

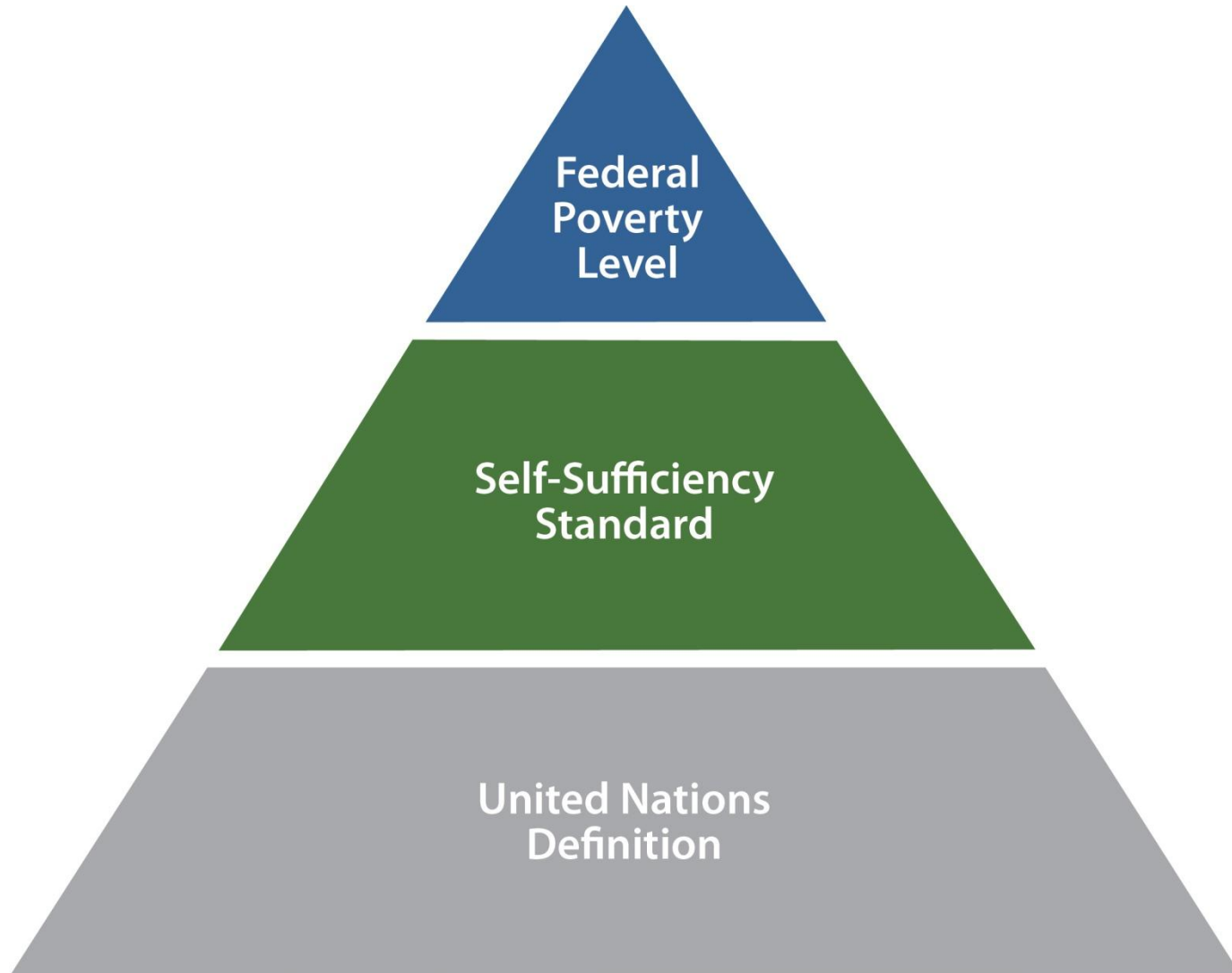
2014 POVERTY IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY



Department of County Human Services
Community Services Division

Prepared by Kristina Smock Consulting • April 2014

Definitions of Poverty



Types of Poverty

LONG-TERM POVERTY

Persistent and ongoing poverty affecting seniors, persons with disabilities, and other populations whose options for exiting poverty are limited

SITUATIONAL POVERTY

Temporary or episodic poverty caused by a sudden or unexpected personal or economic crisis

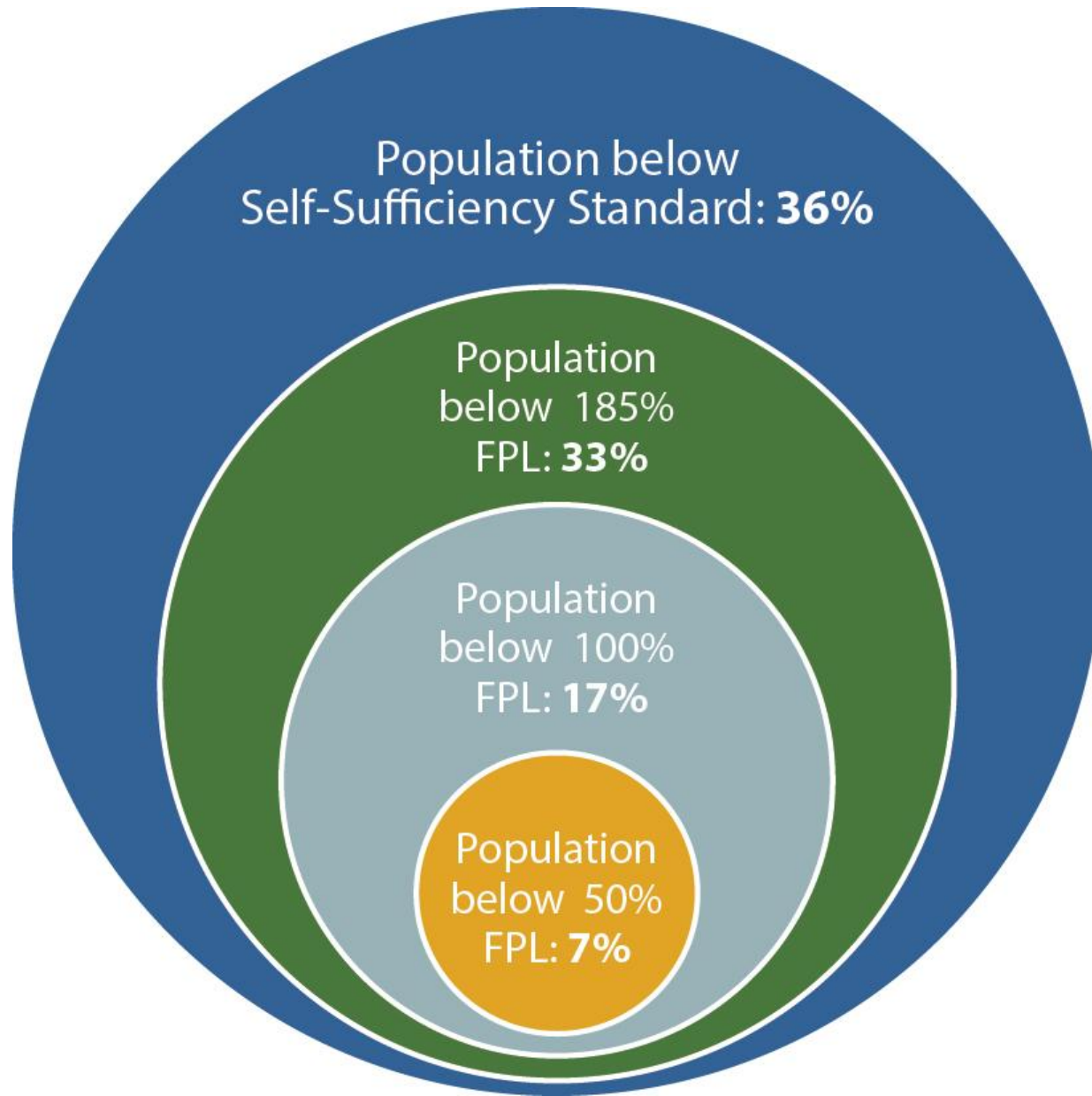
ECONOMIC POVERTY

Persistent economic instability affecting people whose wages and benefits are not sufficient to meet their household's basic needs

SOCIAL POVERTY

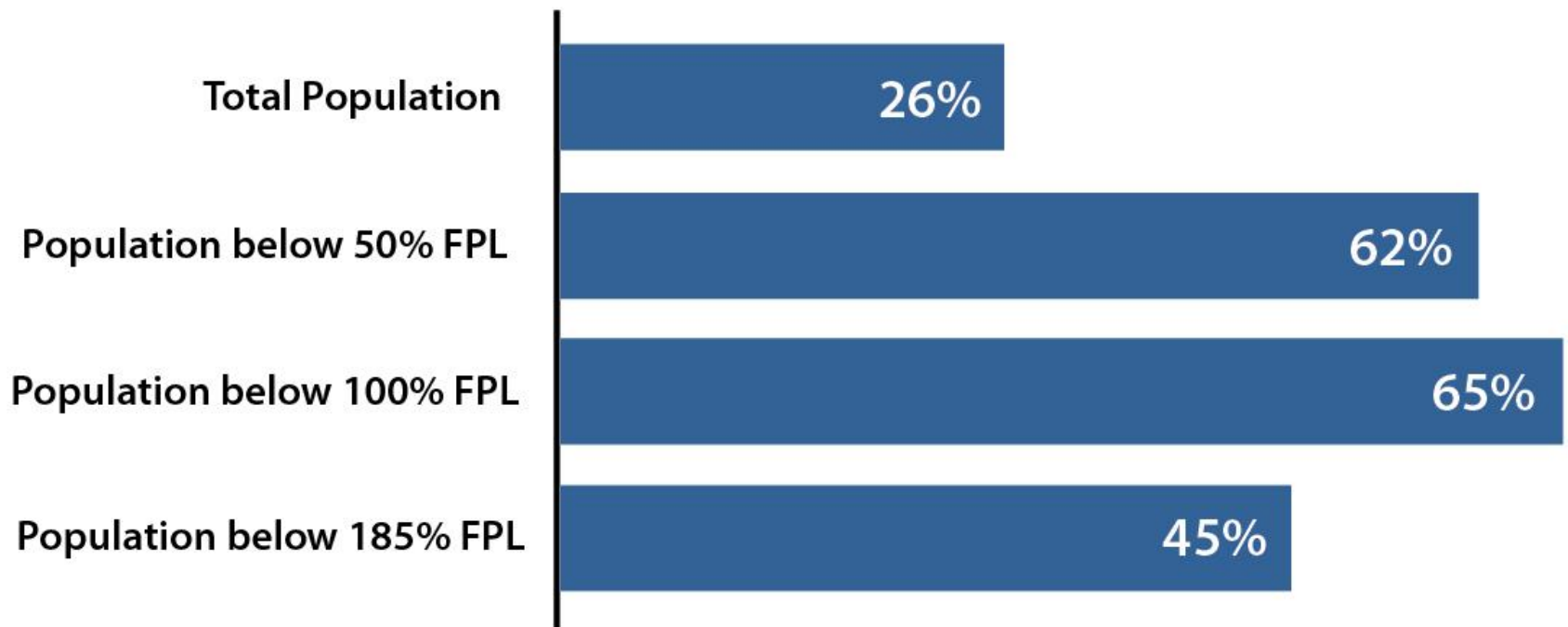
Occurs when individual, societal or institutional barriers prevent people from accessing economic opportunities or fully participating in society

Poverty in Multnomah County



Poverty in Multnomah County has Grown over the Past Two Decades

Population Growth 1990-2010



Reasons for the Growth in Poverty

Economic

**Decline in family
wage jobs**

**Unemployment &
underemployment**

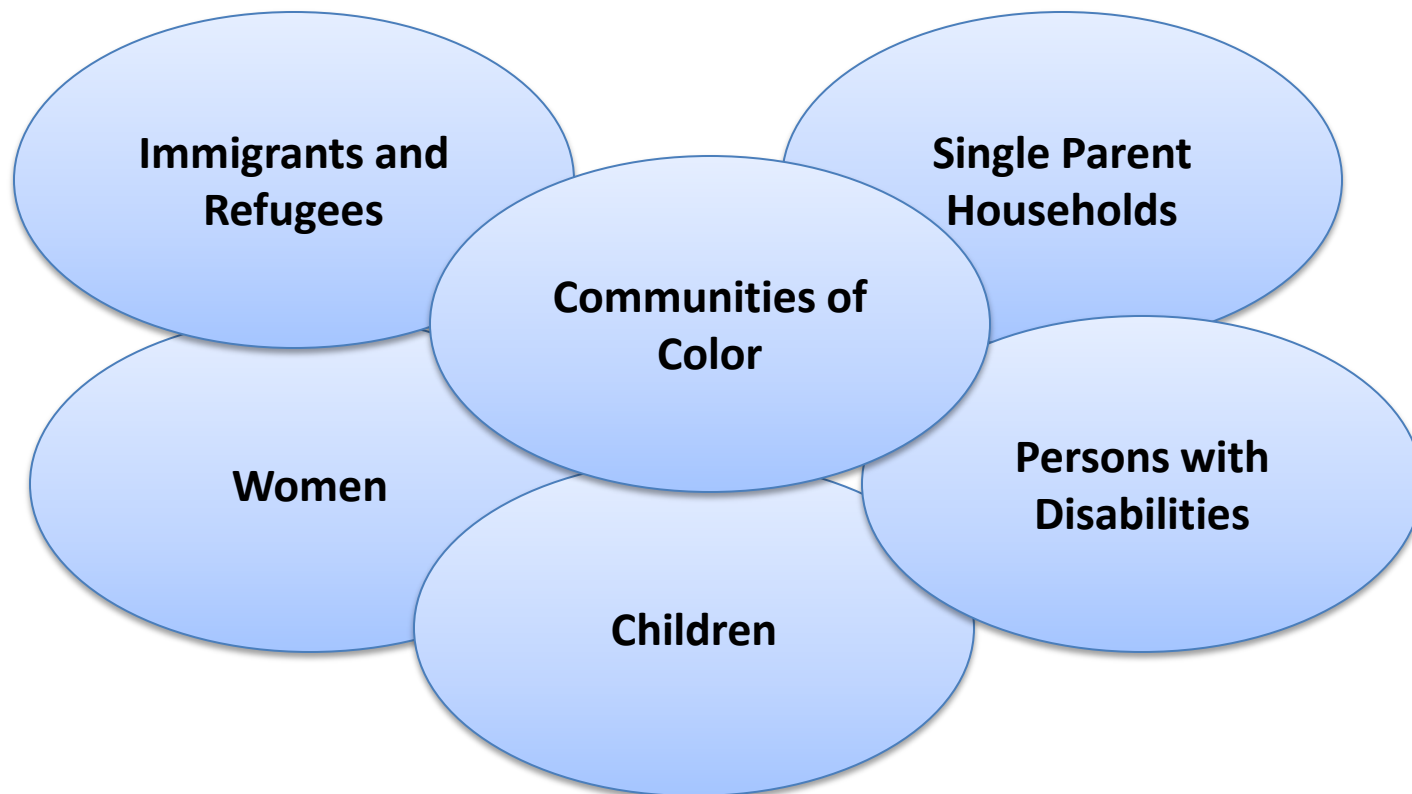
Safety Net

**Cuts to safety net
programs**

**Erosion of income
subsidies**

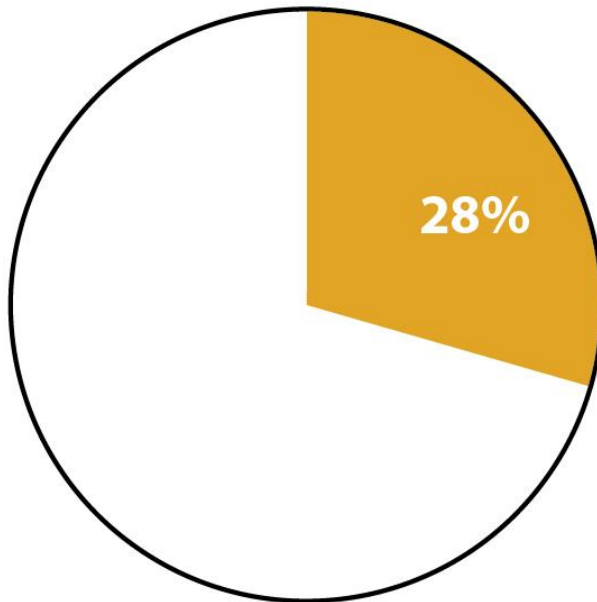
The Demographics of Poverty Reveal Deep Disparities

Demographic groups that are over-represented in the county's population in poverty:

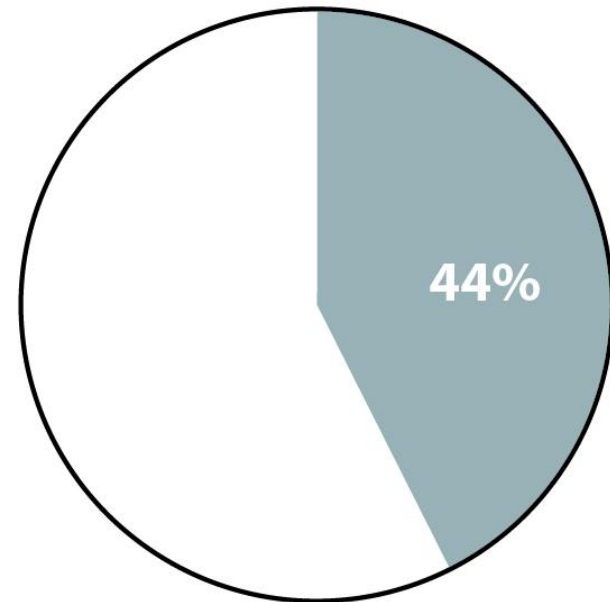


Communities of Color

**% of Total Population that
is Populations of Color**



**% of Population in Poverty
that is Populations of Color**



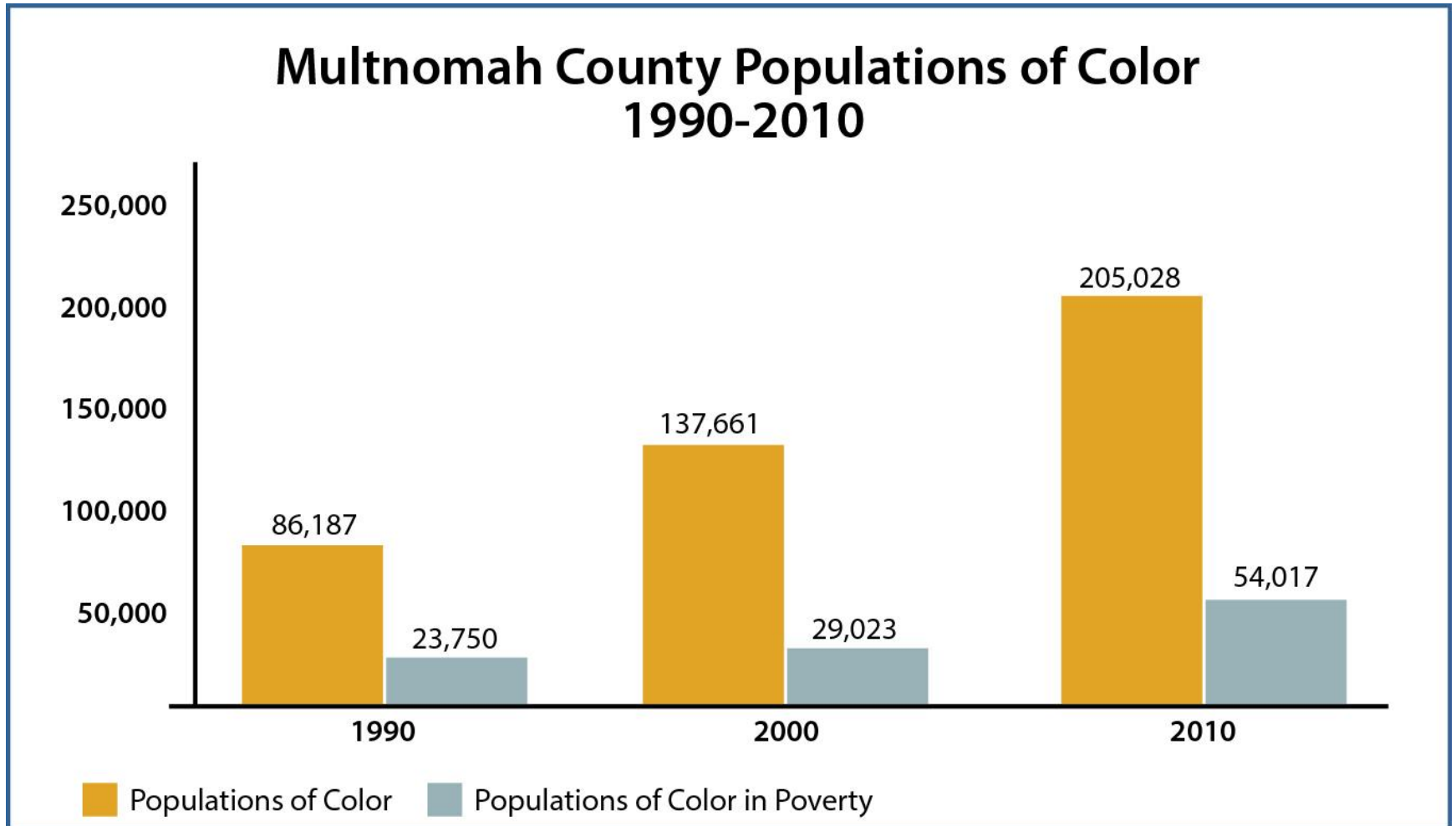
**% of Total Population
in Poverty**



**% of Populations
of Color in Poverty**



Poverty in Multnomah County's Communities of Color is Growing



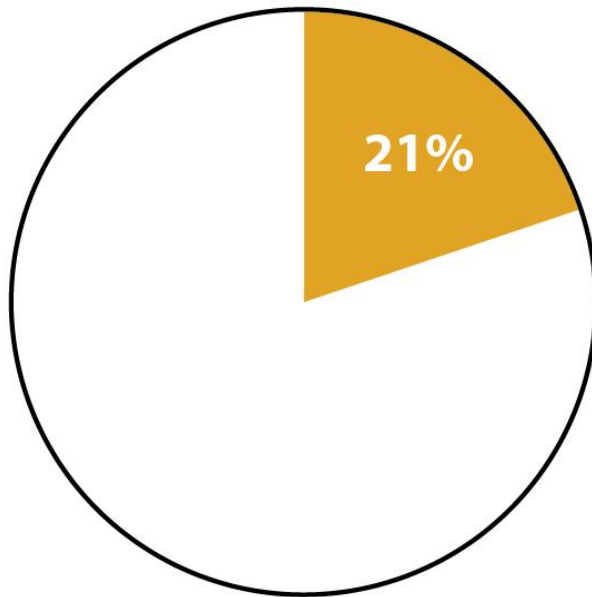
Single Parent Households

Percentage of Each Household Type in Poverty

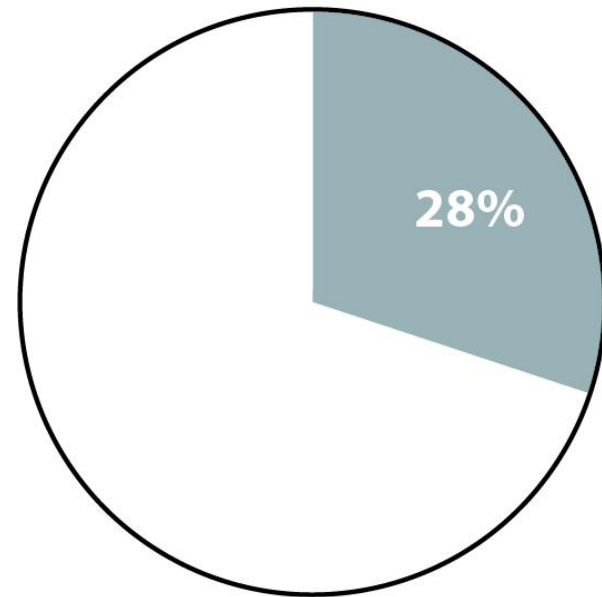


Children

**% of Total Population that
is under Age 18**



**% of Population in Poverty
that is under Age 18**



**% of Total Population
in Poverty**

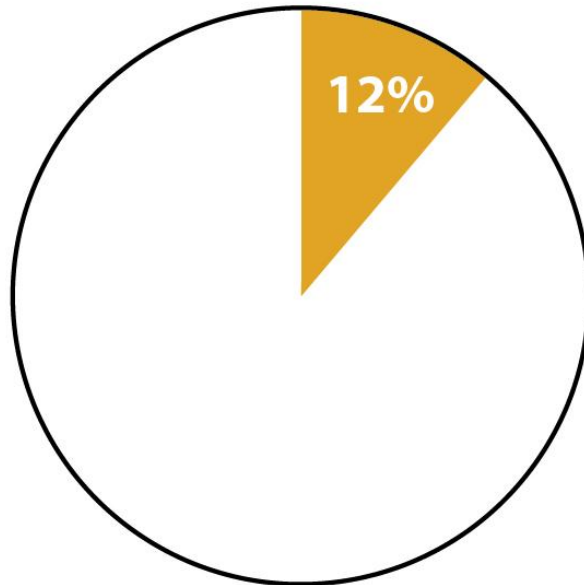


**% of Children
in Poverty**

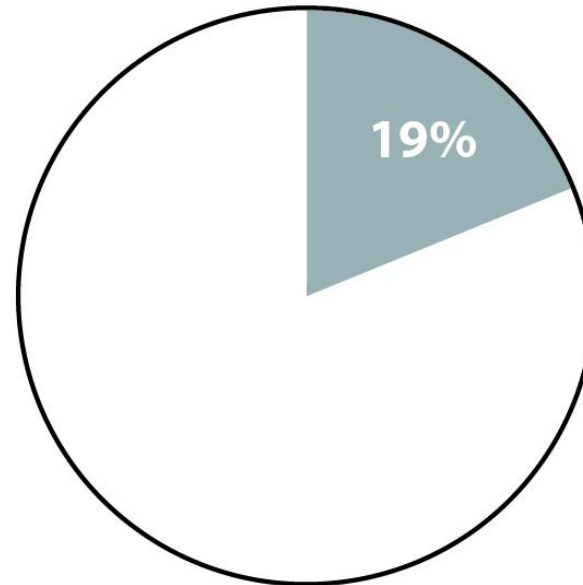


Persons with Disabilities

**% of Total Population that
is Persons with Disabilities**



**% of Population in Poverty
that is Persons with Disabilities**



**% of Total Population
in Poverty**

17%

**% of Persons with
Disabilities in Poverty**

27%

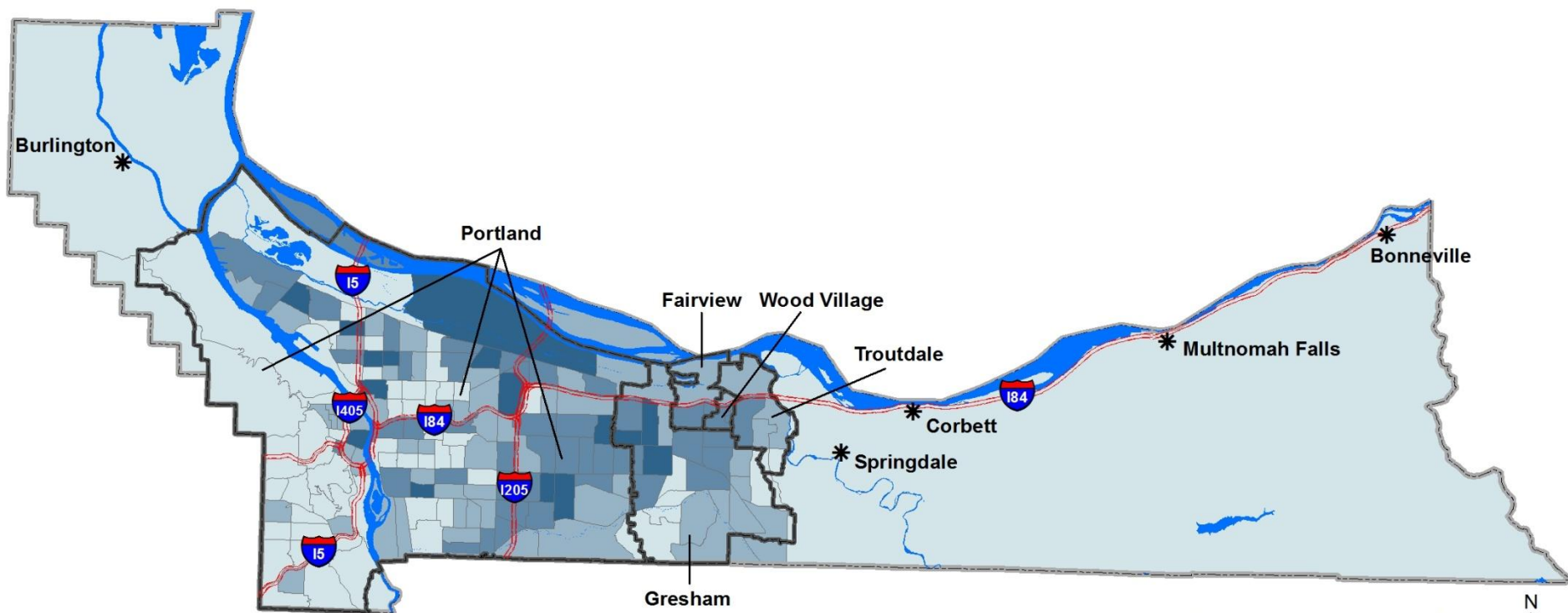
The Geography of Poverty in Multnomah County

% of the Population of each of the County's Geographic Areas that is in Poverty



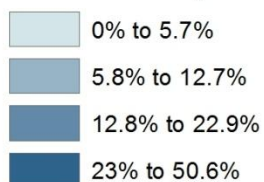
Multnomah County

Percent Households Below Poverty



Legend

% Households Below 100% Federal Poverty Level



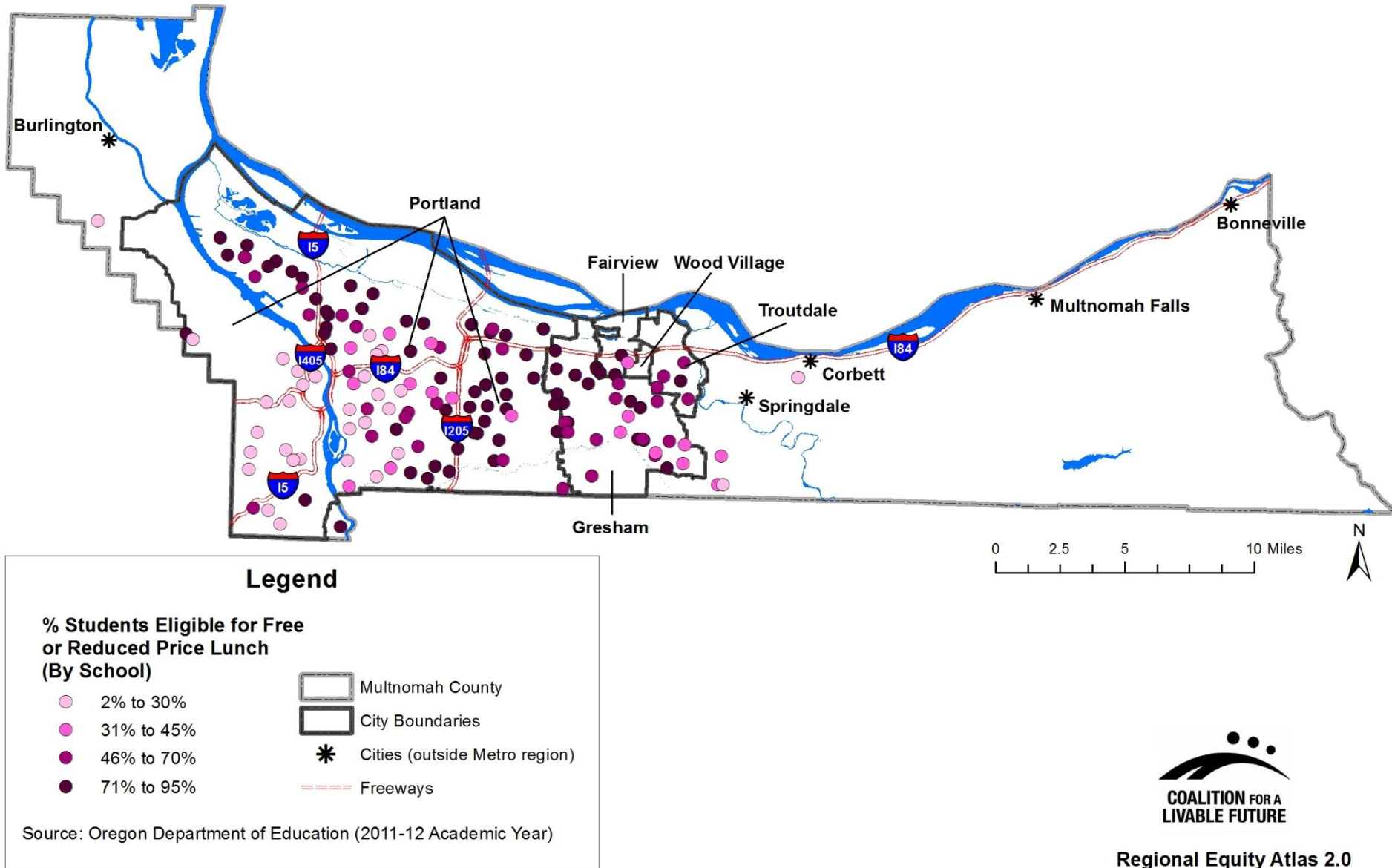
Source: American Community Survey (2006-2010 Estimate)

Note: Percent is calculated and displayed using census tracts.



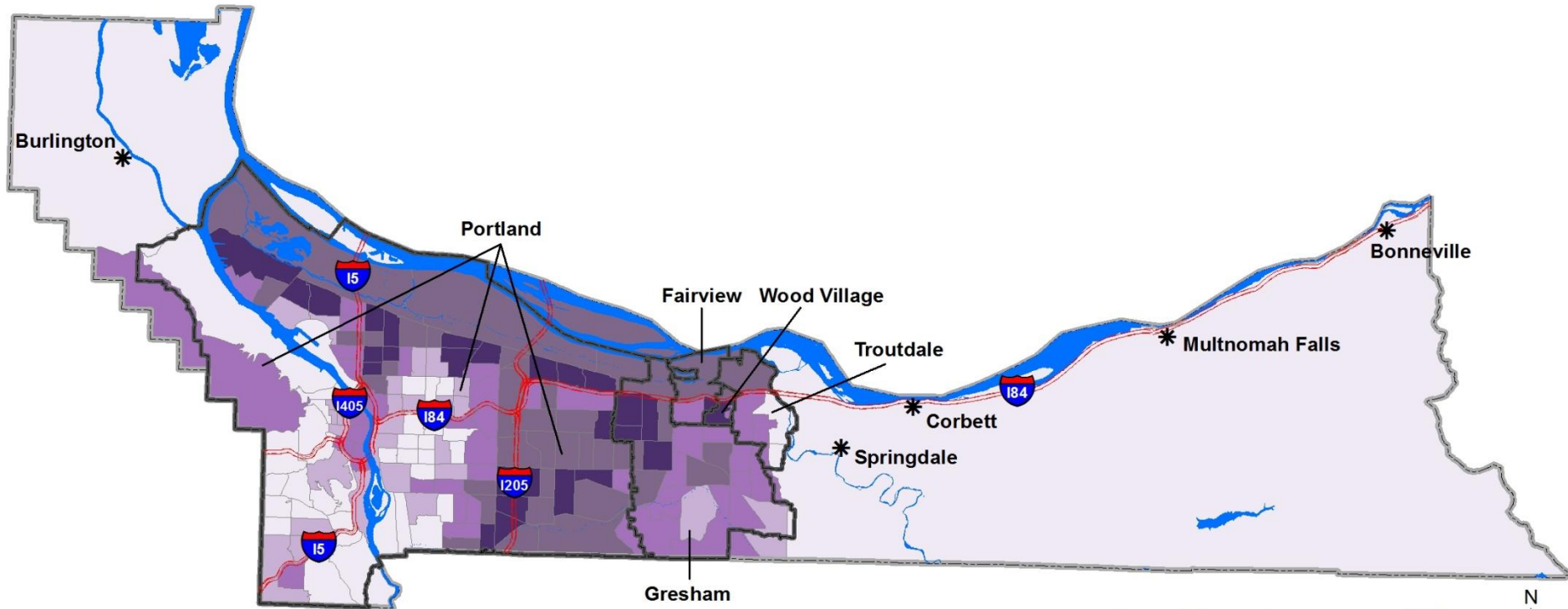
Multnomah County

Percent Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Price Lunch (By School)



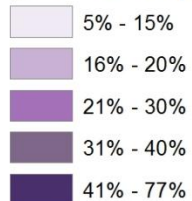
Multnomah County

Populations of Color (Percent of Total Population)



Legend

Populations of Color (% of Total Pop)



Source: American Community Survey (2008-2012 Estimates)

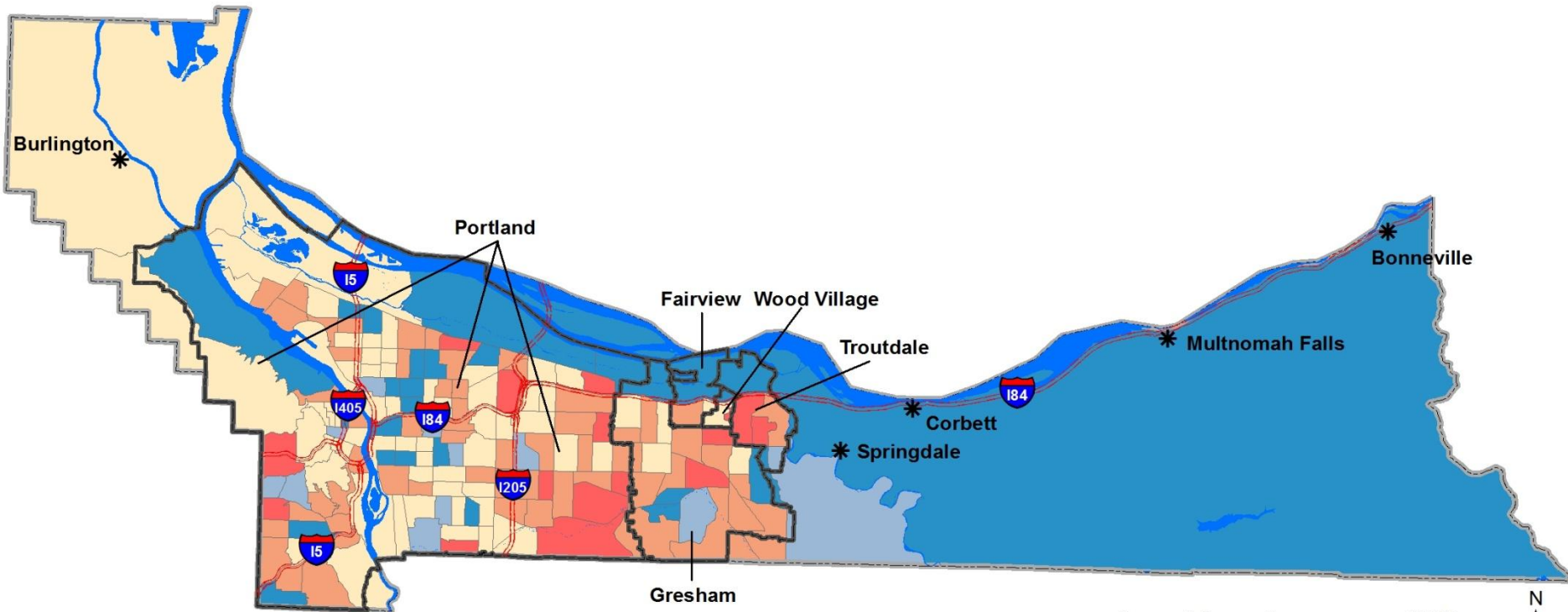
Note: Percent is calculated and displayed using census tracts.

Populations of Color include all persons except White, non-Hispanic.



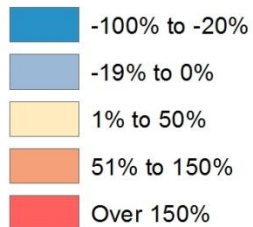
Multnomah County

Percent Change in Households in Poverty (2000-2010)



Legend

% Change in Households in Poverty



Source: Census (2000) & American Community Survey (2006-2010 Estimate)

Note: Percent Change is calculated and displayed using census tracts.



Inequities in Access to Opportunity



Services



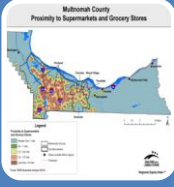
Transit



Quality Education



Sidewalks



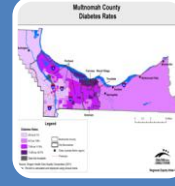
Food



Family Wage Jobs



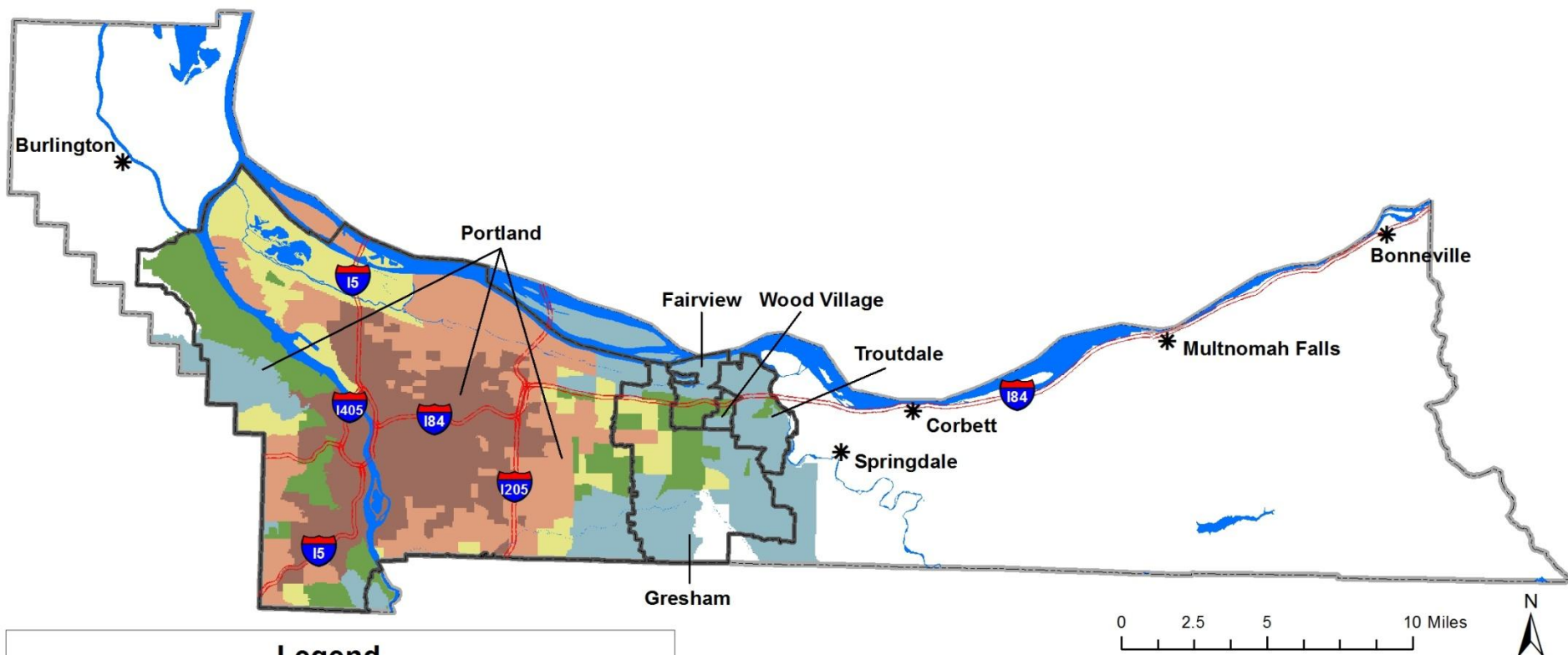
Parks



Health

Multnomah County

Transit Access to Family Wage Jobs (up to 60 minutes travel time)



Legend

Transit Access to Family Wage Jobs

- | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Low Access | Multnomah County |
| Medium Low Access | City Boundaries |
| Medium Access | Cities (outside Metro region) |
| Medium High Access | Freeways |
| High Access | |

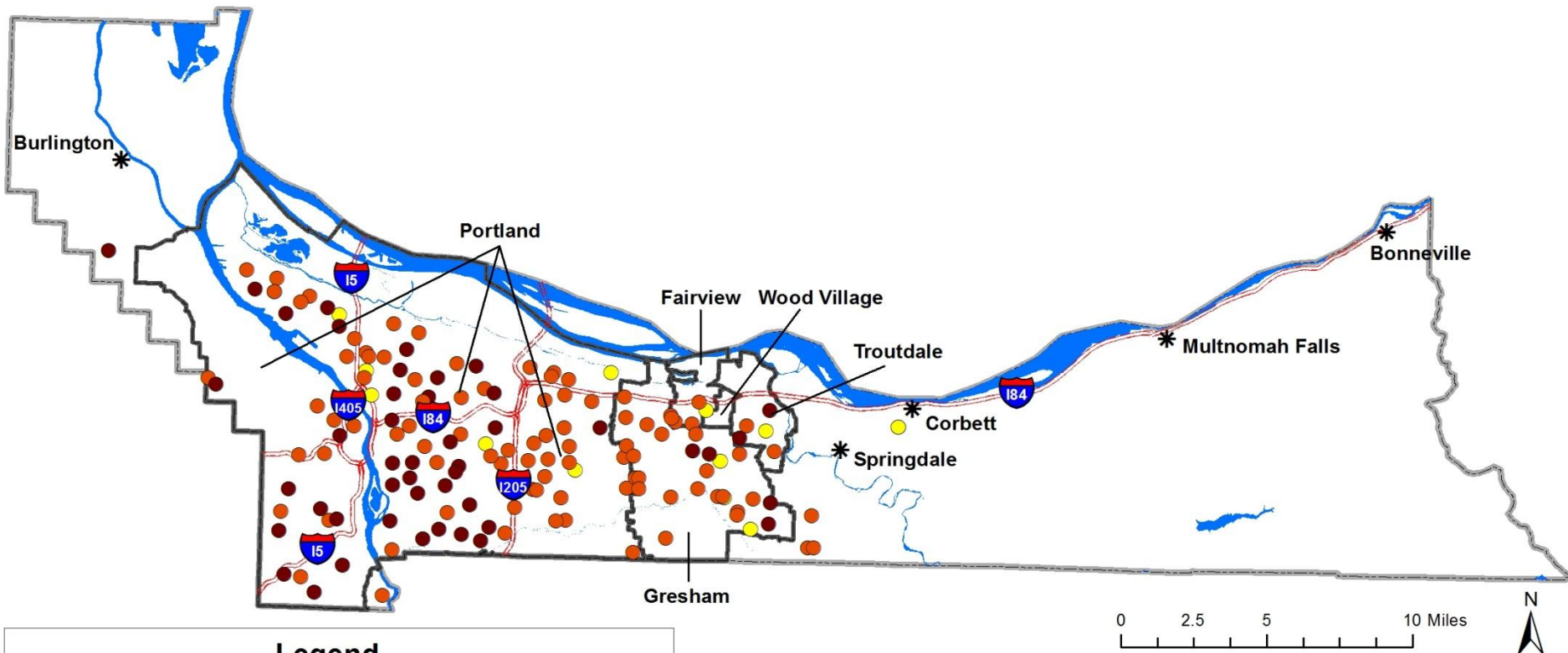
Source: Portland Bureau of Planning & Sustainability (2012)

Note: Data are only available for areas within the Metro region.



Multnomah County

Average Teacher Experience in Years (By School)



Legend

Average Teacher Experience (Years)

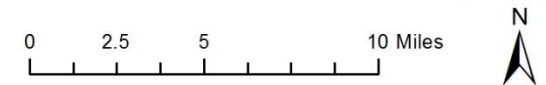
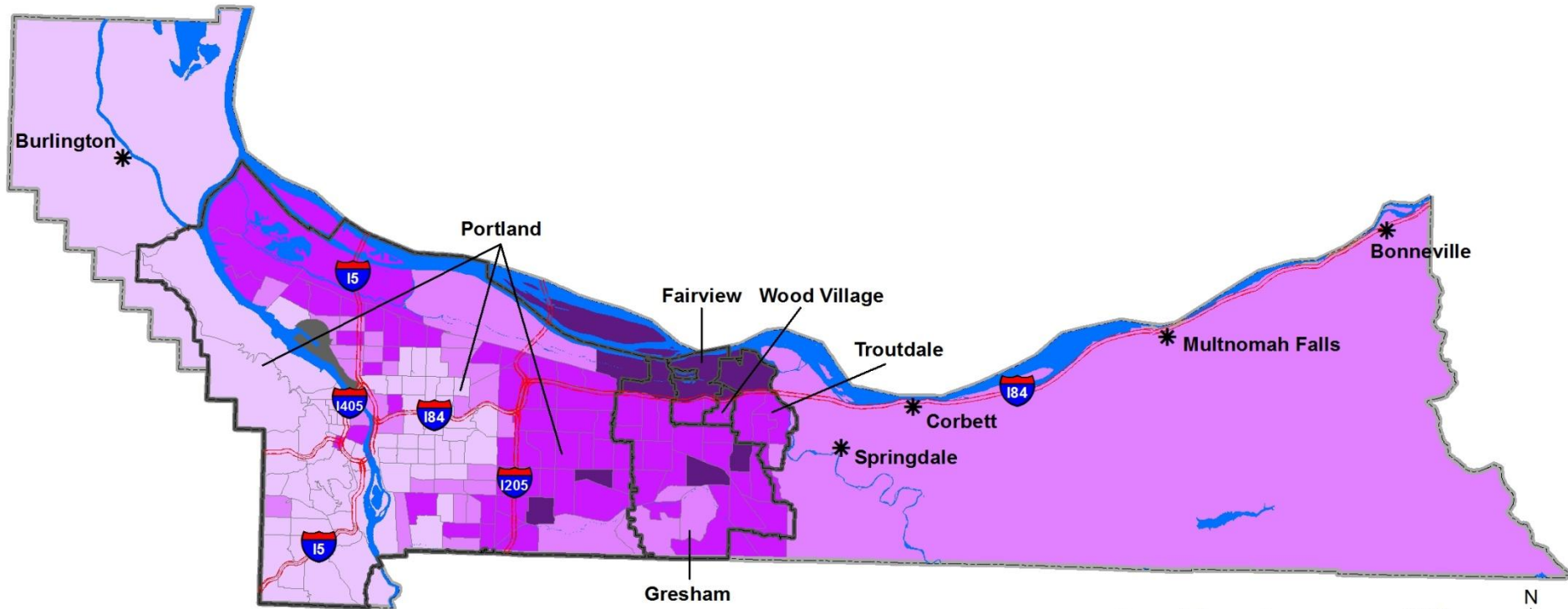
- Under 7 Years
- 7 - 14 Years
- Over 14 Years

- Multnomah County
- City Boundaries
- Cities (outside Metro region)
- Freeways

Source: Oregon Department of Education (2011-12 Academic Year)

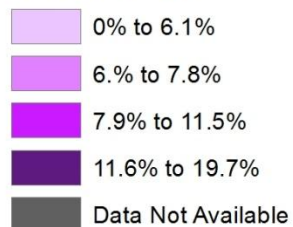


Multnomah County Diabetes Rates



Legend

Diabetes Rates



Source: Oregon Health Care Quality Corporation (2011)

Note: Percent is calculated and displayed using census tracts.



COALITION FOR A
LIVABLE FUTURE

Impacts of Poverty



More than 15,000 people are homeless or doubled up in Multnomah County each night.



17% of Multnomah County's population is food insecure.



The county's high poverty areas have the highest mortality rates from cancer and heart disease.



Growing up in poverty can have a life-long impact on children's physical and mental health.

Programs that Work



Action for Prosperity



Family Unification Program



Homeless Benefit Recovery



Family Independence Initiative

A Framework to Address Poverty

1. Eliminate Inequities

2. Tailor Services

3. Build Human Capital

4. Invest in Children

5. Address the Causes of Poverty

6. Promote Collaboration

