



TEAM MEMBER NAME _____ DATE _____

Housing refers to the buildings where people live. Housing can be a house, apartment building, mobile home, condominium complex, nursing home, or retirement community. Community zoning regulations often determine the size and location of housing.

OBJECTIVE

Describe and map the spread of housing through your community over the following time periods:

- 1900s
- 1960s
- Today

RESOURCES

Consider which of these resources might be helpful for your team:

- U.S. Census Bureau website (data.census.gov)
- U.S. Geological Survey topoView website, which includes current and historical maps (visit ngmdb.usgs.gov/topoview and select “Get Maps”)
- Your town, city, or county planning offices or housing department
- Libraries (town or city, school, or university)
- Local museum or historical society
- Local land trust
- Fire insurance atlases (such as Sanborn maps)
- A GIS-based mapping app
- Interview: Talk to elders about changes they’ve observed
- Personal exploration: Take a walk around your community to see what you discover. Are there homes under construction or abandoned buildings?

What other resources can you find?



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