

U.S. APPROACHES TO ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

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- Incorporate EJ into EPA regulatory, permitting, and enforcement activities
- Elevate EJ by creating national office
- Previous OECD engagement
- Intergovernmental coordination and increasing federal-US State cooperation



EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan signs document officially creating the new Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights.

U.S. Justice40 Initiative

- **Goal:** U.S. Federal Government has made it a goal that 40 percent of the overall benefits of certain Federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized, underserved, and overburdened by pollution.
- **Progress:** Identified government programs that qualify
- **Challenges:** Scaling up and reporting
- **Lessons Learned:** Ensuring community input; dedicating available resources and the importance of data accessibility

Explore the map

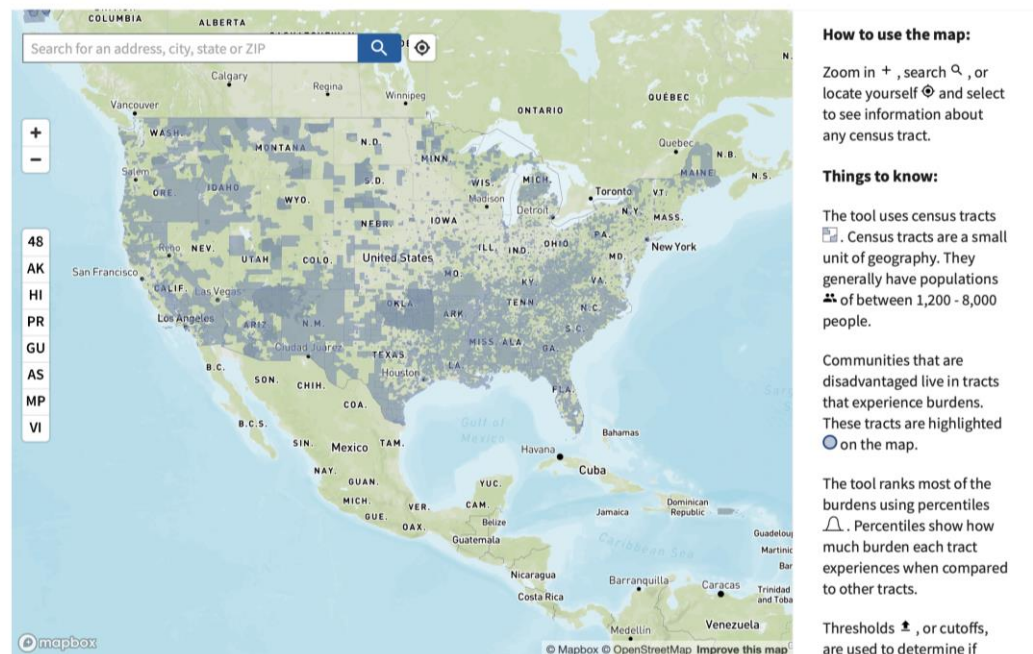
 [Public engagement](#)

Census tracts that are overburdened and underserved are highlighted as being disadvantaged on the map. Federally Recognized Tribes, including Alaska Native Villages, are also considered disadvantaged communities.

Zooming-in and selecting shows information about each census tract.

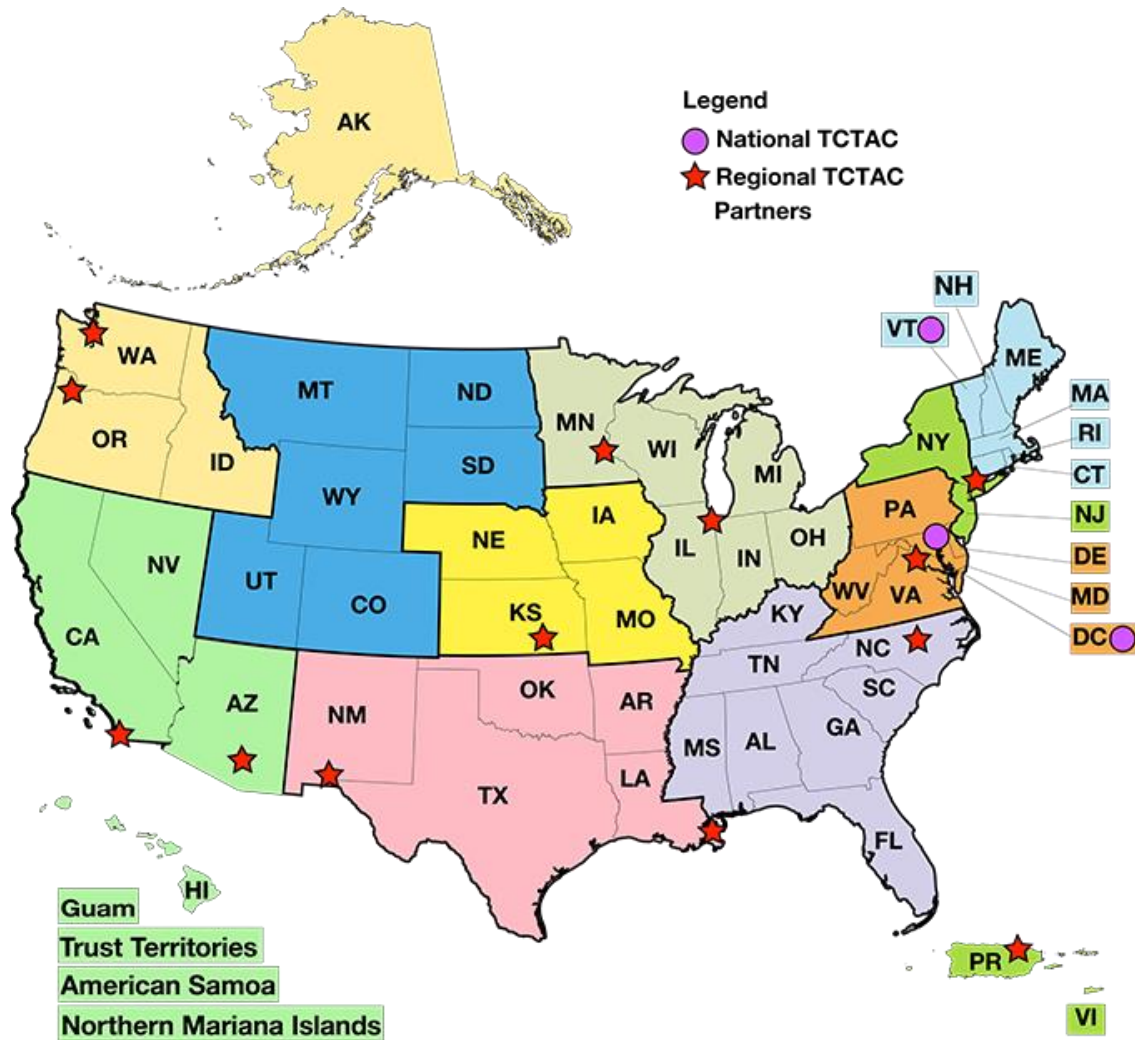
Get the data

Download the data with documentation and shapefile from the [downloads](#) page.



The [Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool](#) used to identify communities for Justice40

U.S. EPA's Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers



- **Goal:** The EJ TCTAC Program is a program that works towards a holistic government-wide framework for providing technical assistance and capacity building resources to those most in need to improve and foster thriving communities throughout the country.
- **Progress:** EPA selected 16 EJ TCTACs that will receive significant resources to help underserved and overburdened communities
- **Challenges:** Developing a novel approach to establishing a support network
- **Lessons Learned:** Raising awareness of resources, value of directing information

U.S. EJ Federal Advisory Committees

National Environmental Justice Advisory Committee (NEJAC)

- **Goal:** The NEJAC provides independent advice and recommendations to the EPA Administrator.
- **Progress:** Historic Credibility, Federal Advisory Committee Act adherence
- **Challenges:** Increasing participation of regulated industries
- **Lessons Learned:** Meeting flexibility, subcommittees, long-term membership

White House Environmental Justice Advisory Committee (WHEJAC)

- **Goal:** The WHEJAC provides independent advice and recommendations to the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality and to the White House Interagency Council on Environmental Justice
- **Progress:** Executive Order Implementation
- **Challenges:** Rapid Scaling, Spreading a Common Vision, Tool Development
- **Lessons Learned:** Advance a unified and clear direction with flexibility to solicit charges that are relevant

OECD MINISTERIAL DECLARATION “A RESILIENT AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL”

WE INVITE the OECD to reinforce the
OECD’s work on Environment by:

“deepening analysis of the distributional effects of national environmental policies, considering social and gender dimensions, and national approaches to environmental justice, with a goal of improving equality and equity, fairness, inclusiveness, citizens’ awareness and their meaningful engagement.”

