnout are included to refine GOTV efforts even further. We will also discuss our training and dissemination plan as well as ideas for future updates.