



Tools and Resources

to Help Education Members Plan for Success

Education is critical to economic and regional growth, and we value the role of education in shaping our future workforce and leaders. We also value the perspective of educational institutions on a broad range of regional issues, including economic and workforce development, public policy, environment, transportation, and safety planning. SEMCOG has many resources to help our members with planning for success.

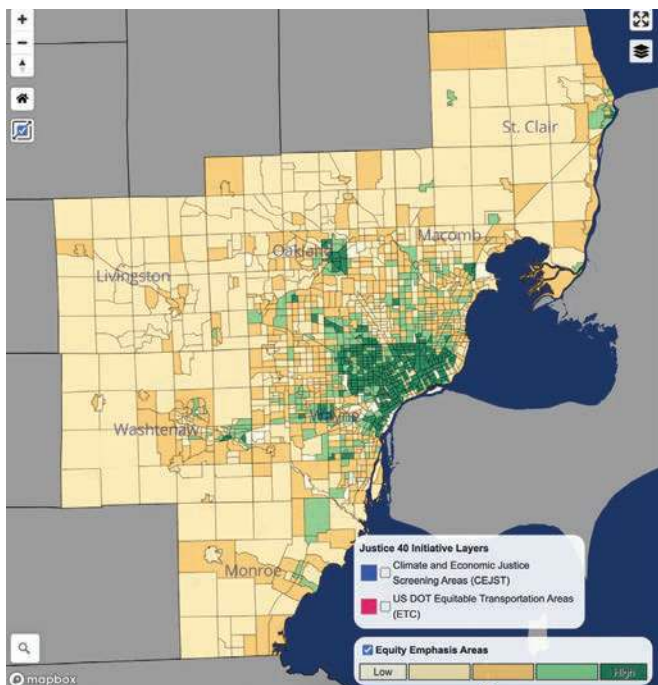
Data

SEMCOG has a wealth of data on issues that are critical for education institutions. These include 2050 Forecast data for the region as well as demographic and economic trends, including education attainment and projected job growth by sector. Visit the Community Profiles section on SEMCOG's website for more information.

School Age Population Data



SEMCOG's School Age Population by District data and report identifies changing youth population by school district. This is a valuable resource for K-12 institutions in planning future infrastructure and workforce needs.



Equity Emphasis Area Tool

SEMCOG's Equity Emphasis Areas tool is an interactive application that provides a detailed summary of key demographic variables at different geographies (regional, county, community, and census tract) across the seven-county region. The tool provides one location where communities, partner organizations, and residents can learn about our current socioeconomic indicators and have a data-driven understanding of community needs to assist in effective planning.



Broadband

SEMCOG's Broadband Navigator tool is a comprehensive resource with maps, data, and information related to broadband and digital literacy. It includes the Broadband Usage and Availability Tool which identifies where internet services are available and where it is not. In addition, it includes information on broadband usage by different populations including youth.



Technical Assistance

Additional funding available is SEMCOG's Planning Assistance Program, which can fund planning for complete streets, transportation equity, stormwater management, and mobility safety. This program may be a good resource for safety and corridor plans to assess and develop actions to improve accessibility for all road users around schools.



Safety Data and Resources for Schools

SEMCOG's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) provides safety infrastructure funding to ensure connectivity and accessibility for people who walk or bike. TAP includes funding to improve safe routes to school and address safety issues around schools.



Public Education



Keep it fresh. Keep it flowing.

SEMCOG provides resources and initiatives to increase public understanding and engagement on regional issues at no additional cost to members. These include Safe Streets Southeast Michigan, which provides resources in support for making safety our top priority on our streets, especially for people who walk, bike, and roll.

The One Water campaign focuses on our responsibility for preserving and upholding the quality of our interrelated drinking water, stormwater, and wastewater systems.

Public Policy

Every two years, SEMCOG convenes a Task Force to develop a Policy Platform. This includes policy recommendations related to K-12, higher education, workforce development and economic development. Education members are invited to participate in these discussions to provide input.





Education



Education members are invited to participate in all SEMCOG events, committees and Task Forces. SEMCOG regularly develops workshops focused on the interests of education members. These include regular presentations on forecast data to help with planning for student enrollment and best practices in education and workforce development. In addition, education members' participation is highly encouraged on Task Forces related to economic development, talent, transportation, safety, recreation, and other regional planning issues.



Networking



SEMCOG offers several in-person and virtual events throughout the year. These are great opportunities for networking with education peers, as well as leaders from local governments and regional partner organizations.



Leadership and Engagement

Education members also participate in elections for SEMCOG leadership and committee positions. Elections are held at the General Assembly meetings held in March and June every year. The Education Bloc elects its delegates and alternates that will serve on the Executive Committee.



Find out more about upcoming events on SEMCOG's website, or scan this QR code.

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