

Physical Dimension

Overview

The physical assets of a community are a valuable measure of neighborhood-level social capital and community livability. Viewed broadly, neighborhoods with poor infrastructure, poorly maintained housing stock or environmental problems are more likely to be neighborhoods at risk.

In a similar fashion, neighborhood vitality can be enhanced by strong and well serviced residential communities. The real and/or perceptual desirability of a neighborhood leads to active community involvement and private investment. Figure 7 contains the physical dimension results.

Analytical Variables

- Percent home ownership
- Percent residential apartment units
- Percent of single family dwellings older than 50 years
- Percent code enforcement
- Sidewalk index
- Percent of persons with access to public transportation
- Percent of persons with access to basic retail facilities
- Percent of persons with access to parks and recreation
- Percent of persons near noxious facilities
- Drainage index

Description

- Developing - NSAs exhibiting physical needs related to developing neighborhoods
- Sustaining - NSAs displaying physical needs related to mature neighborhoods
- Revitalizing - NSAs with physical challenges of older neighborhoods

Results

- Developing - 21 NSAs
- Sustaining - 71 NSAs
- Revitalizing - 25 NSAs

Figure 7

Physical Dimension Groupings

Legend

- Developing
- Sustaining
- Revitalizing
- Non-Analytical

