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Need data for your company? All the help you can get for a new business venture?

Then read on.

The Metropolitan Council has a wealth of data on the Twin Cities. Why? Because that's our job. We can save you hours of chasing around town.

The Metropolitan Council is a public agency responsible for regional planning in the seven-county Metropolitan Area. The Council collects, generates and maintains data on a diverse and growing Twin Cities Area of two million people.

Most of the information is in printed form—reports, brochures or maps. Some of it's on computers. Most reports cost less than \$5, and some are free. Helping you make good decisions is our main goal.

What's available? Read on.



METROPOLITAN COUNCIL DATA

1980 Census—The Council is an affiliate Census data center. Census data on population, households, income, employment and more is available in map, print and tape form. Census tract maps are available to use the data. A series of printed reports summarize and analyze the data. The Council has some special computer runs of the data, and can refer data users to other Minnesota organizations that provide individually-tailored data processing. Council staff can also help interpret the information and relate it to Council plans and policies.

Aerial Photography—Low-cost, blueline prints are available for the entire Metropolitan Area. Each section covers about 14 square miles. The scale is 1" to 800 feet. Photographic prints are also available.

Referral Directories—Several computer information directories can be accessed through the Council. They include:

- A directory of the subject data of more than 500 organizations in the Twin Cities.
- A bibliography of energy-related information, called EIRS.
- A listing of interesting projects local governments across the country have under way, called LOGIN.



SUBJECT AREA DATA

Aging

- Demographic data and the needs of elderly Twin Citians.

Crime

- Crime rates and trends. Data on police, courts and corrections activities.

Land Use

- City-level land use by category, including amount of available, developable land. Historic land-use trends. Comprehensive land-use plans of local units of government and a regional guided growth plan called the *Metropolitan Development Framework*.

Economy

- Data on commercial, industrial and residential housing construction, employment, manufacturing, industrial migration, retail sales, shopping centers, office space, capital availability, and governmental fiscal conditions. Forecasts also available.

Energy

- Current energy use and forecasts of demand in Area. Housing and transportation-related data.

Air Quality

- Transportation-related air quality data.

Municipal Solid Waste

- Volume generated. Current and planned disposal methods. Recycling and other alternatives to landfills.

Water Resources

- Lake and river water quality data. Water use, future supply and conservation practices.

Health

- Birth and death statistics. Hospital use, costs, health risks, and health of Twin Citians. Nursing home and developmental disability data.

Housing

- Data on need, occupancy, affordability, production, energy use, type, maintenance, neighborhood conditions and subsidized housing. Forecasts of future needs.

Parks

— Data on regional (larger) parks. Activities directory. Data on use, forecasted need.

Population, Households Employment Estimates and Forecasts

— Current estimates and forecasts of population, households and employment for Area and by city.

Transportation

— Highway and public transit system data. Travel behavior data. Information on mass transit alternatives, light rail transit and ridesharing.

Planning

— Regional plans for regional airport, park, sewer, transportation systems and many other subject areas. Capital project information for regional systems. Comprehensive plans of local governments.

Planning Library

— The Council's planning reference library is open to the public. The library specializes in governmental documents with reports and subscriptions to more than 200 periodicals.



WHERE TO GET THE INFORMATION

The Metropolitan Council is located in downtown St. Paul, Room 300 Metro Square Bldg., 7th and Robert Sts., St. Paul, Minnesota 55101. Call the Communications Department, 612-291-6464. If you're interested in special data applications or have complicated data requests, contact the Council before you visit. Offices are open weekdays from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m.