

Inclusive Prosperity Dashboard: Ideal Indicators

The purpose of creating the inclusive prosperity dashboard is to establish a data-driven definition of inclusive prosperity – a concept that does not have a hard and fast definition and also varies by place and circumstance. With the help of expert researchers and data analysts from the Urban Institute, we examined existing definitions, developed an initial set of indicators for the dashboard, and work-shopped that draft with residents and stakeholders from the university community, business, government and nonprofits. We then collected data for these indicators, where available, to develop the dashboard you can currently find at www.DCEconomicStrategy.com.

In some cases, we encountered data limitations that prevented us from adding the ideal indicator, so we found a substitute or are working to acquire the data. These cases are described below. We will work to build out the dashboard throughout 2017 and welcome additional input on data sources or other indicators. Contact erica.soultanian@dc.gov if you have input.

Quality Jobs are Available

Ideal Indicator: Number of jobs that pay a living wage, defined as \$15/hour.

Current Indicator: Jobs in DC by sector, by average wage

Businesses Can Thrive

Ideal Indicator: Availability and accessibility of financial capital for new and existing businesses by ward and by race

Current Indicator: DC firms' reasons for avoiding additional financing

Residents are Prepared and Can Access Work

Ideal Indicator: Child care availability relative to demand

Current Indicator: Number of child care slots by ward by subsidy status

Ideal Indicator: Adult literacy/numeracy rates

(No current data is available, last survey was in 2003)

Ideal Indicator: Access and quality of job training

(DOES is working on creating updated metrics to measure the quality of job training)