

# Launching the Financial Health and Wealth Dashboard: Leveraging Local Data to Improve Financial-Wellbeing

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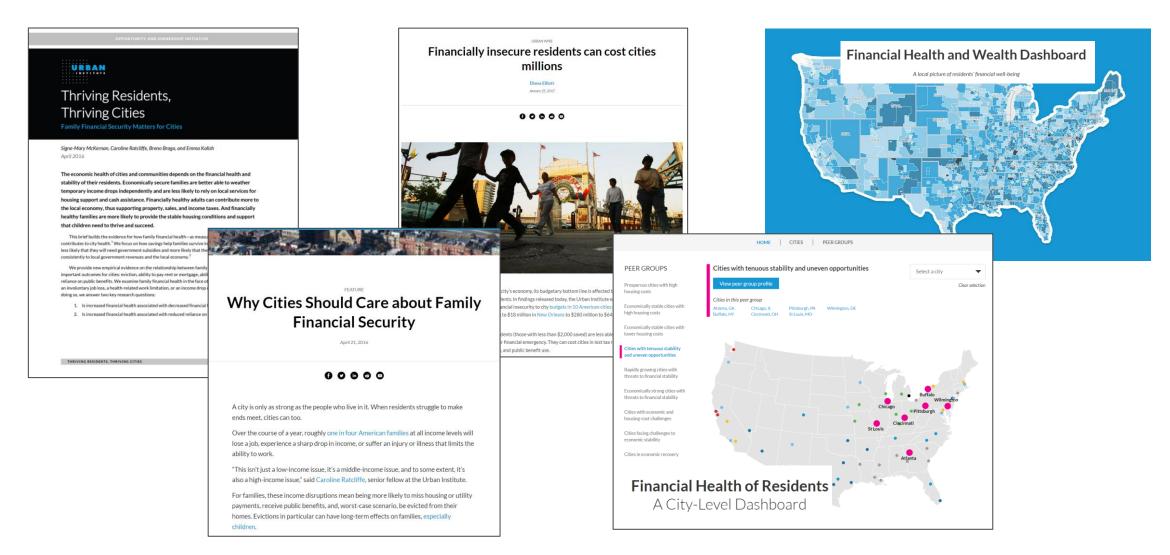




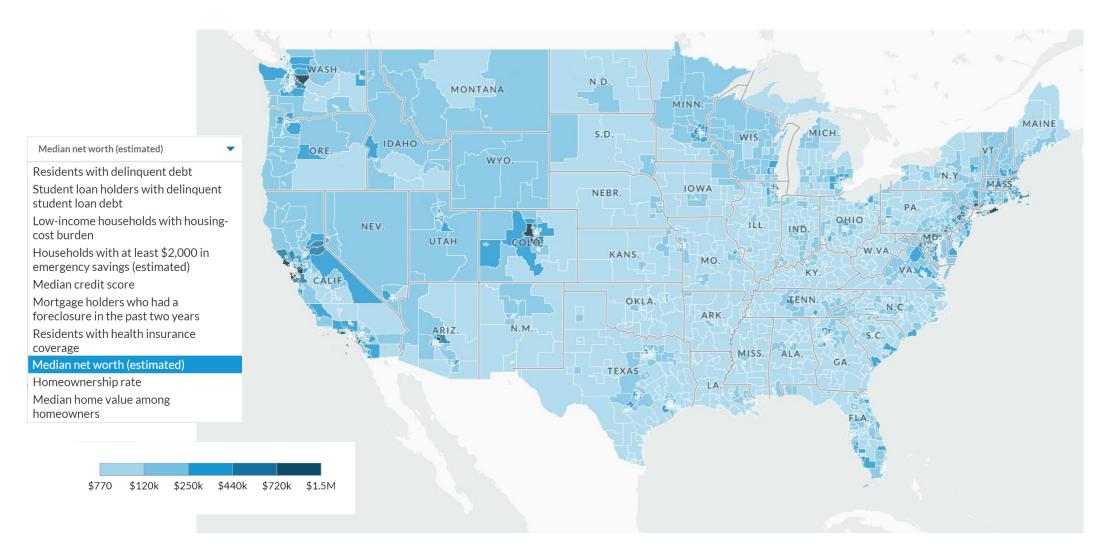
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## History of the Work



### The Financial Health and Wealth Dashboard



#### **New Contributions to the Field**

- Coverage of financial health for every community across the country
- Racially disaggregated data at the city level for 107 cities
- New local estimates of median net worth and emergency savings
- Holistic suite of evidence-based solutions linked to key indicators of financial health

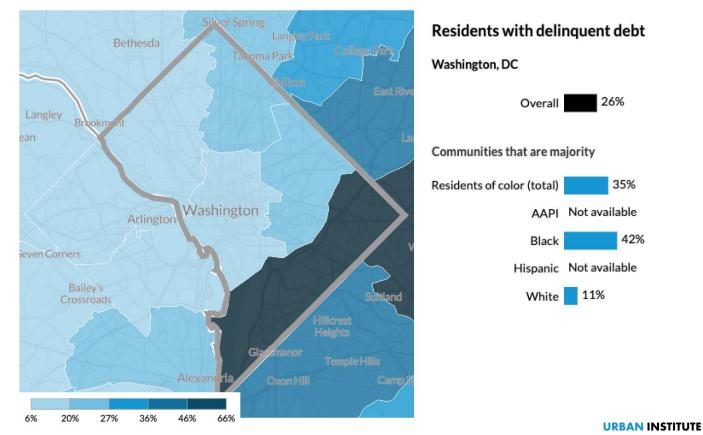
## **Defining Financial Health**

 Financial health reflects a person's ability to manage their daily finances, be resilient to economic shocks, and pursue opportunities for upward mobility.

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# Residents in majority-Black neighborhoods and east of the Anacostia River are much more likely to have delinquent debt

- Residents living in majority-Black communities are nearly 4X more likely than residents living in majority-white communities to have delinquent debt.
- PUMA east of the Anacostia River, 50% of residents have delinquent debt, making them twice as likely as other DC residents to face this financial burden.



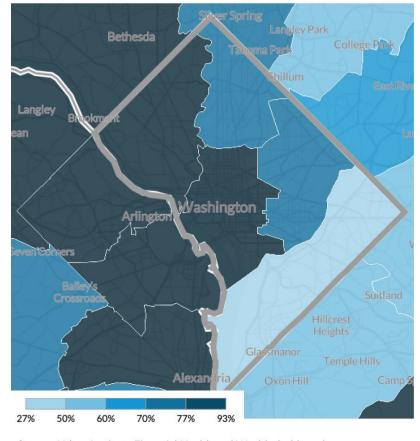
Source: Urban Institute Financial Health and Wealth dashboard.

**Notes:** Residents with delinquent debt are the share of residents with a credit record who have debt that is at least 60 days past due. Communities are considered majority Black, Hispanic, or white when more than 60 percent of residents identify as that race orethnicity according to the American Community Survey. We use the term "Hispanic" to align with the dataset but recognize it's not necessarily inclusive of how all members of this group identify.

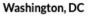
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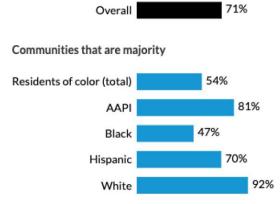
# Communities of color and households east of the river are more vulnerable to unexpected economic shocks

- Households in majority white communities are 2X more likely than households in majority Black communities to have at least \$2,000 in savings.
- East of the river, only 42% of households have at least \$2,000 in emergency savings, compared with the 70-89% of households with emergency savings in the rest of the city.



Households with at least \$2,000 in emergency savings (estimated)





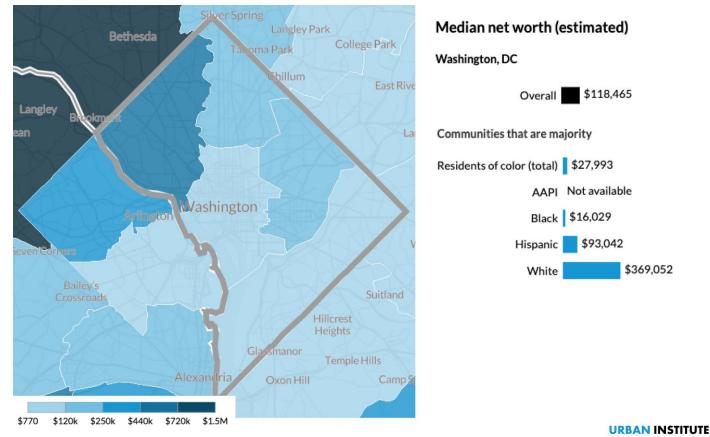
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Source: Urban Institute Financial Health and Wealth dashboard.

**Notes:** Emergency savings are nonretirement savings greater than or equal to \$2,000 that can be withdrawn at any time. To calculate the share of households of color, race and ethnicity are measured as the head of household's.

# Communities of color and households east of the river are less able to pursue upward mobility

- In DC, households in majority white communities have an estimated 23X more wealth than households in majority Black communities.
- In the northwest part of the city, residents have an estimated median net worth of \$620,000, compared to less than \$9,500 in Southeast DC.



Source: Urban Institute Financial Health and Wealth dashboard.

Notes: Median net worth (estimated) is the 50th (median) percentile amounts of household net worth. Net worth is the sum of asset values minus the sum of liabilities for a household.

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### **Dashboard Metrics**

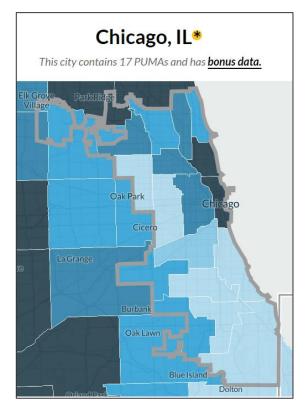
Daily Finances	Economic Resilience	Upward Mobility
<ul> <li>Residents with delinquent debt</li> <li>Student loan holders with delinquent student loan debts</li> <li>Low-income households with housing-cost burden</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Households with at least \$2,000 in emergency savings (estimated)</li> <li>Median credit score</li> <li>Mortgage holders who had a foreclosure in the past two years</li> <li>Residents with health insurance coverage.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Median net worth (estimated)</li> <li>Homeownership rate</li> <li>Median home value among homeowners</li> </ul>

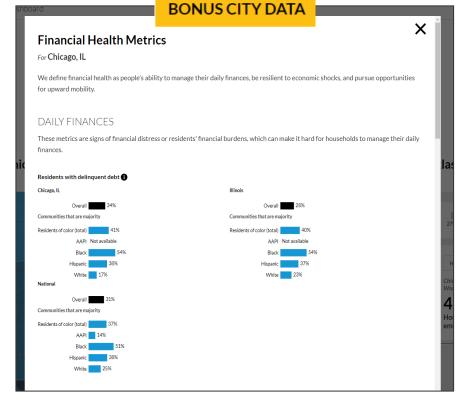
Data Sources: American Community Survey (ACS), Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), Credit Bureau Data

## Selecting Your Data View: PUMA vs. City-Level Data

Enter a city or zip code and (1) select a PUMA on the map or (2) explore the "Bonus City Data"







**City View** 

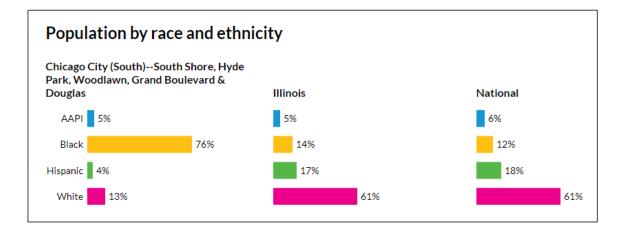
"Bonus City Data" Pop-Out

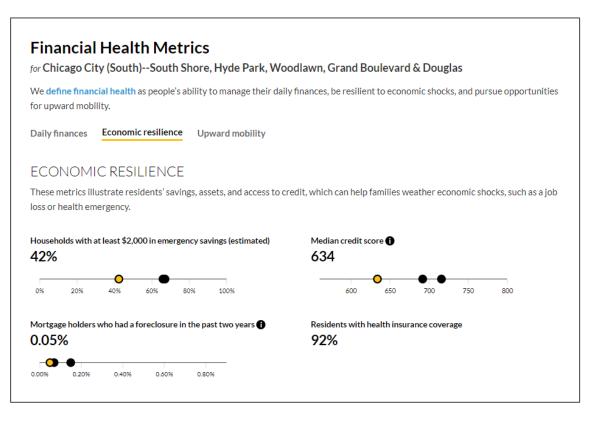
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#### **PUMA Level Data:**

- 1. Demographic data for every PUMA
- 2. Data for all 10 metrics across daily finances, economic resilience, and upward mobility
- 3. Comparisons to state and national statistics

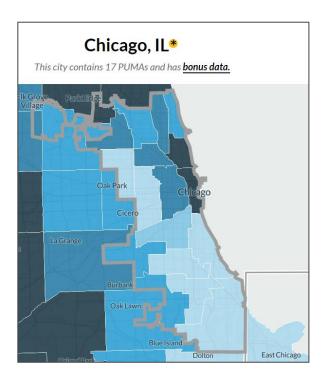


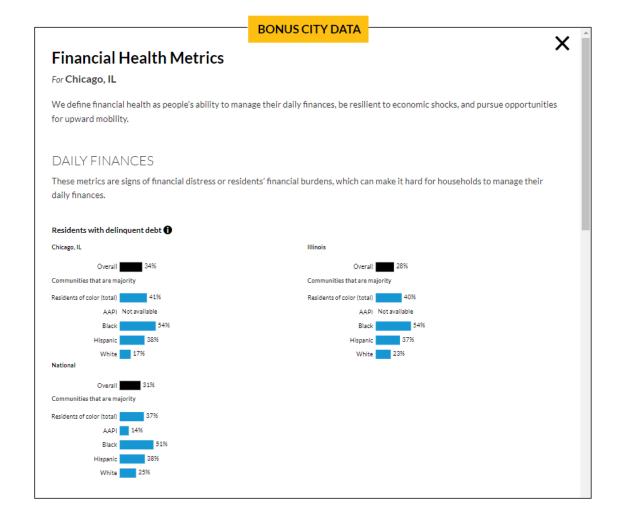




## **City-Level Data:**

- 1. City-level data for 5 metrics, disaggregated by race/ethnicity
- 2. Comparisons to state and national data





#### **Additional Resources**

- Financial Health & Wealth Dashboard: Strategies for Local Leaders
- Financial Health & Wealth Dashboard: Data catalogue
- Financial Health & Wealth Dashboard: Technical Appendix
- Washington, DC, Has Glaring Financial Health Inequities. So Do Most American Cities
- Thriving Residents, Thriving Cities: Family Financial Security Matter for Cities
- Cost of Eviction and Unpaid Bills of Financially Insecure Families for City Budgets
- Debt in America: An Interactive Map
- Credit Health during the COVID-19 Pandemic
- Developing Solutions: Strategies to Improve Resident Financial Health and Propel Inclusive Growth
- How Policymakers Can Ensure the COVID-19 Pandemic Doesn't Widen the Racial Wealth Gap