

To: Members of the MDP Class of 2022-2023
Fr: Andy Davies

October 29, 2022

Re: Economic Innovation Group's "2022 Distressed Communities Index"

Ladies and Gentlemen:

An organization called the "Economic Innovation Group" (www.eig.org) has just published the 2022 edition of its "Distressed Communities Index." (The first version was published back in 2020).

If you go to the site, you'll find a link to the report and a national interactive map of every county (and many major cities) in the country. You can 'play around' with the map's interactive features.

Counties are rated and ranked on several factors that roll up into an overall rating of each county's *economic health*.

Every county receives one of five overall ratings: Prosperous, Comfortable, Mid-Tier, At Risk and Distressed.

You can also go to the Group's site for additional articles/information that may be of interest to you.

Regards,
Andy



Andy Davies

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Subject: Mapping U.S. economic well-being | The Distressed Communities Index (DCI)



The 2022 Distressed Communities Index (DCI)

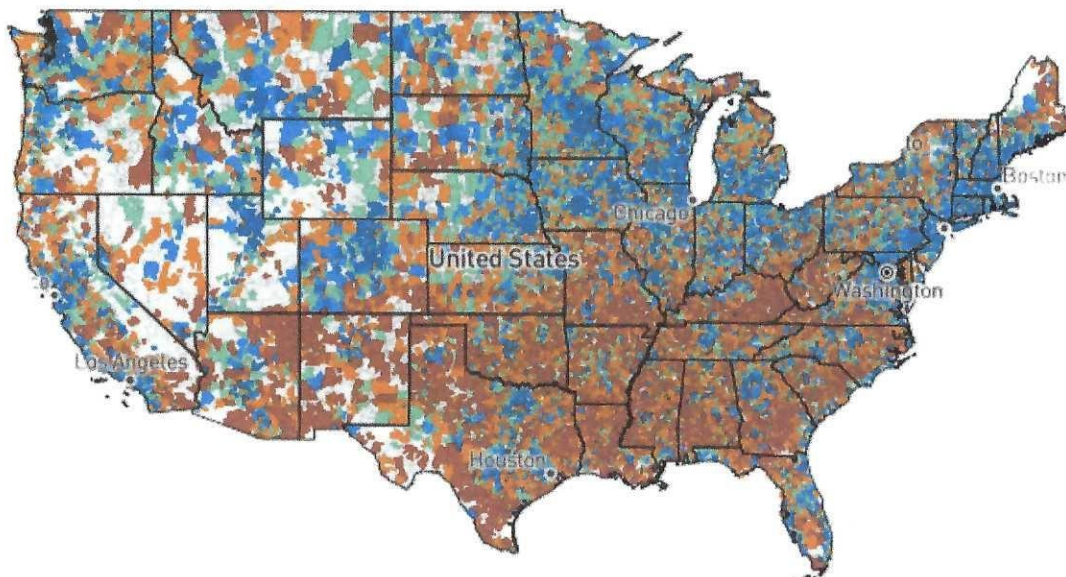
This week, EIG released the latest edition of our flagship research project, the Distressed Communities Index (DCI), a tool for analyzing the geography of U.S. economic well-being. The DCI brings together seven indicators into a single measure to evaluate the relative prosperity of American communities, allowing users to explore spatial disparities across and within cities, states, and regions. In all, it covers 26,000 zip codes and 3,100 counties nationwide.

This edition of the DCI uses the latest available data covering the period from 2016 to 2020, revealing our nation's extraordinary geographic diversity in economic growth and prosperity in the five-year period leading up to the Covid-19 pandemic. While prosperous communities saw booming population growth and generated the lion's share of the country's net new jobs and businesses, distressed communities continued to lose ground even in the late stages of a record economic expansion.

In the months ahead, we will use the DCI in a series of analyses aimed at better understanding at how place helps shape the evolving social, economic, and political landscape in the United States.

We designed the DCI to be a useful tool to a wide range of stakeholders. Since we first launched the project in 2016, it has been used by researchers, healthcare practitioners, non-profits, governmental entities, corporate social responsibility teams, and journalists to guide their work and better understand the communities they serve.

We invite you to explore the key findings and interactive mapping tools [here](#).



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Interested in licensing the DCI dataset? Visit our [website](#) to find out how.

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