

Equity Tracker

Executive Board

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Puget Sound Regional Council



We are leaders in the region to realize equity for all. Diversity, racial equity and inclusion are integrated into how we carry out all our work.

psrc.org/equity

Overview

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- Co-creation with Equity Advisory Committee

The Equity Tracker

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Project Background



Motivations: Requests for technical support

- PSRC, partners, & stakeholders working to advance equity, address disparities
- Feedback includes need for data to help answer key questions:

What are the disparities in life outcomes for different people?

What progress is the region making in closing equity gaps?

How can people hold PSRC and others accountable for their work?

Are plans and policies in the region collectively working in the right direction?



Existing equity-related resources

The collage features several key resources:

- State:** Washington Tracking Network (A Source for Environmental Public Health Data) and Washington State Department of Health.
- Region:** Displacement Risk Mapping (Assessing risk of displacement in the central Puget Sound region), Opportunity Mapping Report (An assessment of opportunity across the central Puget Sound region), and Central Puget Sound Demographic Profile.
- Local:** Tacoma, Washington (Accessibility Index, Voter Participation, Households with Internet, Healthy Food Availability), King County Regional Affordable Housing Dashboard, and Legacy of Structural Racism (Puget Sound Regional Council).

Data gap: Comprehensive tool to measure disparities & track equity performance across the central Puget Sound region

Regional Equity Strategy



Capacity Building

Learning Opportunities
Prioritizing Equity
Inclusive Procurement
Hiring and Retention



Community Engagement

Equity Advisory Committee
Anti-Displacement
Organizations
Inclusive Engagement Guidance



Data and Research

Equity Analyses

Equity Tracker

Legacy of Structural Racism
Data & Analysis



Best Practices

Equity Impact Tool
Equity Planning Resources



Development process

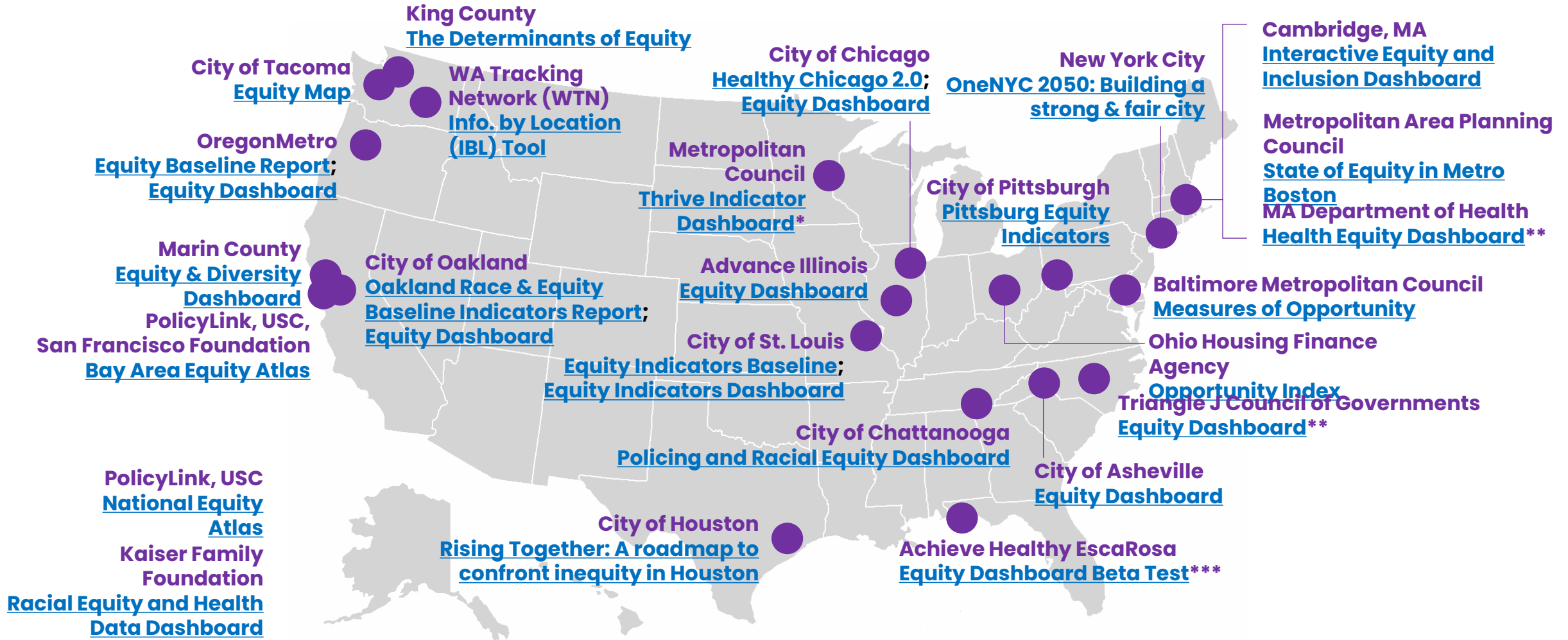
Three primary goals

- Measure life outcomes & highlight disparities between communities
- Track performance over time in closing equity gaps
- Publicly hold PSRC & its partners accountable

Align with VISION 2050's call for monitoring



Review: Examples of equity data tools



*Currently in development (in April 2024)

**The equity dashboard is no longer available (in April 2024)

***The equity dashboard is no longer available (in Jan 2022); the outcome measures can be found in the [data page](#).



Four key takeaways from reviews

- 1) Connect data/tool to specific programs & plans**
 - *PSRC Equity Tracker foundation based on VISION 2050*
- 2) Systematic & rigorous evaluation of data & sources**
 - *Use regularly updated data about people/places in our region from accessible, trusted sources*
- 3) Two uses: provide info (primary use) & share data**
 - *Equity Tracker aims to do both, prioritize info provision*
- 4) Complementary info to data can enhance tool**
 - *Provide context & interpretations, point to solutions*



Co-creation with Equity Advisory Committee

- 2022 FEB** EAC meeting: Introduced Equity Tracker
Determined support, areas of interest, ways to interact
- APR** EAC meeting: Discussed key elements
- MAY** Members started review of draft webpages
- AUG** End of feedback period (new PSRC website launched)
- OCT** EAC meeting: Discussed feedback & priorities
- 2023 JUNE** EAC meeting: Showed updates & incorporation of feedback
- 2024 APR** EAC meeting: Project status & timeline



The Equity Tracker



Equity Tracker themes & indicators

THEMES (sections in VISION 2050)	INDICATORS
Climate Change	Flood risk
Communities & Health*	Cardiovascular disease mortality Health insurance Life expectancy SNAP participation
Economy	Educational attainment Kindergarten readiness Household income
Environment	Toxic releases Tree canopy cover

* Refers to the *Development Patterns* section in VISION 2050



Equity Tracker themes & indicators

THEMES (sections in VISION 2050)	INDICATORS
Housing	Access to affordable rent Homeownership Renter cost burden Renter overcrowding
Public Services	Imprisonment* Internet access
Transportation	Distance to high-capacity transit Sidewalk completeness

* Highlights communities where more human services may be needed to help reduce rates of imprisonment



Equity Tracker themes & indicators

THEMES (sections in VISION 2050)	INDICATORS <u>UNDER EXPLORATION</u>
Climate Change	Fire risk Heat risk
Economy	Access to living wage jobs
Regional Collaboration	Voter participation
Transportation	Safety



Equity Tracker demonstration



Equity Tracker

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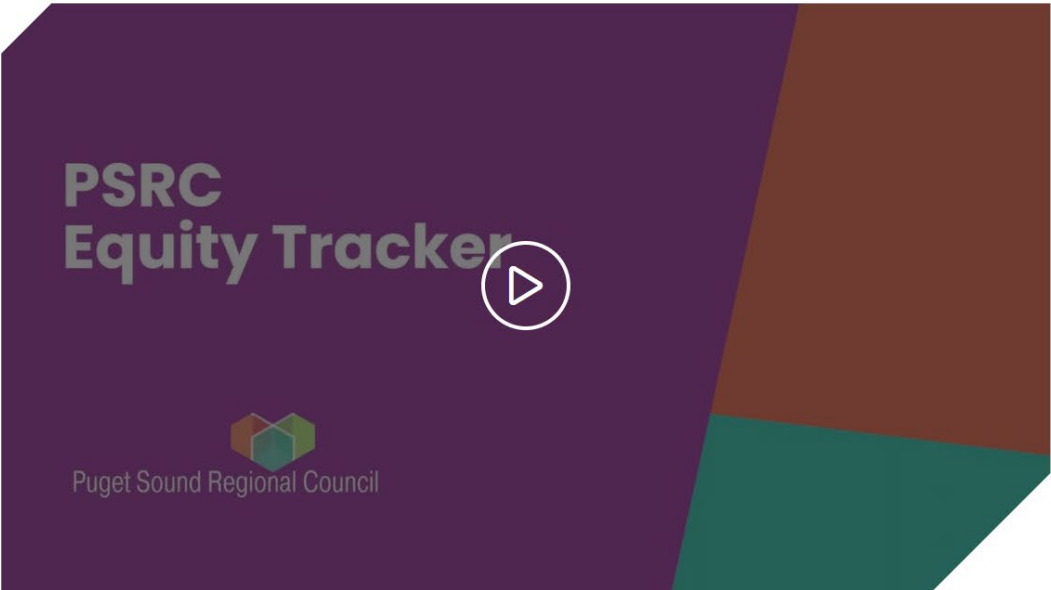
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Our Work

Data	
Economy	
Environment	
Equity	
Funding	+
Growth Management	
Housing	
Safety	
Transportation	
Equity Tracker	

Get The Facts About Racial Equity

Racial and ethnic disparities in key quality of life indicators have persisted in the Central Puget Sound region, with Black, Indigenous, and People of Color faring worse compared to White individuals. Robust data and information are essential to developing strategies to build an equitable region.



Next Steps



Project timeline

2024 MAY

Equity Tracker site went live
Website/tool refinements

JUNE

GMPB meeting: project information
Executive Board meeting: official launch

Summer

Work with EAC members to get their feedback
Start work on Census data & related updates

FALL

Circle back with EAC to discuss development priorities



The Equity Tracker:

<https://www.psrc.org/our-work/equity/equity-tracker>

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Thank You!



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