



Community Action Network Community Dashboard

CAN Board Update April 8, 2011



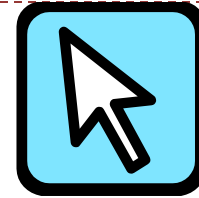
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Key Findings

- ▶ Low-income population grew at twice the rate as total population over past decade.
 - ▶ Increase in people who are low-income
 - ▶ Increase in households that are housing cost burdened
- ▶ Low-income people fare more poorly on most indicators.
 - ▶ Children are more likely to enter school behind their peers
 - ▶ Students who graduate are not as likely to be college ready
 - ▶ More likely to smoke and/or be obese
 - ▶ More likely to report poor mental health
 - ▶ Less likely to have health insurance coverage

www.cancommunitydashboard.org



- ▶ web version of dashboard includes....
 - ▶ Downloadable report
 - ▶ More in-depth analysis of each indicator
 - ▶ Eventually, links to other community dashboard projects



Community Dashboard 2011

▶ April 4th Press Conference

- ▶ Laura Morrison
- ▶ Sarah Eckhardt
- ▶ Ashton Cumberbatch
- ▶ Coverage from...
 - ▶ YNN TV
 - ▶ KXAN TV
 - ▶ KUT radio
 - ▶ KLBJ radio
 - ▶ Austin Chronicle
 - ▶ <http://www.infactdaily.com/>



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How You Can Help

- ▶ Schedule 15 minutes presentation to your board or appropriate group
 - ▶ Overview of why and how we created this dashboard
 - ▶ Overview of the indicators
 - ▶ Explanation of how the Community Dashboard is being and will be used to direct our action together
 - ▶ Tour of www.cancommunitydashboard.org
- ▶ Put us in contact with other groups for presentations.
- ▶ Share the report and the website with colleagues and contacts.

Looking Ahead

- ▶ Dashboard Steering Committee members are working with community stakeholders to set goals and targets for indicators and to identify benchmark cities.
- ▶ CAN is convening Mappers and Planners from across the region to better understand demographic shifts and trends.
- ▶ For CAN Board consideration....
 - ▶ How will state and federal budget cuts impact indicators?
 - ▶ Texas' future as projected by Steve Murdock – how will this impact our ability to improve the indicators?

Action

- ▶ **Pathway to Prosperity**
 - ▶ Collaboration to promote living wage jobs for people who are low-income.

