



Poverty and Community Needs

Metropolitan Social Services Planning & Coordination

FEDERAL DEFINITION OF POVERTY

U. S. poverty is measured by money income and family size).

U. S. Poverty threshold/eligibility for programs is the same for all 48 contiguous states.

The poverty formula was created in 1964.

There has been adjustment for inflation but the formula is outdated.

WHAT DOES POVERTY MEAN?

Human poverty is more than the lack of money.

It also involves a loss of dignity, a sense of powerlessness, a lack of autonomy and control .

The American Human Development Report provides rankings based on access to knowledge, health/longevity and a decent standard of living.

<http://hdrstats.undp.org/en/countries/profiles/USA.html>

POVERTY IN THE U.S. AND TENNESSEE

In 2011, the percentage of all people in poverty was:

- **15.9% in the U. S.**
- **18.3% in Tennessee**
- **19.3% in Davidson County**

At some time before reaching age 65, 51.4% of the U. S. population will experience poverty.

Purpose of Community Needs Evaluations

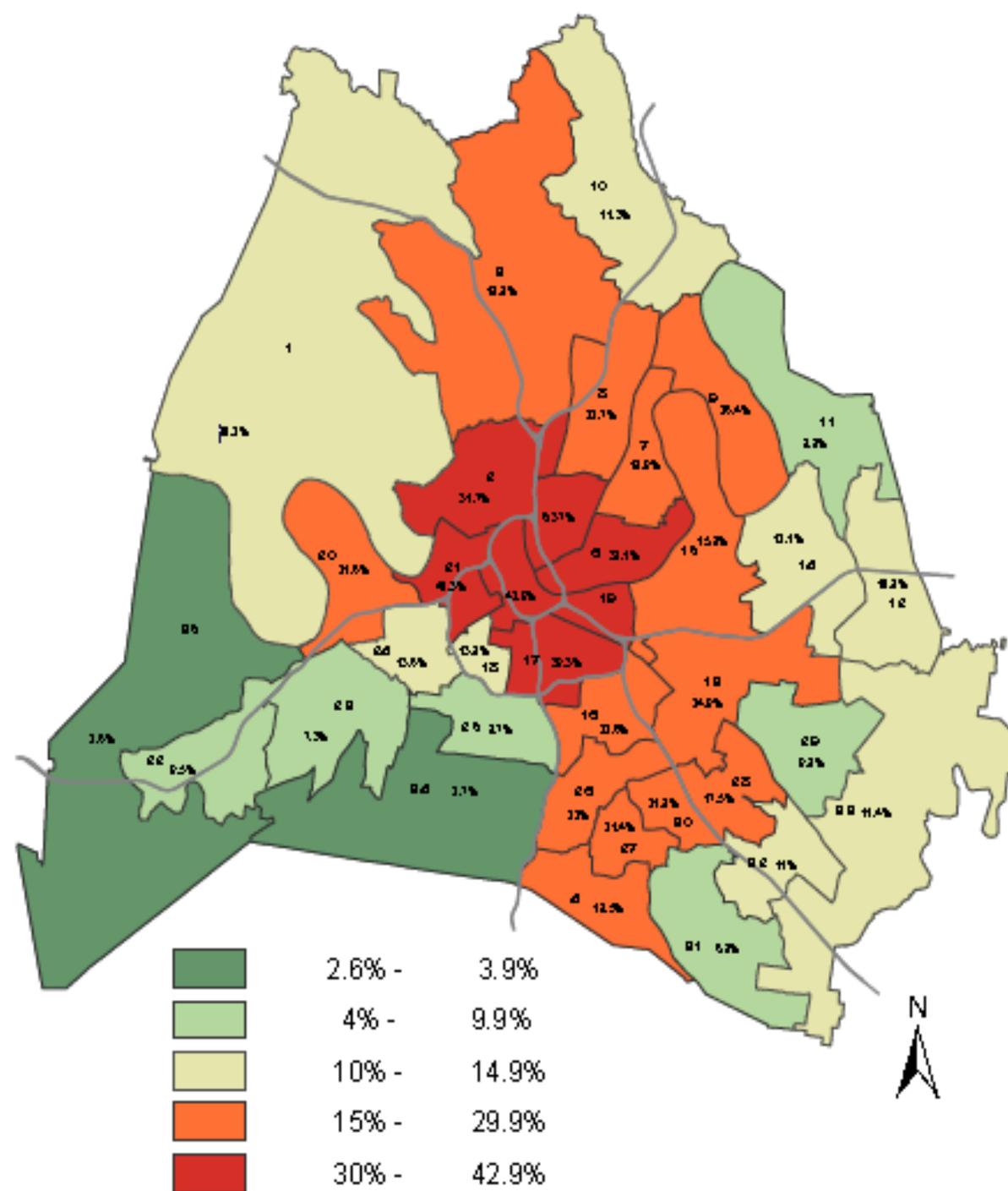
- Provides market research about customers and their needs (for government and nonprofit social service organizations)
- Updated information about evolving needs
- Objective information to establish priorities
- Evidence-based practices to improve services

How to Use Data to Design and Provide Services

- Incorporate available data in strategic planning.
- Use data to select priorities
- Allocate limited resources to have the greatest impact.
- Use data to benchmark, monitor and evaluate.

Percentage of All People in Poverty

By Metropolitan Council District
Davidson County, ACS 2006-2010



Percentage of People Aged 25 And Over With Less Than High School Education

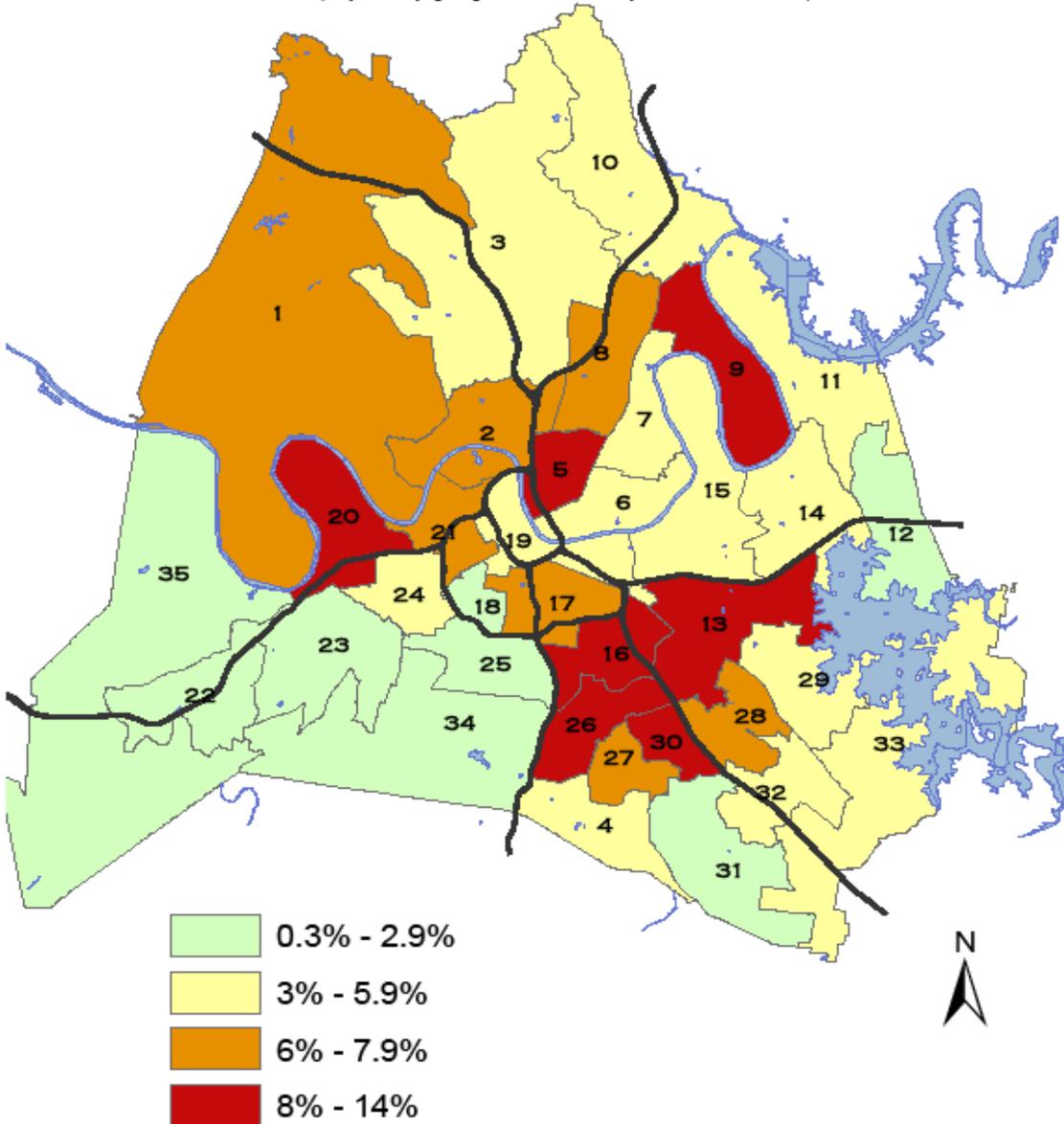
Davidson County, Tennessee, 2006-2010,

By Census Tracts (2011 Metropolitan Council Districts)

Data from U. S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2006-2010; Shapefiles from Metropolitan Planning Department;

Map by Metropolitan Social Services-Planning & Coordination

(Subject to varying margins of error as stated by the U. S. Census Bureau)

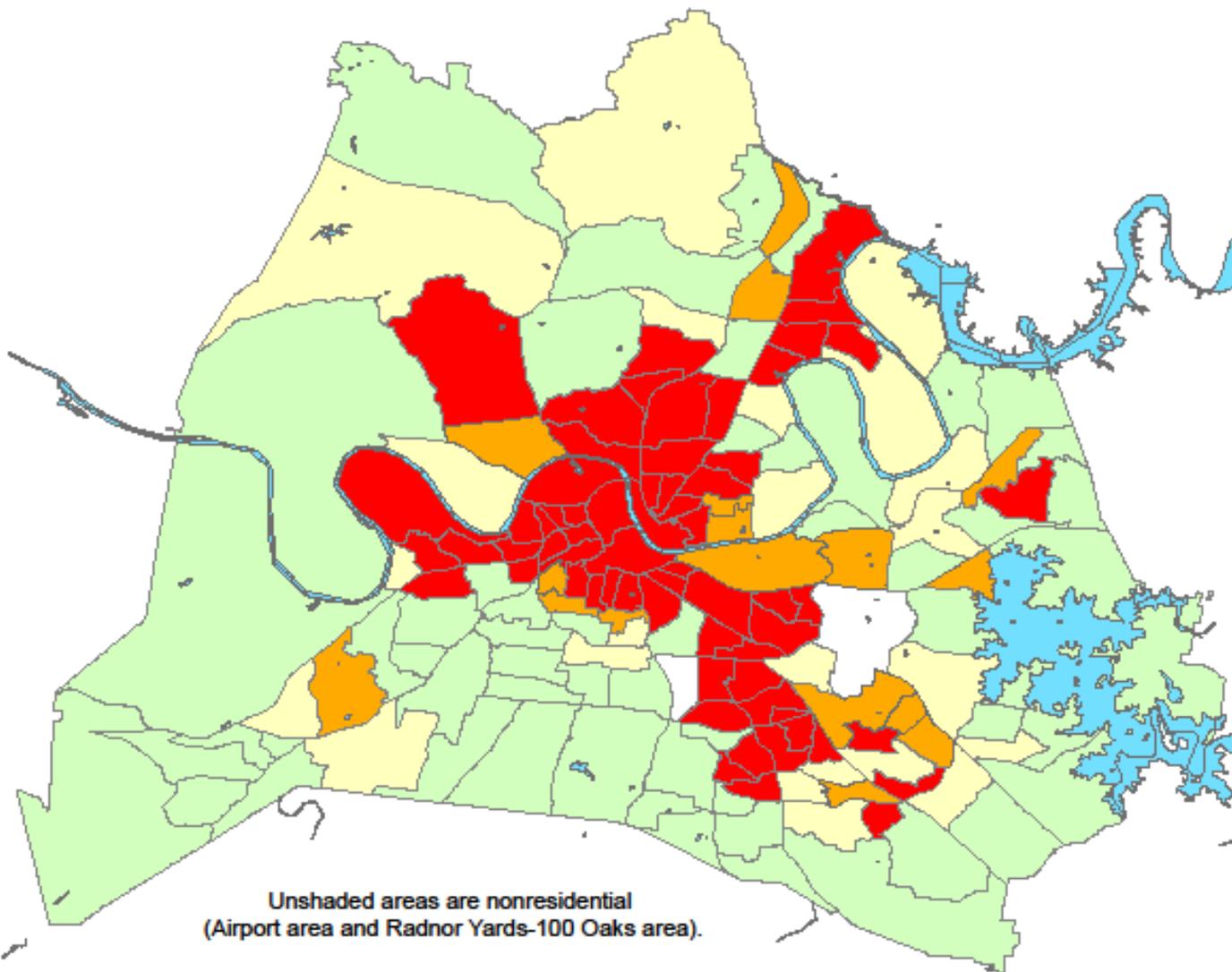


Percentage of People Over age 25 with less than a High School Education

2006-2010 ACS-U. S. Census Bureau

Percentage of All People in Poverty Davidson County, 2006-2010

2006 - 2010

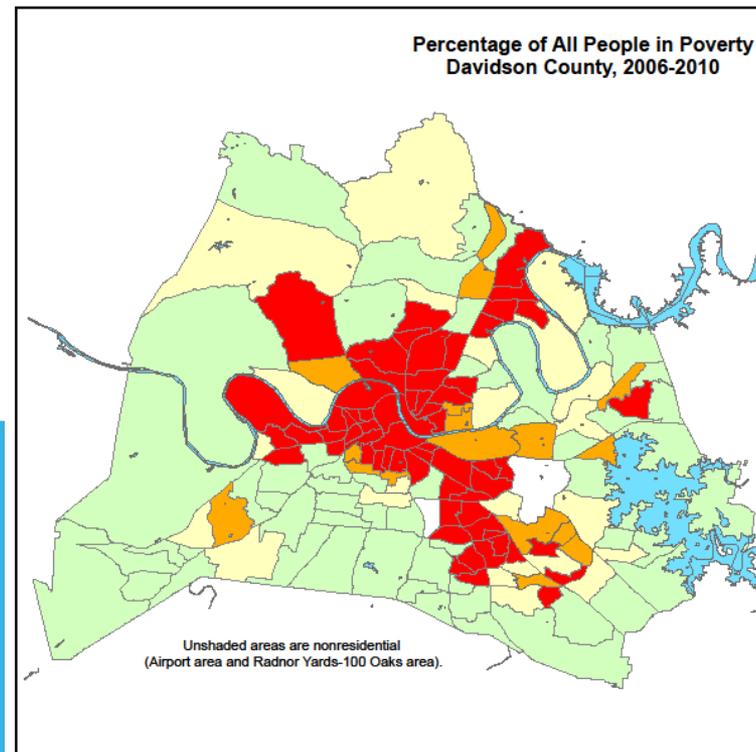
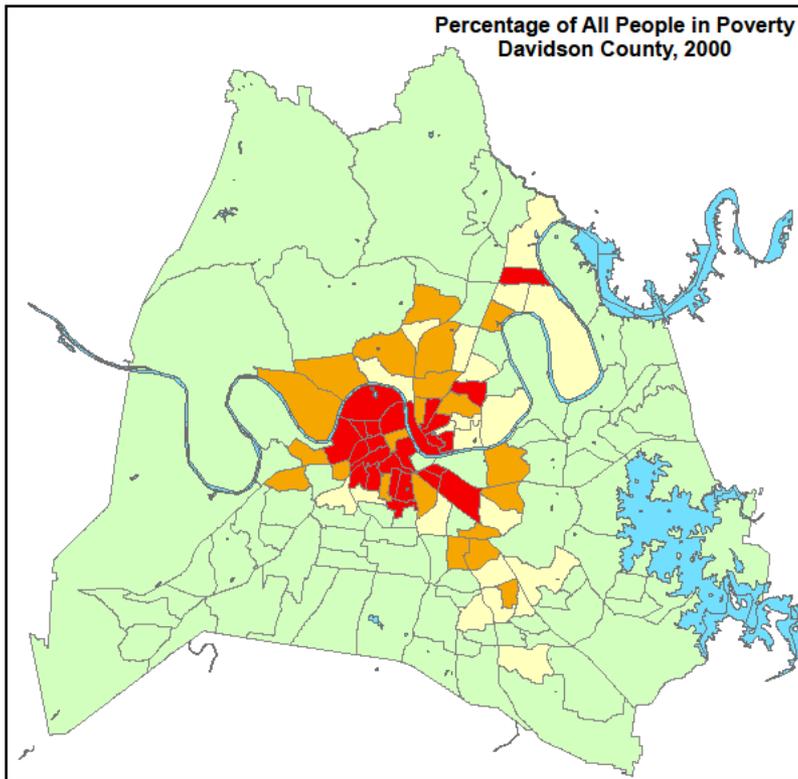


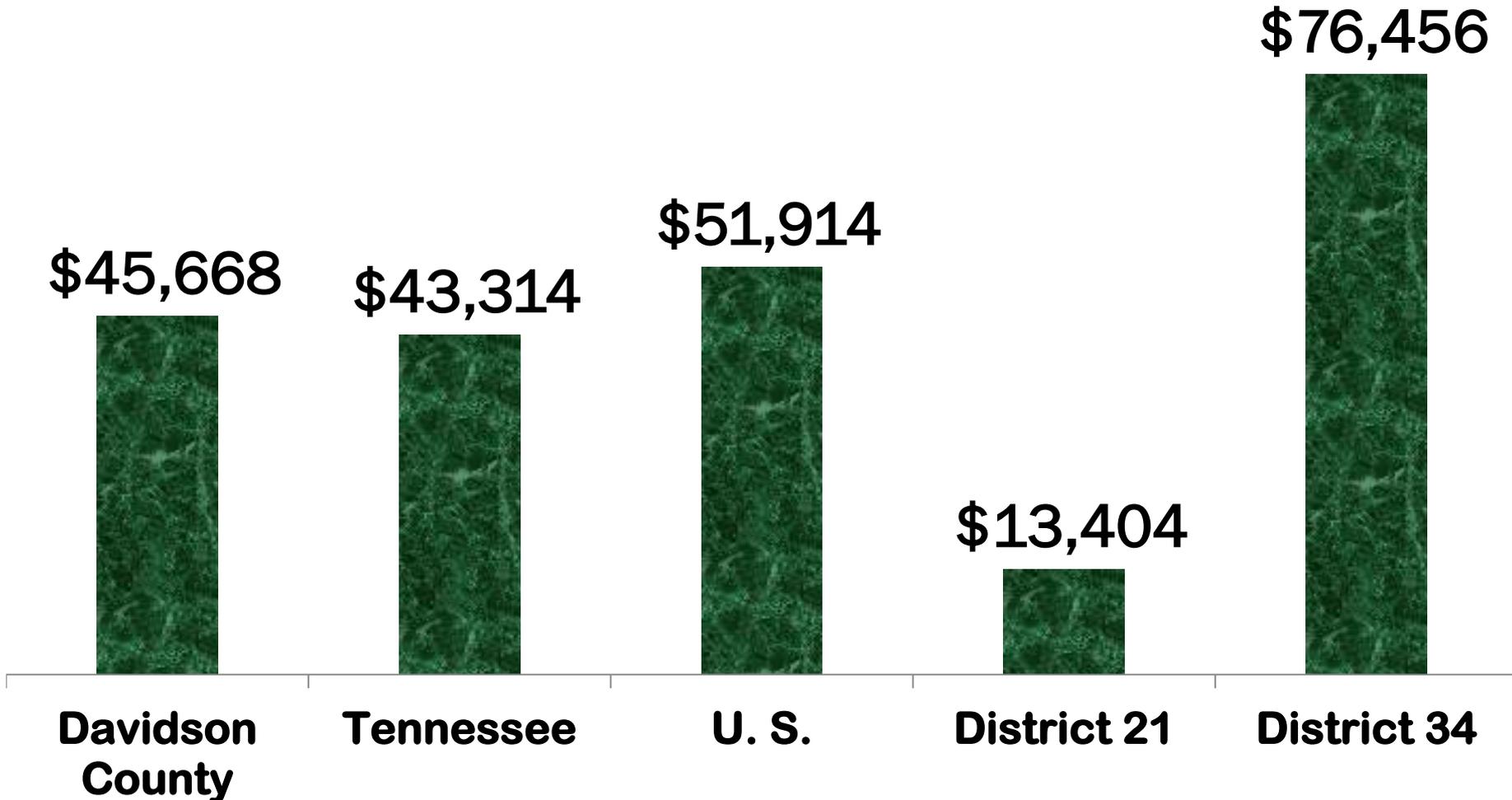
In Poverty

- 0.0% - 9.9%
- 10.0% - 14.9%
- 15.0% - 19.9%
- 20.0% - 84.0%

Unshaded areas are nonresidential
(Airport area and Radnor Yards-100 Oaks area).

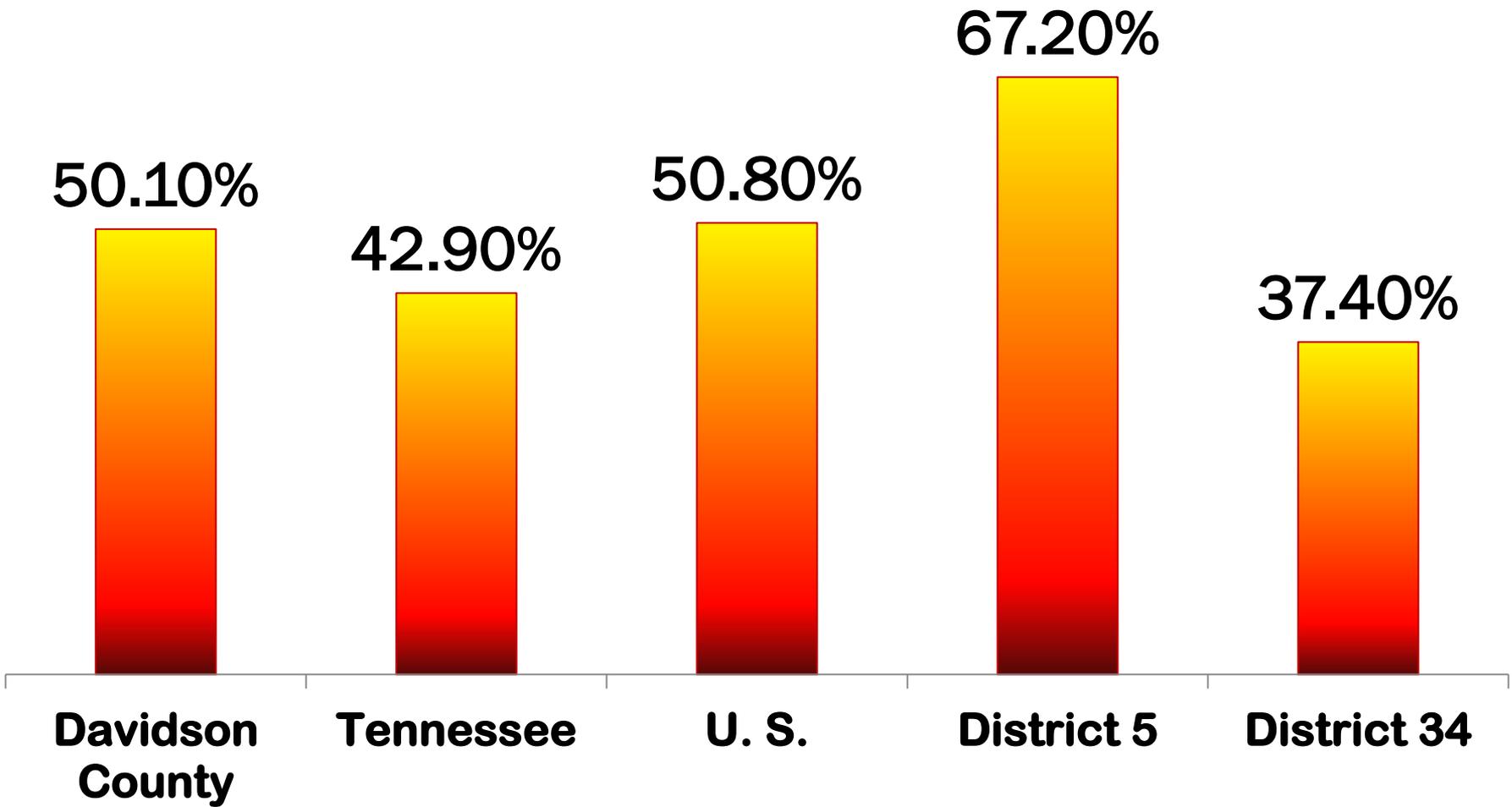
Increase in Poverty between 2000 and 2006-2010





Median Household Income

U. S. Census Bureau, AC 2006-2010



Cost-Burdened Renters

U. S. Census Bureau, ACS 2006-2010

HOUSING AND POVERTY

Households that pay more than 30% of annual income for housing are “cost-burdened” and may not be able to afford basic needs.

In Nashville, 47.8% of renters and 37.0% of homeowners are cost-burdened.



ADDITIONAL REPORTS/MAPS/DATA ONLINE

www.nashville.gov/sservices/

“Resource Guides, Issue Briefs, Reports and More”

“County Maps”

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