



Neighborhood Vitality Index

Make NVI data work for you



Pete is a long-time volunteer in his church's food pantry. He's a retired English teacher and started helping the pastor with grant writing.

Get Curious!



Identify a problem you have or something you're curious about:

I don't know enough about the people in our neighborhood.

Turn it into a question:

What prevents my neighbors from being able to afford food?

Find Data!

Pete navigates to the website nvidetroit.org

← → ↻ <https://nvidetroit.org> 

Pete finds a **map** that allows him to look at a geography that covers his neighborhood.

Click on a **Neighborhood Zone** to view its data

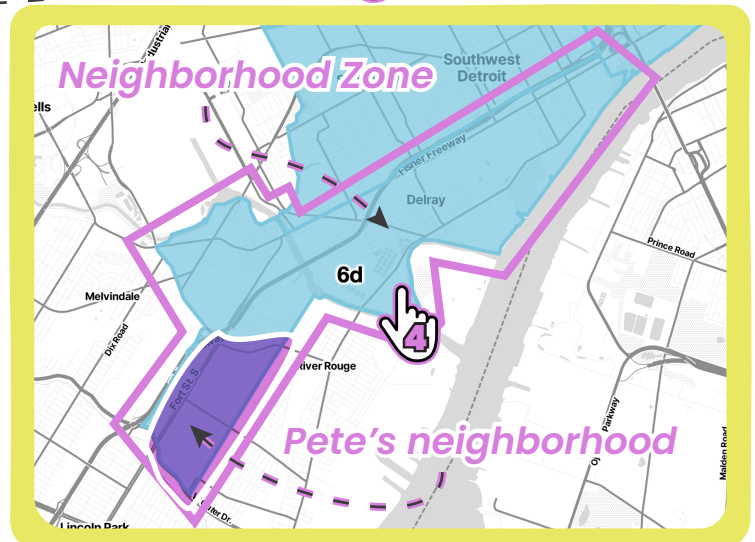
✓ Neighborhood Zones
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Pete finds that only **48%** of residents are able to purchase adequate food. He keeps digging for other indicators that might help him understand the situation and finds that:



Quality of Life

- 76%** Are satisfied with the overall quality of their lives
- 48%** Are able to purchase adequate food
- 52%** Are able to pay their bills
- 85%** Current housing needs are being met
- 65%** Are satisfied with condition of housing in neighborhood

54% have not had transportation prevent them from working, attending appointments, or other daily living activities

35% Currently have their job in Detroit

70% Feel safe in their neighborhood

26% have no concerns with using a computer or digital device

Act On It!

Pete starts thinking about the lack of transportation and feelings of safety in the neighborhood. Pete starts to plan out a food delivery program with a paper sign up and writes a grant for a pilot phase to see if the food pantry can serve more people by bringing food to their doors.

How can we create a food delivery program?



Dive Deeper

Pete also notices a deep dive section on the NVI website, so he **requests an account**. He finds residents are least satisfied with their access to fresh healthy foods and mental health services.

Youth Quality of Life

Want to dive deeper into data for your neighborhood?

If you work for a Detroit-based organization and would like an account to view more information, [let us know!](#)

Learn more about housing by exploring the [Housing Information Portal!](#)

Find out more about the welfare of children and families in Detroit with [State of the Detroit Child 2.0!](#)



He brings this datapoint to a convening of food sovereignty organizations in the city to kick start a conversation about how to better serve Detroit neighborhoods.