




Assessing Community Resources in the Madison Area


An essential aspect of a successful city is having spaces for its residents to gather, recreate, learn, and grow familiar with where they live and who they share the space with. Community centers and gardens exemplify this idea perfectly. The city of Madison and the people that live there have done a fantastic job to create this ideal, offering over 4,000 public community garden plots and numerous community centers within the city boundaries. It is an important process to assess, not just the convenience of where to place these resources, but to look at which neighborhoods and parts of the city that would benefit greatly from the services they have to offer. While in most cases easier, it would be nonsensical to build these centers and gardens mainly in the most affluent areas of town, as residents there would experience the least amount of benefit. Things such as access to food, technology, and wellness resources may be taken for granted in one area of Madison, but may be in dire need of offering in another. This map breaks the city up into median household income by census tract, and highlights the spatial arrangement of community gardens and centers revealing the successes of the current services provided, possible wealth-based discrepancies, and areas in which the city of Madison has to improve.


**Community Centers**


**Community Gardens**


 Food Pantry


 Youth Programs

 Adult Programs

 Gathering Spaces

 Fitness Facilities

 Tech Access

 Wellness Resources

Median Yearly Income
Houses and Appartments by Census Tract

Under \$15,000

\$15,001 - \$40,000

\$40,001 - \$60,000

\$60,001 - \$80,000

\$80,001 - \$100,000

Over \$100,000

