



Partnership and Community Collaboration Academy

Explore the Economic Profile System (EPS) Tools

1. Explore socioeconomic data with the EPS Tools using the instructions below. Choose to access the system through the General Data Site, or the agency tools for BLM, USFWS or USDA FS units.
2. Complete the questions included below.
3. Share your takeaway on the [Self-Study Form](#).

Side note: The EPS tools noted below, and several others (*Neighborhoods at Risk, Wildfire Risk to Communities, Library of Trails Benefits, Populations at Risk*) can also be accessed through the Tools page on Headwaters Economics website: <https://headwaterseconomics.org/tools/>

Exploring community data through the General Data Site

1. **Navigate** to the Headwaters Economics EPS tool general site: <https://headwaterseconomics.org/tools/economic-profile-system>
2. **Type in the name** of a community, Indigenous area, county or state to explore and select it from the dropdown list.
3. **Explore the QuickFacts** for your community, and then **Select a Report** to download. (We recommend Demographics and Socioeconomic Trends reports to start.)
4. **Choose** a comparison location: U.S., state, or county.
5. **Download** the Report and select XLS or PDF format. **Continue the exercise on page 3.**

Exploring socioeconomic data around BLM, USFWS and USDA FS sites

1. **Navigate** to one of the following links on the Headwaters Economics site:
 - BLM: <https://headwaterseconomics.org/tools/blm-profiles/>
 - USFWS: <https://headwaterseconomics.org/tools/usfws-indicators/>
 - USDA FS: <https://headwaterseconomics.org/tools/forest-indicators/>
2. **Enter a geographic unit of interest** or click “*Search by ...*” and select a unit.
 - For BLM you can search by Field Office, National Conservation Lands, County or State.
 - For USFWS, you can search initially by Refuge, State or City. *Note:* Once in the map, you can select data based on Census Tracts, Cities/Towns, Counties, American Indian Areas or States.
 - For USDA FS you can search by unit or State.
3. **Define your study area and download the Profile report.**
 - For **BLM** and **USDA FS**: An interactive map will open.
 - i. Use your mouse to click and add or remove additional land units for analysis. Choose at least two units on your map.
 - ii. Choose a comparison location: U.S., state, or county.
 - iii. Click *Download Profile* and save as an XLS or PDF file.
 - For **USFWS**: An interactive map will open with a popup panel on the left side.
 - i. Under *View Boundaries*: select the political unit to use for your analysis and click *Continue*.
 - ii. Click on the map to add or remove additional land units for analysis. Choose at least two units on your map. Under *Select Areas*, review the selected units and click *Continue*.
 - iii. From here you can interactively *Explore Results* on the map for socioeconomic data.
 - iv. Choose a comparison location: U.S., state, or county.
 - v. Click *Download Full Report* and save as an XLS or PDF file.
4. **Continue the exercise on page 3.**

Open the Report you downloaded and answer the following questions:

1. Which geographic units did you choose to look at and why?
2. Using the table of contents (TOC tab) in your report, navigate to sections related to *Population, Wages, and Income*. What do you notice about the data or trends for the areas you selected?
3. Navigate to the section(s) on *Industry*. What sectors are you currently partnering with, if any? Are they growing or declining? Is there a sector you want to partner with?
4. Explore one other section of the report that interests you. What do you observe?