

# About the American Human Development Project

The **American Human Development Project** provides easy-to-use yet methodologically sound tools for understanding well-being and opportunity in America and stimulates fact-based dialogue about issues we all care about: health, education, and living standards.

The hallmark of this work is the American Human Development Index, a supplement to GDP and other money metrics that tells the story of how ordinary Americans are faring. The Index uses official government data in health, education, and income and allows for well-being rankings of the 50 states, 435 congressional districts, major metropolitan areas, neighborhood and county groups within states, women and men, and racial and ethnic groups. This Index can empower communities with a tool to track progress over time.

Through national and state reports, thematic briefs, and interactive online tools, the American Human Development Project aims to breathe life into numbers, using data to create compelling narratives that foster greater understanding of our shared challenges and greater support for people-centered policies.

The American Human Development Project is an initiative of the **Social Science Research Council**, made possible through a matching grant from the **Conrad N. Hilton Foundation**. The project's work in states and cities is supported by consortia of local foundations and individuals. To see what the Project can do for your organization's data research and interpretation needs, please visit: [www.measureofamerica.org/services](http://www.measureofamerica.org/services).



**THE MEASURE OF AMERICA: Mapping Risks and Resilience 2010-2011**, provides updated human development rankings for all U.S. states, congressional districts, and ethnic groups. A new feature, the Dashboard of Risks, points to some of the challenges to human development. For purchase through New York University Press.



**A PORTRAIT OF CALIFORNIA: California Human Development Report 2011** was commissioned by a consortium of eight donors. The report introduces the Five Californias to represent the wildly varying realities facing California today, from "Silicon Valley Shangri-La" to the bottom-ranked "Forsaken Five Percent."



**A PORTRAIT OF LOUISIANA: Louisiana Human Development Report 2009** was commissioned by Oxfam America, the Louisiana Disaster Recovery Foundation, and the Foundation for the Mid South. It calls for action to address the acute human vulnerability that persists four years after Hurricane Katrina.



**THE MEASURE OF AMERICA: American Human Development Report 2008-2009**, uses a well honed international approach to assess the well-being of different population groups within the United States. The report also contains rankings of U.S. states, congressional districts, and ethnic groups.



**A PORTRAIT OF MISSISSIPPI: Mississippi Human Development Report 2009** was commissioned by the Mississippi State Conference NAACP and Oxfam America to examine well-being levels in the state by county, gender, and race and to stimulate action to address Mississippi's disparities.

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