

Accessing CHAS data

For the scoring categories within the HOME Housing Need Index which refer to HUD's Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data, [click here](#) and follow these instructions:

- 1) Navigate to the bottom of the page.
- 2) Confirm that the 2006-2021 Query Tool is set for the Data Year range 2017-2021.
- 3) Select "Place" as the Geographic Summary Level for City/Town.
- 4) Continue to follow prompts for Geographic distinction.

- 5) For Rent Burden percentage, in the fourth section – "Housing Cost Burden Overview", add "Cost Burden >30% to <=50%" and "Cost Burden >50%" from the "Renter" column and divide by the Total in the "Renter" column. A point is awarded to an application in a city or town in which 44% or more of renter households are considered rent burdened.

- 6) For Severe Housing Problems percentage, in the third section – "Severe Housing Problems Overview", divide "Household has at least 1 of 4 Severe Housing Problems" in the "Renter" column by the Total in the "Renter" column. A point is awarded to an application in a city or town in which 25% or more of renter households are considered to have at least one severe housing problem.

- 7) For Households at or below 30% of AMI, in the first section – "Income Distribution Overview", divide "Household Income <=30% HAMFI" in the "Renter" column by the Total in the "Renter" column. A point is awarded to an application in a city or town in which 25% or more of renter households are at or below 30% of Area Median Income.

Interpreting Data from [IndianaHousingDashboard](#)

For "Units by Decade Built", navigate to the [IndianaHousingDashboard](#) and select the appropriate county. Then select the "Housing Supply" tab. Scroll down to the final chart on the page "Homes by Decade Built". A point is awarded for an application in a county where the greatest number of units are built prior to 1940. Hover over the bar in the chart to reveal the exact number of units and percentage of all homes in this age category.

For "Vacant and Available Units", on the "Housing Supply" tab, the chart entitled "Share of Homes that are Vacant and Available Over Time", shows the county percentage compared to the state percentage. A point is awarded for an application in a county where the county percentage is below the state percentage.

