

## What's In My Back Yard (WIMBY) Dictionary

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The "What's In My Back Yard" (WIMBY) Tool presents information about the services and facilities described below within areas affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The WIMBY Dictionary describes how each item has been defined for research purposes and notes where certain data may be limited due to data availability.

### **Total Number of Road Home Applications**

This number reflects the total number of applications processed by *The Road Home* program to date for a selected ZIP code, parish, or neighborhood. This information is not displayed on WIMBY Maps.

### **Closing Data**

The Closing Data table on each WIMBY Report shows the closing decisions of applicants in a specific ZIP code, parish, or neighborhood. This information is pulled directly from applicants' closing documentation. The data shows the total number and percentage of applicants who have chosen each option upon closing.

WIMBY Maps displays Closing Data as a percentage of applicants staying per census block. The color of each block indicates the percentage of people staying. The number within the grey hexagon indicates the total number of applicants within that census block who have gone to closing and is used to generate the percentage.

### **Utilities**

For WIMBY purposes, information about utilities (i.e. power, gas, water, and sewage services) is collected by ZIP code and provides a general idea of what services are available in a given area. If utilities are not available, WIMBY offers a description of the areas affected. All utility information should be confirmed with the applicant's local provider before he/she returns home. The WIMBY tool can report available services but can not capture areas where services may be unreliable or areas where applicants must contact a local provider to resume services.

### **Mail Services**

Mail service has returned to the entire state of Louisiana. Returning residents are required to visit their *delivery* post office location in person to regain mail service to their home. For WIMBY purposes, a post office indicates the United States Postal Service (USPS)-designated *delivery* post office for a particular ZIP code. This post office may not be located in the same ZIP code it services. Additional *retail* post offices may be open in a given ZIP code, but may not be responsible for mail delivery. To locate these retail post offices, please visit the USPS website at <http://www.usps.com>.

### **Fire Houses**

For WIMBY purposes, a fire house is a physical building where firefighting equipment and fire department personnel are housed. In the case of volunteer fire departments, the facility itself may not be manned 24/7. Each fire house may be part of a larger fire company or fire department operated through the parish or local government. Only open fire houses are displayed in WIMBY Reports.

### **Public Transportation Lines**

For WIMBY purposes, public transportation is defined as any form of transportation that is publicly-available for a fixed charge or no charge that runs a regular scheduled route. Examples include buses, subways, trains, and ferries. In some cases, public transportation also includes services that provide transportation on an on-request basis for residents with special needs. Only fully operational and partial service public transportation lines are displayed in WIMBY Reports. Areas without public transportation are shaded on WIMBY Maps.

### **Schools**

For WIMBY purposes, a school is defined as an educational institution teaching any grade or combination of grades between kindergarten and 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Pre-kindergarten services are included if the school also services other grades. In order to be included in the database, the school must be a registered with the Louisiana Department of Education as a public or nonpublic (i.e., private and parochial) school. Open and closed schools are displayed in WIMBY Reports. Schools listed in WIMBY as open may not be accepting new students at this time. Please contact individual schools for information on availability.

### **Hospitals**

For WIMBY purposes, a hospital is defined as an institution that provides medical, surgical, or psychiatric services to the sick or injured. In order to be included, the hospital must be registered with the Louisiana Hospital Association or the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals. The hospitals listed in WIMBY include acute care, long-term acute care, critical care, psychiatric, rehabilitation, veterans, and military hospitals. Open and closed hospitals are displayed in WIMBY Reports.

### **Adult Centers**

For WIMBY purposes, an adult center is an adult resident facility registered with the Louisiana Department of Social Services or a nursing home registered with the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) Health Standards. Only open adult centers are displayed in WIMBY Reports. Adult centers listed in WIMBY as open may not be accepting new residents at this time. Please contact individual adult centers for information on availability.

### **Libraries**

For WIMBY purposes, a library is a public facility that contains books and other materials for reading, viewing, or listening that are available on temporary loan to visitors. Only open libraries are displayed in WIMBY Reports.

### **Child Care Centers**

For WIMBY purposes, a child care center is a facility that provides care and/or supervision of another person's child. In order to be included, child care centers must be registered with the Louisiana Department of Social Services. Only open child care centers are displayed in WIMBY Reports. Child Care Centers may not be accepting new enrollees at this time. Please contact individual centers for information on enrollment.

### **After School Programs**

For WIMBY purposes, after school programs can fall into two categories: (1) programs held at public or non-public schools for enrolled students (e.g., tutoring, clubs) and (2) recreational centers or national or local programs that offer after school activities for children (e.g., YMCA, Boys & Girls Club). Information is collected from schools registered with the Louisiana Department of Education. Only open after school programs are displayed in WIMBY Reports.

### **Grocery Stores**

For WIMBY purposes, a grocery store is a store selling food and other related commodities. In order to be included in the database, the grocery store must at least sell milk, bread, and produce (fruits and vegetables). A grocery store may also be a small convenience store (e.g., 7-Eleven) or a large department store (e.g., Walmart) that provides these commodities. Only open grocery stores are displayed in WIMBY Reports.

### **Places of Worship**

For WIMBY purposes, a place of worship is an establishment that holds reoccurring religious services on a regular, scheduled basis. Services may be held at "conventional" facilities, such as churches, mosques, synagogues, and other religious buildings, or "unconventional" facilities, such as schools or civic centers. If services are being held in an alternative location due to the storm, the current physical location of where the services take place is reported. Only open places of worship are displayed in WIMBY Reports.

### **Recreational Facilities**

For WIMBY purposes, a recreational center is defined as a government sponsored or government funded public facility whose primary function is to provide recreation. This can include parks and other outdoor venues. Any facility where profit goes to the benefit of a private owner is not included in WIMBY. Only open recreational facilities are displayed in WIMBY Reports.

### **Banks**

For WIMBY purposes, a bank is an institution for receiving, lending, exchanging, and safeguarding money and, in some cases, issuing notes and transacting other financial business. To be listed in WIMBY, a bank needs to have at least one person on site; individual ATMs and headquarter buildings that have no services for customers are not included. Credit Unions insured by FDIC are also included. Only open banks and credit unions are displayed in WIMBY Reports.