

City Analytics: Data confidence index - scoring framework

| 1. Data collection method | 2. Data processing methodology | 3. Accuracy | 4. Representativeness | 5. Privacy | 6. Frequency | 7. Data verification | Overall score |
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| How does the data get collected? | How does the data get stored, processed, cleansed and transformed? | How well does the data represent the real-world domain? | How much of a population/sample size does the data represent? | How well does the data deidentify or mask personally identifiable attributes of people/ subjects recorded in the data? | How often does new data become available? | Can the data be verified using other sources? | The value that will be used as the index to rank datasets used by Economic Development |
| 1-5 score | 1-5 score | 1-5 score | 1-5 score | 1-5 score | 1-5 score | 1-5 score | Average of the 7 sections |
| 1. Data is manually captured and entered | 1. Data is handled manually by people to fix or transform source data. Process is undocumented and not transparent to end users/analysts | 1. Data does not accurately represent the real-world domain | 1. Data represents 0-5% of population | 1. Dataset contains personally identifiable attributes, or is collected in breach of privacy rules | 1. Data is updated annually or less | 1. Data does not correlate with other sources or no form of correlation/ verification has been attempted | |
| 2. Data is sourced in a semi-automated way | 2. Data is handled manually by people to fix/ transform source. Process is semi documented, but tacit knowledge is undocumented and untransparent | 2. Data inconsistently represents real world domain, and largely consists of null values or erroneous values | 2. Data represents 6-24% of population | 2. Data is collected with user consent, but contains personally identifiable attributes | 2. Data is updated quarterly | 2. Data shows inconsistent correlation with other data sources | |
| 3. Data is captured in an automated way, but is prone to errors or incorrectly capturing records | 3. Process is manual, but data methodology is documented | 3. Data represents real world domain but is prone to regular errors/ anomalies that reduce confidence | 3. Data represents 25-50% of population | 3. Data is collected with user consent and contains de-identified attributes. However, data can be linked to other datasets to re-identify individuals (through the use of a unique identifier) | 3. Data is updated monthly | 3. Data shows matching patterns and trends with other third party-data sources (even if raw numbers differ) | |
| 4. Data is captured in an automated way, and is mostly free from errors | 4. Process is semi-automated and documentation on methodology, including calculations, transformations and other assumptions is documented | 4. Data is error free and complete but is unable to be verified through an alternative data source or QA method | 4. Data represents 51-75% of population | 4. Data is collected with user consent and contains no personally identifiable attributes. Data could potentially be linked to other datasets to re-identify individuals, though the process to do this is difficult | 4. Data is updated weekly | 4. Data shows matching patterns and trends with other Council data sources, such as counters, sensors, or system data (even if raw numbers differ) | |
| 5. Data is captured in an automated way, and is entirely free from data capture errors | 5. Data transformation/ cleansing process is automated or pre-processed, documentation exists, and methodology has been shared with end users, and QA'd by other analysts | 5. Patterns/trends are accurately represented, and can be cross-checked or validated through other methods or data sources | 5. Data represents 76-100% of population | 5. Data is collected with user consent and contains no personally identifiable attributes. Data cannot be linked to other datasets to reidentify individuals | 5. Data is updated in daily or in real-time | 5. Data numbers, patterns and trends correlates with reputable data sources | |

