

# Module 6: Understanding the Data as a Community with Our Guiding Questions

As mentioned throughout, we selected 3 guiding questions to lead our investigation with the EDDE:

- Which of my neighbors are most at risk of being pushed out of our neighborhood?
- What is the financial situation for the majority of my neighbors (not the average)?
- What are some assets and resources in the neighborhood that most of my neighbors have access to?

Below we will share the data collected from the tool and conclusions on how we might respond to each question if we were an organizer, advocate, or community member that was using the EDDE to gain information about our community. This is not the perfect or “right” way of looking at the data, but one way of many that you can use to think about using the data to answer difficult questions about your neighborhood, district, or borough.

**The Red text indicates where in the EDDE the corresponding information can be found.**

## Guiding Question 1: Which of my neighbors are most at risk of being pushed out of our neighborhood?

- Significantly Higher Hispanic population than the city as a whole (65% vs 28%) (EDDE- Demographic conditions. Neighborhood and City Views)
- Over Half of Hispanic + Asian populations below 50% AMI (EDDE- Household Economic Security: Households by AMI, Racial Views)
- 50% of residents have some limitations on English language proficiency (EDDE- Demographic conditions. Neighborhood View)
- Median income for white families = \$81,000, for Hispanic + Asian Families= \$55,000 to 56,000 (EDDE- Household Economic Security: Median Household income, Racial Category Views)
- 63% of residents are rent-burdened, 35.7% extremely rent-burdened (EDDE- Housing Affordability, Quality, and Security- Gross Rent as % of Household income)
- 12% of Rental units below 50% AMI (EDDE- Housing Affordability, Quality, and Security- Rental units Affordable to Households by AMI)
- No public housing (EDDE- Housing Affordability, Quality, and Security-Income Restricted Housing)
- Larger proportion of severely rent-burdened households than city as a whole (Displacement Risk Index- Population Vulnerability)
- Property values + rents are rising (Displacement Risk Index- Market Pressure)

**Based on the data how would we answer: Which of my neighbors are most at**

### **risk of being pushed out of our neighborhood?**

- Those that are rent-burdened in our neighborhood (Jackson Heights) and in all neighborhoods are at risk. Nonwhite families also seem to have incomes that make them vulnerable to rising rents. There is a lack of public housing and very few units this population can afford- 50+% of residents of color but only 12% of units. A large number of residents are also without English language proficiency. With all of that, it seems likely that nonwhite, working class, and immigrant families face a higher risk of displacement.

### **Guiding Question 2: What is the financial situation for the majority of my neighbors (not the average)?**

- Median Income = about \$58,000 (EDDE- Household Economic Security: Median Household income)
- 18.6% identify as Asian (EDDE- Demographic conditions- all subsequent racial data is located in the same manner)
  - Median income for Asian families = \$56,431 (EDDE- Household Economic Security: Median Household income, Racial Category Views)
  - Over half of Asian population below 50% AMI (EDDE- Household Economic Security: Households by AMI)
- 9.4% identify as white
  - Median income for white families = \$81,000
  - Over 60% earning over 80% AMI
- 64% of residents identify as Hispanic
  - Hispanic Families= \$55,000
  - Over half of Hispanic population below 50% AMI
- 63% of residents are rent-burdened, 35.7% extremely rent-burdened (EDDE- Housing Affordability, Quality, and Security- Gross Rent as % of Household income)

### **Based on the above information how can we answer: What is the financial situation for the majority of my neighbors (not the average)?**

- Overall, the community has a wide income range. When we look beyond just the median income we find that white families in the community have a much higher median income. Most Hispanic and Asian families are making much less money and are well below the Median AMI for the City as a whole. Most residents of color are working class but the small proportion of more affluent white residents raises the overall median income for the community. Breaking it down by race can offer us a more complete picture. Many residents are also rent-burdened, which means their financial situation is tenuous.

### **Guiding Question 3: What are some assets and resources in the neighborhood that most of my neighbors have access to?**

- 33% of residents are within ¼ mile of transit (EDDE- Quality of Life and Access to Opportunity- Access to Transit)
- 71% of residents have access to broadband at home (EDDE- Quality of Life and Access to Opportunity- Education Access- Access to Broadband Internet at Home)
- 70.5% of residents within walking distance of a park (EDDE- Quality of Life and Access to Opportunity- Open Space- Park Access)
- More pedestrian, cyclist, + motorist injuries than city average
  - 821.1 per 100 miles, vs city average of 668.2 per 100 miles (EDDE- Quality of Life and Access to Opportunity- Public Safety- Traffic injuries/100 Street miles- Neighborhood and City Views)

**Based on the above information how would we answer: What are some assets and resources in the neighborhood that most of my neighbors have access to?**

- This question is more of an incomplete answer. It seems that most people have access to open space, but many do not have access to public transit and walking is less safe than the city as a whole. This information is also largely not broken down by race.