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Volunteers Needed for Community Risk Profiles

The Concrete Coalition is now accepting volunteers to help with the California Inventory Project.



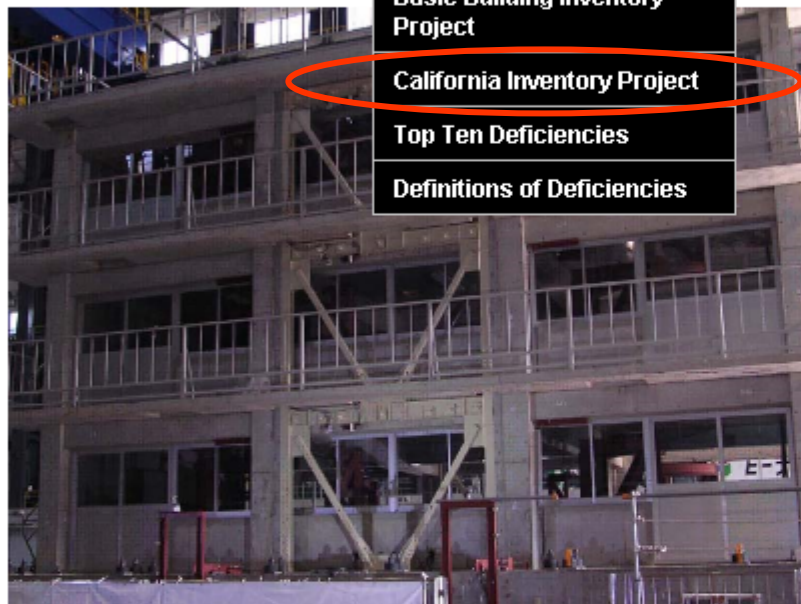
Concrete Coalition and the City of Los Angeles

The City of Los Angeles, under the leadership of Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, has joined the Concrete Coalition.



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As part of the challenge of defining and

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California Inventory Project

The Concrete Coalition is building a network of volunteer engineers in California who will help gather information on the number and types of pre-1980 concrete buildings that exist in the state, and help understand the risk represented by these buildings.

The database to manage this information is under construction and will soon be ready, but in the meantime, volunteers can sign up for specific communities and/or review the community risk profile by clicking [here: Community Risk Profile](#)

Workshops are scheduled in January and February 2009 in Los Angeles and San Francisco to recruit volunteers and to discuss how to get started on a community profile. Click [here](#) for more information.

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Cities in Los Angeles County

City	Date incorporated	Population
Agoura Hills	December 08, 1982	23,340
Alhambra	July 11, 1903	89,488
Arcadia	August 05, 1903	56,556
Artesia	May 29, 1959	17,589
Avalon	June 26, 1913	3,521
Azusa	December 29, 1898	48,640
Baldwin Park	January 25, 1956	81,146
Bell Gardens	November 07, 1927	38,982
Bell	August 01, 1961	46,760
Bellflower	September 03, 1957	77,189
Beverly Hills	January 28, 1914	36,084
Bradbury	July 26, 1957	938
Burbank	July 15, 1911	107,921
Calabasas	April 05, 1991	23,652
Carson	February 20, 1968	98,178
Cerritos	April 24, 1956	54,943
Claremont	October 03, 1907	37,141
Commerce	January 28, 1960	13,494
Compton	May 11, 1888	99,451
Covina	August 14, 1901	49,720
Cudahy	November 10, 1960	25,870

After reports are reviewed, they will be posted online here. You can gain access by clicking on jurisdiction name.

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Community Risk Profile Summary				
				Application Notes
Name of Jurisdiction:	Los Angeles	If you only fill out one page, this should be it. If you have other data for these building types, you can attach a separate file(s) at the bottom of this page.		
Population:	3.8 million			
Year of Incorporation:	1850			
Year Structures Built	City of Los Angeles			
1999 to March 2000	5960	<i>Look at the Basic Background worksheet for information on where to find some of these basic data.</i> <i>These data will be taken from Table DP-4, Census 2000, U.S. Census, for each jurisdiction. We intend to fill out the table for each jurisdiction before you begin working on the form.</i>		
1995 to 1998	22,640			
1990 to 1994	57,990			
1980 to 1989	166,610			
1970 to 1979	258,450			
1960 to 1969	325,590			
1940 to 1959	814,740			
1939 or earlier	375,240			
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Table DP-4				
Total number of buildings:	2.3 million	(Estimates can be one number or a range)		
Single family residences:				
Other Private buildings:				
Public buildings:				
AND/OR				
Total number of pre-1980 bldgs:				
Total square footage:				
Total number of pre-1980 concrete buildings:	~1800			
Total square footage of pre-1980 concrete buildings:	315 million			

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We will provide
these data for
each jurisdiction

Each community risk profile consists of:

Community Risk Profile Summary

And 5 other worksheets, which are meant to help you get to the “bottom line”—

How many buildings?

How many pre-1980 buildings?

How many pre-1980 concrete buildings?

You do not need to answer every question—they are meant to help you think through the problem, not to make work

Introduction	Your Info	Summary	Basic Background	Bldg Inventory	Seismic Policies	Contacts	Additional Questions
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The background worksheets are:

Basic Background Data

Building Inventory Data

Seismic Policies

Contacts in the community

Additional questions

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In the next few days, the form will be finalized on the website.

In the meantime, you can download the Excel file from the website—[concretecoalition.org/California Inventory project](http://concretecoalition.org/California%20Inventory%20project)--if you want to begin work.

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You will be able to create a new report, edit a report, and review suggestions for data sources

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Possible Data Sources

SUGGESTIONS FOR WHERE TO LOOK FOR COMMUNITY DATA:

- Talk to local building official, planning staff
- Look for general plan, comprehensive plan, safety element, disaster mitigation plan
- Look for seismic rehabilitation policies, ordinances
- Is there a Council of Governments such as ABAG or SCAG that might have data?
- Has the community replaced default building data in HAZUS with inventory data?
- Check with local HAZUS Users Group or planning/building staff
- Are there local engineers or architects who can describe particular buildings, or know the neighborhoods where these older buildings might exist?
- Could you look at assessor's data?
- Some cities have public databases such as ZIMAS and LUPAMS in L.A.
- Everyblock.com will work for S.F., L.A. and San Jose
- Google Earth can help with a rough count of buildings per block, general type of building
- Sidewalk surveys for small cities or certain neighborhoods
- Work with building official to gain access to RealQuest, a county database, showing date of construction and material.
- Are there any other inventories, such as URM or older buildings, that might provide clues?
- Concrete Coalition steering committee members are in the process of obtaining hospital, school, university and court data for California jurisdictions, however
- If you have particular knowledge of such buildings, please include it either here or in the building inventory worksheet.

Resources that may have useful data:

Website and Excel file provide suggestions about where to look for data

We will soon post instructions about how to use Google Earth

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Next Steps

- Once we have data from big cities/cities where we would expect to find significant numbers of these buildings, we need to decide which of these buildings represent the highest risk.



- Preliminary findings from our pilot cities—
 - 6—7 story buildings built in the late 50's/60's, with shear walls in one direction and frames in the other may be the buildings to focus on
 - May not be as many of these buildings as originally estimated (problem may be more manageable)



Lots of ways to
approach data
collection—each pilot
city different



We need your help to
really understand the
nature of this problem