In urban neighborhoods, change is a constant. New buildings are constructed, older buildings are renovated or reused, structures are demolished or replaced, and businesses can change often. People also come and go. Types of employment change, and so does residents’ economic well-being. How can we see and study this dynamic process? Using demographic data from the 2000 Census, land use data from BRA and business data collected from Reference USA, the community profile can be built. A comprehensive look at who and what is in the neighborhood today will also be provided.

For Asian population, the map (above) shows the greatest concentration in the central Chinatown. Median household income is shown for each Census blockgroup. The map (right) shows that median household income seems much lower than in the citywide which is $39,629. The highest income is in the south of central Chinatown. However, the lowest income is in the west of Chinatown.

The map shows the residential areas in the neighborhood. Brown colors are the residential or residential/commercial mixed areas from BRA use, and dots show housing locations from CPA team of 07’ Field Project. The map also shows that typical buildings in the northeast of Chinatown are mixed-use, which are restaurants on the first floor with residential units on upper floors. In the southeast of Chinatown, it shows residential units are more than mixed-use units.

There are 13 food markets or supermarkets in the neighborhood. The map (right) shows sales in each market. Most of them have sales between $500,000 and $1 million.

Chinese community is known for good restaurants. The map shows employment size of each eating and drinking places. Most of employment size is less than 50. However, many restaurants in Chinatown have less than 10 employees (as shown in the below map).

The maps (below) show percent of adult in labor force and employed both are normalized by population over 16. Although in the central of neighborhood has the most population in labor force, the highest employed rate is in the south of central Chinatown.