

## Economic Development Decision Making Data Tools

The U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) partners with entities to develop and disseminate tools on new and emerging economic development concepts that practitioners and policymakers can utilize to make more informed development decisions.

### Stats America: Calculating Innovation Capacity

[www.statsamerica.org](http://www.statsamerica.org)

The Indiana Business Research Center has developed the Innovation Index, a novel tool designed to provide practitioners an easy-to-compare method of assessing the innovation capacity of their region. This tool provides users the composite index of innovation inputs built upon data from four areas: human capital, economic dynamics, productivity and employment, and well-being.

### Stats America: Measuring Distress for EDA Assistance

[www.statsamerica.org/distress/distress.html](http://www.statsamerica.org/distress/distress.html)

Developed by the Indiana Business Research Center, this tool provides practitioners a fast, simple way to calculate whether a county, region, or neighborhood may meet EDA eligibility thresholds for unemployment and income. This tool does not guarantee eligibility. Applicants are encouraged to contact their respective EDA Regional Office Economic Development Representative (EDR) for more information about determining eligibility for EDA assistance.

### Know Your Region: A Template for Future Prosperity

[www.knowyourregion.org](http://www.knowyourregion.org)

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### Regional Innovation Accelerator Network: Identifying and Supporting VDOs

[www.regionalinnovation.org](http://www.regionalinnovation.org)

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### Triple Bottom Line: Measuring the Social, Environmental, and Economic Impacts of Development Decisions

[www.tbltool.org](http://www.tbltool.org)

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### Leveraging Excess Capacity to Expand Manufacturing Sector

[www.irlee.umich.edu/?page=irlee](http://www.irlee.umich.edu/?page=irlee)

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### Benchmark Your Incubator Management Practices and Access Tools for Continuous Improvement

<http://edaincubator.org/toolkit.html>

This online tool, developed by the University of Michigan and based on research funded by EDA, provides incubator managers with a resource they can use to measure their program's performance compared with the business incubation practices deemed most important to client success, as well as receive feedback on how to improve their program's operations.