

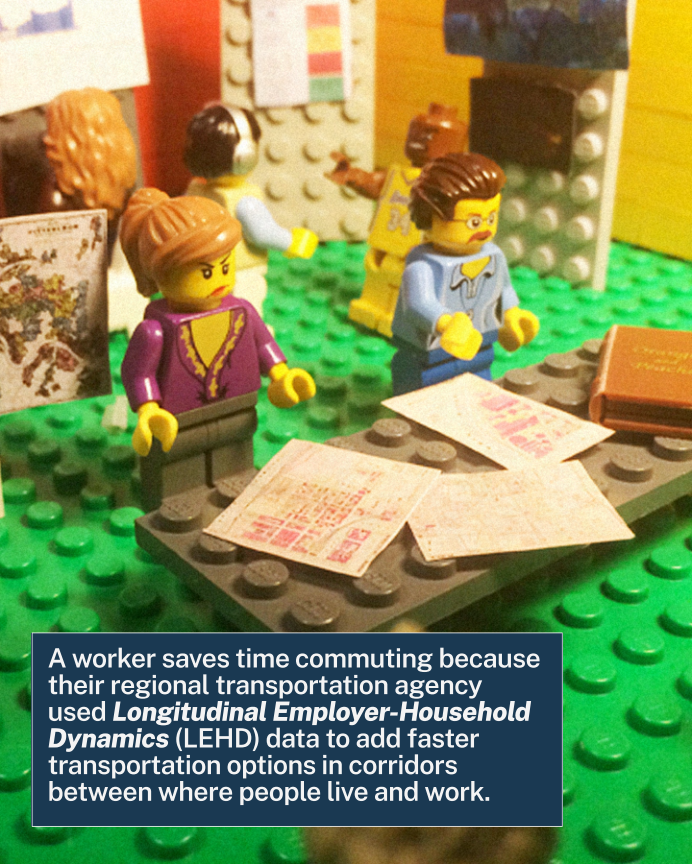
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# How Federal Data Helps America's Neighborhoods

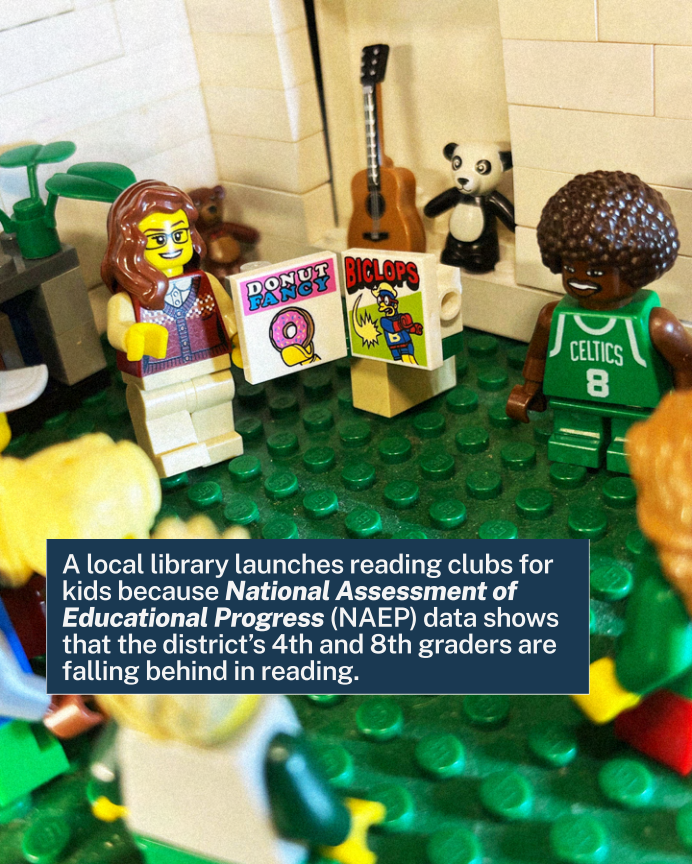




A worker saves time commuting because their regional transportation agency used **Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics** (LEHD) data to add faster transportation options in corridors between where people live and work.

Households receive internet access because their city improved broadband services in areas where **American Community Survey (ACS)** data showed there was limited connectivity.





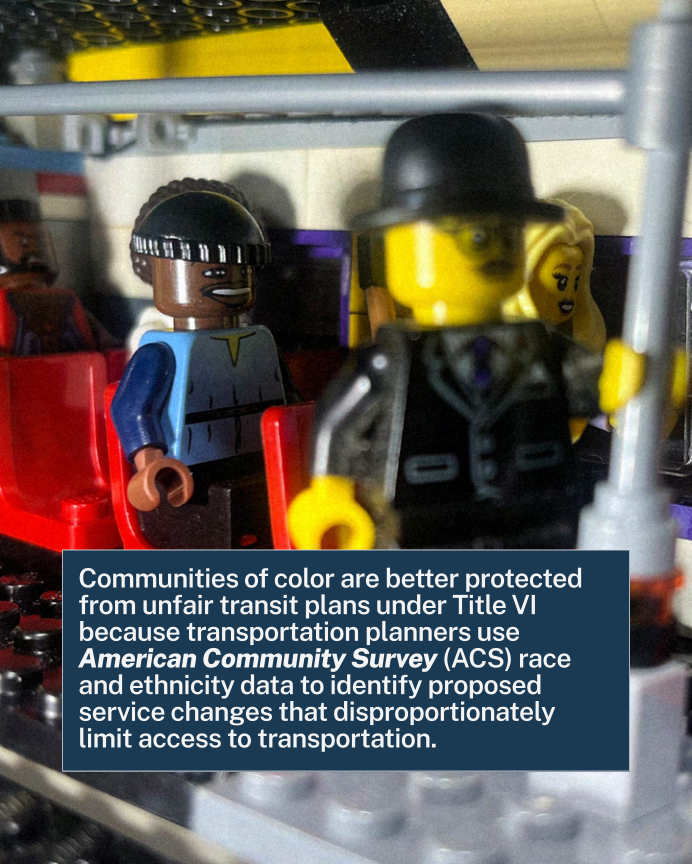
A local library launches reading clubs for kids because **National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)** data shows that the district's 4th and 8th graders are falling behind in reading.

A photograph of several LEGO minifigures designed to look like food items. In the foreground, a hot dog character with a smiling face and a red mustard squiggle is on a blue base. Behind it, a banana character with sunglasses and a 'Doritos' sticker is on a blue base. To the left, a corn character with a mustache is on a green base. To the right, a green cactus character is on a green base. The scene is set on a green LEGO baseplate with a white brick wall in the background. A small sign with a pair of sunglasses is on a black base in the middle ground.

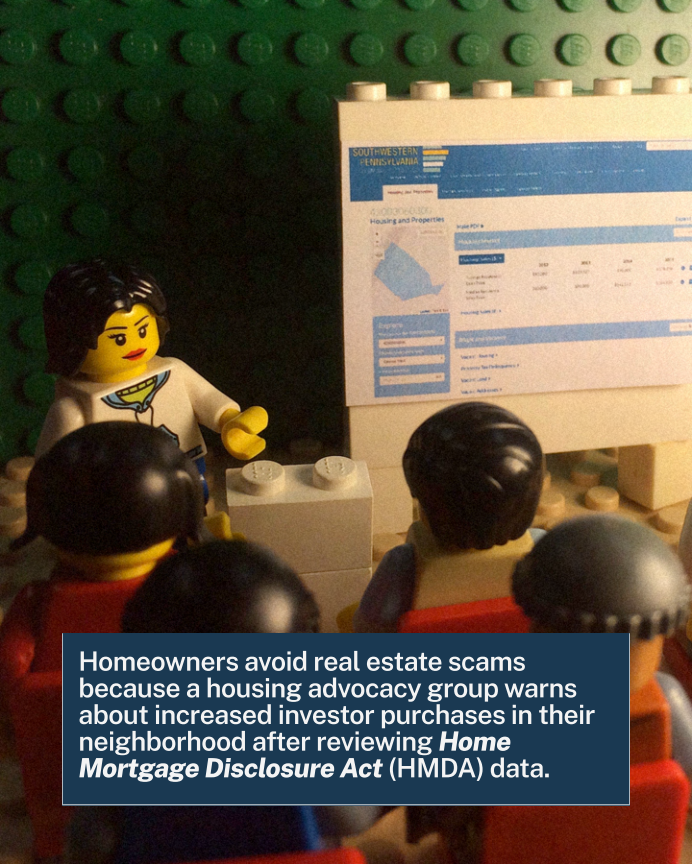
Residents of a neighborhood with no grocery stores now have easy access to fresh, healthy foods because city planners used the **Food Access Research Atlas** dataset to establish a farmer's market in their neighborhood.



Neighbors organize to buy their multifamily building because they identified the approaching public subsidy expiration date using the **Multifamily Assistance & Section 8 Database**.



Communities of color are better protected from unfair transit plans under Title VI because transportation planners use **American Community Survey (ACS)** race and ethnicity data to identify proposed service changes that disproportionately limit access to transportation.



Homeowners avoid real estate scams because a housing advocacy group warns about increased investor purchases in their neighborhood after reviewing **Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA)** data.

New Orleanians received life-saving smoke alarms for their homes because the fire department used **American Community Survey (ACS)** data on housing characteristics to identify which neighborhoods needed them most.





A sports organization starts new leagues in neighborhoods where **CDC PLACES** data suggest that there are low physical activity levels.

## ***the bad news***

all of these datasets are at risk.

## ***the good news***

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