

2026 CORE DATA INDEX

Data plays a pivotal role in our work. CDFA's Community Progress Indicators, a set of 13 metrics that assist in measuring socioeconomic well-being and community need at the municipal level in New Hampshire, assists the organization in meeting the evolving needs of New Hampshire communities by informing our strategic priorities and guiding the allocation of resources to the places that need those resources the most. Community Progress Indicators are publicly available on [CDFA's Resource Hub](#) and provide towns, cities, and counties across the Granite State access to up-to-date data and information about their community's needs, issues, strengths, and challenges.

Identifying quality metrics in alignment with our vision and using them to identify and better understand statewide, regional and local trends helps CDFA support our partners in creating lasting impact within New Hampshire communities.

CDFA's Community Progress Indicators also form the basis for a Core Data Index that helps define the overall socioeconomic needs of each New Hampshire municipality. An algorithm of Community Progress Indicator data points calculates a score for each county, city, town on a scale of 0 – 70, with 70 representing the greatest combination of socioeconomic challenges. The Core Data Index score is incorporated into the overall project scoring system for applications to the Community Development Block Grant program.

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