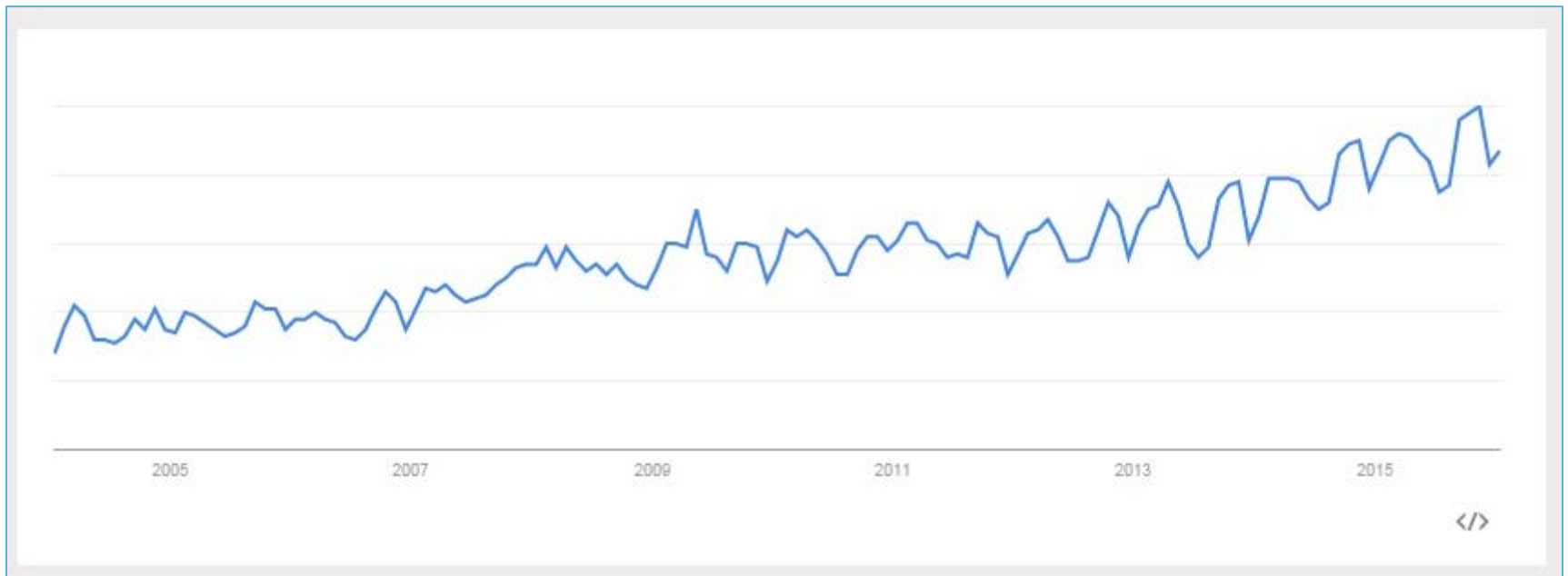


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# Resilience as an Idea in Good Standing



Google searches for “resilience” over last decade

# Definitions by Discipline

From the Latin *resilio*: to spring back, rebound

- Public Health: the ability to “cope” with stress or the body’s ability “recover” from injury
- Engineering: system “recovery time”
- Ecology: the ability of an ecosystem to absorb” a perturbation” without longer term change to the system



# ISC's Working Definition

**Community Resilience is the ability of people and organizations in place to address acute and chronic challenges that span economic, environmental (natural and built), and social sectors and ultimately improve well-being.**

**The ISC approach incorporates the following values:**

- **Inclusivity**
- **Collaborative**
- **For the present & the future**

# Resilience Connections



# Community Resilience

“Whether they come from governments or from civil society, the best techniques for safeguarding cities don’t just mitigate disaster damage; they also strengthen the networks that promote health and prosperity during ordinary times.”

*Adaptation, E. Klinenberg. The New Yorker, January 7, 2013 issue*

