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New Jersey Student Hunger Audit

An Audit of Estimated Food Insecurity Among the Student Populations of New Jersey

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Background Information

Food Security, particularly for students of all ages (K-Higher Education), has become an issue which has been slowly gaining public attention as the serious chronic public health issue that it is; however, reliable or current information on the subject has remained separated across multiple sources and measurement methods.

New Jersey presently has over 1.3 million students enrolled in schools (K-12)¹ and over 450 thousand students enrolled in higher education programs² during the 2018-2019 academic year; this represents an increase of over 50,000 students in the total student body over the past 20 years. The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) and Secretary of Higher Education maintains publicly available enrollment data, which includes the number of students receiving free and reduced-price lunches. These reports suggest that over the last 20 years, we have seen a staggering increase of 10% across the state in use of the free and reduced-price lunch program, much more than the increase in student population.

This may be indicative of a much larger issue, for as statewide economic factors change, the risk of student food insecurity becomes more prevalent. Household SNAP participation rates have risen as well as the number of households with children experiencing poverty. The average cost per meal across the state has risen and fast food, convenience, or full service restaurants continue to be much more prevalent than grocers or specialty stores; while in many cases access to raw foods has increased, the number of persons with low access to such stores is still concerningly high. Further, while students are receiving assistance during K-12 schooling, there is no similar assistance available as they either enter institutions of higher education or the workforce.

This combination of scattered available information, and such information suggesting trends in the wrong direction necessitated this audit, which is an attempt at consolidating the data available from the leading reputable sources, in order to draw a more complete picture of the state of food insecurity in New Jersey, with a focus on the well-being of New Jersey students specifically.

¹<https://www.nj.gov/education/data/>

²[https://www.state.nj.us/higher education/statistics/index.shtml](https://www.state.nj.us/higher%20education/statistics/index.shtml)

Audit Methodology and Data Collection

This audit was performed in order to draw a more complete picture of the state of food insecurity in New Jersey.

Data about school lunch enrollment were collected from the New Jersey Department of Education (DOE) website. District-reported enrollment data is reported by each school to the state and is accessible through an open public record. Annual district reported enrollment data are available digitally for the Academic Years 2000 through 2019 and are reported by each school to the state as public data files. These data-sets include the total number of students in the county and the total number of students in the free and reduced-price lunch program. Data pertaining to student participation in the School Breakfast Program were not available. Data from each school was totaled to calculate the total estimates for each of the 21 counties and New Jersey. Due to the irregularities between school districts and county subdivisions, municipal level totals were not calculated.

Data from the U.S. Census American Community Survey (ACS) Data Profile 03 (DP03) were compared at the county level and tract level for each county for the years 2011-2018. Data pertaining to household SNAP participation and rates of households with children in poverty were reviewed. Data were compared within the state at the county level, and then within each county at the tract level, for the previous 8 years.

Data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Economic Research Service's (ERS) Food Environment Atlas was compared at the county level, with data collected between the years 2009-2015. Data pertaining to the county-level food environment, store density per capita, and food access were reviewed. Data were compared within the state at the county level; data were not available at the sub-county level.

Data from Feeding America's Mapping the Meal Gap program were compared at the county level, with data collected between the years 2011-2018. Data pertaining to household food security, average cost per meal, and annual food budget shortfalls were reviewed. Data were compared within the state at the county level; data were not available at the sub-county level.

The 20 year change in National School Lunch Program participation, and the 8 year change in household characteristics were calculated and aligned to better approximate the current state of student food security. Data and the change over time has been tabulated, graphed, and mapped where appropriate throughout the audit. Where possible, New Jersey totals have been calculated or identified, in addition to the county and sub-county level measurements. All measurements are provided from the most current available data; where possible, data has been aligned so that measurements from the same, or similar, time frames are presented together.

Data for the state of New Jersey are summarized in the Secondary Data Summary section, which presents an overview and comparison of each county. An analysis of the data available at the county level is available in the County Level Audit section, on a per-county basis.

Secondary Data Summary

New Jersey Department of Education, National School Lunch Program

New Jersey students enrolled in public or private non-profit K-12 schools may be eligible to receive a free or reduced price lunch, as a component of the National School Lunch Program. Students whose household earns below 130% FPL are eligible to receive a free meal at no cost to the student. Students whose household earns above 130% FPL and below 180% FPL are eligible to receive a reduced priced meal, which can not cost the student more than 40 cents to purchase³.

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) enrollment data between Academic Years 2000 and 2019 has been tabulated below.

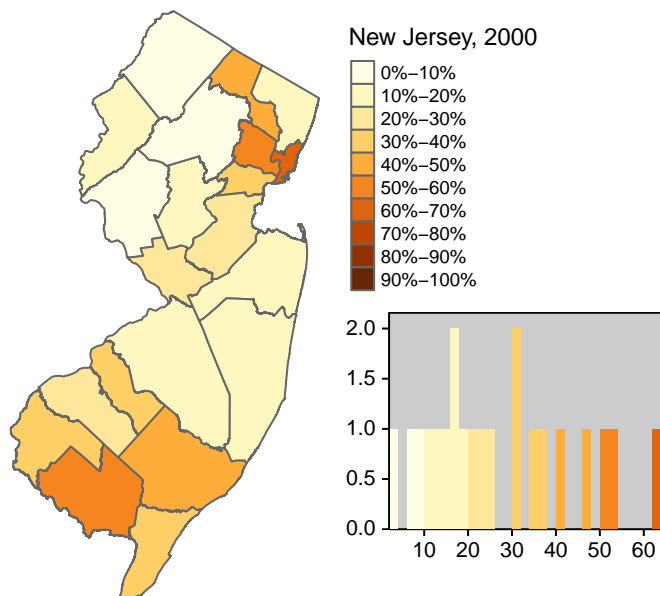
Table 1: New Jersey National School Lunch Program Participation

County	Enrollment, 2000	Free	Reduced	Enrollment, 2019	Free	Reduced
Atlantic	41,906	32.0%	8.9%	42,716	50.0%	6.7%
Bergen	121,179	8.4%	3.6%	132,006	16.1%	3.9%
Burlington	69,825	11.8%	5.6%	68,335	19.8%	4.9%
Camden	88,103	29.1%	5.4%	75,485	36.7%	5.5%
Cape May	15,227	23.1%	7.5%	12,385	33.0%	5.6%
Cumberland	25,429	43.0%	9.4%	26,760	57.8%	6.4%
Essex	118,601	43.9%	6.1%	117,597	41.4%	4.0%
Gloucester	44,208	13.9%	6.4%	46,845	23.0%	4.1%
Hudson	77,308	54.4%	8.3%	80,814	62.8%	6.9%
Hunterdon	21,333	2.3%	1.3%	18,608	7.6%	2.1%
Mercer	53,544	19.6%	5.1%	56,826	31.2%	4.5%
Middlesex	104,292	17.3%	5.5%	125,197	31.4%	4.7%
Monmouth	101,757	12.9%	4.0%	95,498	19.8%	3.5%
Morris	71,635	5.6%	2.3%	74,235	11.0%	2.9%
Ocean	72,840	13.0%	5.3%	68,403	28.3%	5.4%
Passaic	73,229	40.8%	6.6%	79,033	52.5%	4.0%
Salem	11,828	24.2%	6.4%	10,826	36.0%	4.8%
Somerset	44,428	7.8%	3.2%	51,827	15.7%	3.8%
Sussex	27,322	4.9%	3.2%	19,587	12.8%	4.2%
Union	78,663	29.1%	7.0%	93,905	39.3%	6.7%
Warren	17,586	10.3%	4.1%	15,829	23.1%	4.4%
New Jersey	1,280,243	22.7%	5.4%	1,312,717	31.6%	4.7%

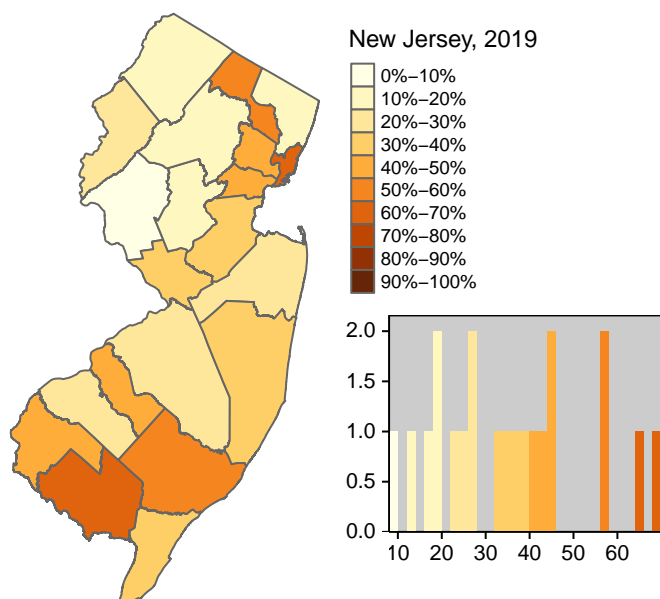
³<https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/NSLPFactSheet.pdf>

The percentage of students in each county receiving either the free or reduced price lunch, as a component of the National School Lunch Program, has been mapped below. The maps span the prior 20 years of available data.

Percentage of Students Receiving
Either Free or Reduced Price Lunch,
2000



Percentage of Students Receiving
Either Free or Reduced Price Lunch,
2019



U.S. Census, American Community Survey

The U.S. Census American Community Survey (ACS) monitors household demographic traits. Data Profile 03 (DP03) pertains to a select range of economic characteristics of households, at the census tract level. Data pertaining to households participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and rates of household poverty have been tabulated at the county level.

The ACS DP03 data pertaining to household SNAP participation and households experiencing poverty between 2011 and 2018 has been tabulated below.

Table 2: New Jersey Nutrition Assistance and Poverty

County	Households, 2011	SNAP	Poverty	Households, 2018	SNAP	Poverty
Atlantic	101,418	8.0%	9.6%	99,874	14.0%	10.9%
Bergen	333,073	3.4%	4.6%	338,249	5.1%	5.4%
Burlington	165,727	3.6%	3.7%	165,496	5.4%	4.4%
Camden	190,337	8.3%	9.2%	187,158	12.0%	9.5%
Cape May	44,788	5.3%	6.8%	39,904	6.8%	8.0%
Cumberland	50,868	12.0%	12.4%	50,608	17.2%	12.9%
Essex	276,441	11.6%	12.2%	282,502	15.1%	13.5%
Gloucester	103,548	5.5%	5.2%	104,587	8.1%	4.8%
Hudson	240,526	9.6%	12.8%	255,429	15.6%	13.0%
Hunterdon	47,455	1.9%	2.3%	47,180	3.4%	3.3%
Mercer	129,933	5.9%	7.6%	129,873	8.6%	8.0%
Middlesex	278,513	3.4%	4.9%	284,174	6.1%	6.2%
Monmouth	233,120	3.5%	4.8%	233,874	6.2%	5.1%
Morris	179,581	1.9%	2.6%	180,896	3.2%	2.8%
Ocean	222,863	4.8%	6.6%	225,270	7.1%	7.1%
Passaic	161,488	10.2%	12.5%	163,670	19.5%	13.6%
Salem	25,004	8.8%	8.7%	23,908	13.4%	9.2%
Somerset	114,348	2.2%	2.5%	117,012	2.8%	3.1%
Sussex	55,554	2.7%	3.6%	53,361	3.4%	3.1%
Union	184,584	5.0%	7.4%	188,987	8.4%	7.3%
Warren	41,685	4.9%	6.0%	41,350	6.6%	5.3%
New Jersey	3,180,854	5.8%	7.0%	3,213,362	9.0%	7.6%

The ACS DP03 data pertaining to households experiencing poverty, with children aged 18 or under, between 2011 and 2018 has been tabulated below.

Table 3: New Jersey Households with Children Experiencing Poverty

County	Households, 2011	Under 18	Under 5	Households, 2018	Under 18	Under 5
Atlantic	101,418	15.1%	20.0%	99,874	18.3%	23.3%
Bergen	333,073	6.0%	6.0%	338,249	7.4%	5.9%
Burlington	165,727	5.6%	6.1%	165,496	6.9%	6.0%
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The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Economic Research Service (ERS) monitors household food environments (foodscapes). The Food Environment Atlas⁴ pertains to a select range of built environmental characteristics of households, at the county level. The Food Environment Atlas data pertaining to households and children identified as having low access to food vendors between 2010 and 2015 has been tabulated below.

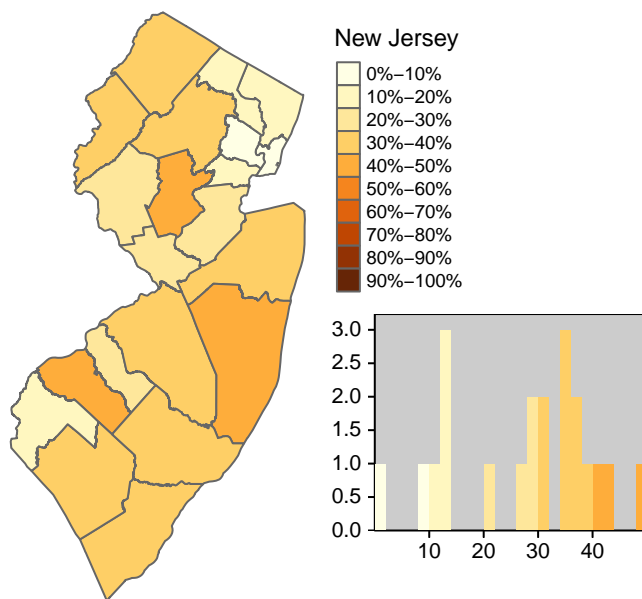
Table 4: Household Food Access

County	Households, 2010	Children, 2010	Households, 2015	Children, 2015
Atlantic	36.3%	8.7%	29.2%	7.0%
Bergen	11.9%	2.9%	10.6%	2.6%
Burlington	37.7%	8.8%	37.2%	8.8%
Camden	27.5%	6.6%	21.4%	5.1%
Cape May	35.8%	6.7%	37.8%	7.1%
Cumberland	30.0%	6.7%	27.7%	6.3%
Essex	8.8%	2.1%	7.8%	1.9%
Gloucester	43.8%	10.8%	43.7%	10.8%
Hudson	.3%	.1%	.6%	.1%
Hunterdon	22.0%	5.7%	20.6%	5.4%
Mercer	28.0%	5.8%	26.8%	5.8%
Middlesex	28.9%	6.6%	24.1%	5.4%
Monmouth	34.4%	8.5%	32.3%	8.1%
Morris	38.4%	9.4%	34.5%	8.6%
Ocean	48.8%	10.6%	43.1%	8.6%
Passaic	13.5%	2.8%	13.2%	2.9%
Salem	13.1%	2.8%	14.6%	3.2%
Somerset	41.2%	11.0%	35.0%	9.5%
Sussex	35.8%	8.8%	37.7%	9.3%
Union	12.2%	3.1%	9.3%	2.4%
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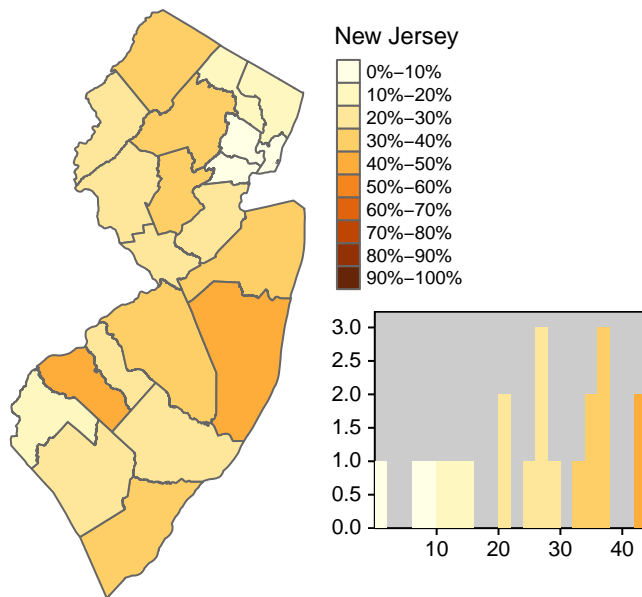
⁴<https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/food-environment-atlas/go-to-the-atlas/>

The percentage of households in each county that are identified as having low access to food vendors has been mapped below. The maps span the prior 5 years of available data, from 2010 to 2015.

Percentage of Households
with Low Food Access,
2010



Percentage of Households
with Low Food Access,
2015



Feeding America, Mapping the Meal Gap

Household food security, as measured by Feeding America’s Mapping the Meal Gap program⁵, is summarized below. Households have been monitored by Feeding America as a component of their yearly Mapping the Meal Gap program. Levels of anticipated household and child food security is tabulated below. Please note that, due to methodology changes, the data presented below should be treated as two different “snapshots” of food security status, and may not be representative of local-level trends.

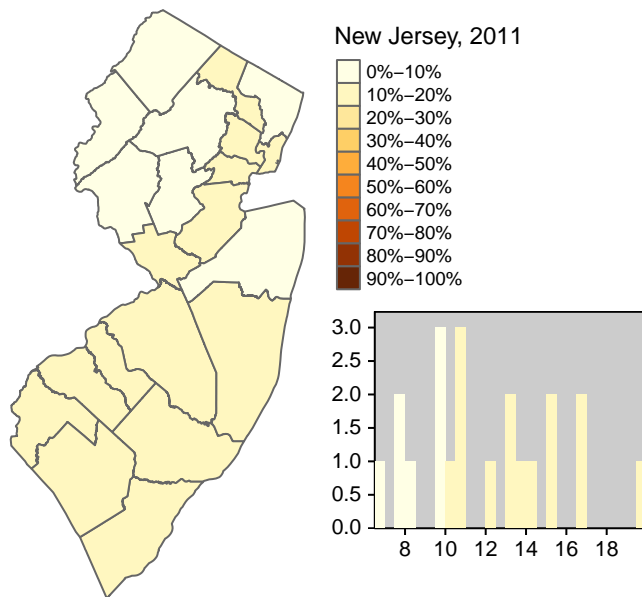
Table 5: Food Insecurity Rates

County	Households, 2011	Children, 2011	Households, 2018	Children, 2018
Atlantic	15.2%	20.0%	11.4%	17.0%
Bergen	9.9%	14.0%	6.5%	7.0%
Burlington	10.6%	13.0%	7.5%	10.0%
Camden	14.2%	18.0%	10.3%	14.0%
Cape May	13.1%	20.0%	11.7%	19.0%
Cumberland	16.5%	24.0%	12.6%	18.0%
Essex	19.6%	18.0%	12.7%	16.0%
Gloucester	10.7%	15.0%	7.8%	11.0%
Hudson	16.9%	24.0%	10.9%	12.0%
Hunterdon	6.6%	12.0%	5.3%	7.0%
Mercer	12.4%	15.0%	8.9%	11.0%
Middlesex	10.9%	15.0%	7.3%	9.0%
Monmouth	9.8%	14.0%	7.1%	9.0%
Morris	7.7%	12.0%	5.3%	6.0%
Ocean	10.3%	19.0%	8.9%	15.0%
Passaic	15.3%	24.0%	10.4%	14.0%
Salem	13.4%	18.0%	11.3%	18.0%
Somerset	7.9%	11.0%	5.2%	6.0%
Sussex	8.3%	14.0%	6.4%	10.0%
Union	13.9%	17.0%	8.2%	10.0%
Warren	9.7%	16.0%	8.2%	11.0%

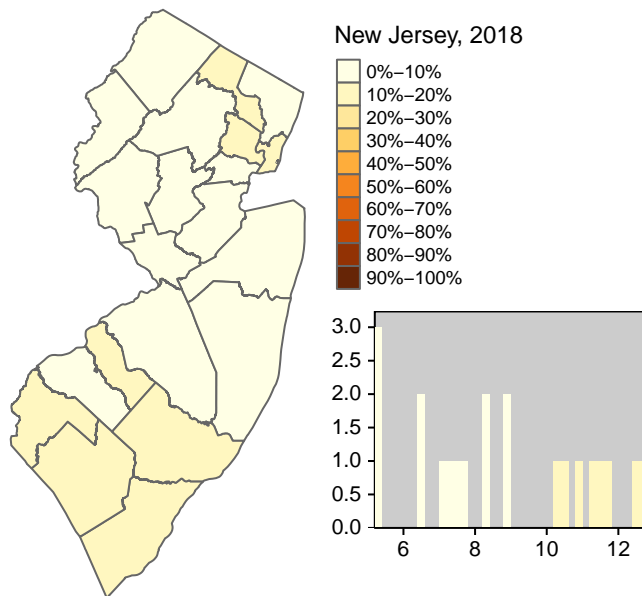
⁵<http://map.feedingamerica.org/>

The percentage of households in each county that are identified as being food insecure has been mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018. Please note that, due to methodology changes, the data presented below should be treated as two different “snapshots” of food security status, and may not be representative of local-level trends.

Percentage of Households Experiencing Food Insecurity, 2011

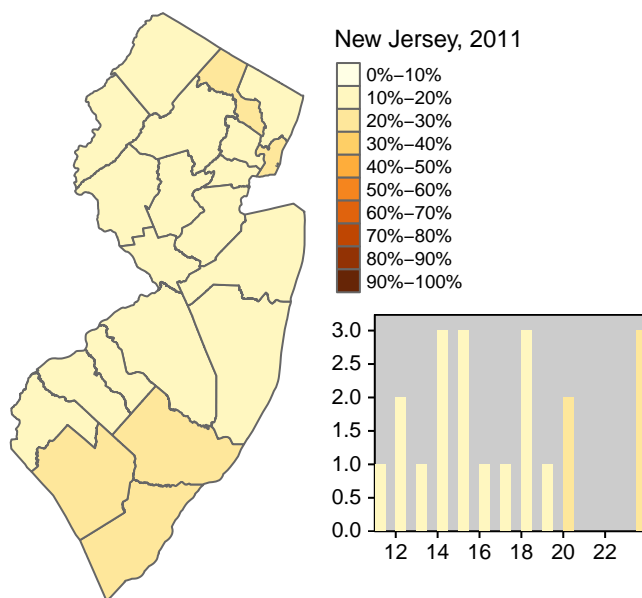


Percentage of Households Experiencing Food Insecurity, 2018

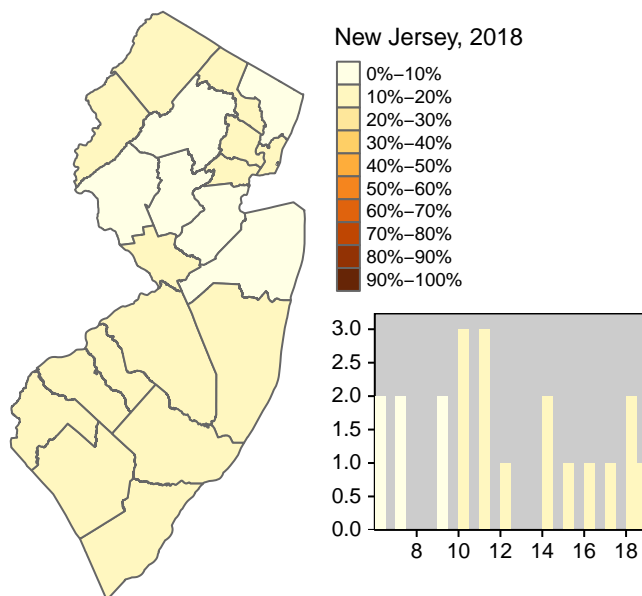


The percentage of children in each county that are identified as being food insecure has been mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018. Please note that, due to methodology changes, the data presented below should be treated as two different “snapshots” of food security status, and may not be representative of local-level trends.

Percentage of Children Experiencing Food Insecurity, 2011



Percentage of Children Experiencing Food Insecurity, 2018



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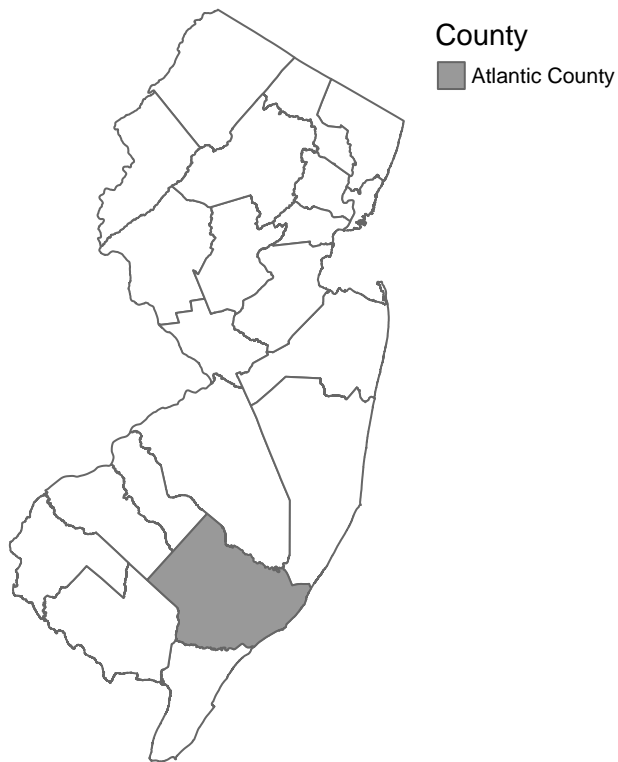
Atlantic County

Overview

Table 6: Atlantic County Overview

Measure	Current Estimate
Total Households	99,874
Household Density (per Square Mile)	163.55
Food Insecure Households	30,480
Food Insecure Children	13,070
Student Enrollment	42,716
Student NSLP Participation	24,229

Atlantic County, New Jersey



Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Atlantic County student participation rates in the National School Lunch Program are summarized below. Participation rates over the prior 20 years have been tabulated, and the percentage of students each year receiving free lunch, reduced price lunch, and the total percentage of students receiving either free or reduced price lunch is graphed below.

Table 7: Atlantic County School Lunch Summary

Measure	2000	2019	20 Year Change
Student Enrollment	41,906	42,716	810
Students Receiving Free Lunch (N)	13,392	21,363	7,971
Students Receiving Free Lunch (%)	32.0%	50.0%	18.1%
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (N)	3,709	2,866	-843
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (%)	8.9%	6.7%	-2.1%

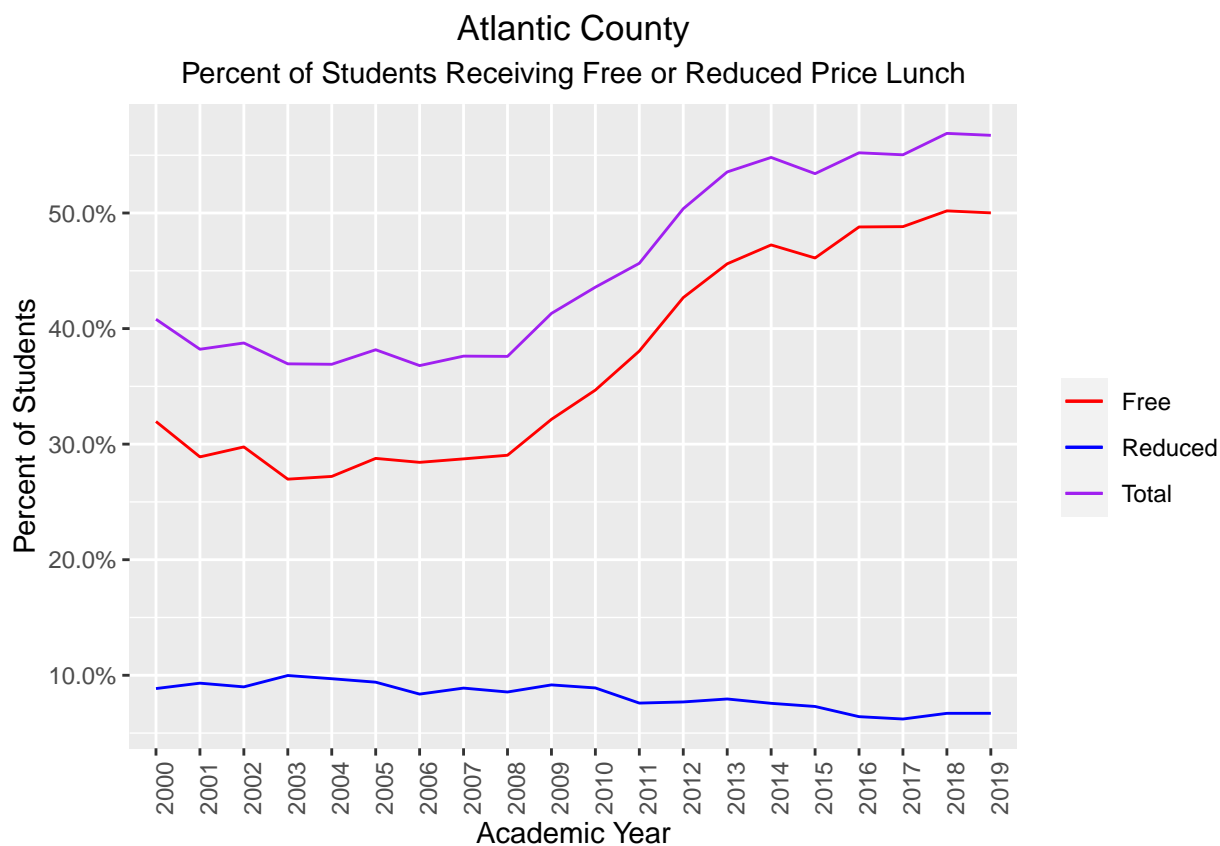


Figure 1: Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Households Participating in Social Support Services

Atlantic County household participation rates in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and households at or below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) are summarized below. Household rates over the prior 8 years have been tabulated, and the percentages of households participating in SNAP and households at or below the FPL is graphed below. For households experiencing poverty, the proportion of households with children under age 18, and children under age 5 are graphed on the following page. Please note, estimate level data (N) is suppressed by the US Census.

Table 8: Atlantic County Summary of Household Poverty

Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	101,418	99,874	-1,544
Households receiving SNAP benefits (%)	8.0%	14.0%	6.0%
Households at or below 100% FPL (%)	9.6%	10.9%	1.3%
Households with children under 18, at or below 100% FPL (%)	15.1%	18.3%	3.2%
Households with children under 5, at or below 100% FPL (%)	20.0%	23.3%	3.3%

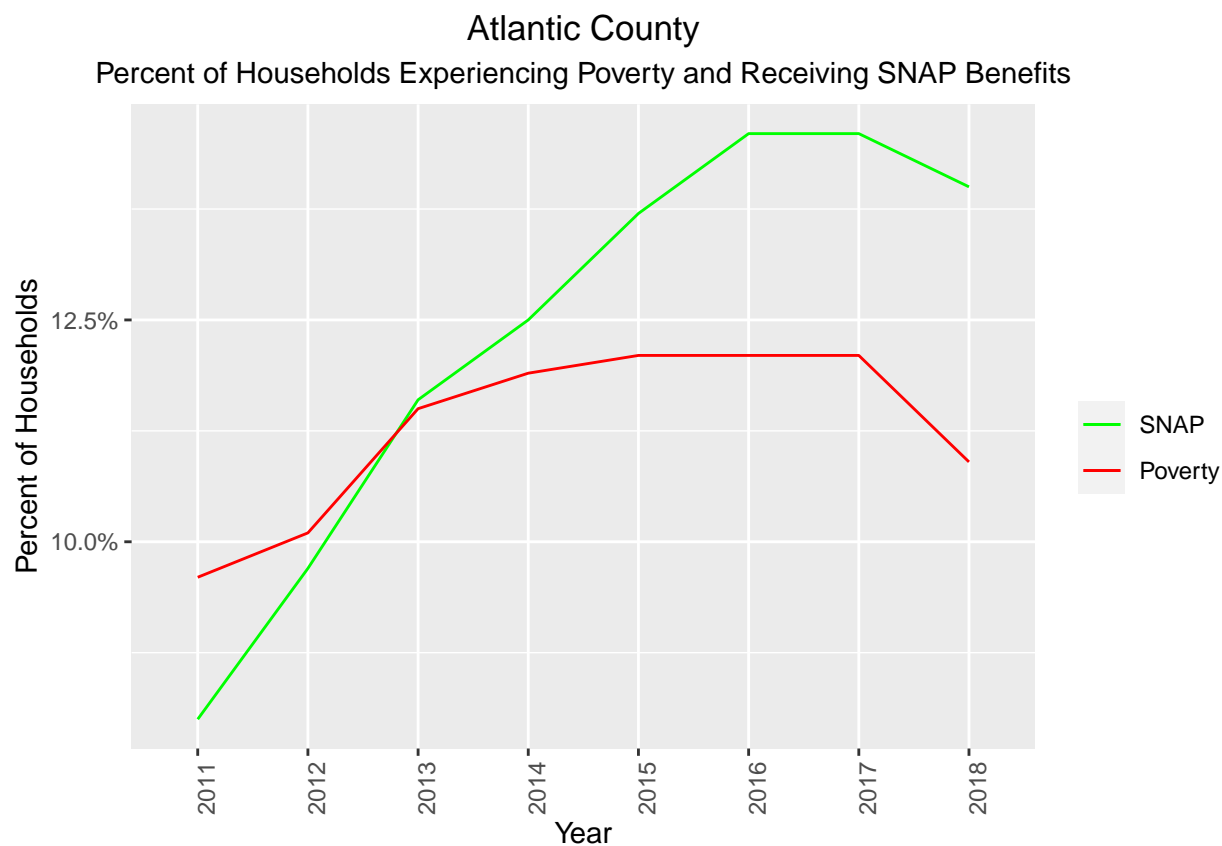
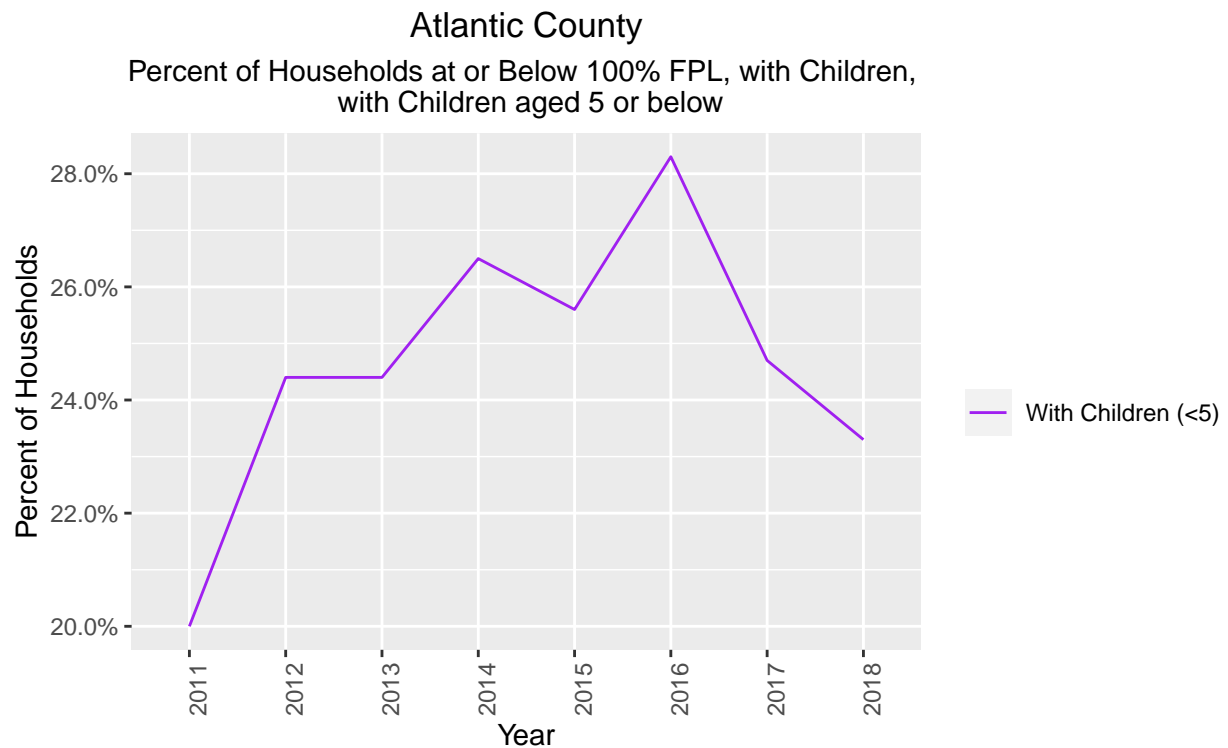
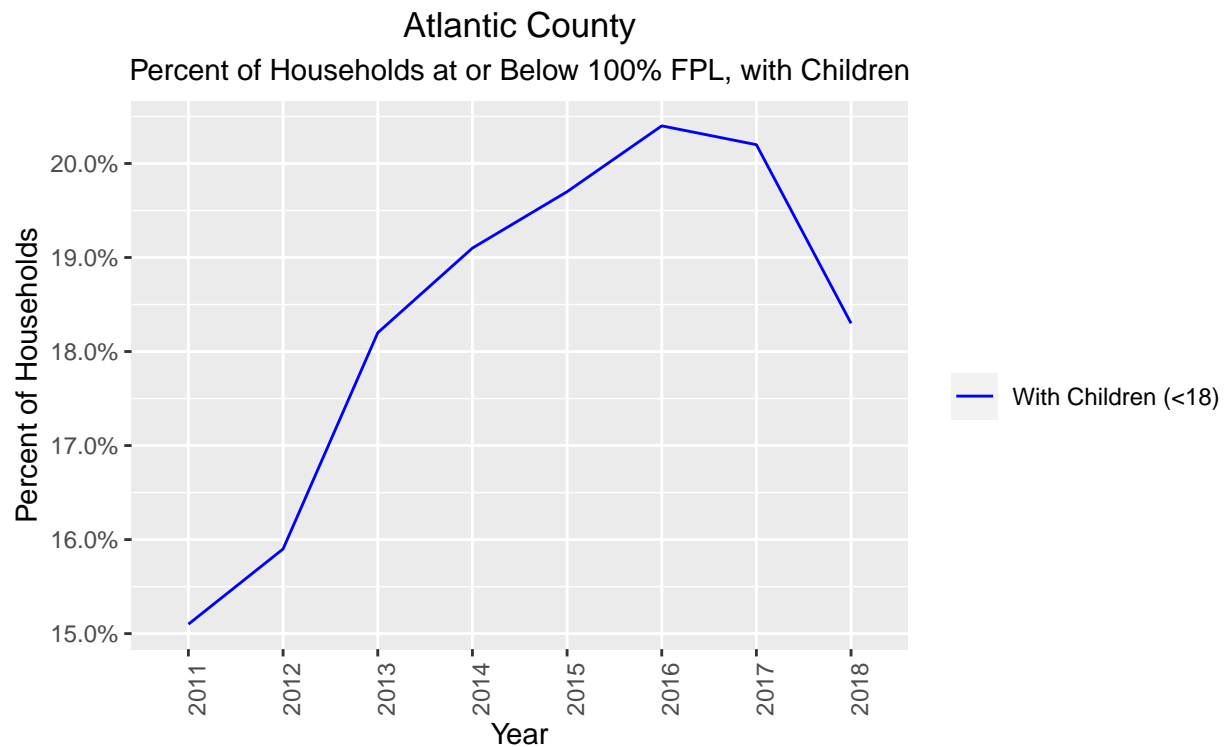


Figure 2: Households Experiencing Poverty and Receiving SNAP Benefits

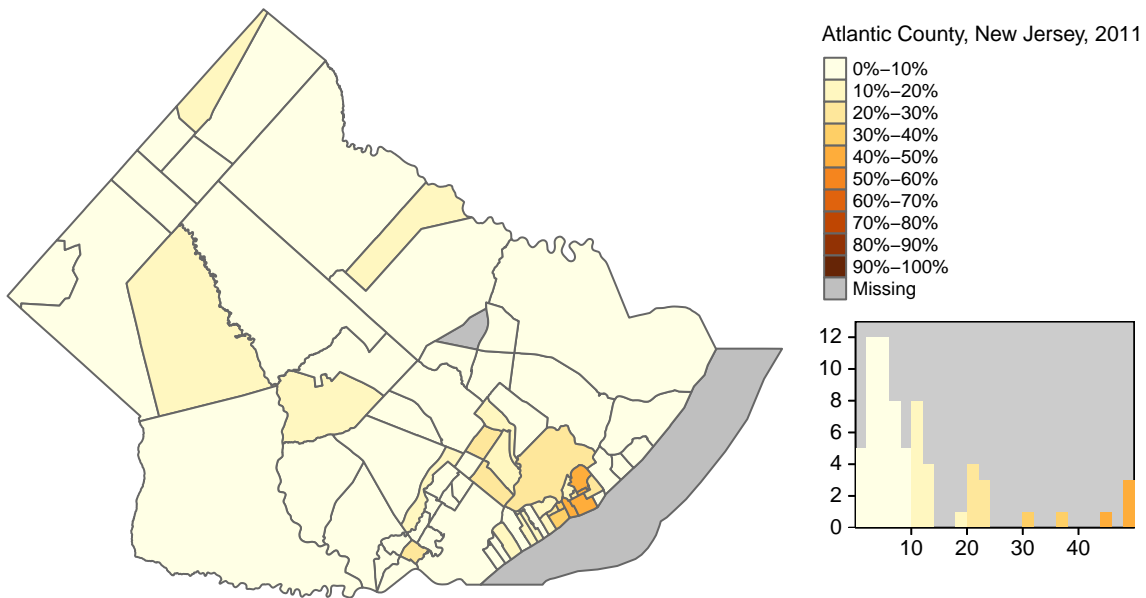
For households in Atlantic County experiencing poverty, the proportion of households experiencing poverty with children is graphed below. The proportion of households experiencing poverty with children, whose children are aged 5 or below, are graphed after.



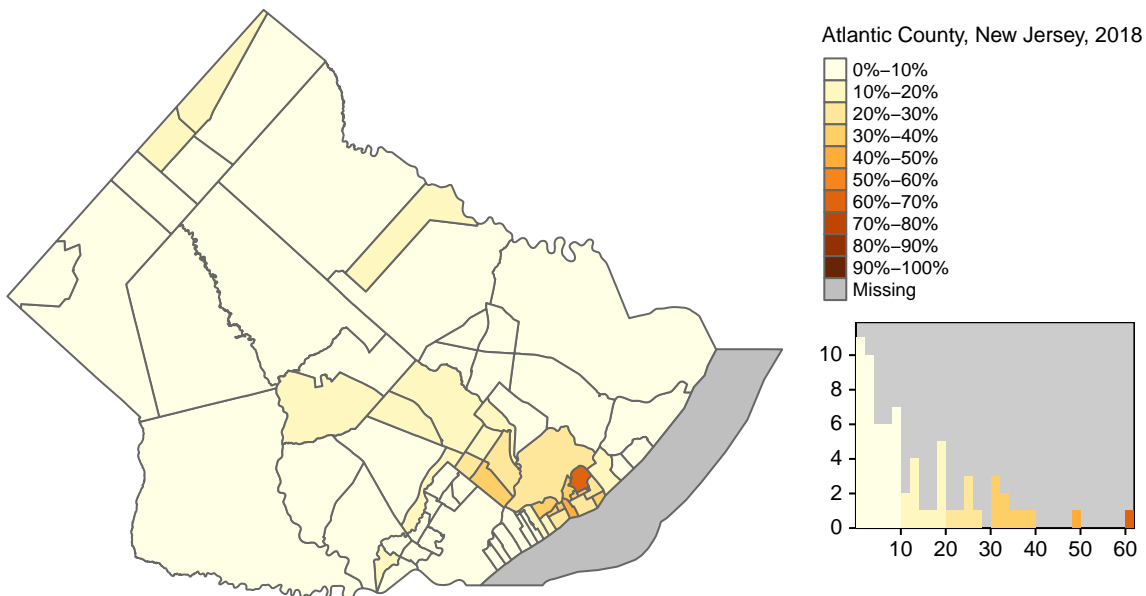
Households at or below 100% FPL

Atlantic County households at or below 100% FPL, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Atlantic County Households,
at or below 100% FPL,
2011



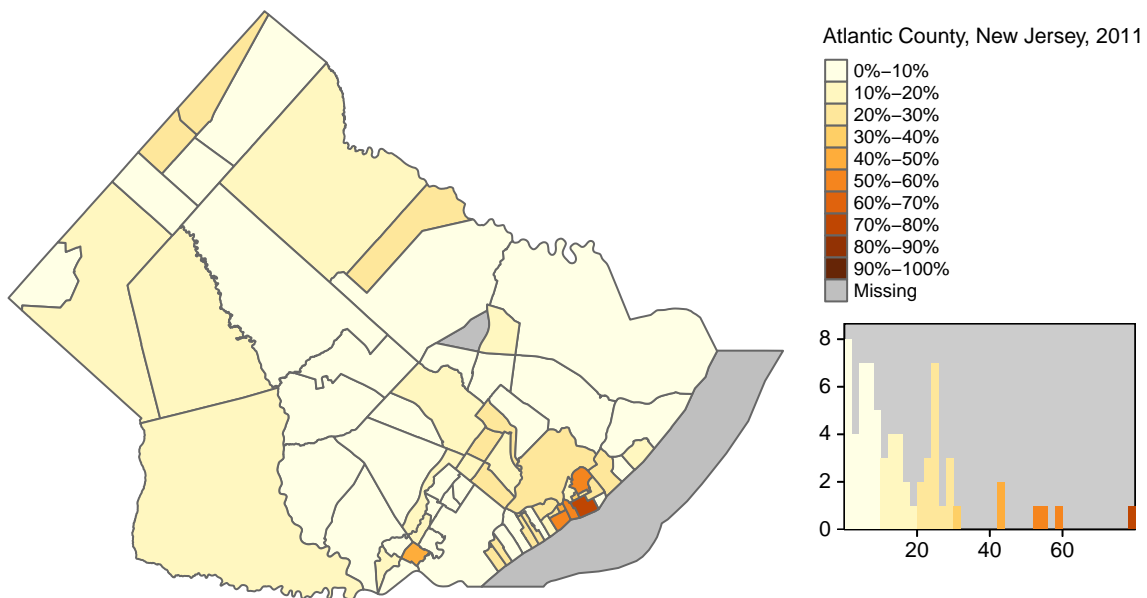
Percentage of Atlantic County Households,
at or below 100% FPL,
2018



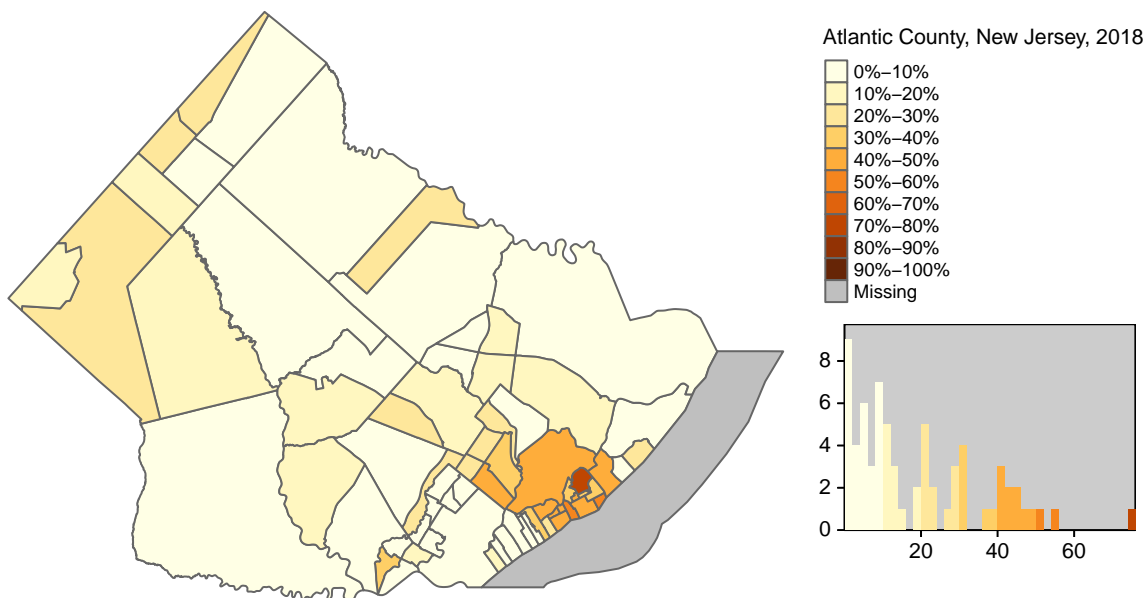
Households with children under 18 at or below 100% FPL

Atlantic County households at or below 100% FPL with children aged 18 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Atlantic County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 18,
2011



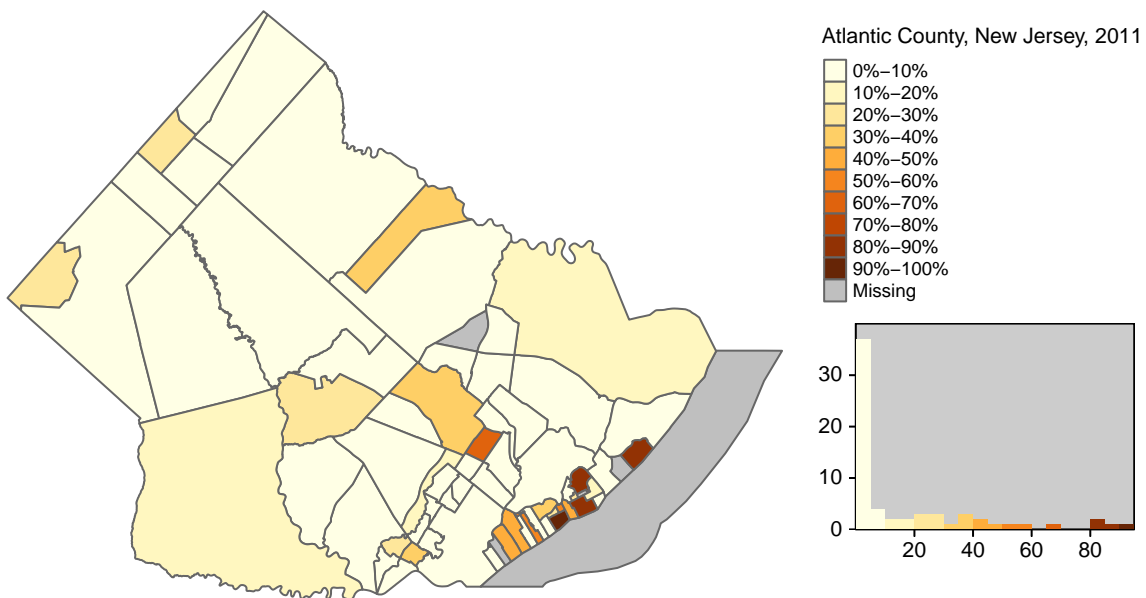
Percentage of Atlantic County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 18,
2018



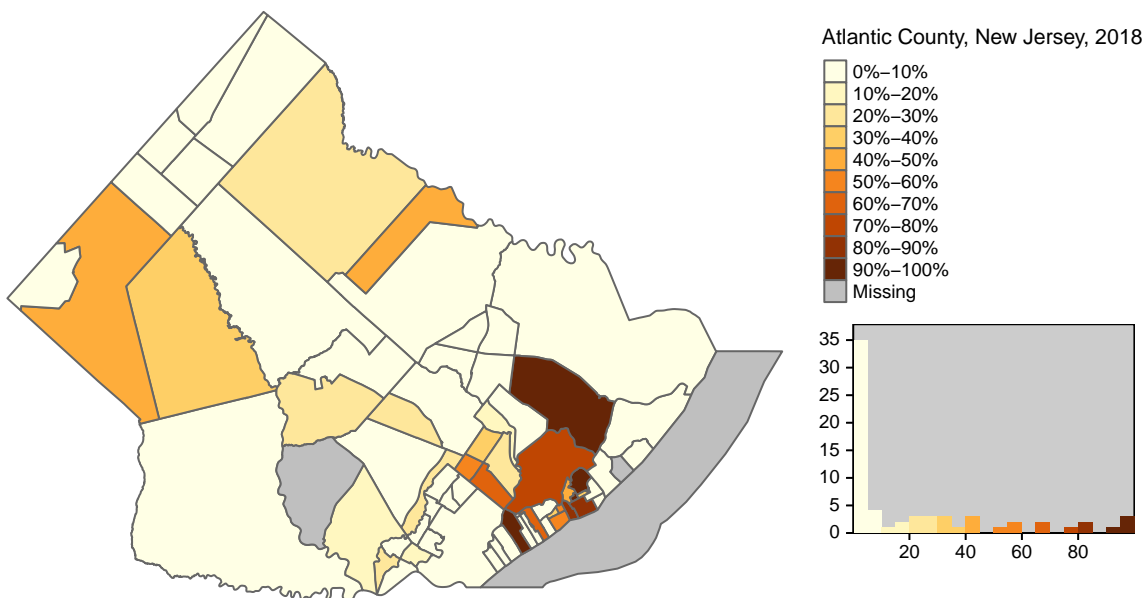
Households with children under 5 at or below 100% FPL

Atlantic County households at or below 100% FPL with children, with children aged 5 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Atlantic County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 5,
2011



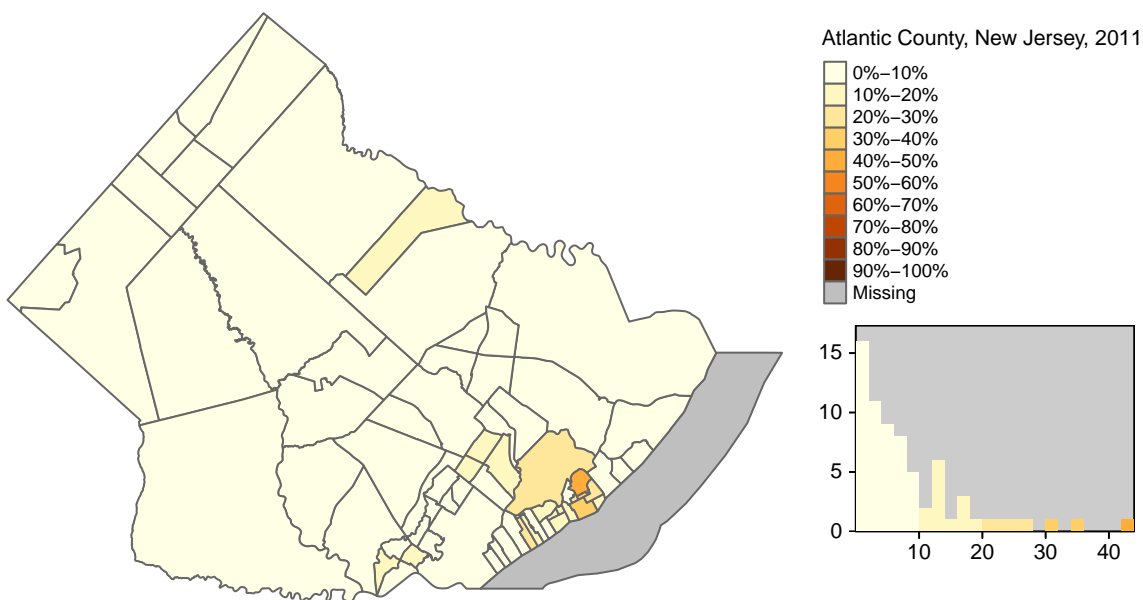
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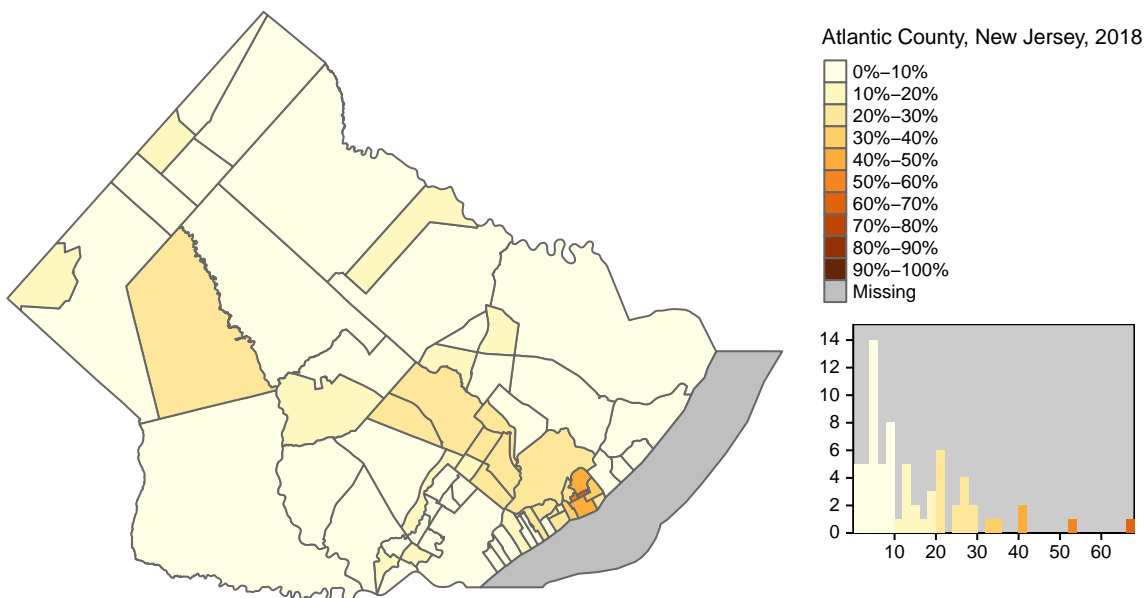
Households Participating in SNAP

Atlantic County households participating in SNAP, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Atlantic County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2011,



Percentage of Atlantic County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2018



Household Food Access

Atlantic County household food access, as measured by the USDA, is summarized below. Households and their surrounding environments (i.e., foodscapes) have been monitored by the USDA as a component of the USDA Food Environment Atlas. Household levels of access to different food sources and vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below.

Table 9: Atlantic County USDA Summary

Measure	2009-2010	2014-2015	5 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	101,418	101,818	400
Households with low access to grocery stores (%)	36.3%	29.2%	-7.1%
Households with low income and low access to grocery stores (%)	10.6%	8.4%	-2.1%
Households with no car and low access to grocery stores (%)	7.0%	3.9%	-3.0%
Children with low access to grocery stores (%)	8.7%	7.0%	-1.7%
Grocery Stores (N)	84	87	3
Super-centers and Club Stores (N)	2	3	1
Convenience Stores (N)	78	80	2
Specialized Food Stores (N)	35	31	-4
Fast Food Restaurants (N)	185	208	23
Full Service Restaurants (N)	305	327	22
Grocery Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.31	.32	.01
Super-centers and Club Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.01	.01	0
Convenience Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.28	.29	.01
Specialized Food Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.13	.11	-0.02
Fast Food Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	.68	.76	.08
Full Service Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	1.11	1.19	.08

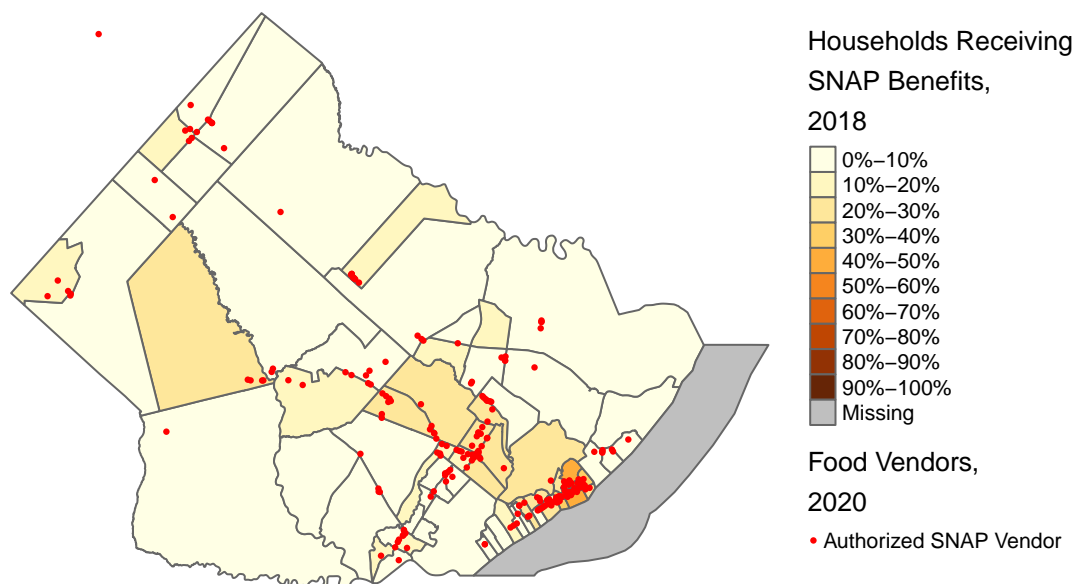
Household Access to SNAP Vendors

Atlantic County household access to authorized SNAP or WIC food vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below. A map of SNAP-approved vendors in Atlantic County, 232 vendors as of 2020, is additionally mapped below. Geographic data were not available for authorized WIC vendors or Farmers Markets.

Table 10: Atlantic County Authorized Vendors

Measure	2008-2012	2012-2016	4 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	101,418	101,818	400
SNAP-authorized Stores (N)	246	233	-13
WIC-authorized Stores (N)	26	22	-4
SNAP-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.89	.86	-0.03
WIC-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.1	.08	-0.02
SNAP-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	0	-
WIC-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	1	-

Households Receiving SNAP Benefits Compared to Registered SNAP Vendors, Atlantic County, NJ



Household Food Security

Atlantic County household food security, as measured by Feeding America’s Mapping the Meal Gap, is summarized below. Households have been monitored by Feeding America as a component of their Mapping the Meal Gap program. Household levels of food security are tabulated below. Please note that, due to methodology changes, the data presented below should be treated as two different “snapshots” of food security status, and may not be representative of local-level trends.

Table 11: Atlantic County Food Insecurity

Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Food Insecure Households (N)	41,500	30,480	-11,020
Food Insecure Households (%)	15.2%	11.4%	-3.8%
Food Insecure Children (N)	13,070	9,920	-3,150
Food Insecure Children (%)	20.0%	17.0%	-3.0%
Average Cost per Meal (\$)	\$2.91	\$3.45	\$0.54
Annual Food Budget Shortfall (\$)	\$19,688,010.00	\$17,773,000.00	\$-1,915,010.00

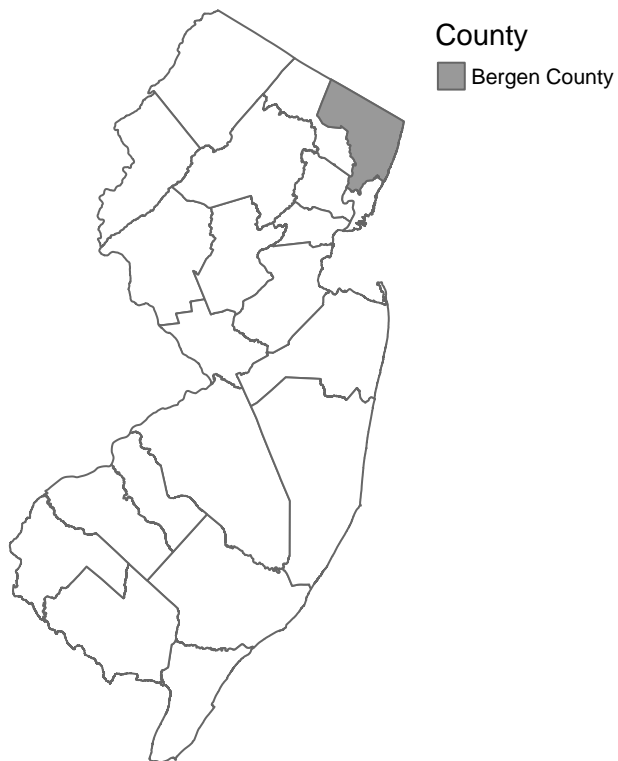
Bergen County

Overview

Table 12: Bergen County Overview

Measure	Current Estimate
Total Households	338,249
Household Density (per Square Mile)	1,410.38
Food Insecure Households	60,790
Food Insecure Children	29,000
Student Enrollment	132,006
Student NSLP Participation	26,384

Bergen County, New Jersey



Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Bergen County student participation rates in the National School Lunch Program are summarized below. Participation rates over the prior 20 years have been tabulated, and the percentage of students each year receiving free lunch, reduced price lunch, and the total percentage of students receiving either free or reduced price lunch is graphed below.

Table 13: Bergen County School Lunch Summary

Measure	2000	2019	20 Year Change
Student Enrollment	121,179	132,006.5	10,827.5
Students Receiving Free Lunch (N)	10,220	21,196	10,976
Students Receiving Free Lunch (%)	8.4%	16.1%	7.6%
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (N)	4,329	5,188	859
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (%)	3.6%	3.9%	.4%

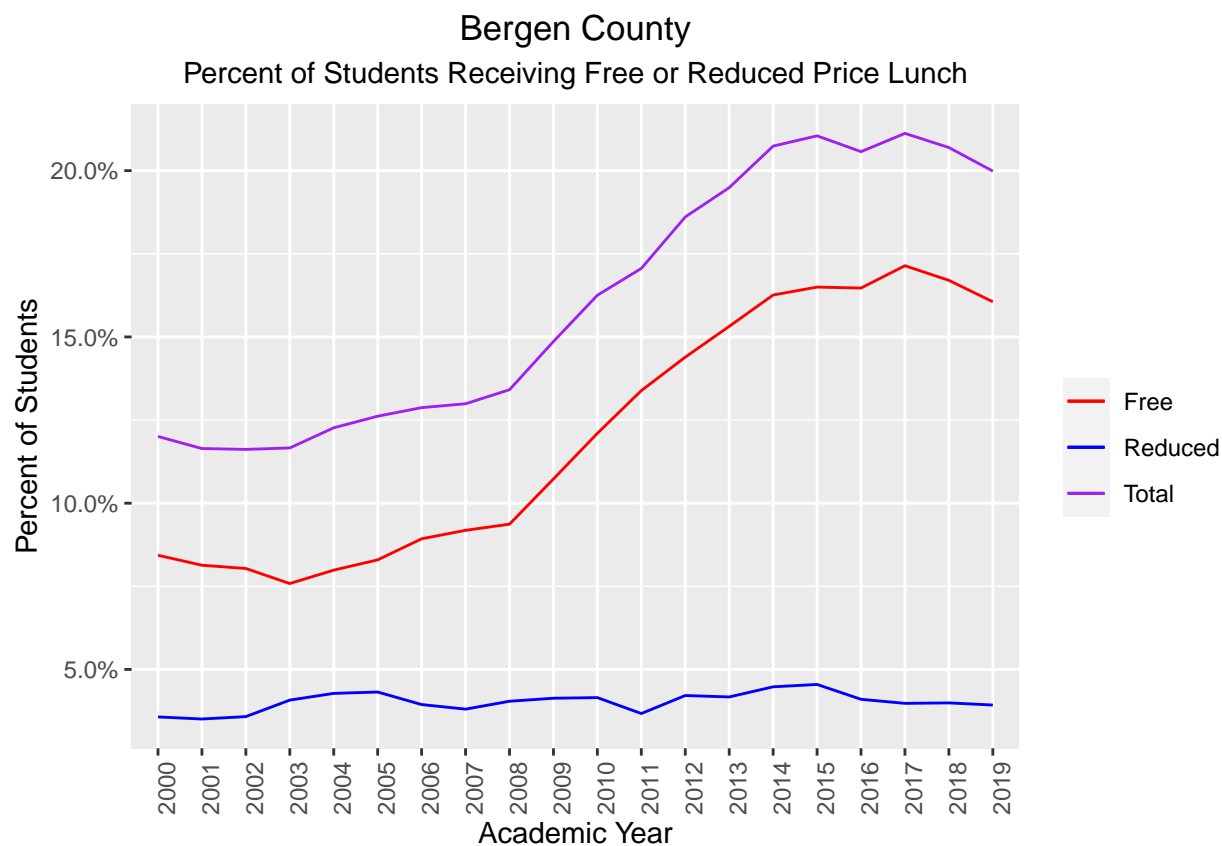


Figure 3: Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Households Participating in Social Support Services

Bergen County household participation rates in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and households at or below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) are summarized below. Household rates over the prior 8 years have been tabulated, and the percentages of households participating in SNAP and households at or below the FPL is graphed below. For households experiencing poverty, the proportion of households with children under age 18, and children under age 5 are graphed on the following page. Please note, estimate level data (N) is suppressed by the US Census.

Table 14: Bergen County Summary of Household Poverty

Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	333,073	338,249	5,176
Households receiving SNAP benefits (%)	3.4%	5.1%	1.7%
Households at or below 100% FPL (%)	4.6%	5.4%	.8%
Households with children under 18, at or below 100% FPL (%)	6.0%	7.4%	1.4%
Households with children under 5, at or below 100% FPL (%)	6.0%	5.9%	-.1%

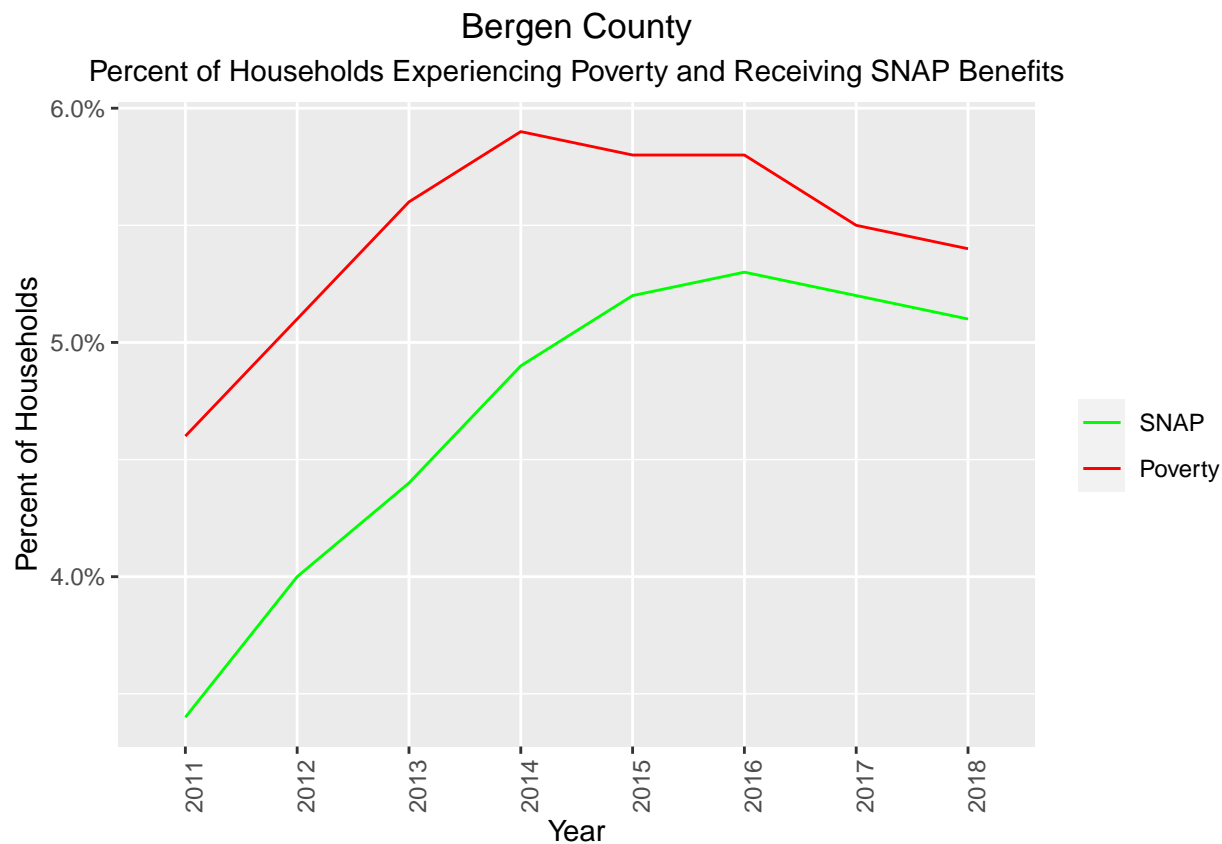
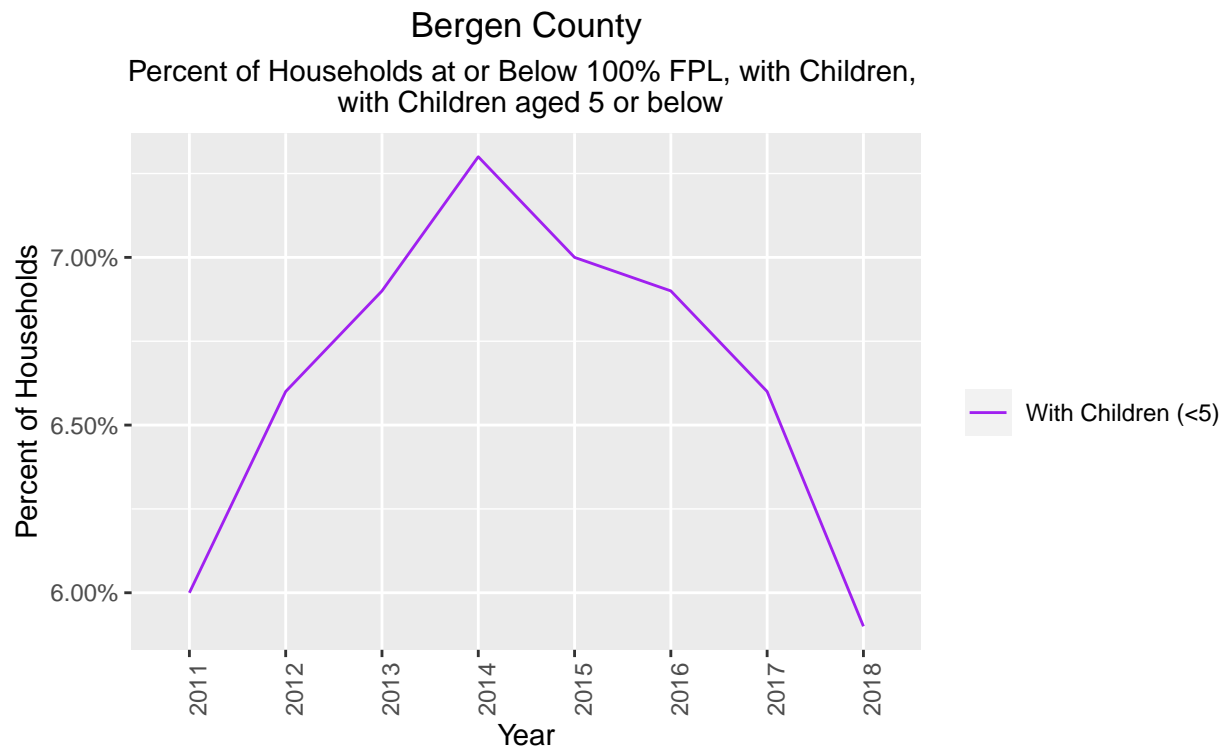
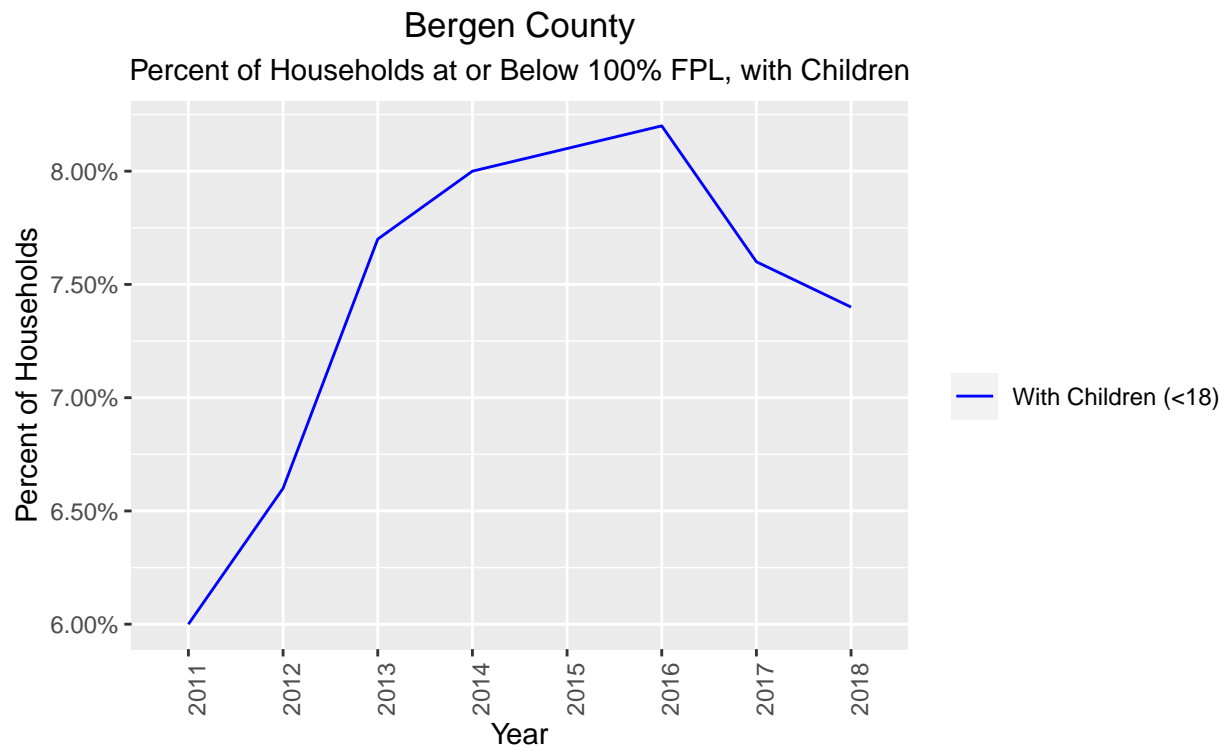


Figure 4: Households Experiencing Poverty and Receiving SNAP Benefits

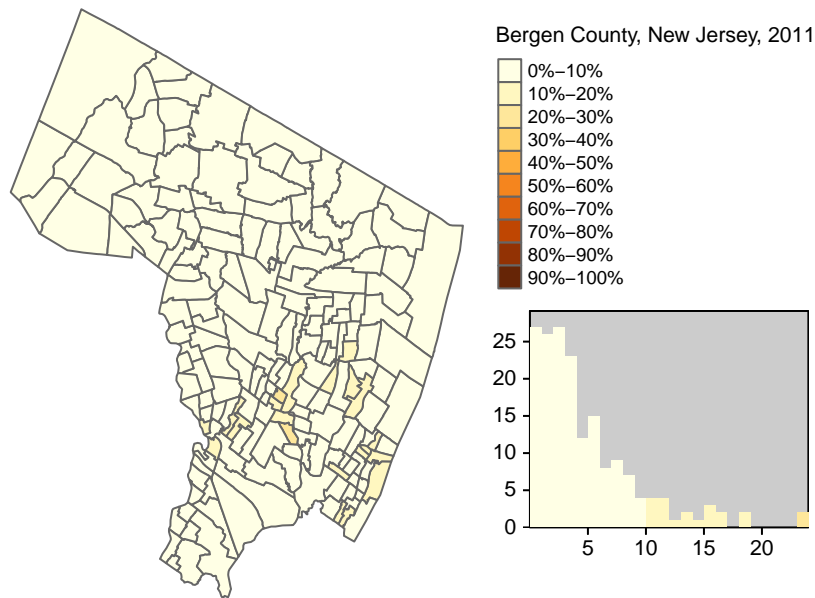
For households in Bergen County experiencing poverty, the proportion of households experiencing poverty with children is graphed below. The proportion of households experiencing poverty with children, whose children are aged 5 or below, are graphed after.



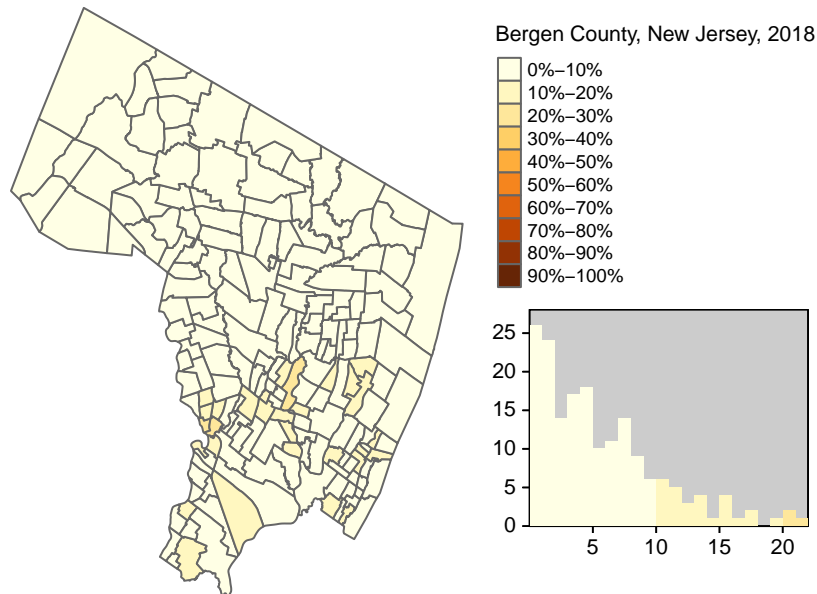
Households at or below 100% FPL

Bergen County households at or below 100% FPL, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Bergen County Households,
at or below 100% FPL,
2011



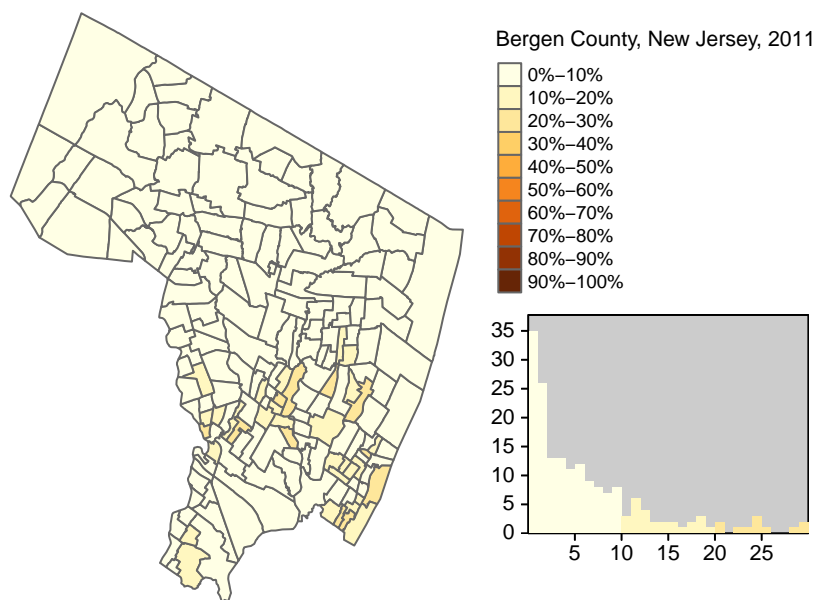
Percentage of Bergen County Households,
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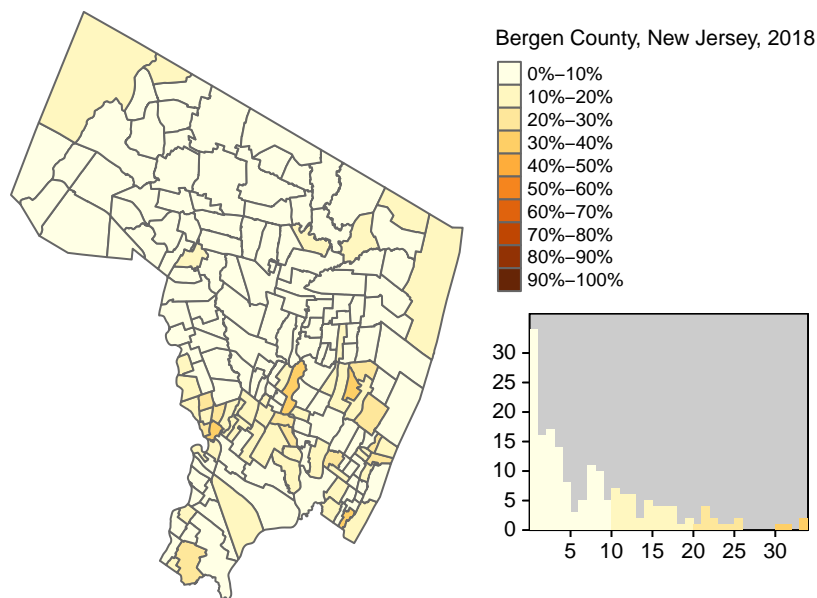
Households with children under 18 at or below 100% FPL

Bergen County households at or below 100% FPL with children aged 18 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Bergen County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 18,
2011



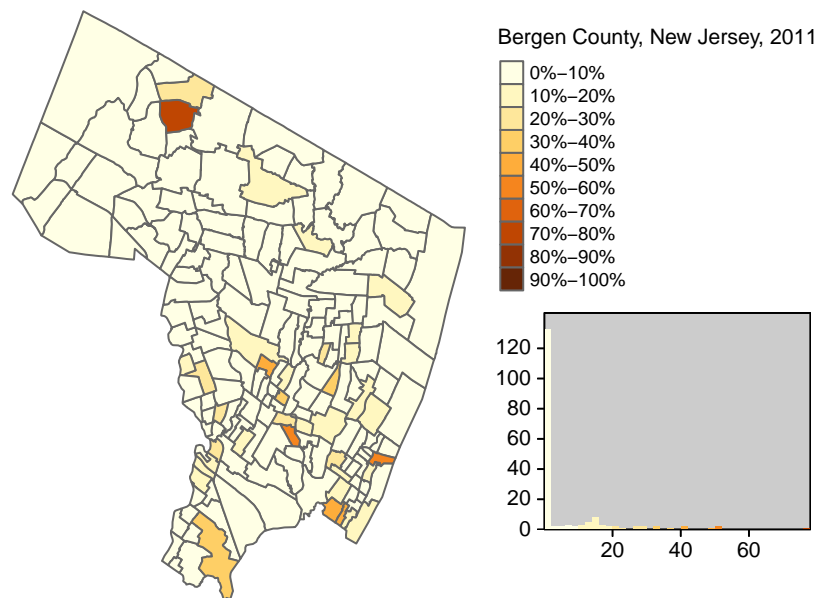
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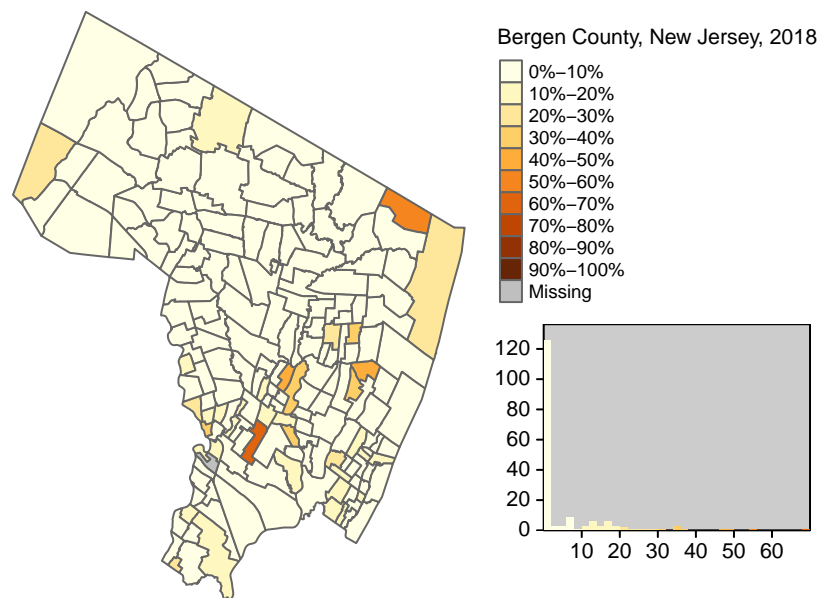
Households with children under 5 at or below 100% FPL

Bergen County households at or below 100% FPL with children, with children aged 5 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Bergen County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 5,
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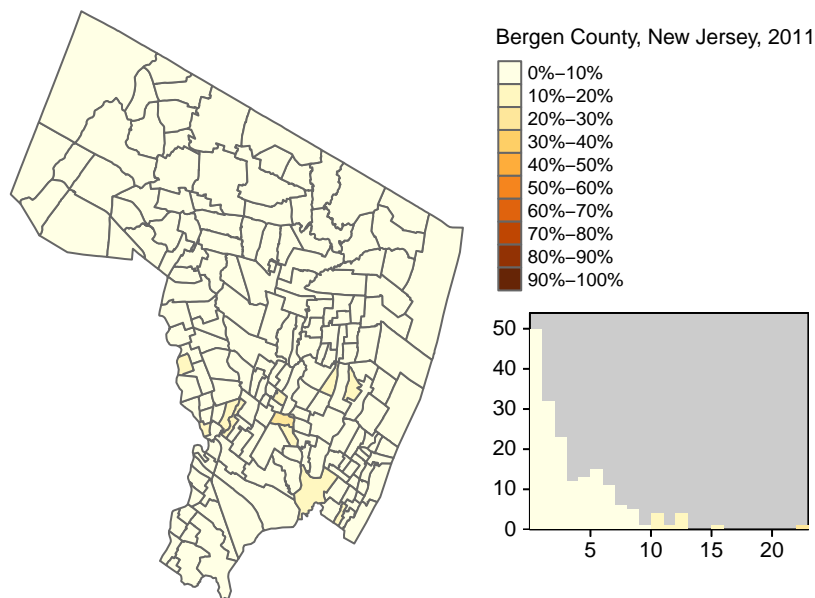
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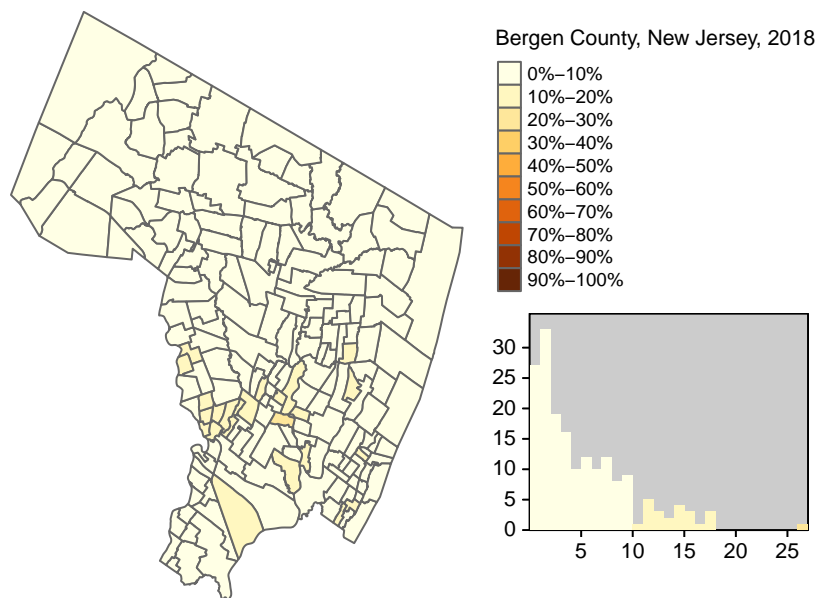
Households Participating in SNAP

Bergen County households participating in SNAP, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Bergen County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2011,



Percentage of Bergen County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2018



Household Food Access

Bergen County household food access, as measured by the USDA, is summarized below. Households and their surrounding environments (i.e., foodscapes) have been monitored by the USDA as a component of the USDA Food Environment Atlas. Household levels of access to different food sources and vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below.

Table 15: Bergen County USDA Summary

Measure	2009-2010	2014-2015	5 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	333,073	335,550	2,477
Households with low access to grocery stores (%)	11.9%	10.6%	-1.3%
Households with low income and low access to grocery stores (%)	1.1%	1.0%	-.1%
Households with no car and low access to grocery stores (%)	.3%	.4%	.0%
Children with low access to grocery stores (%)	2.9%	2.6%	-.3%
Grocery Stores (N)	249	257	8
Super-centers and Club Stores (N)	3	4	1
Convenience Stores (N)	211	231	20
Specialized Food Stores (N)	162	150	-12
Fast Food Restaurants (N)	720	762	42
Full Service Restaurants (N)	740	934	194
Grocery Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.28	.28	0
Super-centers and Club Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	0	0	0
Convenience Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.23	.25	.02
Specialized Food Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.18	.16	-0.02
Fast Food Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	.8	.82	.02
Full Service Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	.82	1	.18

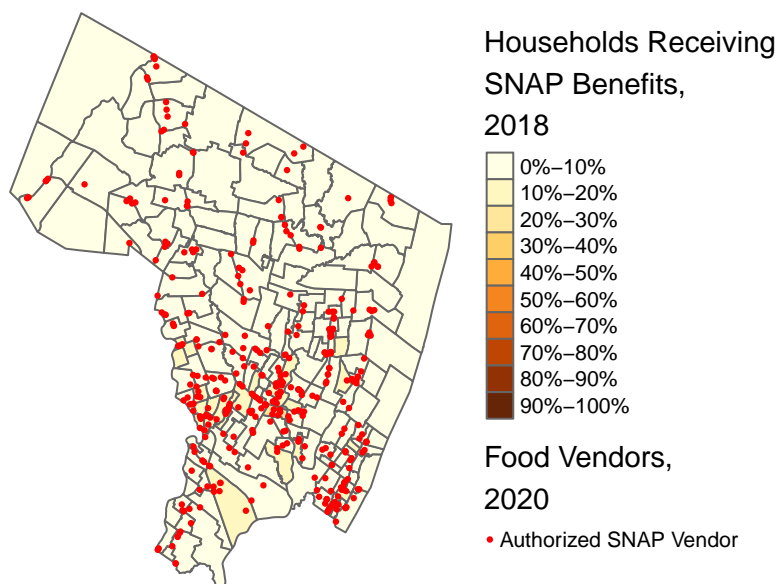
Household Access to SNAP Vendors

Bergen County household access to authorized SNAP or WIC food vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below. A map of SNAP-approved vendors in Bergen County, 385 vendors as of 2020, is additionally mapped below. Geographic data were not available for authorized WIC vendors or Farmers Markets.

Table 16: Bergen County Authorized Vendors

Measure	2008-2012	2012-2016	4 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	333,073	335,550	2,477
SNAP-authorized Stores (N)	349	369	20
WIC-authorized Stores (N)	50	54	4
SNAP-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.38	.39	.01
WIC-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.06	.06	0
SNAP-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	2	-
WIC-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	3	-

Households Receiving SNAP Benefits Compared to Registered SNAP Vendors, Bergen County, NJ



Household Food Security

Bergen County household food security, as measured by Feeding America's Mapping the Meal Gap, is summarized below. Households have been monitored by Feeding America as a component of their Mapping the Meal Gap program. Household levels of food security are tabulated below. Please note that, due to methodology changes, the data presented below should be treated as two different "snapshots" of food security status, and may not be representative of local-level trends.

Table 17: Bergen County Food Insecurity

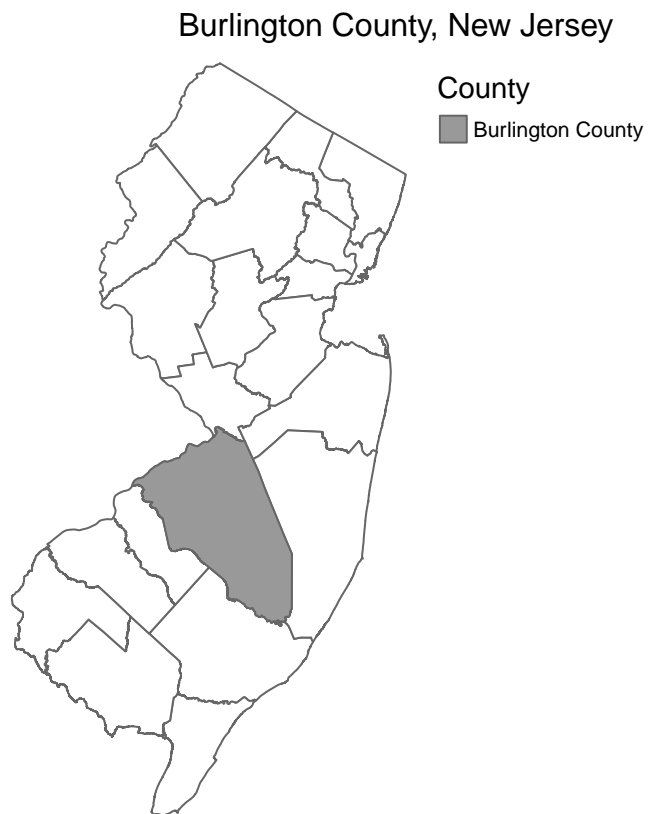
Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Food Insecure Households (N)	88,890	60,790	-28,100
Food Insecure Households (%)	9.9%	6.5%	-3.4%
Food Insecure Children (N)	29,000	14,110	-14,890
Food Insecure Children (%)	14.0%	7.0%	-7.0%
Average Cost per Meal (\$)	\$3.23	\$3.96	\$0.73
Annual Food Budget Shortfall (\$)	\$46,807,580.00	\$40,728,000.00	\$-6,079,580.00

Burlington County

Overview

Table 18: Burlington County Overview

Measure	Current Estimate
Total Households	165,496
Household Density (per Square Mile)	201.75
Food Insecure Households	33,330
Food Insecure Children	13,100
Student Enrollment	68,335
Student NSLP Participation	16,909



Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Burlington County student participation rates in the National School Lunch Program are summarized below. Participation rates over the prior 20 years have been tabulated, and the percentage of students each year receiving free lunch, reduced price lunch, and the total percentage of students receiving either free or reduced price lunch is graphed below.

Table 19: Burlington County School Lunch Summary

Measure	2000	2019	20 Year Change
Student Enrollment	69,825.5	68,335	-1,490.5
Students Receiving Free Lunch (N)	8,206	13,543	5,337
Students Receiving Free Lunch (%)	11.8%	19.8%	8.1%
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (N)	3,929	3,366	-563
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (%)	5.6%	4.9%	-.7%

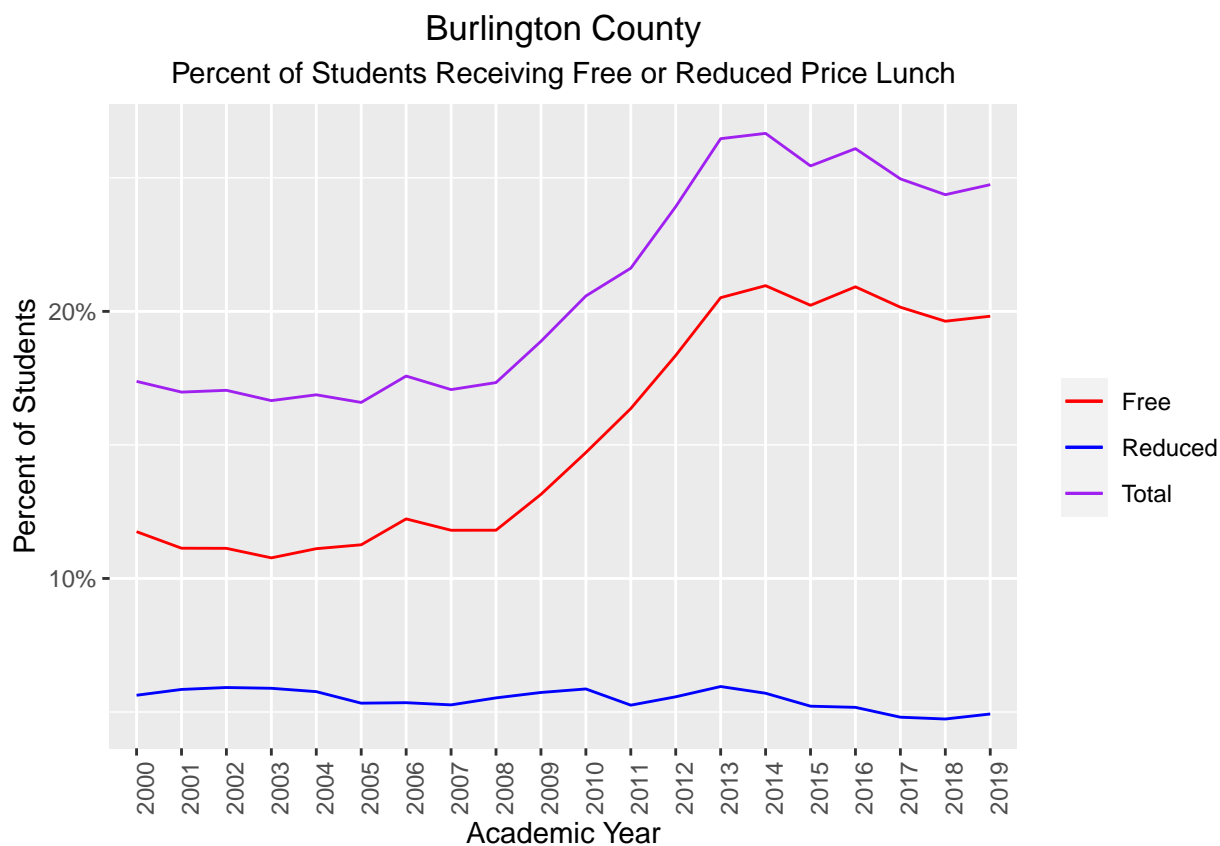


Figure 5: Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Households Participating in Social Support Services

Burlington County household participation rates in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and households at or below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) are summarized below. Household rates over the prior 8 years have been tabulated, and the percentages of households participating in SNAP and households at or below the FPL is graphed below. For households experiencing poverty, the proportion of households with children under age 18, and children under age 5 are graphed on the following page. Please note, estimate level data (N) is suppressed by the US Census.

Table 20: Burlington County Summary of Household Poverty

Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	165,727	165,496	-231
Households receiving SNAP benefits (%)	3.6%	5.4%	1.8%
Households at or below 100% FPL (%)	3.7%	4.4%	.7%
Households with children under 18, at or below 100% FPL (%)	5.6%	6.9%	1.3%
Households with children under 5, at or below 100% FPL (%)	6.1%	6.0%	-.1%

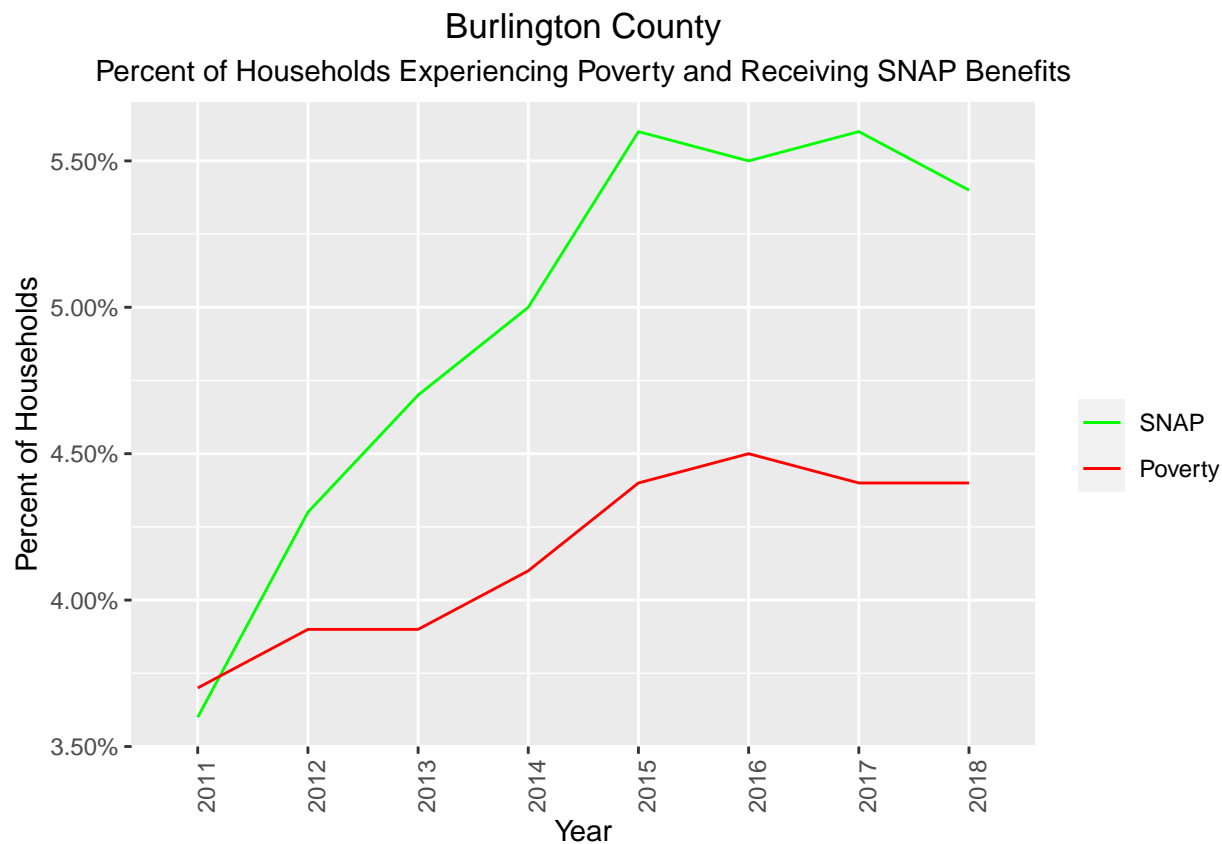
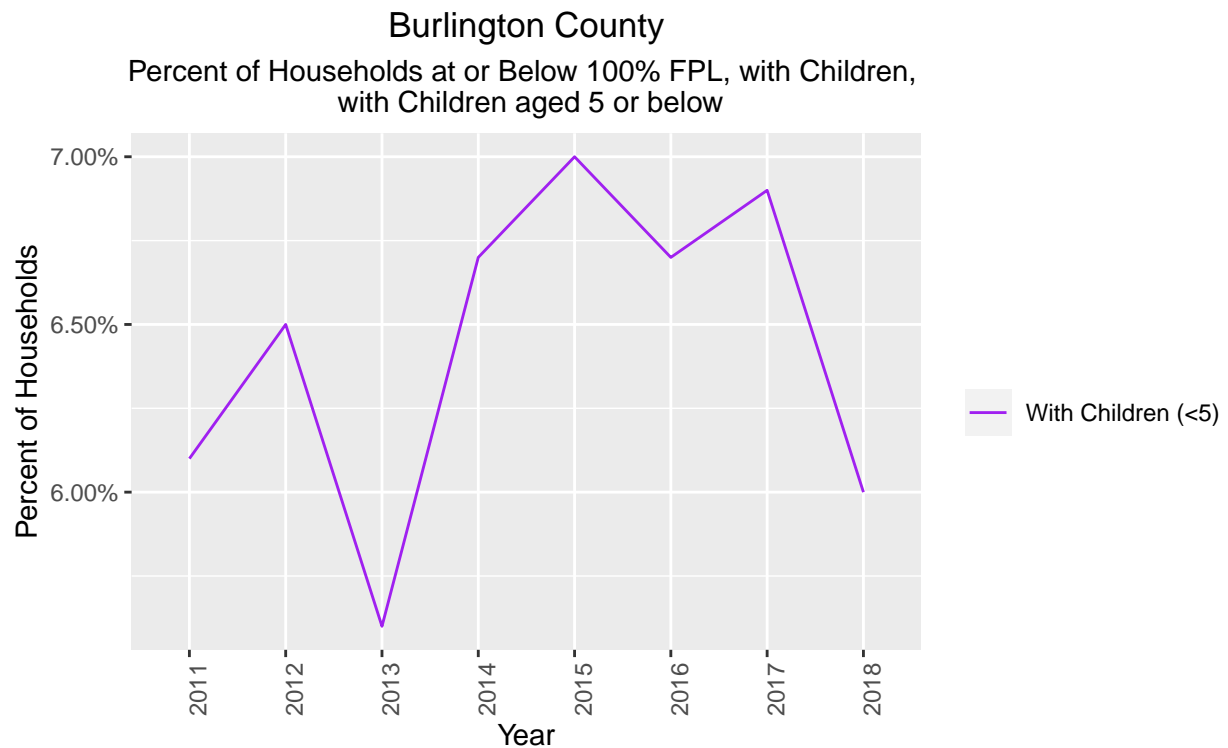
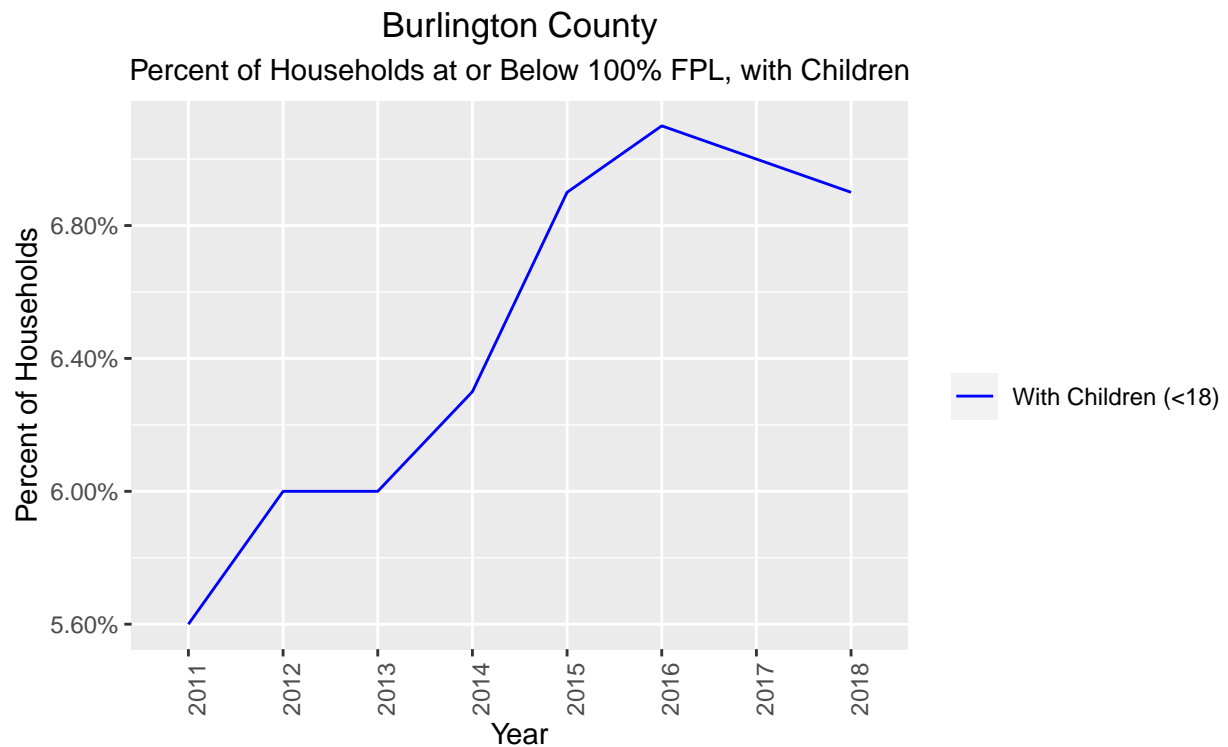


Figure 6: Households Experiencing Poverty and Receiving SNAP Benefits

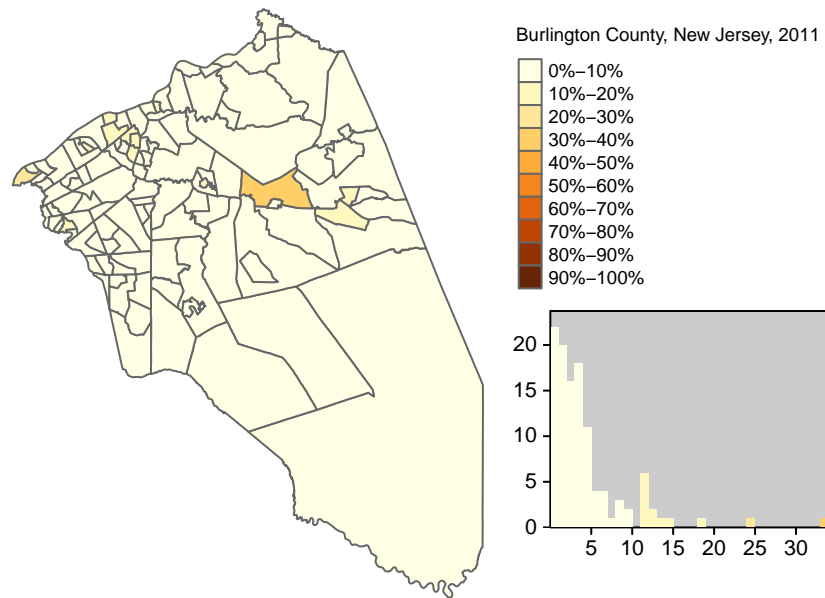
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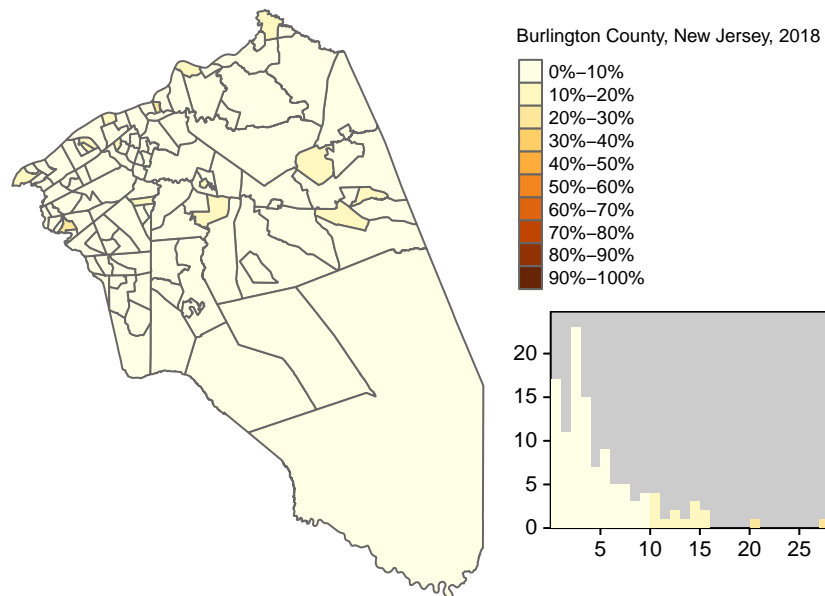
Households at or below 100% FPL

Burlington County households at or below 100% FPL, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Burlington County Households,
at or below 100% FPL,
2011



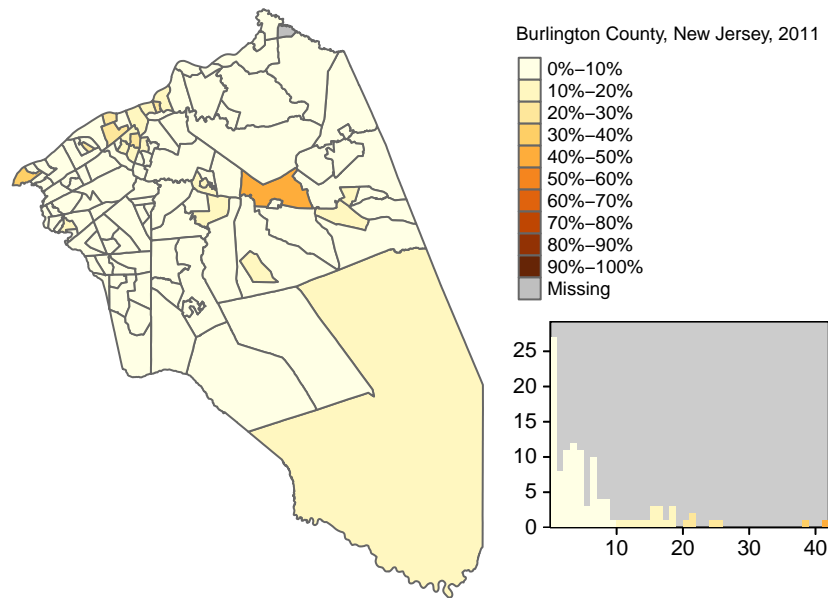
Percentage of Burlington County Households,
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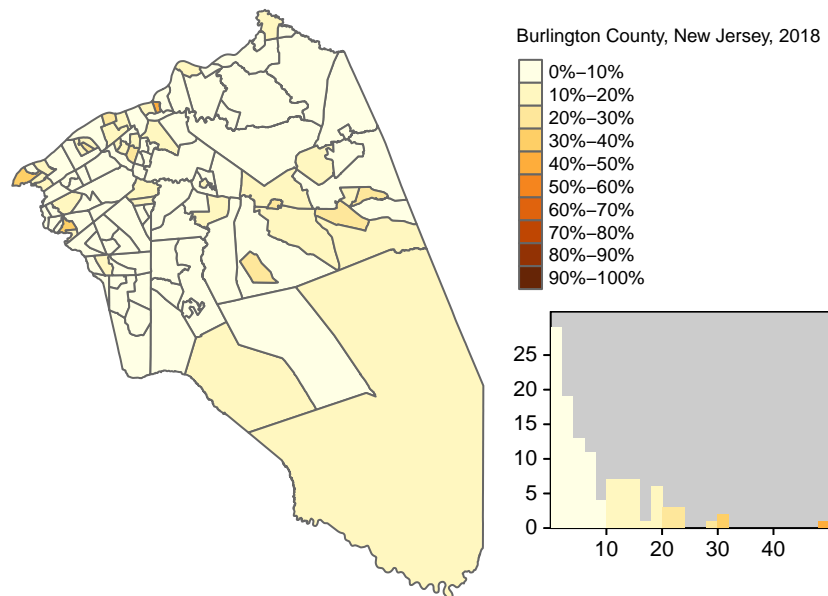
Households with children under 18 at or below 100% FPL

Burlington County households at or below 100% FPL with children aged 18 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Burlington County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 18,
2011



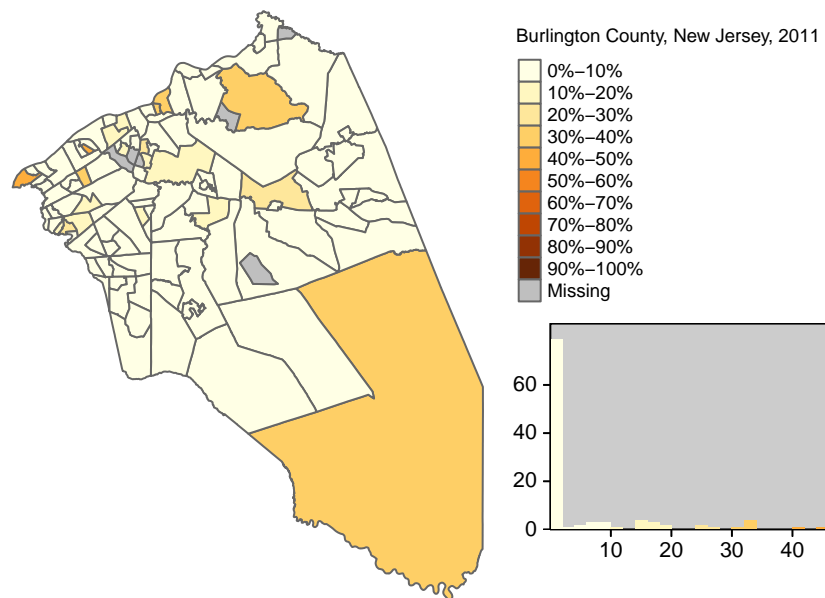
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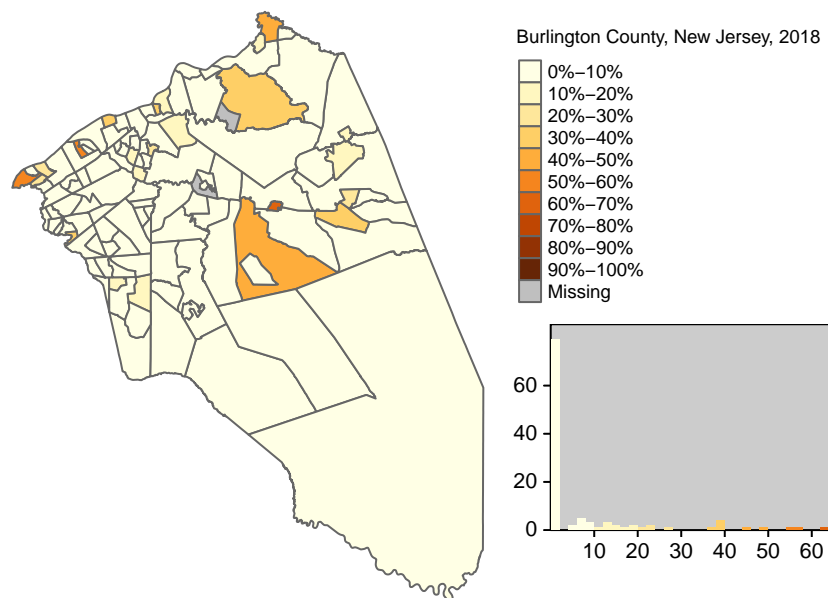
Households with children under 5 at or below 100% FPL

Burlington County households at or below 100% FPL with children, with children aged 5 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

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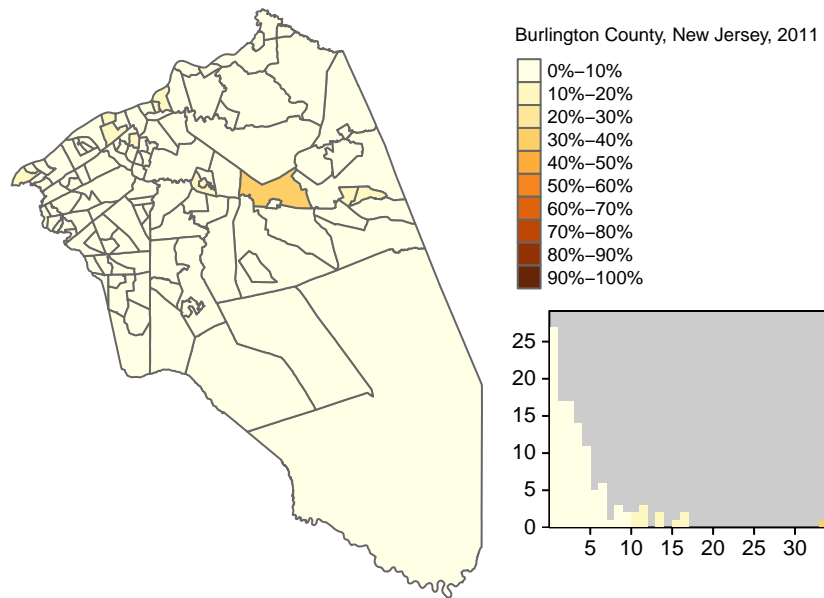
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2018



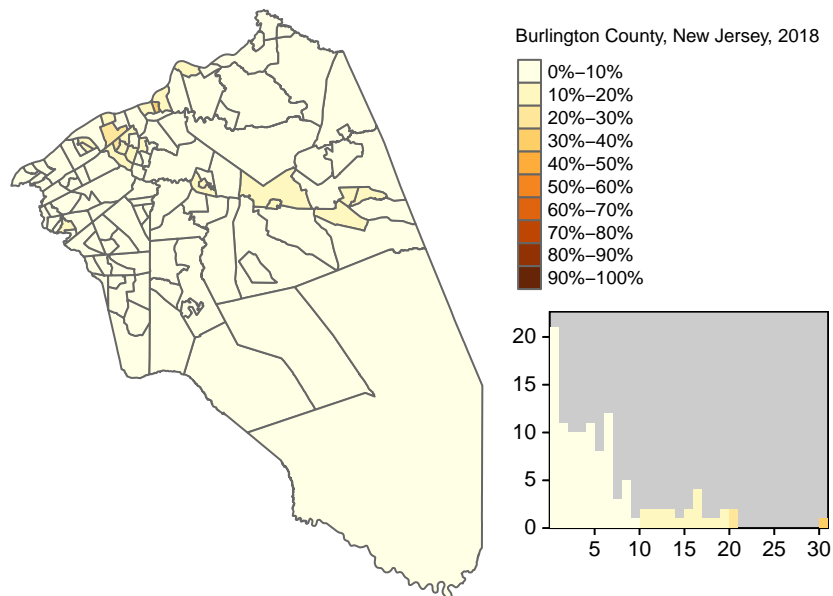
Households Participating in SNAP

Burlington County households participating in SNAP, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Burlington County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2011,



Percentage of Burlington County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2018



Household Food Access

Burlington County household food access, as measured by the USDA, is summarized below. Households and their surrounding environments (i.e., foodscapes) have been monitored by the USDA as a component of the USDA Food Environment Atlas. Household levels of access to different food sources and vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below.

Table 21: Burlington County USDA Summary

Measure	2009-2010	2014-2015	5 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	165,727	164,659	-1,068
Households with low access to grocery stores (%)	37.7%	37.2%	-.5%
Households with low income and low access to grocery stores (%)	4.3%	5.7%	1.3%
Households with no car and low access to grocery stores (%)	1.6%	1.8%	.2%
Children with low access to grocery stores (%)	8.8%	8.8%	-.1%
Grocery Stores (N)	72	71	-1
Super-centers and Club Stores (N)	3	3	0
Convenience Stores (N)	110	128	18
Specialized Food Stores (N)	46	49	3
Fast Food Restaurants (N)	324	310	-14
Full Service Restaurants (N)	234	278	44
Grocery Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.16	.16	0
Super-centers and Club Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.01	.01	0
Convenience Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.25	.28	.03
Specialized Food Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.1	.11	.01
Fast Food Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	.72	.69	-0.03
Full Service Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	.52	.62	.1

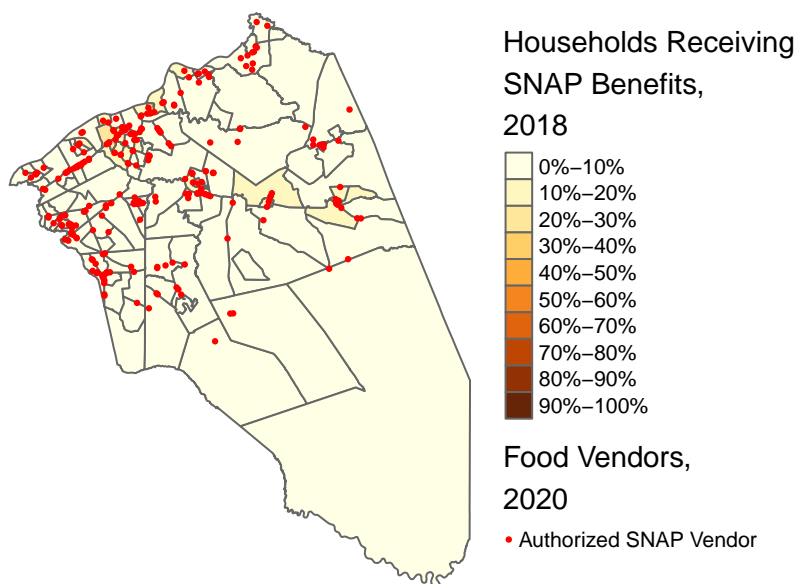
Household Access to SNAP Vendors

Burlington County household access to authorized SNAP or WIC food vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below. A map of SNAP-approved vendors in Burlington County, 258 vendors as of 2020, is additionally mapped below. Geographic data were not available for authorized WIC vendors or Farmers Markets.

Table 22: Burlington County Authorized Vendors

Measure	2008-2012	2012-2016	4 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	165,727	164,659	-1,068
SNAP-authorized Stores (N)	237	253	16
WIC-authorized Stores (N)	28	30	2
SNAP-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.52	.56	.04
WIC-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.06	.07	.01
SNAP-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	0	-
WIC-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	1	-

Households Receiving SNAP Benefits Compared to Registered SNAP Vendors, Burlington County, NJ



Household Food Security

Burlington County household food security, as measured by Feeding America's Mapping the Meal Gap, is summarized below. Households have been monitored by Feeding America as a component of their Mapping the Meal Gap program. Household levels of food security are tabulated below. Please note that, due to methodology changes, the data presented below should be treated as two different "snapshots" of food security status, and may not be representative of local-level trends.

Table 23: Burlington County Food Insecurity

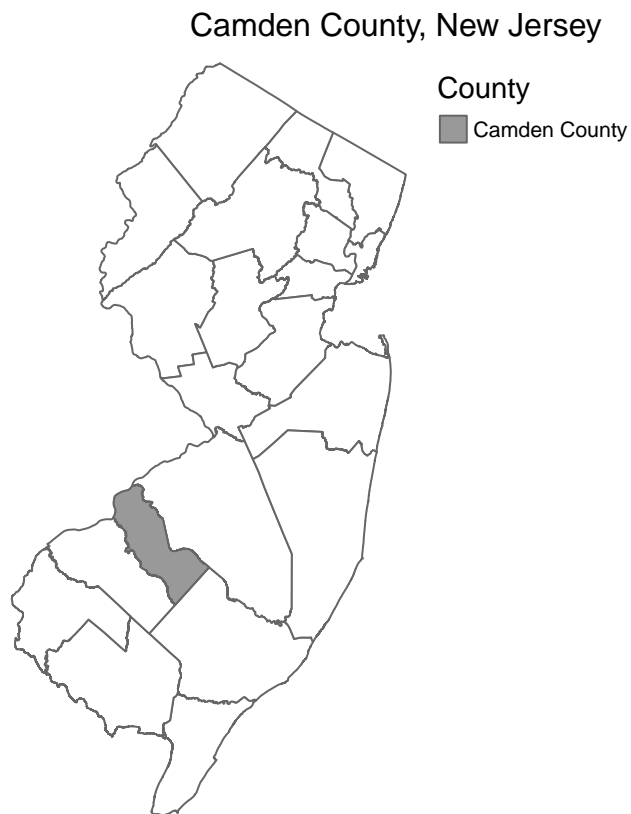
Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Food Insecure Households (N)	47,420	33,330	-14,090
Food Insecure Households (%)	10.6%	7.5%	-3.1%
Food Insecure Children (N)	13,100	9,880	-3,220
Food Insecure Children (%)	13.0%	10.0%	-3.0%
Average Cost per Meal (\$)	\$2.77	\$3.37	\$0.60
Annual Food Budget Shortfall (\$)	\$21,414,210.00	\$18,984,000.00	\$-2,430,210.00

Camden County

Overview

Table 24: Camden County Overview

Measure	Current Estimate
Total Households	187,158
Household Density (per Square Mile)	822.39
Food Insecure Households	52,430
Food Insecure Children	22,510
Student Enrollment	75,485
Student NSLP Participation	31,798



Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Camden County student participation rates in the National School Lunch Program are summarized below. Participation rates over the prior 20 years have been tabulated, and the percentage of students each year receiving free lunch, reduced price lunch, and the total percentage of students receiving either free or reduced price lunch is graphed below.

Table 25: Camden County School Lunch Summary

Measure	2000	2019	20 Year Change
Student Enrollment	88,103.5	75,485	-12,618.5
Students Receiving Free Lunch (N)	25,625	27,684	2,059
Students Receiving Free Lunch (%)	29.1%	36.7%	7.6%
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (N)	4,766	4,114	-652
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (%)	5.4%	5.5%	.0%

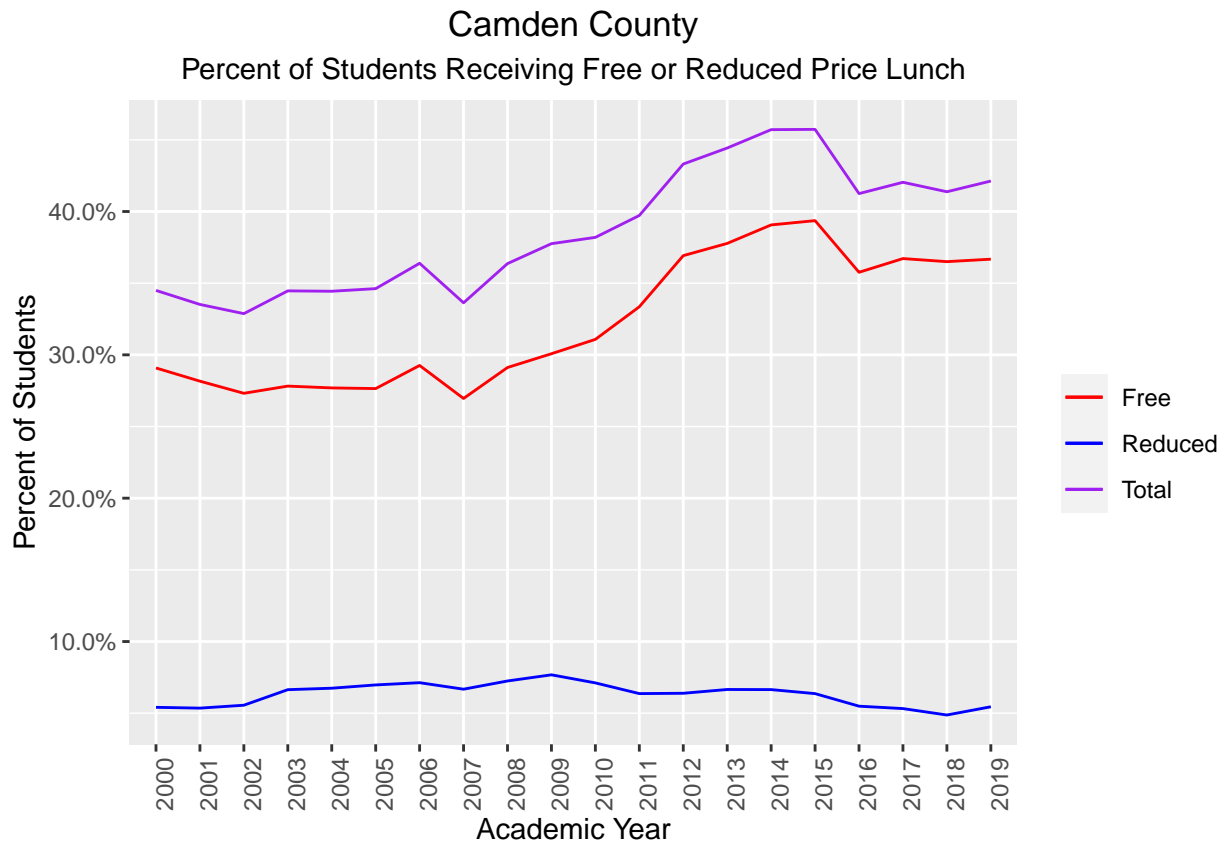


Figure 7: Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Households Participating in Social Support Services

Camden County household participation rates in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and households at or below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) are summarized below. Household rates over the prior 8 years have been tabulated, and the percentages of households participating in SNAP and households at or below the FPL is graphed below. For households experiencing poverty, the proportion of households with children under age 18, and children under age 5 are graphed on the following page. Please note, estimate level data (N) is suppressed by the US Census.

Table 26: Camden County Summary of Household Poverty

Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	190,337	187,158	-3,179
Households receiving SNAP benefits (%)	8.3%	12.0%	3.7%
Households at or below 100% FPL (%)	9.2%	9.5%	.3%
Households with children under 18, at or below 100% FPL (%)	14.6%	14.7%	.1%
Households with children under 5, at or below 100% FPL (%)	14.6%	15.3%	.7%

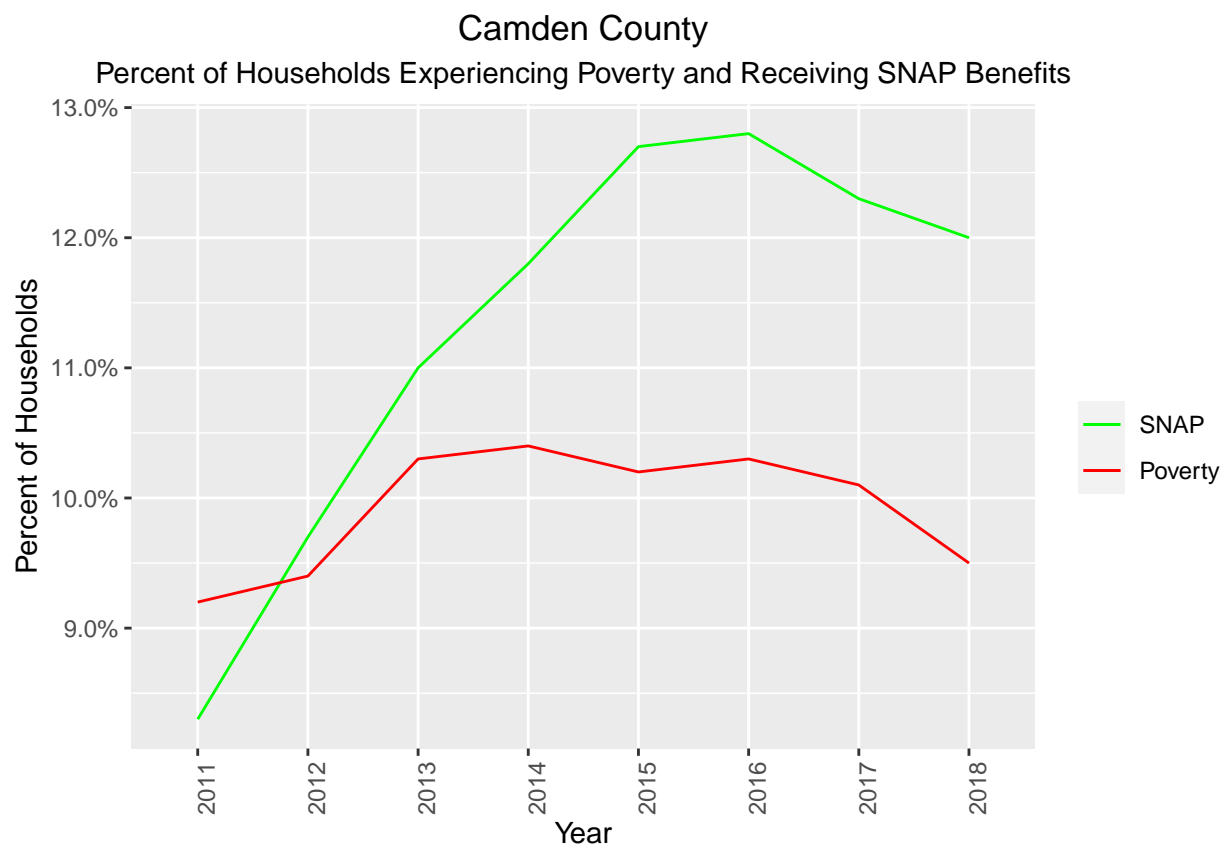
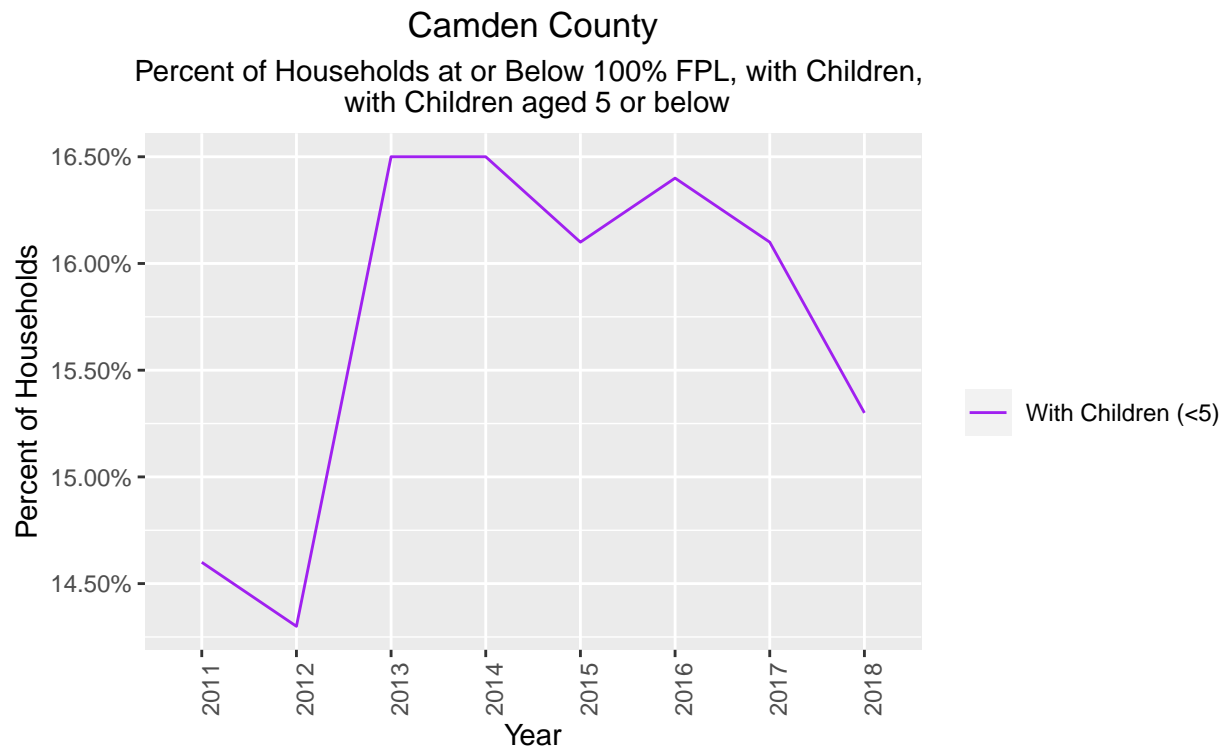
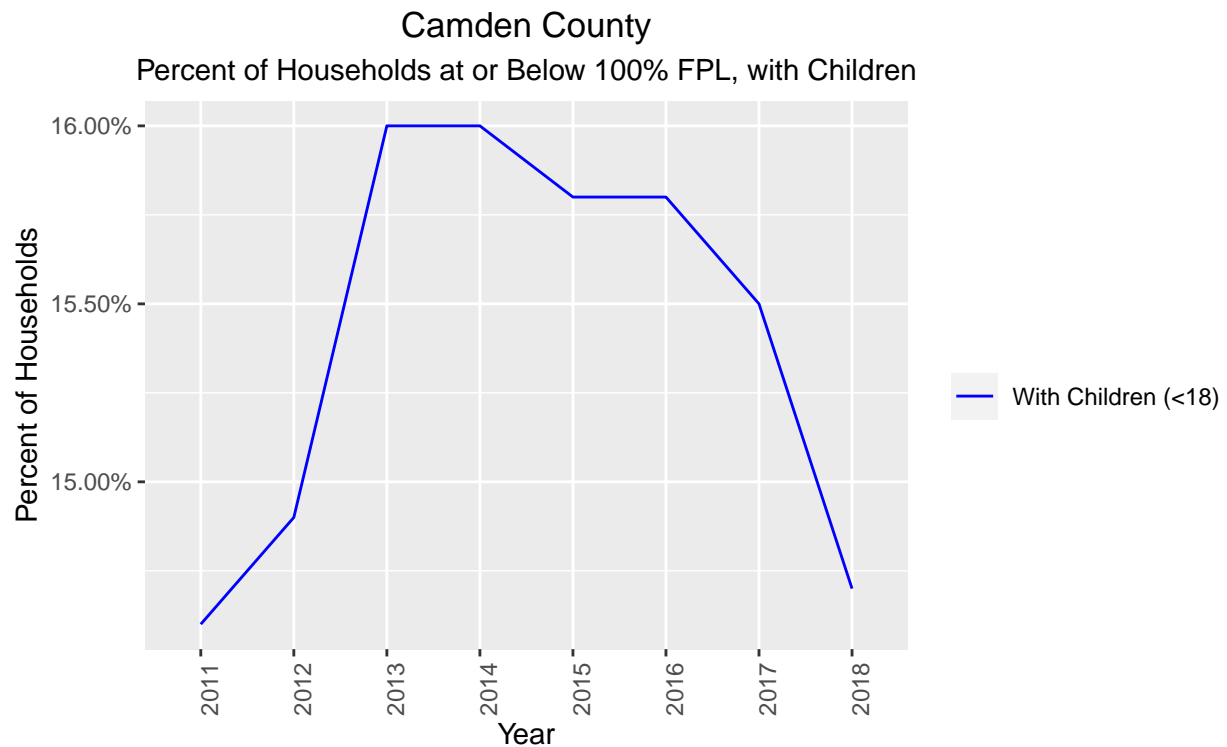


Figure 8: Households Experiencing Poverty and Receiving SNAP Benefits

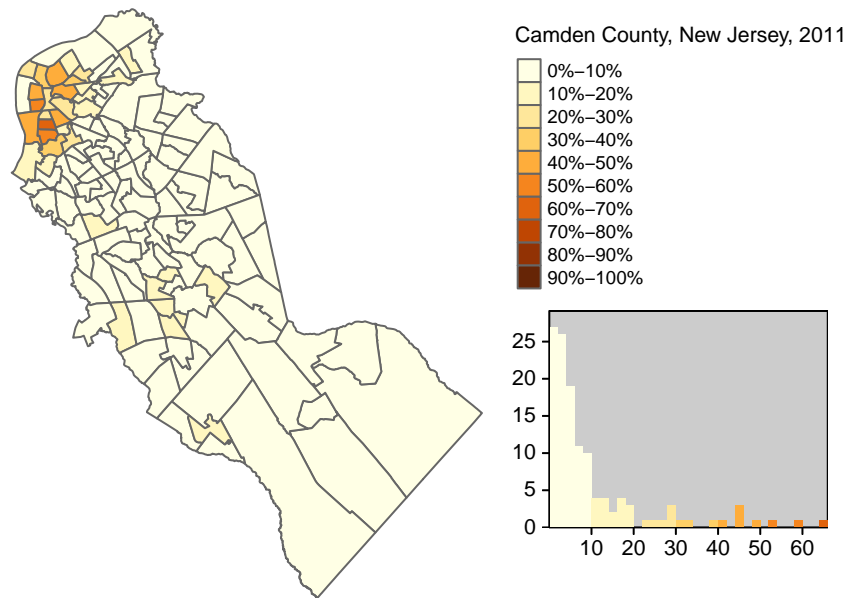
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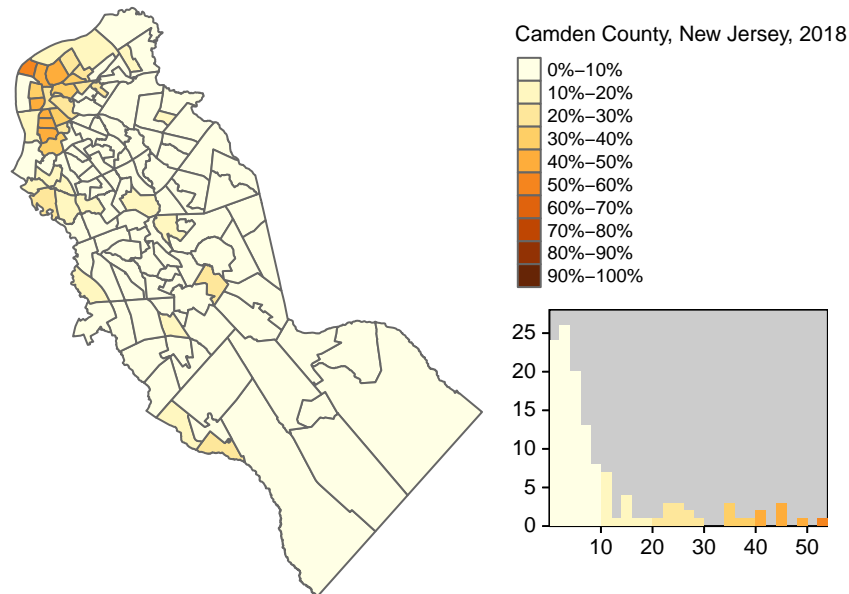
Households at or below 100% FPL

Camden County households at or below 100% FPL, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Camden County Households,
at or below 100% FPL,
2011



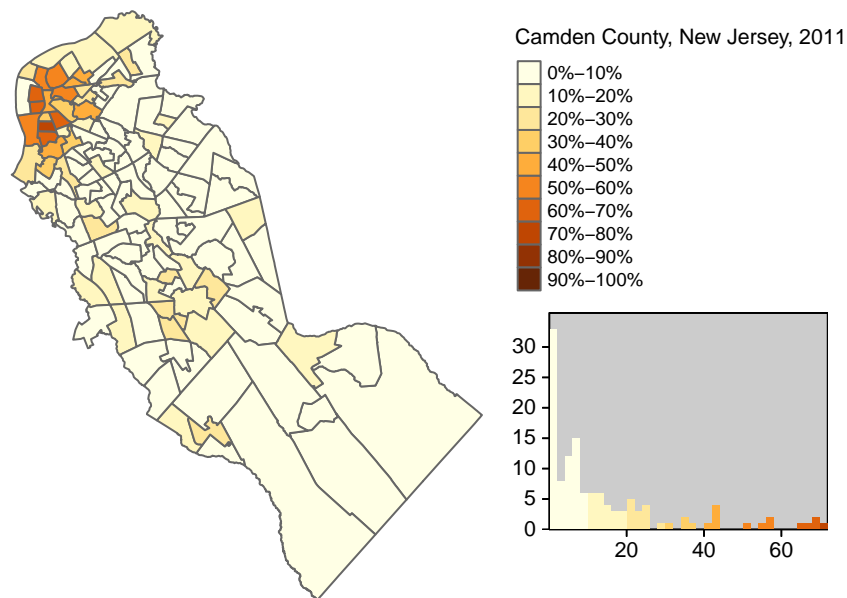
Percentage of Camden County Households,
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2018



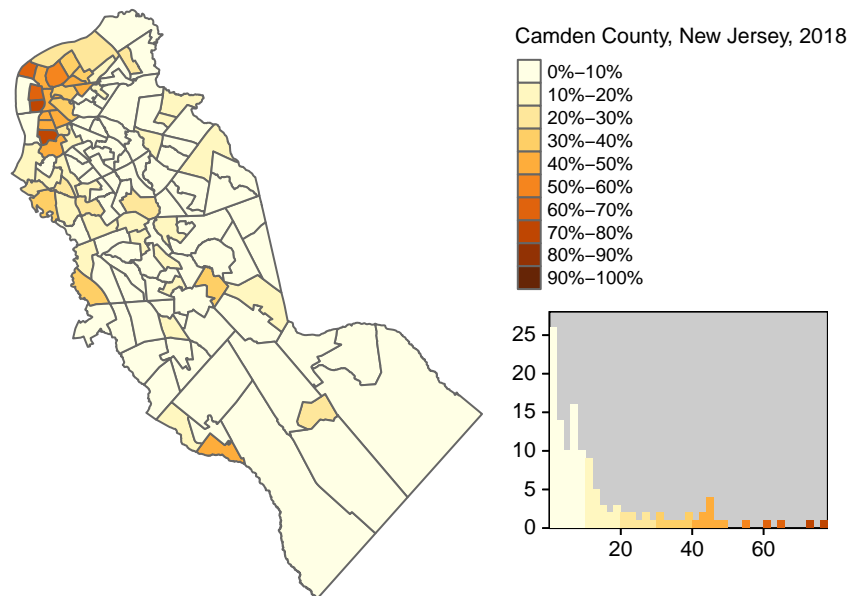
Households with children under 18 at or below 100% FPL

Camden County households at or below 100% FPL with children aged 18 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Camden County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 18,
2011



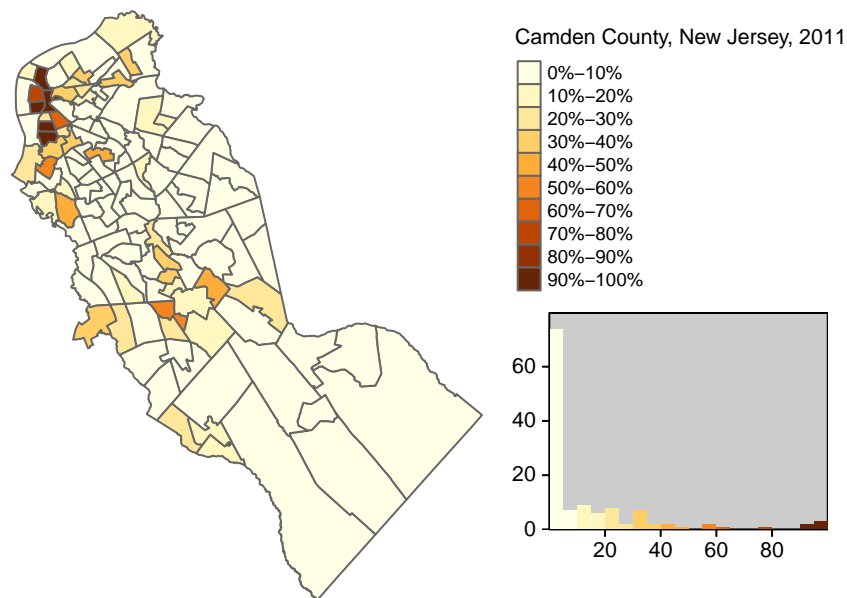
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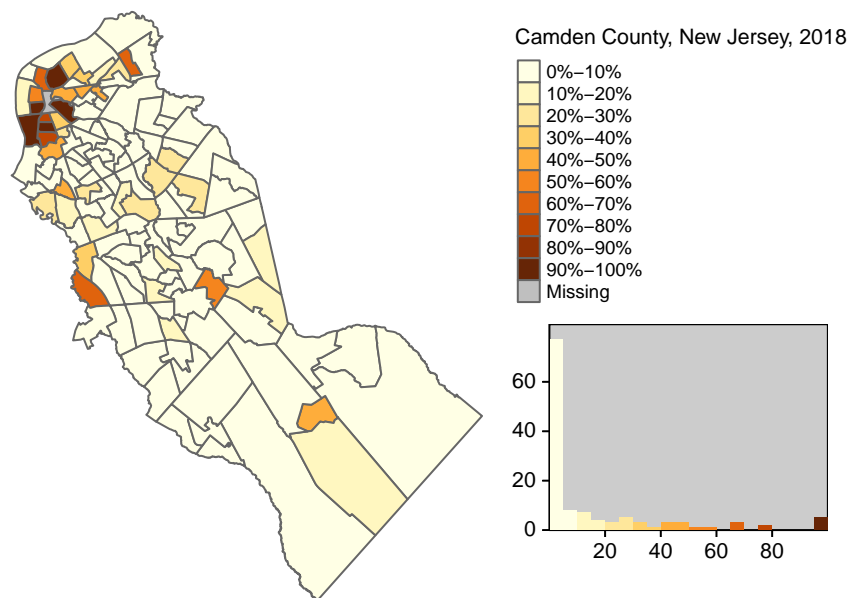
Households with children under 5 at or below 100% FPL

Camden County households at or below 100% FPL with children, with children aged 5 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Camden County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 5,
2011



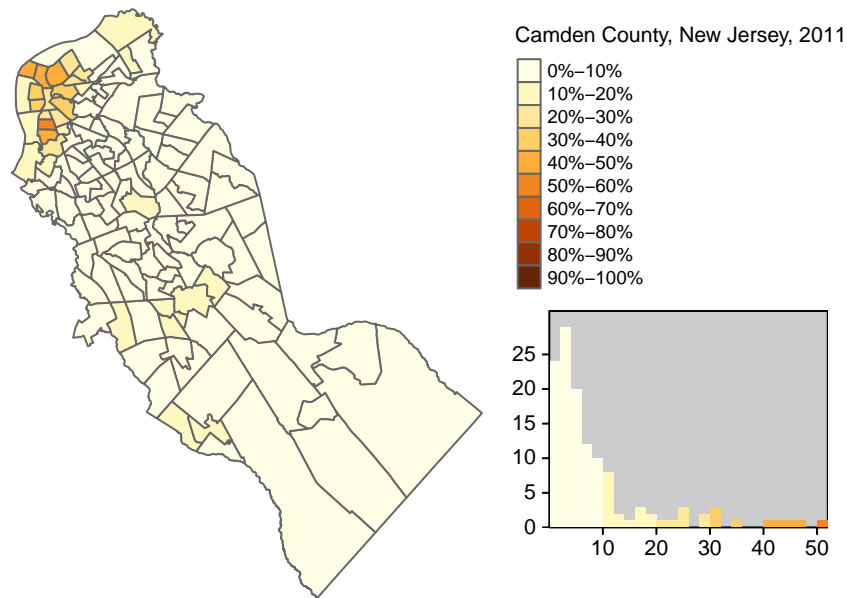
Percentage of Camden County Households,
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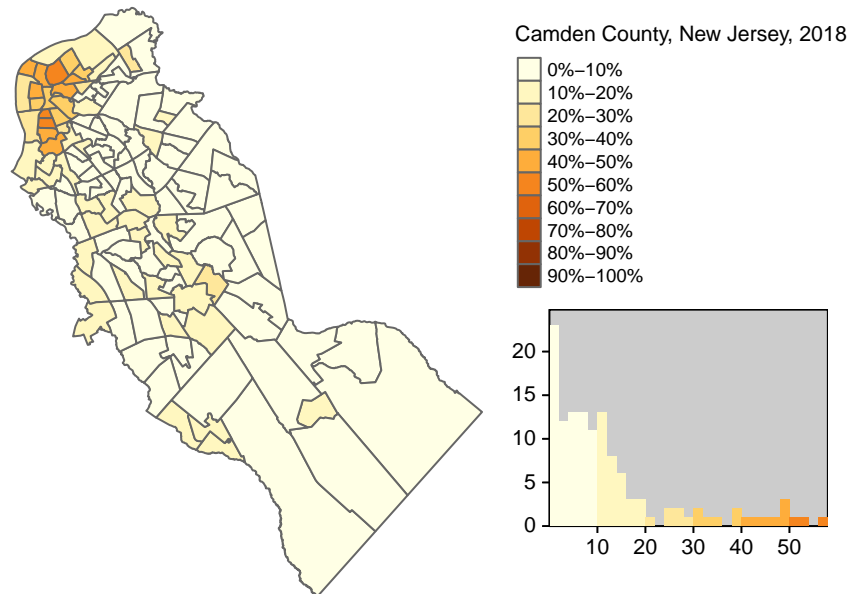
Households Participating in SNAP

Camden County households participating in SNAP, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Camden County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2011,



Percentage of Camden County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2018



Household Food Access

Camden County household food access, as measured by the USDA, is summarized below. Households and their surrounding environments (i.e., foodscapes) have been monitored by the USDA as a component of the USDA Food Environment Atlas. Household levels of access to different food sources and vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below.

Table 27: Camden County USDA Summary

Measure	2009-2010	2014-2015	5 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	190,337	186,101	-4,236
Households with low access to grocery stores (%)	27.5%	21.4%	-6.1%
Households with low income and low access to grocery stores (%)	5.0%	4.6%	-.3%
Households with no car and low access to grocery stores (%)	1.7%	1.5%	-.2%
Children with low access to grocery stores (%)	6.6%	5.1%	-1.5%
Grocery Stores (N)	143	156	13
Super-centers and Club Stores (N)	1	2	1
Convenience Stores (N)	136	135	-1
Specialized Food Stores (N)	62	53	-9
Fast Food Restaurants (N)	383	344	-39
Full Service Restaurants (N)	272	331	59
Grocery Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.28	.31	.03
Super-centers and Club Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	0	0	0
Convenience Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.26	.26	0
Specialized Food Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.12	.1	-0.02
Fast Food Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	.75	.67	-0.08
Full Service Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	.53	.65	.12

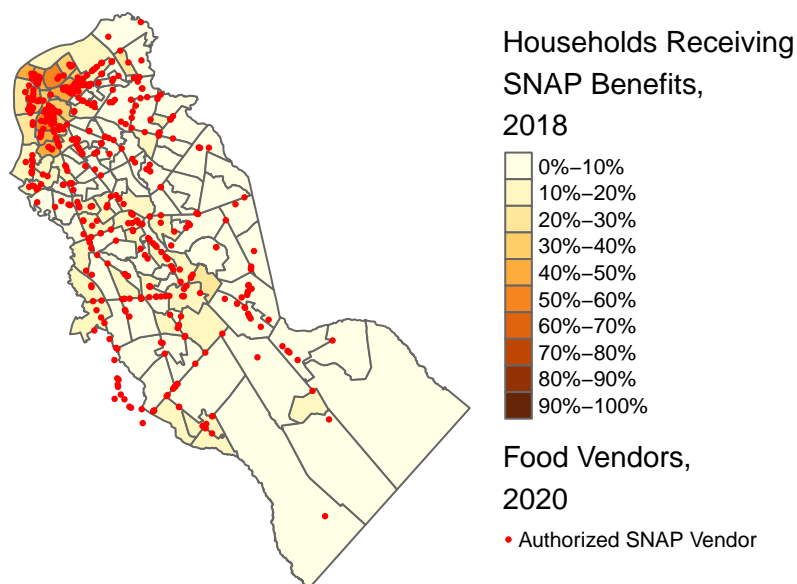
Household Access to SNAP Vendors

Camden County household access to authorized SNAP or WIC food vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below. A map of SNAP-approved vendors in Camden County, 450 vendors as of 2020, is additionally mapped below. Geographic data were not available for authorized WIC vendors or Farmers Markets.

Table 28: Camden County Authorized Vendors

Measure	2008-2012	2012-2016	4 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	190,337	186,101	-4,236
SNAP-authorized Stores (N)	436	436	0
WIC-authorized Stores (N)	93	77	-16
SNAP-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.85	.86	.01
WIC-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.18	.15	-0.03
SNAP-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	2	-
WIC-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	4	-

Households Receiving SNAP Benefits Compared to Registered SNAP Vendors, Camden County, NJ



Household Food Security

Camden County household food security, as measured by Feeding America’s Mapping the Meal Gap, is summarized below. Households have been monitored by Feeding America as a component of their Mapping the Meal Gap program. Household levels of food security are tabulated below. Please note that, due to methodology changes, the data presented below should be treated as two different “snapshots” of food security status, and may not be representative of local-level trends.

Table 29: Camden County Food Insecurity

Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Food Insecure Households (N)	72,830	52,430	-20,400
Food Insecure Households (%)	14.2%	10.3%	-3.9%
Food Insecure Children (N)	22,510	16,430	-6,080
Food Insecure Children (%)	18.0%	14.0%	-4.0%
Average Cost per Meal (\$)	\$2.98	\$3.46	\$0.48
Annual Food Budget Shortfall (\$)	\$35,382,410.00	\$30,737,000.00	\$-4,645,410.00

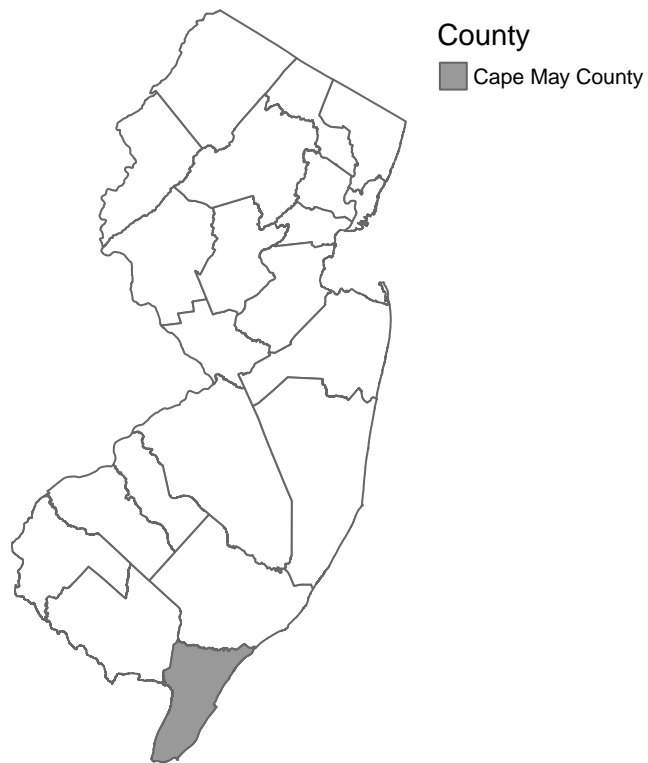
Cape May County

Overview

Table 30: Cape May County Overview

Measure	Current Estimate
Total Households	39,904
Household Density (per Square Mile)	139.46
Food Insecure Households	11,000
Food Insecure Children	3,760
Student Enrollment	12,385
Student NSLP Participation	4,782

Cape May County, New Jersey



Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Cape May County student participation rates in the National School Lunch Program are summarized below. Participation rates over the prior 20 years have been tabulated, and the percentage of students each year receiving free lunch, reduced price lunch, and the total percentage of students receiving either free or reduced price lunch is graphed below.

Table 31: Cape May County School Lunch Summary

Measure	2000	2019	20 Year Change
Student Enrollment	15,227.5	12,385	-2,842.5
Students Receiving Free Lunch (N)	3,515	4,092	577
Students Receiving Free Lunch (%)	23.1%	33.0%	10.0%
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (N)	1,139	690	-449
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (%)	7.5%	5.6%	-1.9%

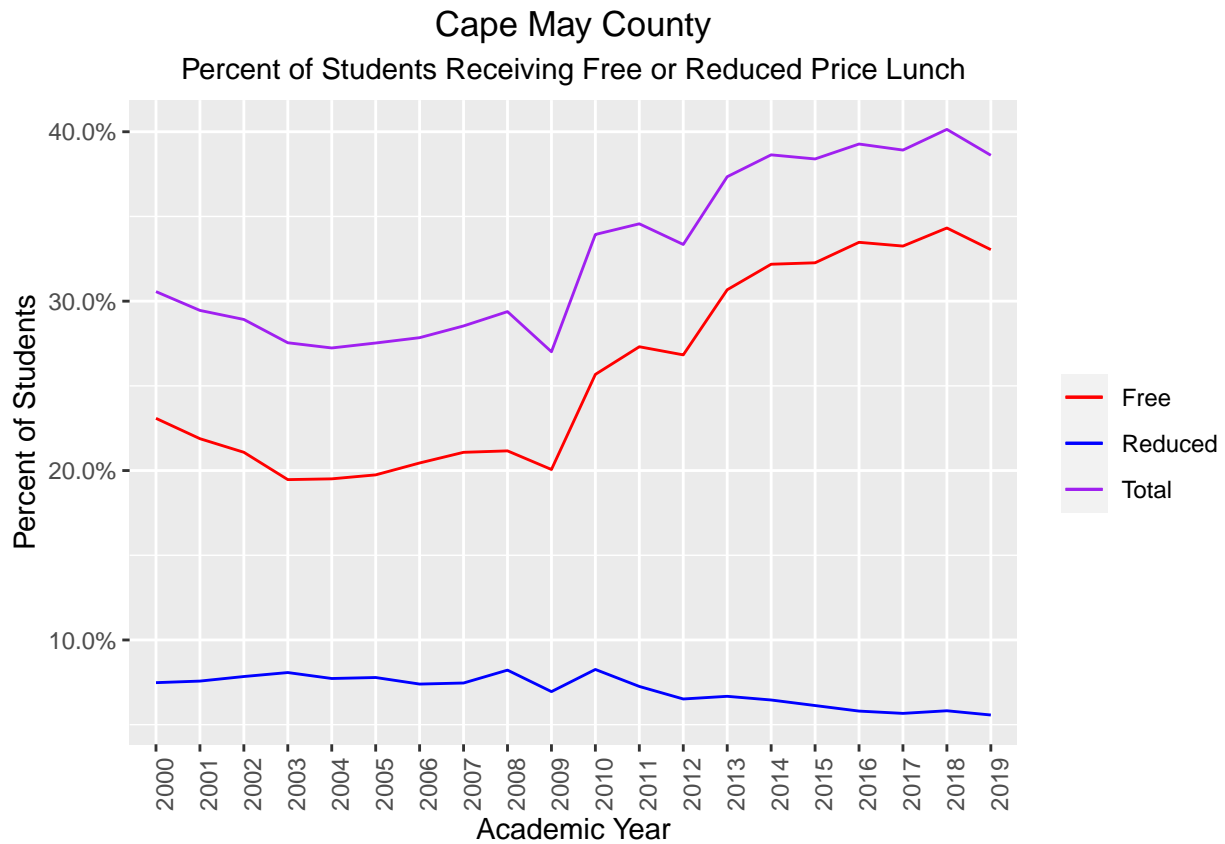


Figure 9: Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Households Participating in Social Support Services

Cape May County household participation rates in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and households at or below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) are summarized below. Household rates over the prior 8 years have been tabulated, and the percentages of households participating in SNAP and households at or below the FPL is graphed below. For households experiencing poverty, the proportion of households with children under age 18, and children under age 5 are graphed on the following page. Please note, estimate level data (N) is suppressed by the US Census.

Table 32: Cape May County Summary of Household Poverty

Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	44,788	39,904	-4,884
Households receiving SNAP benefits (%)	5.3%	6.8%	1.5%
Households at or below 100% FPL (%)	6.8%	8.0%	1.2%
Households with children under 18, at or below 100% FPL (%)	12.3%	14.2%	1.9%
Households with children under 5, at or below 100% FPL (%)	12.8%	13.9%	1.1%

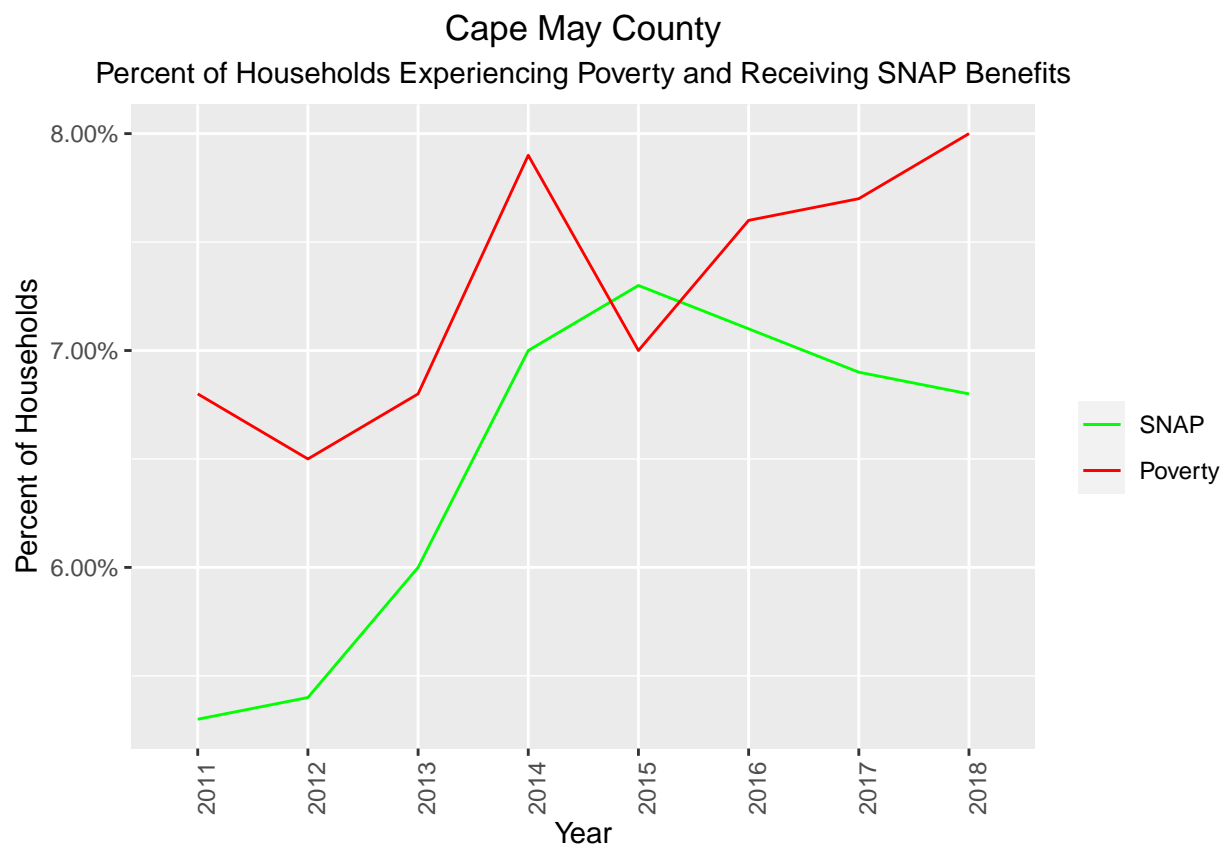
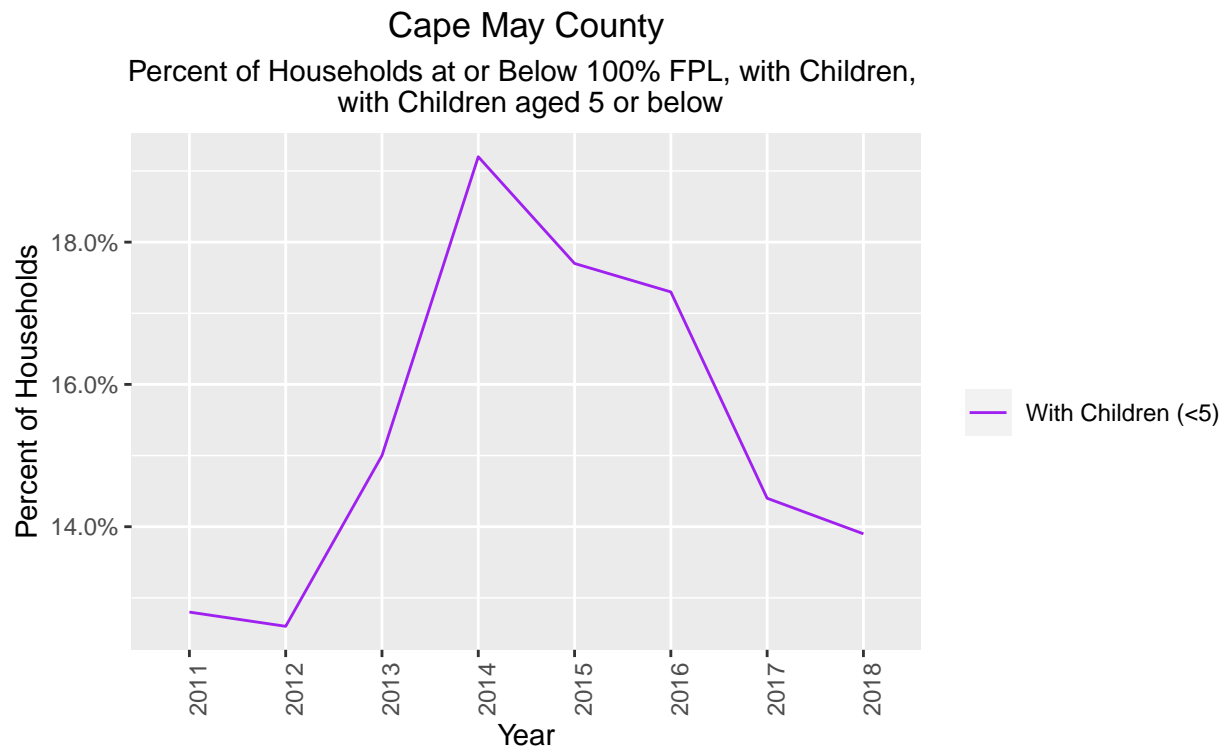
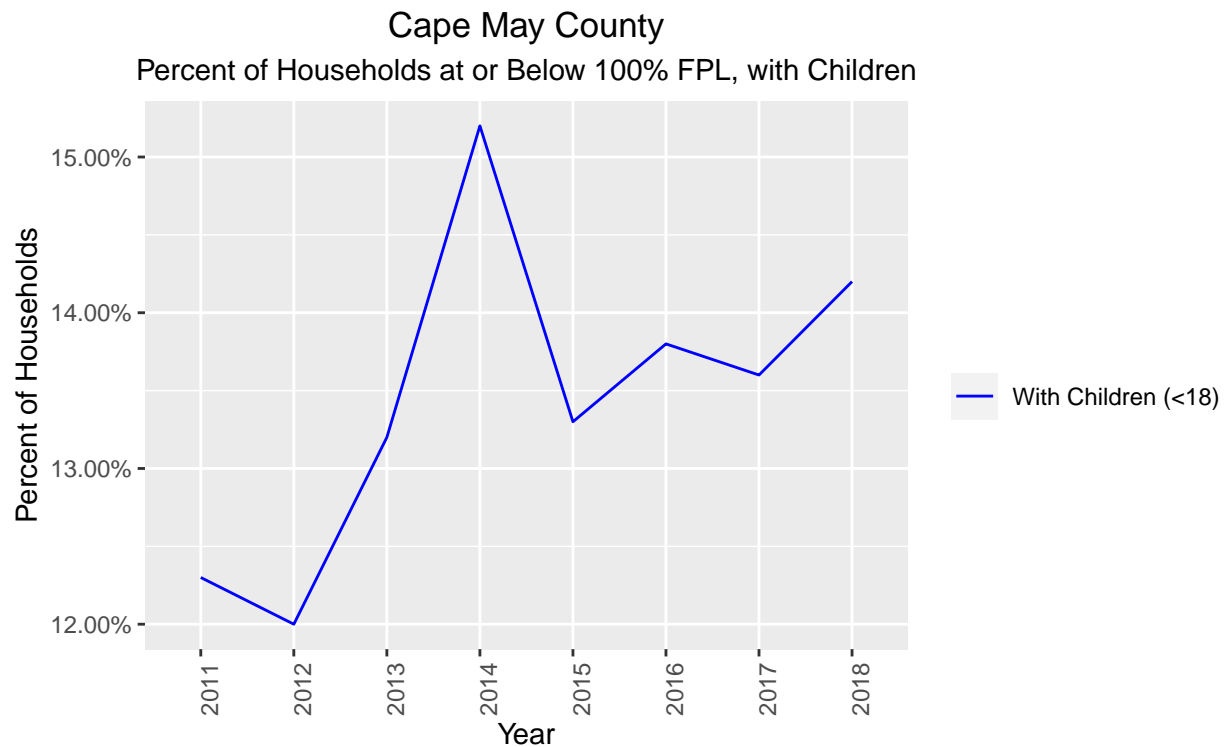


Figure 10: Households Experiencing Poverty and Receiving SNAP Benefits

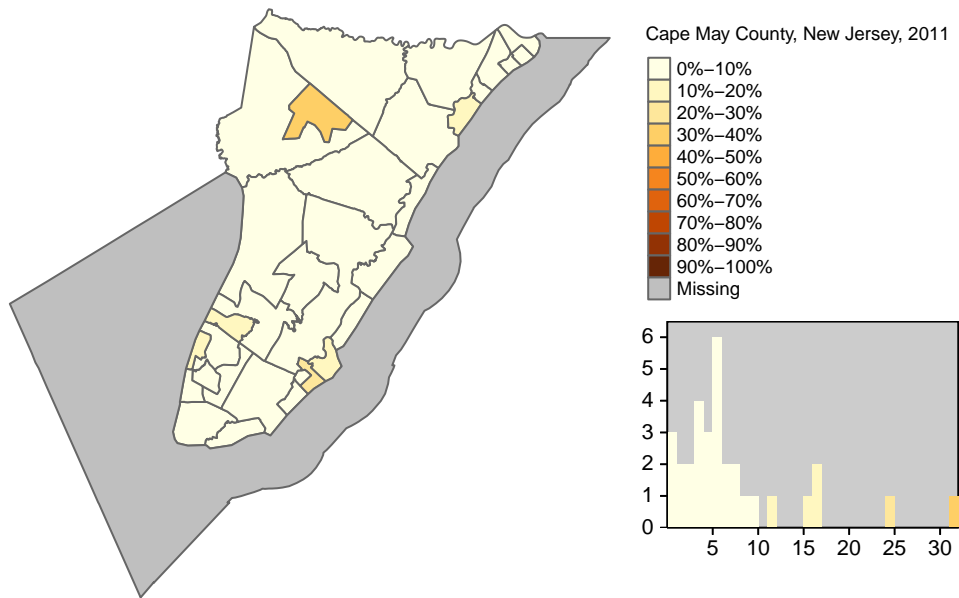
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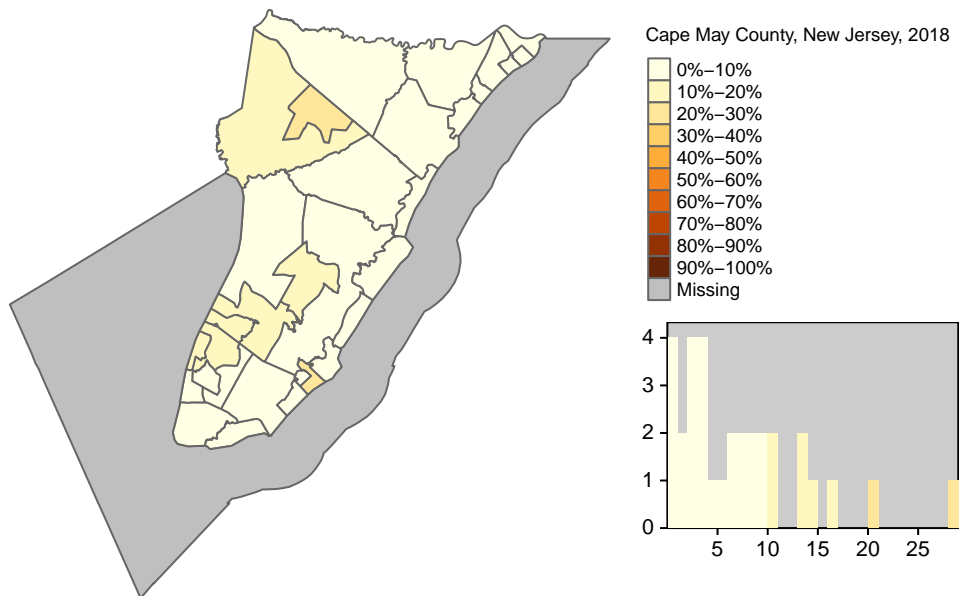
Households at or below 100% FPL

Cape May County households at or below 100% FPL, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Cape May County Households,
at or below 100% FPL,
2011



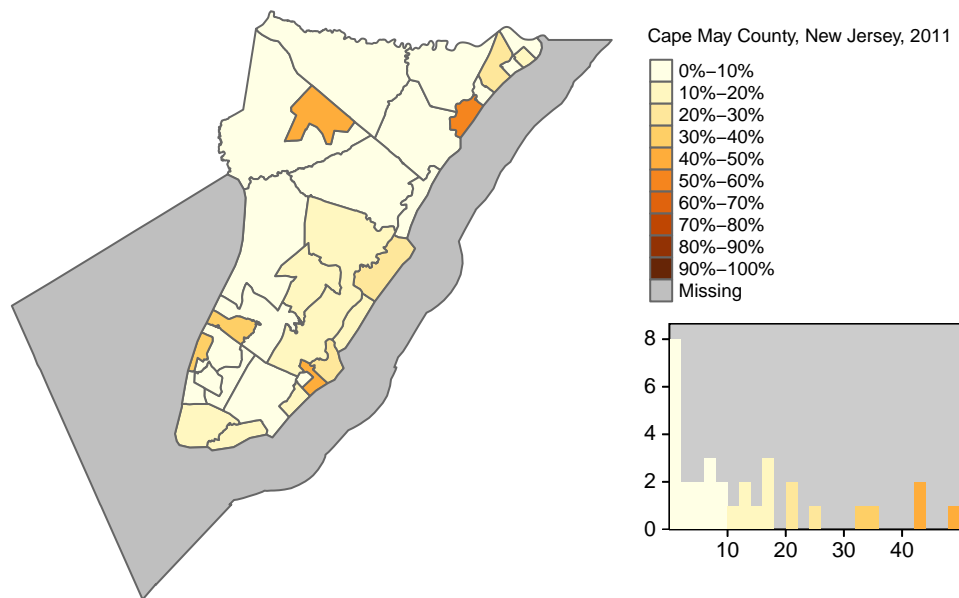
Percentage of Cape May County Households,
at or below 100% FPL,
2018



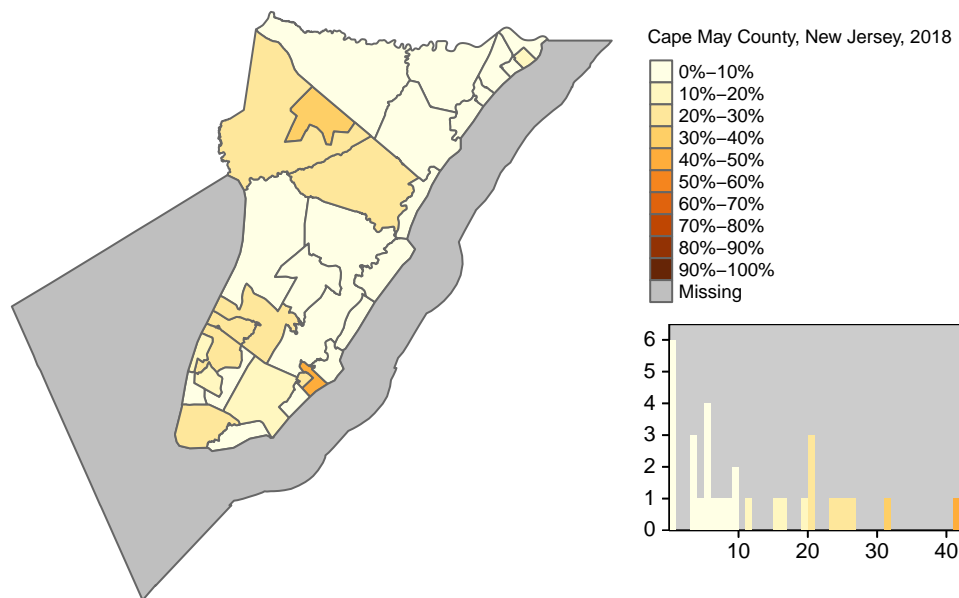
Households with children under 18 at or below 100% FPL

Cape May County households at or below 100% FPL with children aged 18 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Cape May County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 18,
2011



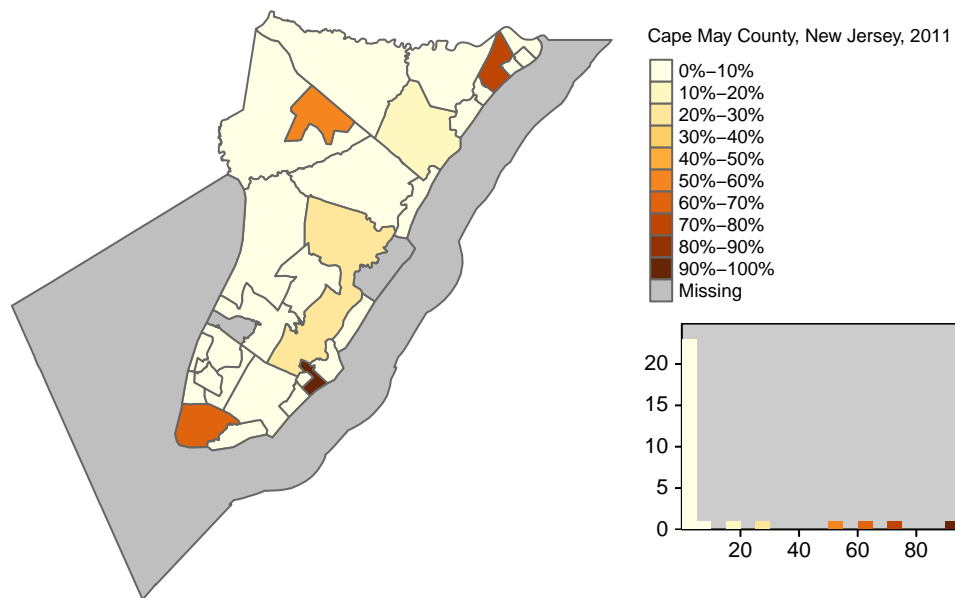
Percentage of Cape May County Households,
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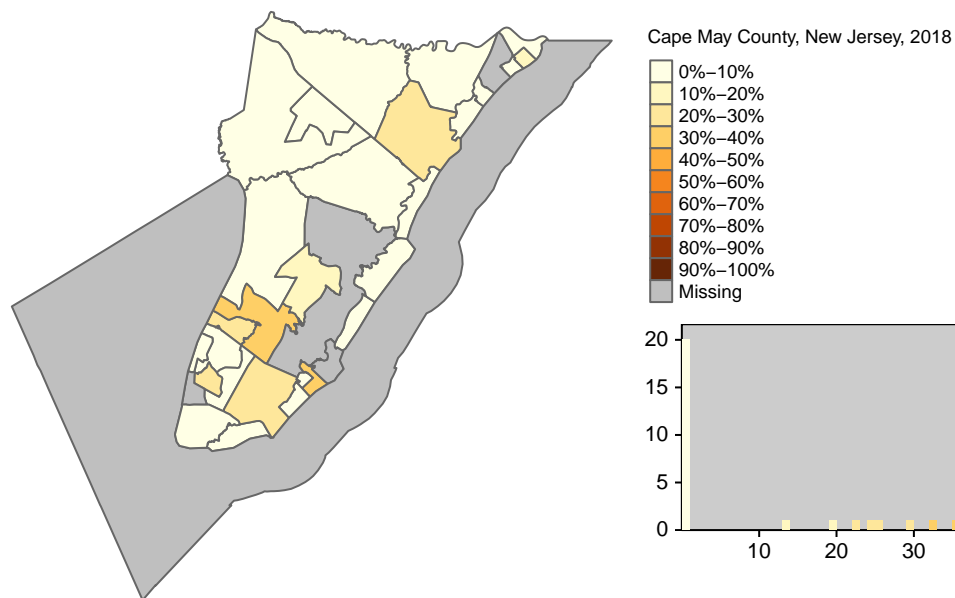
Households with children under 5 at or below 100% FPL

Cape May County households at or below 100% FPL with children, with children aged 5 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Cape May County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 5,
2011



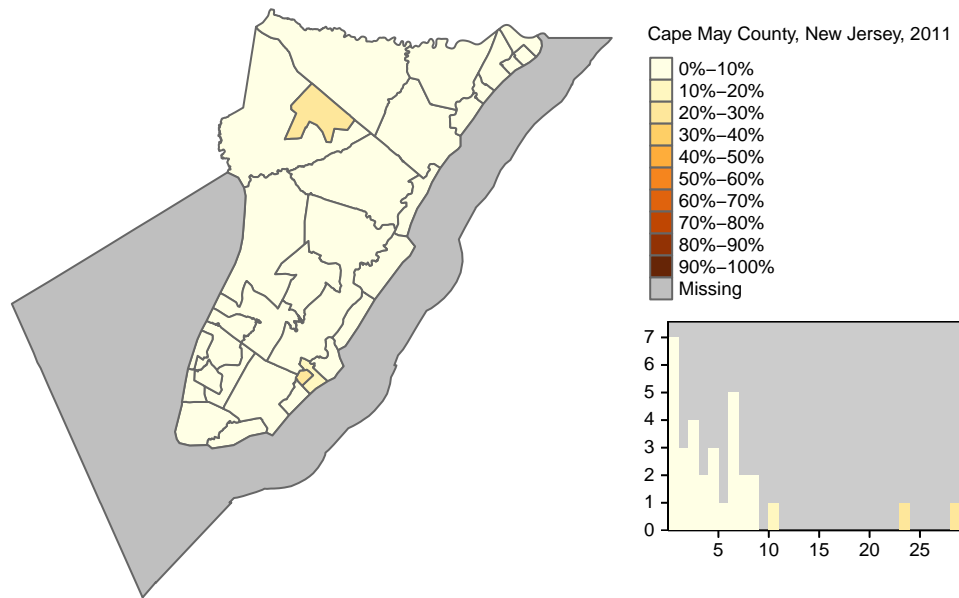
Percentage of Cape May County Households,
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2018



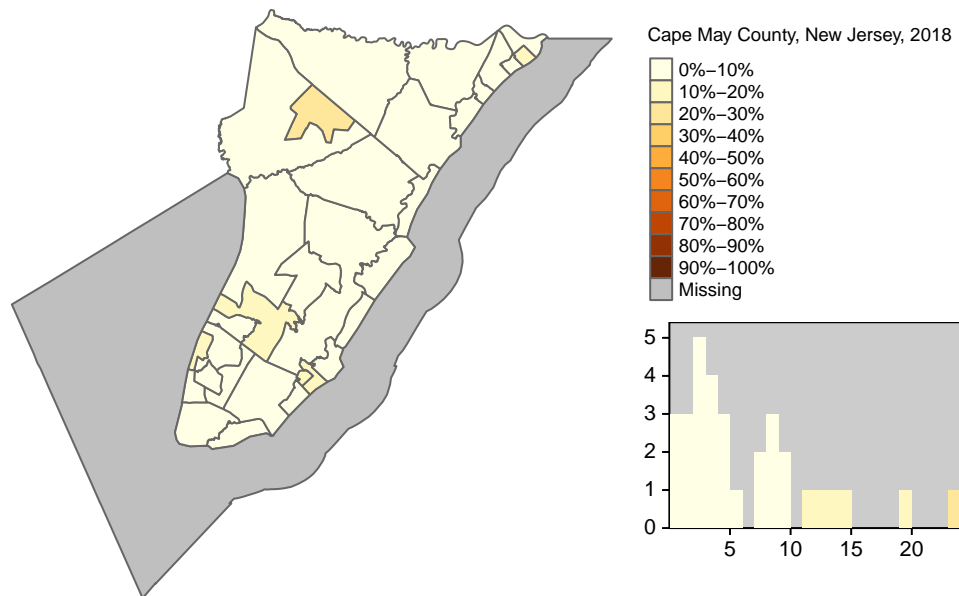
Households Participating in SNAP

Cape May County households participating in SNAP, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Cape May County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2011,



Percentage of Cape May County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2018



Household Food Access

Cape May County household food access, as measured by the USDA, is summarized below. Households and their surrounding environments (i.e., foodscapes) have been monitored by the USDA as a component of the USDA Food Environment Atlas. Household levels of access to different food sources and vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below.

Table 33: Cape May County USDA Summary

Measure	2009-2010	2014-2015	5 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	44,788	40,412	-4,376
Households with low access to grocery stores (%)	35.8%	37.8%	2.0%
Households with low income and low access to grocery stores (%)	9.0%	8.8%	-.2%
Households with no car and low access to grocery stores (%)	3.5%	3.3%	-.2%
Children with low access to grocery stores (%)	6.7%	7.1%	.4%
Grocery Stores (N)	38	40	2
Super-centers and Club Stores (N)	0	0	0
Convenience Stores (N)	35	32	-3
Specialized Food Stores (N)	49	45	-4
Fast Food Restaurants (N)	178	170	-8
Full Service Restaurants (N)	257	310	53
Grocery Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.39	.42	.03
Super-centers and Club Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	0	0	0
Convenience Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.36	.34	-0.02
Specialized Food Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.5	.47	-0.03
Fast Food Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	1.83	1.78	-0.05
Full Service Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	2.64	3.25	.61

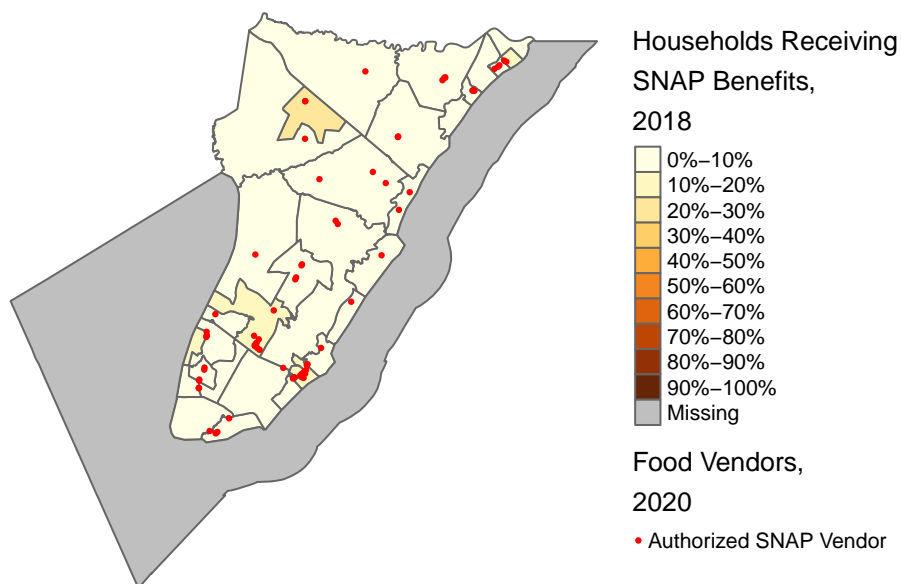
Household Access to SNAP Vendors

Cape May County household access to authorized SNAP or WIC food vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below. A map of SNAP-approved vendors in Cape May County, 78 vendors as of 2020, is additionally mapped below. Geographic data were not available for authorized WIC vendors or Farmers Markets.

Table 34: Cape May County Authorized Vendors

Measure	2008-2012	2012-2016	4 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	44,788	40,412	-4,376
SNAP-authorized Stores (N)	80	84	4
WIC-authorized Stores (N)	13	15	2
SNAP-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.83	.89	.06
WIC-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.13	.16	.03
SNAP-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	0	-
WIC-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	2	-

Households Receiving SNAP Benefits Compared to Registered SNAP Vendors, Cape May County, NJ



Household Food Security

Cape May County household food security, as measured by Feeding America’s Mapping the Meal Gap, is summarized below. Households have been monitored by Feeding America as a component of their Mapping the Meal Gap program. Household levels of food security are tabulated below. Please note that, due to methodology changes, the data presented below should be treated as two different “snapshots” of food security status, and may not be representative of local-level trends.

Table 35: Cape May County Food Insecurity

Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Food Insecure Households (N)	12,710	11,000	-1,710
Food Insecure Households (%)	13.1%	11.7%	-1.4%
Food Insecure Children (N)	3,760	3,110	-650
Food Insecure Children (%)	20.0%	19.0%	-1.0%
Average Cost per Meal (\$)	\$3.50	\$3.77	\$0.27
Annual Food Budget Shortfall (\$)	\$7,252,280.00	\$7,027,000.00	\$-225,280.00

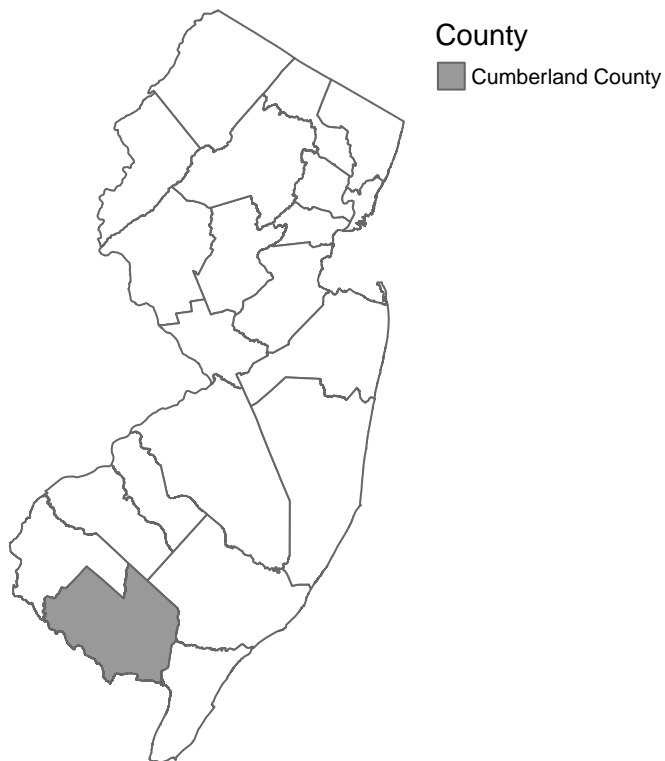
Cumberland County

Overview

Table 36: Cumberland County Overview

Measure	Current Estimate
Total Households	50,608
Household Density (per Square Mile)	100.85
Food Insecure Households	19,400
Food Insecure Children	9,000
Student Enrollment	26,760
Student NSLP Participation	17,176

Cumberland County, New Jersey



Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Cumberland County student participation rates in the National School Lunch Program are summarized below. Participation rates over the prior 20 years have been tabulated, and the percentage of students each year receiving free lunch, reduced price lunch, and the total percentage of students receiving either free or reduced price lunch is graphed below.

Table 37: Cumberland County School Lunch Summary

Measure	2000	2019	20 Year Change
Student Enrollment	25,429	26,760.5	1,331.5
Students Receiving Free Lunch (N)	10,934	15,467	4,533
Students Receiving Free Lunch (%)	43.0%	57.8%	14.8%
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (N)	2,380	1,709	-671
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (%)	9.4%	6.4%	-3.0%

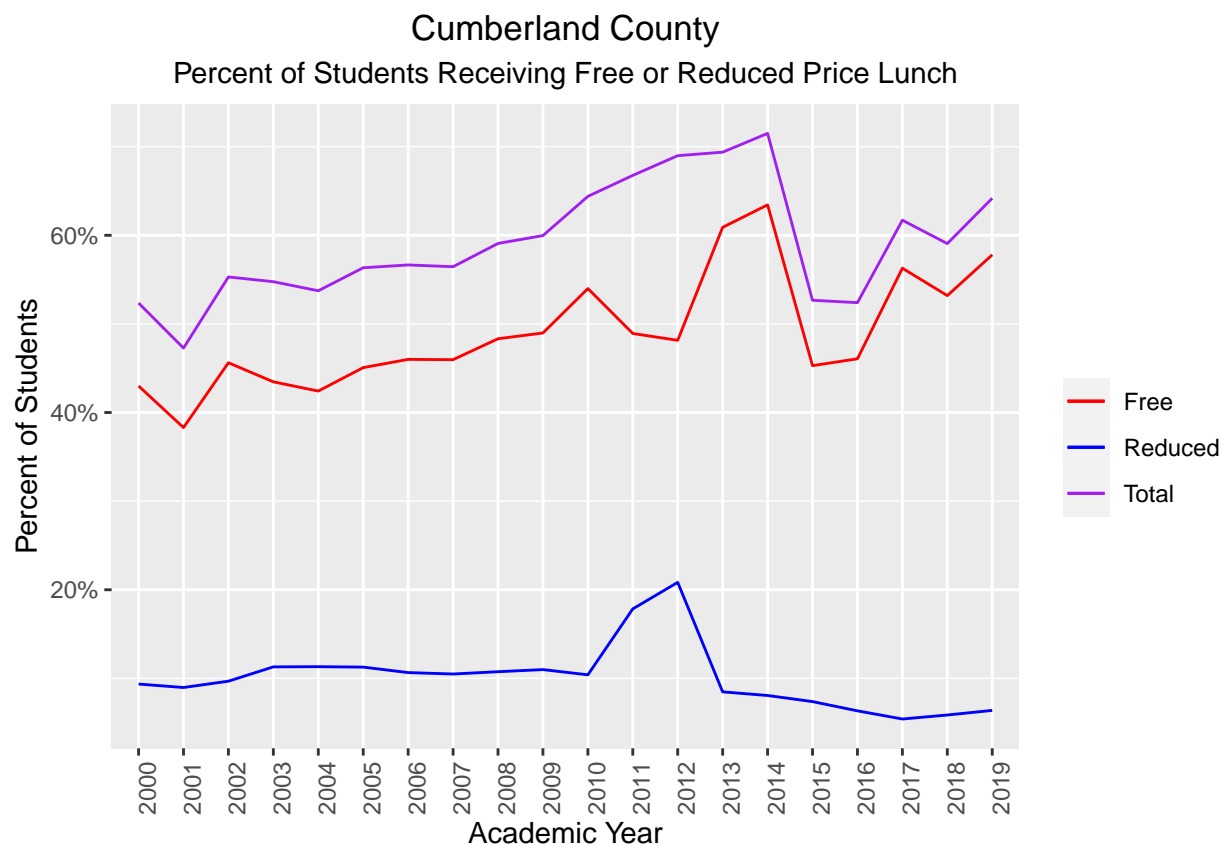


Figure 11: Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Households Participating in Social Support Services

Cumberland County household participation rates in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and households at or below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) are summarized below. Household rates over the prior 8 years have been tabulated, and the percentages of households participating in SNAP and households at or below the FPL is graphed below. For households experiencing poverty, the proportion of households with children under age 18, and children under age 5 are graphed on the following page. Please note, estimate level data (N) is suppressed by the US Census.

Table 38: Cumberland County Summary of Household Poverty

Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	50,868	50,608	-260
Households receiving SNAP benefits (%)	12.0%	17.2%	5.2%
Households at or below 100% FPL (%)	12.4%	12.9%	.5%
Households with children under 18, at or below 100% FPL (%)	20.1%	20.7%	.6%
Households with children under 5, at or below 100% FPL (%)	19.2%	17.5%	-1.7%

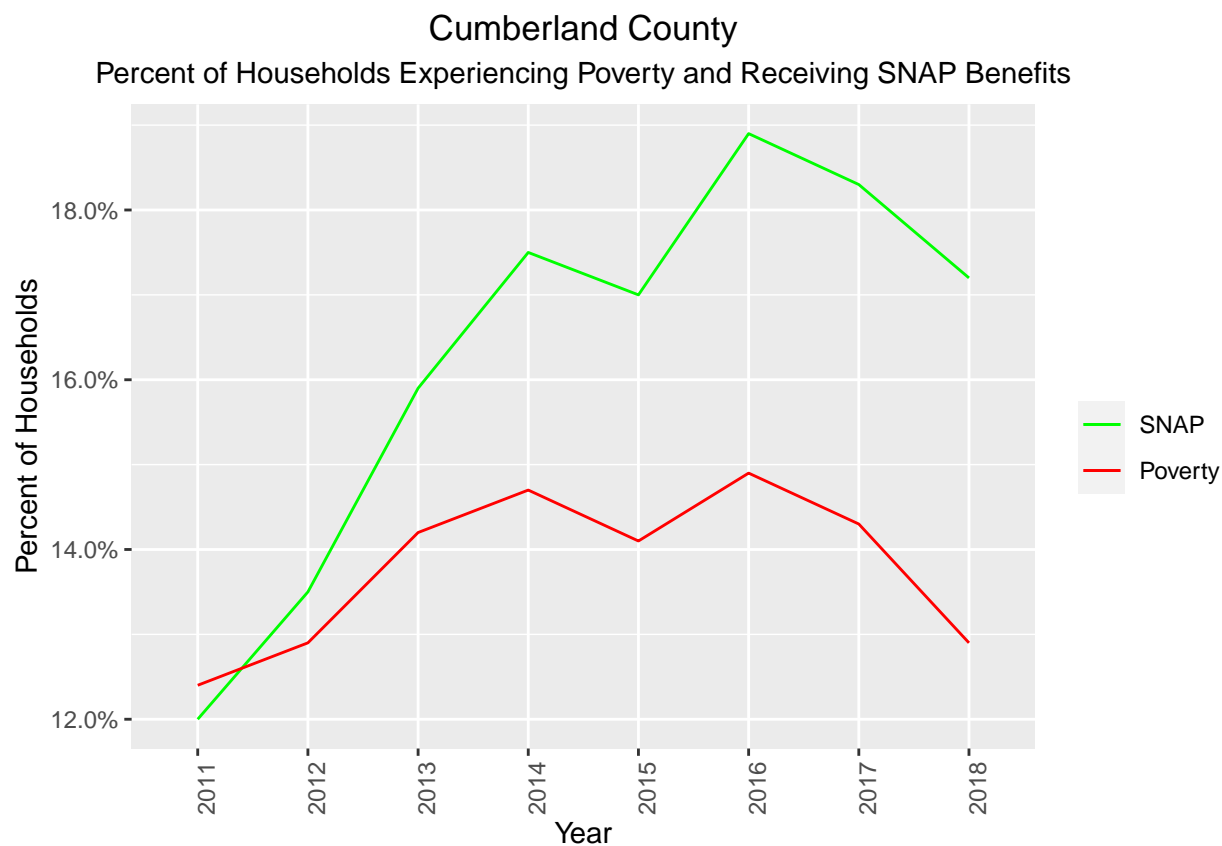
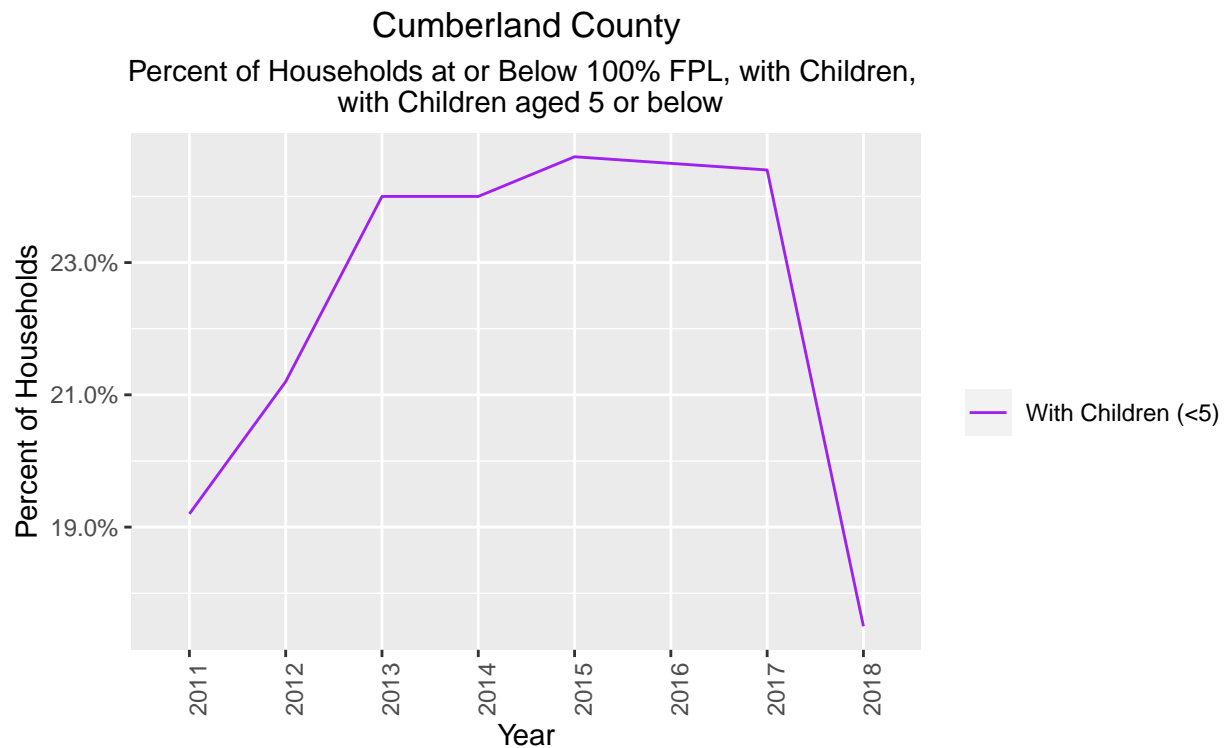
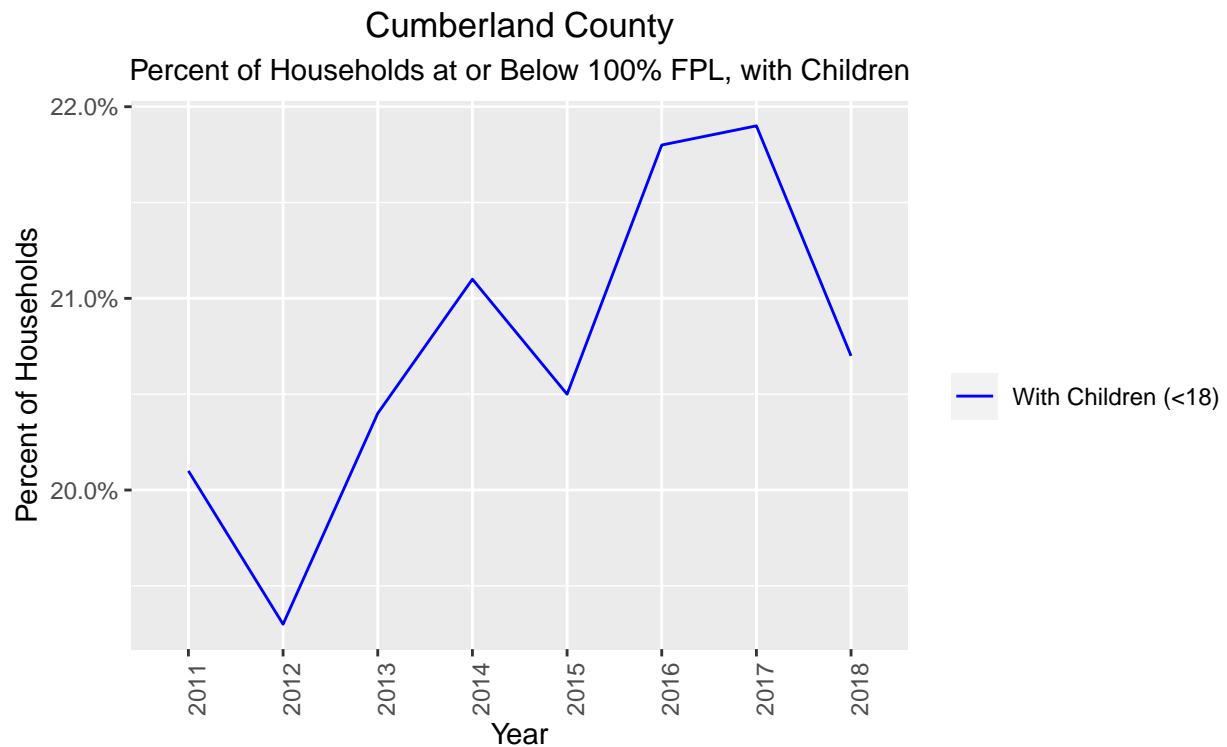


Figure 12: Households Experiencing Poverty and Receiving SNAP Benefits

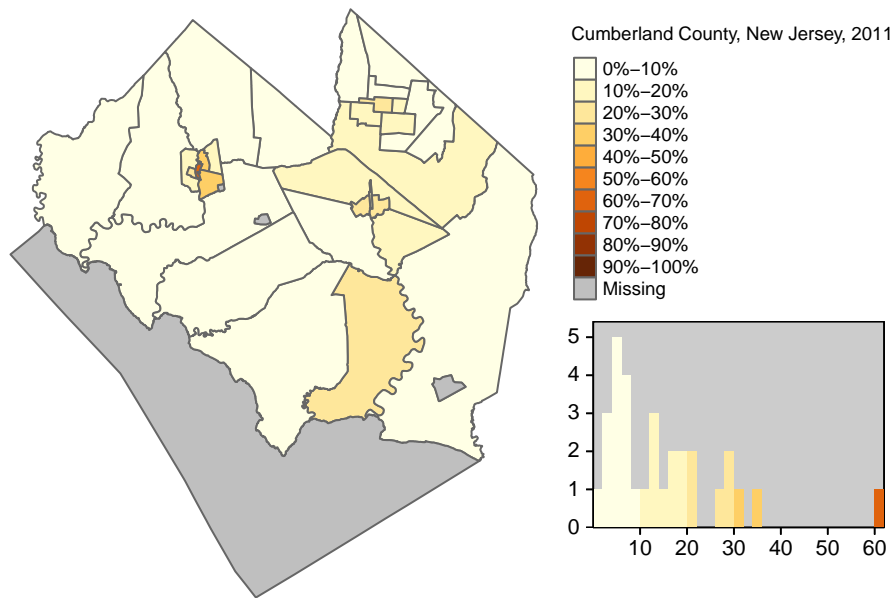
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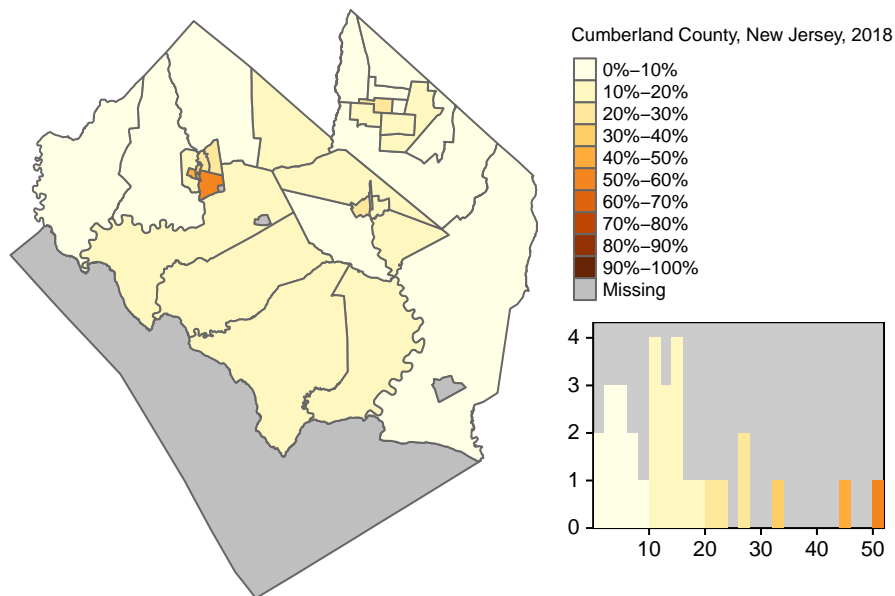
Households at or below 100% FPL

Cumberland County households at or below 100% FPL, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Cumberland County Households,
at or below 100% FPL,
2011



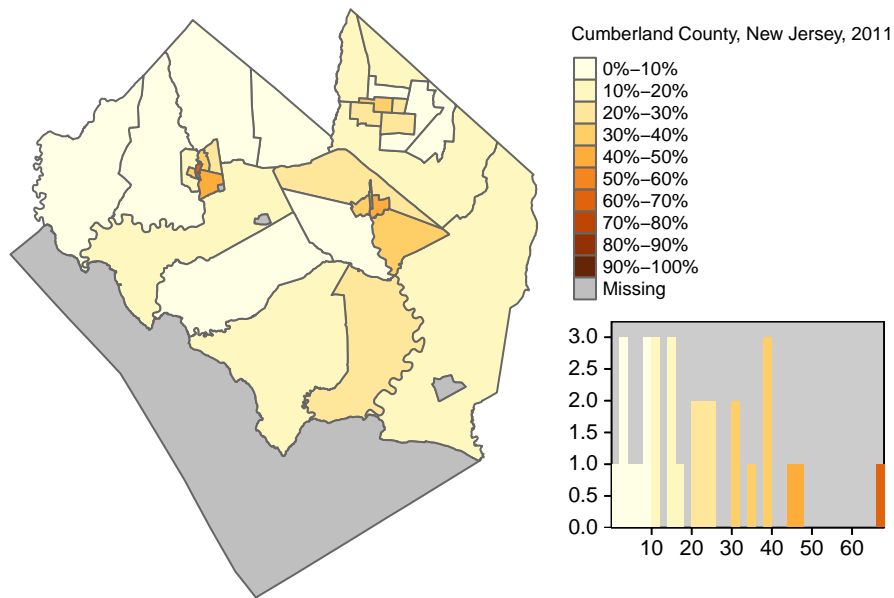
Percentage of Cumberland County Households,
at or below 100% FPL,
2018



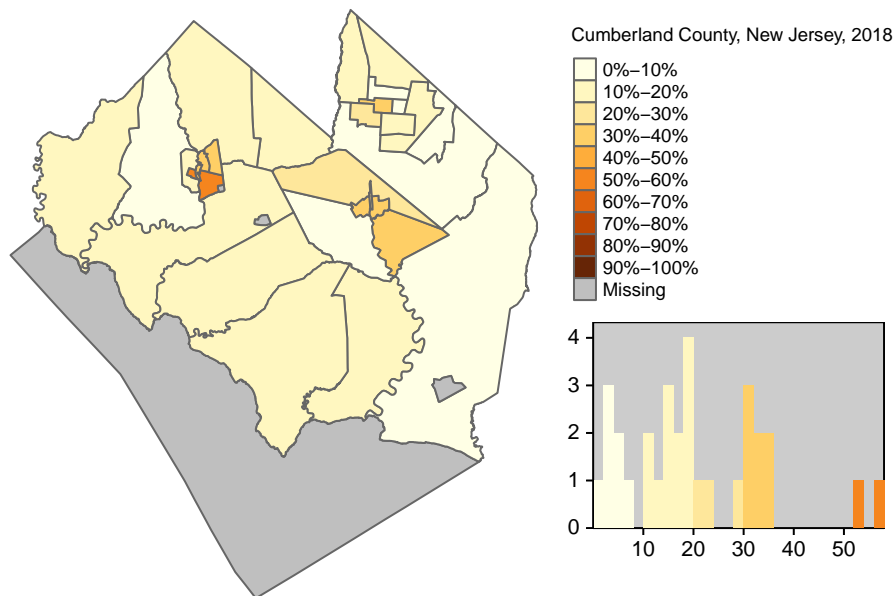
Households with children under 18 at or below 100% FPL

Cumberland County households at or below 100% FPL with children aged 18 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Cumberland County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 18,
2011



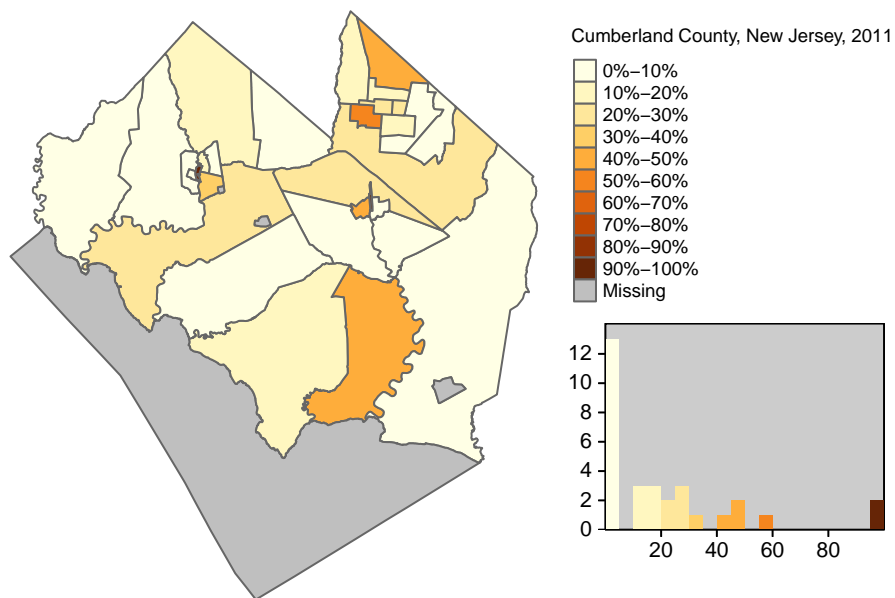
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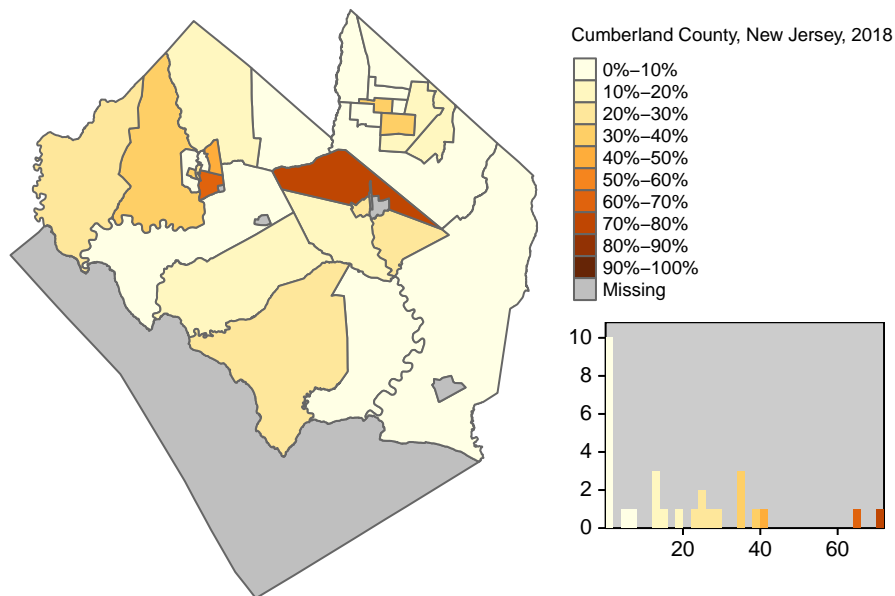
Households with children under 5 at or below 100% FPL

Cumberland County households at or below 100% FPL with children, with children aged 5 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Cumberland County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 5,
2011



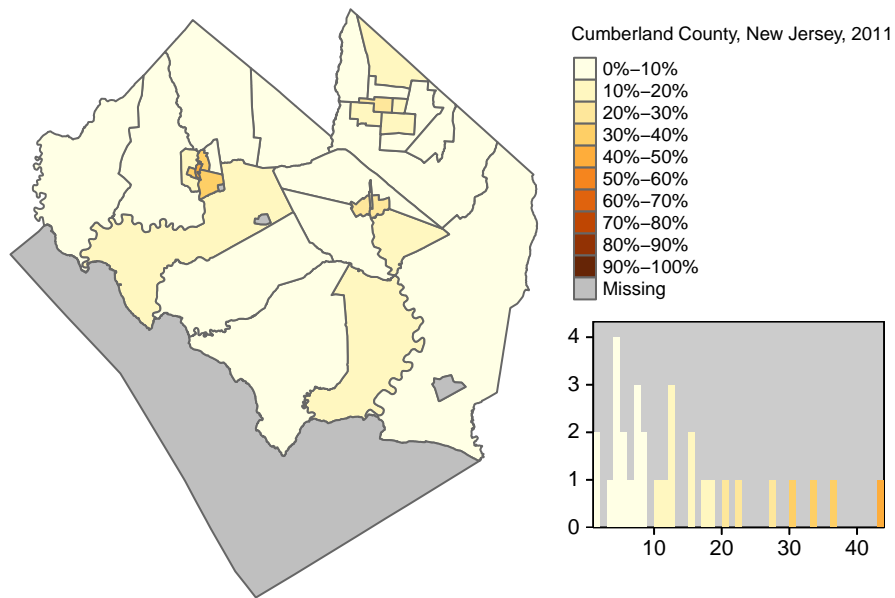
Percentage of Cumberland County Households,
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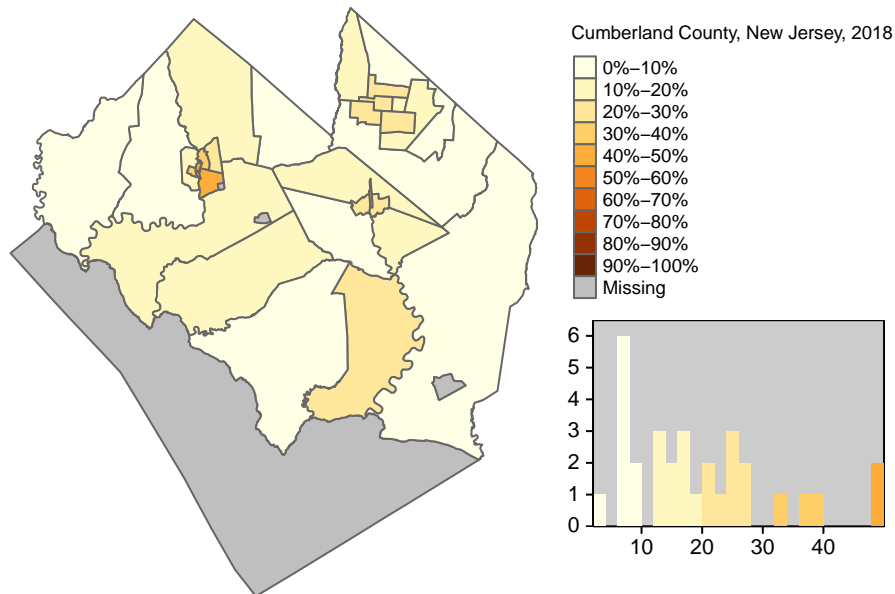
Households Participating in SNAP

Cumberland County households participating in SNAP, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Cumberland County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2011,



Percentage of Cumberland County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2018



Household Food Access

Cumberland County household food access, as measured by the USDA, is summarized below. Households and their surrounding environments (i.e., foodscapes) have been monitored by the USDA as a component of the USDA Food Environment Atlas. Household levels of access to different food sources and vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below.

Table 39: Cumberland County USDA Summary

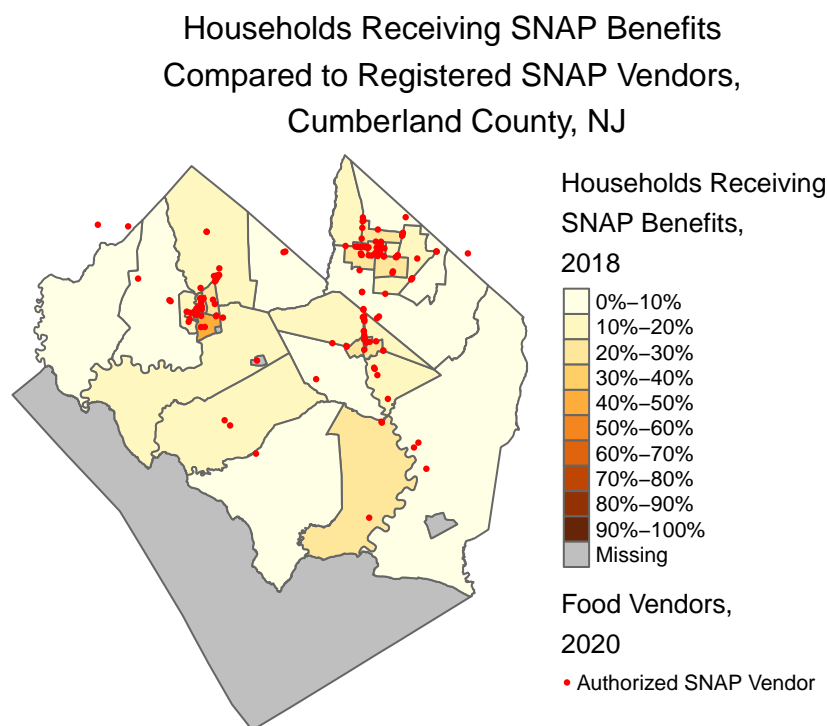
Measure	2009-2010	2014-2015	5 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	50,868	50,368	-500
Households with low access to grocery stores (%)	30.0%	27.7%	-2.3%
Households with low income and low access to grocery stores (%)	9.2%	9.9%	.6%
Households with no car and low access to grocery stores (%)	3.7%	3.4%	-.3%
Children with low access to grocery stores (%)	6.7%	6.3%	-.4%
Grocery Stores (N)	40	37	-3
Super-centers and Club Stores (N)	2	2	0
Convenience Stores (N)	51	49	-2
Specialized Food Stores (N)	11	16	5
Fast Food Restaurants (N)	99	100	1
Full Service Restaurants (N)	77	79	2
Grocery Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.26	.24	-0.02
Super-centers and Club Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.01	.01	0
Convenience Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.33	.31	-0.02
Specialized Food Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.07	.1	.03
Fast Food Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	.63	.64	.01
Full Service Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	.49	.5	.01

Household Access to SNAP Vendors

Cumberland County household access to authorized SNAP or WIC food vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below. A map of SNAP-approved vendors in Cumberland County, 150 vendors as of 2020, is additionally mapped below. Geographic data were not available for authorized WIC vendors or Farmers Markets.

Table 40: Cumberland County Authorized Vendors

Measure	2008-2012	2012-2016	4 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	50,868	50,368	-500
SNAP-authorized Stores (N)	155	148	-7
WIC-authorized Stores (N)	23	25	2
SNAP-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.98	.96	-0.02
WIC-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.15	.16	.01
SNAP-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	1	-
WIC-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	1	-



Household Food Security

Cumberland County household food security, as measured by Feeding America’s Mapping the Meal Gap, is summarized below. Households have been monitored by Feeding America as a component of their Mapping the Meal Gap program. Household levels of food security are tabulated below. Please note that, due to methodology changes, the data presented below should be treated as two different “snapshots” of food security status, and may not be representative of local-level trends.

Table 41: Cumberland County Food Insecurity

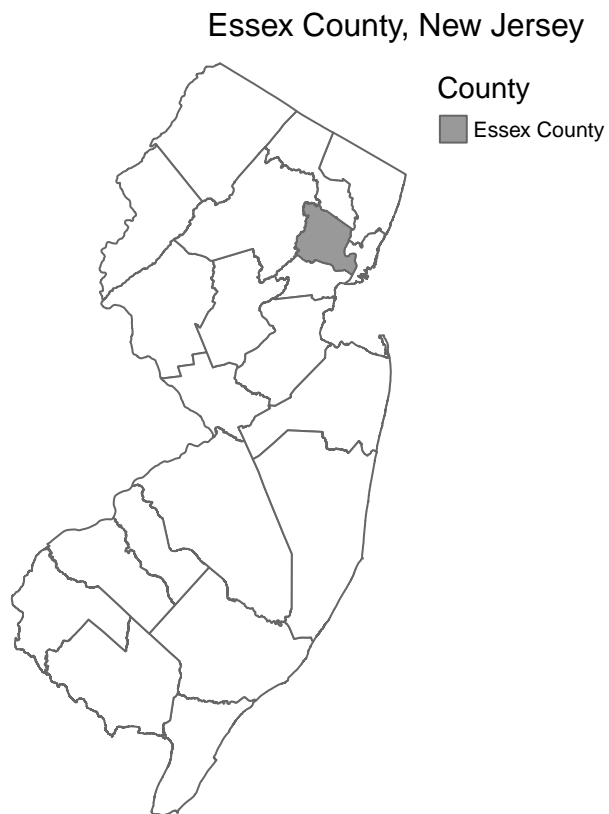
Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Food Insecure Households (N)	25,810	19,400	-6,410
Food Insecure Households (%)	16.5%	12.6%	-3.9%
Food Insecure Children (N)	9,000	6,580	-2,420
Food Insecure Children (%)	24.0%	18.0%	-6.0%
Average Cost per Meal (\$)	\$2.63	\$3.03	\$0.40
Annual Food Budget Shortfall (\$)	\$11,066,350.00	\$9,935,000.00	\$-1,131,350.00

Essex County

Overview

Table 42: Essex County Overview

Measure	Current Estimate
Total Households	282,502
Household Density (per Square Mile)	2,177.41
Food Insecure Households	100,560
Food Insecure Children	34,580
Student Enrollment	117,597
Student NSLP Participation	53,383



Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Essex County student participation rates in the National School Lunch Program are summarized below. Participation rates over the prior 20 years have been tabulated, and the percentage of students each year receiving free lunch, reduced price lunch, and the total percentage of students receiving either free or reduced price lunch is graphed below.

Table 43: Essex County School Lunch Summary

Measure	2000	2019	20 Year Change
Student Enrollment	118,601.5	117,597	-1,004.5
Students Receiving Free Lunch (N)	52,125	48,665.5	-3,459.5
Students Receiving Free Lunch (%)	43.9%	41.4%	-2.6%
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (N)	7,227	4,717.5	-2,509.5
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (%)	6.1%	4.0%	-2.1%

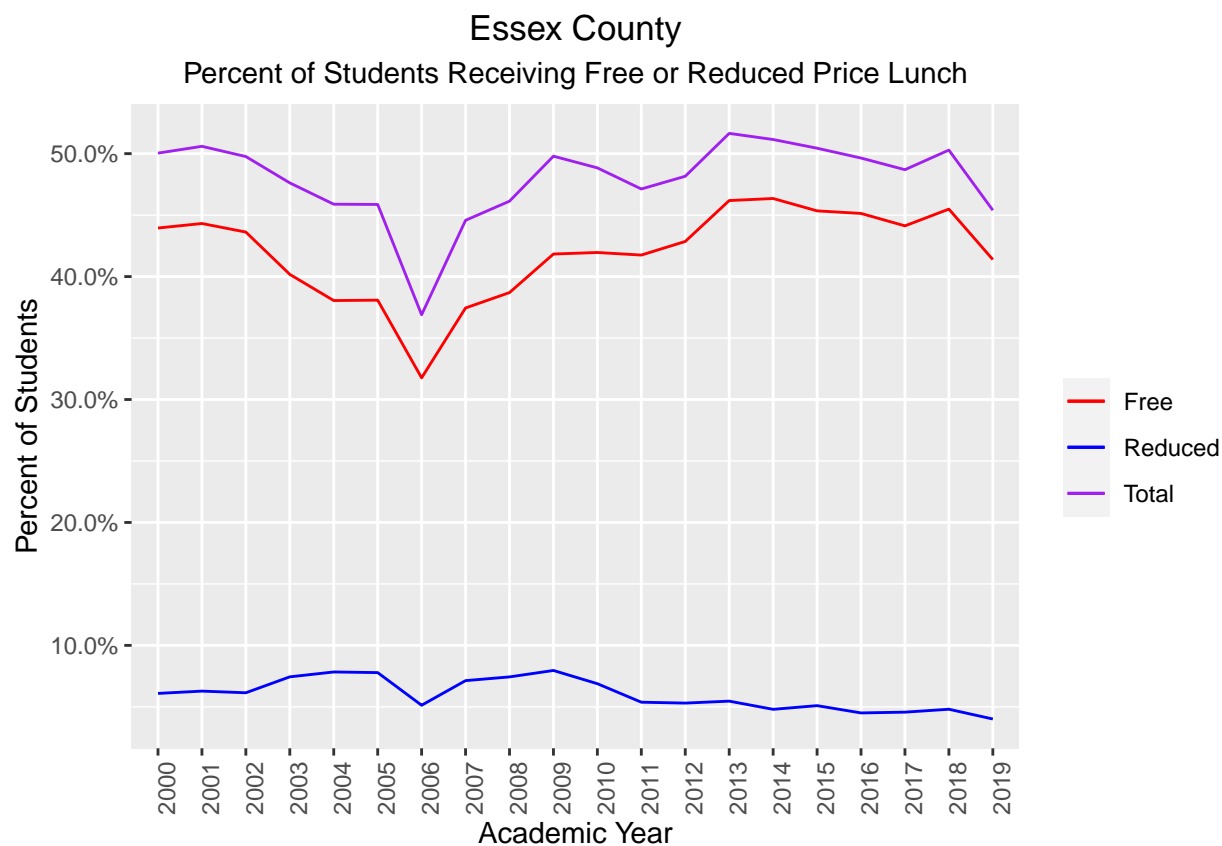


Figure 13: Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Households Participating in Social Support Services

Essex County household participation rates in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and households at or below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) are summarized below. Household rates over the prior 8 years have been tabulated, and the percentages of households participating in SNAP and households at or below the FPL is graphed below. For households experiencing poverty, the proportion of households with children under age 18, and children under age 5 are graphed on the following page. Please note, estimate level data (N) is suppressed by the US Census.

Table 44: Essex County Summary of Household Poverty

Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	276,441	282,502	6,061
Households receiving SNAP benefits (%)	11.6%	15.1%	3.5%
Households at or below 100% FPL (%)	12.2%	13.5%	1.3%
Households with children under 18, at or below 100% FPL (%)	17.6%	19.3%	1.7%
Households with children under 5, at or below 100% FPL (%)	18.2%	18.5%	.3%

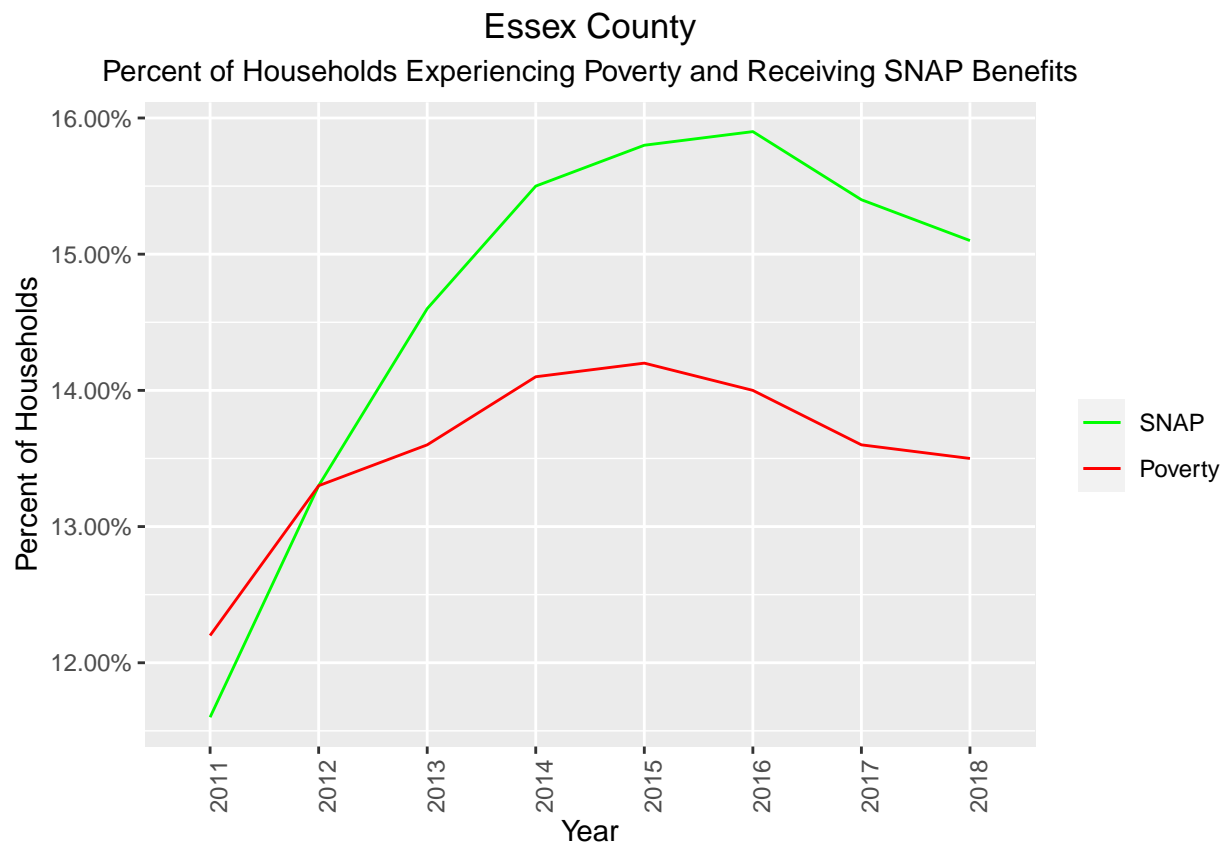
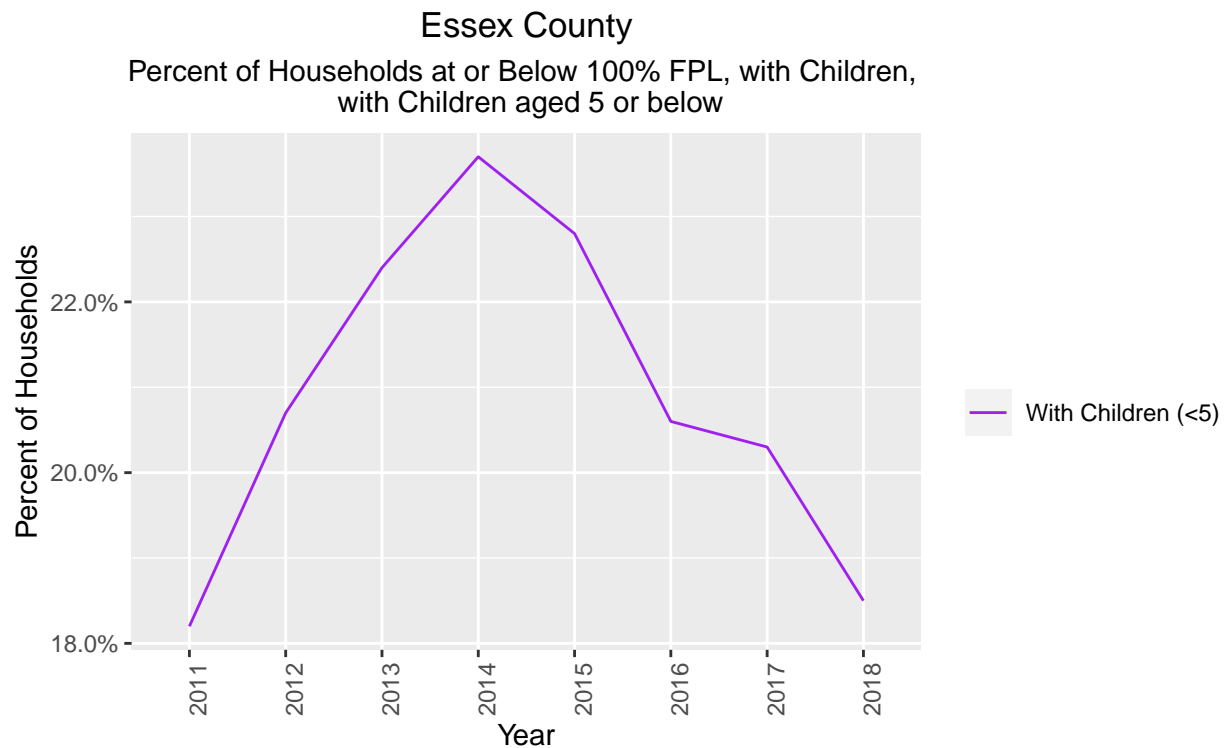
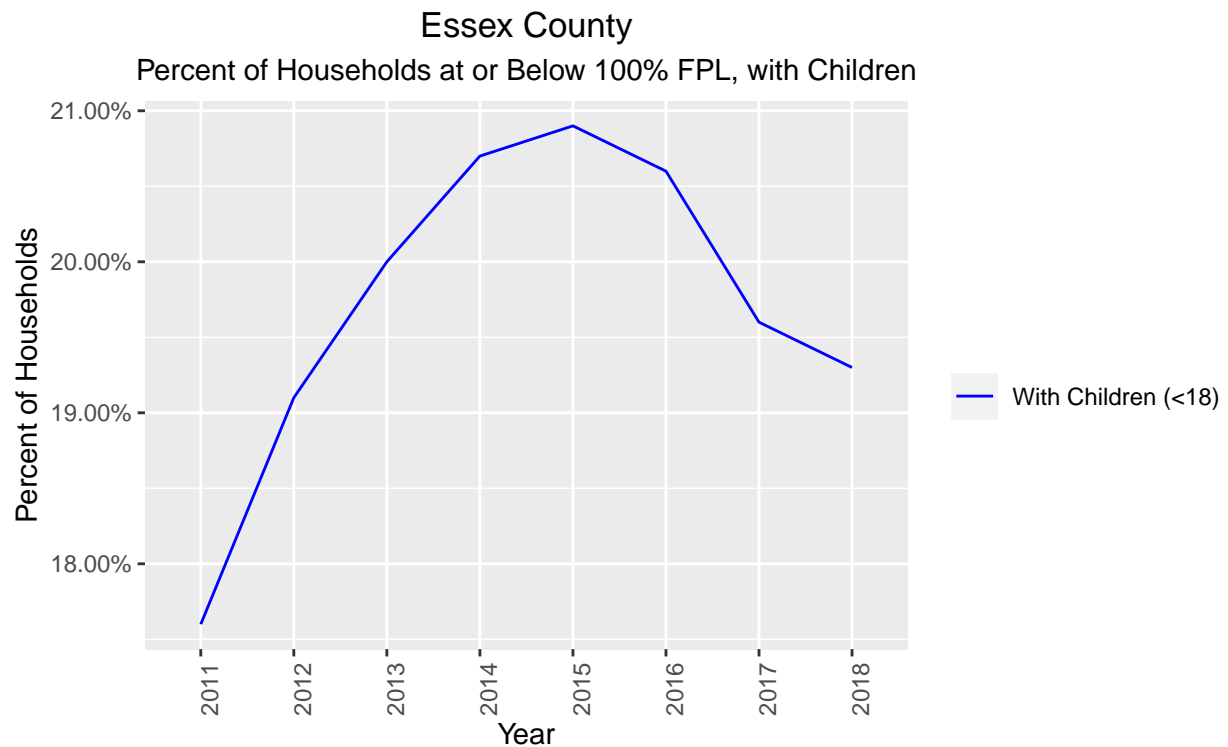


Figure 14: Households Experiencing Poverty and Receiving SNAP Benefits

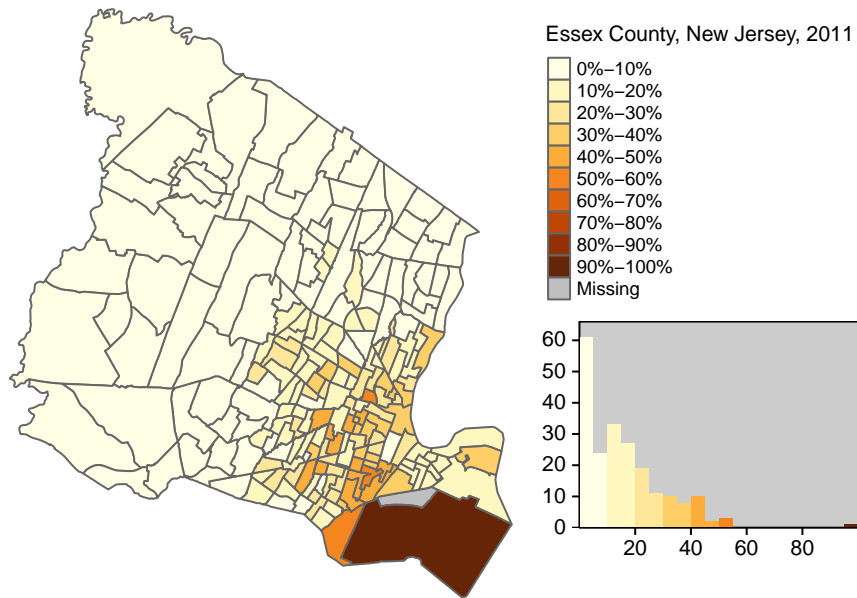
For households in Essex County experiencing poverty, the proportion of households experiencing poverty with children is graphed below. The proportion of households experiencing poverty with children, whose children are aged 5 or below, are graphed after.



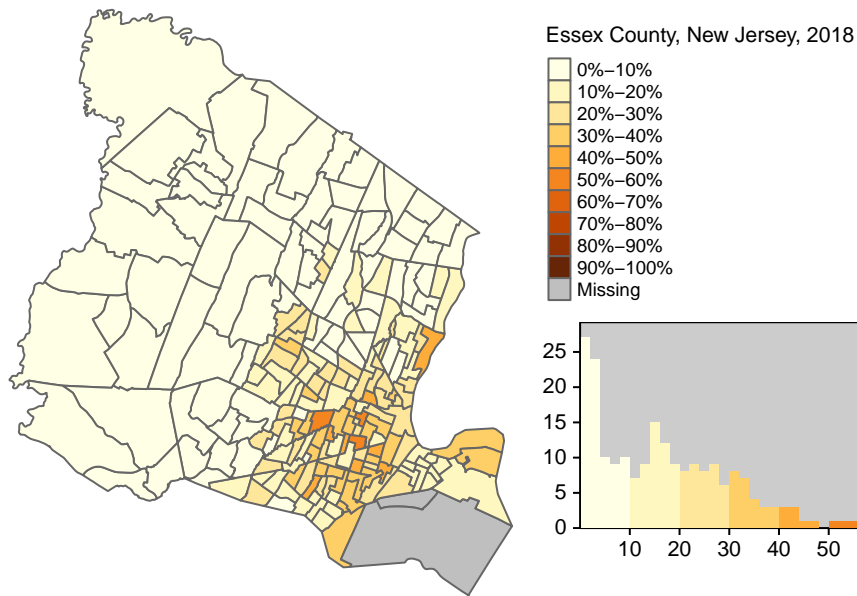
Households at or below 100% FPL

Essex County households at or below 100% FPL, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Essex County Households,
at or below 100% FPL,
2011



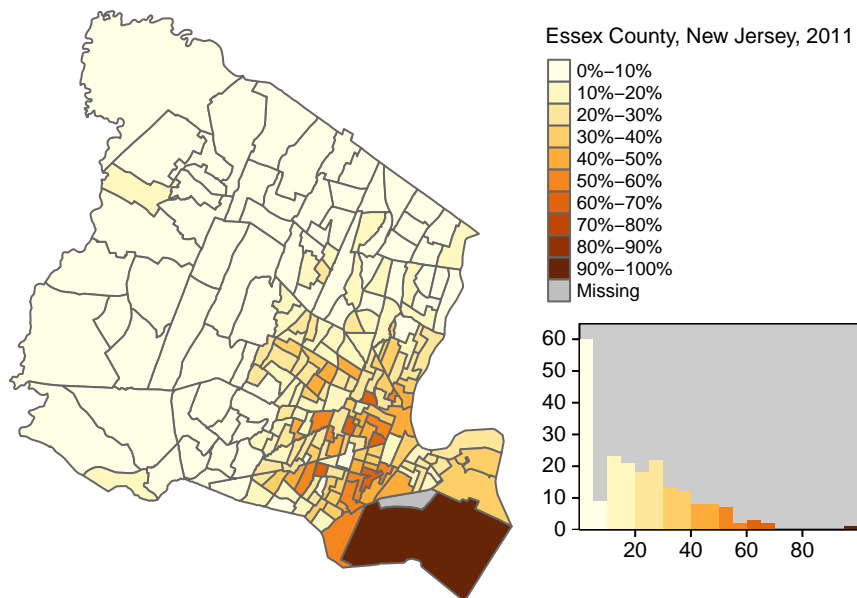
Percentage of Essex County Households,
at or below 100% FPL,
2018



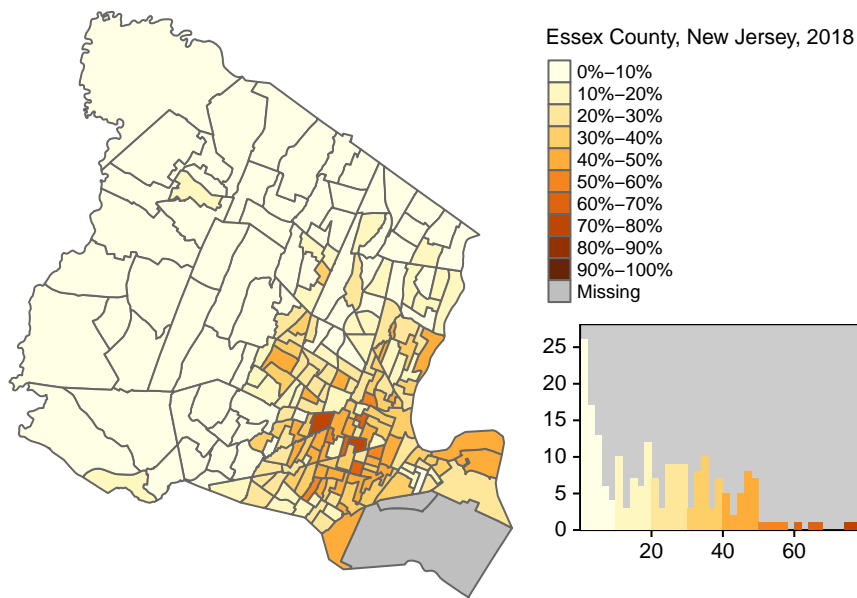
Households with children under 18 at or below 100% FPL

Essex County households at or below 100% FPL with children aged 18 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Essex County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 18,
2011



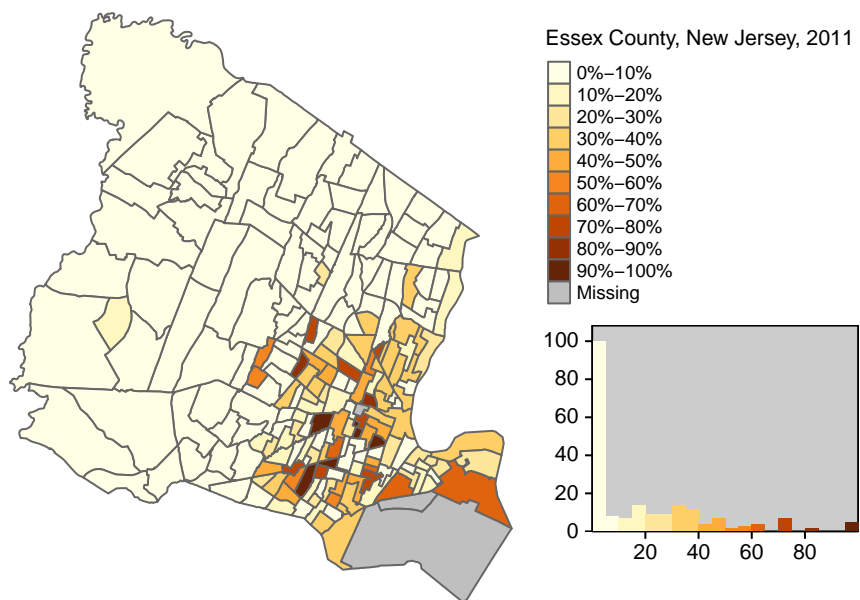
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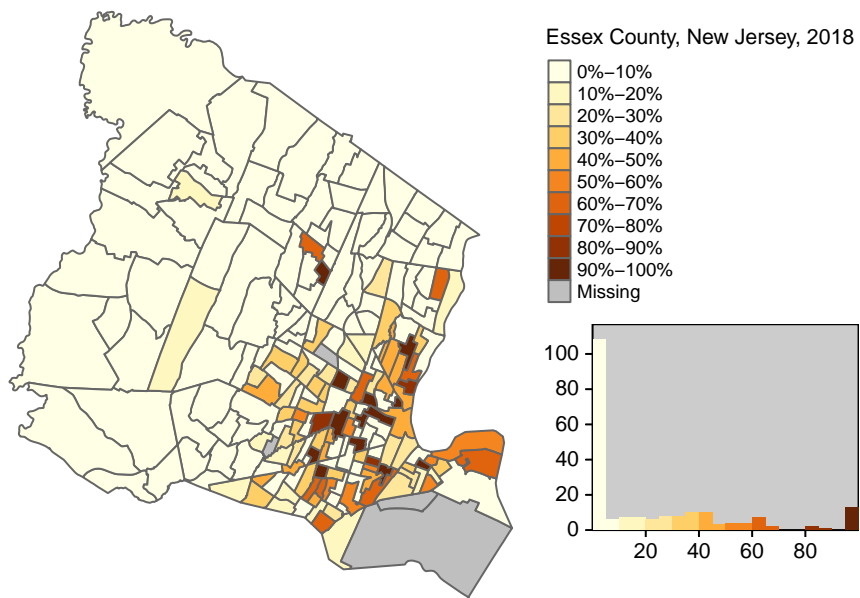
Households with children under 5 at or below 100% FPL

Essex County households at or below 100% FPL with children, with children aged 5 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Essex County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 5,
2011



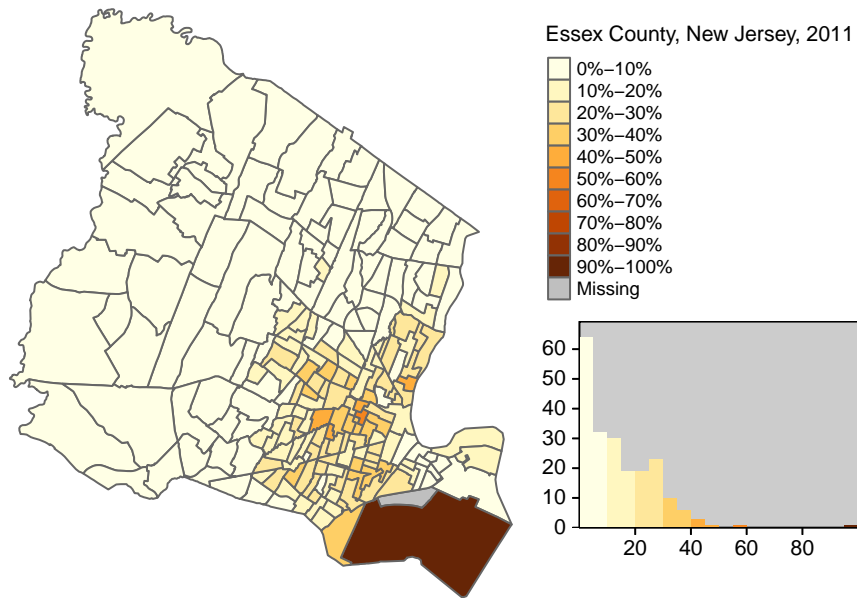
Percentage of Essex County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 5,
2018



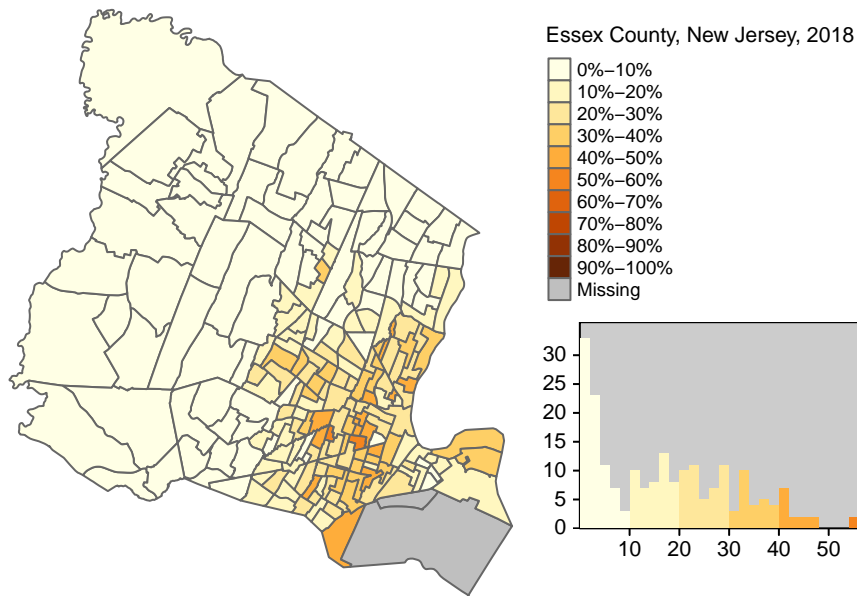
Households Participating in SNAP

Essex County households participating in SNAP, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Essex County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2011,



Percentage of Essex County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2018



Household Food Access

Essex County household food access, as measured by the USDA, is summarized below. Households and their surrounding environments (i.e., foodscapes) have been monitored by the USDA as a component of the USDA Food Environment Atlas. Household levels of access to different food sources and vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below.

Table 45: Essex County USDA Summary

Measure	2009-2010	2014-2015	5 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	276,441	278,085	1,644
Households with low access to grocery stores (%)	8.8%	7.8%	-1.0%
Households with low income and low access to grocery stores (%)	1.0%	.7%	-.3%
Households with no car and low access to grocery stores (%)	.5%	.3%	-.2%
Children with low access to grocery stores (%)	2.1%	1.9%	-.2%
Grocery Stores (N)	328	382	54
Super-centers and Club Stores (N)	0	0	0
Convenience Stores (N)	142	140	-2
Specialized Food Stores (N)	105	95	-10
Fast Food Restaurants (N)	505	552	47
Full Service Restaurants (N)	447	547	100
Grocery Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.42	.48	.06
Super-centers and Club Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	0	0	0
Convenience Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.18	.18	0
Specialized Food Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.13	.12	-0.01
Fast Food Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	.65	.69	.04
Full Service Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	.57	.69	.12

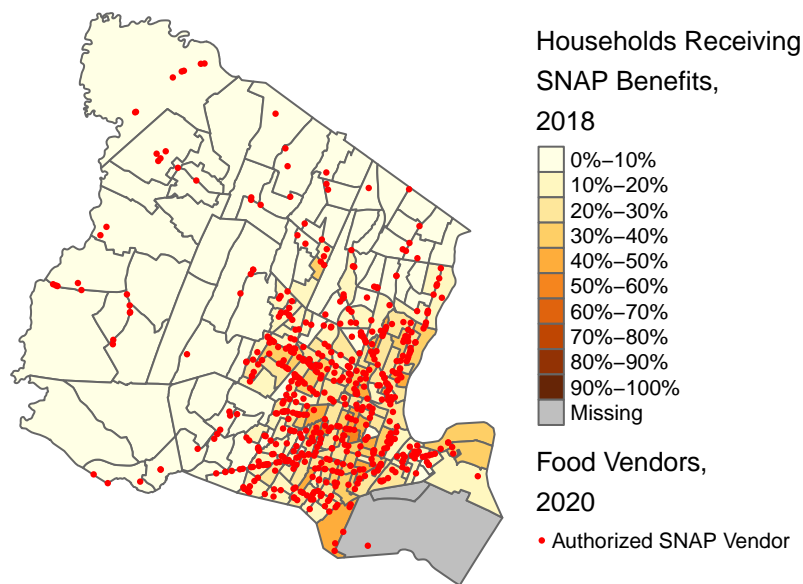
Household Access to SNAP Vendors

Essex County household access to authorized SNAP or WIC food vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below. A map of SNAP-approved vendors in Essex County, 570 vendors as of 2020, is additionally mapped below. Geographic data were not available for authorized WIC vendors or Farmers Markets.

Table 46: Essex County Authorized Vendors

Measure	2008-2012	2012-2016	4 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	276,441	278,085	1,644
SNAP-authorized Stores (N)	671	607	-64
WIC-authorized Stores (N)	85	102	17
SNAP-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.85	.76	-0.09
WIC-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.11	.13	.02
SNAP-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	2	-
WIC-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	3	-

Households Receiving SNAP Benefits Compared to Registered SNAP Vendors, Essex County, NJ



Household Food Security

Essex County household food security, as measured by Feeding America’s Mapping the Meal Gap, is summarized below. Households have been monitored by Feeding America as a component of their Mapping the Meal Gap program. Household levels of food security are tabulated below. Please note that, due to methodology changes, the data presented below should be treated as two different “snapshots” of food security status, and may not be representative of local-level trends.

Table 47: Essex County Food Insecurity

Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Food Insecure Households (N)	153,580	100,560	-53,020
Food Insecure Households (%)	19.6%	12.7%	-6.9%
Food Insecure Children (N)	34,580	29,340	-5,240
Food Insecure Children (%)	18.0%	16.0%	-2.0%
Average Cost per Meal (\$)	\$3.37	\$4.21	\$0.84
Annual Food Budget Shortfall (\$)	\$84,377,250.00	\$71,663,000.00	\$-12,714,250.00

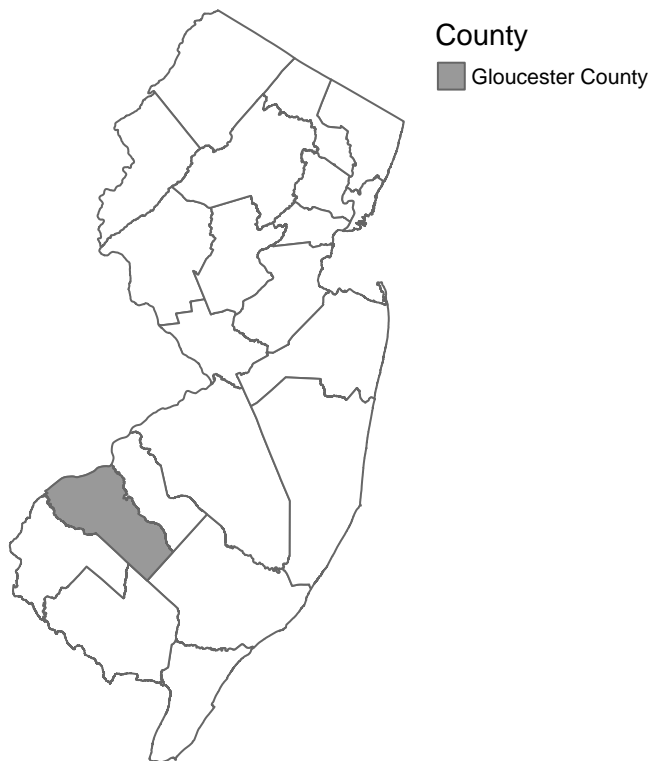
Gloucester County

Overview

Table 48: Gloucester County Overview

Measure	Current Estimate
Total Households	104,587
Household Density (per Square Mile)	311.09
Food Insecure Households	22,750
Food Insecure Children	10,630
Student Enrollment	46,845
Student NSLP Participation	12,719.5

Gloucester County, New Jersey



Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Gloucester County student participation rates in the National School Lunch Program are summarized below. Participation rates over the prior 20 years have been tabulated, and the percentage of students each year receiving free lunch, reduced price lunch, and the total percentage of students receiving either free or reduced price lunch is graphed below.

Table 49: Gloucester County School Lunch Summary

Measure	2000	2019	20 Year Change
Student Enrollment	44,208.5	46,845	2,636.5
Students Receiving Free Lunch (N)	6,125	10,797.5	4,672.5
Students Receiving Free Lunch (%)	13.9%	23.0%	9.2%
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (N)	2,814	1,922	-892
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (%)	6.4%	4.1%	-2.3%

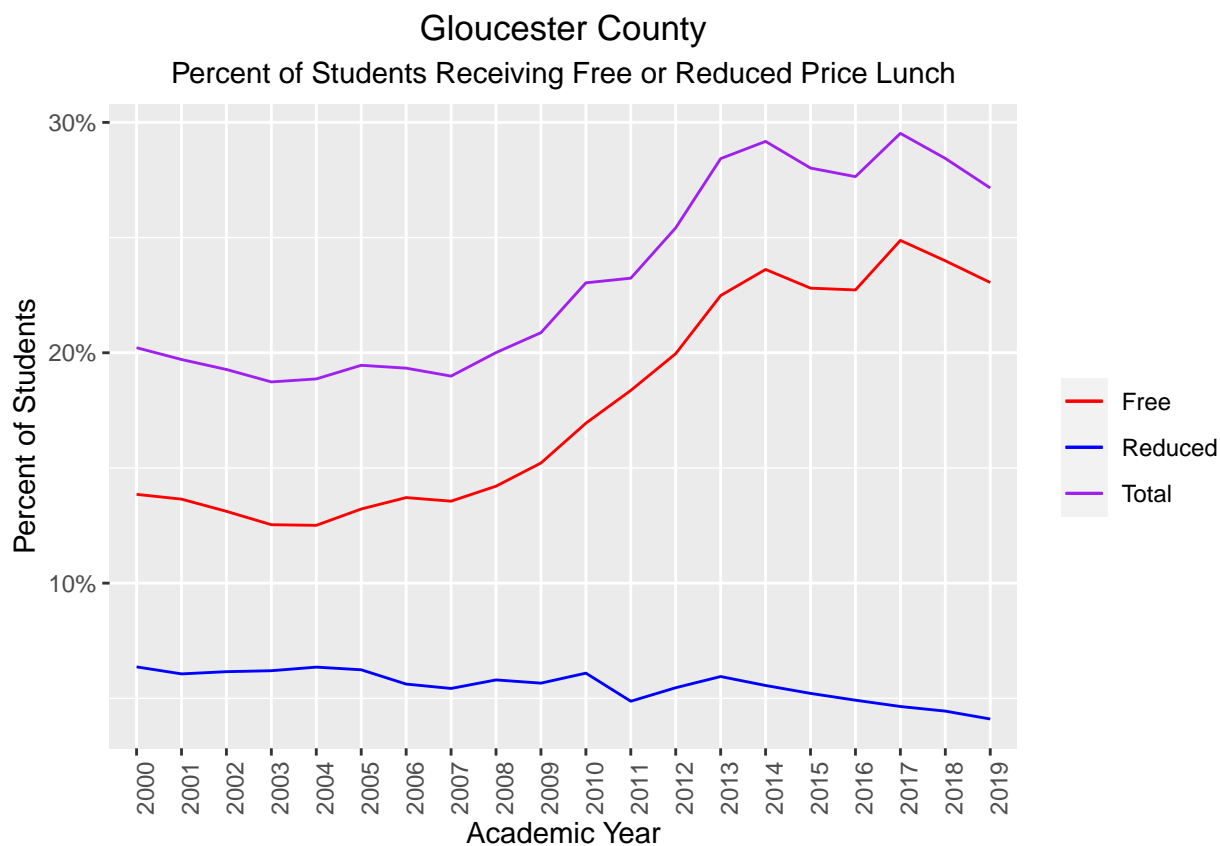


Figure 15: Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Households Participating in Social Support Services

Gloucester County household participation rates in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and households at or below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) are summarized below. Household rates over the prior 8 years have been tabulated, and the percentages of households participating in SNAP and households at or below the FPL is graphed below. For households experiencing poverty, the proportion of households with children under age 18, and children under age 5 are graphed on the following page. Please note, estimate level data (N) is suppressed by the US Census.

Table 50: Gloucester County Summary of Household Poverty

Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	103,548	104,587	1,039
Households receiving SNAP benefits (%)	5.5%	8.1%	2.6%
Households at or below 100% FPL (%)	5.2%	4.8%	-.4%
Households with children under 18, at or below 100% FPL (%)	8.1%	7.9%	-.2%
Households with children under 5, at or below 100% FPL (%)	12.2%	8.2%	-4.0%

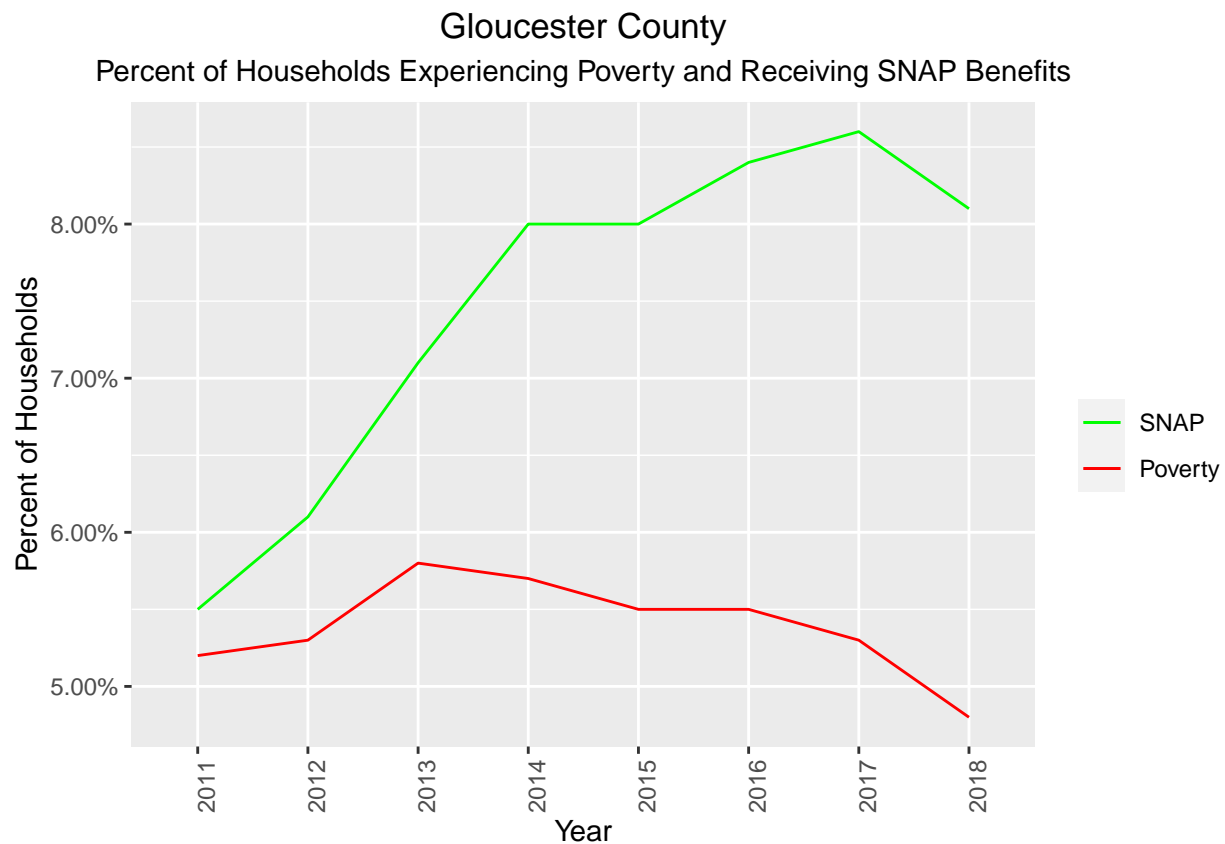
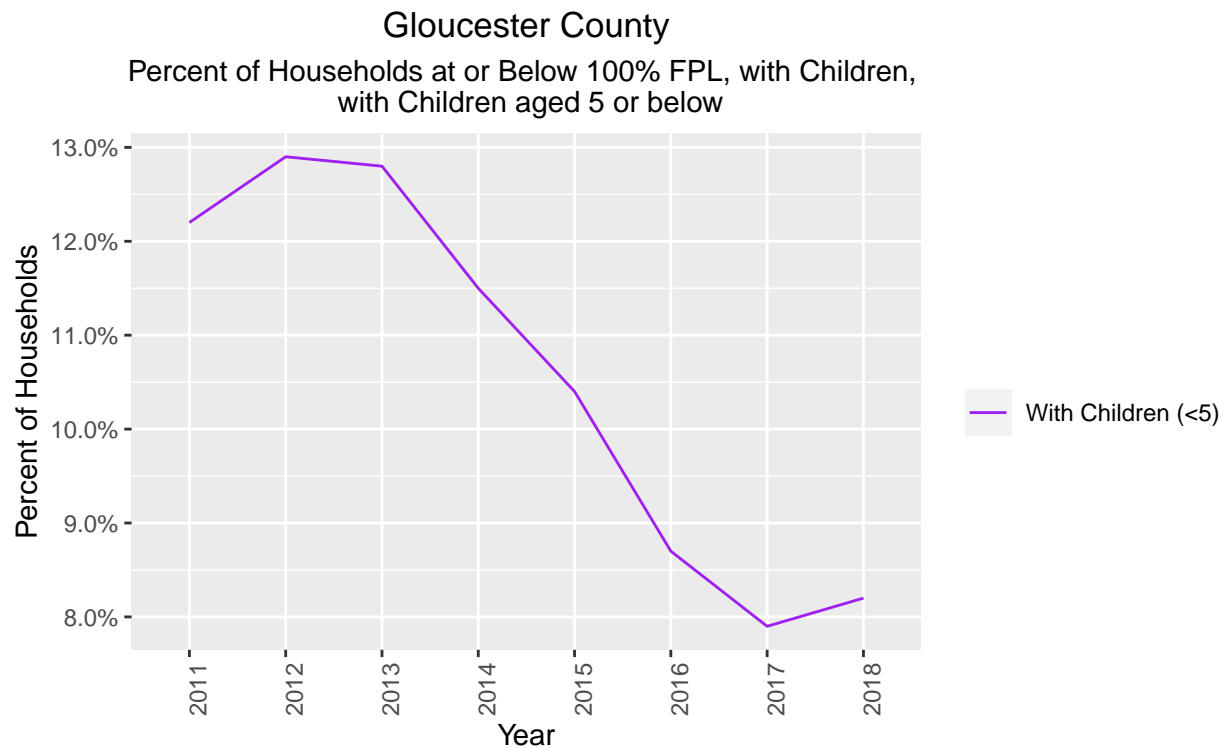
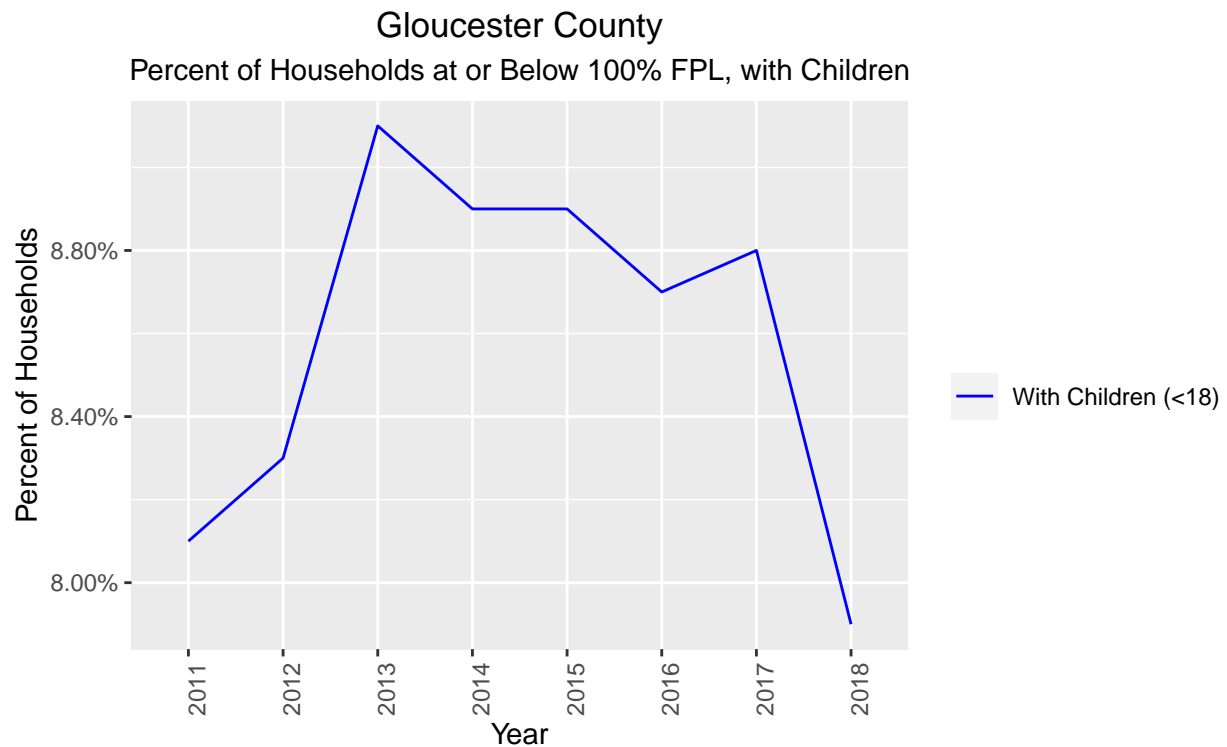


Figure 16: Households Experiencing Poverty and Receiving SNAP Benefits

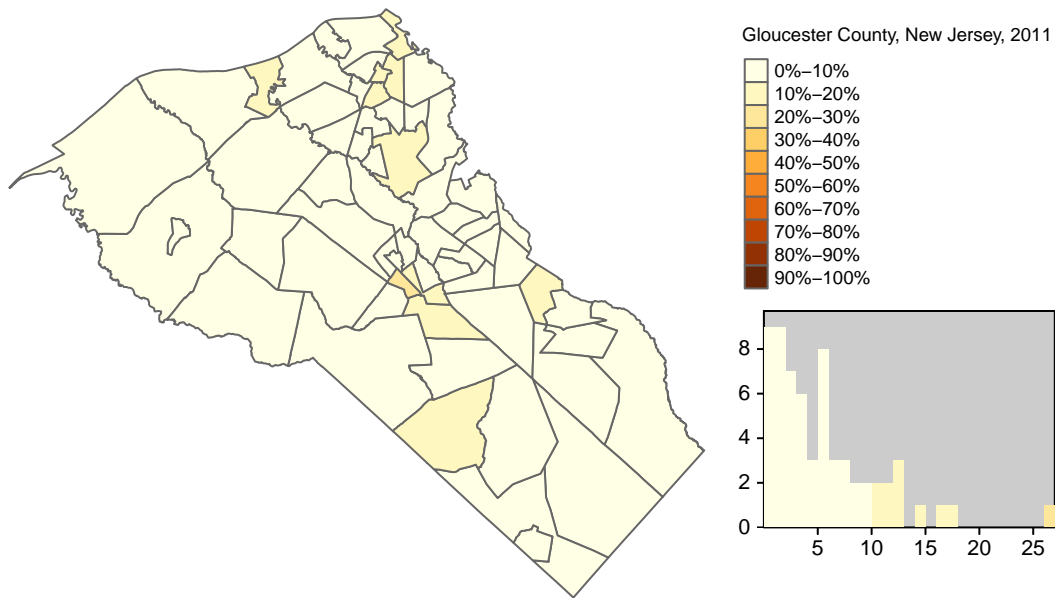
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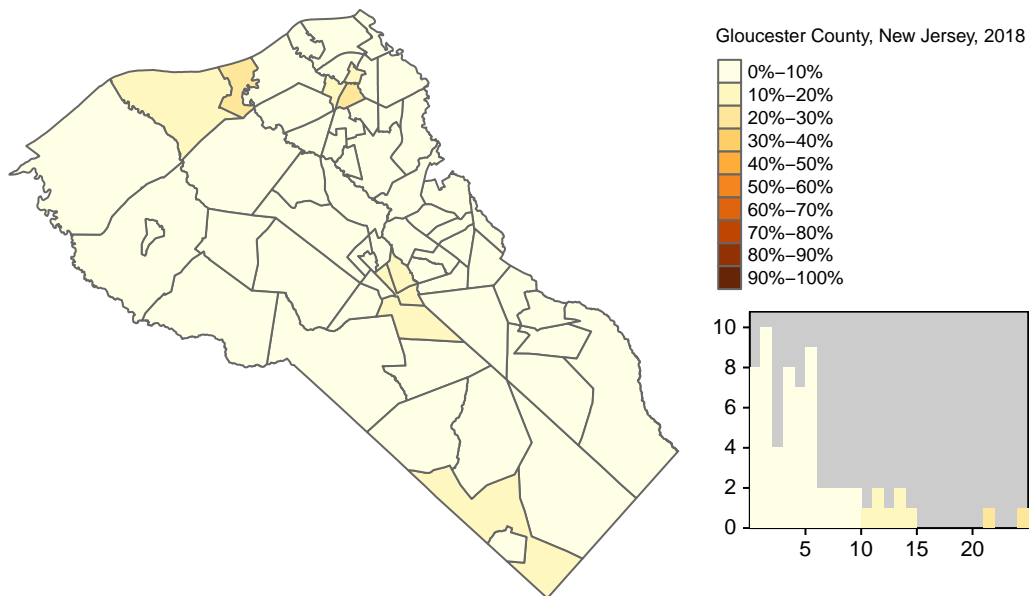
Households at or below 100% FPL

Gloucester County households at or below 100% FPL, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Gloucester County Households,
at or below 100% FPL,
2011



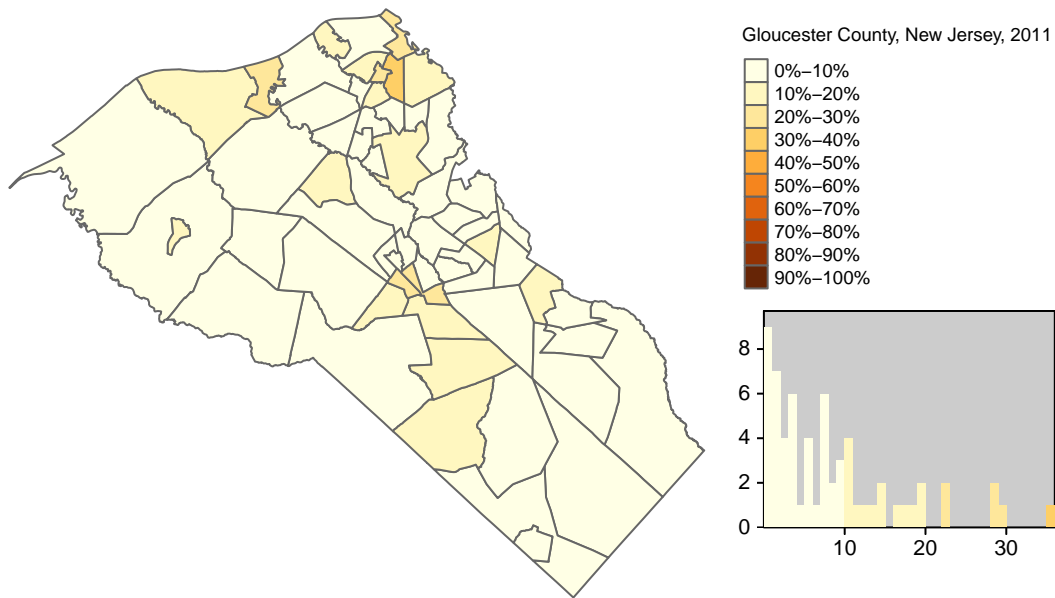
Percentage of Gloucester County Households,
at or below 100% FPL,
2018



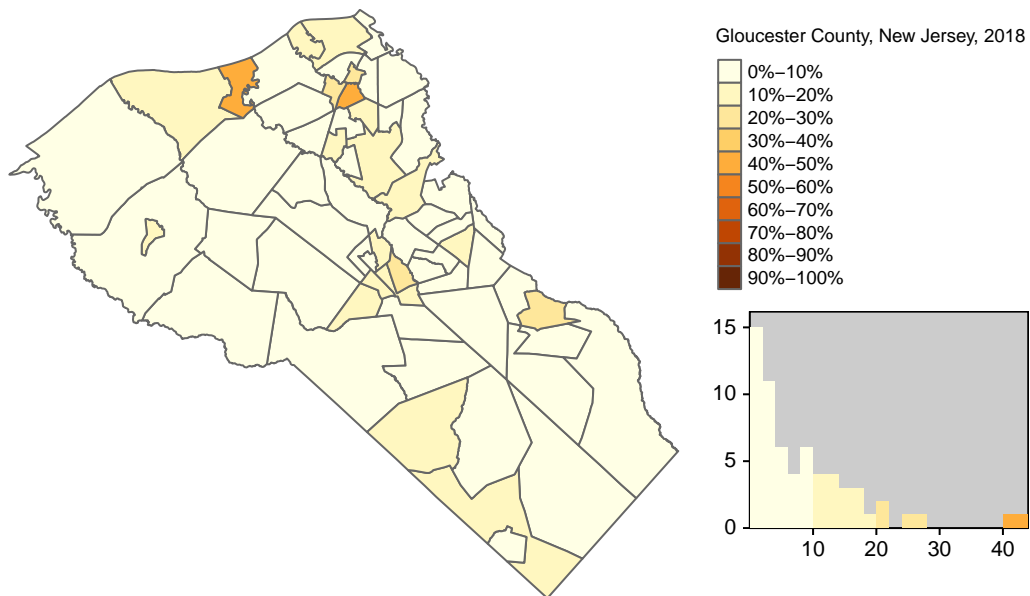
Households with children under 18 at or below 100% FPL

Gloucester County households at or below 100% FPL with children aged 18 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Gloucester County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 18,
2011



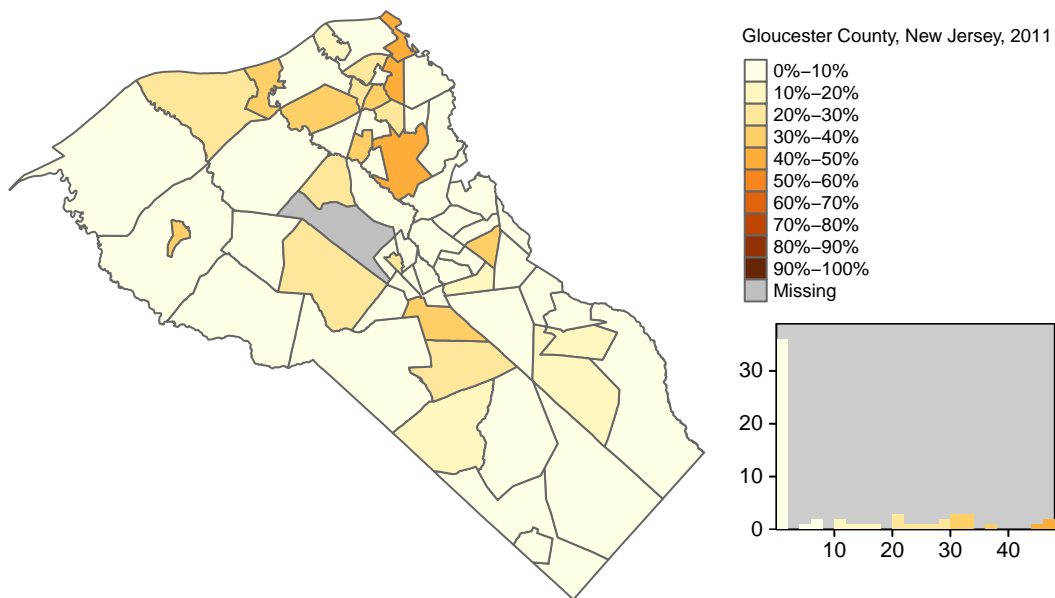
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2018



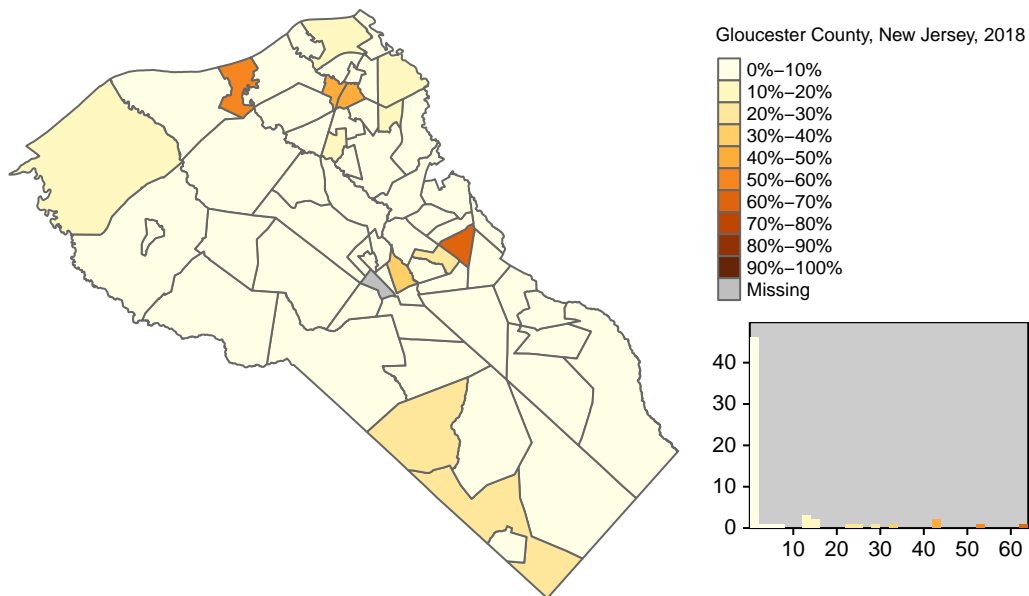
Households with children under 5 at or below 100% FPL

Gloucester County households at or below 100% FPL with children, with children aged 5 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Gloucester County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 5,
2011



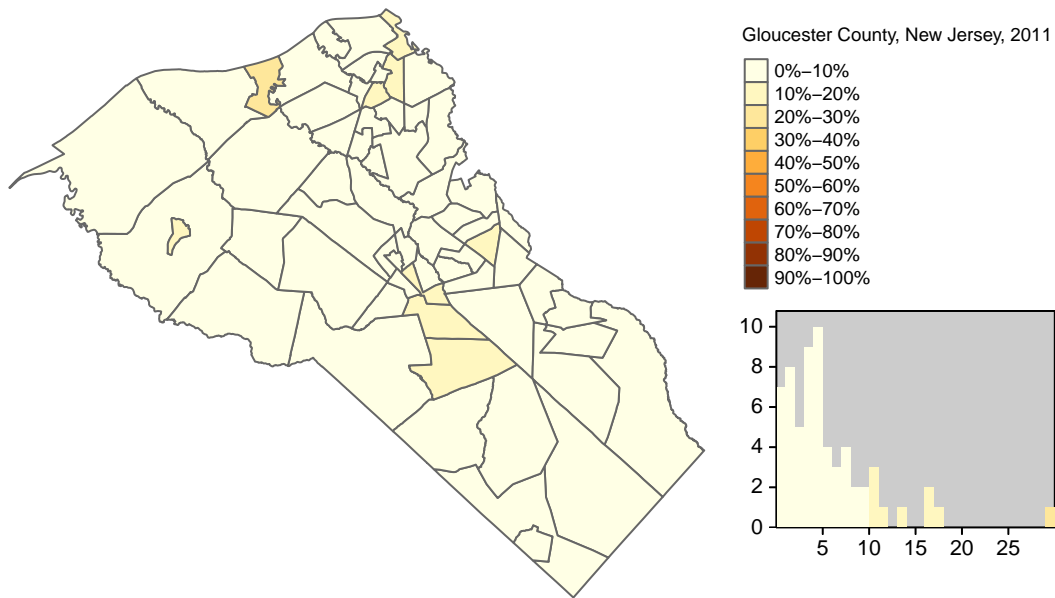
Percentage of Gloucester County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 5,
2018



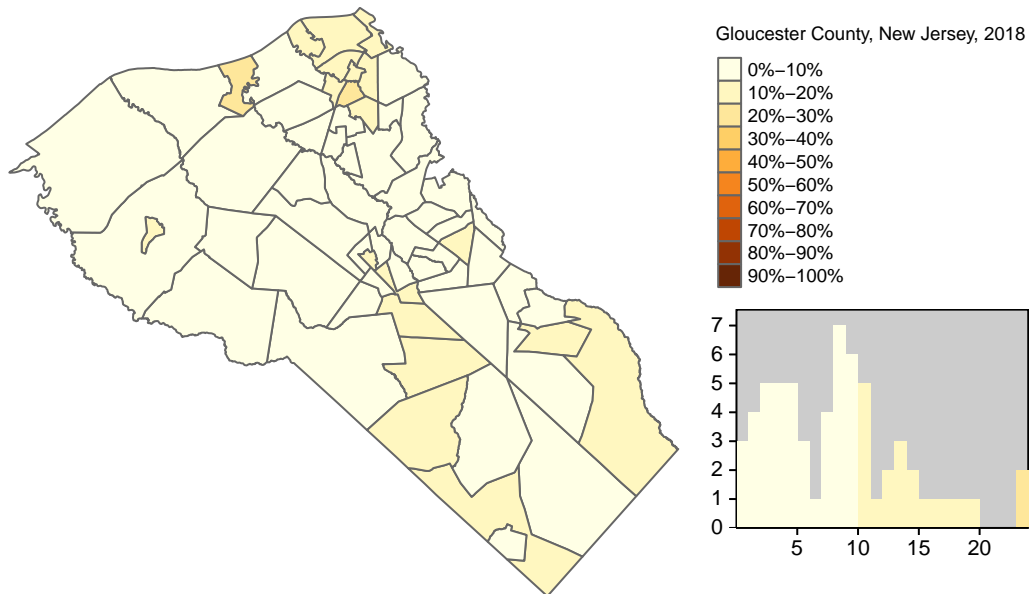
Households Participating in SNAP

Gloucester County households participating in SNAP, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Gloucester County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2011,



Percentage of Gloucester County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2018



Household Food Access

Gloucester County household food access, as measured by the USDA, is summarized below. Households and their surrounding environments (i.e., foodscapes) have been monitored by the USDA as a component of the USDA Food Environment Atlas. Household levels of access to different food sources and vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below.

Table 51: Gloucester County USDA Summary

Measure	2009-2010	2014-2015	5 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	103,548	104,268	720
Households with low access to grocery stores (%)	43.8%	43.7%	-.1%
Households with low income and low access to grocery stores (%)	8.0%	8.8%	.8%
Households with no car and low access to grocery stores (%)	3.0%	3.3%	.3%
Children with low access to grocery stores (%)	10.8%	10.8%	-.1%
Grocery Stores (N)	49	41	-8
Super-centers and Club Stores (N)	6	7	1
Convenience Stores (N)	91	100	9
Specialized Food Stores (N)	46	37	-9
Fast Food Restaurants (N)	184	171	-13
Full Service Restaurants (N)	138	159	21
Grocery Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.17	.14	-0.03
Super-centers and Club Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.02	.02	0
Convenience Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.32	.34	.02
Specialized Food Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.16	.13	-0.03
Fast Food Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	.64	.59	-0.05
Full Service Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	.48	.55	.07

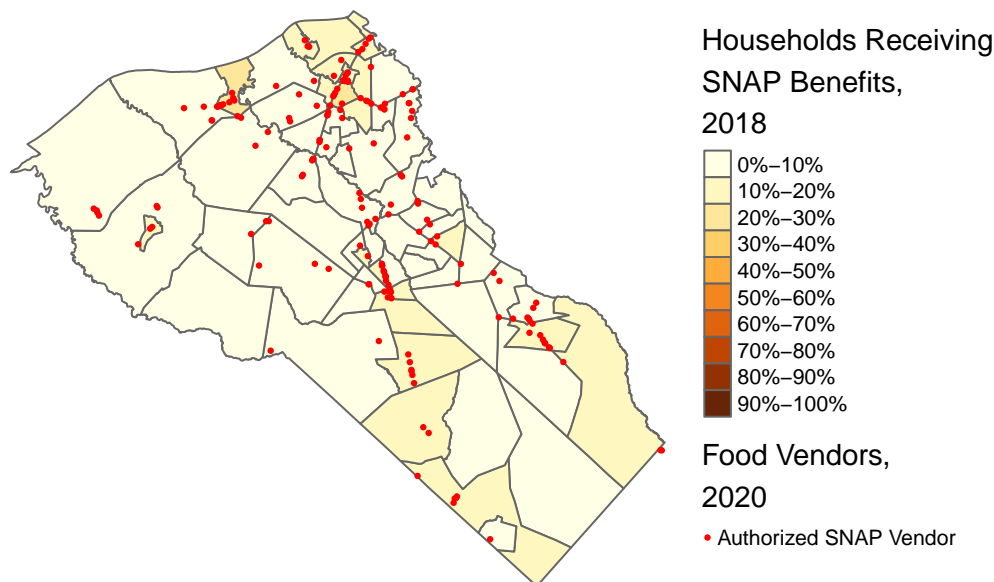
Household Access to SNAP Vendors

Gloucester County household access to authorized SNAP or WIC food vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below. A map of SNAP-approved vendors in Gloucester County, 175 vendors as of 2020, is additionally mapped below. Geographic data were not available for authorized WIC vendors or Farmers Markets.

Table 52: Gloucester County Authorized Vendors

Measure	2008-2012	2012-2016	4 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	103,548	104,268	720
SNAP-authorized Stores (N)	189	182	-7
WIC-authorized Stores (N)	21	19	-2
SNAP-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.65	.62	-0.03
WIC-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.07	.07	0
SNAP-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	0	-
WIC-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	1	-

Households Receiving SNAP Benefits Compared to Registered SNAP Vendors, Gloucester County, NJ



Household Food Security

Gloucester County household food security, as measured by Feeding America's Mapping the Meal Gap, is summarized below. Households have been monitored by Feeding America as a component of their Mapping the Meal Gap program. Household levels of food security are tabulated below. Please note that, due to methodology changes, the data presented below should be treated as two different "snapshots" of food security status, and may not be representative of local-level trends.

Table 53: Gloucester County Food Insecurity

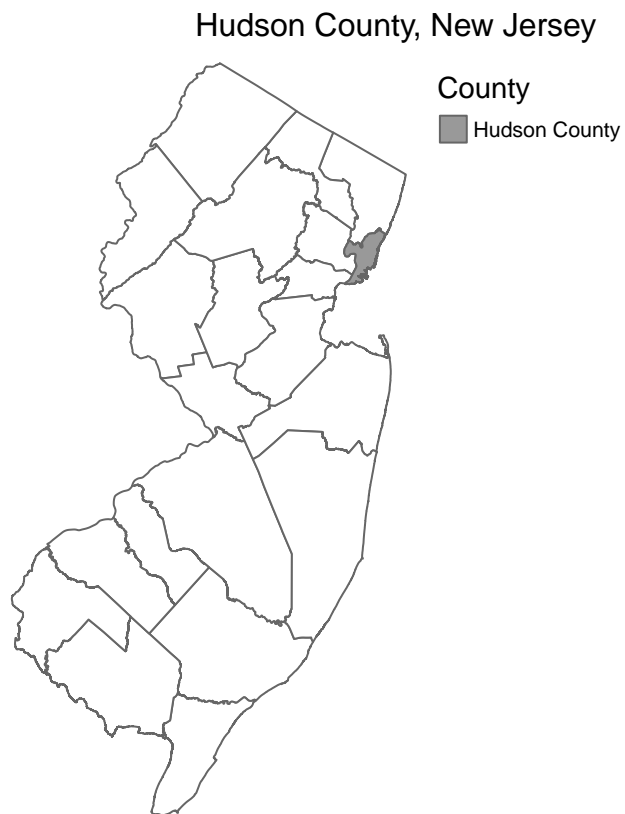
Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Food Insecure Households (N)	30,740	22,750	-7,990
Food Insecure Households (%)	10.7%	7.8%	-2.9%
Food Insecure Children (N)	10,630	7,280	-3,350
Food Insecure Children (%)	15.0%	11.0%	-4.0%
Average Cost per Meal (\$)	\$2.81	\$3.26	\$0.45
Annual Food Budget Shortfall (\$)	\$14,082,210.00	\$12,535,000.00	\$-1,547,210.00

Hudson County

Overview

Table 54: Hudson County Overview

Measure	Current Estimate
Total Households	255,429
Household Density (per Square Mile)	4,956.42
Food Insecure Households	72,950
Food Insecure Children	31,510
Student Enrollment	80,814
Student NSLP Participation	56,337



Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Hudson County student participation rates in the National School Lunch Program are summarized below. Participation rates over the prior 20 years have been tabulated, and the percentage of students each year receiving free lunch, reduced price lunch, and the total percentage of students receiving either free or reduced price lunch is graphed below.

Table 55: Hudson County School Lunch Summary

Measure	2000	2019	20 Year Change
Student Enrollment	77,308.5	80,814	3,505.5
Students Receiving Free Lunch (N)	42,065	50,741	8,676
Students Receiving Free Lunch (%)	54.4%	62.8%	8.4%
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (N)	6,415	5,596	-819
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (%)	8.3%	6.9%	-1.4%

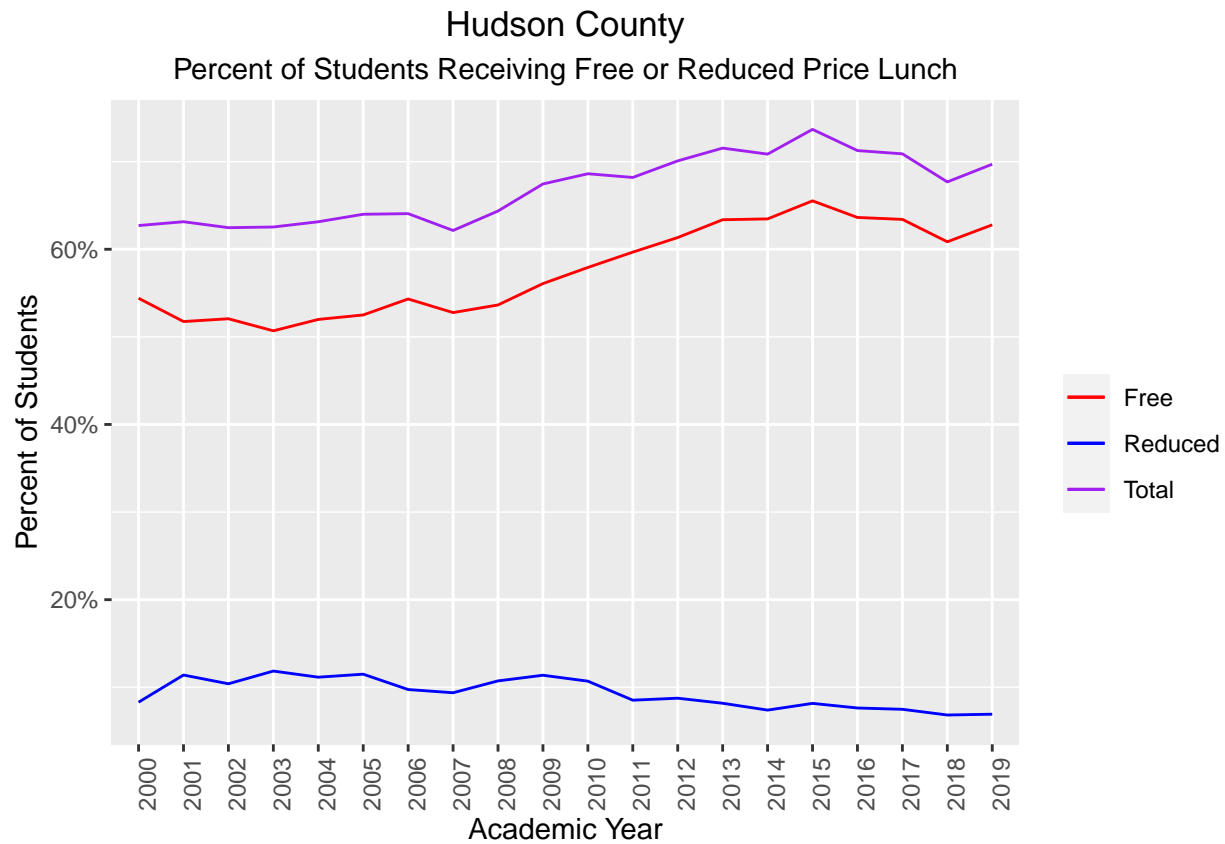


Figure 17: Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Households Participating in Social Support Services

Hudson County household participation rates in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and households at or below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) are summarized below. Household rates over the prior 8 years have been tabulated, and the percentages of households participating in SNAP and households at or below the FPL is graphed below. For households experiencing poverty, the proportion of households with children under age 18, and children under age 5 are graphed on the following page. Please note, estimate level data (N) is suppressed by the US Census.

Table 56: Hudson County Summary of Household Poverty

Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	240,526	255,429	14,903
Households receiving SNAP benefits (%)	9.6%	15.6%	6.0%
Households at or below 100% FPL (%)	12.8%	13.0%	.2%
Households with children under 18, at or below 100% FPL (%)	18.7%	19.5%	.8%
Households with children under 5, at or below 100% FPL (%)	14.7%	11.6%	-3.1%

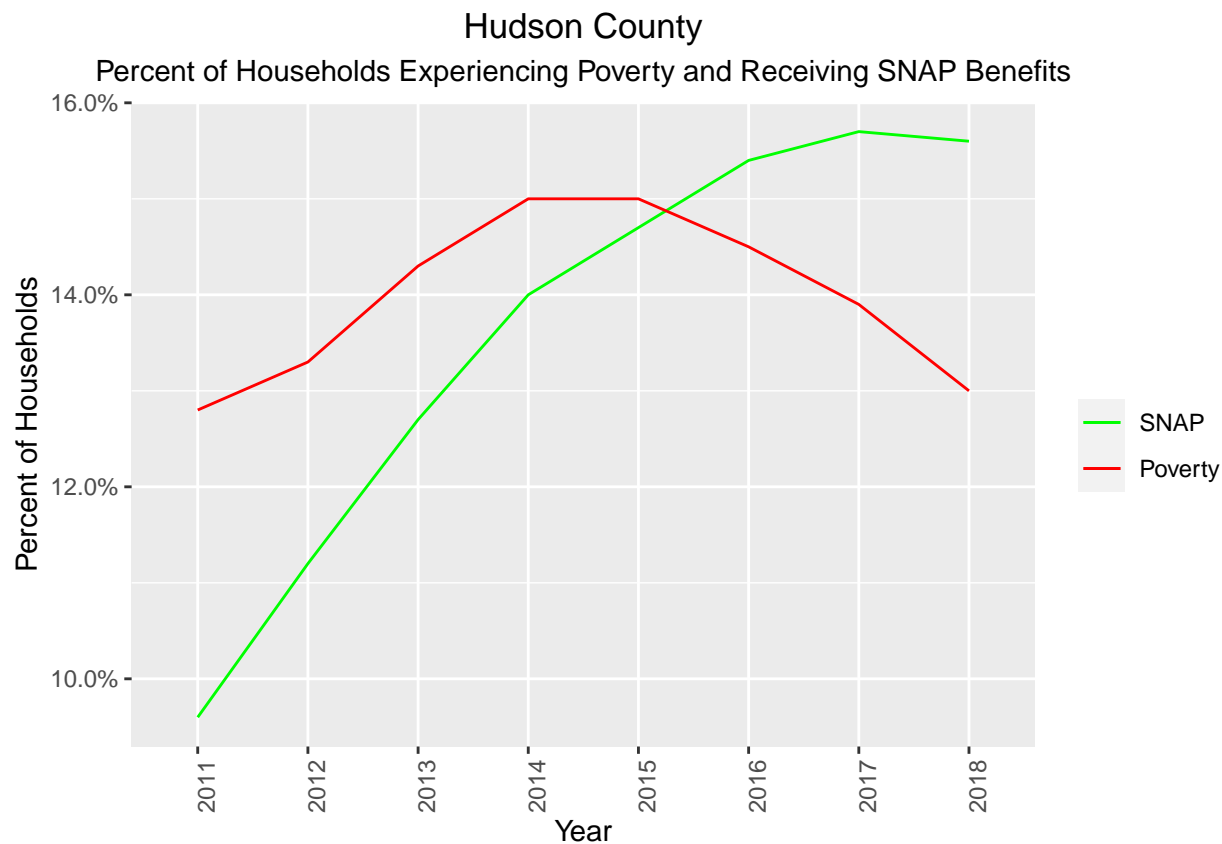
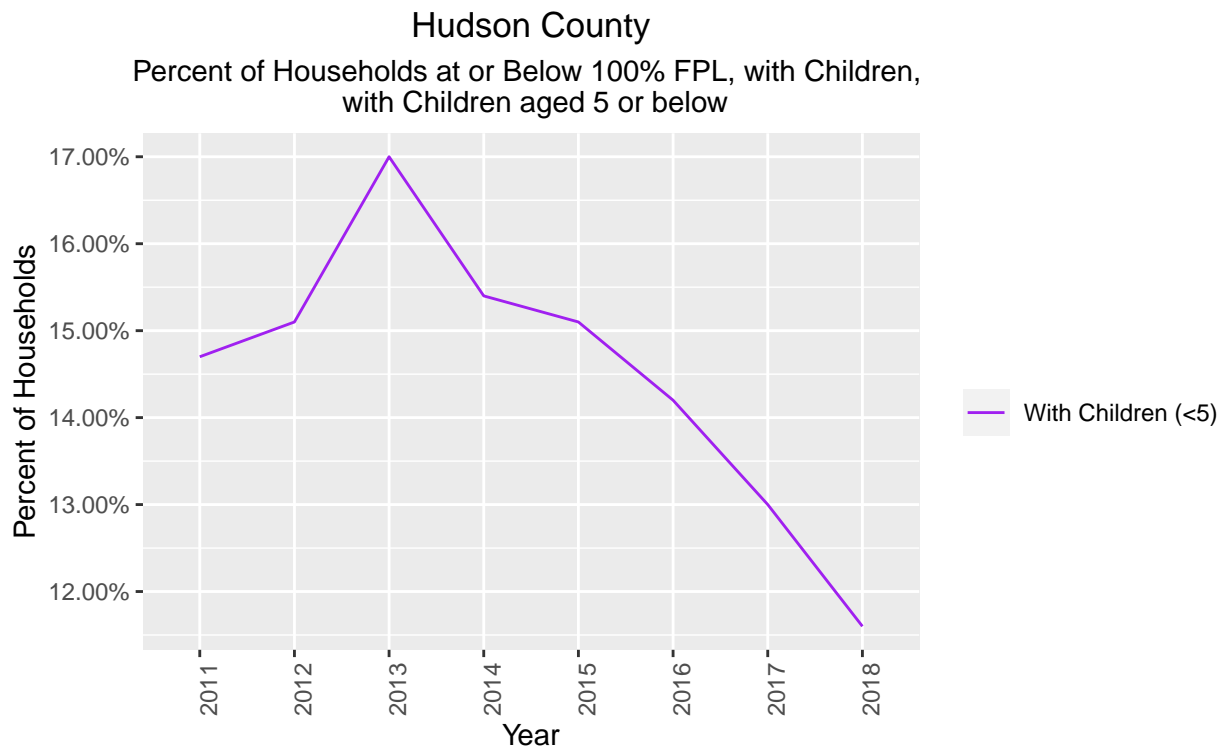
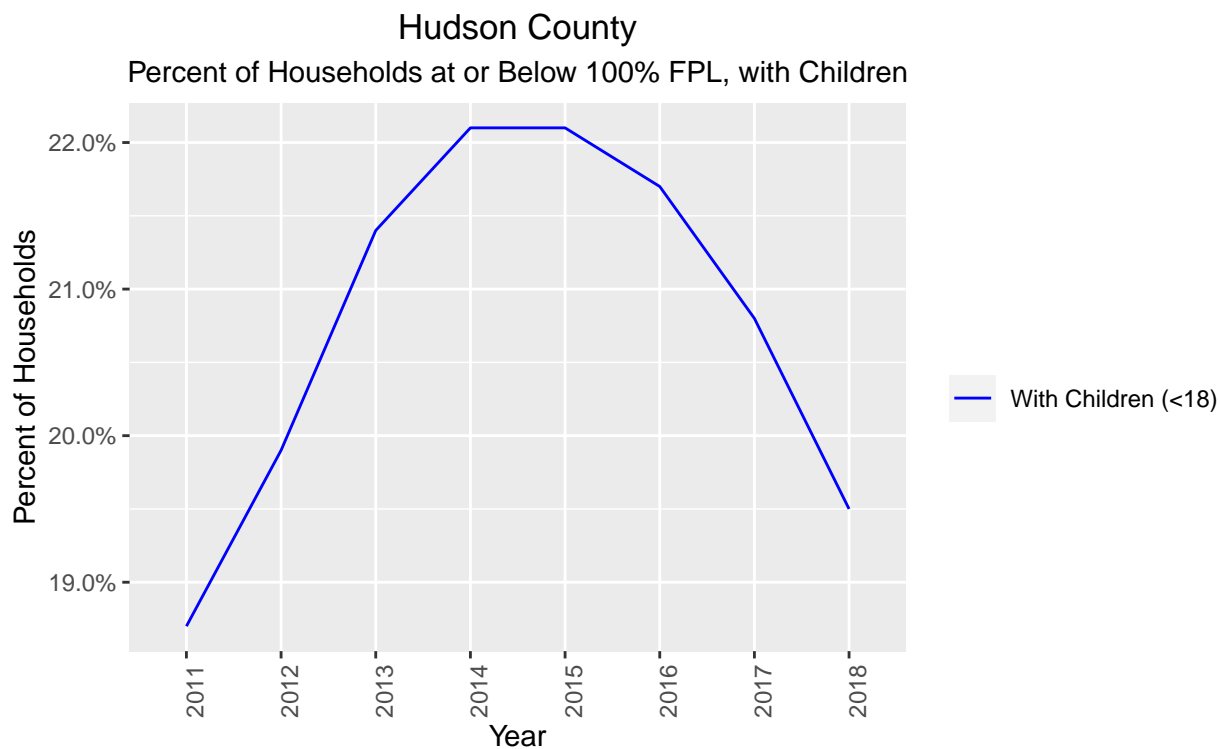


Figure 18: Households Experiencing Poverty and Receiving SNAP Benefits

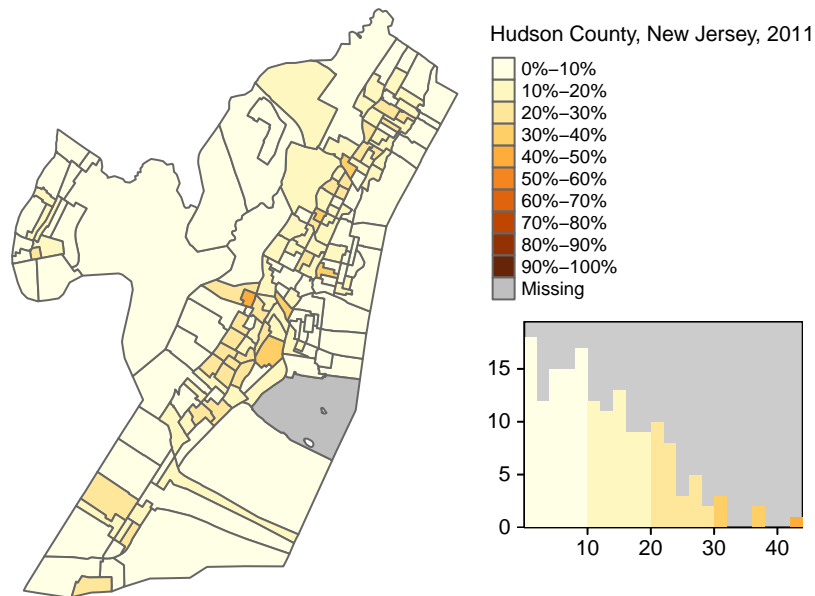
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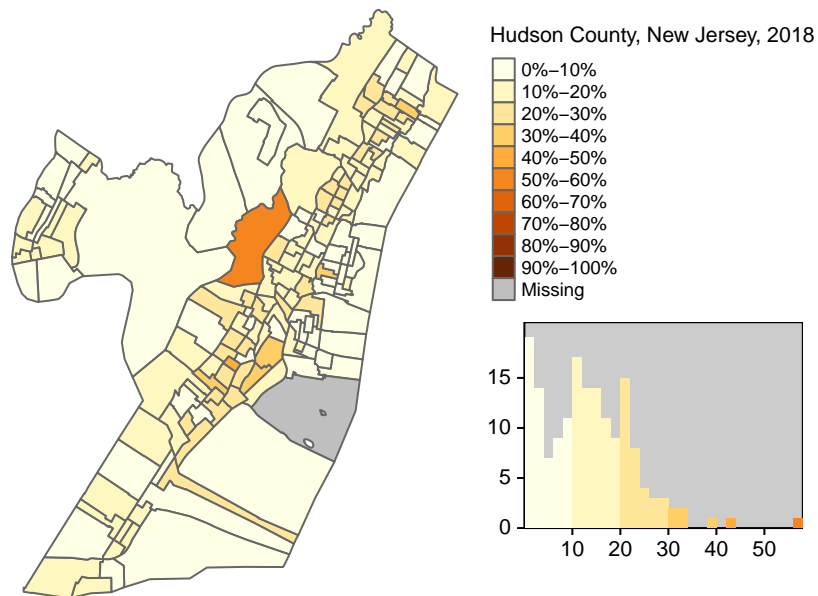
Households at or below 100% FPL

Hudson County households at or below 100% FPL, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Hudson County Households,
at or below 100% FPL,
2011



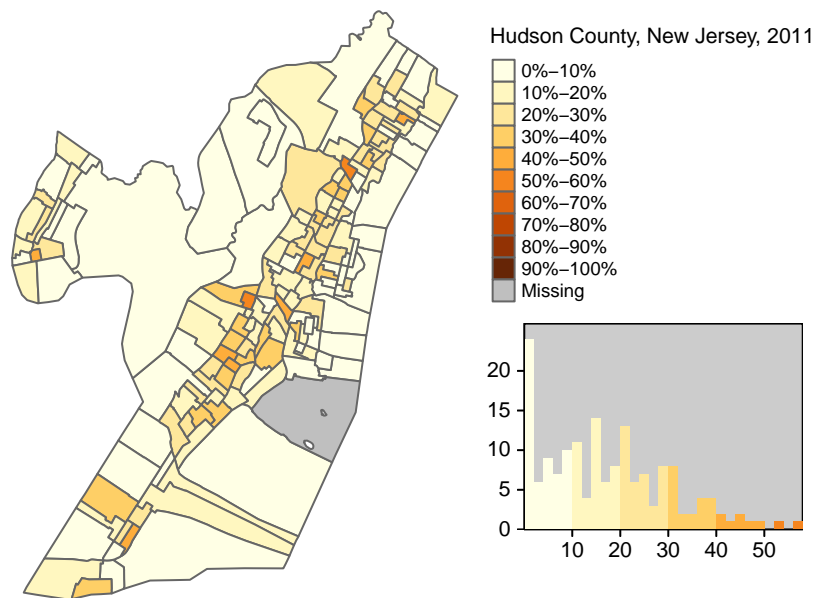
Percentage of Hudson County Households,
at or below 100% FPL,
2018



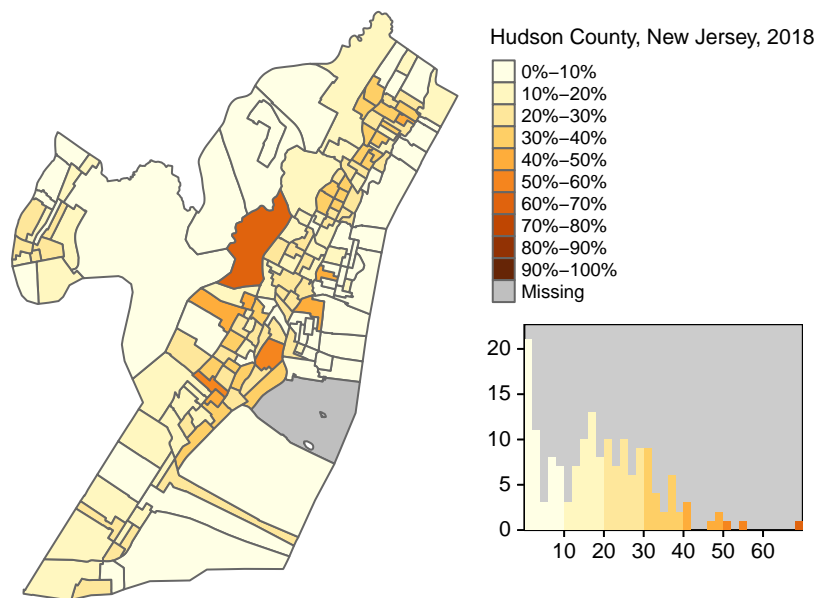
Households with children under 18 at or below 100% FPL

Hudson County households at or below 100% FPL with children aged 18 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Hudson County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 18,
2011



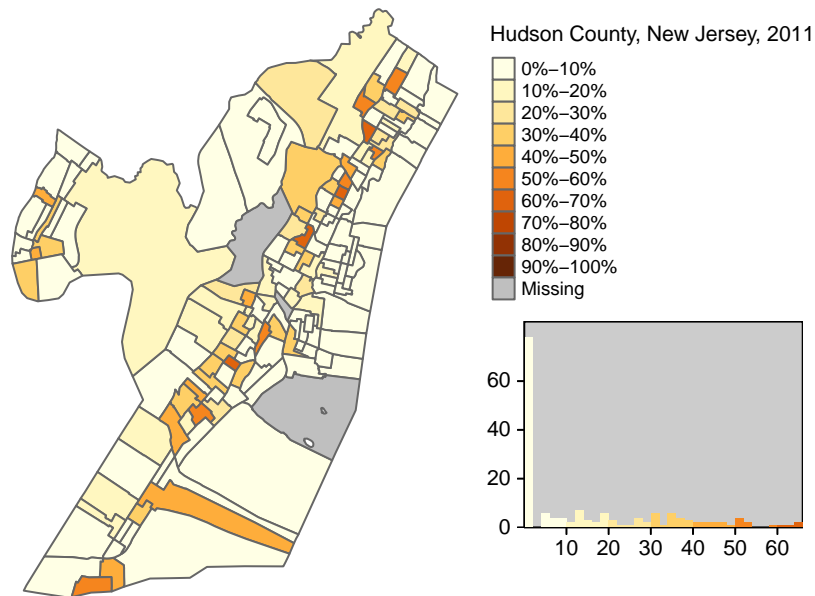
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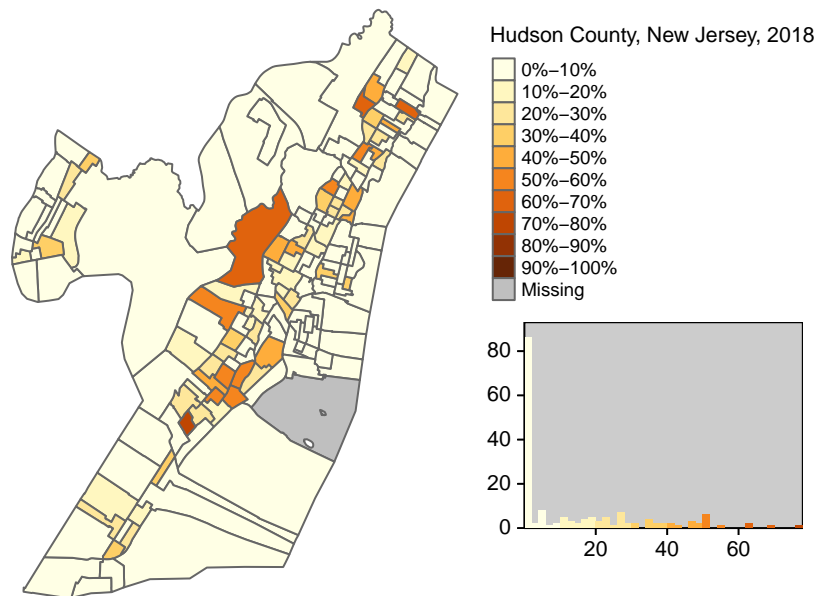
Households with children under 5 at or below 100% FPL

Hudson County households at or below 100% FPL with children, with children aged 5 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Hudson County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 5,
2011



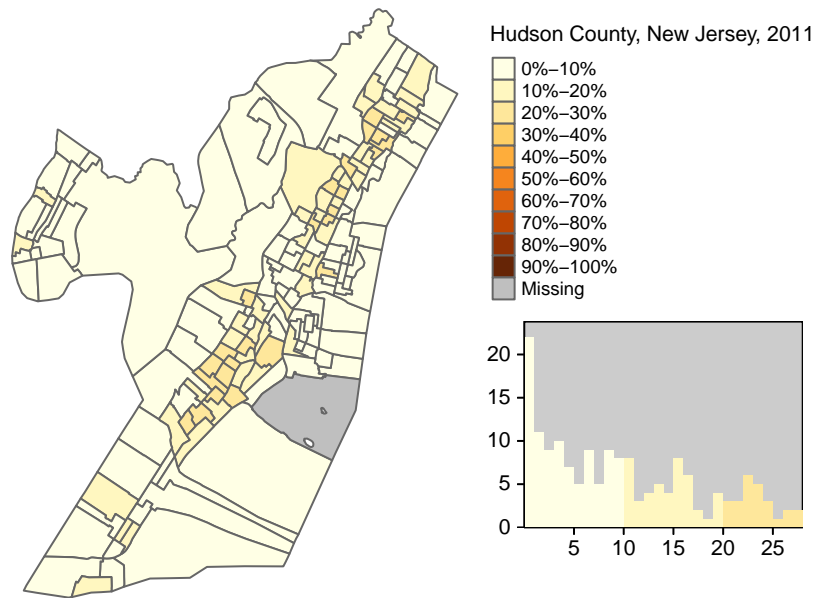
Percentage of Hudson County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 5,
2018



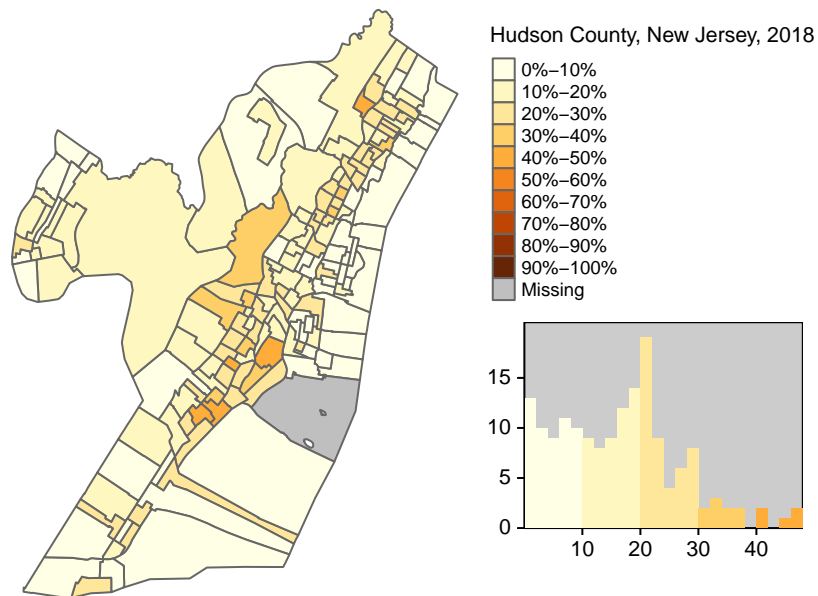
Households Participating in SNAP

Hudson County households participating in SNAP, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Hudson County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2011,



Percentage of Hudson County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2018



Household Food Access

Hudson County household food access, as measured by the USDA, is summarized below. Households and their surrounding environments (i.e., foodscapes) have been monitored by the USDA as a component of the USDA Food Environment Atlas. Household levels of access to different food sources and vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below.

Table 57: Hudson County USDA Summary

Measure	2009-2010	2014-2015	5 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	240,526	249,584	9,058
Households with low access to grocery stores (%)	.3%	.6%	.2%
Households with low income and low access to grocery stores (%)	.0%	.1%	.1%
Households with no car and low access to grocery stores (%)	.0%	.1%	.0%
Children with low access to grocery stores (%)	.1%	.1%	.0%
Grocery Stores (N)	247	269	22
Super-centers and Club Stores (N)	3	6	3
Convenience Stores (N)	154	173	19
Specialized Food Stores (N)	84	89	5
Fast Food Restaurants (N)	469	506	37
Full Service Restaurants (N)	374	518	144
Grocery Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.39	.4	.01
Super-centers and Club Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	0	.01	.01
Convenience Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.24	.26	.02
Specialized Food Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.13	.13	0
Fast Food Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	.75	.76	.01
Full Service Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	.59	.77	.18

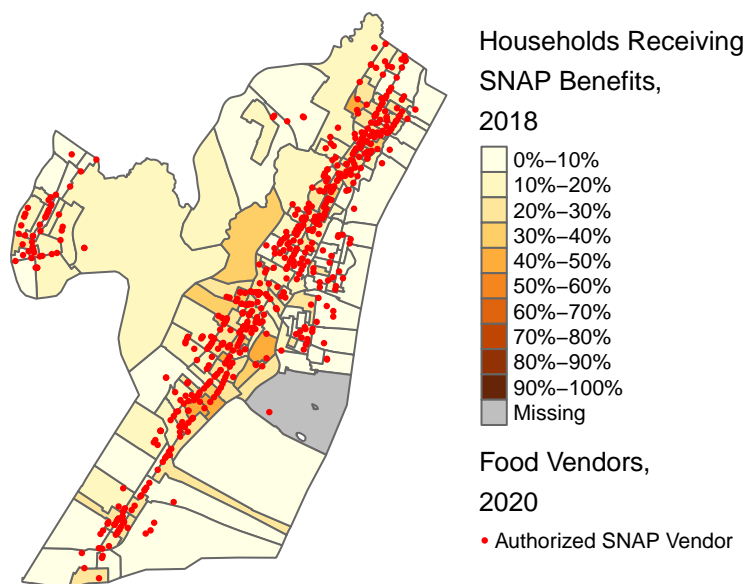
Household Access to SNAP Vendors

Hudson County household access to authorized SNAP or WIC food vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below. A map of SNAP-approved vendors in Hudson County, 584 vendors as of 2020, is additionally mapped below. Geographic data were not available for authorized WIC vendors or Farmers Markets.

Table 58: Hudson County Authorized Vendors

Measure	2008-2012	2012-2016	4 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	240,526	249,584	9,058
SNAP-authorized Stores (N)	735	665	-70
WIC-authorized Stores (N)	67	75	8
SNAP-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	1.13	.98	-0.15
WIC-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.11	.11	0
SNAP-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	2	-
WIC-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	4	-

Households Receiving SNAP Benefits Compared to Registered SNAP Vendors, Hudson County, NJ



Household Food Security

Hudson County household food security, as measured by Feeding America's Mapping the Meal Gap, is summarized below. Households have been monitored by Feeding America as a component of their Mapping the Meal Gap program. Household levels of food security are tabulated below. Please note that, due to methodology changes, the data presented below should be treated as two different "snapshots" of food security status, and may not be representative of local-level trends.

Table 59: Hudson County Food Insecurity

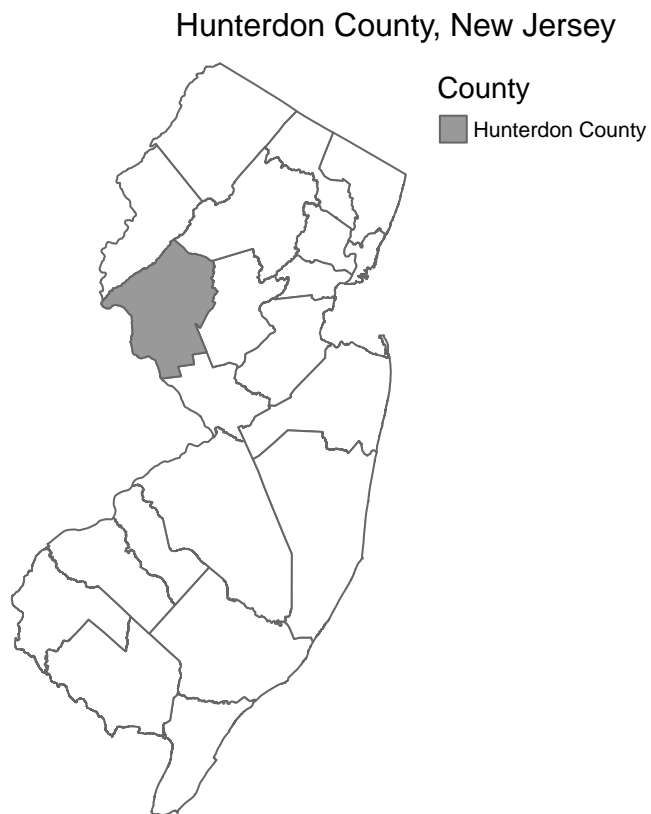
Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Food Insecure Households (N)	106,110	72,950	-33,160
Food Insecure Households (%)	16.9%	10.9%	-6.0%
Food Insecure Children (N)	31,510	17,060	-14,450
Food Insecure Children (%)	24.0%	12.0%	-12.0%
Average Cost per Meal (\$)	\$2.82	\$3.26	\$0.44
Annual Food Budget Shortfall (\$)	\$48,782,740.00	\$40,238,000.00	\$-8,544,740.00

Hunterdon County

Overview

Table 60: Hunterdon County Overview

Measure	Current Estimate
Total Households	47,180
Household Density (per Square Mile)	107.88
Food Insecure Households	6,590
Food Insecure Children	3,520
Student Enrollment	18,608
Student NSLP Participation	1,803



Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Hunterdon County student participation rates in the National School Lunch Program are summarized below. Participation rates over the prior 20 years have been tabulated, and the percentage of students each year receiving free lunch, reduced price lunch, and the total percentage of students receiving either free or reduced price lunch is graphed below.

Table 61: Hunterdon County School Lunch Summary

Measure	2000	2019	20 Year Change
Student Enrollment	21,333.5	18,608.5	-2,725
Students Receiving Free Lunch (N)	501	1,411	910
Students Receiving Free Lunch (%)	2.3%	7.6%	5.2%
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (N)	281	392	111
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (%)	1.3%	2.1%	.8%

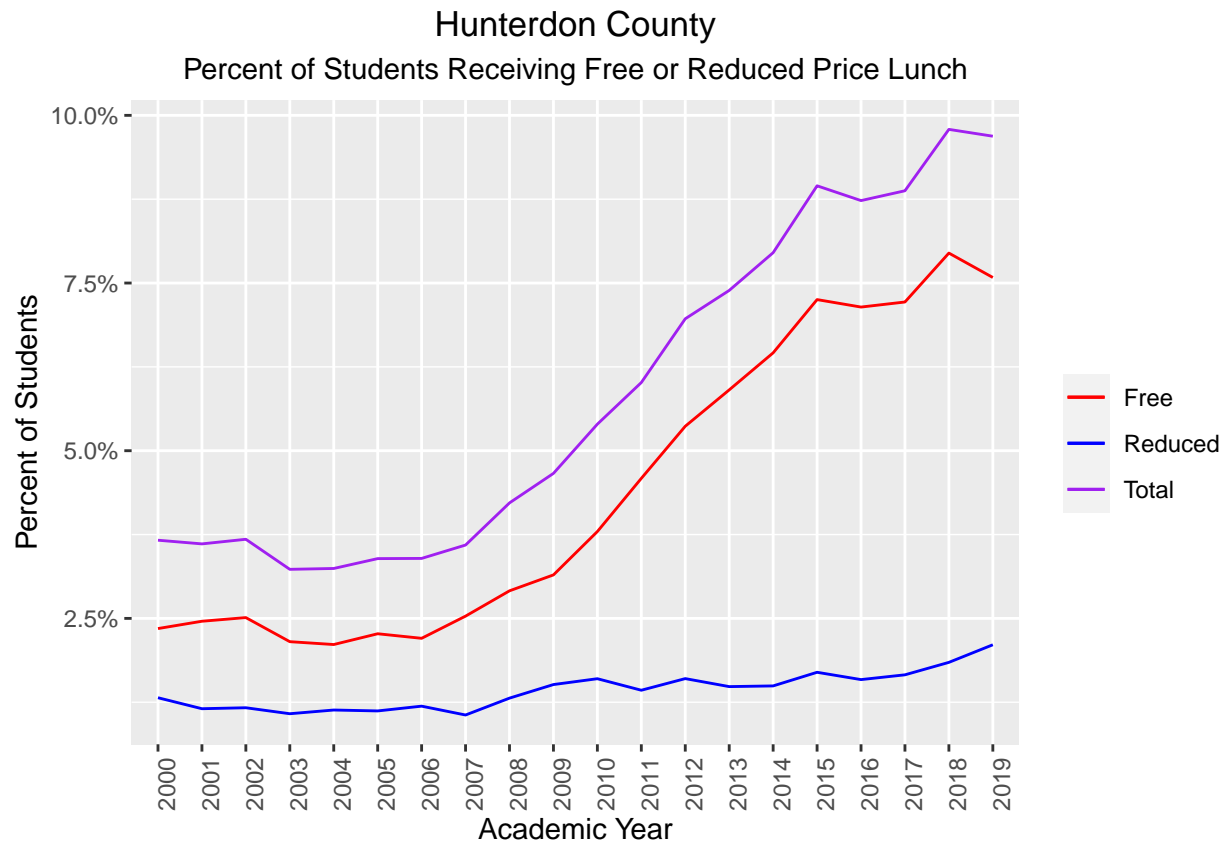


Figure 19: Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Households Participating in Social Support Services

Hunterdon County household participation rates in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and households at or below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) are summarized below. Household rates over the prior 8 years have been tabulated, and the percentages of households participating in SNAP and households at or below the FPL is graphed below. For households experiencing poverty, the proportion of households with children under age 18, and children under age 5 are graphed on the following page. Please note, estimate level data (N) is suppressed by the US Census.

Table 62: Hunterdon County Summary of Household Poverty

Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	47,455	47,180	-275
Households receiving SNAP benefits (%)	1.9%	3.4%	1.5%
Households at or below 100% FPL (%)	2.3%	3.3%	1.0%
Households with children under 18, at or below 100% FPL (%)	3.8%	4.8%	1.0%
Households with children under 5, at or below 100% FPL (%)	2.0%	6.6%	4.6%

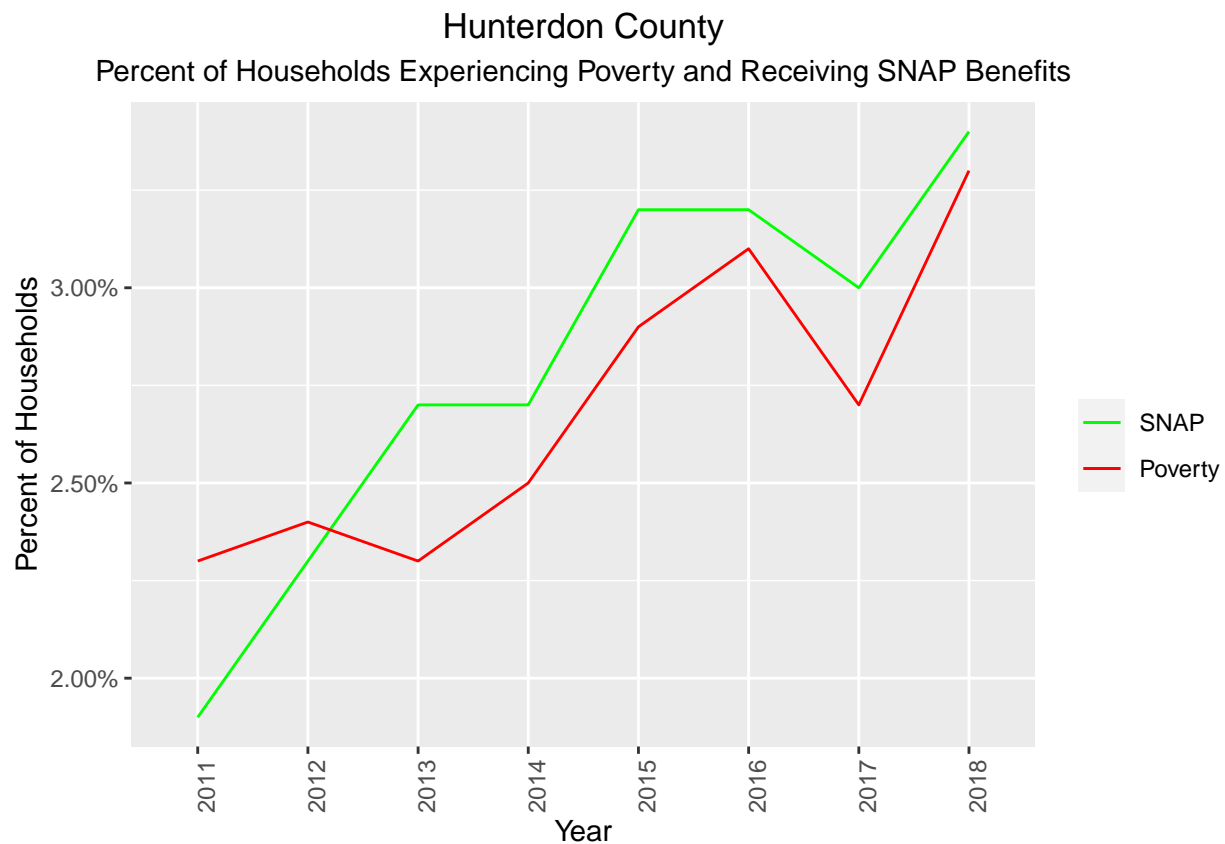
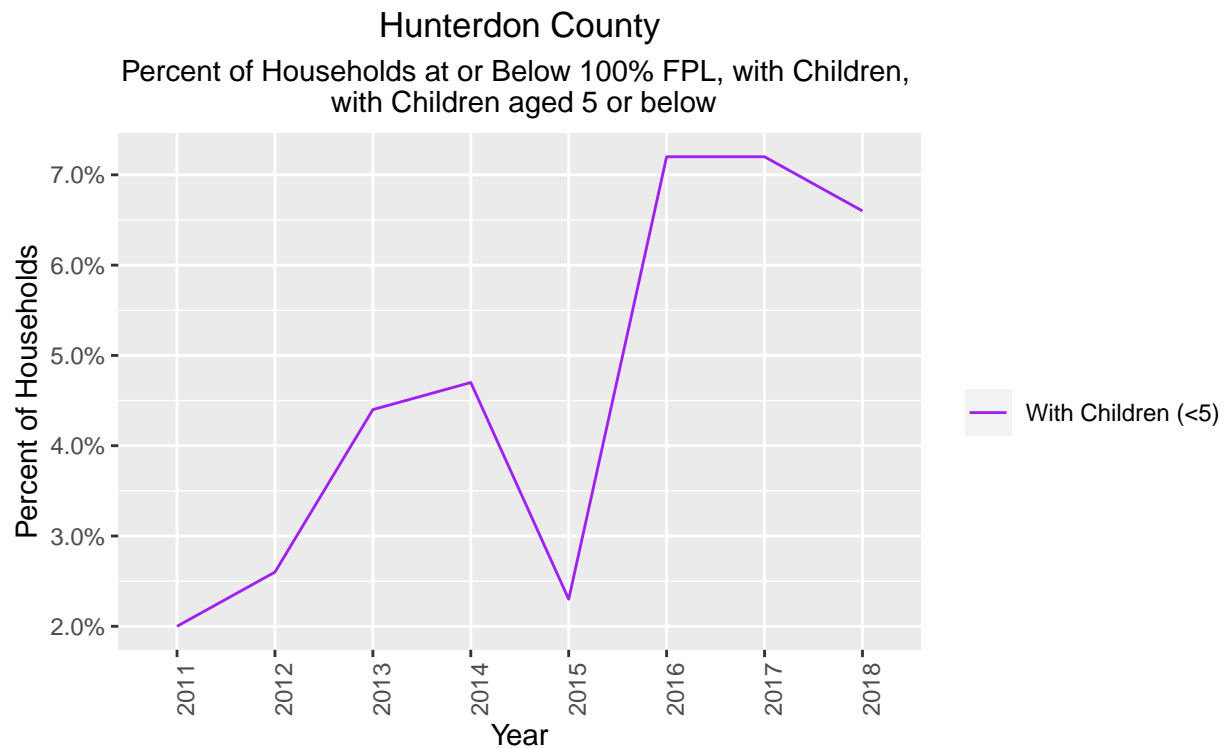
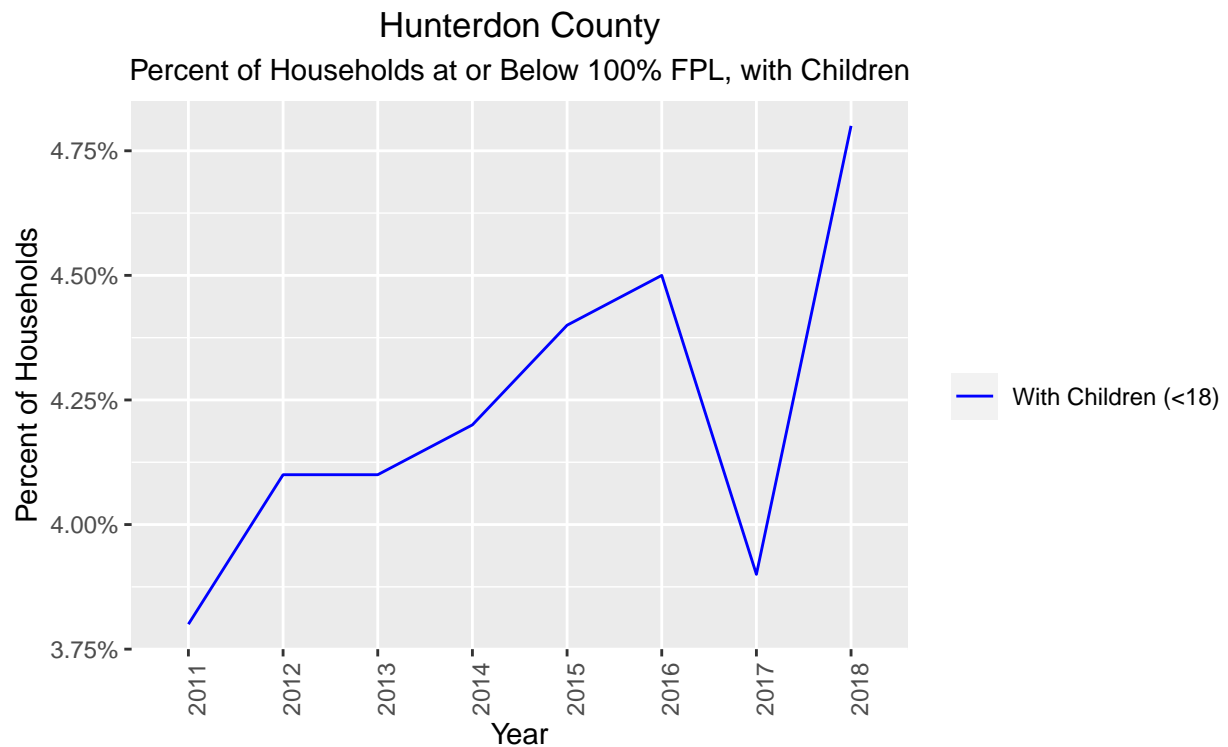


Figure 20: Households Experiencing Poverty and Receiving SNAP Benefits

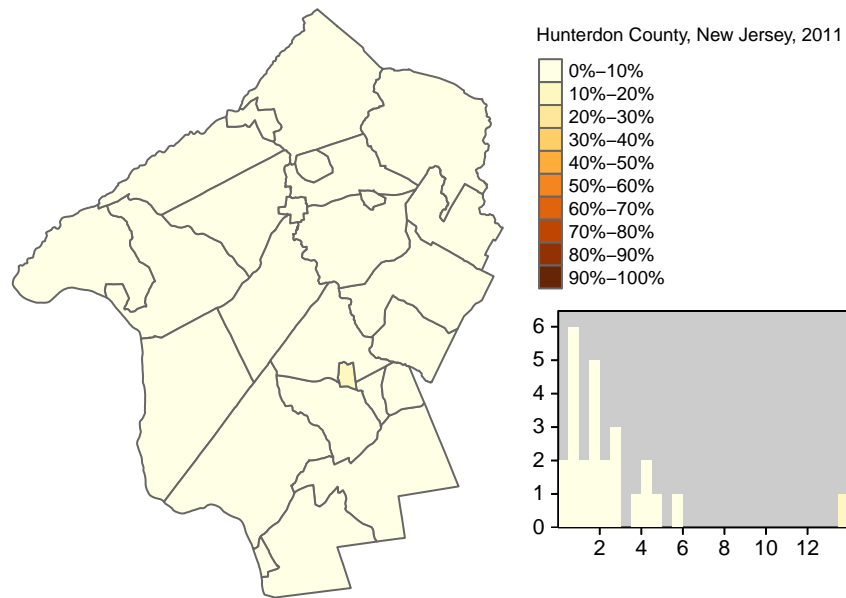
For households in Hunterdon County experiencing poverty, the proportion of households experiencing poverty with children is graphed below. The proportion of households experiencing poverty with children, whose children are aged 5 or below, are graphed after.



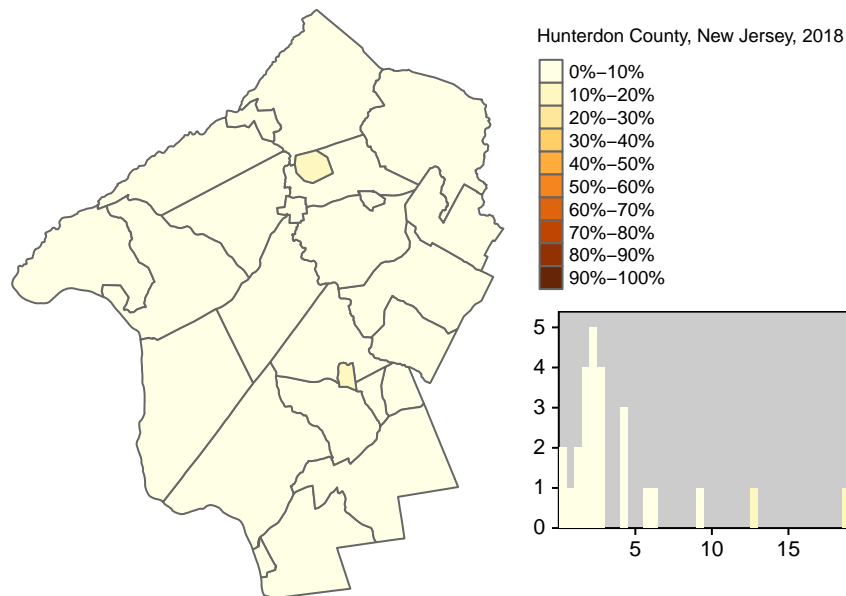
Households at or below 100% FPL

Hunterdon County households at or below 100% FPL, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Hunterdon County Households,
at or below 100% FPL,
2011



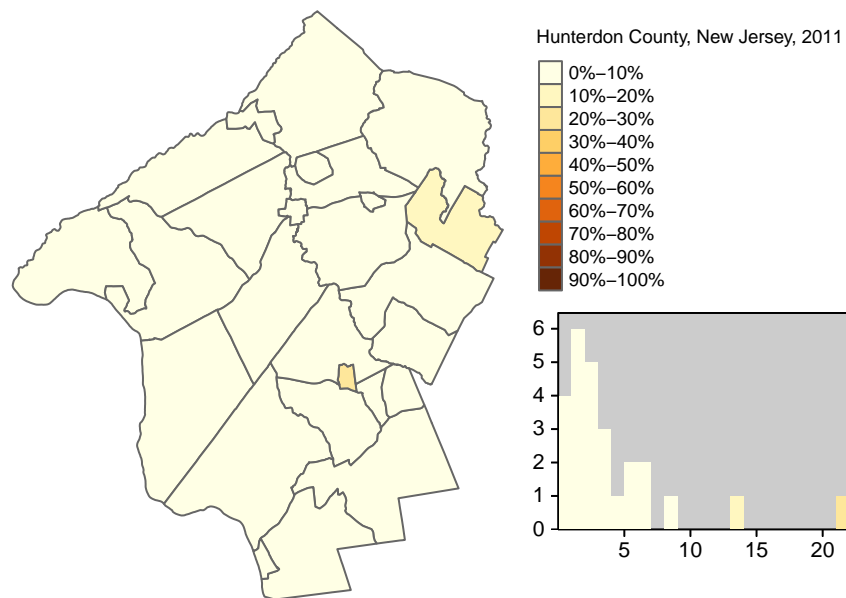
Percentage of Hunterdon County Households,
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2018



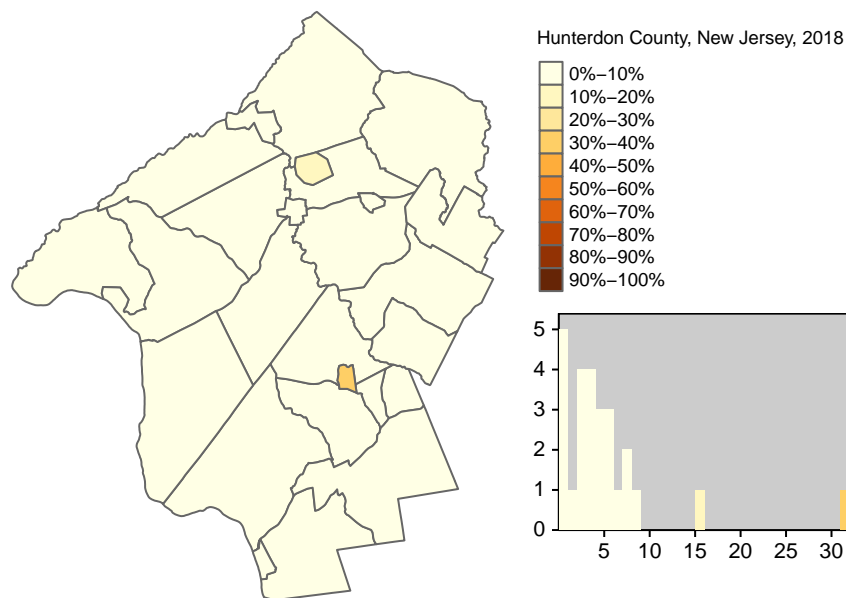
Households with children under 18 at or below 100% FPL

Hunterdon County households at or below 100% FPL with children aged 18 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Hunterdon County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 18,
2011



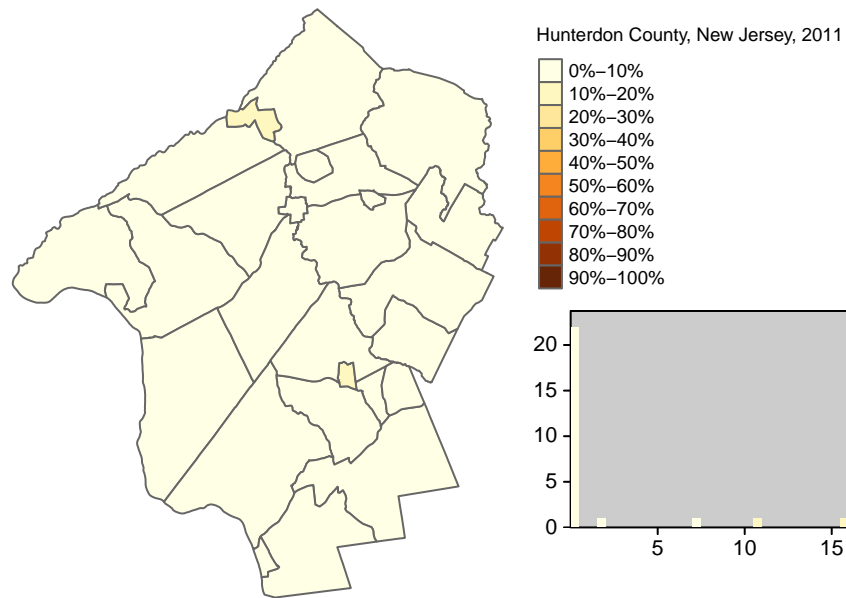
Percentage of Hunterdon County Households,
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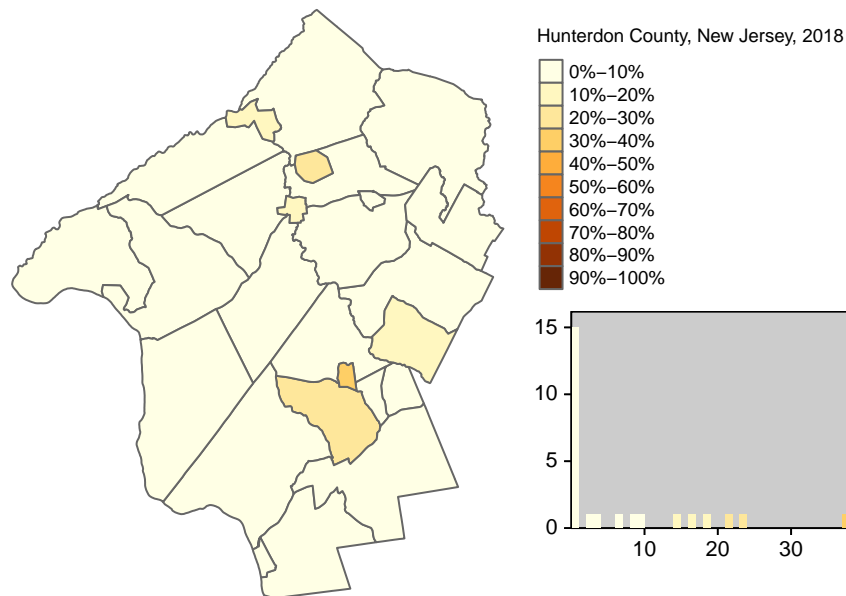
Households with children under 5 at or below 100% FPL

Hunterdon County households at or below 100% FPL with children, with children aged 5 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Hunterdon County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 5,
2011



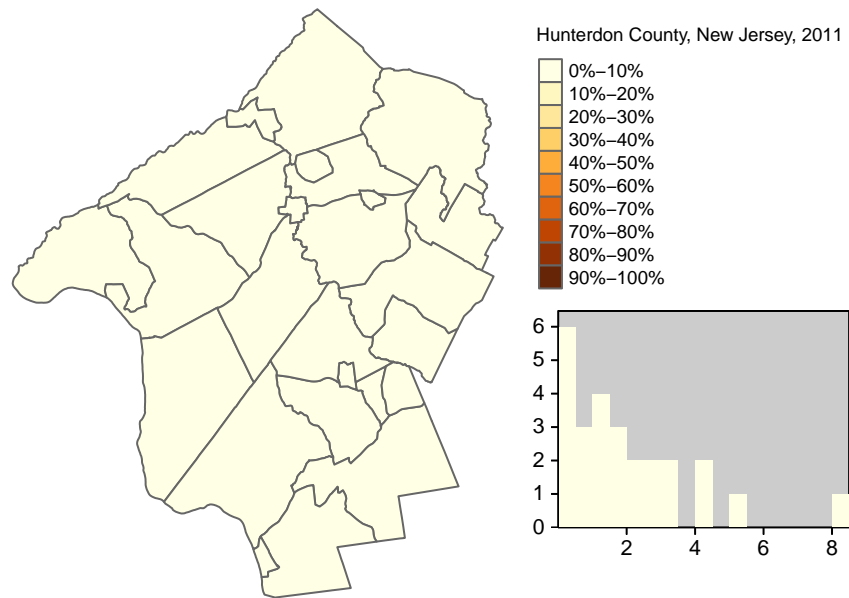
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2018



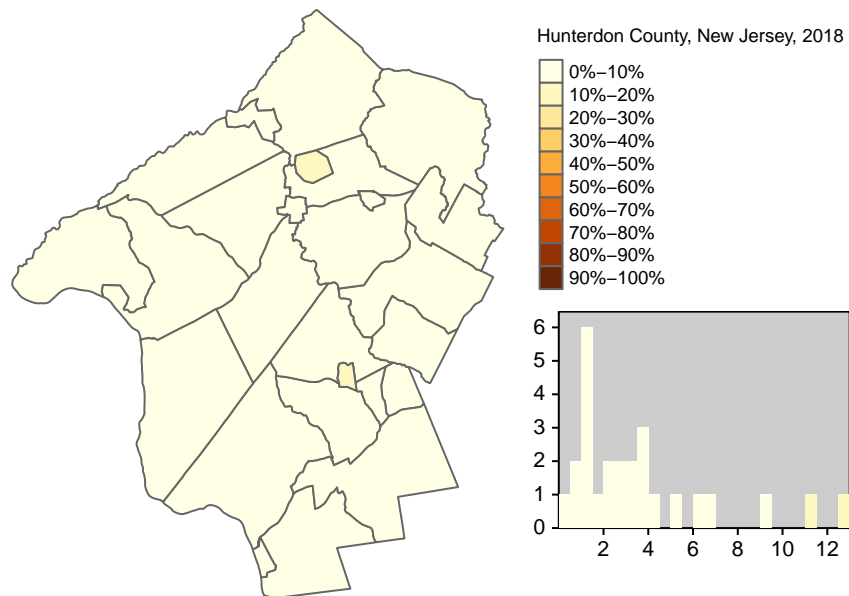
Households Participating in SNAP

Hunterdon County households participating in SNAP, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Hunterdon County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2011,



Percentage of Hunterdon County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2018



Household Food Access

Hunterdon County household food access, as measured by the USDA, is summarized below. Households and their surrounding environments (i.e., foodscapes) have been monitored by the USDA as a component of the USDA Food Environment Atlas. Household levels of access to different food sources and vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below.

Table 63: Hunterdon County USDA Summary

Measure	2009-2010	2014-2015	5 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	47,455	46,899	-556
Households with low access to grocery stores (%)	22.0%	20.6%	-1.4%
Households with low income and low access to grocery stores (%)	2.1%	2.1%	-.0%
Households with no car and low access to grocery stores (%)	1.9%	1.8%	-.1%
Children with low access to grocery stores (%)	5.7%	5.4%	-.3%
Grocery Stores (N)	22	26	4
Super-centers and Club Stores (N)	2	2	0
Convenience Stores (N)	31	24	-7
Specialized Food Stores (N)	21	16	-5
Fast Food Restaurants (N)	89	99	10
Full Service Restaurants (N)	111	139	28
Grocery Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.17	.21	.04
Super-centers and Club Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.02	.02	0
Convenience Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.24	.19	-0.05
Specialized Food Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.16	.13	-0.03
Fast Food Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	.69	.79	.1
Full Service Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	.86	1.1	.24

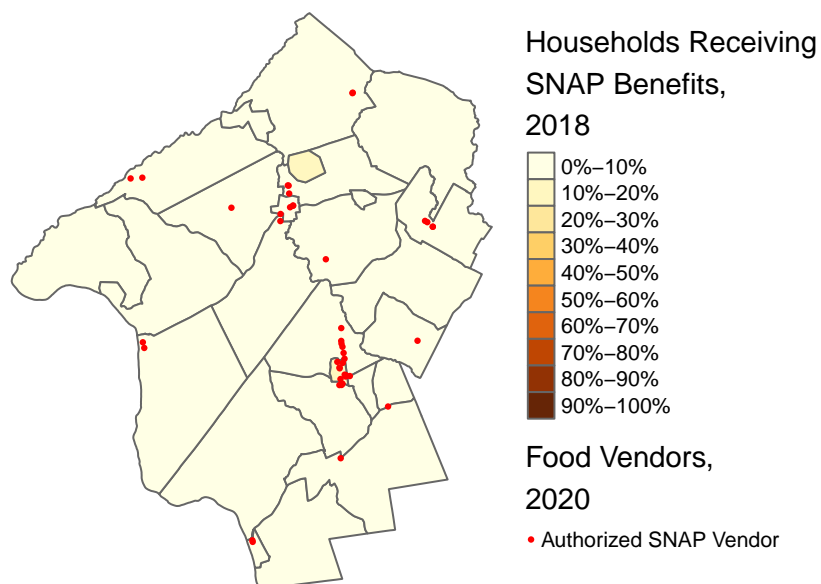
Household Access to SNAP Vendors

Hunterdon County household access to authorized SNAP or WIC food vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below. A map of SNAP-approved vendors in Hunterdon County, 46 vendors as of 2020, is additionally mapped below. Geographic data were not available for authorized WIC vendors or Farmers Markets.

Table 64: Hunterdon County Authorized Vendors

Measure	2008-2012	2012-2016	4 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	47,455	46,899	-556
SNAP-authorized Stores (N)	35	36	1
WIC-authorized Stores (N)	5	7	2
SNAP-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.28	.29	.01
WIC-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.04	.06	.02
SNAP-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	0	-
WIC-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	1	-

Households Receiving SNAP Benefits Compared to Registered SNAP Vendors, Hunterdon County, NJ



Household Food Security

Hunterdon County household food security, as measured by Feeding America's Mapping the Meal Gap, is summarized below. Households have been monitored by Feeding America as a component of their Mapping the Meal Gap program. Household levels of food security are tabulated below. Please note that, due to methodology changes, the data presented below should be treated as two different "snapshots" of food security status, and may not be representative of local-level trends.

Table 65: Hunterdon County Food Insecurity

Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Food Insecure Households (N)	8,520	6,590	-1,930
Food Insecure Households (%)	6.6%	5.3%	-1.3%
Food Insecure Children (N)	3,520	1,730	-1,790
Food Insecure Children (%)	12.0%	7.0%	-5.0%
Average Cost per Meal (\$)	\$3.45	\$3.40	\$-.05
Annual Food Budget Shortfall (\$)	\$4,792,030.00	\$3,792,000.00	\$-1,000,030.00

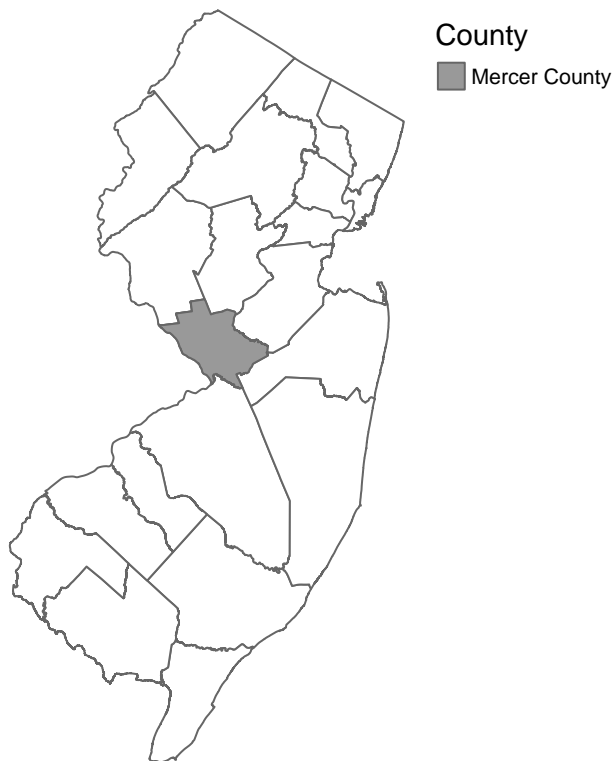
Mercer County

Overview

Table 66: Mercer County Overview

Measure	Current Estimate
Total Households	129,873
Household Density (per Square Mile)	567.63
Food Insecure Households	32,690
Food Insecure Children	12,110
Student Enrollment	56,826
Student NSLP Participation	20,289.5

Mercer County, New Jersey



Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Mercer County student participation rates in the National School Lunch Program are summarized below. Participation rates over the prior 20 years have been tabulated, and the percentage of students each year receiving free lunch, reduced price lunch, and the total percentage of students receiving either free or reduced price lunch is graphed below.

Table 67: Mercer County School Lunch Summary

Measure	2000	2019	20 Year Change
Student Enrollment	53,544.5	56,826	3,281.5
Students Receiving Free Lunch (N)	10,492	17,747	7,255
Students Receiving Free Lunch (%)	19.6%	31.2%	11.6%
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (N)	2,754	2,542.5	-211.5
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (%)	5.1%	4.5%	-.7%

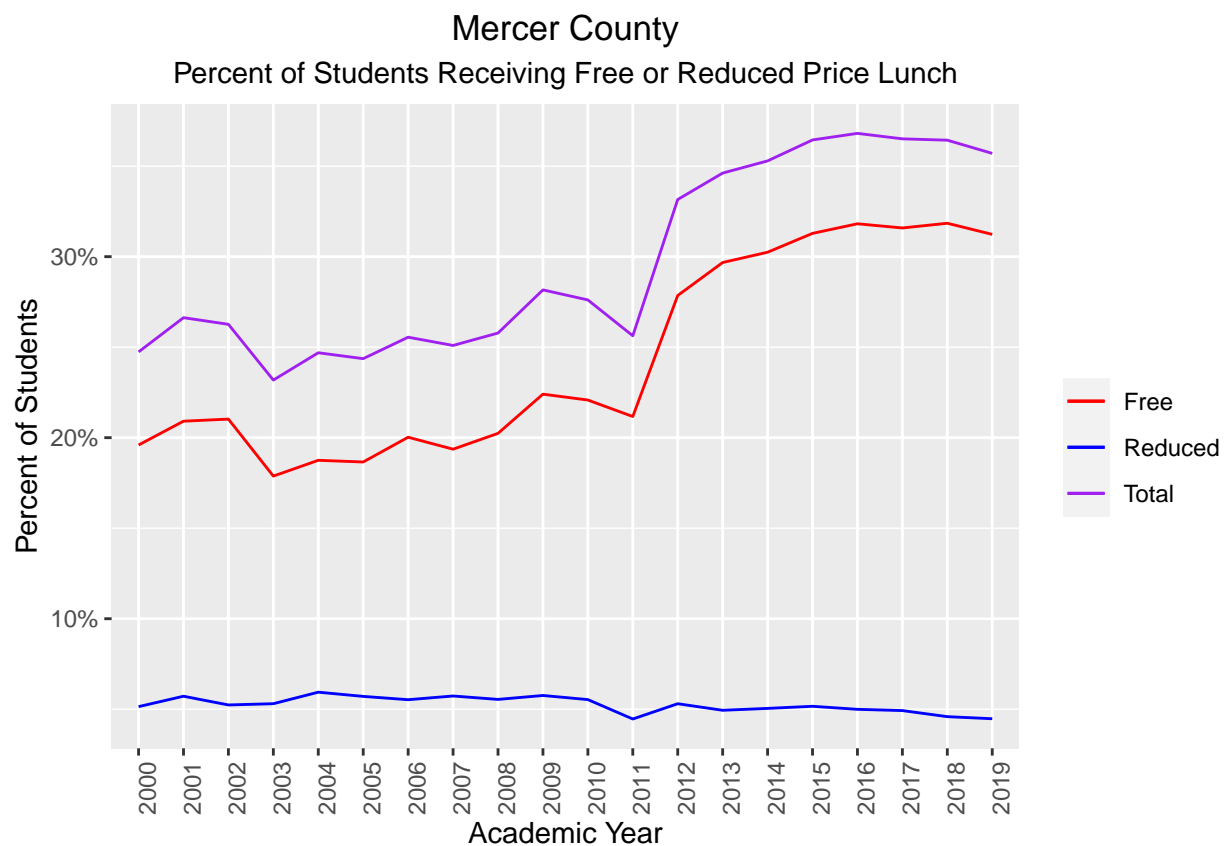


Figure 21: Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Households Participating in Social Support Services

Mercer County household participation rates in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and households at or below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) are summarized below. Household rates over the prior 8 years have been tabulated, and the percentages of households participating in SNAP and households at or below the FPL is graphed below. For households experiencing poverty, the proportion of households with children under age 18, and children under age 5 are graphed on the following page. Please note, estimate level data (N) is suppressed by the US Census.

Table 68: Mercer County Summary of Household Poverty

Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	129,933	129,873	-60
Households receiving SNAP benefits (%)	5.9%	8.6%	2.7%
Households at or below 100% FPL (%)	7.6%	8.0%	.4%
Households with children under 18, at or below 100% FPL (%)	12.4%	12.1%	-.3%
Households with children under 5, at or below 100% FPL (%)	12.3%	13.2%	.9%

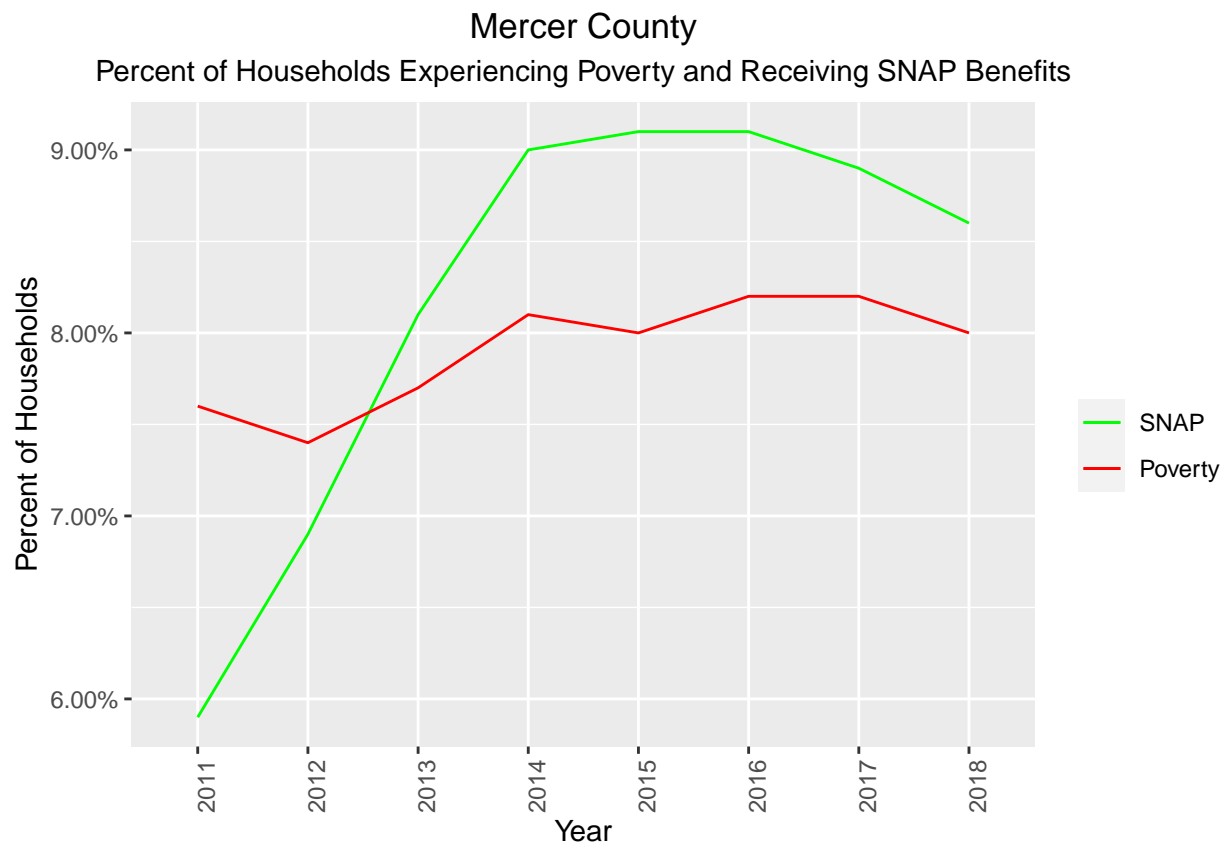
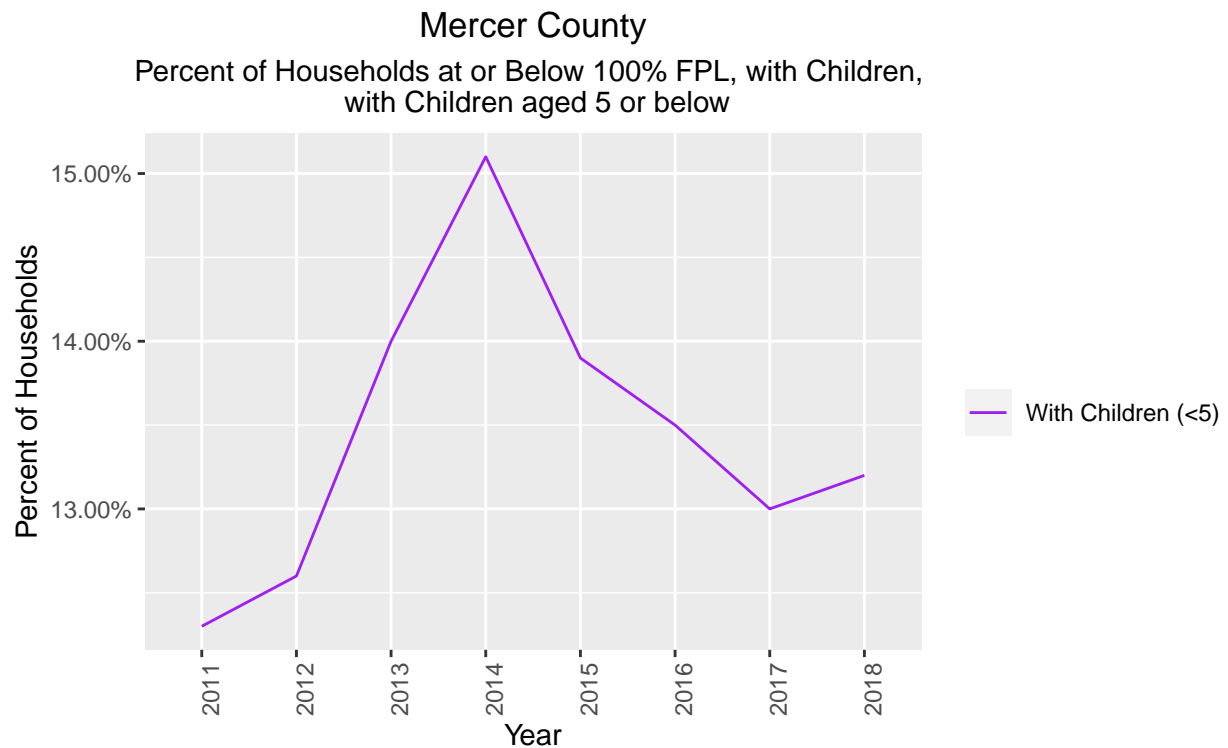
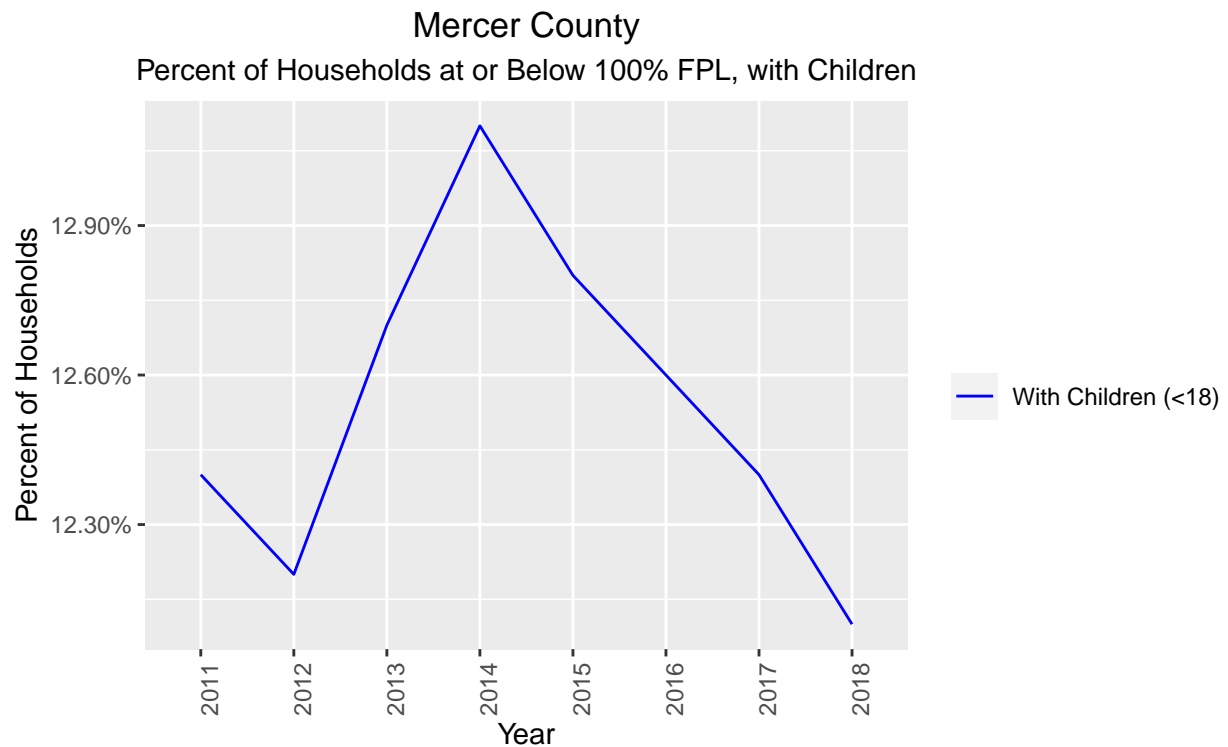


Figure 22: Households Experiencing Poverty and Receiving SNAP Benefits

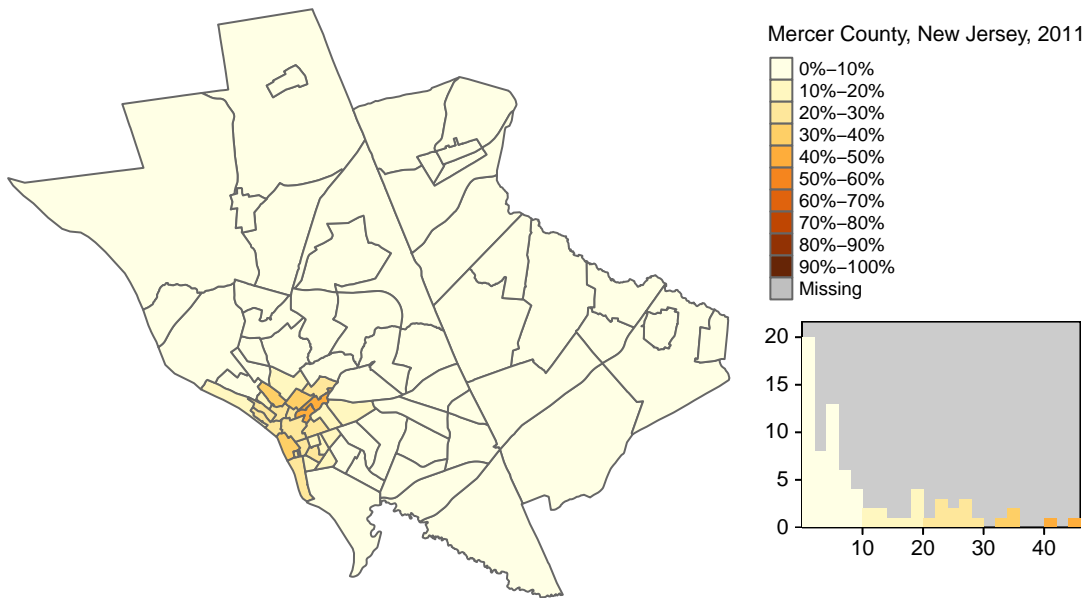
For households in Mercer County experiencing poverty, the proportion of households experiencing poverty with children is graphed below. The proportion of households experiencing poverty with children, whose children are aged 5 or below, are graphed after.



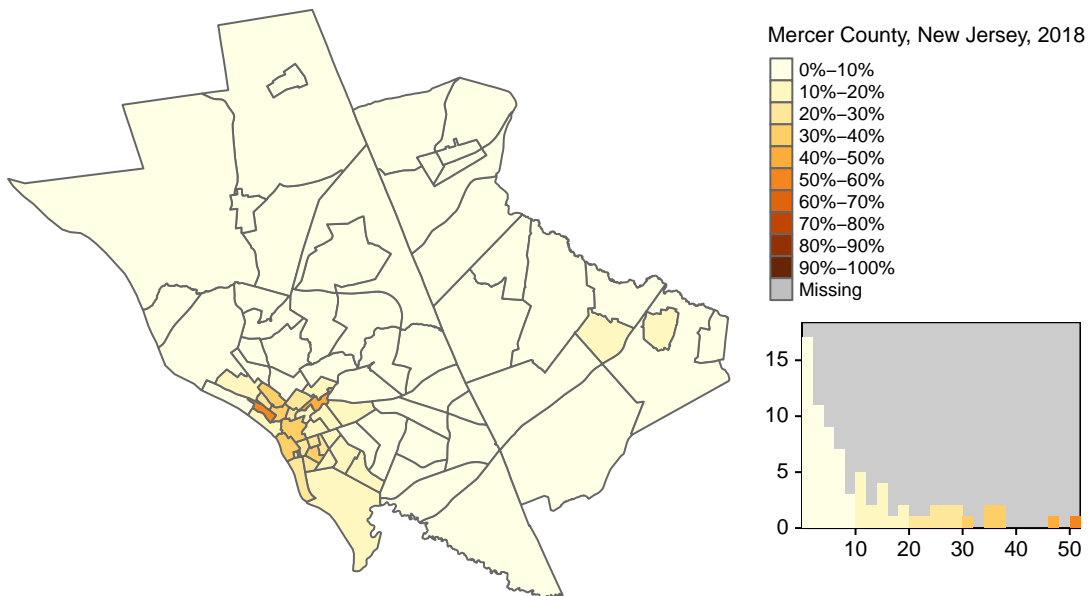
Households at or below 100% FPL

Mercer County households at or below 100% FPL, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Mercer County Households,
at or below 100% FPL,
2011



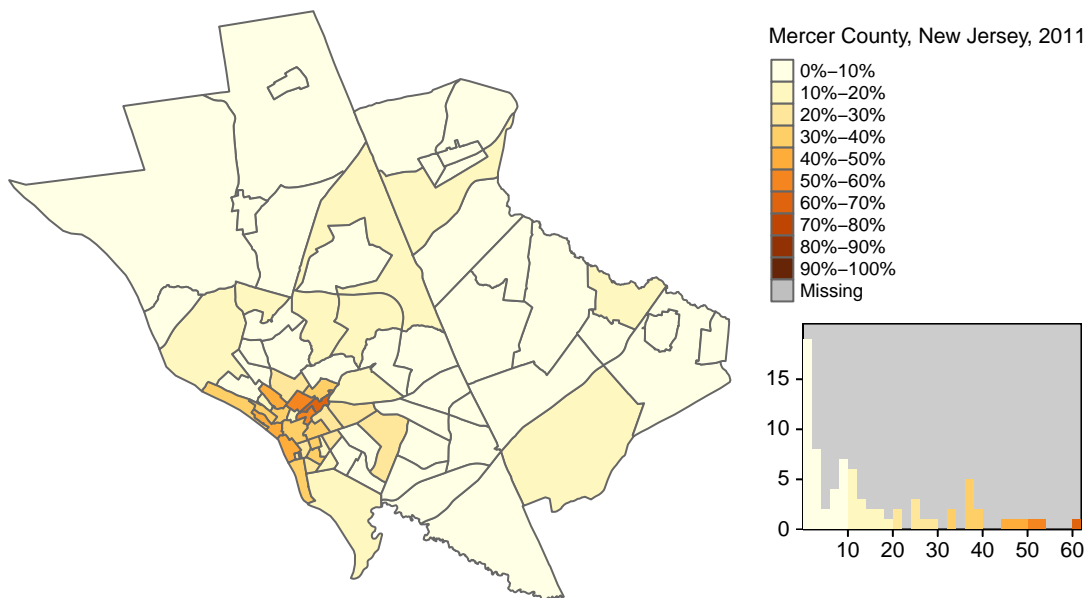
Percentage of Mercer County Households,
at or below 100% FPL,
2018



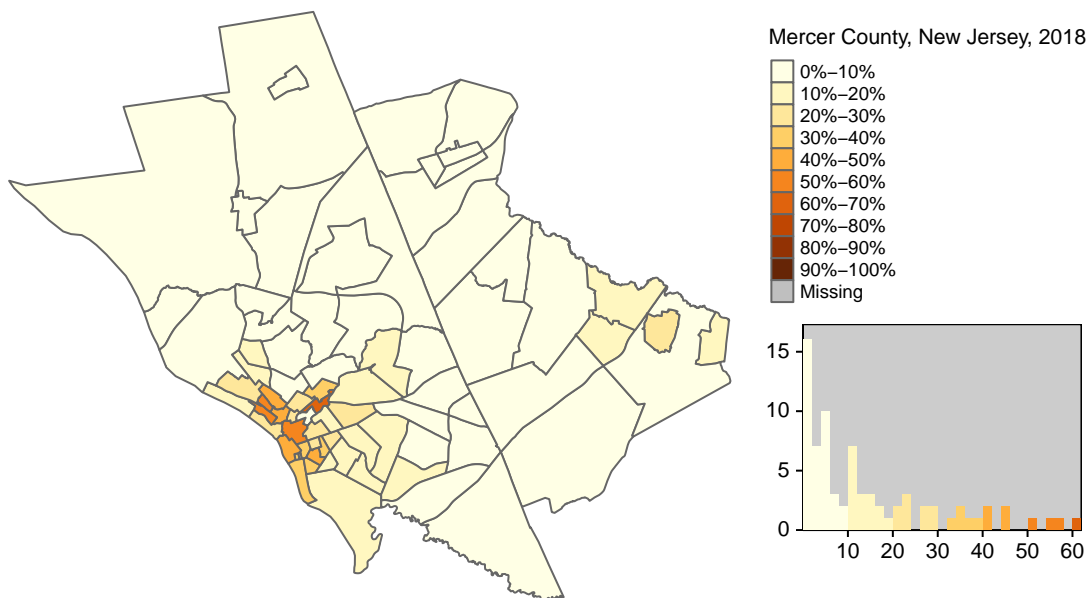
Households with children under 18 at or below 100% FPL

Mercer County households at or below 100% FPL with children aged 18 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Mercer County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 18,
2011



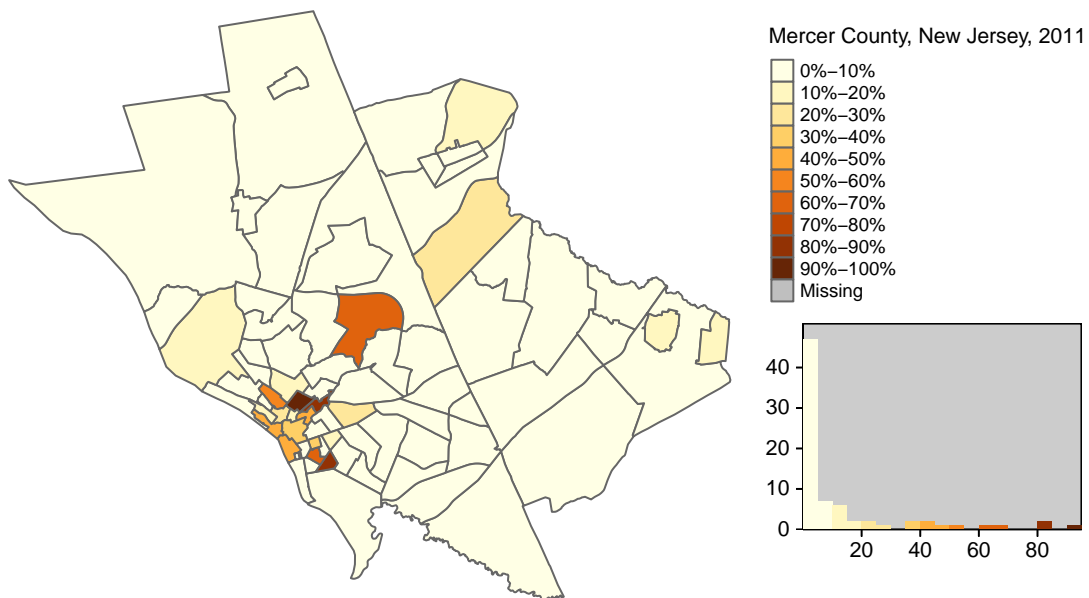
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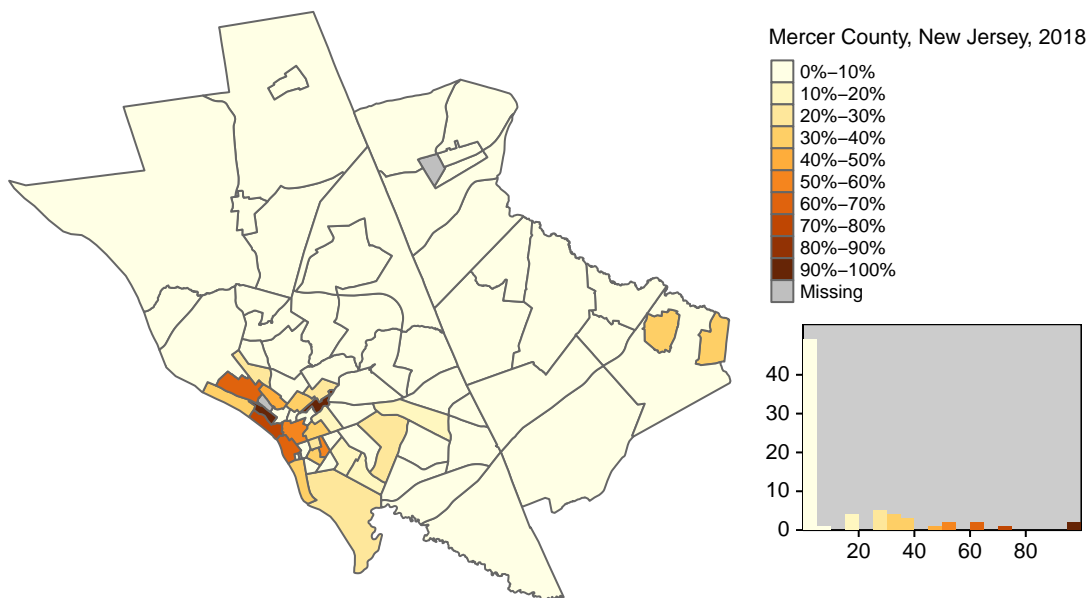
Households with children under 5 at or below 100% FPL

Mercer County households at or below 100% FPL with children, with children aged 5 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Mercer County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 5,
2011



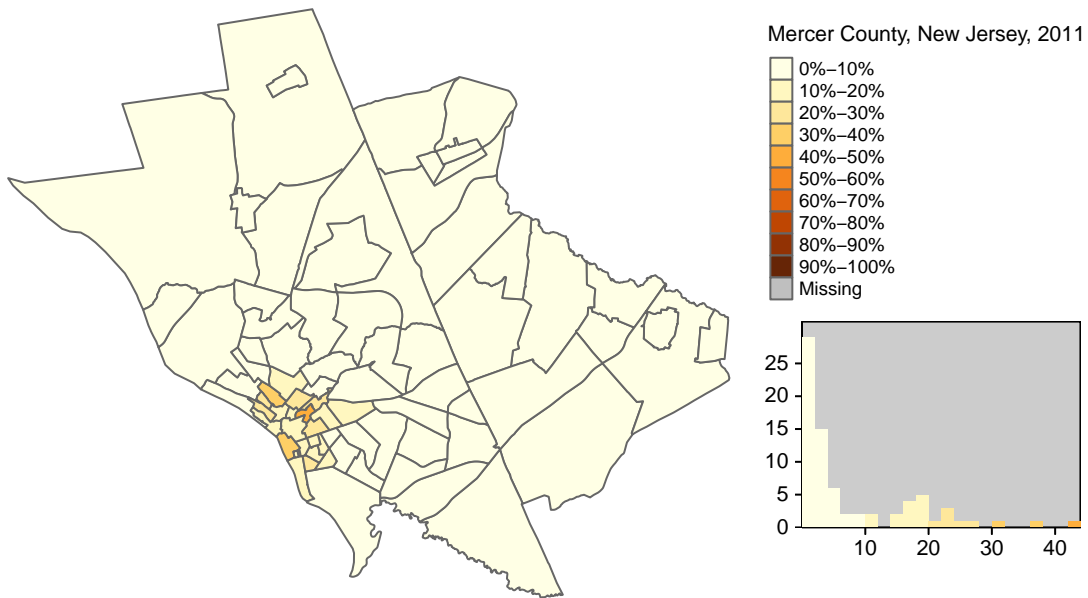
Percentage of Mercer County Households,
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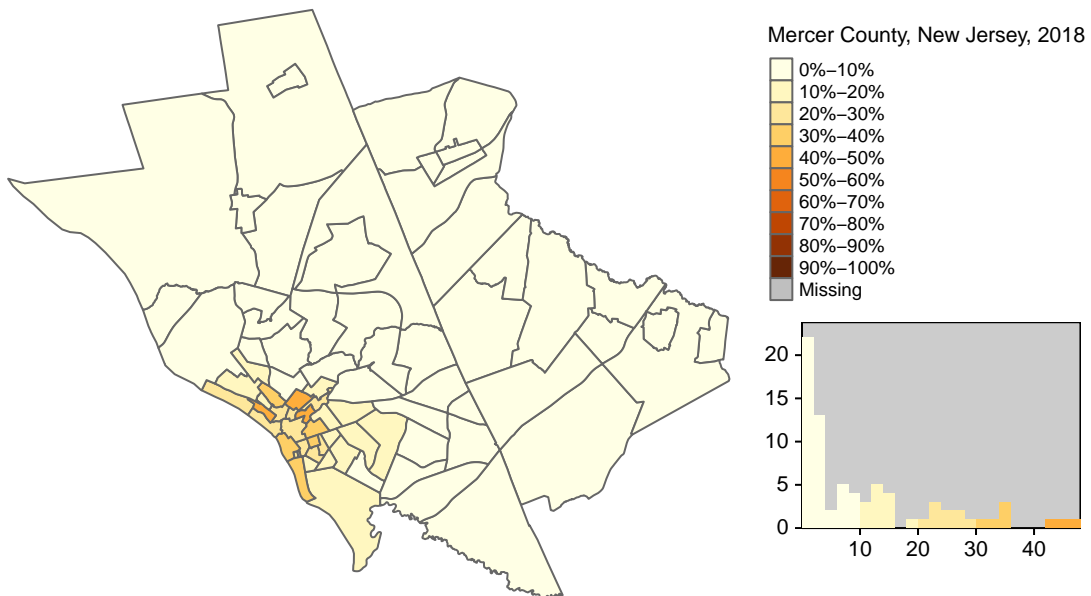
Households Participating in SNAP

Mercer County households participating in SNAP, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Mercer County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2011,



Percentage of Mercer County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2018



Household Food Access

Mercer County household food access, as measured by the USDA, is summarized below. Households and their surrounding environments (i.e., foodscapes) have been monitored by the USDA as a component of the USDA Food Environment Atlas. Household levels of access to different food sources and vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below.

Table 69: Mercer County USDA Summary

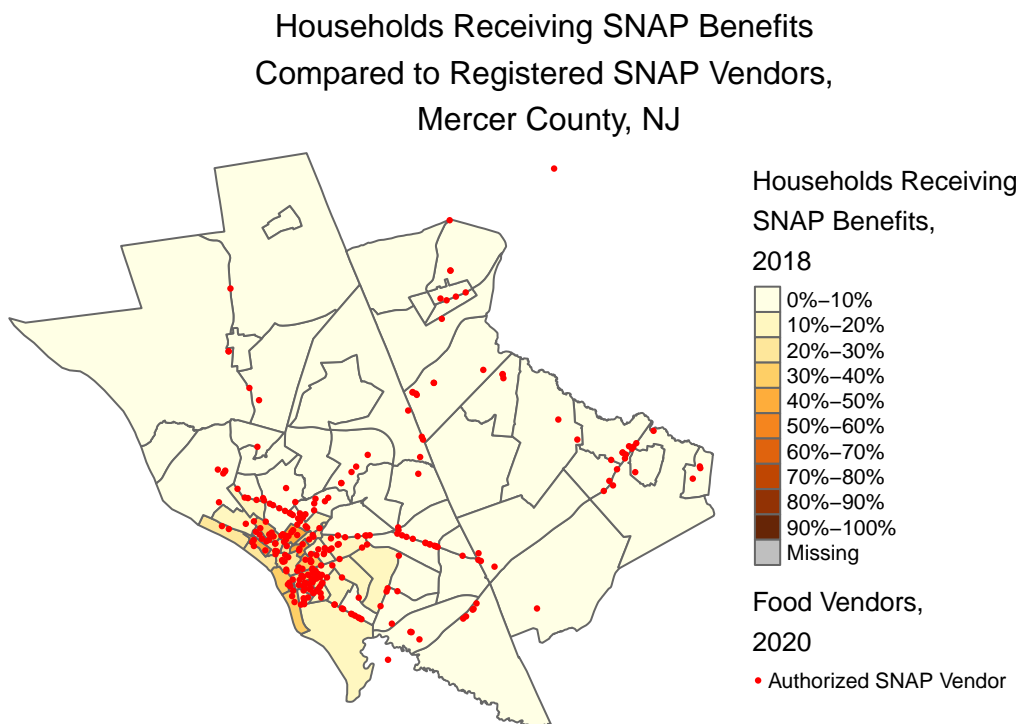
Measure	2009-2010	2014-2015	5 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	129,933	130,546	613
Households with low access to grocery stores (%)	28.0%	26.8%	-1.2%
Households with low income and low access to grocery stores (%)	3.1%	3.6%	.5%
Households with no car and low access to grocery stores (%)	1.7%	1.6%	-.1%
Children with low access to grocery stores (%)	5.8%	5.8%	-.1%
Grocery Stores (N)	116	130	14
Super-centers and Club Stores (N)	2	2	0
Convenience Stores (N)	99	85	-14
Specialized Food Stores (N)	42	42	0
Fast Food Restaurants (N)	272	280	8
Full Service Restaurants (N)	270	270	0
Grocery Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.32	.35	.03
Super-centers and Club Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.01	.01	0
Convenience Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.27	.23	-0.04
Specialized Food Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.11	.11	0
Fast Food Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	.74	.75	.01
Full Service Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	.74	.73	-0.01

Household Access to SNAP Vendors

Mercer County household access to authorized SNAP or WIC food vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below. A map of SNAP-approved vendors in Mercer County, 262 vendors as of 2020, is additionally mapped below. Geographic data were not available for authorized WIC vendors or Farmers Markets.

Table 70: Mercer County Authorized Vendors

Measure	2008-2012	2012-2016	4 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	129,933	130,546	613
SNAP-authorized Stores (N)	256	277	22
WIC-authorized Stores (N)	51	50	-1
SNAP-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.69	.75	.06
WIC-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.14	.14	0
SNAP-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	5	-
WIC-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	8	-



Household Food Security

Mercer County household food security, as measured by Feeding America's Mapping the Meal Gap, is summarized below. Households have been monitored by Feeding America as a component of their Mapping the Meal Gap program. Household levels of food security are tabulated below. Please note that, due to methodology changes, the data presented below should be treated as two different "snapshots" of food security status, and may not be representative of local-level trends.

Table 71: Mercer County Food Insecurity

Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Food Insecure Households (N)	45,140	32,690	-12,450
Food Insecure Households (%)	12.4%	8.9%	-3.5%
Food Insecure Children (N)	12,110	8,690	-3,420
Food Insecure Children (%)	15.0%	11.0%	-4.0%
Average Cost per Meal (\$)	\$2.93	\$3.45	\$0.52
Annual Food Budget Shortfall (\$)	\$21,562,050.00	\$19,097,000.00	\$-2,465,050.00

Middlesex County

Overview

Table 72: Middlesex County Overview

Measure	Current Estimate
Total Households	284,174
Household Density (per Square Mile)	896.54
Food Insecure Households	60,660
Food Insecure Children	28,500
Student Enrollment	125,198
Student NSLP Participation	45,159

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Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Middlesex County student participation rates in the National School Lunch Program are summarized below. Participation rates over the prior 20 years have been tabulated, and the percentage of students each year receiving free lunch, reduced price lunch, and the total percentage of students receiving either free or reduced price lunch is graphed below.

Table 73: Middlesex County School Lunch Summary

Measure	2000	2019	20 Year Change
Student Enrollment	104,292.5	125,197.5	20,905
Students Receiving Free Lunch (N)	18,027	39,286	21,259
Students Receiving Free Lunch (%)	17.3%	31.4%	14.1%
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (N)	5,696	5,873	177
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (%)	5.5%	4.7%	-.8%

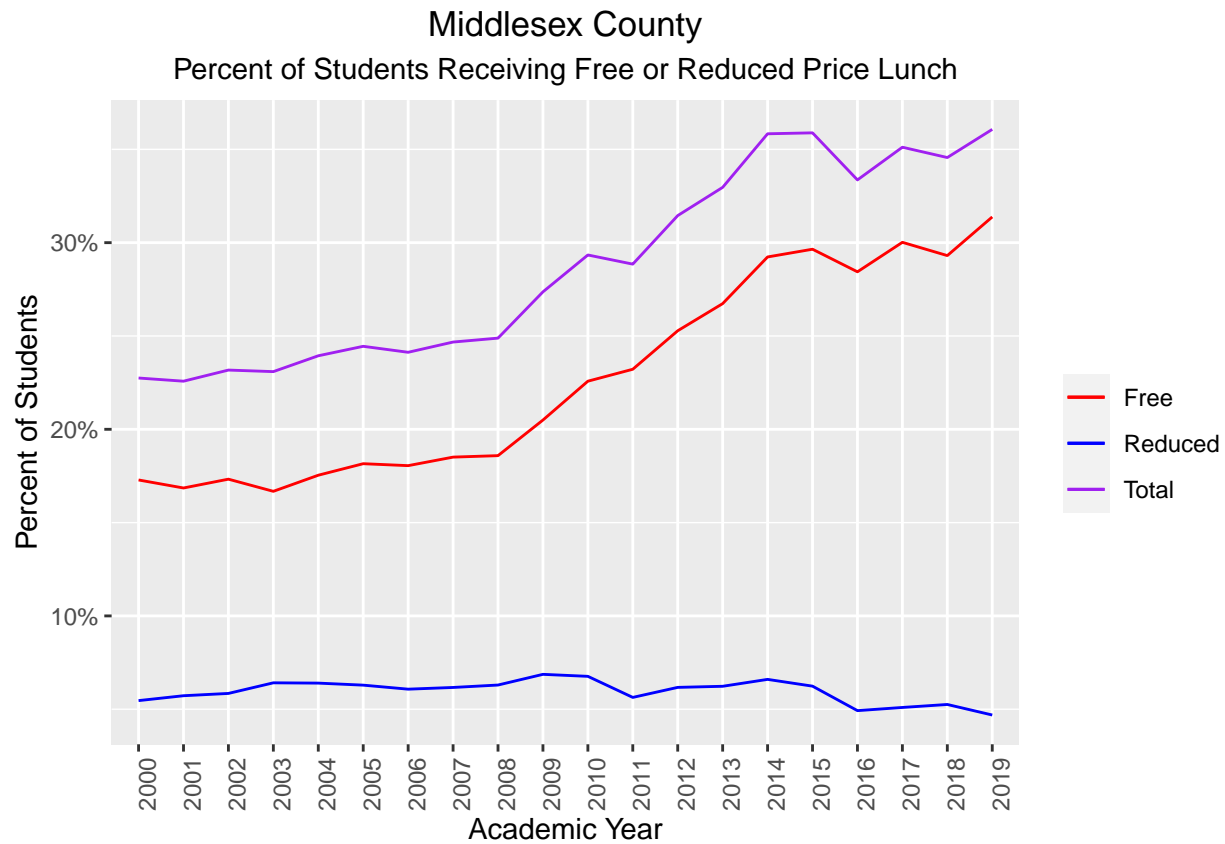


Figure 23: Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Households Participating in Social Support Services

Middlesex County household participation rates in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and households at or below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) are summarized below. Household rates over the prior 8 years have been tabulated, and the percentages of households participating in SNAP and households at or below the FPL is graphed below. For households experiencing poverty, the proportion of households with children under age 18, and children under age 5 are graphed on the following page. Please note, estimate level data (N) is suppressed by the US Census.

Table 74: Middlesex County Summary of Household Poverty

Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	278,513	284,174	5,661
Households receiving SNAP benefits (%)	3.4%	6.1%	2.7%
Households at or below 100% FPL (%)	4.9%	6.2%	1.3%
Households with children under 18, at or below 100% FPL (%)	7.0%	8.7%	1.7%
Households with children under 5, at or below 100% FPL (%)	5.4%	6.9%	1.5%

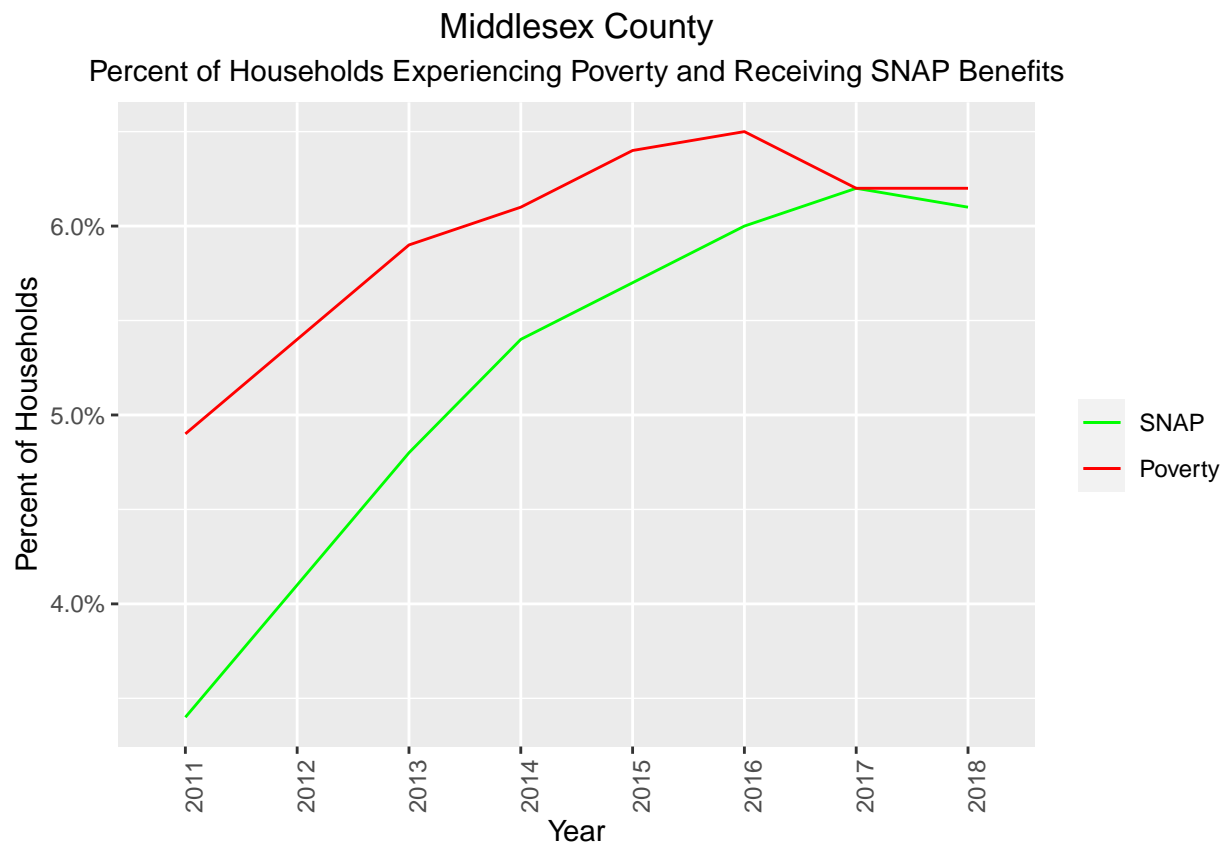
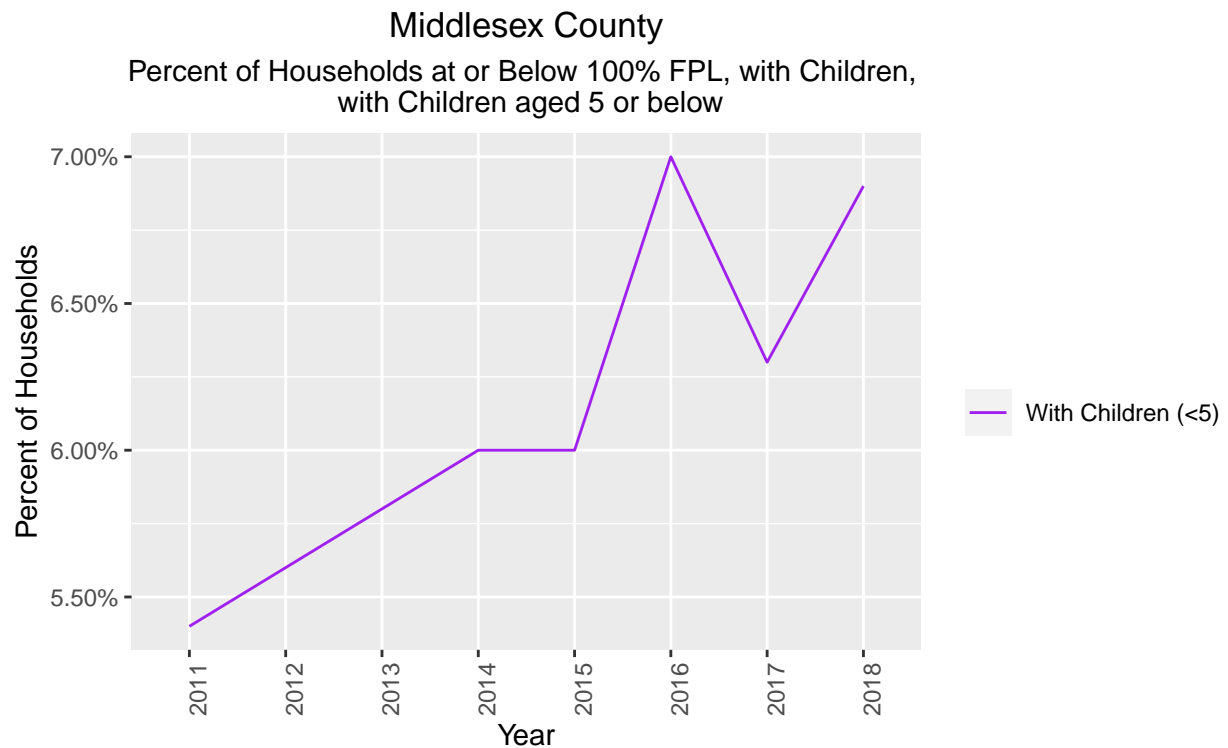
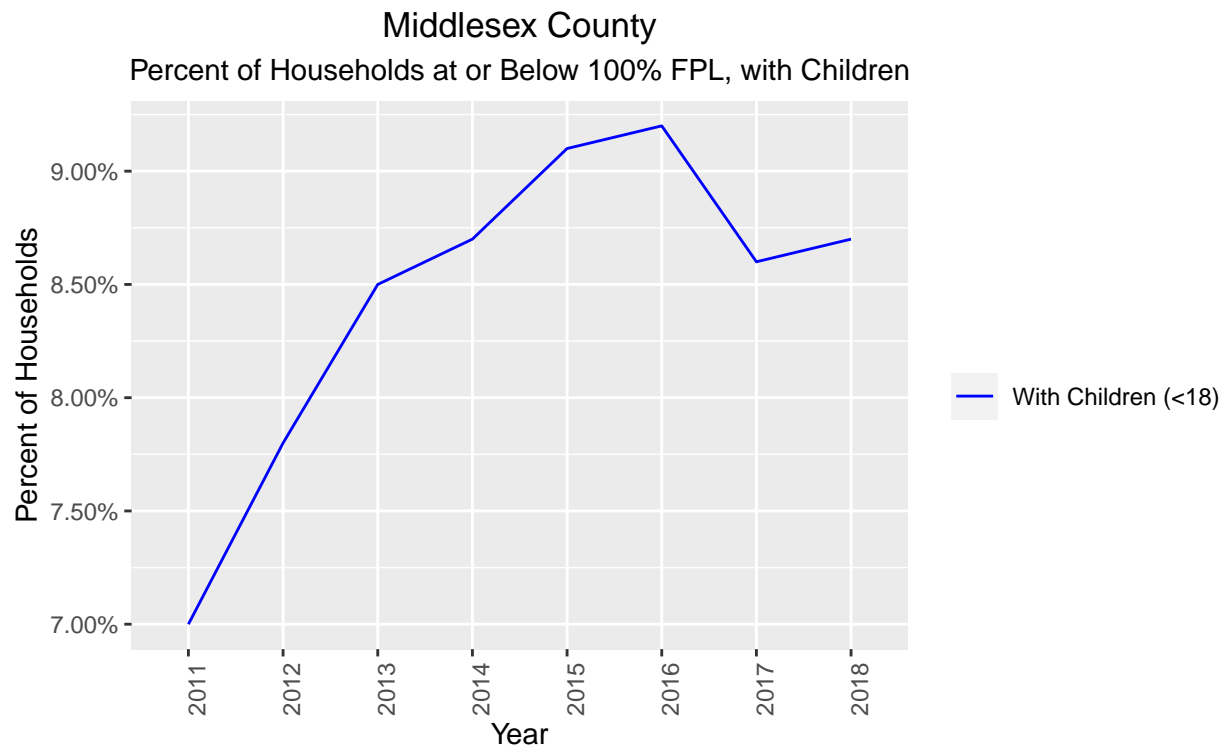


Figure 24: Households Experiencing Poverty and Receiving SNAP Benefits

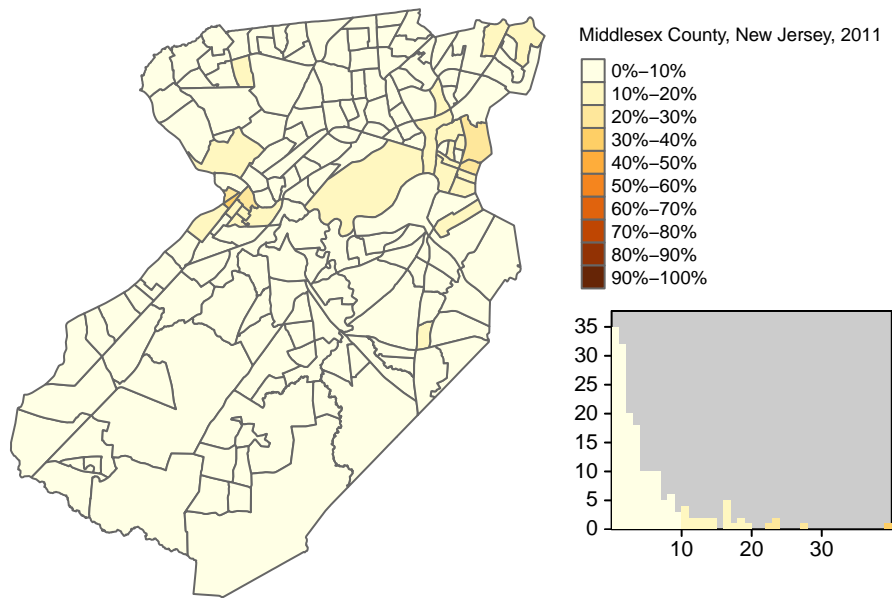
For households in Middlesex County experiencing poverty, the proportion of households experiencing poverty with children is graphed below. The proportion of households experiencing poverty with children, whose children are aged 5 or below, are graphed after.



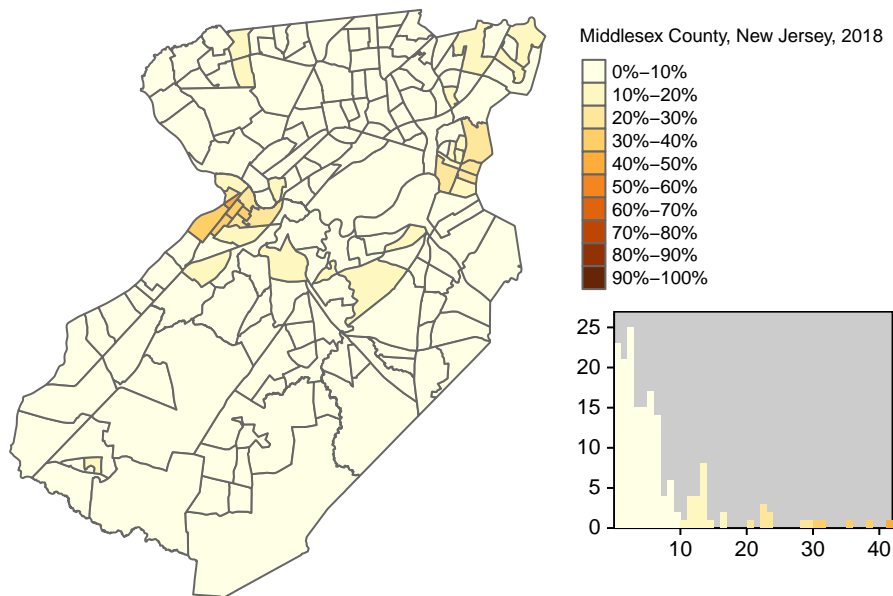
Households at or below 100% FPL

Middlesex County households at or below 100% FPL, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Middlesex County Households,
at or below 100% FPL,
2011



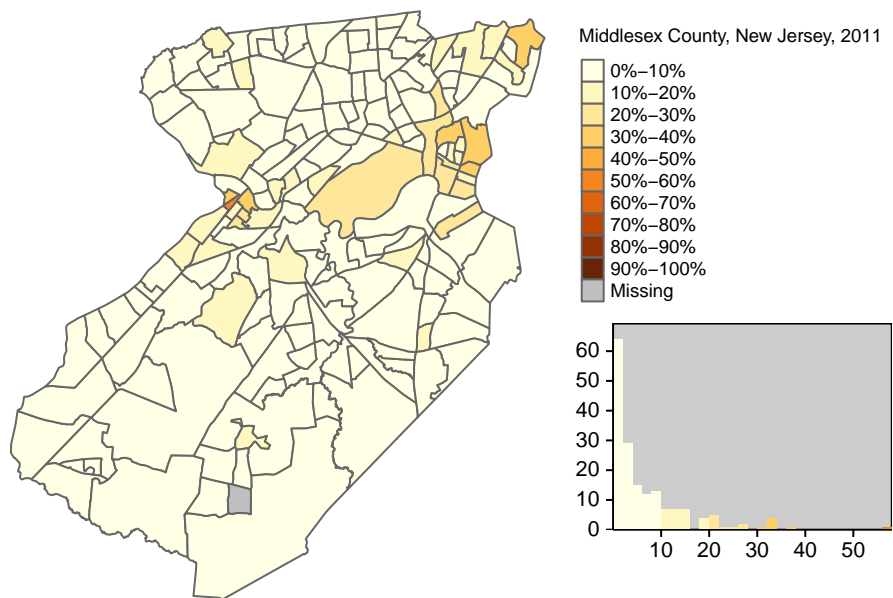
Percentage of Middlesex County Households,
at or below 100% FPL,
2018



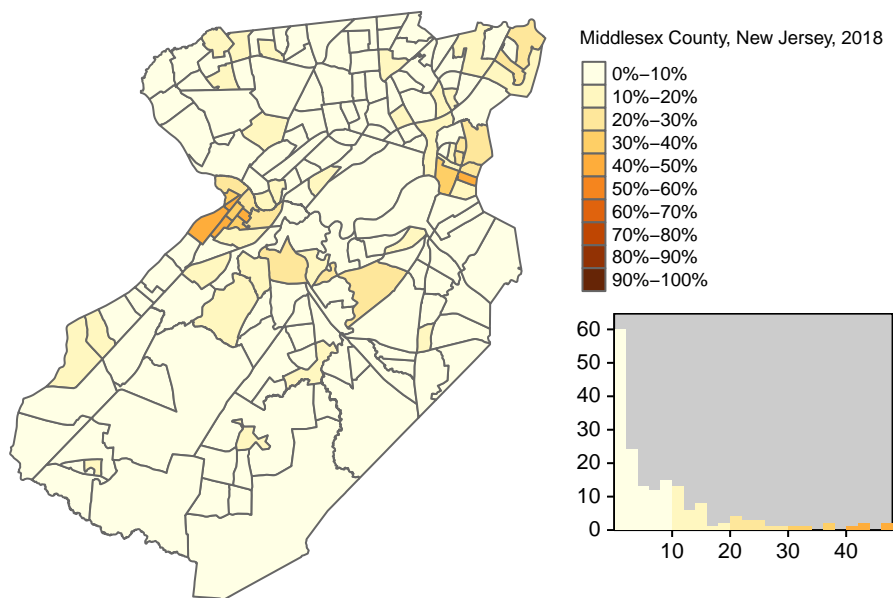
Households with children under 18 at or below 100% FPL

Middlesex County households at or below 100% FPL with children aged 18 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Middlesex County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 18,
2011



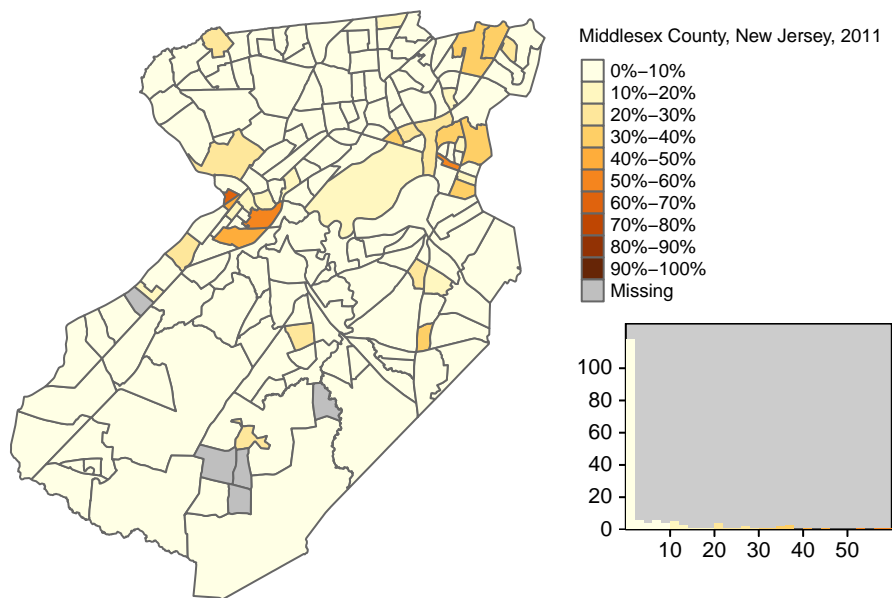
Percentage of Middlesex County Households,
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2018



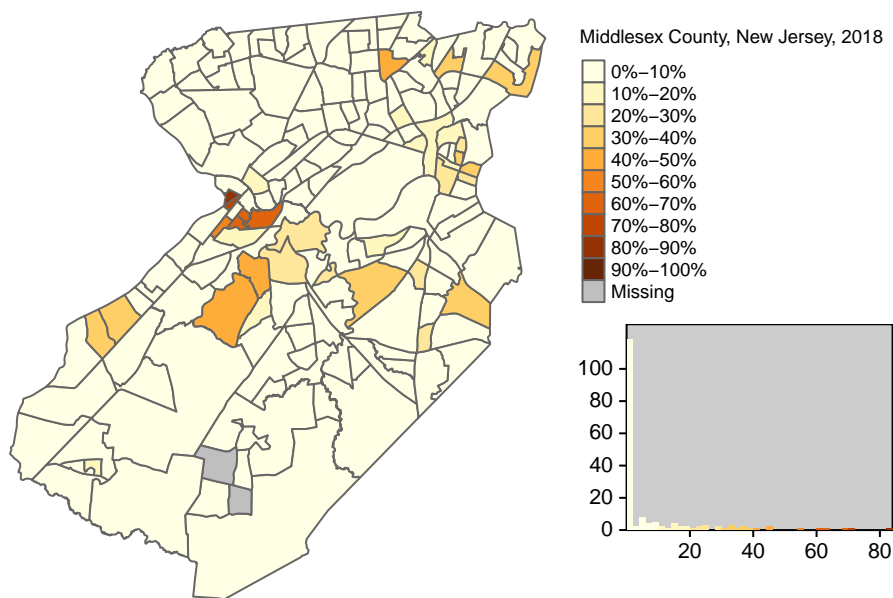
Households with children under 5 at or below 100% FPL

Middlesex County households at or below 100% FPL with children, with children aged 5 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Middlesex County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 5,
2011



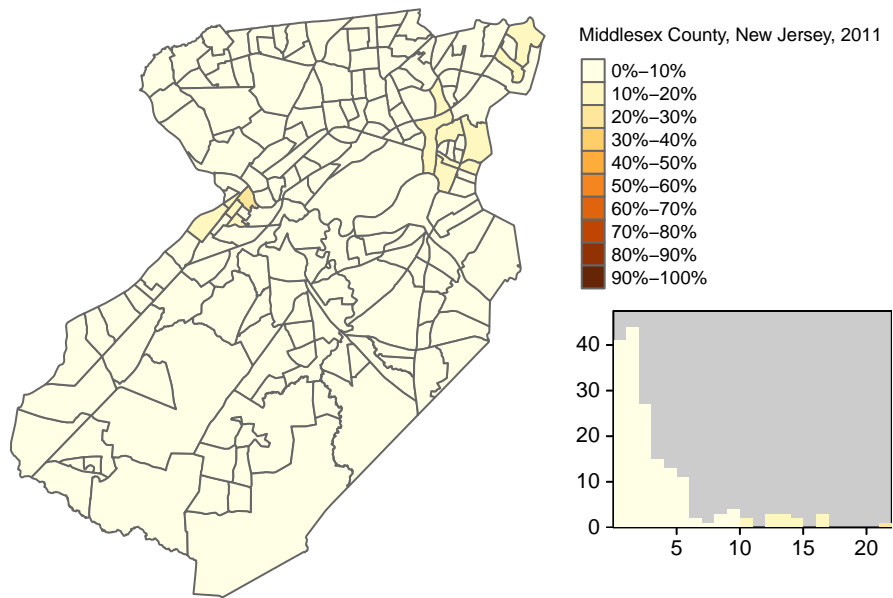
Percentage of Middlesex County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 5,
2018



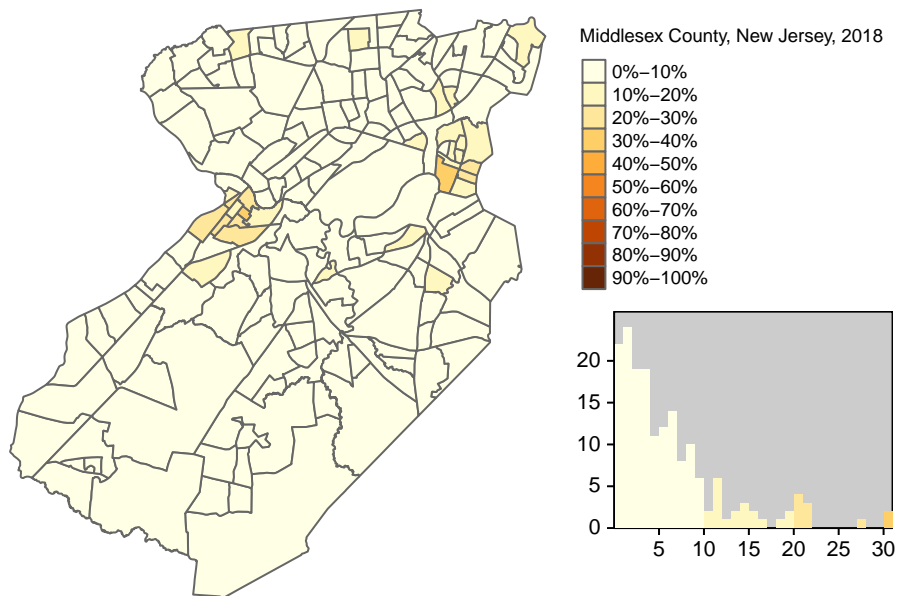
Households Participating in SNAP

Middlesex County households participating in SNAP, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Middlesex County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2011,



Percentage of Middlesex County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2018



Household Food Access

Middlesex County household food access, as measured by the USDA, is summarized below. Households and their surrounding environments (i.e., foodscapes) have been monitored by the USDA as a component of the USDA Food Environment Atlas. Household levels of access to different food sources and vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below.

Table 75: Middlesex County USDA Summary

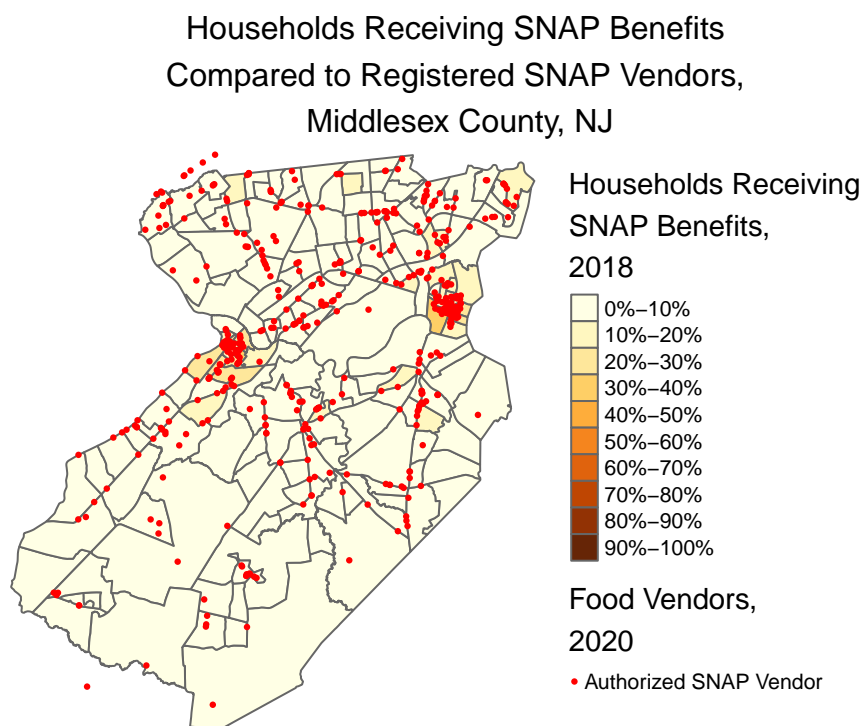
Measure	2009-2010	2014-2015	5 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	278,513	282,058	3,545
Households with low access to grocery stores (%)	28.9%	24.1%	-4.7%
Households with low income and low access to grocery stores (%)	3.6%	3.7%	.1%
Households with no car and low access to grocery stores (%)	1.6%	1.5%	-.1%
Children with low access to grocery stores (%)	6.6%	5.4%	-1.2%
Grocery Stores (N)	222	222	0
Super-centers and Club Stores (N)	4	9	5
Convenience Stores (N)	205	251	46
Specialized Food Stores (N)	94	87	-7
Fast Food Restaurants (N)	586	655	69
Full Service Restaurants (N)	501	567	66
Grocery Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.28	.27	-0.01
Super-centers and Club Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	0	.01	.01
Convenience Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.25	.3	.05
Specialized Food Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.12	.1	-0.02
Fast Food Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	.73	.78	.05
Full Service Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	.62	.68	.06

Household Access to SNAP Vendors

Middlesex County household access to authorized SNAP or WIC food vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below. A map of SNAP-approved vendors in Middlesex County, 475 vendors as of 2020, is additionally mapped below. Geographic data were not available for authorized WIC vendors or Farmers Markets.

Table 76: Middlesex County Authorized Vendors

Measure	2008-2012	2012-2016	4 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	278,513	282,058	3,545
SNAP-authorized Stores (N)	392	430	38
WIC-authorized Stores (N)	72	76	4
SNAP-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.48	.51	.03
WIC-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.09	.09	0
SNAP-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	2	-
WIC-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	3	-



Household Food Security

Middlesex County household food security, as measured by Feeding America’s Mapping the Meal Gap, is summarized below. Households have been monitored by Feeding America as a component of their Mapping the Meal Gap program. Household levels of food security are tabulated below. Please note that, due to methodology changes, the data presented below should be treated as two different “snapshots” of food security status, and may not be representative of local-level trends.

Table 77: Middlesex County Food Insecurity

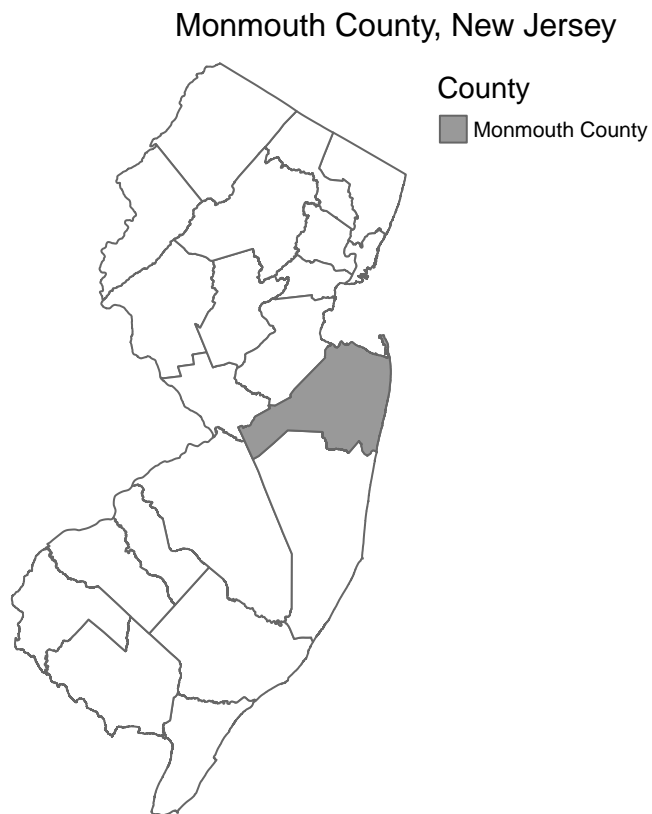
Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Food Insecure Households (N)	87,460	60,660	-26,800
Food Insecure Households (%)	10.9%	7.3%	-3.6%
Food Insecure Children (N)	28,500	15,810	-12,690
Food Insecure Children (%)	15.0%	9.0%	-6.0%
Average Cost per Meal (\$)	\$2.87	\$3.21	\$0.34
Annual Food Budget Shortfall (\$)	\$40,921,560.00	\$32,984,000.00	\$-7,937,560.00

Monmouth County

Overview

Table 78: Monmouth County Overview

Measure	Current Estimate
Total Households	233,874
Household Density (per Square Mile)	481.54
Food Insecure Households	44,140
Food Insecure Children	21,380
Student Enrollment	95,498
Student NSLP Participation	22,218.5



Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Monmouth County student participation rates in the National School Lunch Program are summarized below. Participation rates over the prior 20 years have been tabulated, and the percentage of students each year receiving free lunch, reduced price lunch, and the total percentage of students receiving either free or reduced price lunch is graphed below.

Table 79: Monmouth County School Lunch Summary

Measure	2000	2019	20 Year Change
Student Enrollment	101,757.5	95,498	-6,259.5
Students Receiving Free Lunch (N)	13,124	18,905.5	5,781.5
Students Receiving Free Lunch (%)	12.9%	19.8%	6.9%
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (N)	4,034	3,313	-721
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (%)	4.0%	3.5%	-.5%

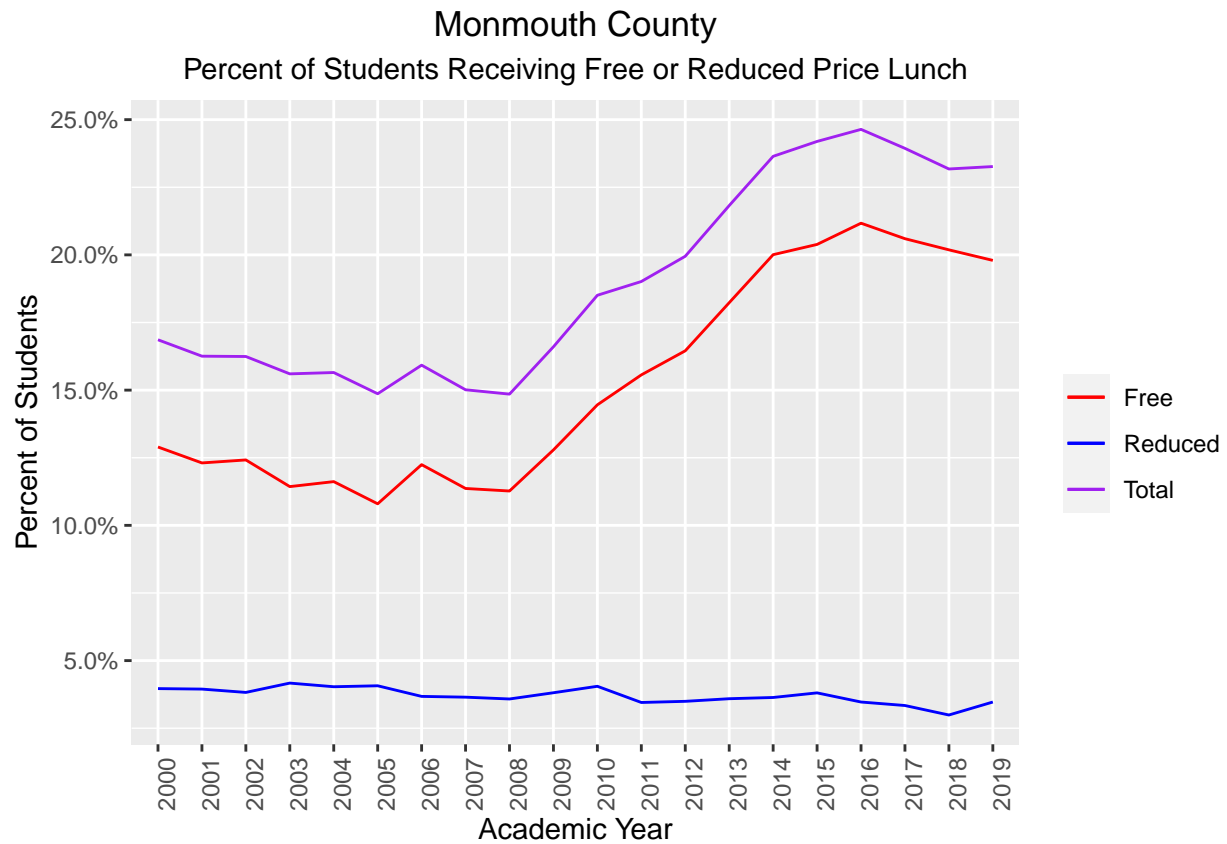


Figure 25: Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Households Participating in Social Support Services

Monmouth County household participation rates in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and households at or below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) are summarized below. Household rates over the prior 8 years have been tabulated, and the percentages of households participating in SNAP and households at or below the FPL is graphed below. For households experiencing poverty, the proportion of households with children under age 18, and children under age 5 are graphed on the following page. Please note, estimate level data (N) is suppressed by the US Census.

Table 80: Monmouth County Summary of Household Poverty

Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	233,120	233,874	754
Households receiving SNAP benefits (%)	3.5%	6.2%	2.7%
Households at or below 100% FPL (%)	4.8%	5.1%	.3%
Households with children under 18, at or below 100% FPL (%)	7.3%	8.4%	1.1%
Households with children under 5, at or below 100% FPL (%)	8.3%	5.8%	-2.5%

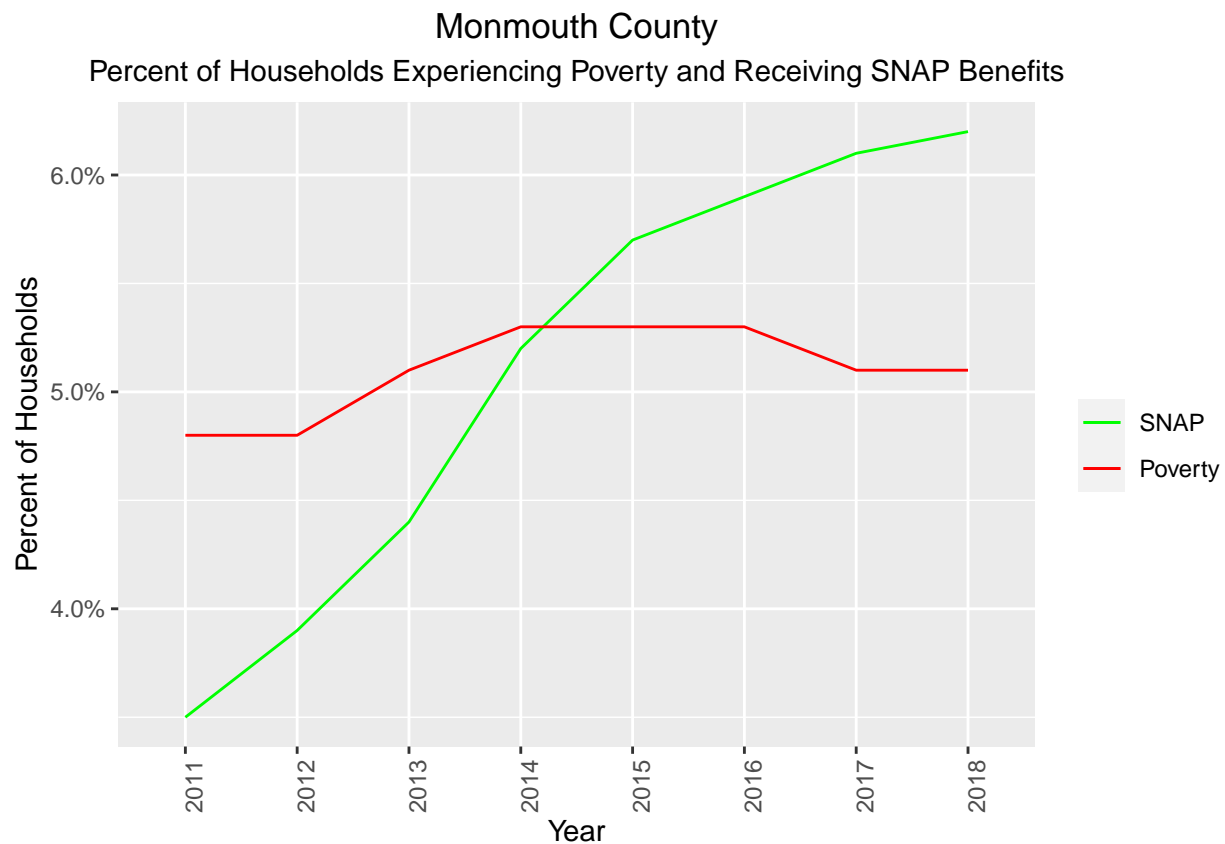
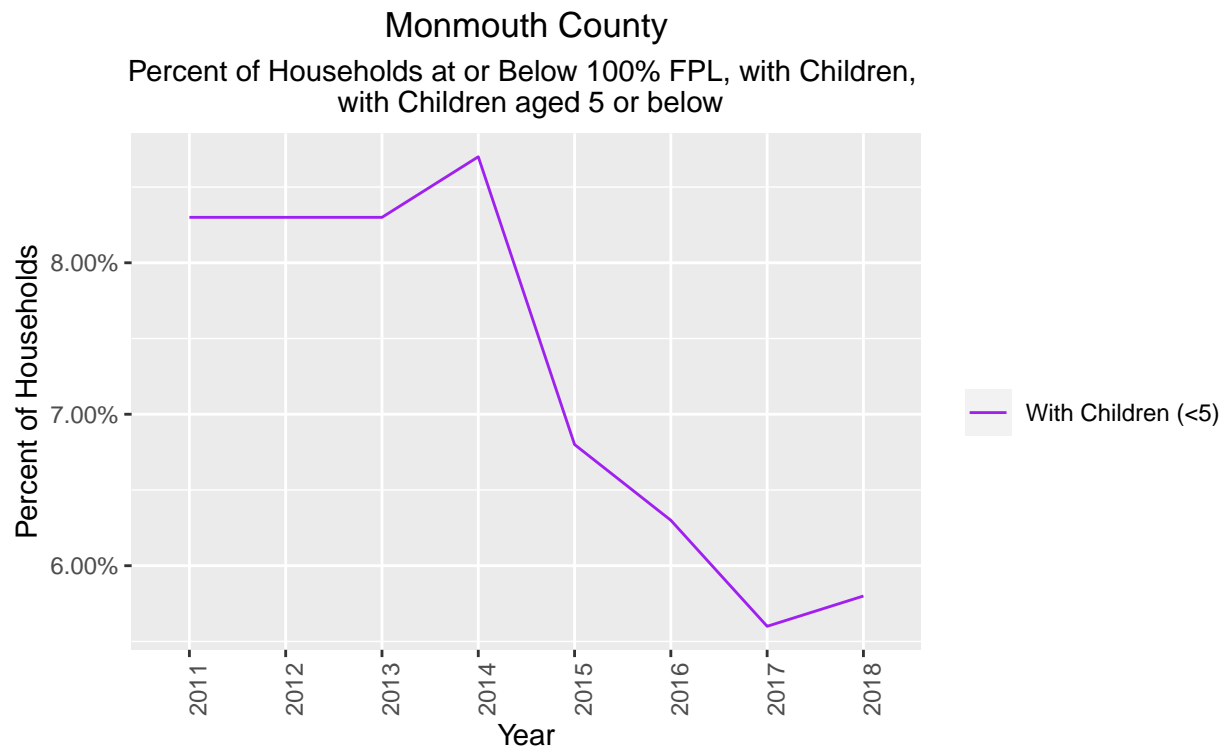
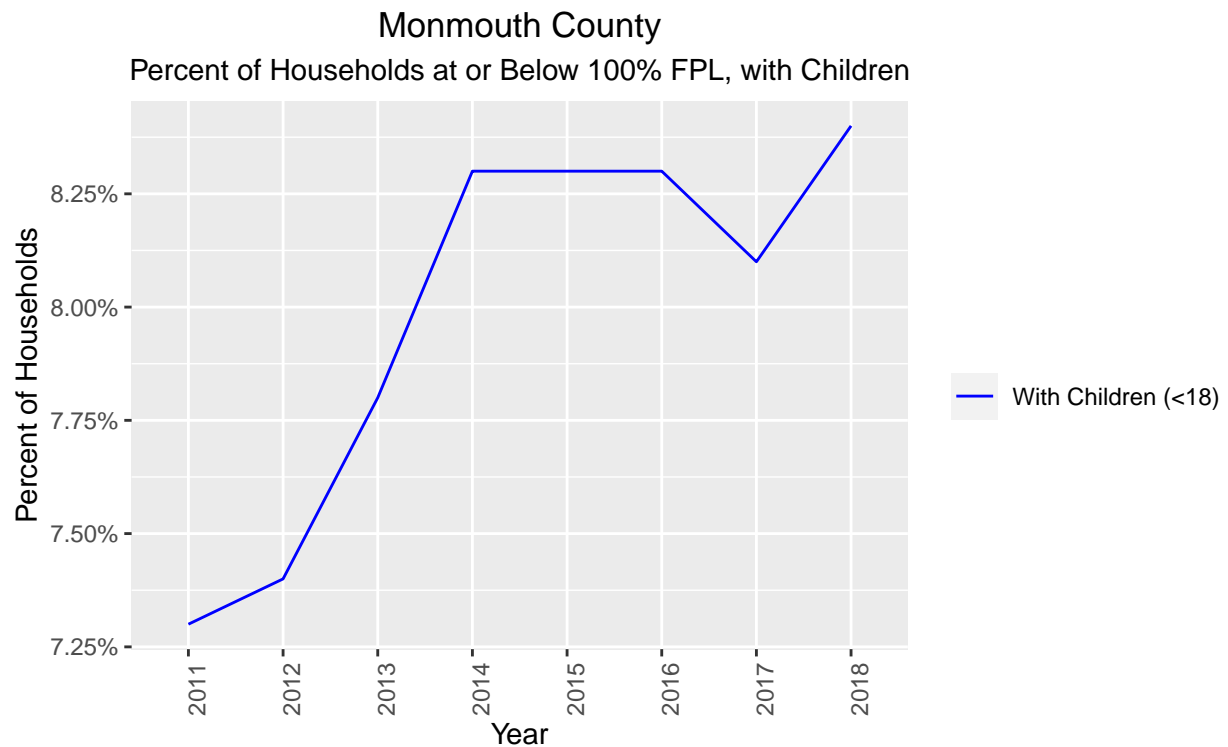


Figure 26: Households Experiencing Poverty and Receiving SNAP Benefits

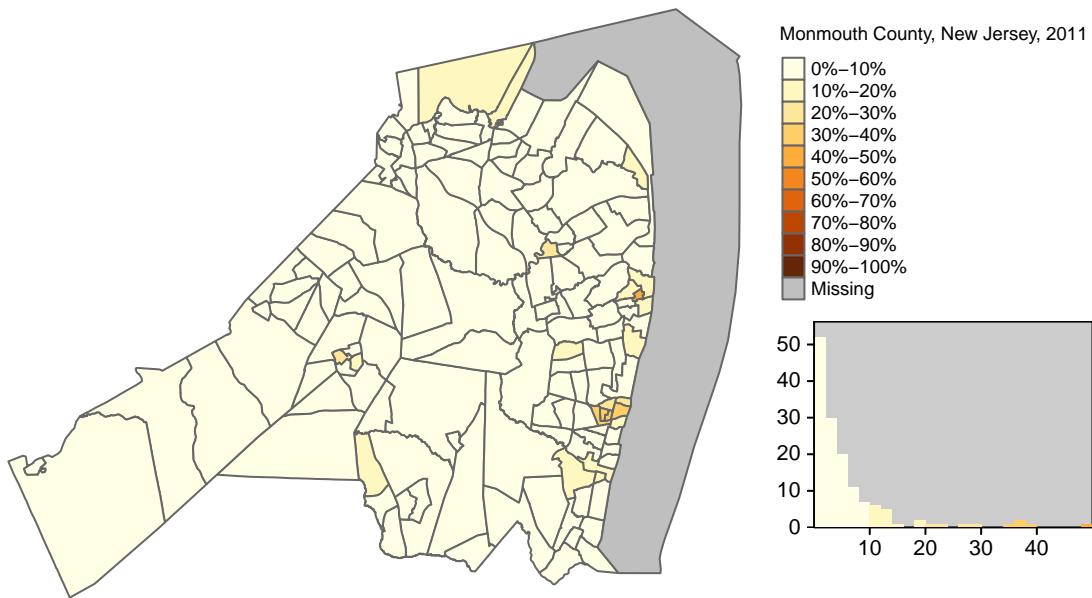
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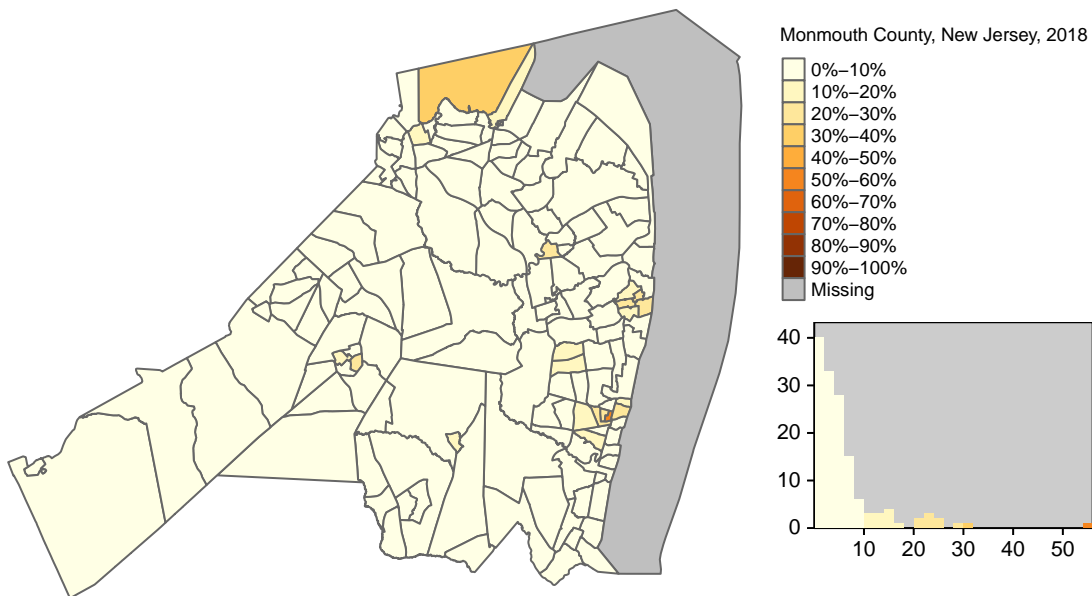
Households at or below 100% FPL

Monmouth County households at or below 100% FPL, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Monmouth County Households,
at or below 100% FPL,
2011



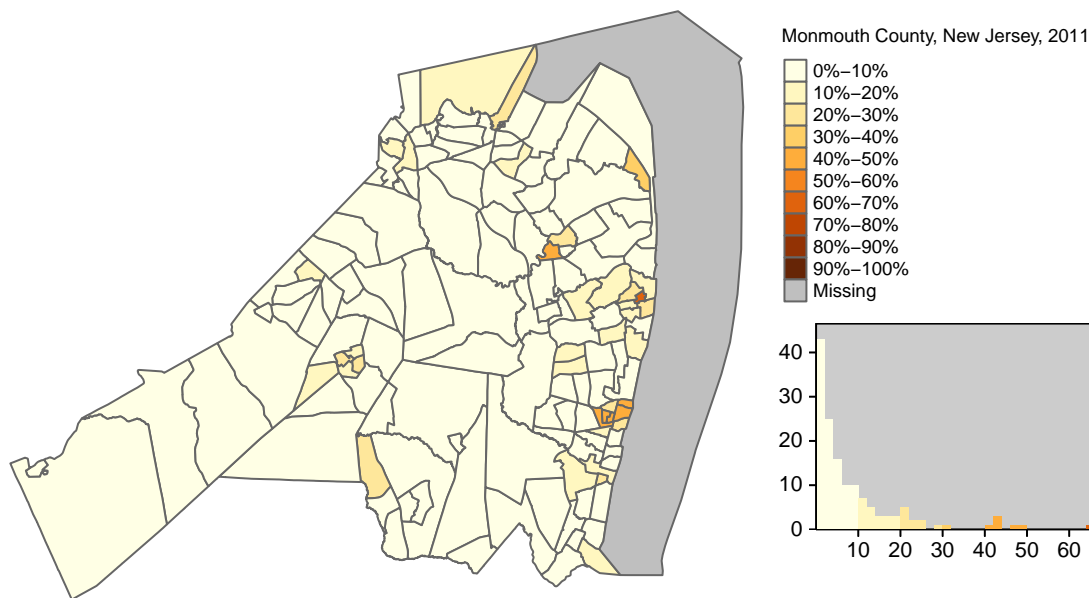
Percentage of Monmouth County Households,
at or below 100% FPL,
2018



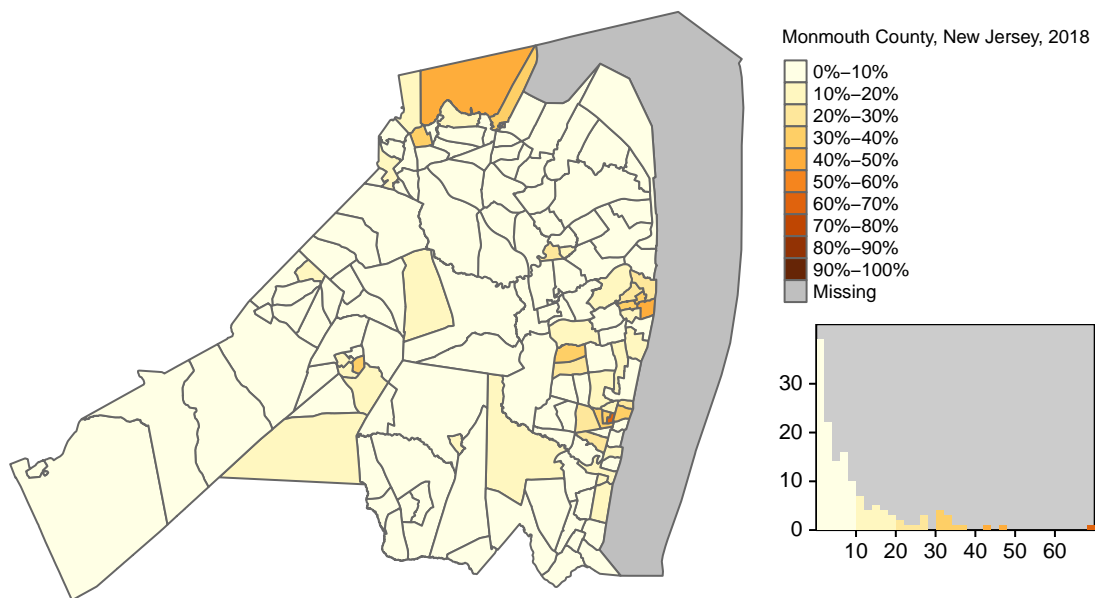
Households with children under 18 at or below 100% FPL

Monmouth County households at or below 100% FPL with children aged 18 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Monmouth County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 18,
2011



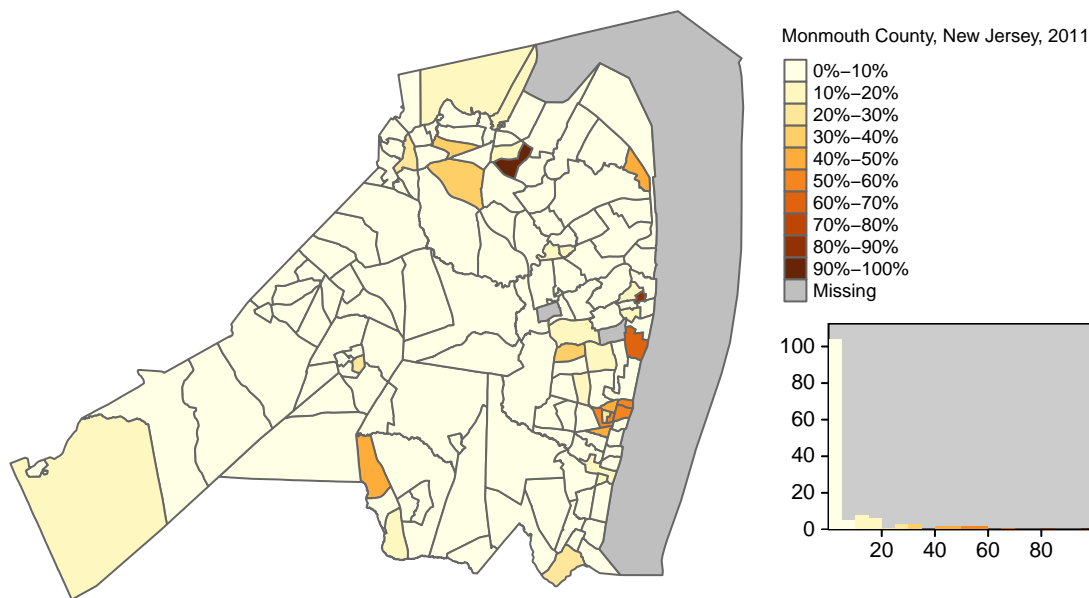
Percentage of Monmouth County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 18,
2018



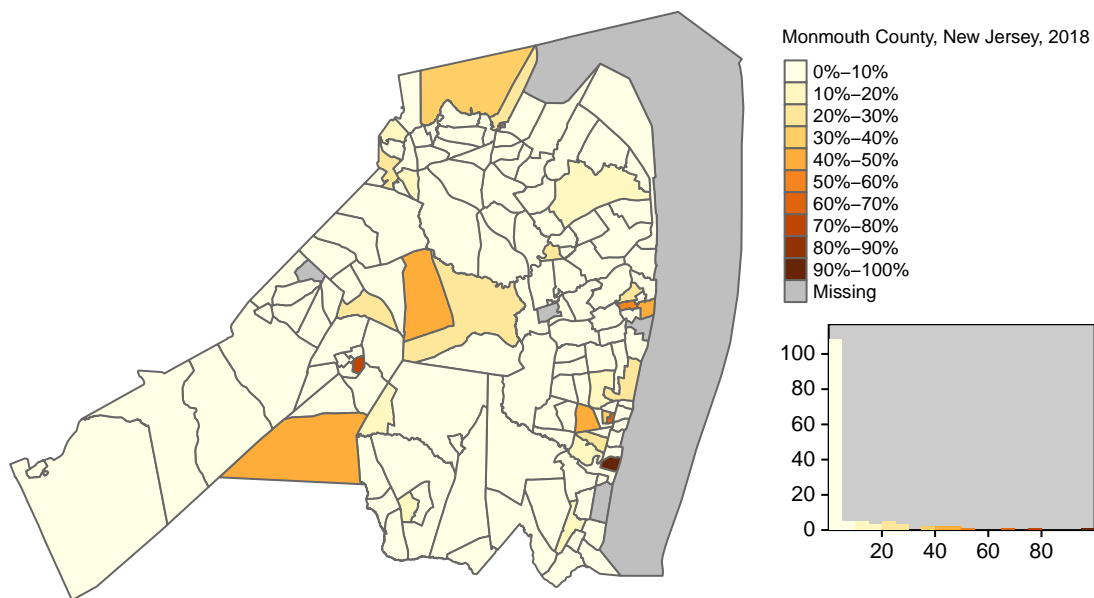
Households with children under 5 at or below 100% FPL

Monmouth County households at or below 100% FPL with children, with children aged 5 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Monmouth County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 5,
2011



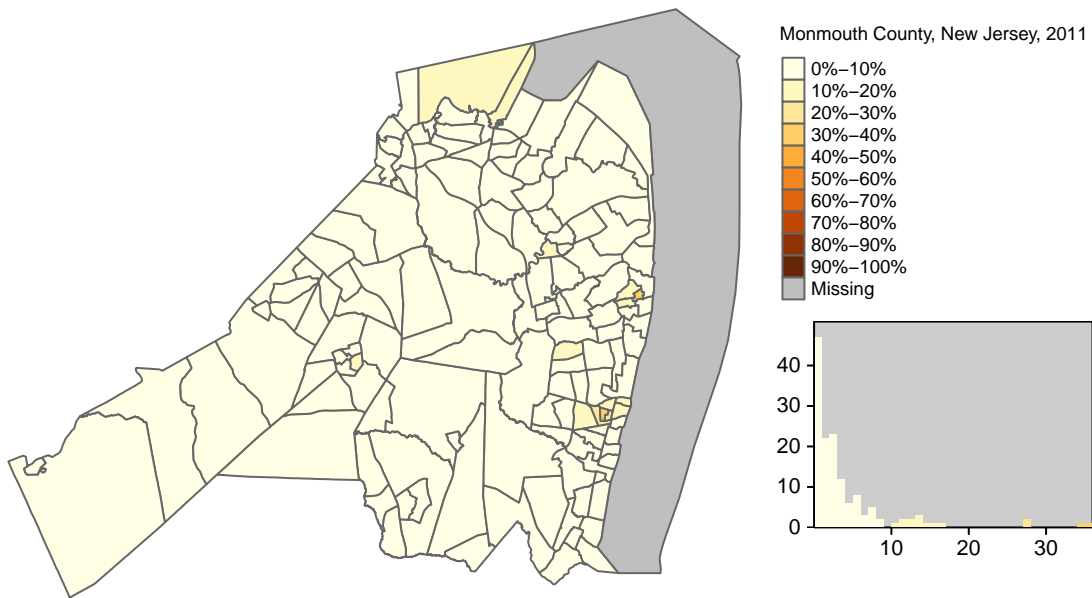
Percentage of Monmouth County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 5,
2018



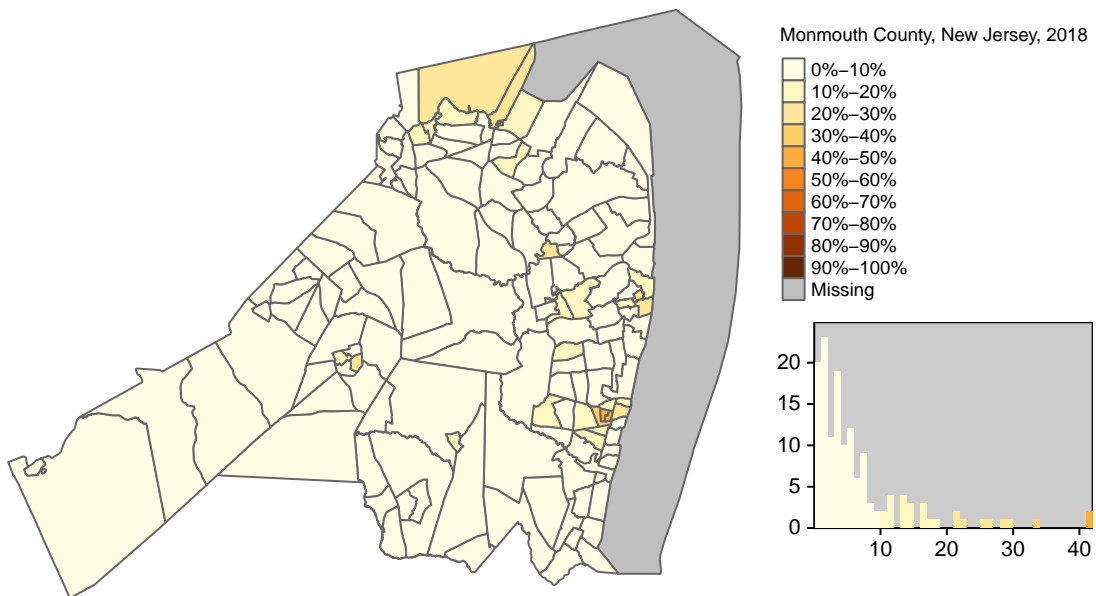
Households Participating in SNAP

Monmouth County households participating in SNAP, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Monmouth County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2011,



Percentage of Monmouth County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2018



Household Food Access

Monmouth County household food access, as measured by the USDA, is summarized below. Households and their surrounding environments (i.e., foodscapes) have been monitored by the USDA as a component of the USDA Food Environment Atlas. Household levels of access to different food sources and vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below.

Table 81: Monmouth County USDA Summary

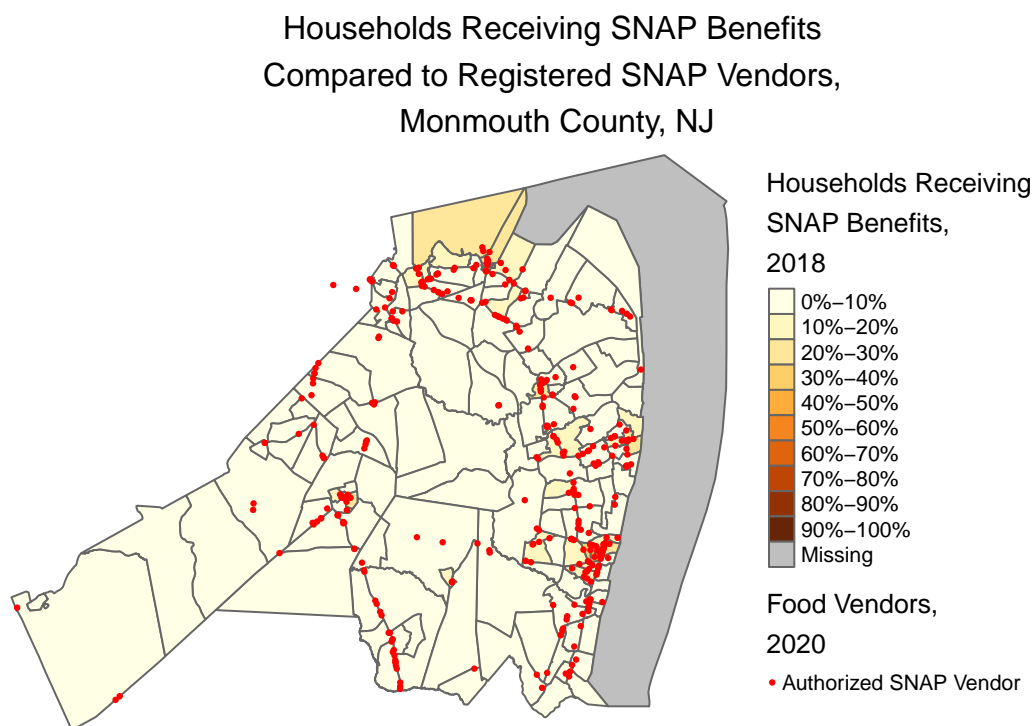
Measure	2009-2010	2014-2015	5 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	233,120	233,105	-15
Households with low access to grocery stores (%)	34.4%	32.3%	-2.1%
Households with low income and low access to grocery stores (%)	4.3%	4.6%	.2%
Households with no car and low access to grocery stores (%)	2.2%	1.9%	-.3%
Children with low access to grocery stores (%)	8.5%	8.1%	-.4%
Grocery Stores (N)	159	162	3
Super-centers and Club Stores (N)	5	9	4
Convenience Stores (N)	166	193	27
Specialized Food Stores (N)	78	89	11
Fast Food Restaurants (N)	482	530	48
Full Service Restaurants (N)	617	686	69
Grocery Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.25	.26	.01
Super-centers and Club Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.01	.01	0
Convenience Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.26	.31	.05
Specialized Food Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.12	.14	.02
Fast Food Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	.77	.84	.07
Full Service Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	.98	1.09	.11

Household Access to SNAP Vendors

Monmouth County household access to authorized SNAP or WIC food vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below. A map of SNAP-approved vendors in Monmouth County, 343 vendors as of 2020, is additionally mapped below. Geographic data were not available for authorized WIC vendors or Farmers Markets.

Table 82: Monmouth County Authorized Vendors

Measure	2008-2012	2012-2016	4 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	233,120	233,105	-15
SNAP-authorized Stores (N)	297	337	40
WIC-authorized Stores (N)	50	51	1
SNAP-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.47	.54	.07
WIC-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.08	.08	0
SNAP-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	1	-
WIC-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	3	-



Household Food Security

Monmouth County household food security, as measured by Feeding America's Mapping the Meal Gap, is summarized below. Households have been monitored by Feeding America as a component of their Mapping the Meal Gap program. Household levels of food security are tabulated below. Please note that, due to methodology changes, the data presented below should be treated as two different "snapshots" of food security status, and may not be representative of local-level trends.

Table 83: Monmouth County Food Insecurity

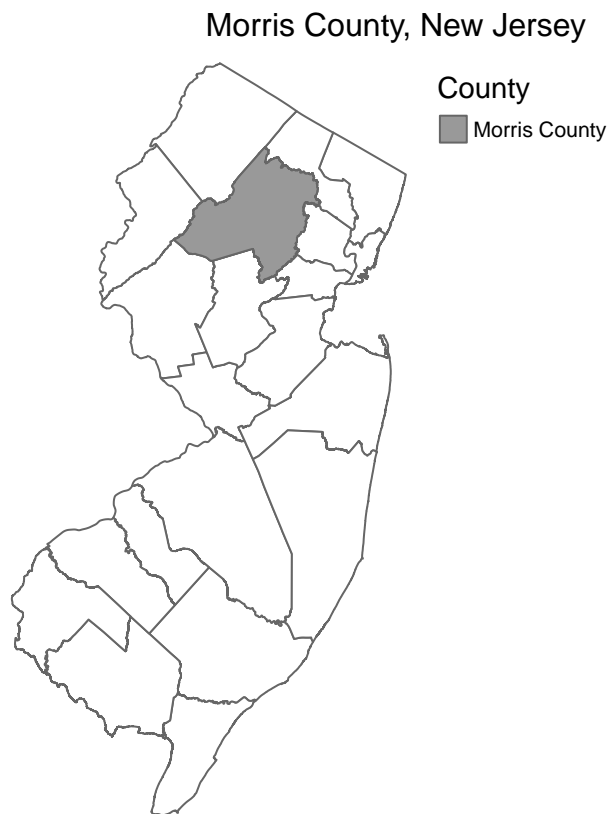
Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Food Insecure Households (N)	61,930	44,140	-17,790
Food Insecure Households (%)	9.8%	7.1%	-2.7%
Food Insecure Children (N)	21,380	12,350	-9,030
Food Insecure Children (%)	14.0%	9.0%	-5.0%
Average Cost per Meal (\$)	\$2.84	\$3.55	\$0.71
Annual Food Budget Shortfall (\$)	\$28,673,470.00	\$26,556,000.00	\$-2,117,470.00

Morris County

Overview

Table 84: Morris County Overview

Measure	Current Estimate
Total Households	180,896
Household Density (per Square Mile)	375.78
Food Insecure Households	26,330
Food Insecure Children	14,230
Student Enrollment	74,236
Student NSLP Participation	10,298



Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Morris County student participation rates in the National School Lunch Program are summarized below. Participation rates over the prior 20 years have been tabulated, and the percentage of students each year receiving free lunch, reduced price lunch, and the total percentage of students receiving either free or reduced price lunch is graphed below.

Table 85: Morris County School Lunch Summary

Measure	2000	2019	20 Year Change
Student Enrollment	71,635.5	74,235.5	2,600
Students Receiving Free Lunch (N)	4,025	8,162	4,137
Students Receiving Free Lunch (%)	5.6%	11.0%	5.4%
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (N)	1,664	2,136	472
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (%)	2.3%	2.9%	.6%

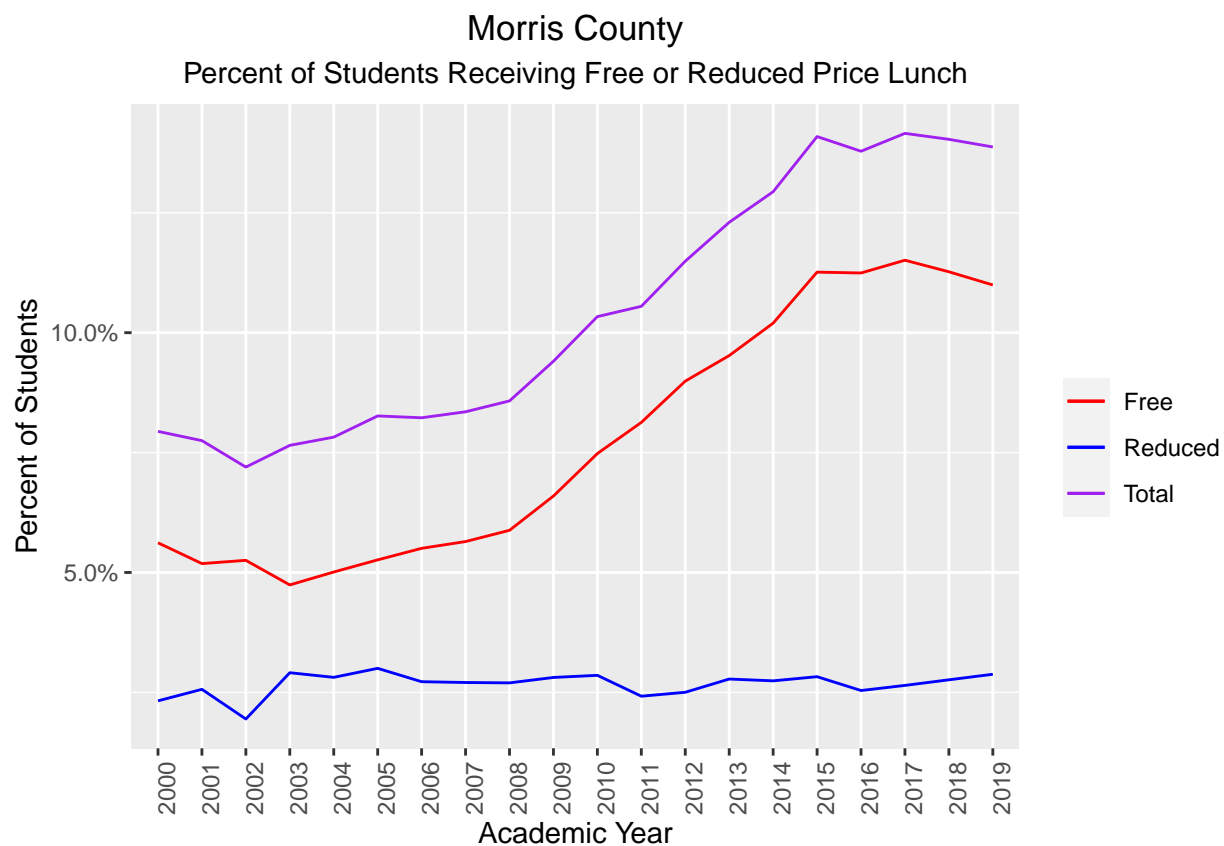


Figure 27: Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Households Participating in Social Support Services

Morris County household participation rates in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and households at or below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) are summarized below. Household rates over the prior 8 years have been tabulated, and the percentages of households participating in SNAP and households at or below the FPL is graphed below. For households experiencing poverty, the proportion of households with children under age 18, and children under age 5 are graphed on the following page. Please note, estimate level data (N) is suppressed by the US Census.

Table 86: Morris County Summary of Household Poverty

Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	179,581	180,896	1,315
Households receiving SNAP benefits (%)	1.9%	3.2%	1.3%
Households at or below 100% FPL (%)	2.6%	2.8%	.2%
Households with children under 18, at or below 100% FPL (%)	3.6%	4.1%	.5%
Households with children under 5, at or below 100% FPL (%)	2.5%	3.8%	1.3%

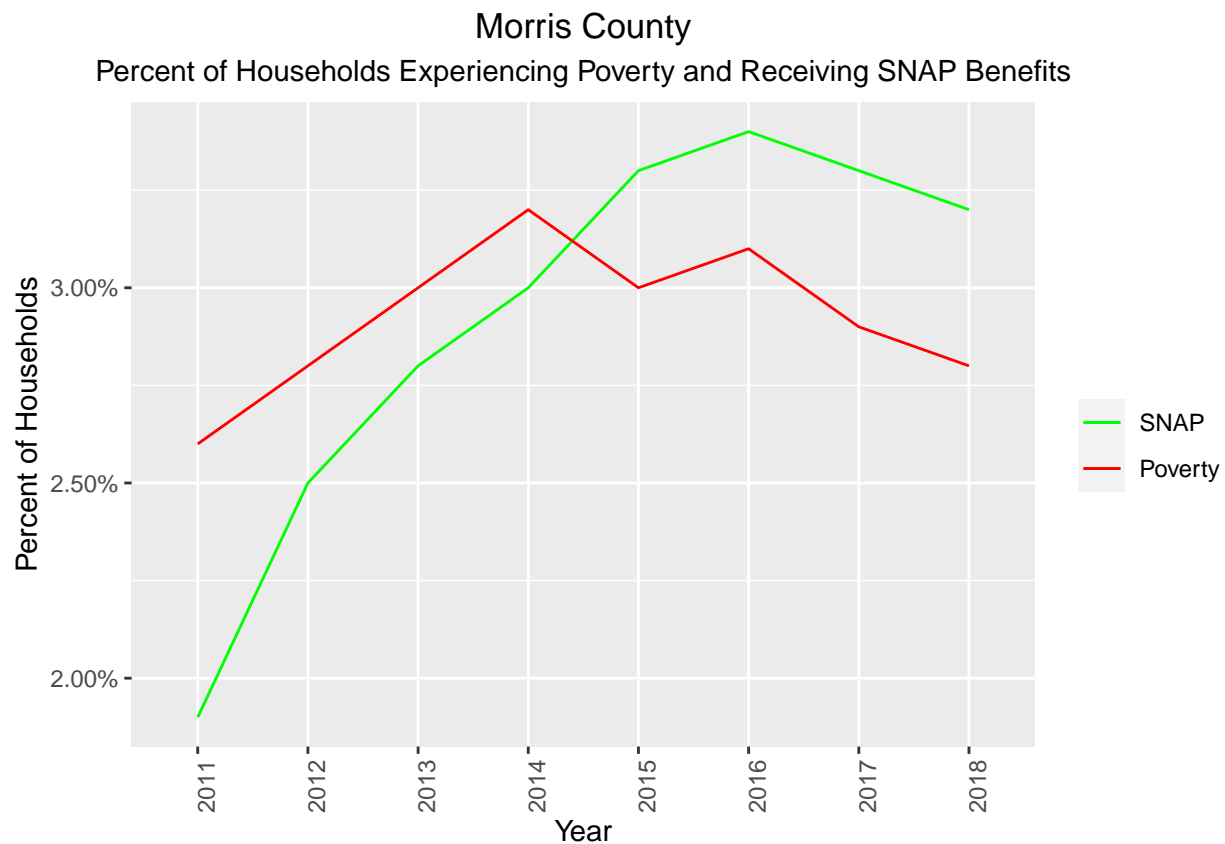
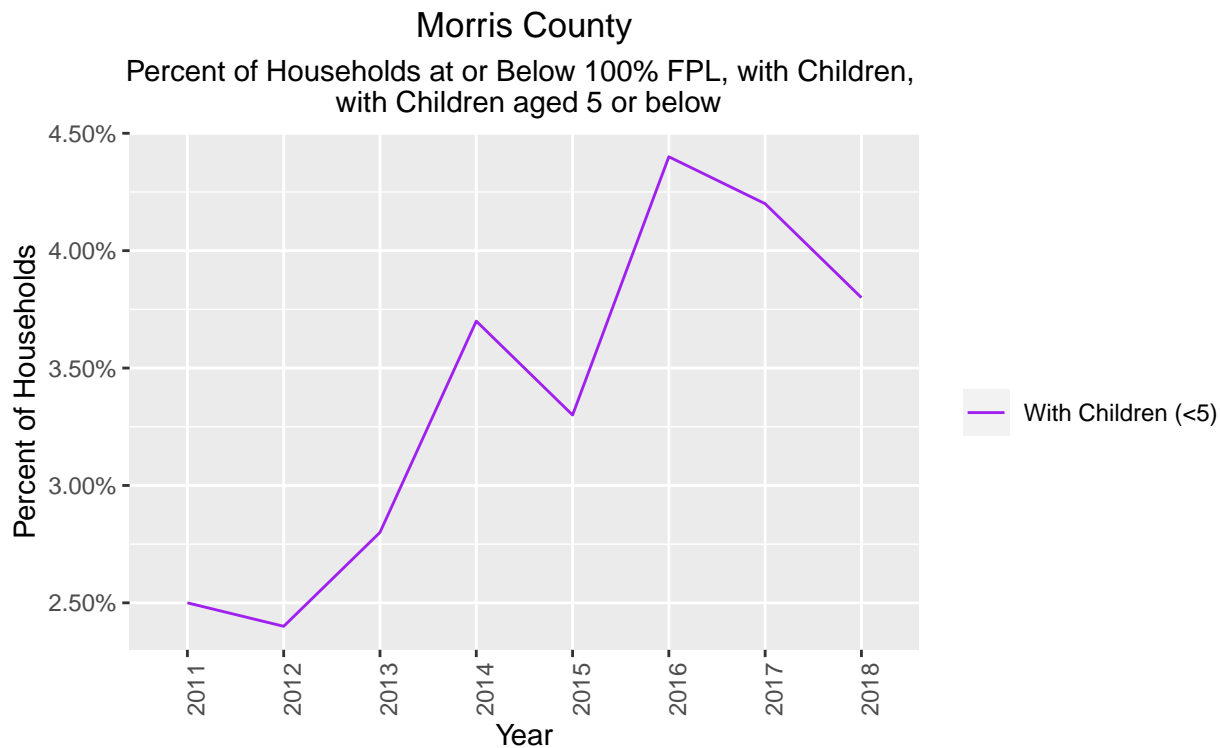
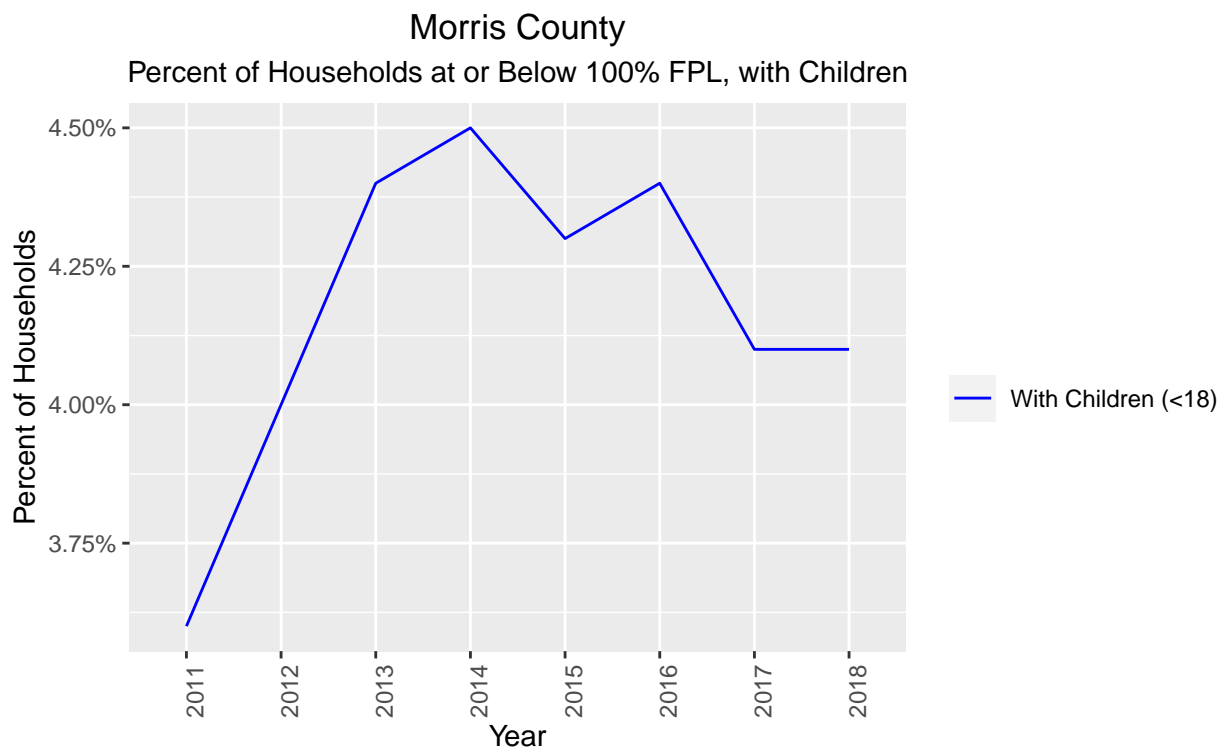


Figure 28: Households Experiencing Poverty and Receiving SNAP Benefits

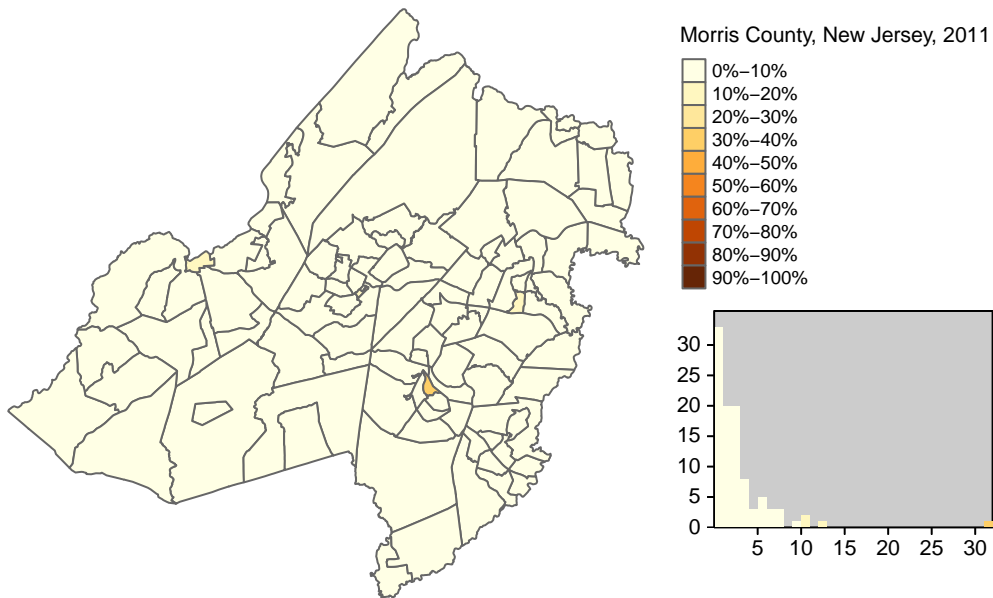
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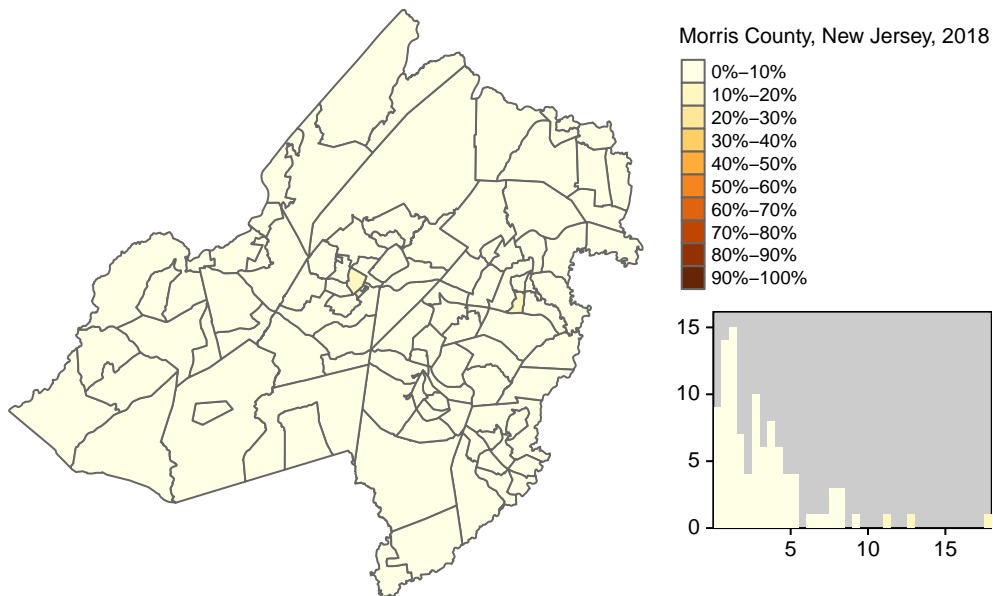
Households at or below 100% FPL

Morris County households at or below 100% FPL, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Morris County Households,
at or below 100% FPL,
2011



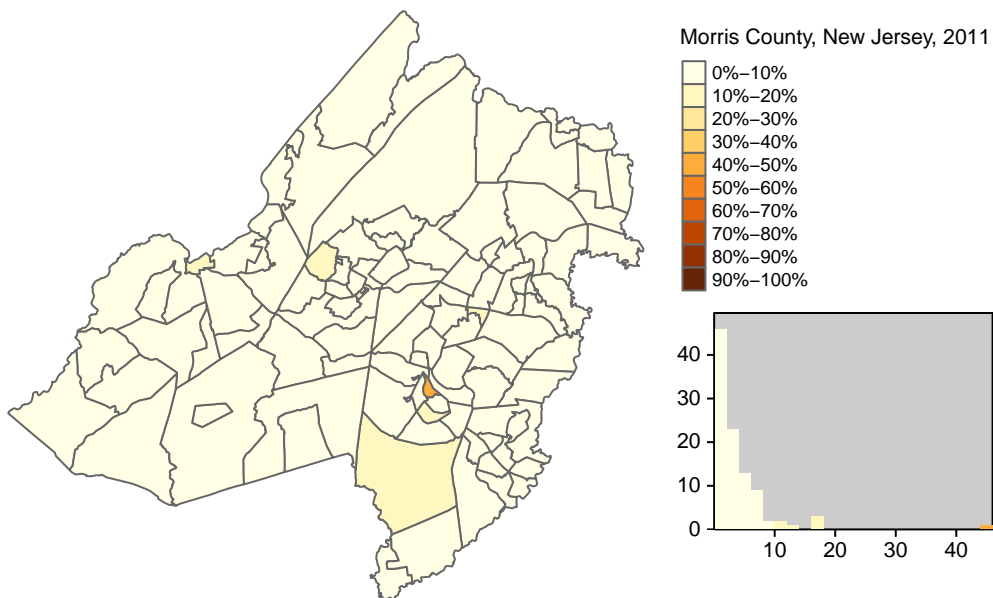
Percentage of Morris County Households,
at or below 100% FPL,
2018



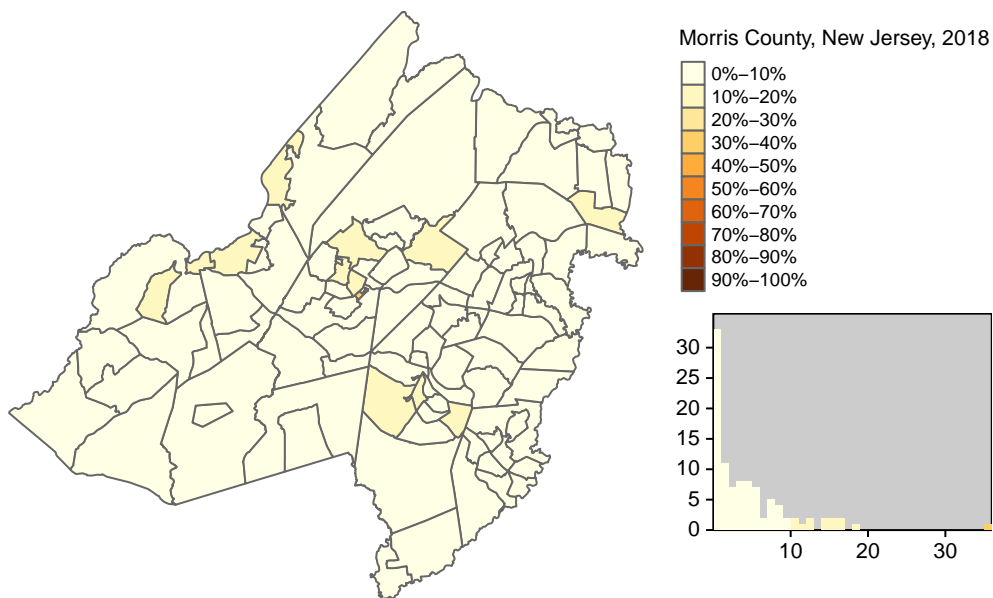
Households with children under 18 at or below 100% FPL

Morris County households at or below 100% FPL with children aged 18 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Morris County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 18,
2011



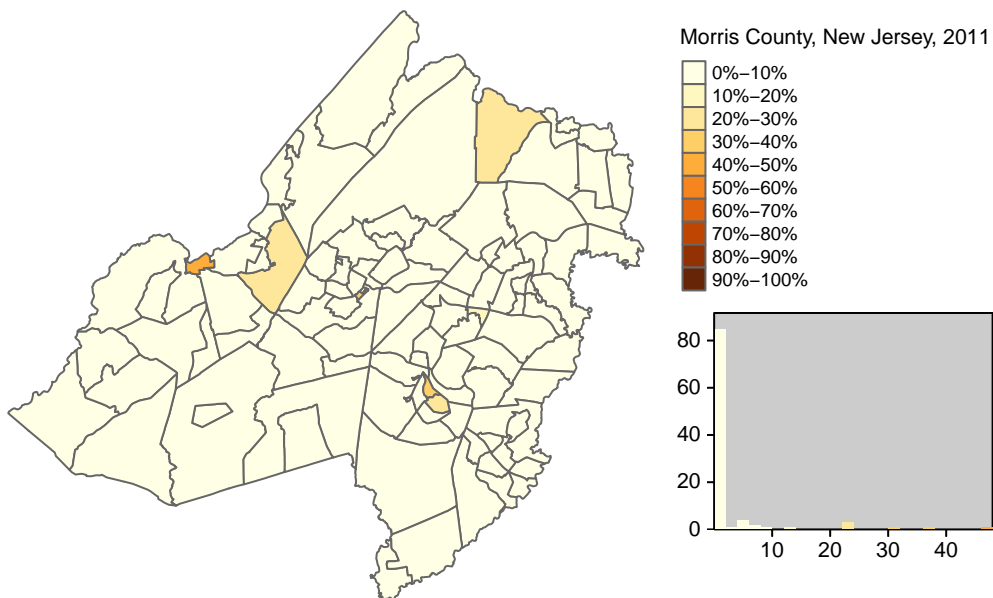
Percentage of Morris County Households,
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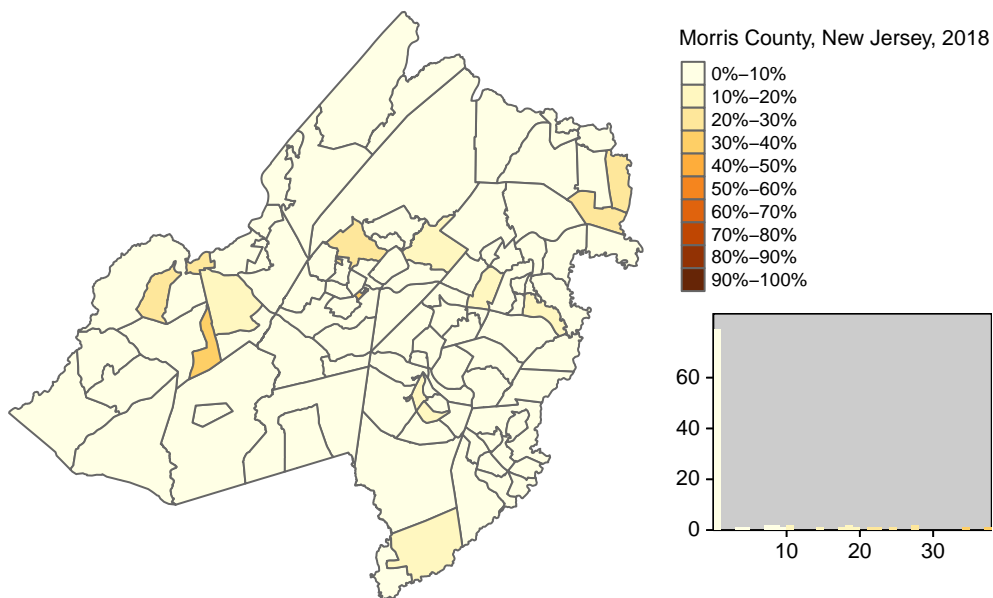
Households with children under 5 at or below 100% FPL

Morris County households at or below 100% FPL with children, with children aged 5 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Morris County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 5,
2011



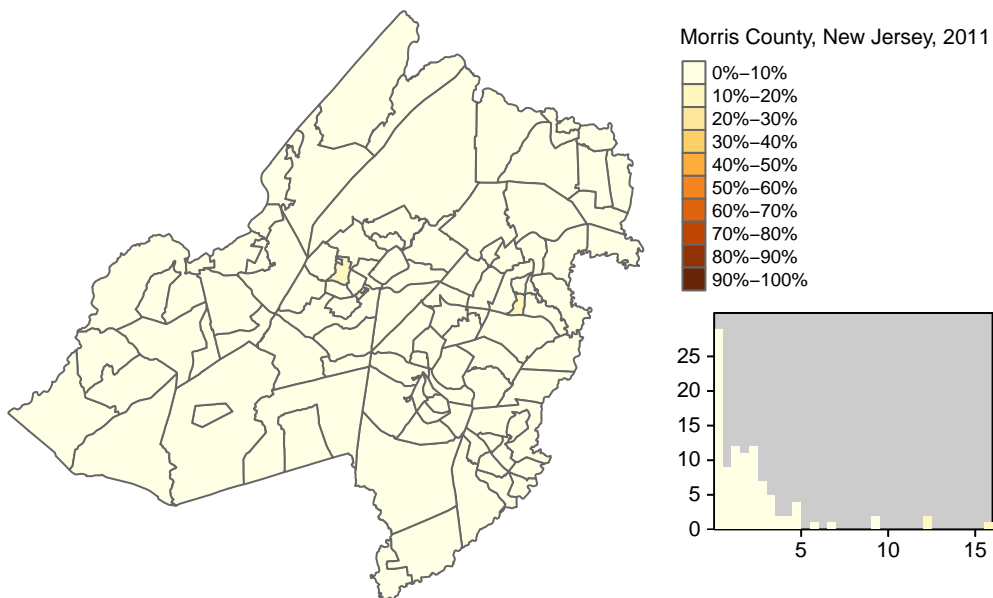
Percentage of Morris County Households,
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2018



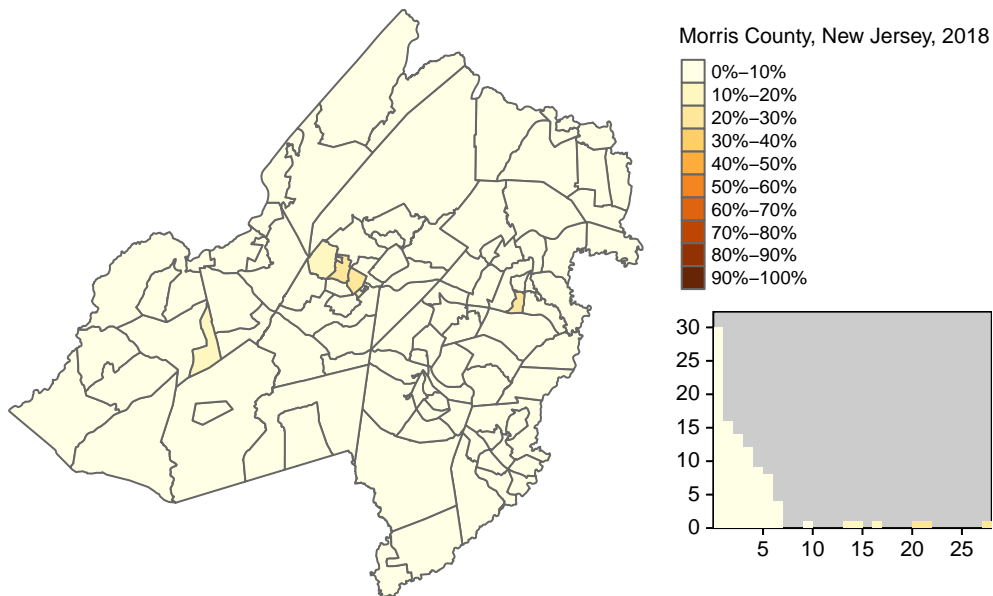
Households Participating in SNAP

Morris County households participating in SNAP, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Morris County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2011,



Percentage of Morris County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2018



Household Food Access

Morris County household food access, as measured by the USDA, is summarized below. Households and their surrounding environments (i.e., foodscapes) have been monitored by the USDA as a component of the USDA Food Environment Atlas. Household levels of access to different food sources and vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below.

Table 87: Morris County USDA Summary

Measure	2009-2010	2014-2015	5 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	179,581	180,093	512
Households with low access to grocery stores (%)	38.4%	34.5%	-3.9%
Households with low income and low access to grocery stores (%)	3.2%	3.5%	.3%
Households with no car and low access to grocery stores (%)	1.7%	1.3%	-.4%
Children with low access to grocery stores (%)	9.4%	8.6%	-.8%
Grocery Stores (N)	99	105	6
Super-centers and Club Stores (N)	5	5	0
Convenience Stores (N)	92	101	9
Specialized Food Stores (N)	56	50	-6
Fast Food Restaurants (N)	404	413	9
Full Service Restaurants (N)	414	476	62
Grocery Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.2	.21	.01
Super-centers and Club Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.01	.01	0
Convenience Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.19	.2	.01
Specialized Food Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.11	.1	-0.01
Fast Food Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	.82	.83	.01
Full Service Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	.84	.95	.11

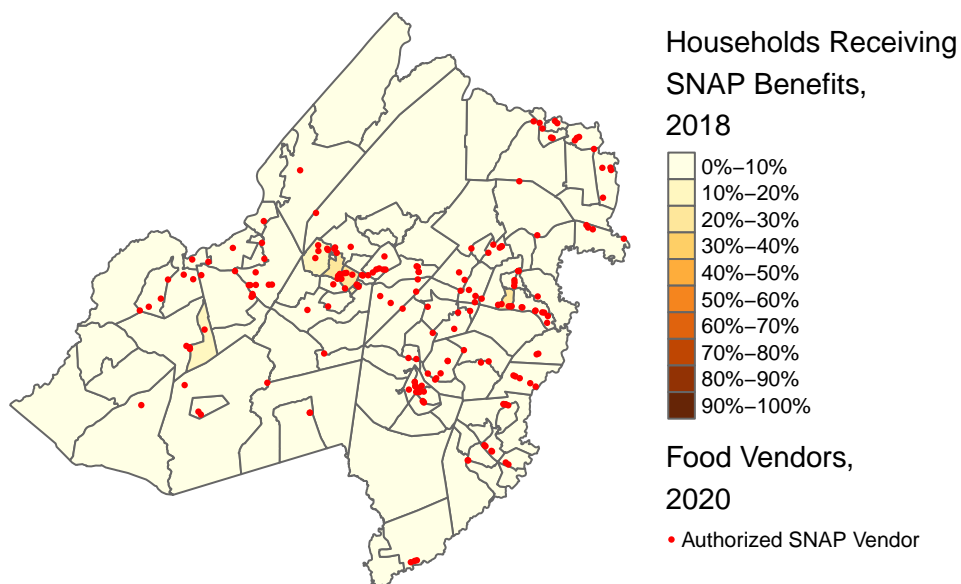
Household Access to SNAP Vendors

Morris County household access to authorized SNAP or WIC food vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below. A map of SNAP-approved vendors in Morris County, 187 vendors as of 2020, is additionally mapped below. Geographic data were not available for authorized WIC vendors or Farmers Markets.

Table 88: Morris County Authorized Vendors

Measure	2008-2012	2012-2016	4 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	179,581	180,093	512
SNAP-authorized Stores (N)	153	164	11
WIC-authorized Stores (N)	29	28	-1
SNAP-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.31	.33	.02
WIC-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.06	.06	0
SNAP-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	4	-
WIC-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	6	-

Households Receiving SNAP Benefits Compared to Registered SNAP Vendors, Morris County, NJ



Household Food Security

Morris County household food security, as measured by Feeding America’s Mapping the Meal Gap, is summarized below. Households have been monitored by Feeding America as a component of their Mapping the Meal Gap program. Household levels of food security are tabulated below. Please note that, due to methodology changes, the data presented below should be treated as two different “snapshots” of food security status, and may not be representative of local-level trends.

Table 89: Morris County Food Insecurity

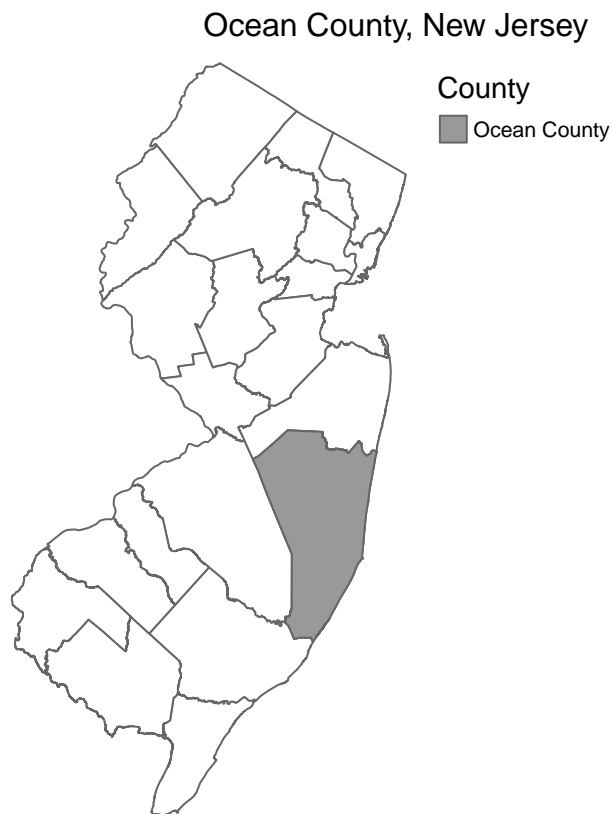
Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Food Insecure Households (N)	37,850	26,330	-11,520
Food Insecure Households (%)	7.7%	5.3%	-2.4%
Food Insecure Children (N)	14,230	6,470	-7,760
Food Insecure Children (%)	12.0%	6.0%	-6.0%
Average Cost per Meal (\$)	\$3.04	\$3.85	\$0.81
Annual Food Budget Shortfall (\$)	\$18,758,590.00	\$17,162,000.00	\$-1,596,590.00

Ocean County

Overview

Table 90: Ocean County Overview

Measure	Current Estimate
Total Households	225,270
Household Density (per Square Mile)	297.22
Food Insecure Households	52,900
Food Insecure Children	25,820
Student Enrollment	68,404
Student NSLP Participation	23,054



Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Ocean County student participation rates in the National School Lunch Program are summarized below. Participation rates over the prior 20 years have been tabulated, and the percentage of students each year receiving free lunch, reduced price lunch, and the total percentage of students receiving either free or reduced price lunch is graphed below.

Table 91: Ocean County School Lunch Summary

Measure	2000	2019	20 Year Change
Student Enrollment	72,840.5	68,403.5	-4,437
Students Receiving Free Lunch (N)	9,436	19,353	9,917
Students Receiving Free Lunch (%)	13.0%	28.3%	15.3%
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (N)	3,875	3,701	-174
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (%)	5.3%	5.4%	.1%

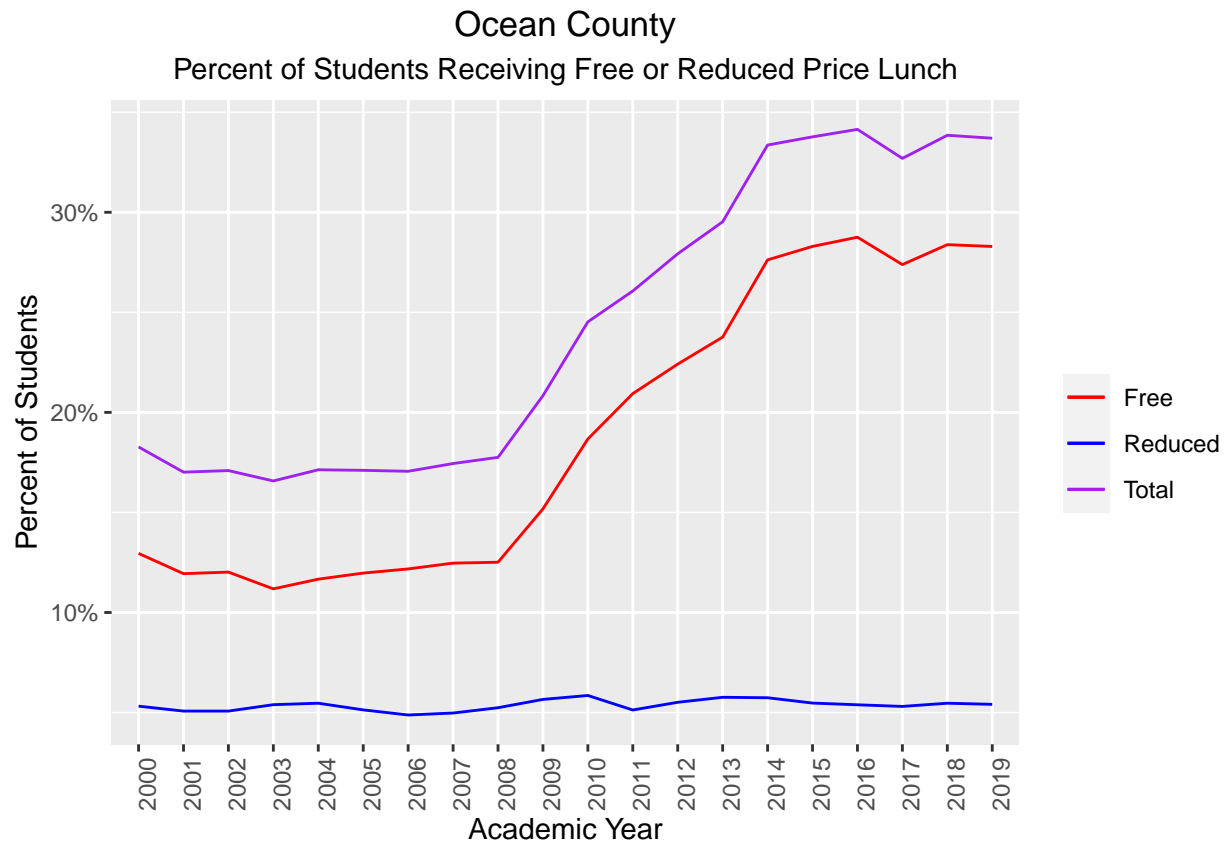


Figure 29: Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Households Participating in Social Support Services

Ocean County household participation rates in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and households at or below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) are summarized below. Household rates over the prior 8 years have been tabulated, and the percentages of households participating in SNAP and households at or below the FPL is graphed below. For households experiencing poverty, the proportion of households with children under age 18, and children under age 5 are graphed on the following page. Please note, estimate level data (N) is suppressed by the US Census.

Table 92: Ocean County Summary of Household Poverty

Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	222,863	225,270	2,407
Households receiving SNAP benefits (%)	4.8%	7.1%	2.3%
Households at or below 100% FPL (%)	6.6%	7.1%	.5%
Households with children under 18, at or below 100% FPL (%)	11.3%	12.5%	1.2%
Households with children under 5, at or below 100% FPL (%)	13.8%	12.9%	-.9%

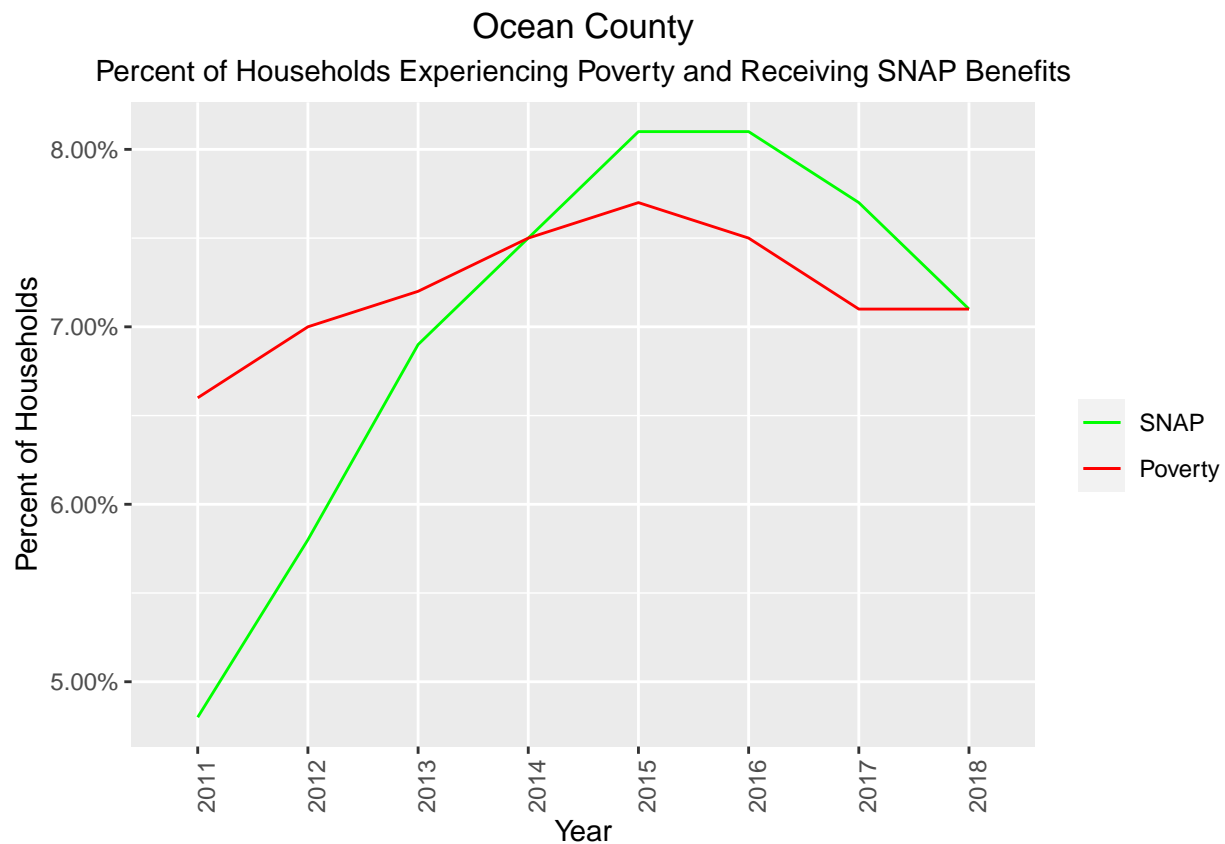
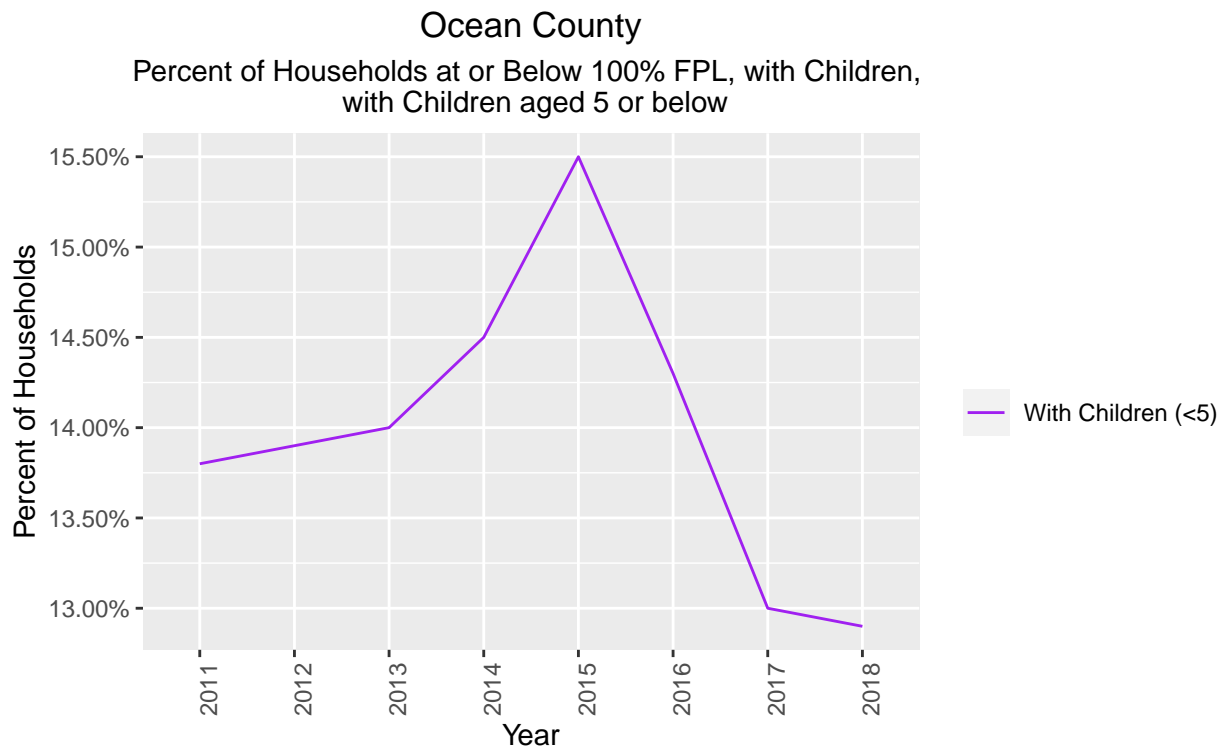
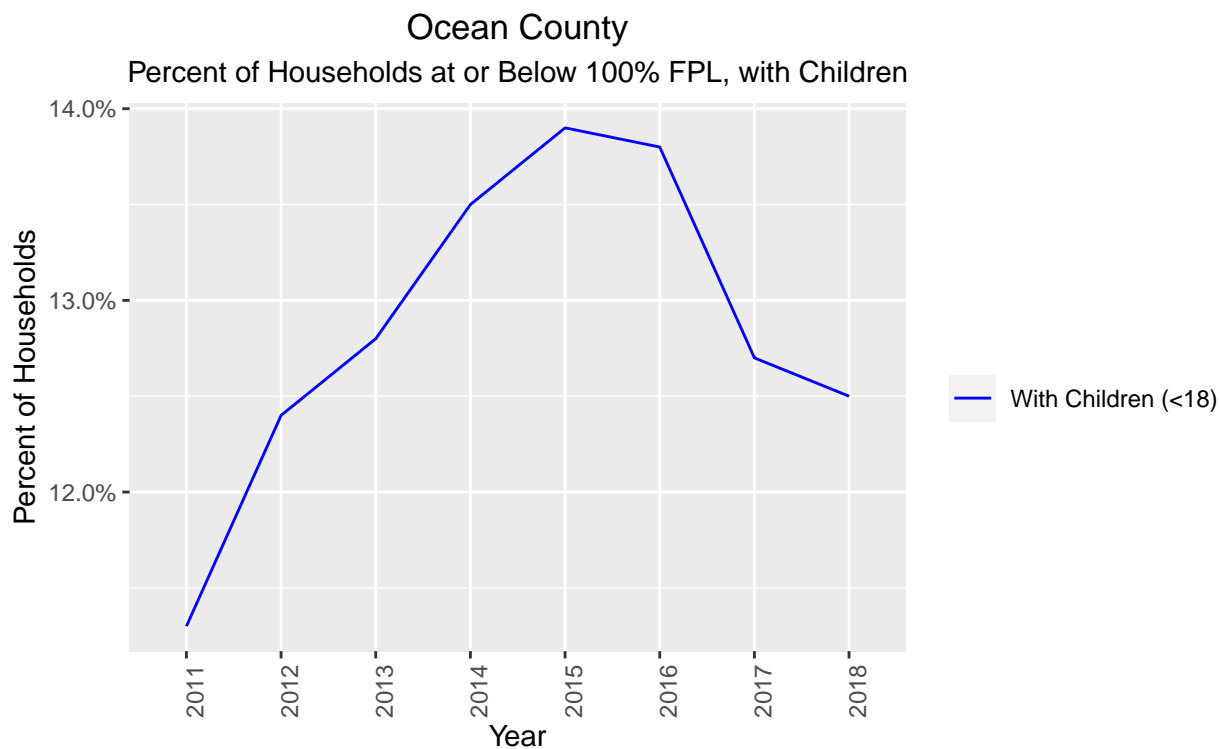


Figure 30: Households Experiencing Poverty and Receiving SNAP Benefits

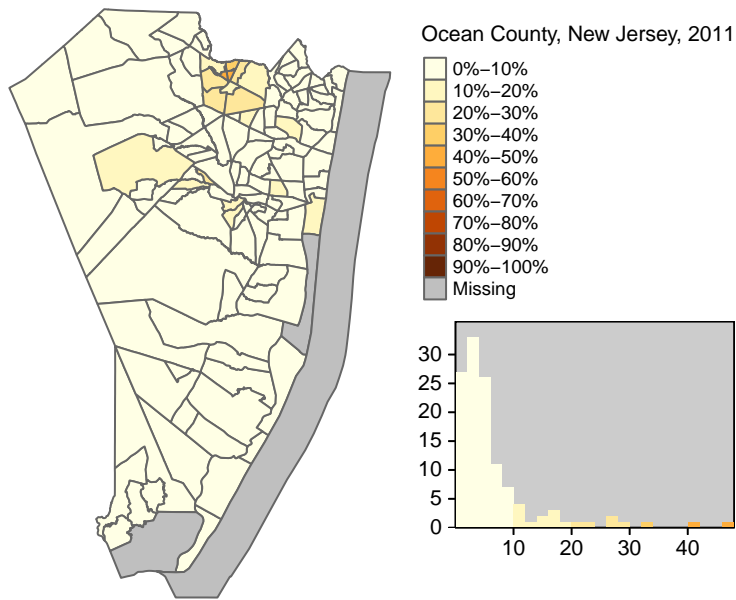
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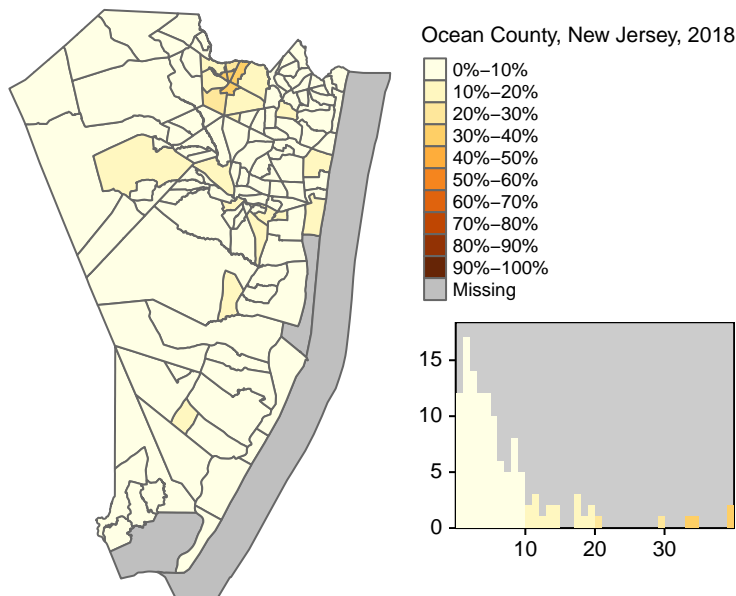
Households at or below 100% FPL

Ocean County households at or below 100% FPL, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Ocean County Households,
at or below 100% FPL,
2011



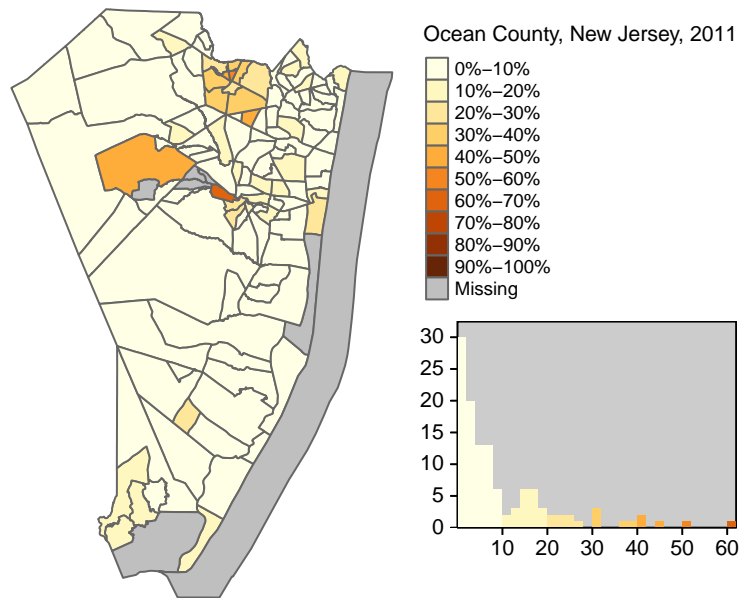
Percentage of Ocean County Households,
at or below 100% FPL,
2018



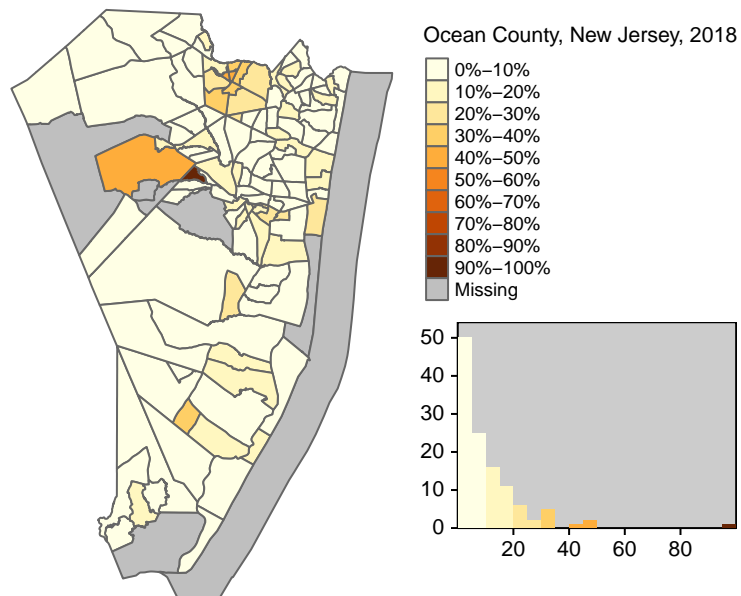
Households with children under 18 at or below 100% FPL

Ocean County households at or below 100% FPL with children aged 18 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Ocean County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 18,
2011



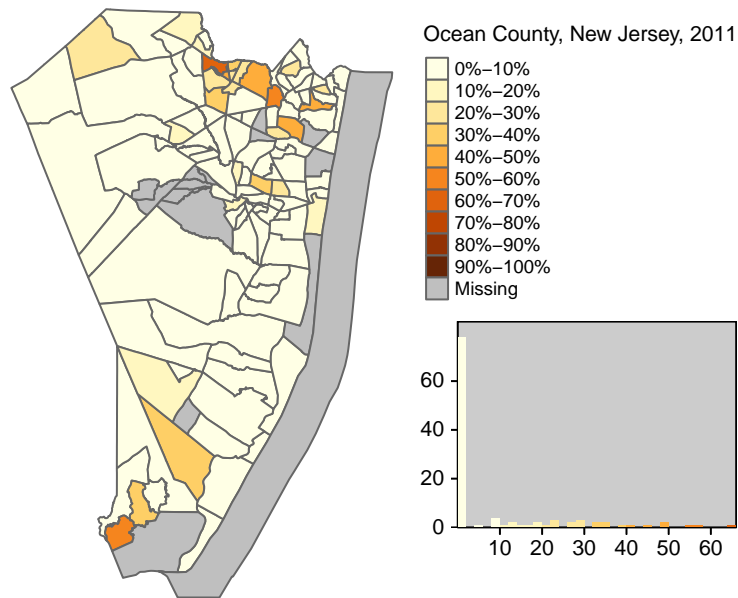
Percentage of Ocean County Households,
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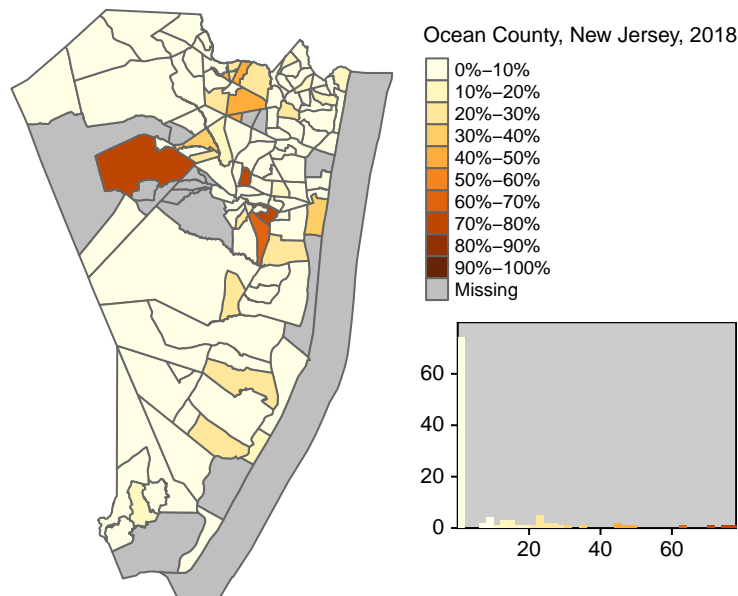
Households with children under 5 at or below 100% FPL

Ocean County households at or below 100% FPL with children, with children aged 5 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Ocean County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 5,
2011



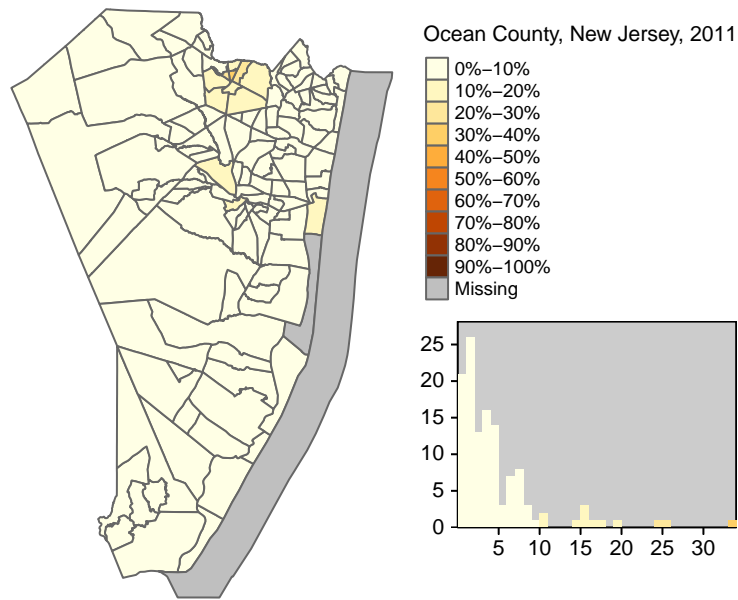
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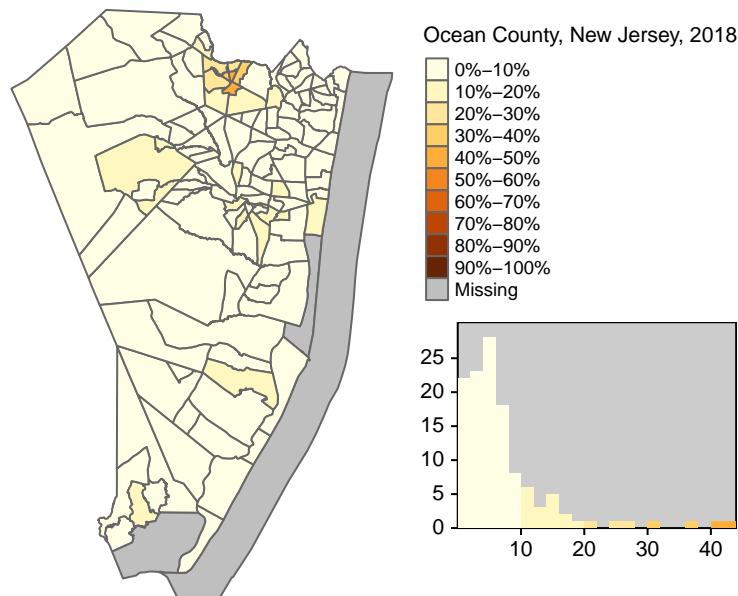
Households Participating in SNAP

Ocean County households participating in SNAP, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Ocean County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2011,



Percentage of Ocean County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2018



Household Food Access

Ocean County household food access, as measured by the USDA, is summarized below. Households and their surrounding environments (i.e., foodscapes) have been monitored by the USDA as a component of the USDA Food Environment Atlas. Household levels of access to different food sources and vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below.

Table 93: Ocean County USDA Summary

Measure	2009-2010	2014-2015	5 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	222,863	222,494	-369
Households with low access to grocery stores (%)	48.8%	43.1%	-5.7%
Households with low income and low access to grocery stores (%)	10.3%	9.0%	-1.3%
Households with no car and low access to grocery stores (%)	3.2%	3.3%	.1%
Children with low access to grocery stores (%)	10.6%	8.6%	-1.9%
Grocery Stores (N)	105	104	-1
Super-centers and Club Stores (N)	5	5	0
Convenience Stores (N)	147	164	17
Specialized Food Stores (N)	80	86	6
Fast Food Restaurants (N)	398	411	13
Full Service Restaurants (N)	385	432	47
Grocery Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.18	.18	0
Super-centers and Club Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.01	.01	0
Convenience Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.26	.28	.02
Specialized Food Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.14	.15	.01
Fast Food Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	.69	.7	.01
Full Service Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	.67	.74	.07

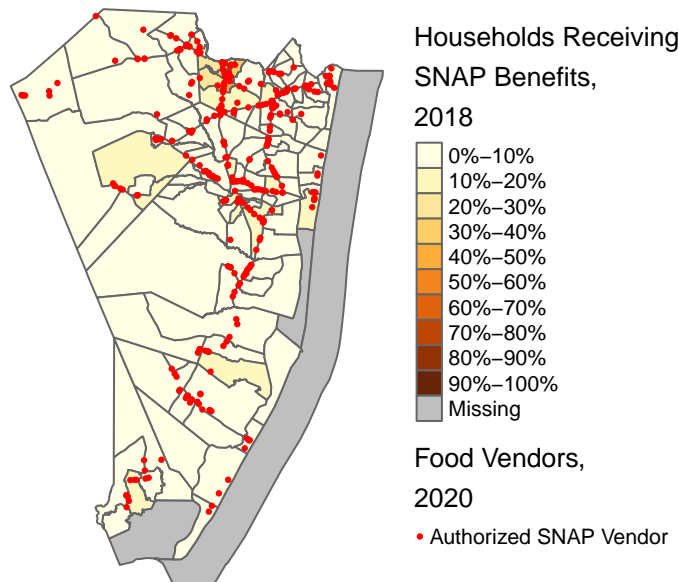
Household Access to SNAP Vendors

Ocean County household access to authorized SNAP or WIC food vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below. A map of SNAP-approved vendors in Ocean County, 334 vendors as of 2020, is additionally mapped below. Geographic data were not available for authorized WIC vendors or Farmers Markets.

Table 94: Ocean County Authorized Vendors

Measure	2008-2012	2012-2016	4 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	222,863	222,494	-369
SNAP-authorized Stores (N)	310	326	16
WIC-authorized Stores (N)	46	50	4
SNAP-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.53	.55	.02
WIC-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.08	.09	.01
SNAP-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	0	-
WIC-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	2	-

Households Receiving SNAP Benefits Compared to Registered SNAP Vendors, Ocean County, NJ



Household Food Security

Ocean County household food security, as measured by Feeding America's Mapping the Meal Gap, is summarized below. Households have been monitored by Feeding America as a component of their Mapping the Meal Gap program. Household levels of food security are tabulated below. Please note that, due to methodology changes, the data presented below should be treated as two different "snapshots" of food security status, and may not be representative of local-level trends.

Table 95: Ocean County Food Insecurity

Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Food Insecure Households (N)	59,280	52,900	-6,380
Food Insecure Households (%)	10.3%	8.9%	-1.4%
Food Insecure Children (N)	25,820	20,350	-5,470
Food Insecure Children (%)	19.0%	15.0%	-4.0%
Average Cost per Meal (\$)	\$2.82	\$3.49	\$0.67
Annual Food Budget Shortfall (\$)	\$27,253,240.00	\$31,244,000.00	\$3,990,760.00

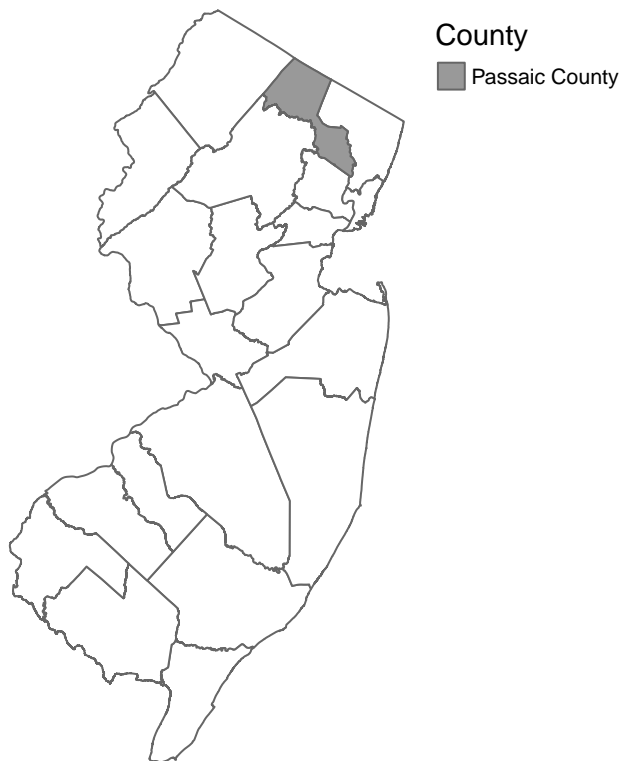
Passaic County

Overview

Table 96: Passaic County Overview

Measure	Current Estimate
Total Households	163,670
Household Density (per Square Mile)	825.27
Food Insecure Households	52,460
Food Insecure Children	29,390
Student Enrollment	79,033
Student NSLP Participation	44,664

Passaic County, New Jersey



Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Passaic County student participation rates in the National School Lunch Program are summarized below. Participation rates over the prior 20 years have been tabulated, and the percentage of students each year receiving free lunch, reduced price lunch, and the total percentage of students receiving either free or reduced price lunch is graphed below.

Table 97: Passaic County School Lunch Summary

Measure	2000	2019	20 Year Change
Student Enrollment	73,229	79,033	5,804
Students Receiving Free Lunch (N)	29,897	41,468	11,571
Students Receiving Free Lunch (%)	40.8%	52.5%	11.6%
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (N)	4,799	3,196	-1,603
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (%)	6.6%	4.0%	-2.5%

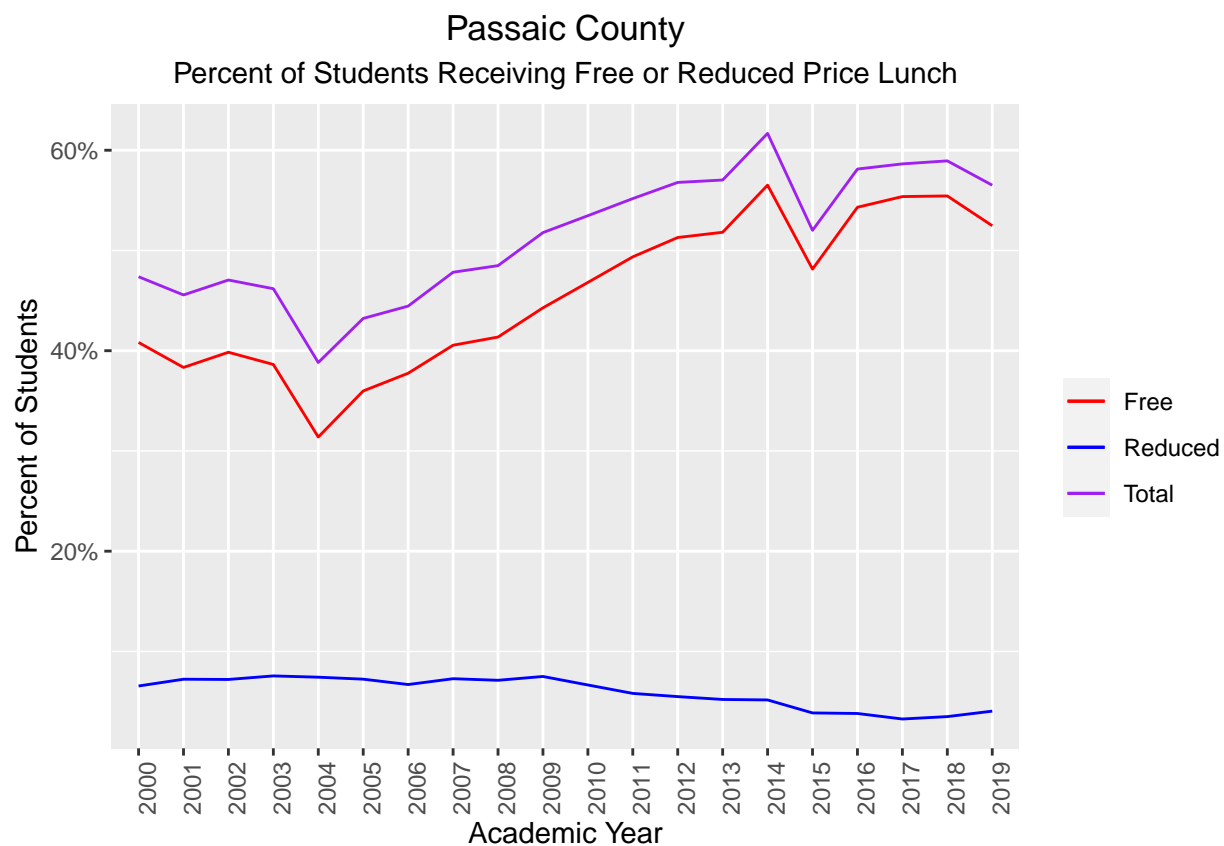


Figure 31: Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Households Participating in Social Support Services

Passaic County household participation rates in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and households at or below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) are summarized below. Household rates over the prior 8 years have been tabulated, and the percentages of households participating in SNAP and households at or below the FPL is graphed below. For households experiencing poverty, the proportion of households with children under age 18, and children under age 5 are graphed on the following page. Please note, estimate level data (N) is suppressed by the US Census.

Table 98: Passaic County Summary of Household Poverty

Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	161,488	163,670	2,182
Households receiving SNAP benefits (%)	10.2%	19.5%	9.3%
Households at or below 100% FPL (%)	12.5%	13.6%	1.1%
Households with children under 18, at or below 100% FPL (%)	18.7%	21.1%	2.4%
Households with children under 5, at or below 100% FPL (%)	16.1%	18.8%	2.7%

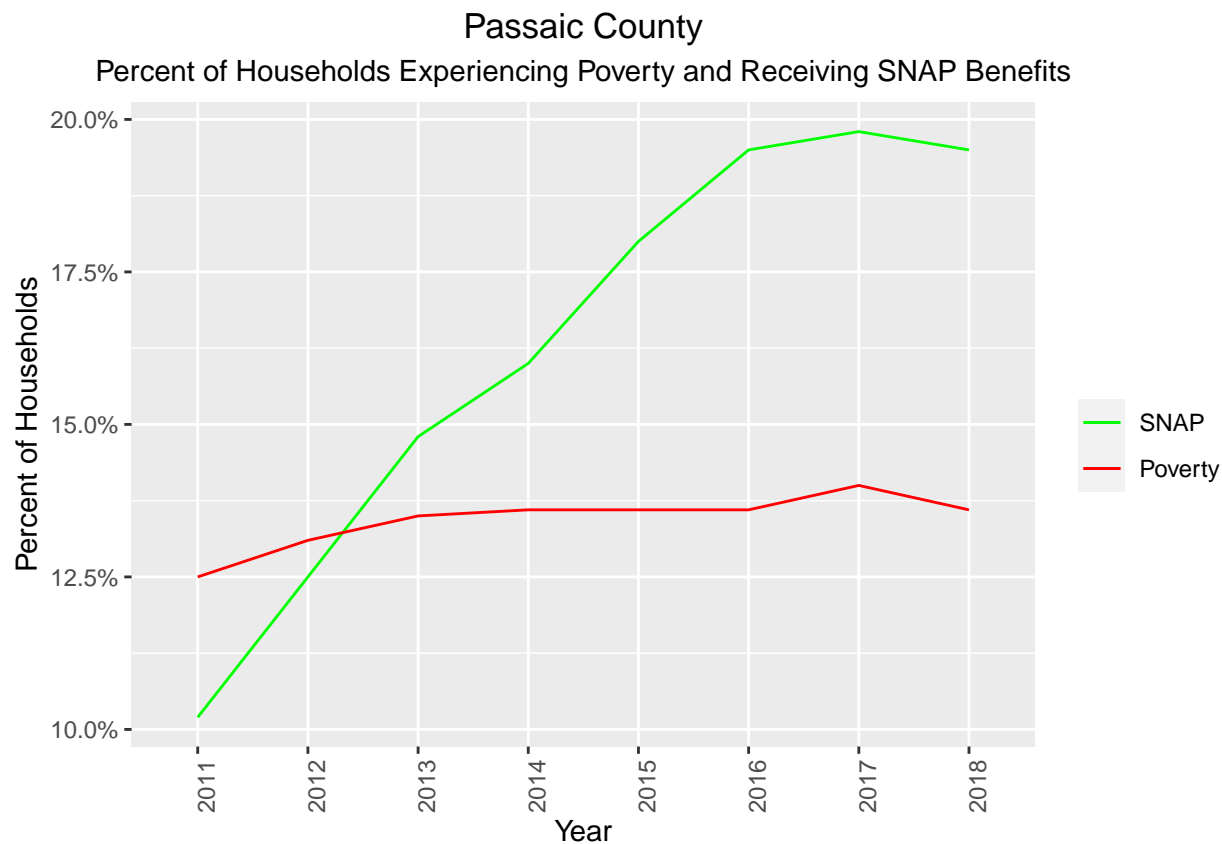
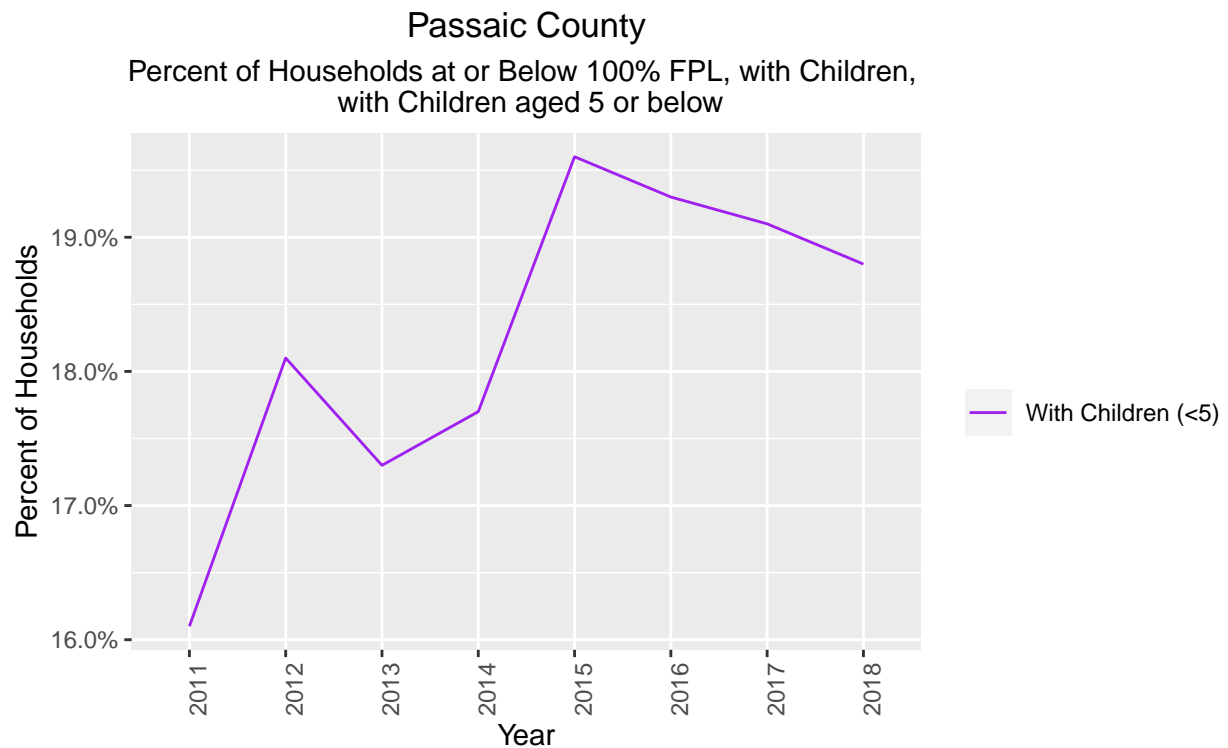
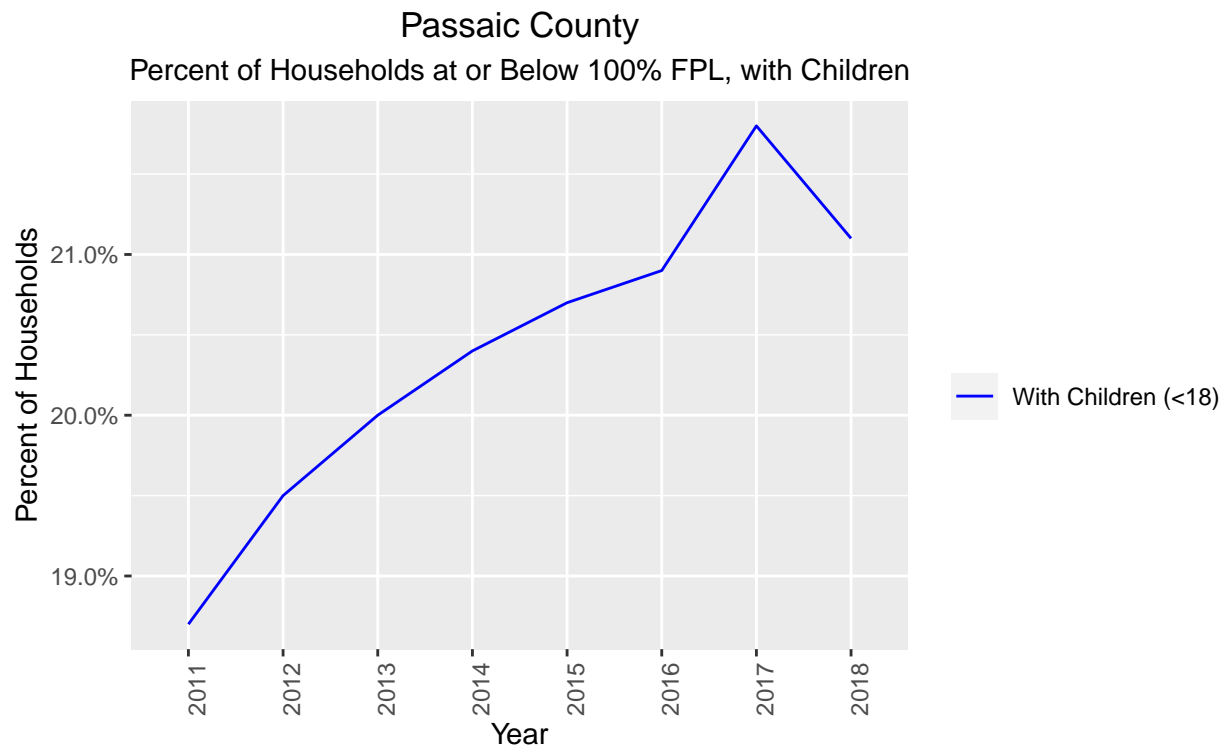


Figure 32: Households Experiencing Poverty and Receiving SNAP Benefits

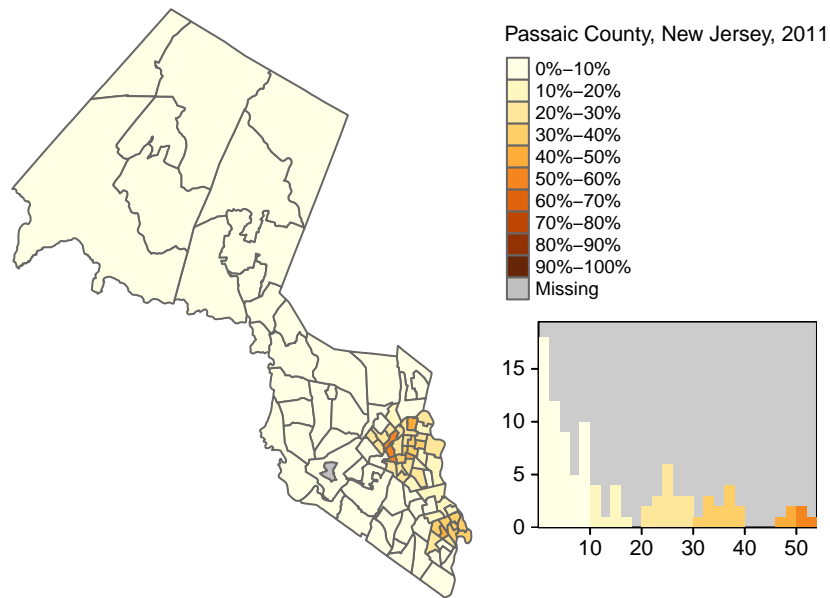
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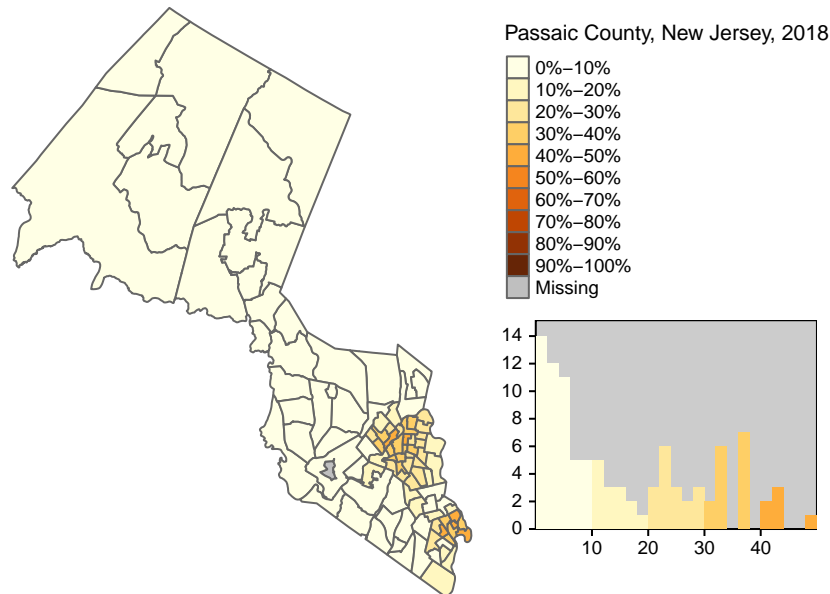
Households at or below 100% FPL

Passaic County households at or below 100% FPL, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Passaic County Households,
at or below 100% FPL,
2011



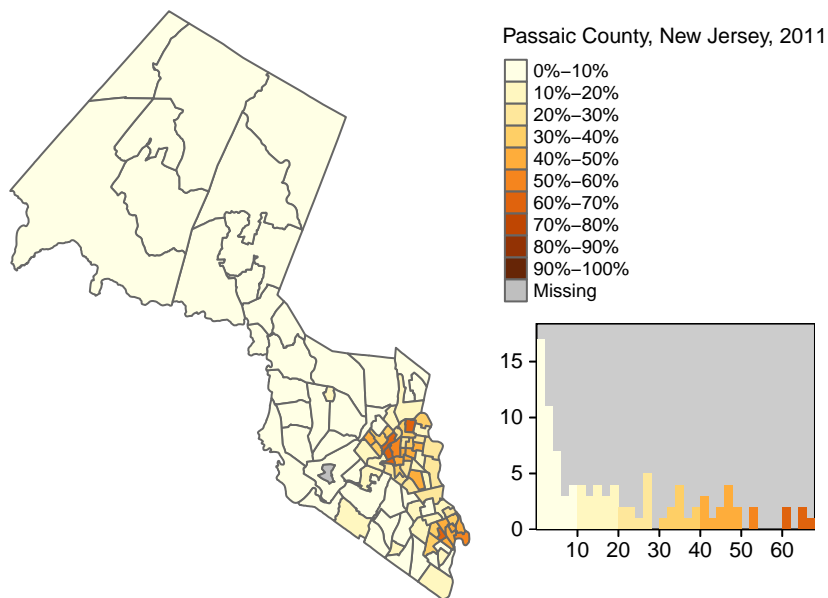
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at or below 100% FPL,
2018



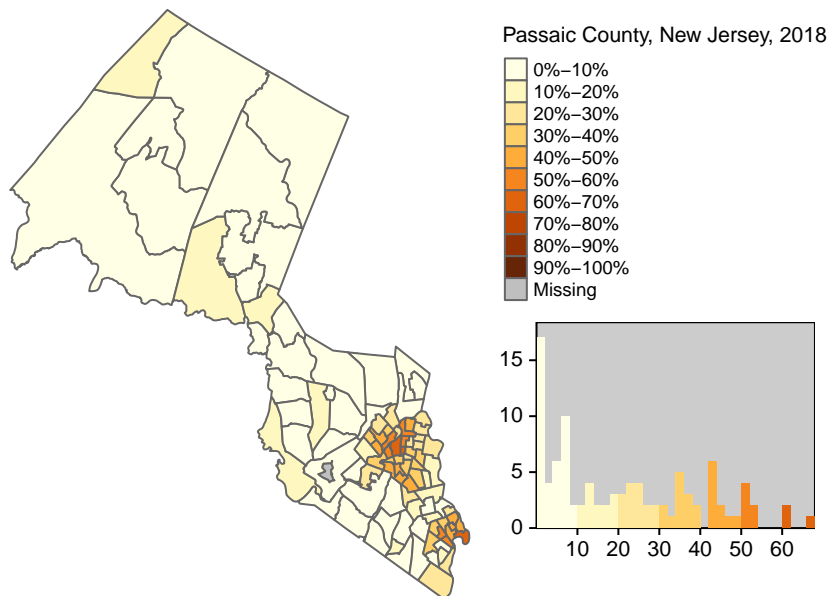
Households with children under 18 at or below 100% FPL

Passaic County households at or below 100% FPL with children aged 18 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Passaic County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 18,
2011



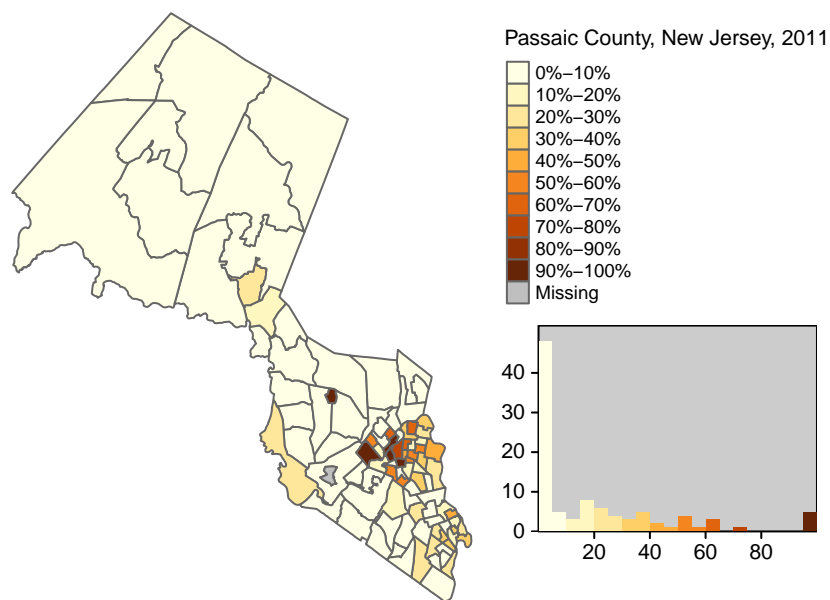
Percentage of Passaic County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 18,
2018



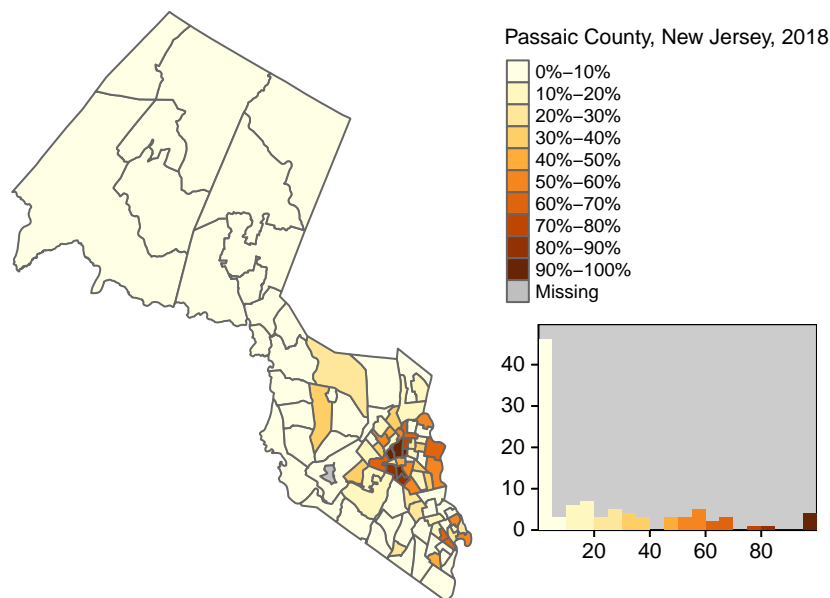
Households with children under 5 at or below 100% FPL

Passaic County households at or below 100% FPL with children, with children aged 5 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Passaic County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 5,
2011



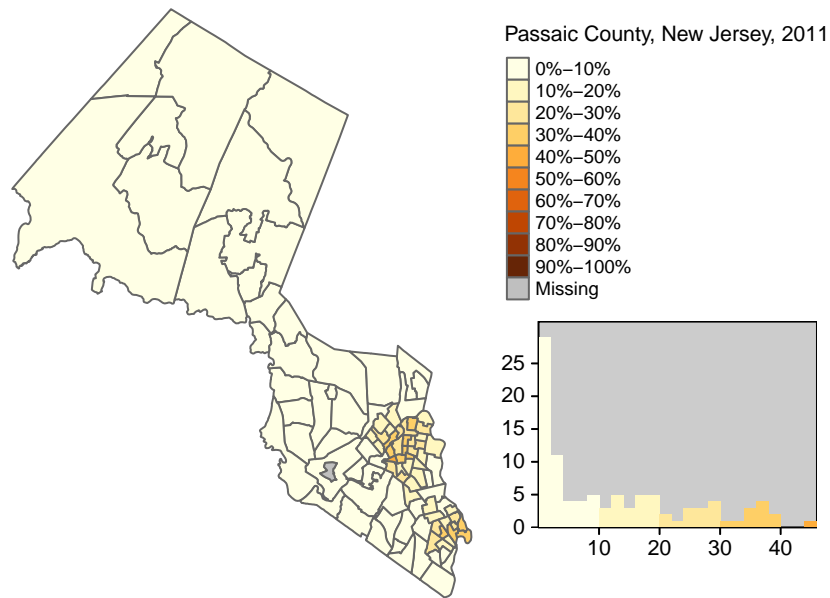
Percentage of Passaic County Households,
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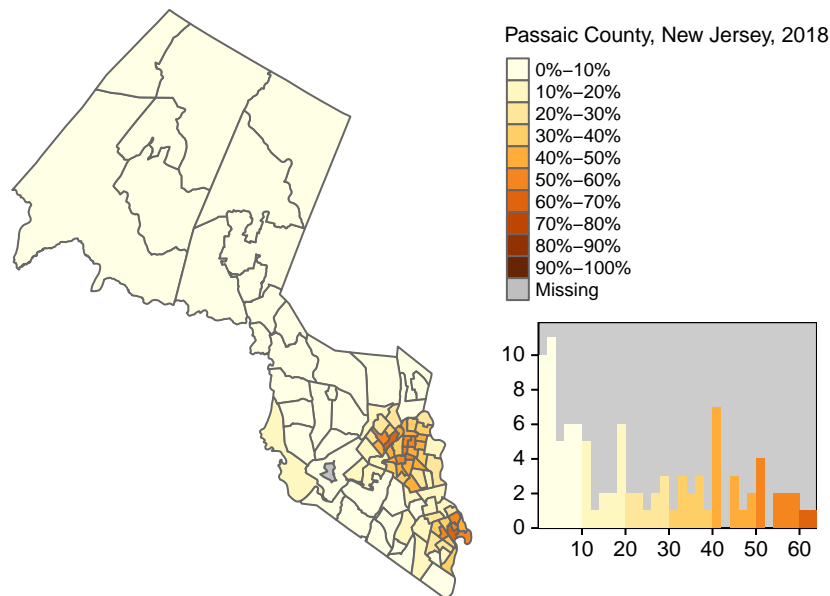
Households Participating in SNAP

Passaic County households participating in SNAP, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Passaic County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2011,



Percentage of Passaic County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2018



Household Food Access

Passaic County household food access, as measured by the USDA, is summarized below. Households and their surrounding environments (i.e., foodscapes) have been monitored by the USDA as a component of the USDA Food Environment Atlas. Household levels of access to different food sources and vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below.

Table 99: Passaic County USDA Summary

Measure	2009-2010	2014-2015	5 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	161,488	161,318	-170
Households with low access to grocery stores (%)	13.5%	13.2%	-.2%
Households with low income and low access to grocery stores (%)	1.6%	1.7%	.1%
Households with no car and low access to grocery stores (%)	.6%	.6%	.0%
Children with low access to grocery stores (%)	2.8%	2.9%	.0%
Grocery Stores (N)	229	245	16
Super-centers and Club Stores (N)	2	3	1
Convenience Stores (N)	93	102	9
Specialized Food Stores (N)	72	77	5
Fast Food Restaurants (N)	329	331	2
Full Service Restaurants (N)	277	383	106
Grocery Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.46	.48	.02
Super-centers and Club Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	0	.01	.01
Convenience Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.19	.2	.01
Specialized Food Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.14	.15	.01
Fast Food Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	.66	.65	-0.01
Full Service Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	.56	.75	.19

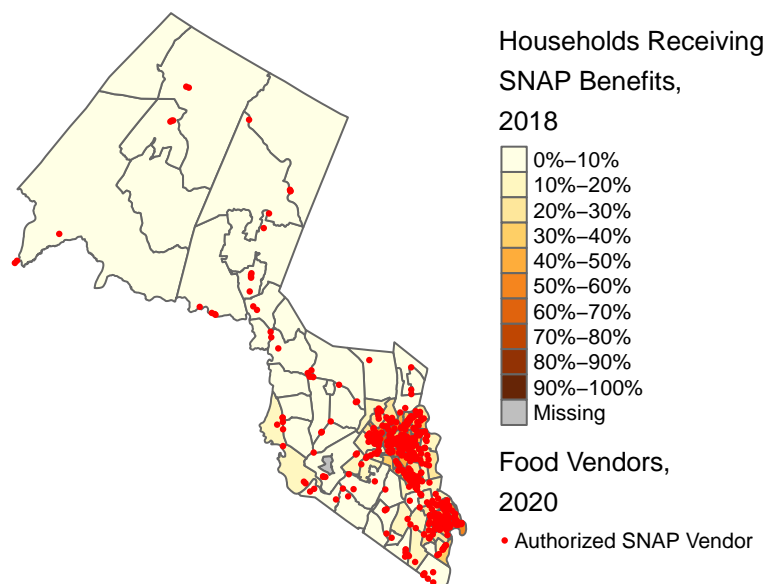
Household Access to SNAP Vendors

Passaic County household access to authorized SNAP or WIC food vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below. A map of SNAP-approved vendors in Passaic County, 478 vendors as of 2020, is additionally mapped below. Geographic data were not available for authorized WIC vendors or Farmers Markets.

Table 100: Passaic County Authorized Vendors

Measure	2008-2012	2012-2016	4 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	161,488	161,318	-170
SNAP-authorized Stores (N)	538	493	-44
WIC-authorized Stores (N)	67	81	14
SNAP-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	1.07	.97	-0.1
WIC-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.14	.16	.02
SNAP-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	3	-
WIC-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	2	-

Households Receiving SNAP Benefits Compared to Registered SNAP Vendors, Passaic County, NJ



Household Food Security

Passaic County household food security, as measured by Feeding America's Mapping the Meal Gap, is summarized below. Households have been monitored by Feeding America as a component of their Mapping the Meal Gap program. Household levels of food security are tabulated below. Please note that, due to methodology changes, the data presented below should be treated as two different "snapshots" of food security status, and may not be representative of local-level trends.

Table 101: Passaic County Food Insecurity

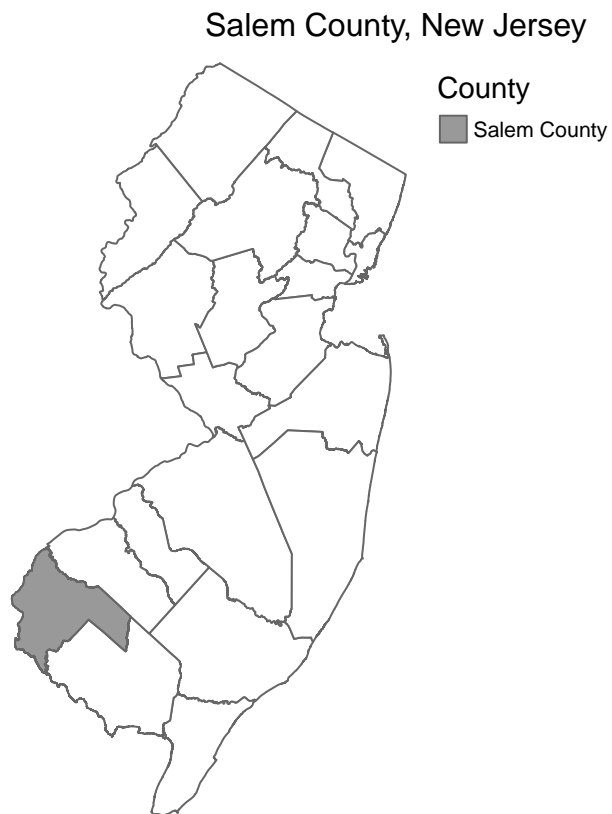
Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Food Insecure Households (N)	76,000	52,460	-23,540
Food Insecure Households (%)	15.3%	10.4%	-4.9%
Food Insecure Children (N)	29,390	16,910	-12,480
Food Insecure Children (%)	24.0%	14.0%	-10.0%
Average Cost per Meal (\$)	\$2.80	\$3.50	\$0.70
Annual Food Budget Shortfall (\$)	\$34,692,240.00	\$31,070,000.00	\$-3,622,240.00

Salem County

Overview

Table 102: Salem County Overview

Measure	Current Estimate
Total Households	23,908
Household Density (per Square Mile)	68.87
Food Insecure Households	7,180
Food Insecure Children	2,850
Student Enrollment	10,826
Student NSLP Participation	4,413.5



Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Salem County student participation rates in the National School Lunch Program are summarized below. Participation rates over the prior 20 years have been tabulated, and the percentage of students each year receiving free lunch, reduced price lunch, and the total percentage of students receiving either free or reduced price lunch is graphed below.

Table 103: Salem County School Lunch Summary

Measure	2000	2019	20 Year Change
Student Enrollment	11,828	10,826	-1,002
Students Receiving Free Lunch (N)	2,859	3,898.5	1,039.5
Students Receiving Free Lunch (%)	24.2%	36.0%	11.8%
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (N)	755	515	-240
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (%)	6.4%	4.8%	-1.6%

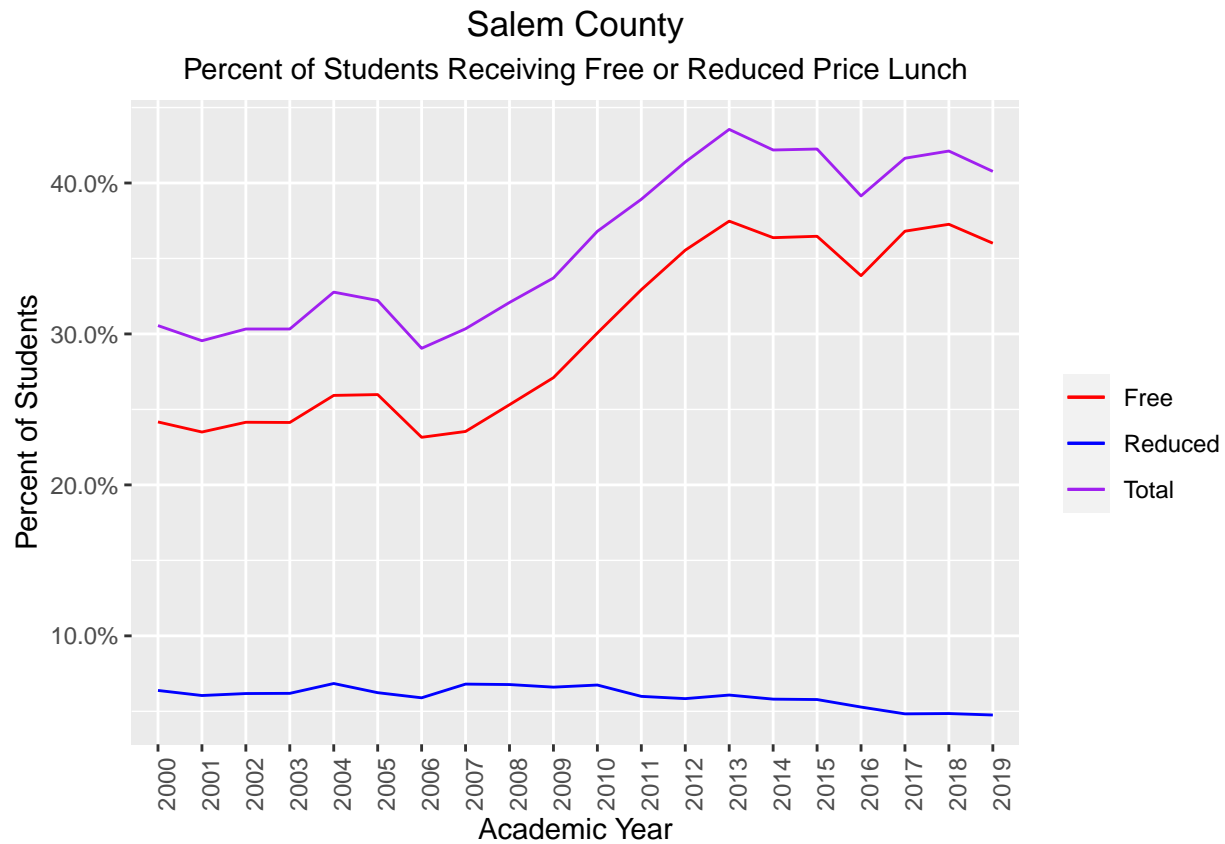


Figure 33: Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Households Participating in Social Support Services

Salem County household participation rates in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and households at or below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) are summarized below. Household rates over the prior 8 years have been tabulated, and the percentages of households participating in SNAP and households at or below the FPL is graphed below. For households experiencing poverty, the proportion of households with children under age 18, and children under age 5 are graphed on the following page. Please note, estimate level data (N) is suppressed by the US Census.

Table 104: Salem County Summary of Household Poverty

Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	25,004	23,908	-1,096
Households receiving SNAP benefits (%)	8.8%	13.4%	4.6%
Households at or below 100% FPL (%)	8.7%	9.2%	.5%
Households with children under 18, at or below 100% FPL (%)	15.7%	16.6%	.9%
Households with children under 5, at or below 100% FPL (%)	31.1%	19.8%	-11.3%

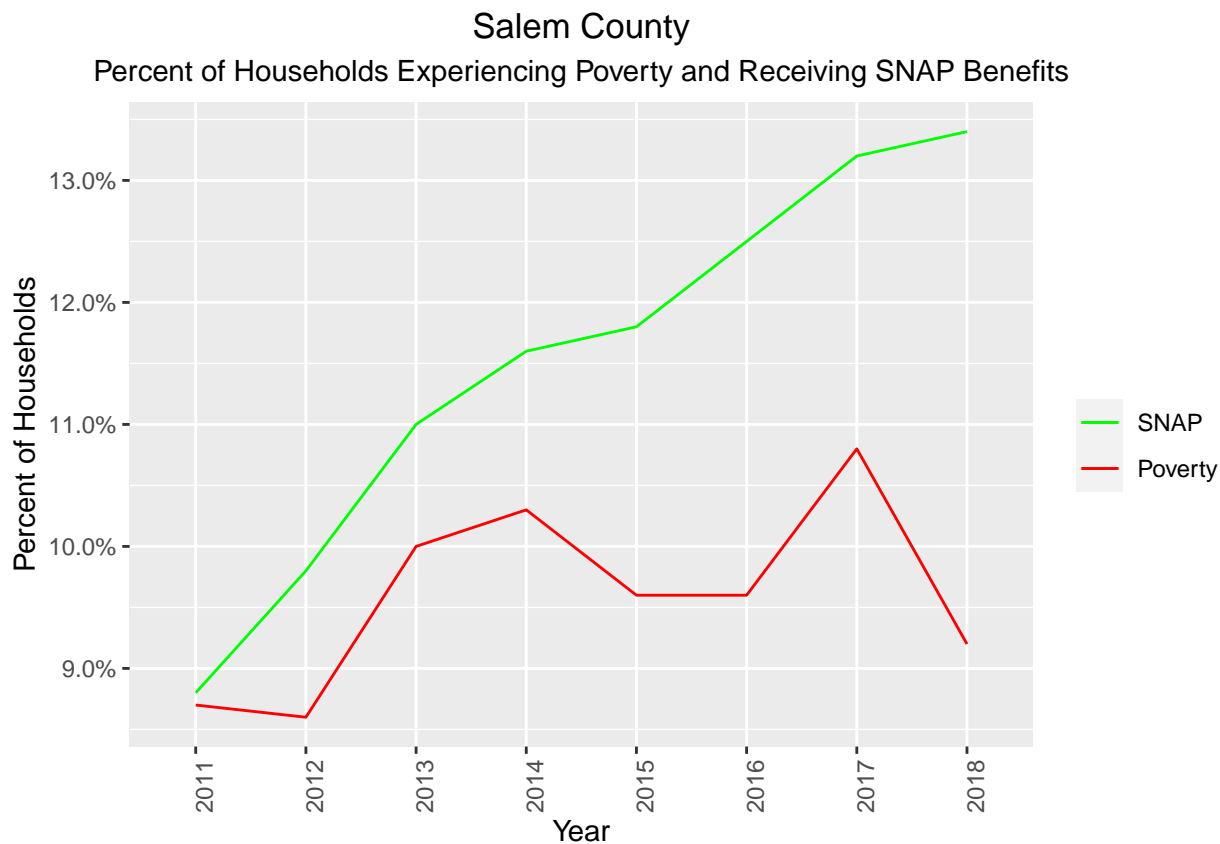
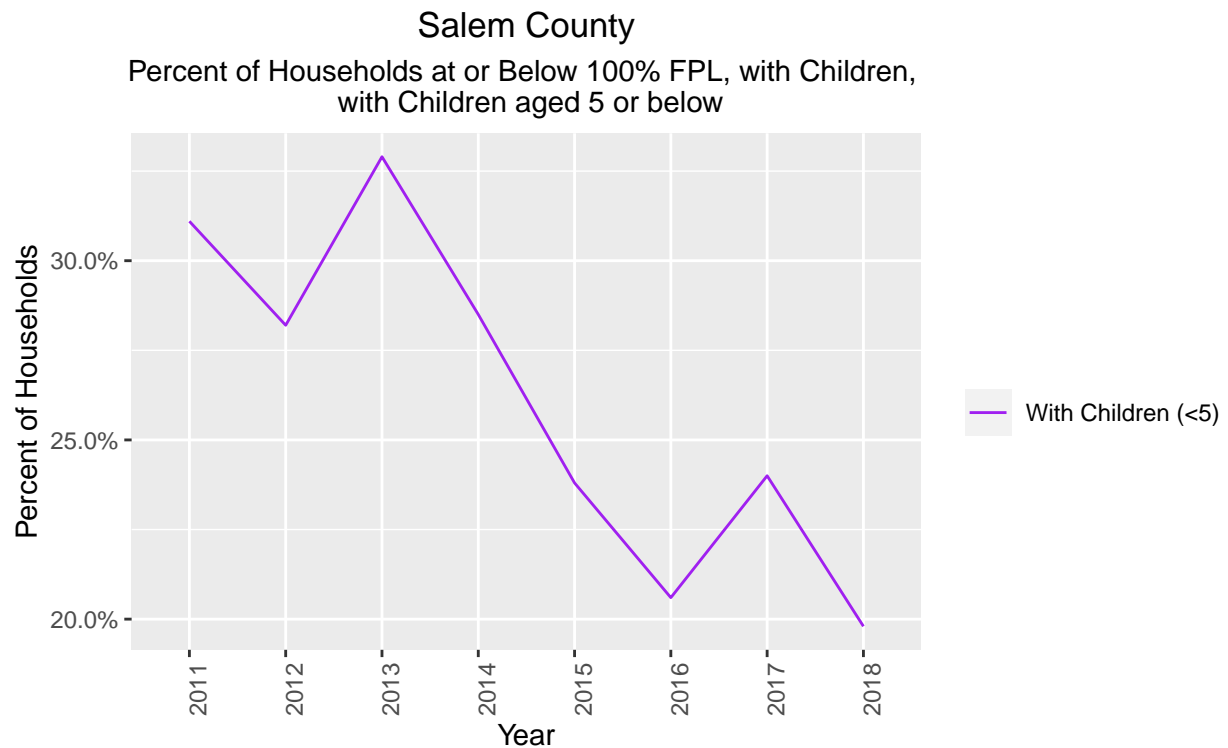
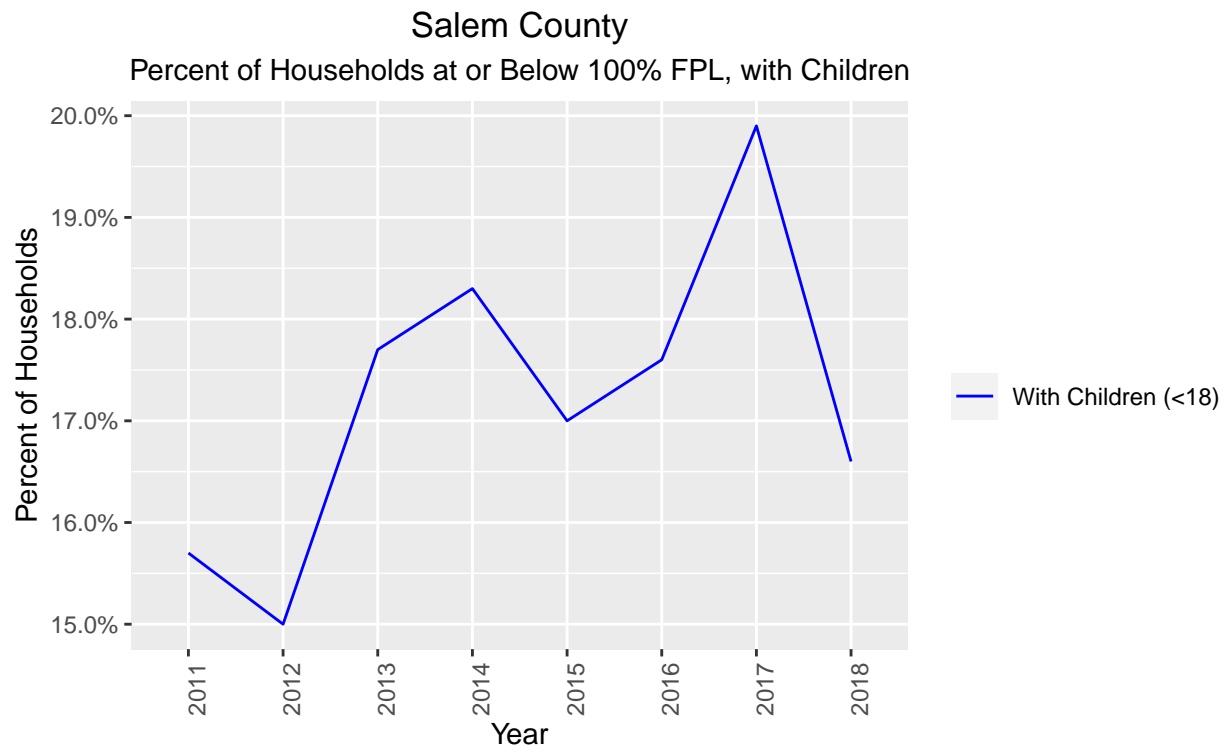


Figure 34: Households Experiencing Poverty and Receiving SNAP Benefits

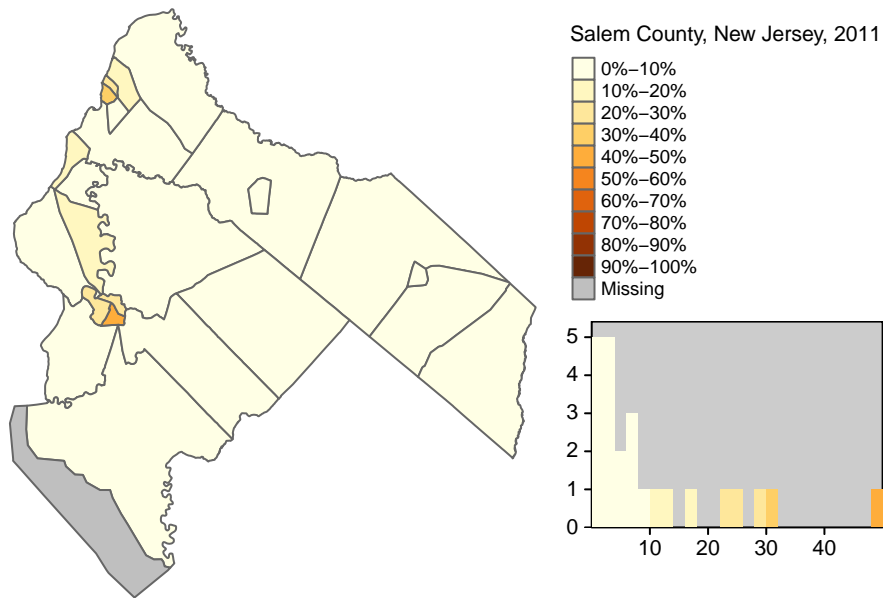
For households in Salem County experiencing poverty, the proportion of households experiencing poverty with children is graphed below. The proportion of households experiencing poverty with children, whose children are aged 5 or below, are graphed after.



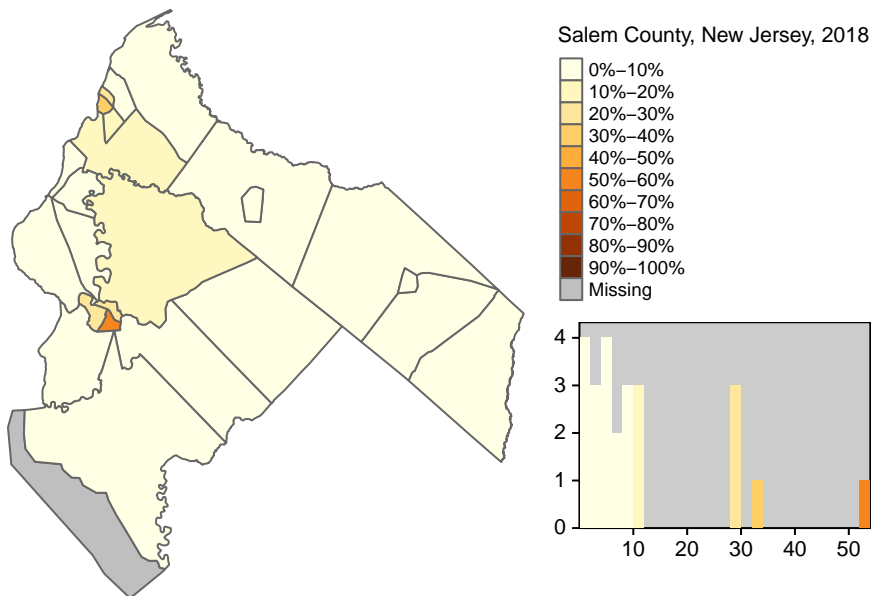
Households at or below 100% FPL

Salem County households at or below 100% FPL, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Salem County Households,
at or below 100% FPL,
2011



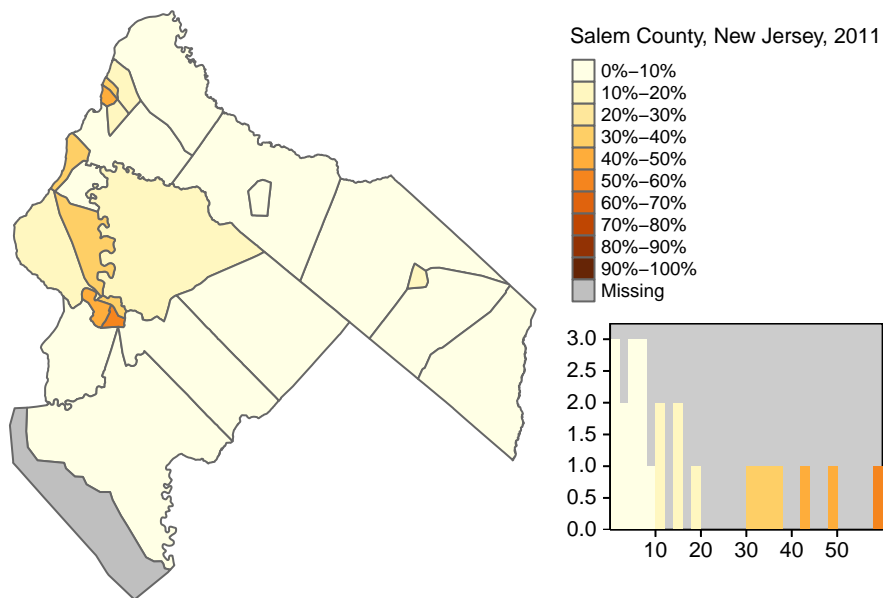
Percentage of Salem County Households,
at or below 100% FPL,
2018



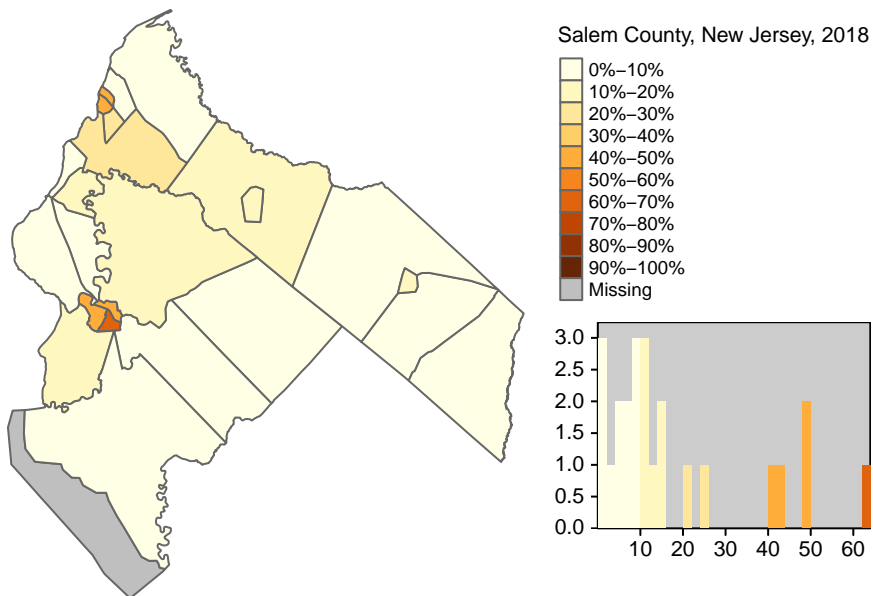
Households with children under 18 at or below 100% FPL

Salem County households at or below 100% FPL with children aged 18 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Salem County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 18,
2011



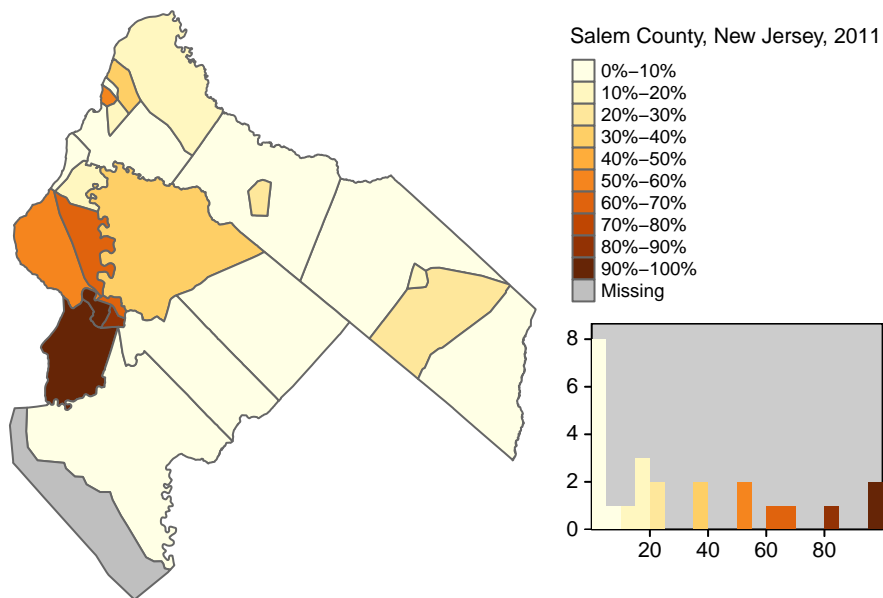
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2018



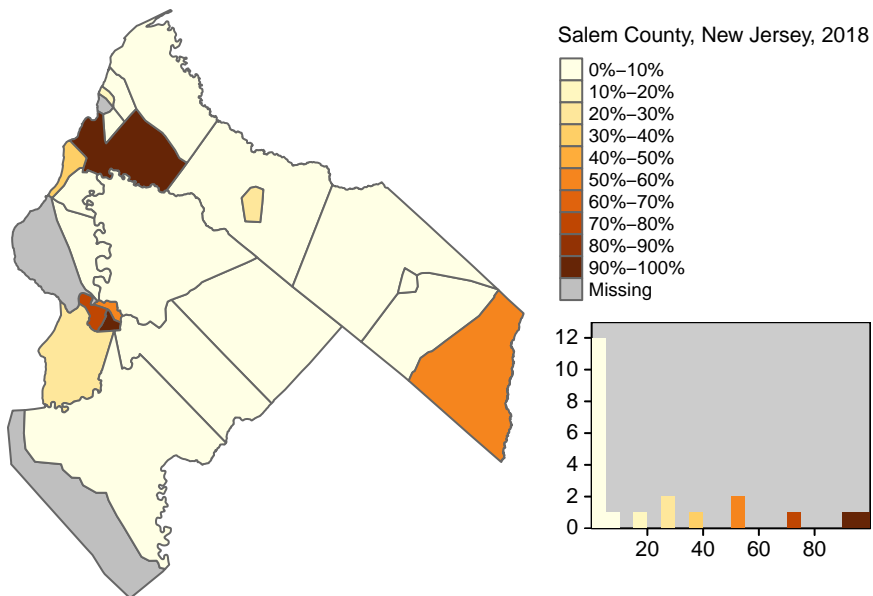
Households with children under 5 at or below 100% FPL

Salem County households at or below 100% FPL with children, with children aged 5 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Salem County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 5,
2011



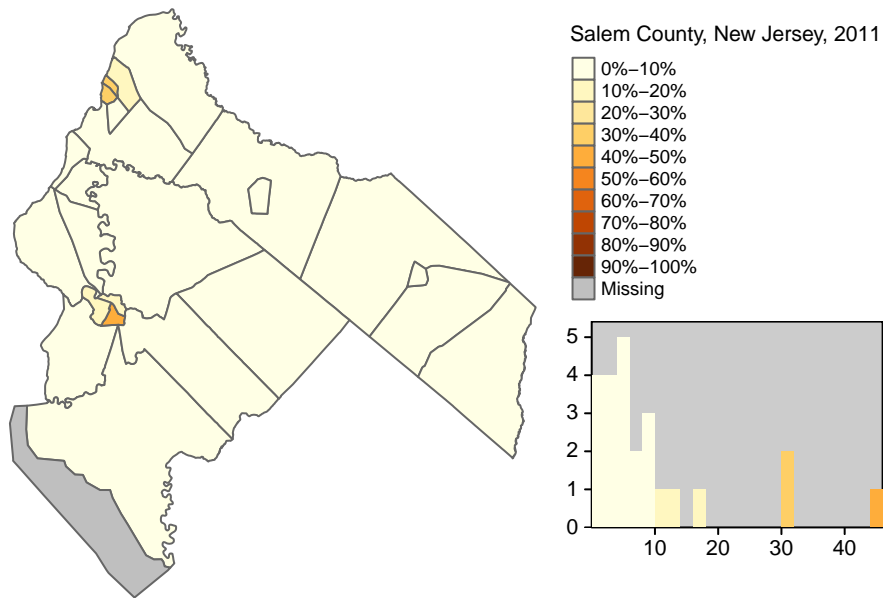
Percentage of Salem County Households,
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2018



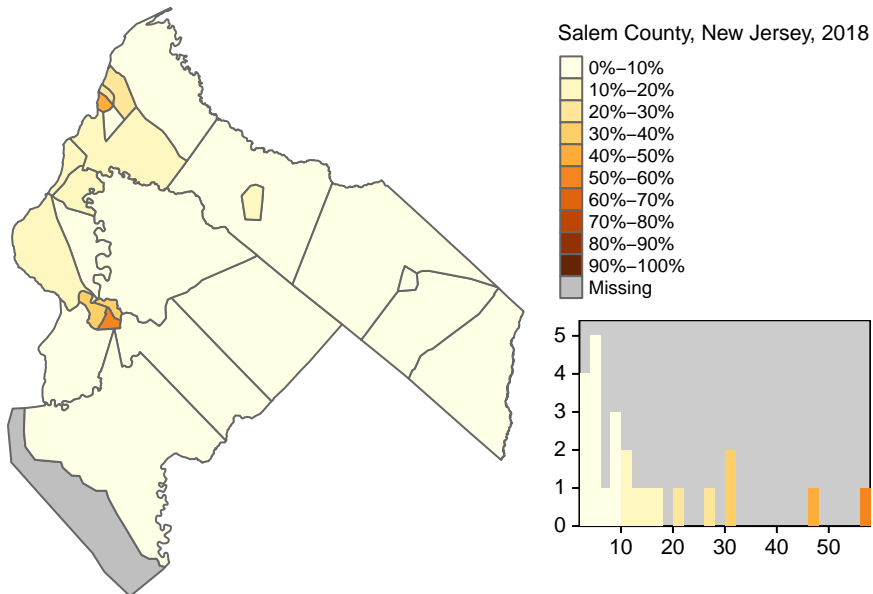
Households Participating in SNAP

Salem County households participating in SNAP, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Salem County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2011,



Percentage of Salem County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2018



Household Food Access

Salem County household food access, as measured by the USDA, is summarized below. Households and their surrounding environments (i.e., foodscapes) have been monitored by the USDA as a component of the USDA Food Environment Atlas. Household levels of access to different food sources and vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below.

Table 105: Salem County USDA Summary

Measure	2009-2010	2014-2015	5 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	25,004	24,347	-657
Households with low access to grocery stores (%)	13.1%	14.6%	1.5%
Households with low income and low access to grocery stores (%)	2.6%	3.3%	.6%
Households with no car and low access to grocery stores (%)	2.3%	2.5%	.3%
Children with low access to grocery stores (%)	2.8%	3.2%	.4%
Grocery Stores (N)	15	14	-1
Super-centers and Club Stores (N)	0	0	0
Convenience Stores (N)	20	22	2
Specialized Food Stores (N)	4	13	9
Fast Food Restaurants (N)	38	34	-4
Full Service Restaurants (N)	28	31	3
Grocery Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.23	.22	-0.01
Super-centers and Club Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	0	0	0
Convenience Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.3	.34	.04
Specialized Food Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.06	.2	.14
Fast Food Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	.57	.53	-0.04
Full Service Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	.42	.48	.06

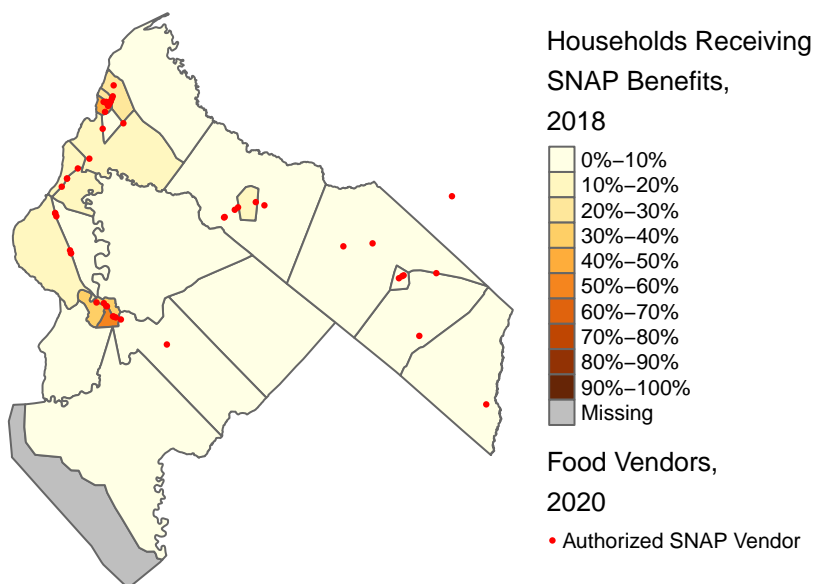
Household Access to SNAP Vendors

Salem County household access to authorized SNAP or WIC food vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below. A map of SNAP-approved vendors in Salem County, 51 vendors as of 2020, is additionally mapped below. Geographic data were not available for authorized WIC vendors or Farmers Markets.

Table 106: Salem County Authorized Vendors

Measure	2008-2012	2012-2016	4 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	25,004	24,347	-657
SNAP-authorized Stores (N)	51	48	-3
WIC-authorized Stores (N)	9	8	-1
SNAP-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.77	.75	-0.02
WIC-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.14	.12	-0.02
SNAP-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	1	-
WIC-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	0	-

Households Receiving SNAP Benefits Compared to Registered SNAP Vendors, Salem County, NJ



Household Food Security

Salem County household food security, as measured by Feeding America’s Mapping the Meal Gap, is summarized below. Households have been monitored by Feeding America as a component of their Mapping the Meal Gap program. Household levels of food security are tabulated below. Please note that, due to methodology changes, the data presented below should be treated as two different “snapshots” of food security status, and may not be representative of local-level trends.

Table 107: Salem County Food Insecurity

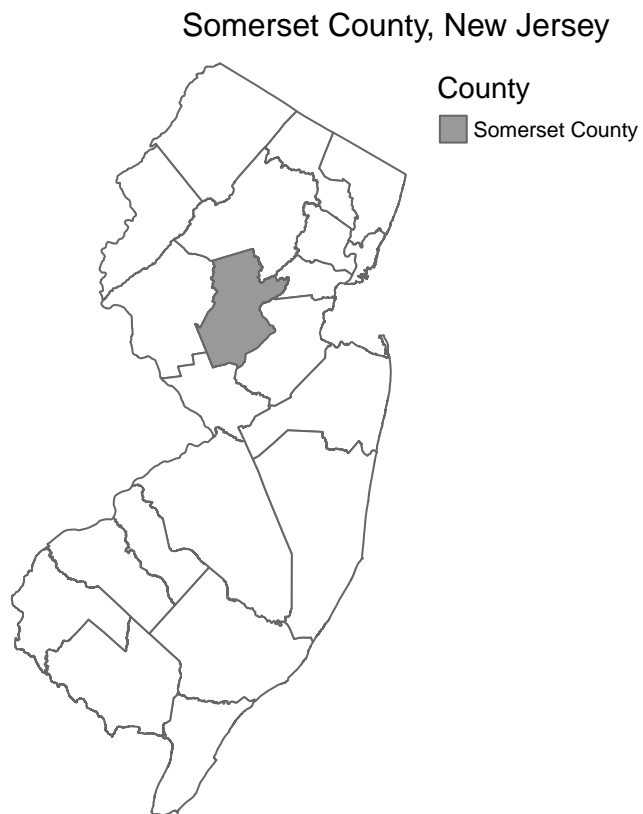
Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Food Insecure Households (N)	8,840	7,180	-1,660
Food Insecure Households (%)	13.4%	11.3%	-2.1%
Food Insecure Children (N)	2,850	2,410	-440
Food Insecure Children (%)	18.0%	18.0%	.0%
Average Cost per Meal (\$)	\$3.22	\$3.78	\$0.56
Annual Food Budget Shortfall (\$)	\$4,640,540.00	\$4,591,000.00	\$-49,540.00

Somerset County

Overview

Table 108: Somerset County Overview

Measure	Current Estimate
Total Households	117,012
Household Density (per Square Mile)	383.79
Food Insecure Households	17,120
Food Insecure Children	9,010
Student Enrollment	51,827
Student NSLP Participation	10,123.5



Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Somerset County student participation rates in the National School Lunch Program are summarized below. Participation rates over the prior 20 years have been tabulated, and the percentage of students each year receiving free lunch, reduced price lunch, and the total percentage of students receiving either free or reduced price lunch is graphed below.

Table 109: Somerset County School Lunch Summary

Measure	2000	2019	20 Year Change
Student Enrollment	44,428.5	51,827	7,398.5
Students Receiving Free Lunch (N)	3,486	8,162.5	4,676.5
Students Receiving Free Lunch (%)	7.8%	15.7%	7.9%
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (N)	1,419	1,961	542
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (%)	3.2%	3.8%	.6%

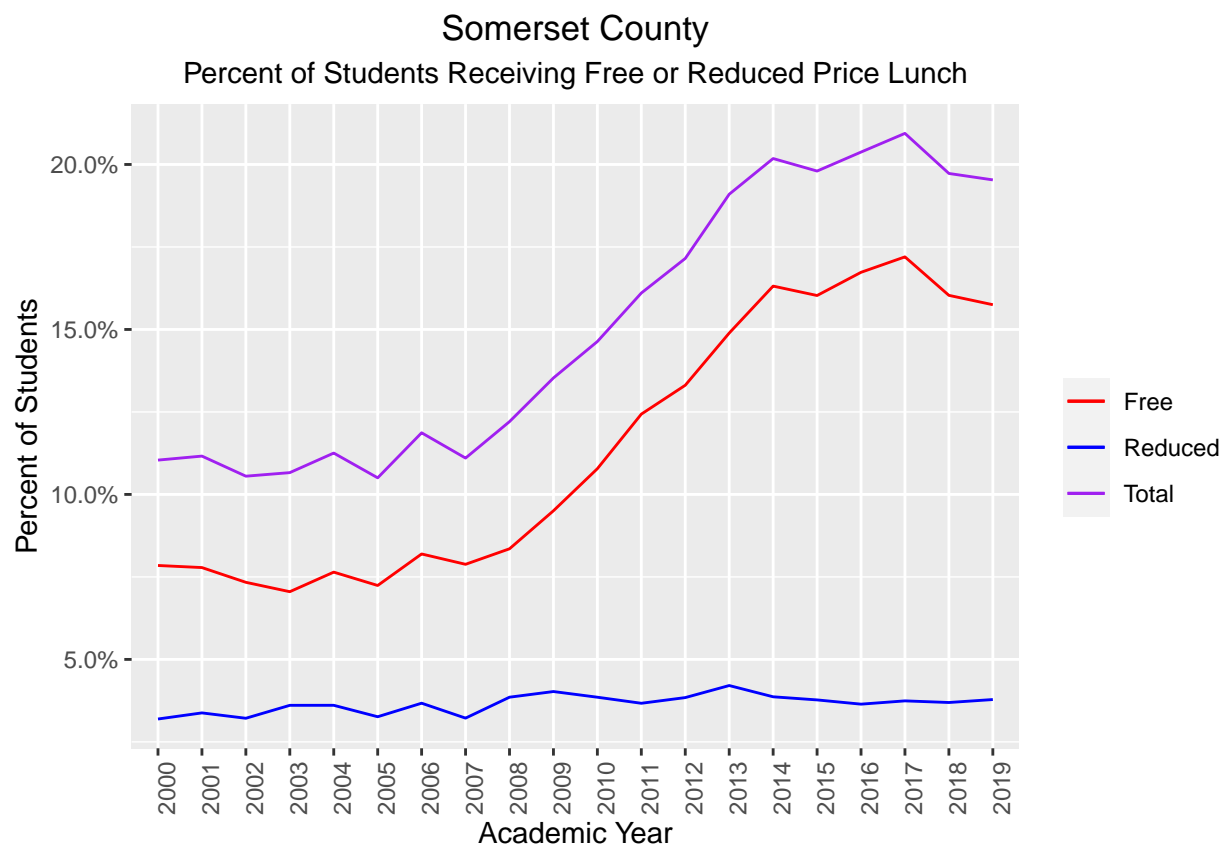


Figure 35: Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Households Participating in Social Support Services

Somerset County household participation rates in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and households at or below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) are summarized below. Household rates over the prior 8 years have been tabulated, and the percentages of households participating in SNAP and households at or below the FPL is graphed below. For households experiencing poverty, the proportion of households with children under age 18, and children under age 5 are graphed on the following page. Please note, estimate level data (N) is suppressed by the US Census.

Table 110: Somerset County Summary of Household Poverty

Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	114,348	117,012	2,664
Households receiving SNAP benefits (%)	2.2%	2.8%	.6%
Households at or below 100% FPL (%)	2.5%	3.1%	.6%
Households with children under 18, at or below 100% FPL (%)	3.3%	4.2%	.9%
Households with children under 5, at or below 100% FPL (%)	3.6%	4.5%	.9%

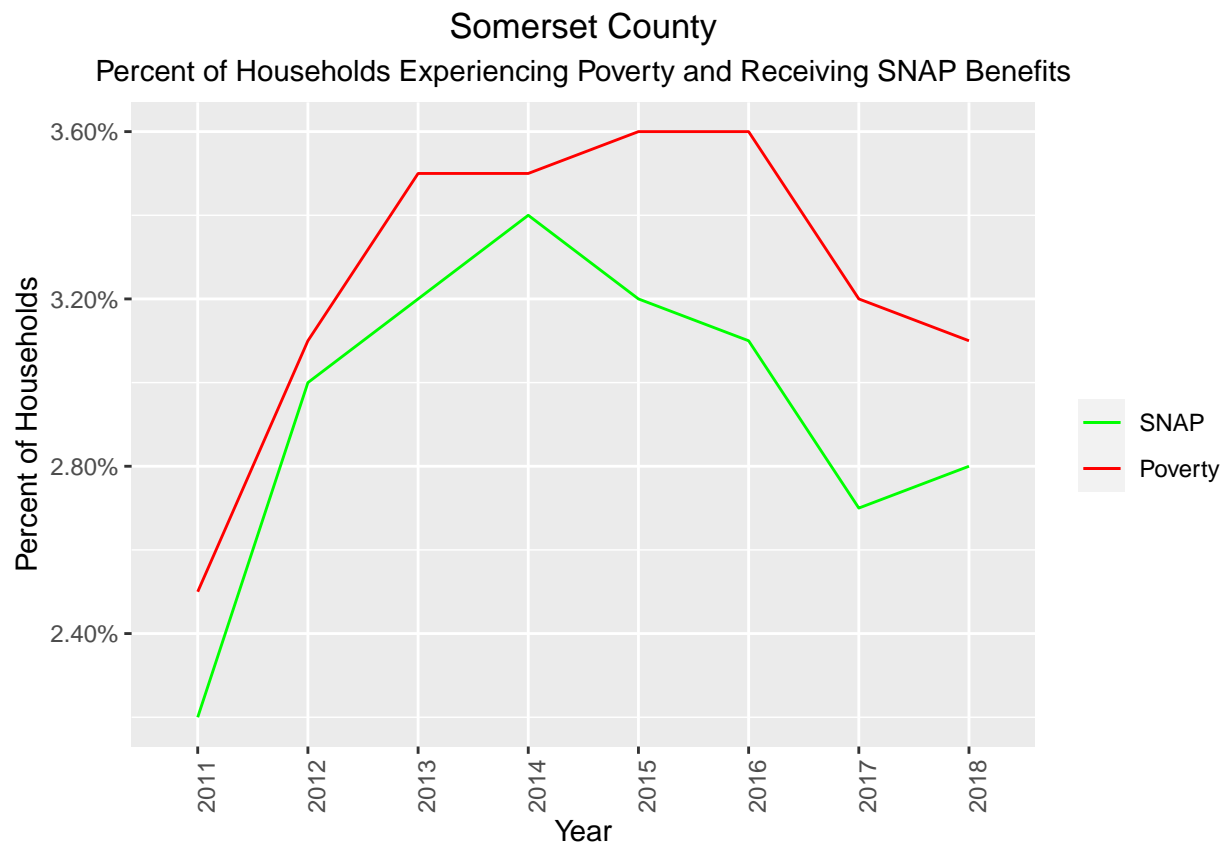
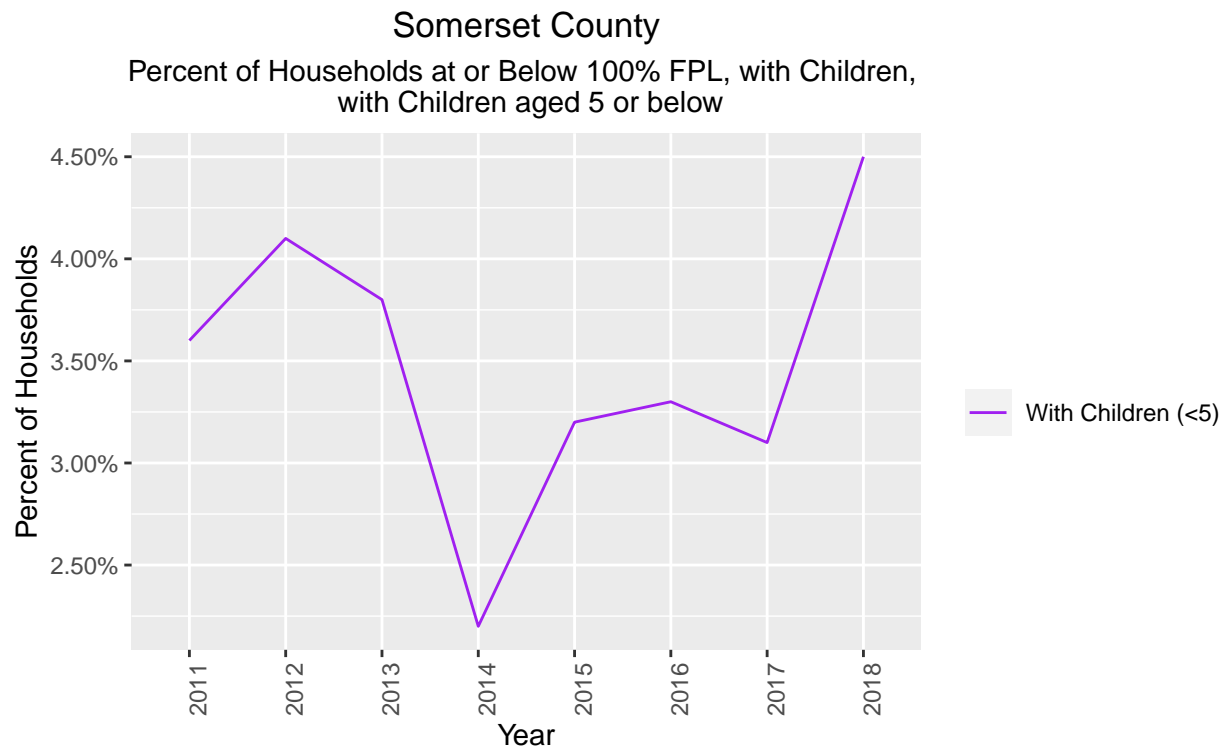
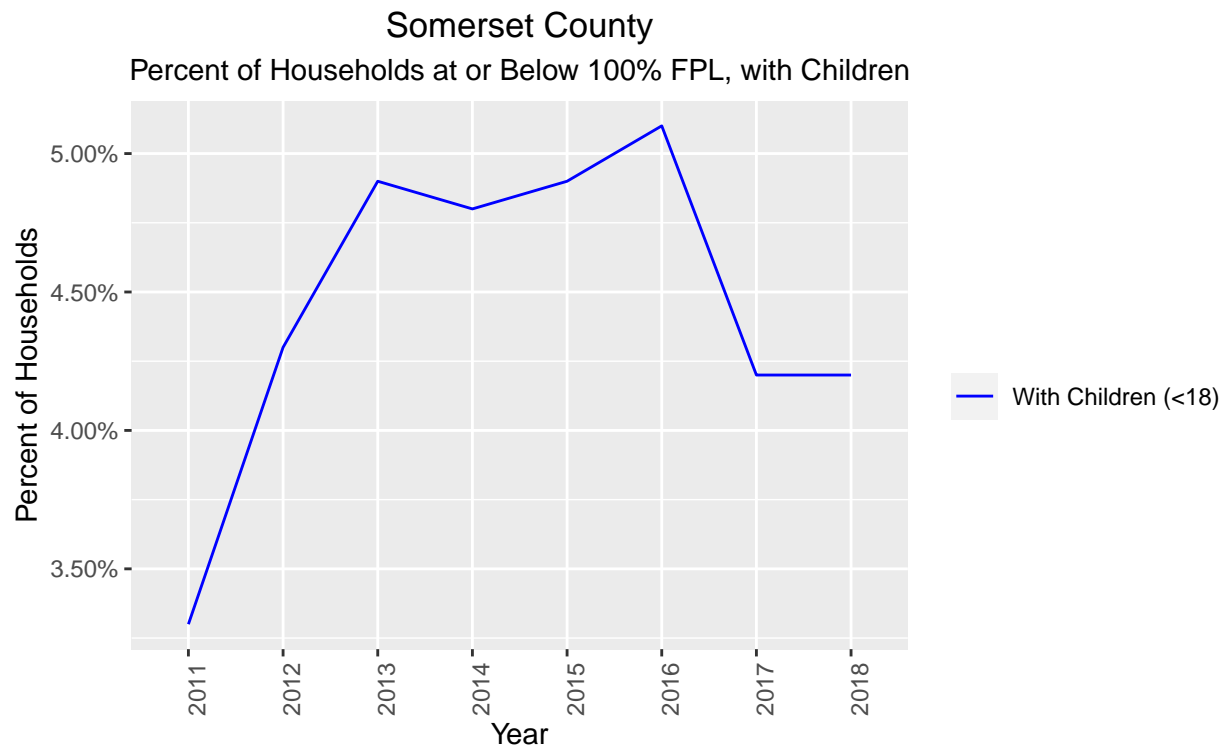


Figure 36: Households Experiencing Poverty and Receiving SNAP Benefits

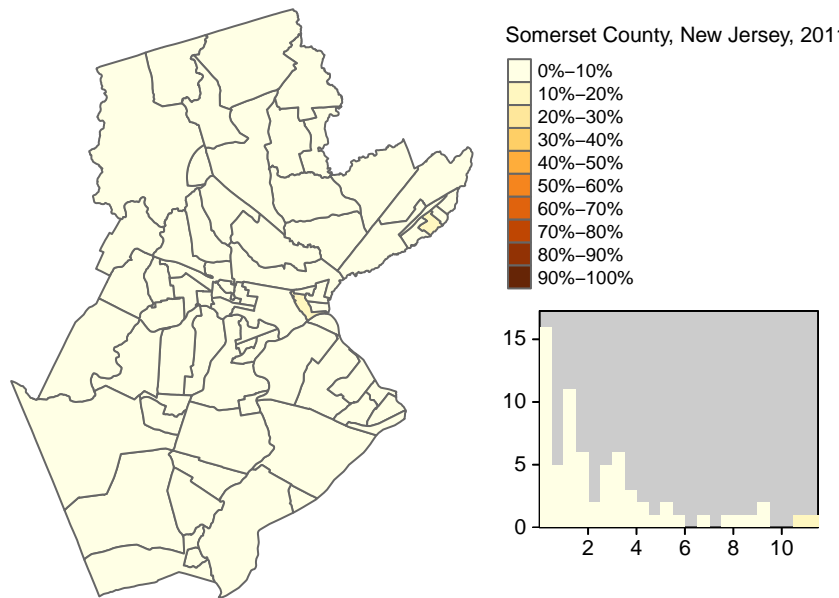
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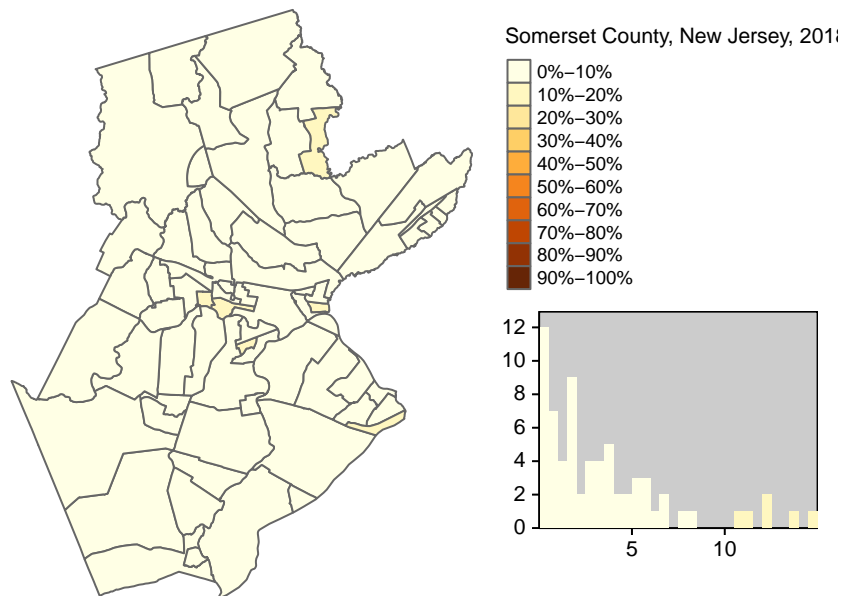
Households at or below 100% FPL

Somerset County households at or below 100% FPL, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Somerset County Households,
at or below 100% FPL,
2011



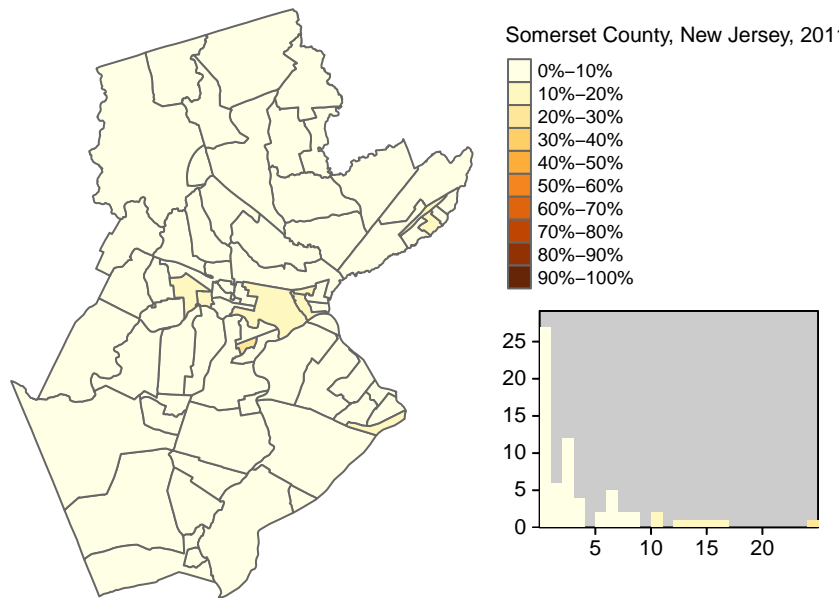
Percentage of Somerset County Households,
at or below 100% FPL,
2018



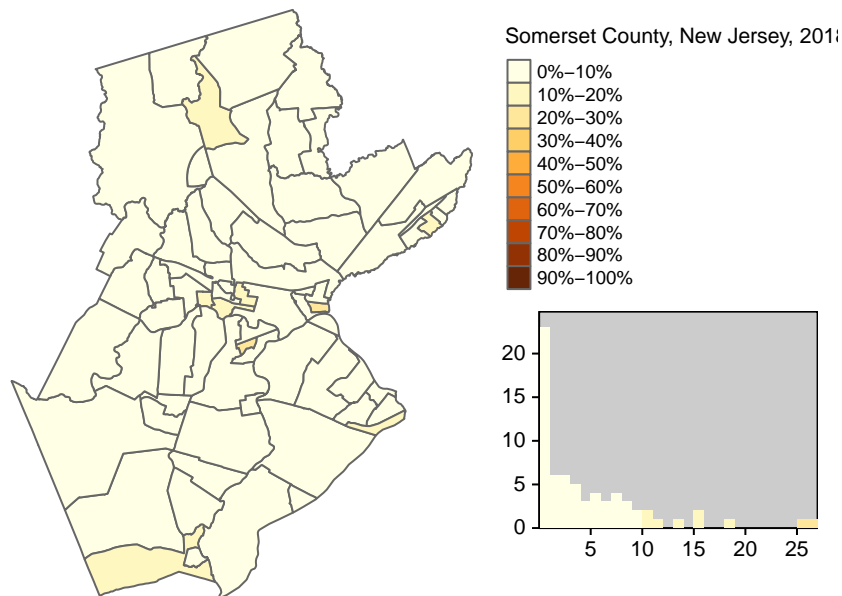
Households with children under 18 at or below 100% FPL

Somerset County households at or below 100% FPL with children aged 18 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Somerset County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 18,
2011



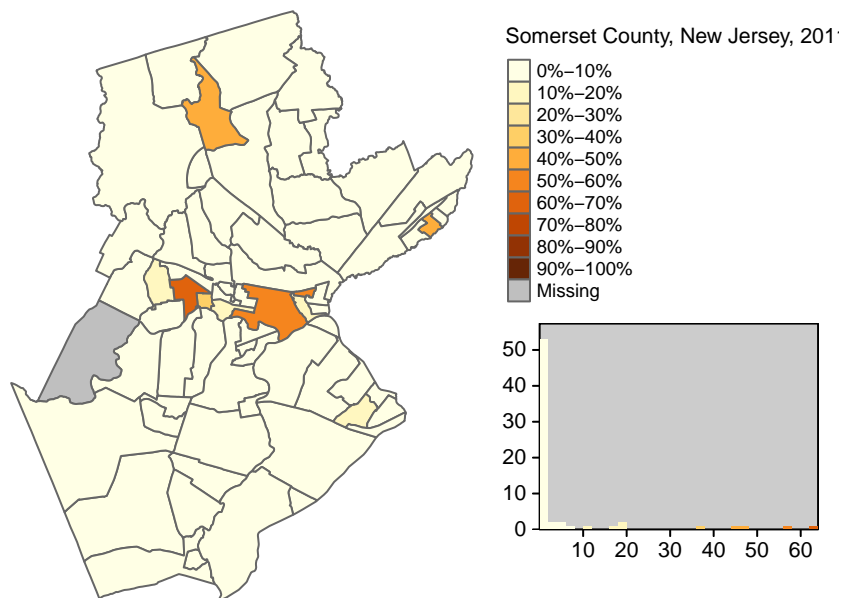
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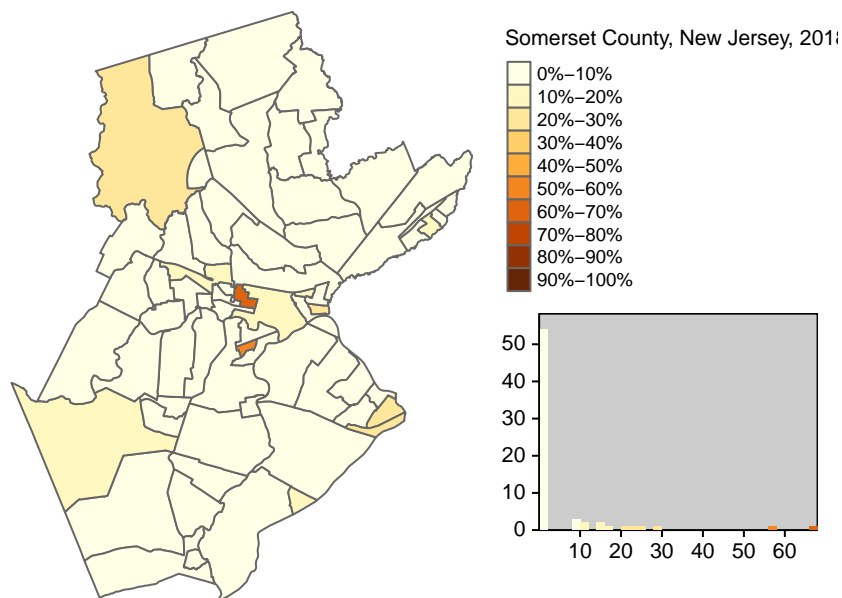
Households with children under 5 at or below 100% FPL

Somerset County households at or below 100% FPL with children, with children aged 5 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Somerset County Households,
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2011



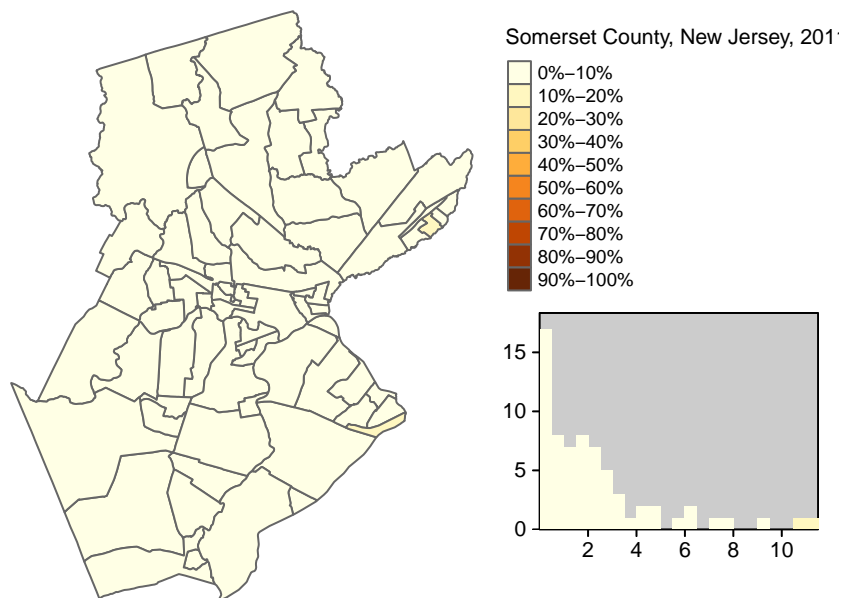
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2018



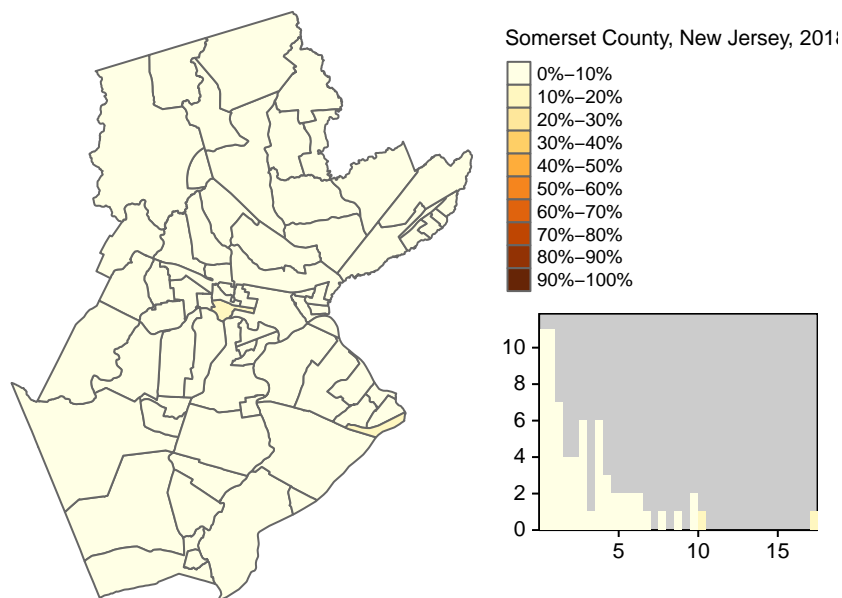
Households Participating in SNAP

Somerset County households participating in SNAP, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Somerset County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2011,



Percentage of Somerset County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2018



Household Food Access

Somerset County household food access, as measured by the USDA, is summarized below. Households and their surrounding environments (i.e., foodscapes) have been monitored by the USDA as a component of the USDA Food Environment Atlas. Household levels of access to different food sources and vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below.

Table 111: Somerset County USDA Summary

Measure	2009-2010	2014-2015	5 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	114,348	115,998	1,650
Households with low access to grocery stores (%)	41.2%	35.0%	-6.3%
Households with low income and low access to grocery stores (%)	3.0%	2.7%	-.3%
Households with no car and low access to grocery stores (%)	1.8%	1.8%	-.0%
Children with low access to grocery stores (%)	11.0%	9.5%	-1.5%
Grocery Stores (N)	65	74	9
Super-centers and Club Stores (N)	3	3	0
Convenience Stores (N)	67	68	1
Specialized Food Stores (N)	37	38	1
Fast Food Restaurants (N)	240	263	23
Full Service Restaurants (N)	254	286	32
Grocery Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.2	.22	.02
Super-centers and Club Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.01	.01	0
Convenience Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.21	.2	-0.01
Specialized Food Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.12	.11	-0.01
Fast Food Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	.75	.79	.04
Full Service Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	.79	.86	.07

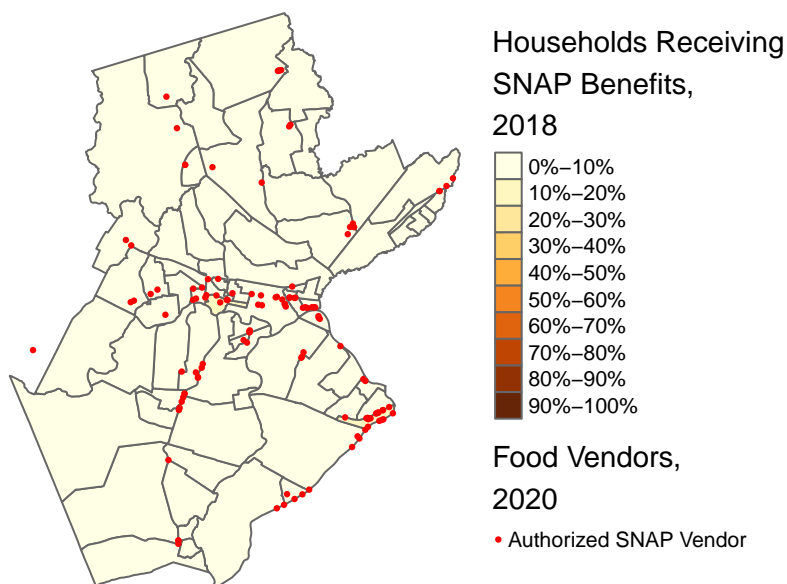
Household Access to SNAP Vendors

Somerset County household access to authorized SNAP or WIC food vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below. A map of SNAP-approved vendors in Somerset County, 122 vendors as of 2020, is additionally mapped below. Geographic data were not available for authorized WIC vendors or Farmers Markets.

Table 112: Somerset County Authorized Vendors

Measure	2008-2012	2012-2016	4 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	114,348	115,998	1,650
SNAP-authorized Stores (N)	130	134	4
WIC-authorized Stores (N)	22	20	-2
SNAP-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.4	.4	0
WIC-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.07	.06	-0.01
SNAP-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	0	-
WIC-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	0	-

Households Receiving SNAP Benefits Compared to Registered SNAP Vendors, Somerset County, NJ



Household Food Security

Somerset County household food security, as measured by Feeding America's Mapping the Meal Gap, is summarized below. Households have been monitored by Feeding America as a component of their Mapping the Meal Gap program. Household levels of food security are tabulated below. Please note that, due to methodology changes, the data presented below should be treated as two different "snapshots" of food security status, and may not be representative of local-level trends.

Table 113: Somerset County Food Insecurity

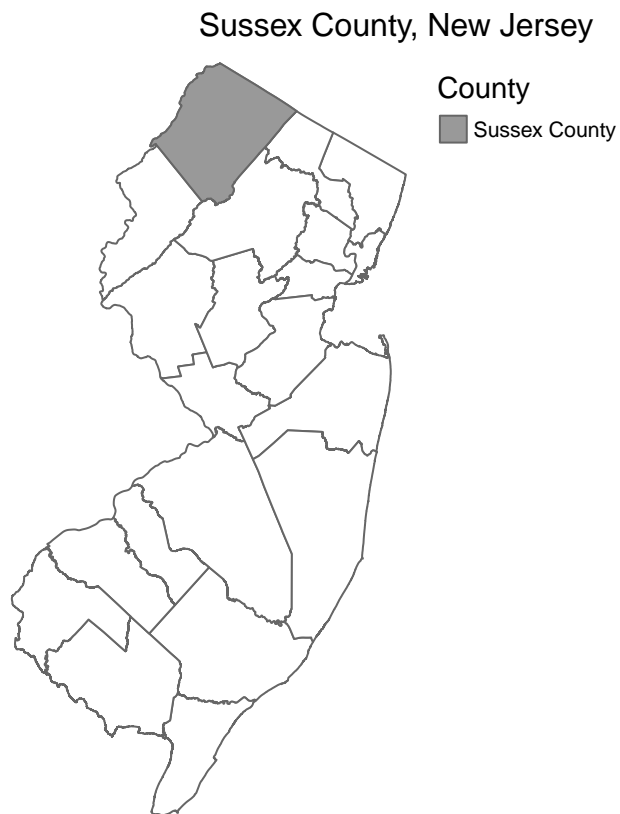
Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Food Insecure Households (N)	25,340	17,120	-8,220
Food Insecure Households (%)	7.9%	5.2%	-2.7%
Food Insecure Children (N)	9,010	4,390	-4,620
Food Insecure Children (%)	11.0%	6.0%	-5.0%
Average Cost per Meal (\$)	\$3.17	\$3.72	\$0.55
Annual Food Budget Shortfall (\$)	\$13,095,640.00	\$10,771,000.00	\$-2,324,640.00

Sussex County

Overview

Table 114: Sussex County Overview

Measure	Current Estimate
Total Households	53,361
Household Density (per Square Mile)	99.64
Food Insecure Households	9,050
Food Insecure Children	5,210
Student Enrollment	19,587
Student NSLP Participation	3,317



Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Sussex County student participation rates in the National School Lunch Program are summarized below. Participation rates over the prior 20 years have been tabulated, and the percentage of students each year receiving free lunch, reduced price lunch, and the total percentage of students receiving either free or reduced price lunch is graphed below.

Table 115: Sussex County School Lunch Summary

Measure	2000	2019	20 Year Change
Student Enrollment	27,322	19,587	-7,735
Students Receiving Free Lunch (N)	1,341	2,501	1,160
Students Receiving Free Lunch (%)	4.9%	12.8%	7.9%
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (N)	865	816	-49
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (%)	3.2%	4.2%	1.0%

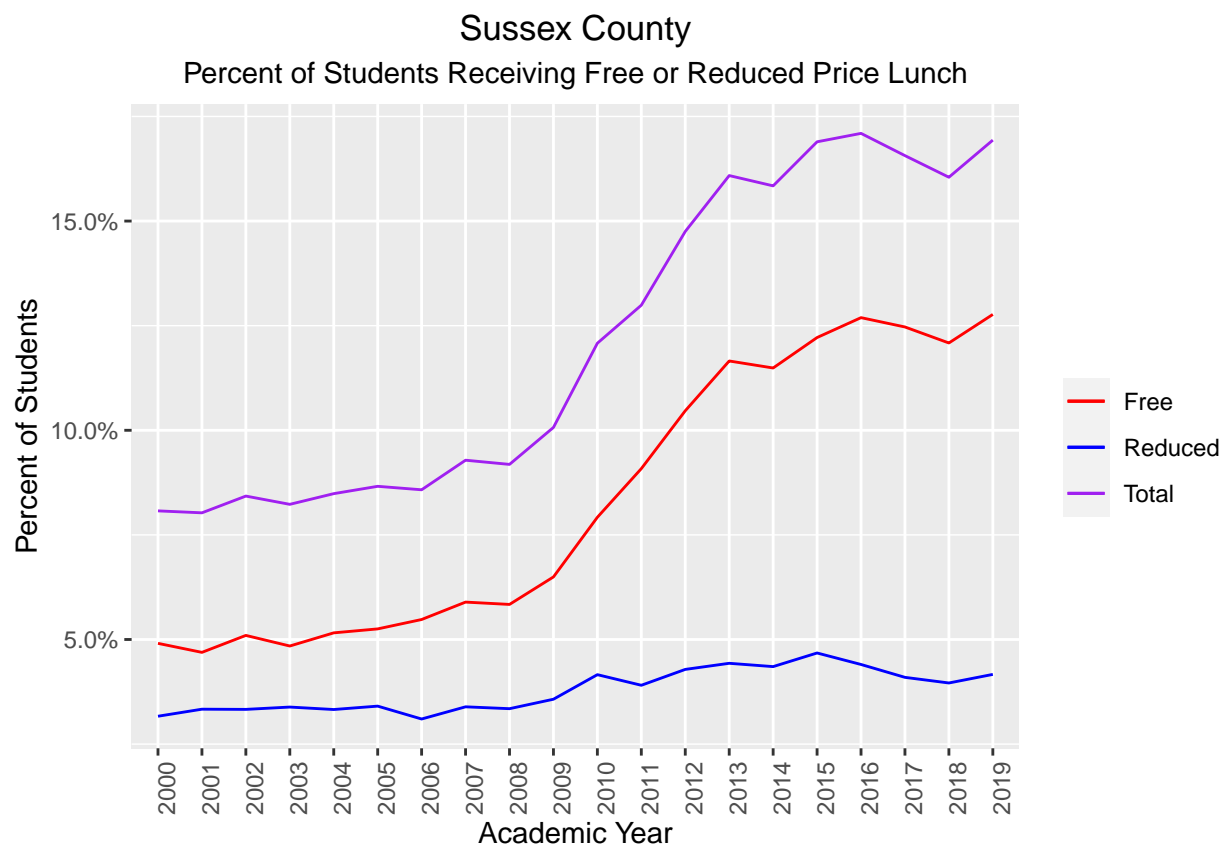


Figure 37: Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Households Participating in Social Support Services

Sussex County household participation rates in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and households at or below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) are summarized below. Household rates over the prior 8 years have been tabulated, and the percentages of households participating in SNAP and households at or below the FPL is graphed below. For households experiencing poverty, the proportion of households with children under age 18, and children under age 5 are graphed on the following page. Please note, estimate level data (N) is suppressed by the US Census.

Table 116: Sussex County Summary of Household Poverty

Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	55,554	53,361	-2,193
Households receiving SNAP benefits (%)	2.7%	3.4%	.7%
Households at or below 100% FPL (%)	3.6%	3.1%	-.5%
Households with children under 18, at or below 100% FPL (%)	6.0%	5.3%	-.7%
Households with children under 5, at or below 100% FPL (%)	7.0%	6.0%	-1.0%

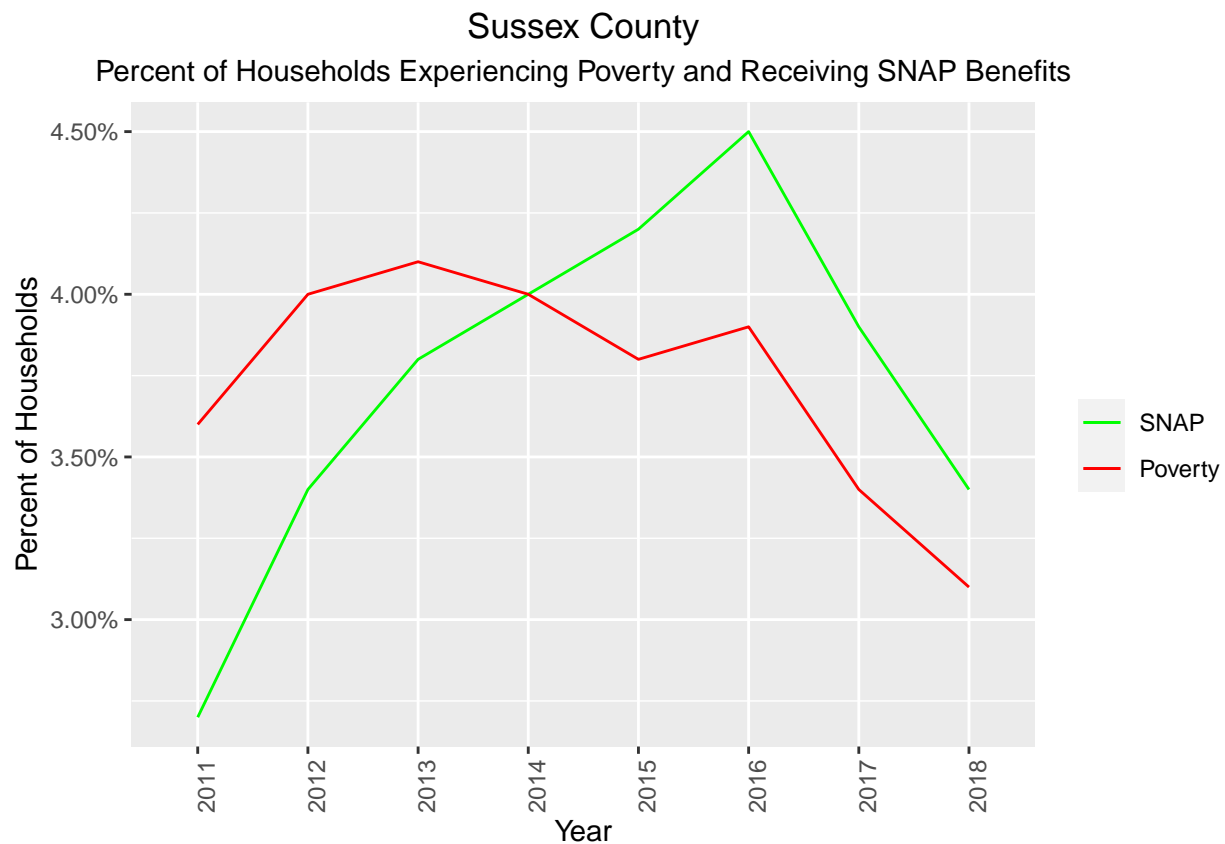
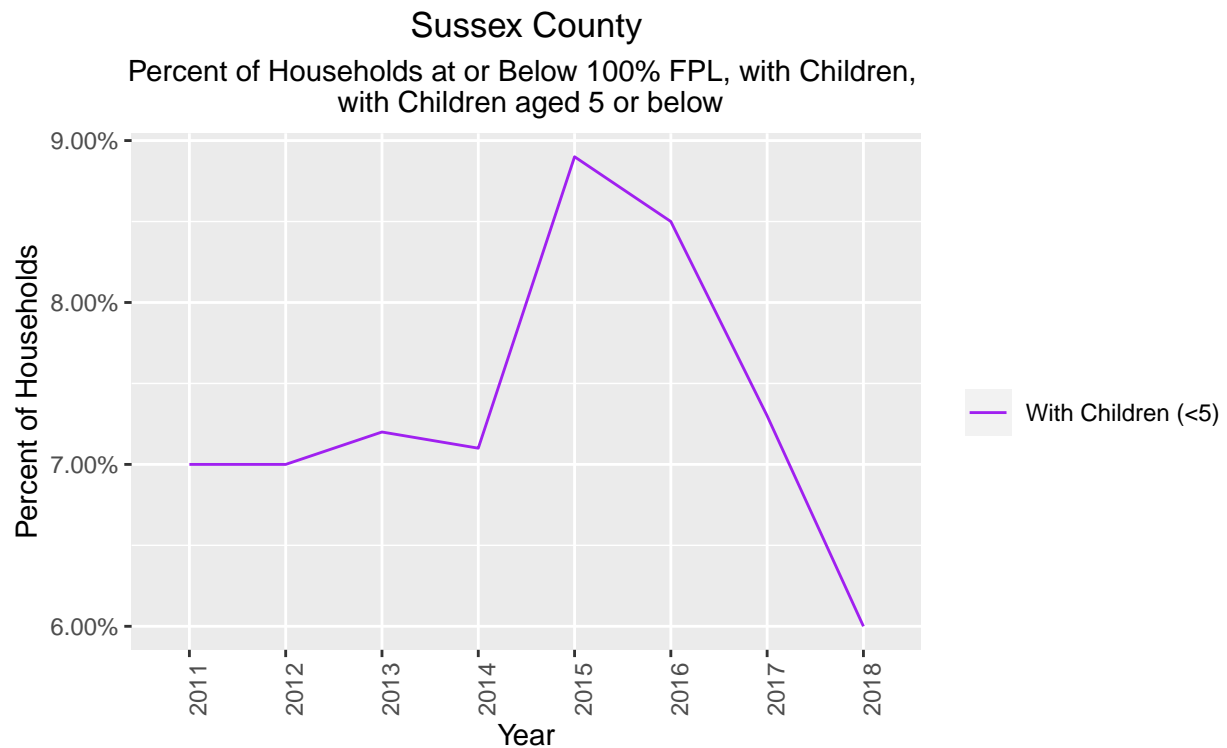
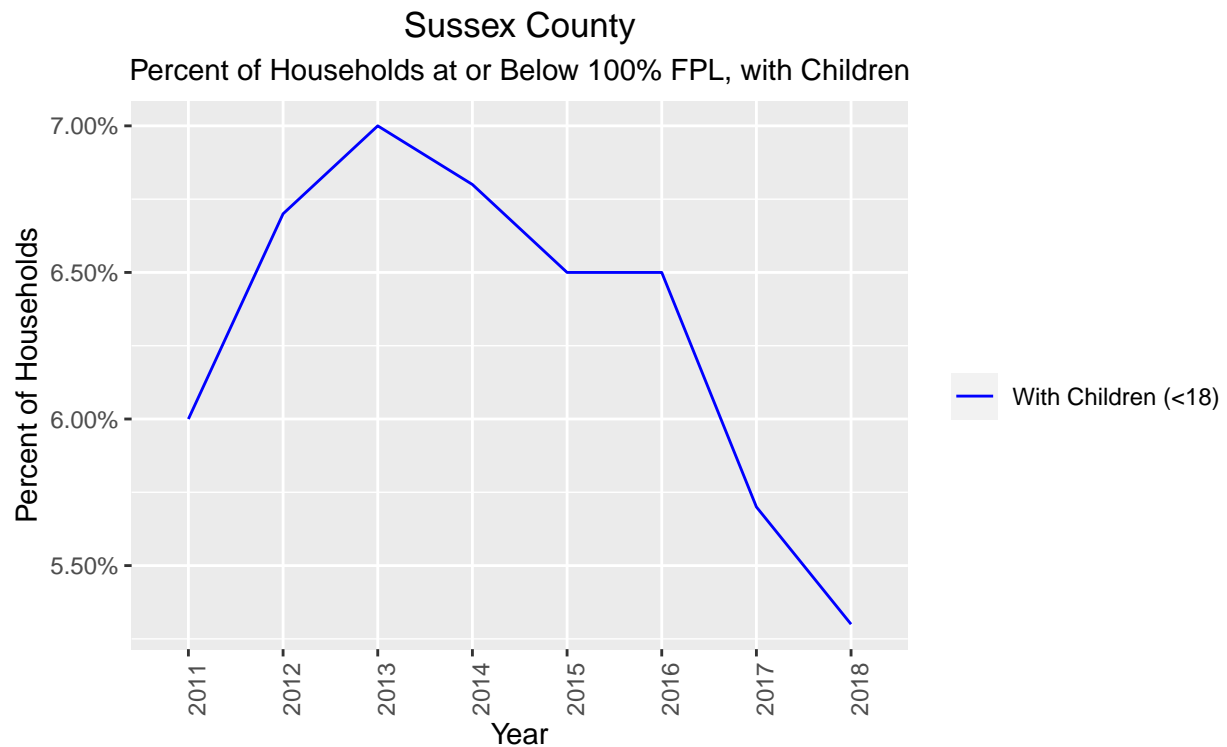


Figure 38: Households Experiencing Poverty and Receiving SNAP Benefits

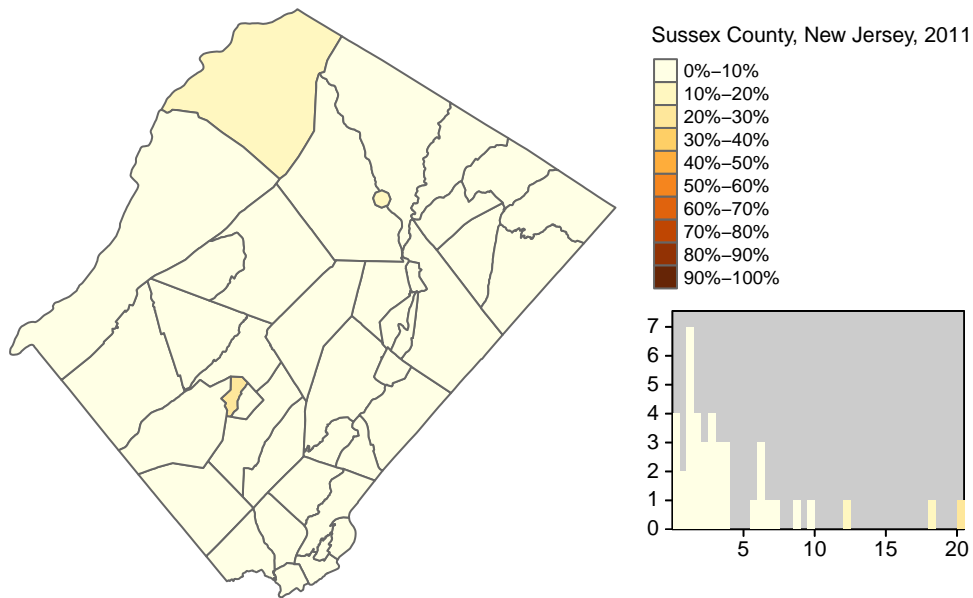
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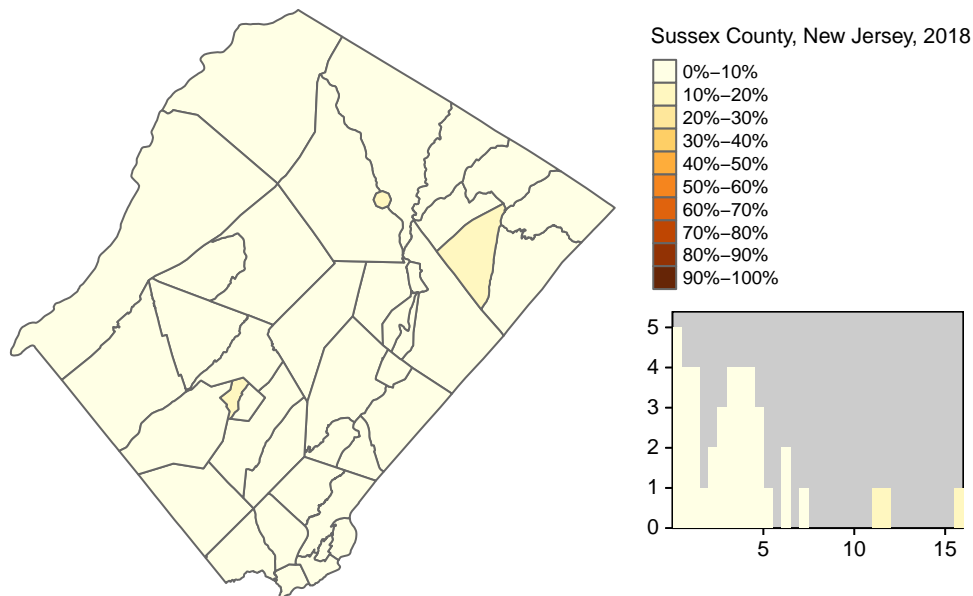
Households at or below 100% FPL

Sussex County households at or below 100% FPL, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Sussex County Households,
at or below 100% FPL,
2011



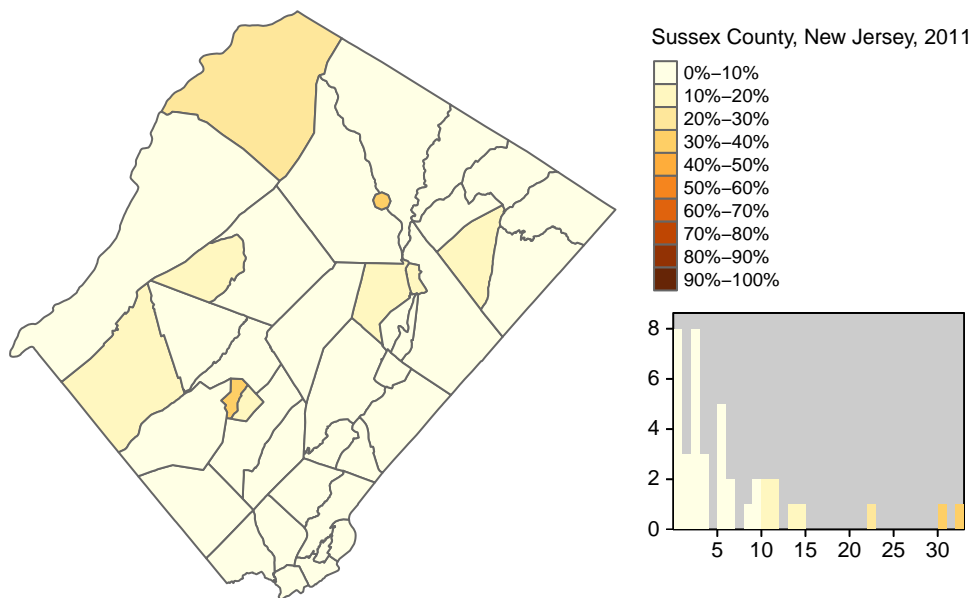
Percentage of Sussex County Households,
at or below 100% FPL,
2018



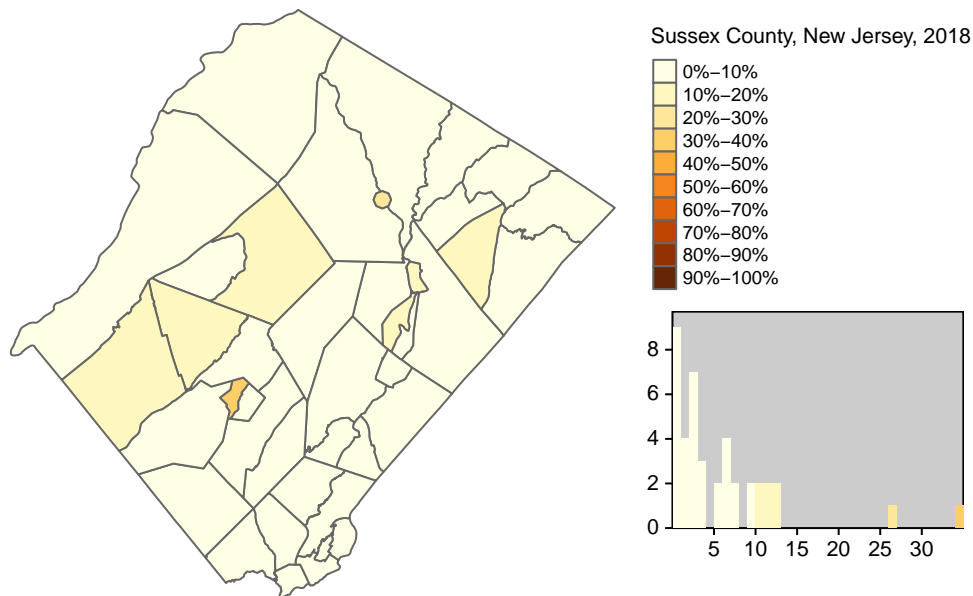
Households with children under 18 at or below 100% FPL

Sussex County households at or below 100% FPL with children aged 18 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Sussex County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 18,
2011



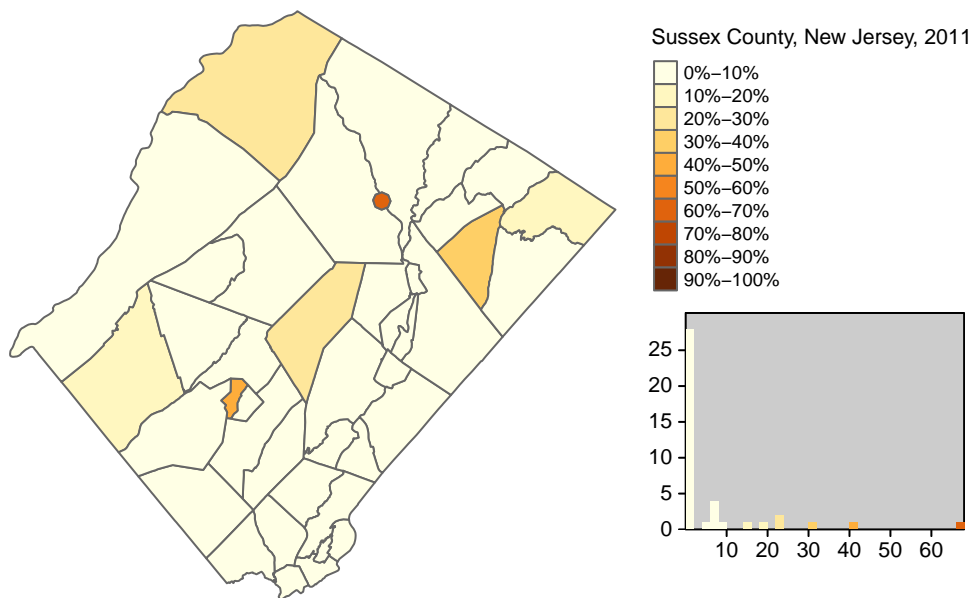
Percentage of Sussex County Households,
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2018



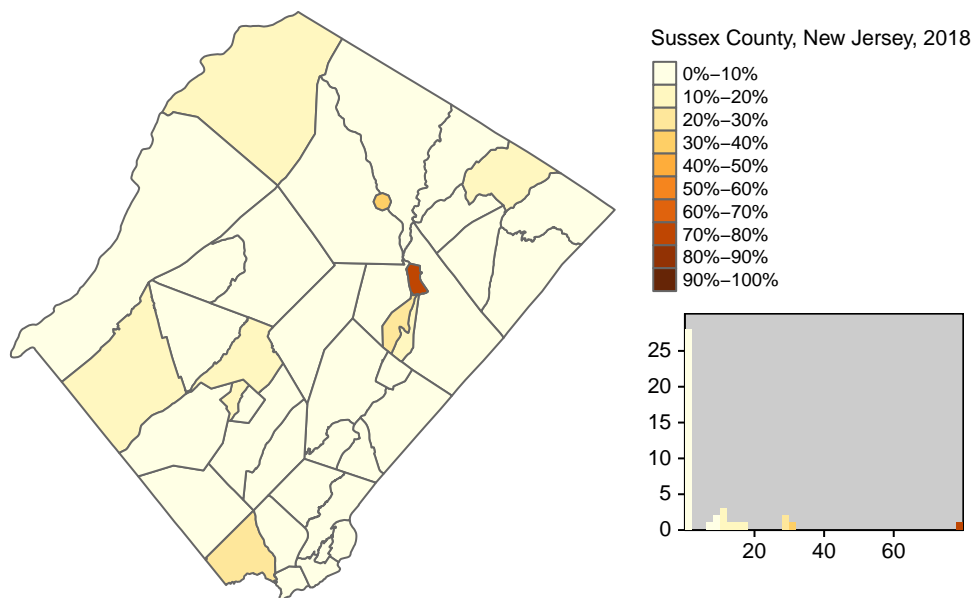
Households with children under 5 at or below 100% FPL

Sussex County households at or below 100% FPL with children, with children aged 5 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Sussex County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 5,
2011



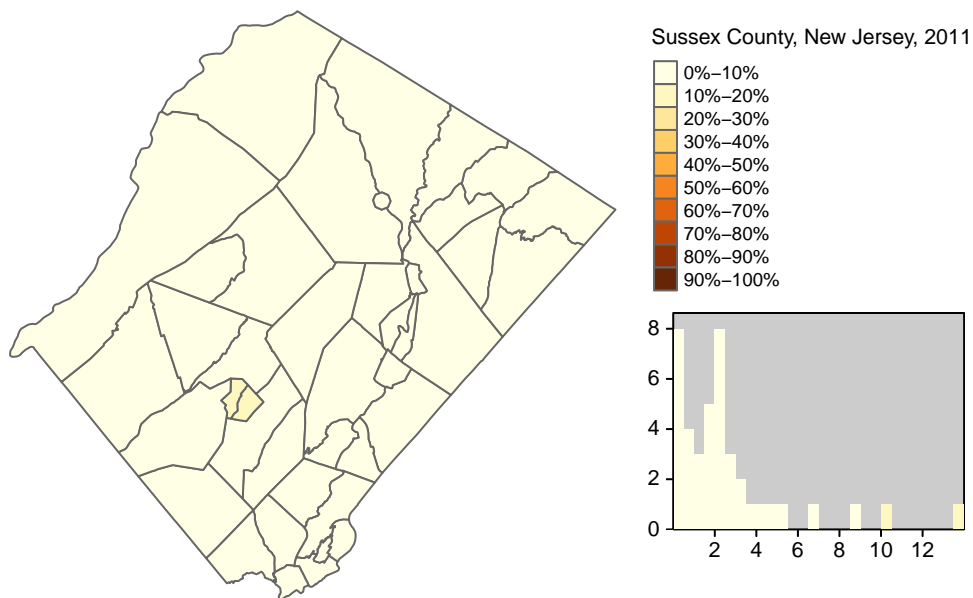
Percentage of Sussex County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 5,
2018



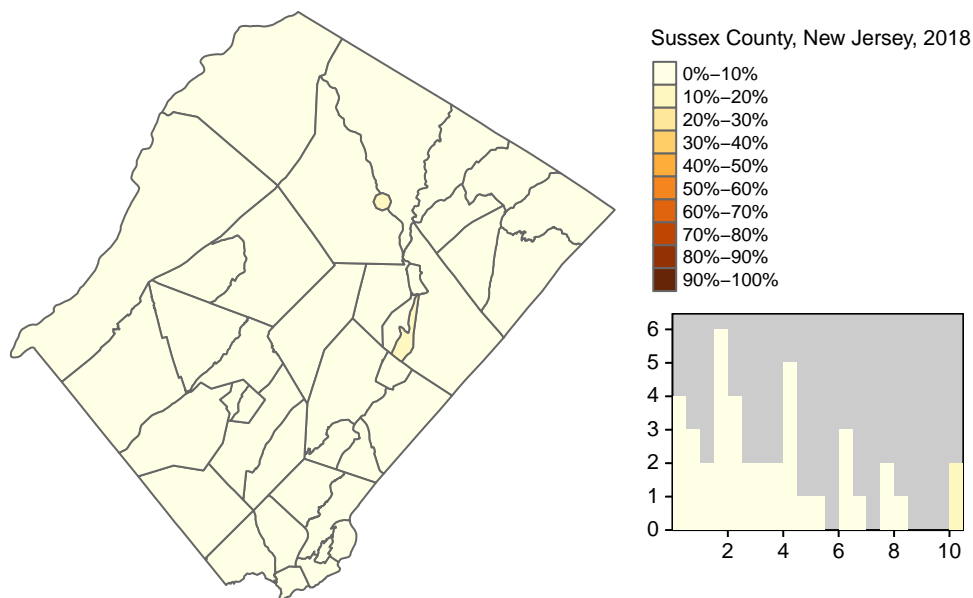
Households Participating in SNAP

Sussex County households participating in SNAP, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Sussex County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2011,



Percentage of Sussex County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2018



Household Food Access

Sussex County household food access, as measured by the USDA, is summarized below. Households and their surrounding environments (i.e., foodscapes) have been monitored by the USDA as a component of the USDA Food Environment Atlas. Household levels of access to different food sources and vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below.

Table 117: Sussex County USDA Summary

Measure	2009-2010	2014-2015	5 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	55,554	53,941	-1,613
Households with low access to grocery stores (%)	35.8%	37.7%	1.9%
Households with low income and low access to grocery stores (%)	4.0%	5.5%	1.5%
Households with no car and low access to grocery stores (%)	1.9%	2.1%	.2%
Children with low access to grocery stores (%)	8.8%	9.3%	.5%
Grocery Stores (N)	27	31	4
Super-centers and Club Stores (N)	0	0	0
Convenience Stores (N)	46	48	2
Specialized Food Stores (N)	14	8	-6
Fast Food Restaurants (N)	84	75	-9
Full Service Restaurants (N)	104	114	10
Grocery Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.18	.21	.03
Super-centers and Club Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	0	0	0
Convenience Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.31	.33	.02
Specialized Food Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.09	.06	-0.03
Fast Food Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	.56	.52	-0.04
Full Service Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	.7	.79	.09

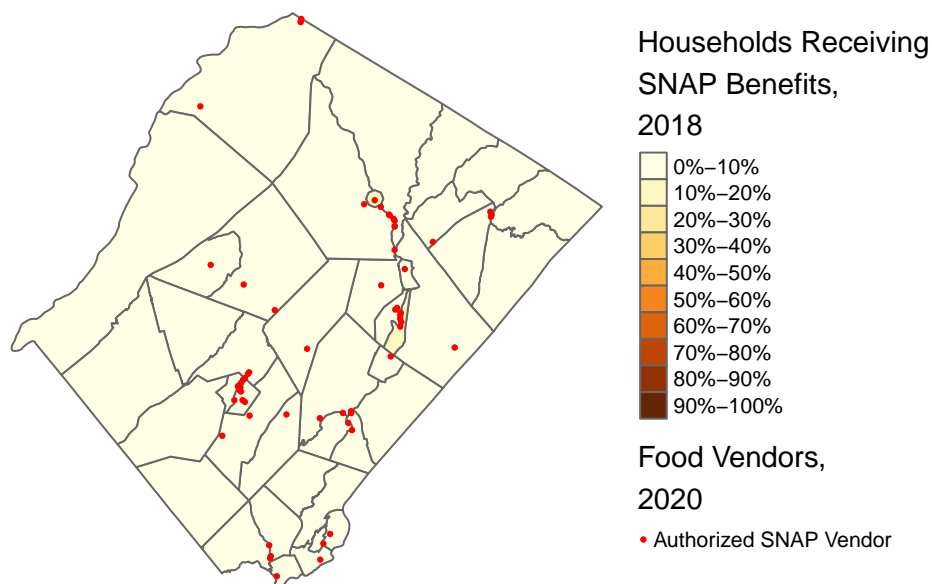
Household Access to SNAP Vendors

Sussex County household access to authorized SNAP or WIC food vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below. A map of SNAP-approved vendors in Sussex County, 64 vendors as of 2020, is additionally mapped below. Geographic data were not available for authorized WIC vendors or Farmers Markets.

Table 118: Sussex County Authorized Vendors

Measure	2008-2012	2012-2016	4 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	55,554	53,941	-1,613
SNAP-authorized Stores (N)	53	59	7
WIC-authorized Stores (N)	11	9	-2
SNAP-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.36	.42	.06
WIC-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.07	.06	-0.01
SNAP-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	1	-
WIC-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	1	-

Households Receiving SNAP Benefits Compared to Registered SNAP Vendors, Sussex County, NJ



Household Food Security

Sussex County household food security, as measured by Feeding America’s Mapping the Meal Gap, is summarized below. Households have been monitored by Feeding America as a component of their Mapping the Meal Gap program. Household levels of food security are tabulated below. Please note that, due to methodology changes, the data presented below should be treated as two different “snapshots” of food security status, and may not be representative of local-level trends.

Table 119: Sussex County Food Insecurity

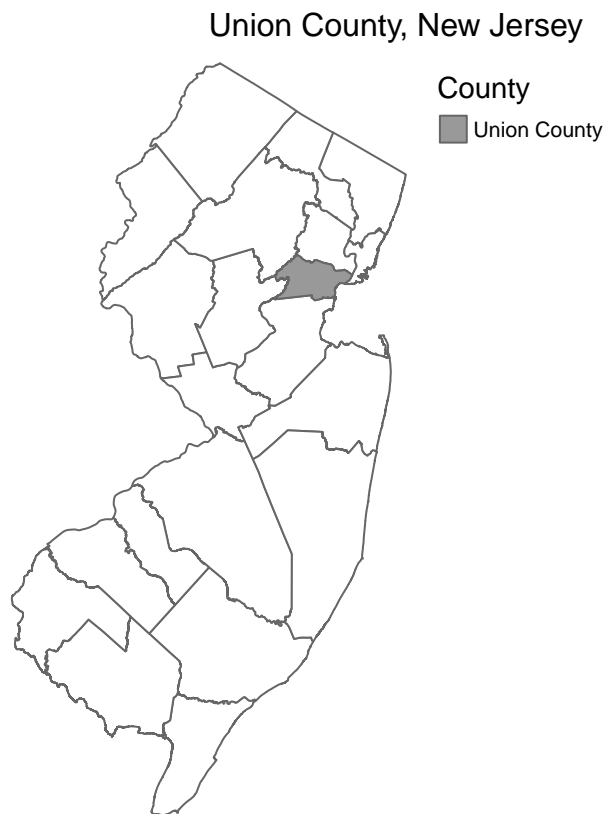
Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Food Insecure Households (N)	12,380	9,050	-3,330
Food Insecure Households (%)	8.3%	6.4%	-1.9%
Food Insecure Children (N)	5,210	2,770	-2,440
Food Insecure Children (%)	14.0%	10.0%	-4.0%
Average Cost per Meal (\$)	\$3.31	\$4.01	\$0.70
Annual Food Budget Shortfall (\$)	\$6,680,510.00	\$6,134,000.00	\$-546,510.00

Union County

Overview

Table 120: Union County Overview

Measure	Current Estimate
Total Households	188,987
Household Density (per Square Mile)	1,793.51
Food Insecure Households	45,360
Food Insecure Children	21,930
Student Enrollment	93,906
Student NSLP Participation	43,157.5



Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Union County student participation rates in the National School Lunch Program are summarized below. Participation rates over the prior 20 years have been tabulated, and the percentage of students each year receiving free lunch, reduced price lunch, and the total percentage of students receiving either free or reduced price lunch is graphed below.

Table 121: Union County School Lunch Summary

Measure	2000	2019	20 Year Change
Student Enrollment	78,663	93,905.5	15,242.5
Students Receiving Free Lunch (N)	22,893	36,883	13,990
Students Receiving Free Lunch (%)	29.1%	39.3%	10.2%
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (N)	5,479	6,274.5	795.5
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (%)	7.0%	6.7%	-.3%

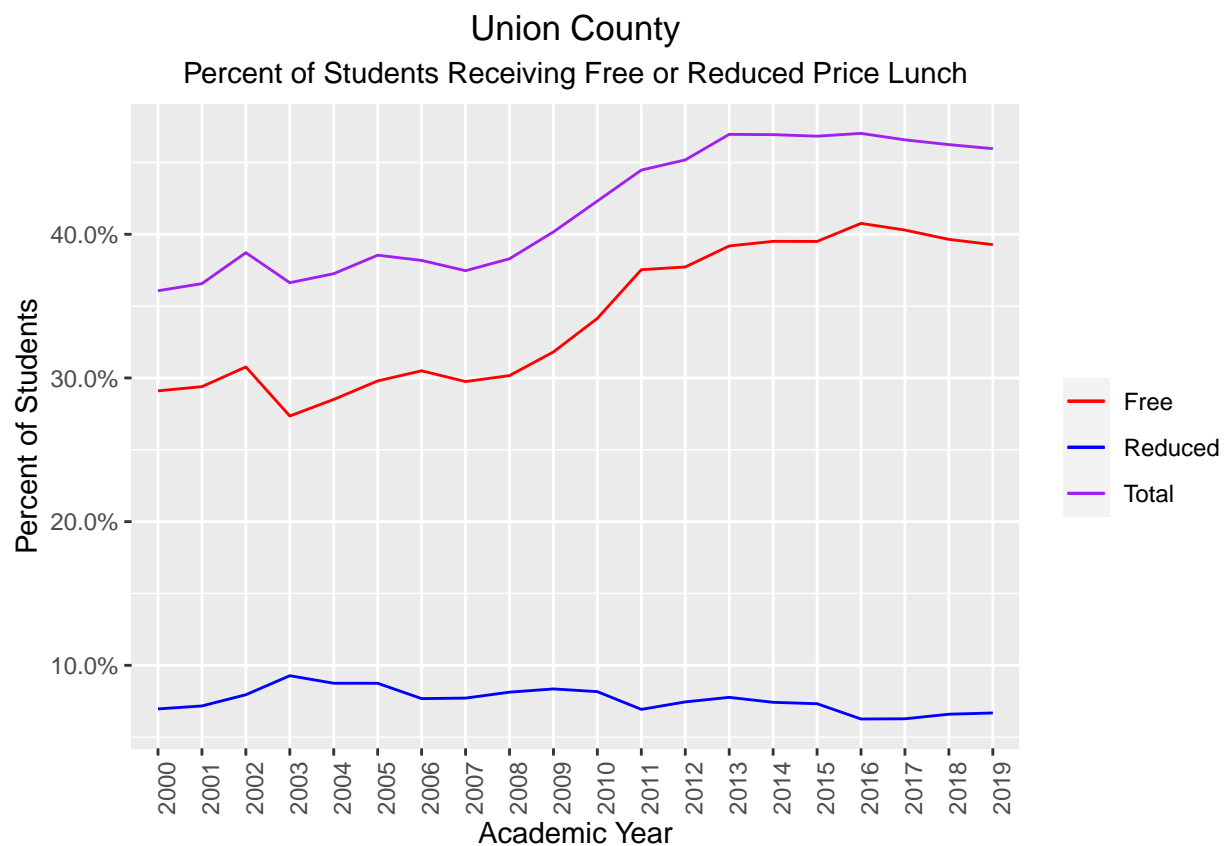


Figure 39: Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Households Participating in Social Support Services

Union County household participation rates in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and households at or below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) are summarized below. Household rates over the prior 8 years have been tabulated, and the percentages of households participating in SNAP and households at or below the FPL is graphed below. For households experiencing poverty, the proportion of households with children under age 18, and children under age 5 are graphed on the following page. Please note, estimate level data (N) is suppressed by the US Census.

Table 122: Union County Summary of Household Poverty

Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	184,584	188,987	4,403
Households receiving SNAP benefits (%)	5.0%	8.4%	3.4%
Households at or below 100% FPL (%)	7.4%	7.3%	-.1%
Households with children under 18, at or below 100% FPL (%)	11.3%	11.1%	-.2%
Households with children under 5, at or below 100% FPL (%)	11.1%	8.9%	-2.2%

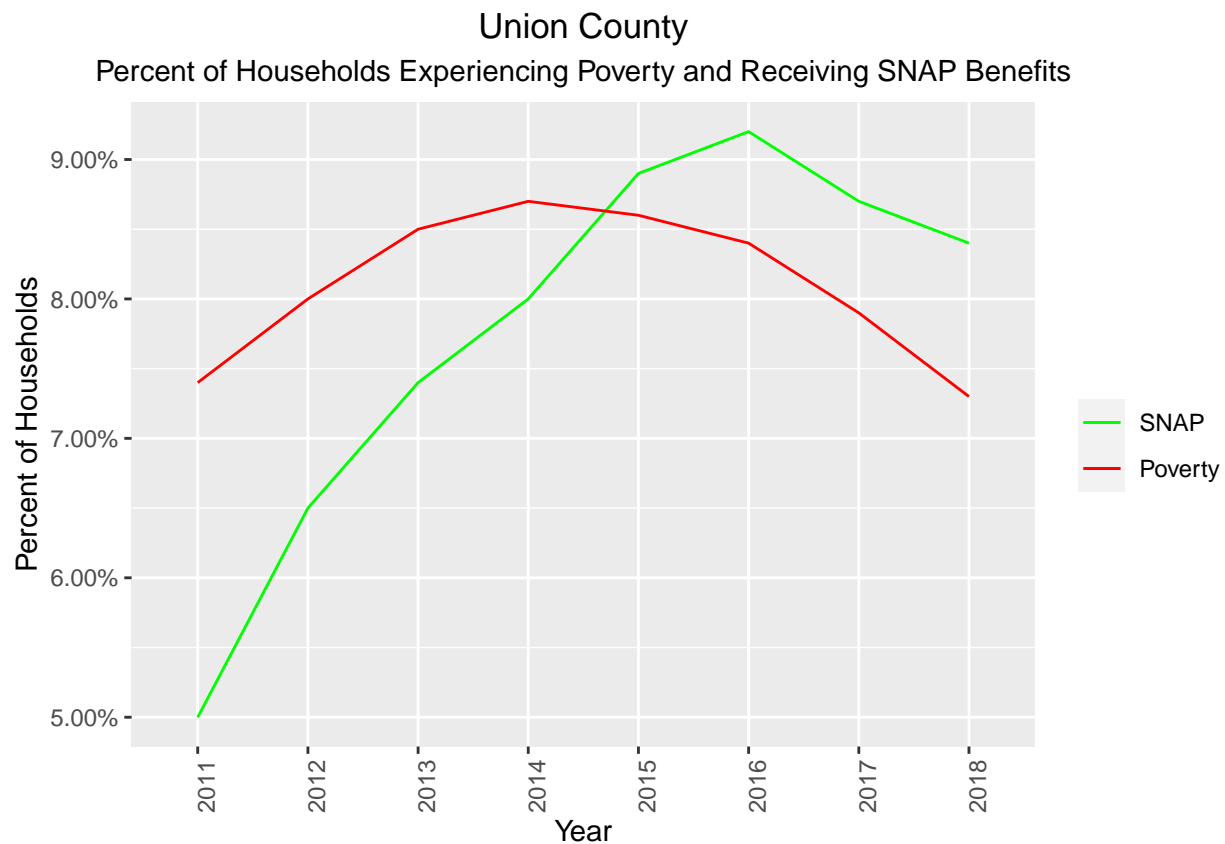
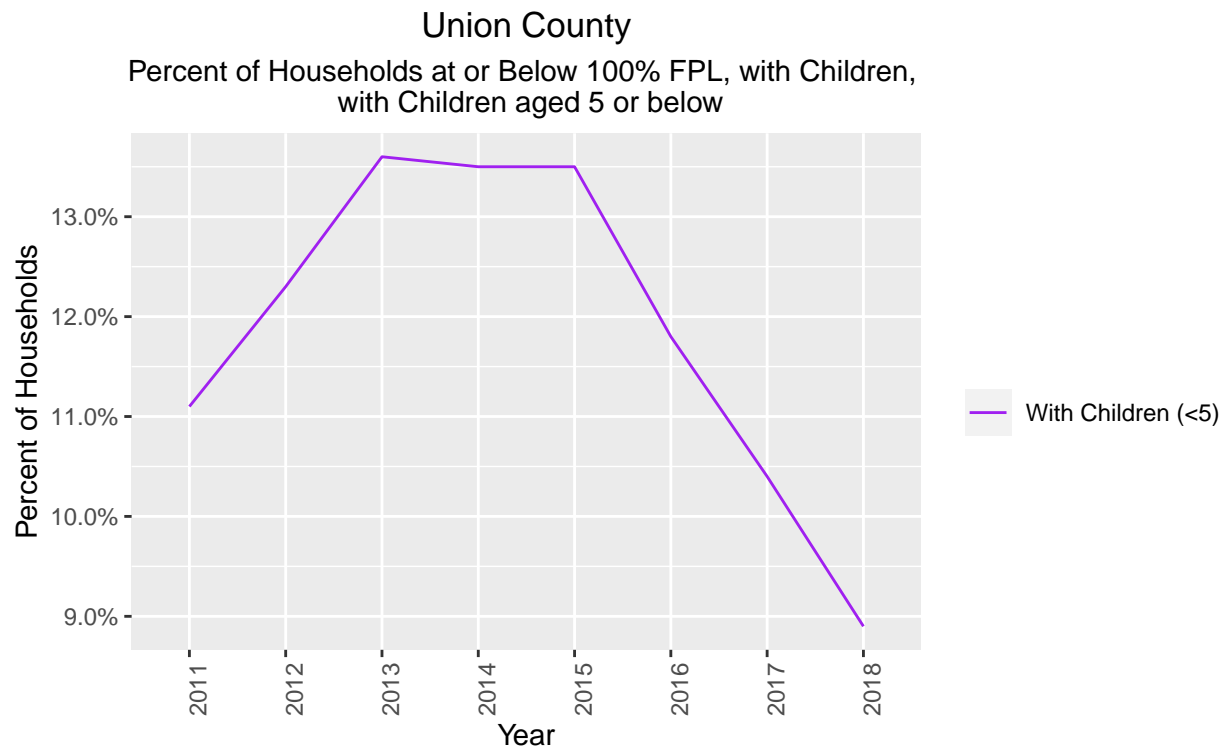
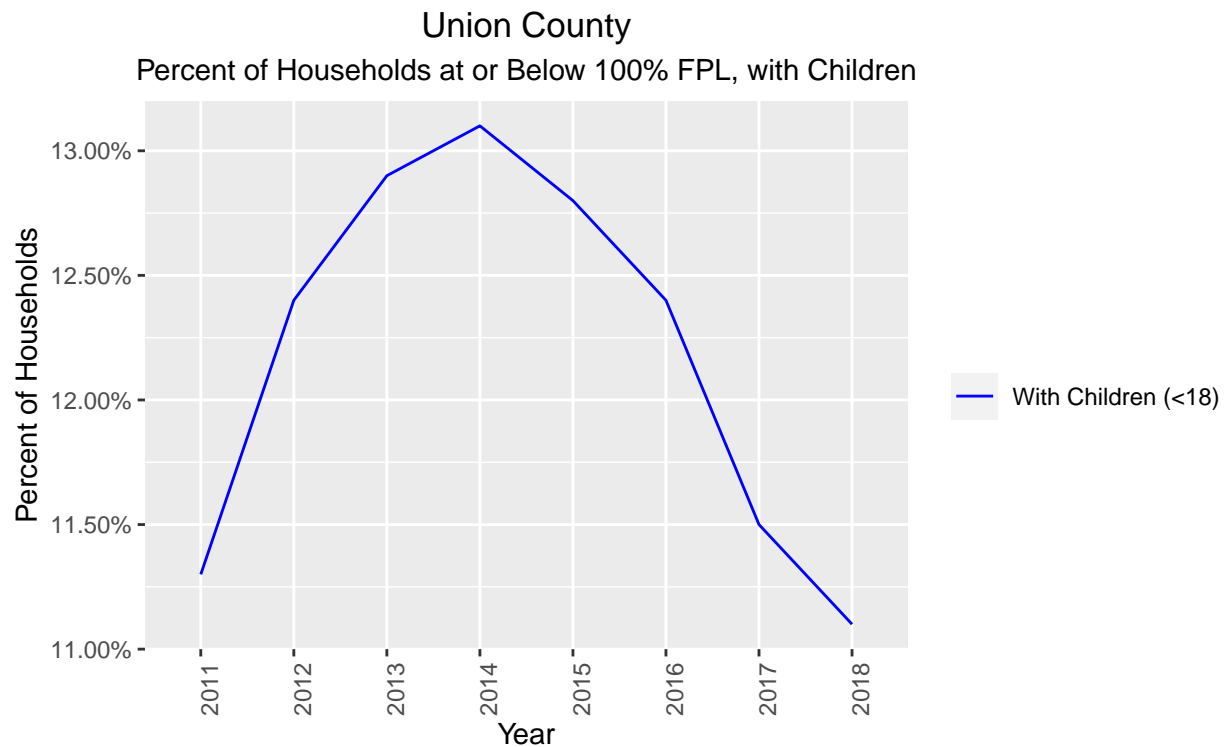


Figure 40: Households Experiencing Poverty and Receiving SNAP Benefits

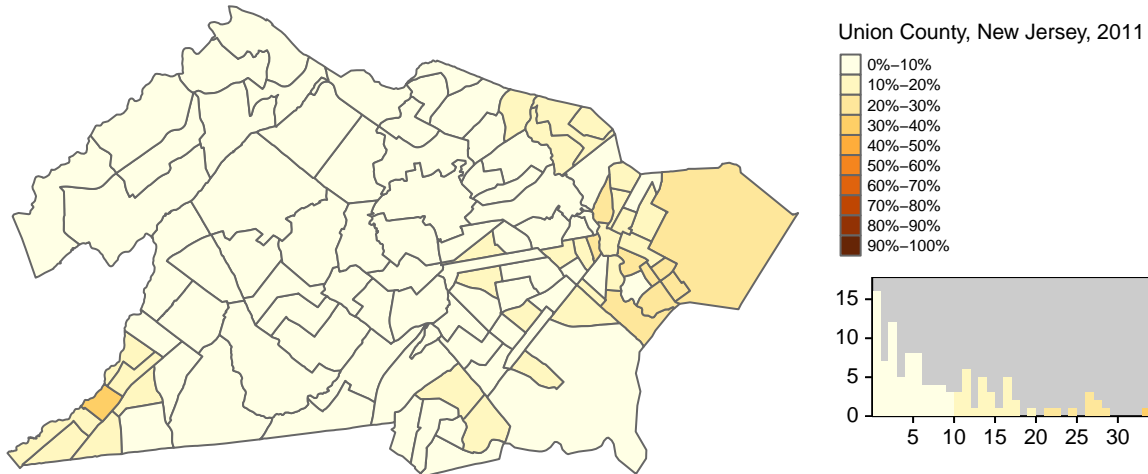
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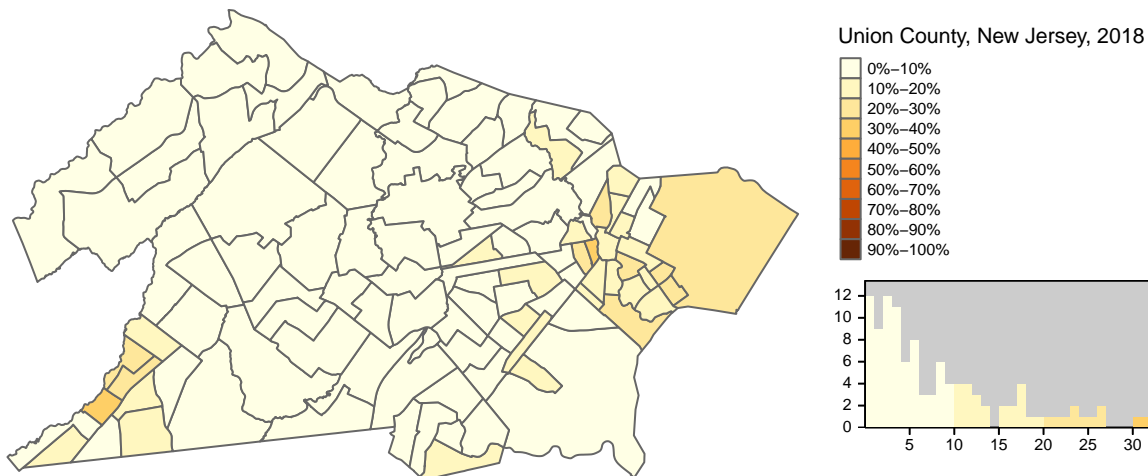
Households at or below 100% FPL

Union County households at or below 100% FPL, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Union County Households,
at or below 100% FPL,
2011



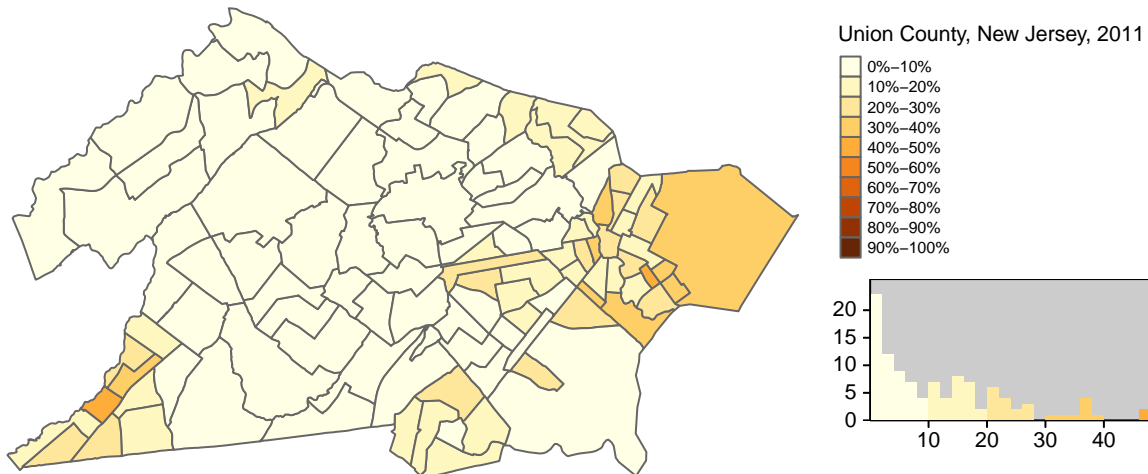
Percentage of Union County Households,
at or below 100% FPL,
2018



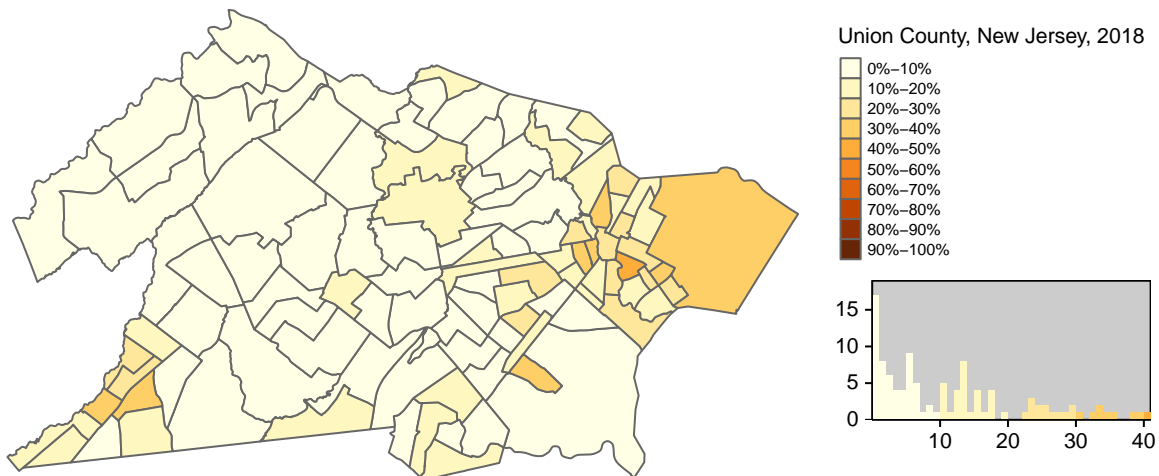
Households with children under 18 at or below 100% FPL

Union County households at or below 100% FPL with children aged 18 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Union County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 18,
2011



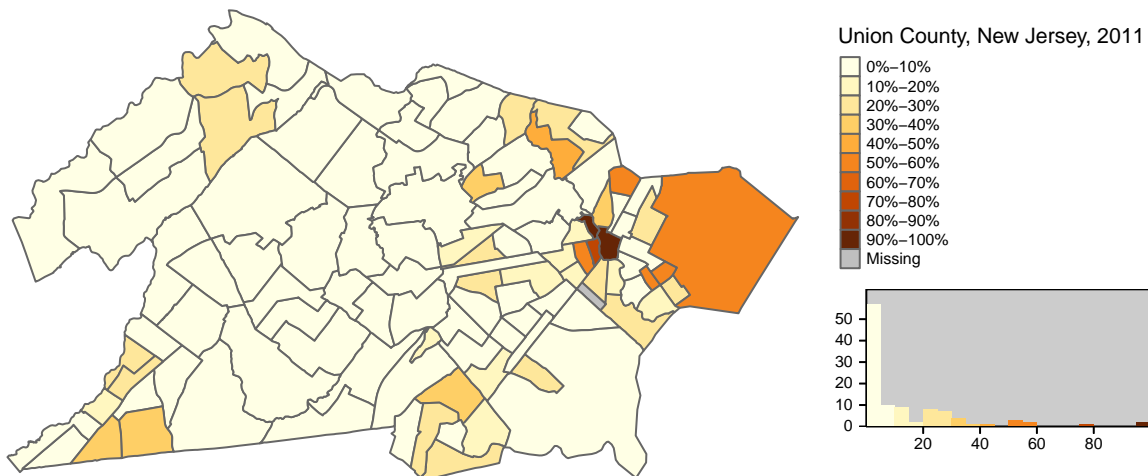
Percentage of Union County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 18,
2018



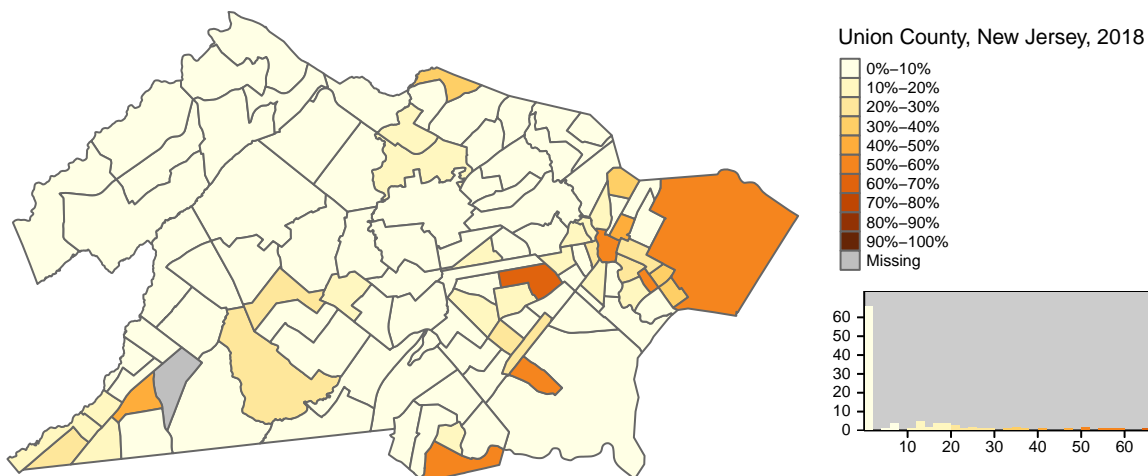
Households with children under 5 at or below 100% FPL

Union County households at or below 100% FPL with children, with children aged 5 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Union County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 5,
2011



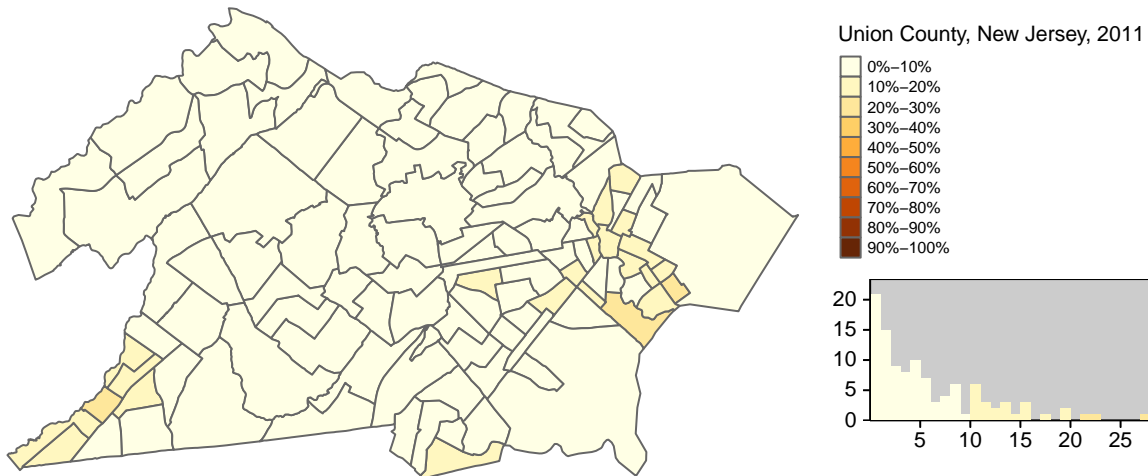
Percentage of Union County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 5,
2018



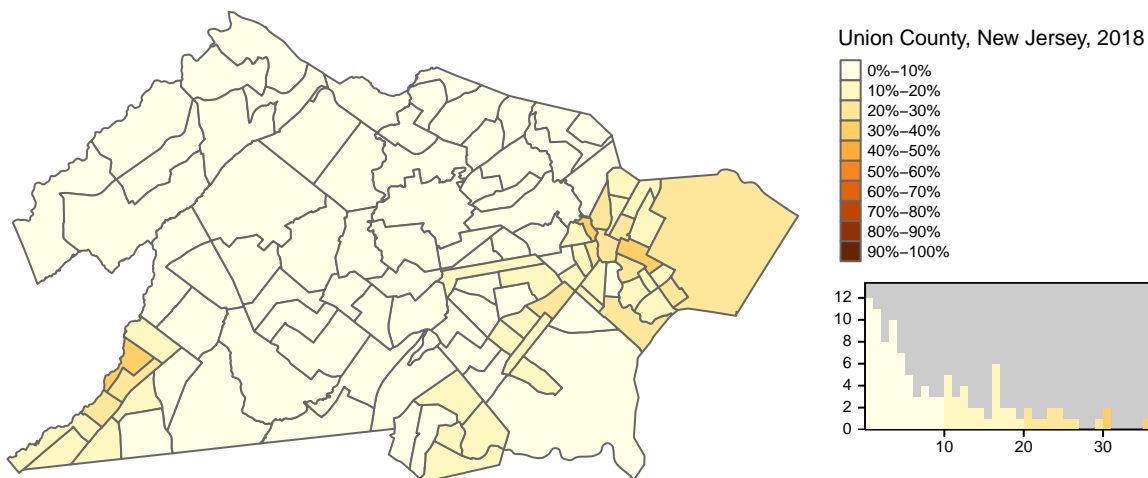
Households Participating in SNAP

Union County households participating in SNAP, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Union County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2011,



Percentage of Union County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2018



Household Food Access

Union County household food access, as measured by the USDA, is summarized below. Households and their surrounding environments (i.e., foodscapes) have been monitored by the USDA as a component of the USDA Food Environment Atlas. Household levels of access to different food sources and vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below.

Table 123: Union County USDA Summary

Measure	2009-2010	2014-2015	5 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	184,584	186,175	1,591
Households with low access to grocery stores (%)	12.2%	9.3%	-2.9%
Households with low income and low access to grocery stores (%)	1.3%	1.0%	-.2%
Households with no car and low access to grocery stores (%)	.6%	.5%	-.1%
Children with low access to grocery stores (%)	3.1%	2.4%	-.7%
Grocery Stores (N)	148	163	15
Super-centers and Club Stores (N)	3	3	0
Convenience Stores (N)	125	137	12
Specialized Food Stores (N)	73	70	-3
Fast Food Restaurants (N)	319	366	47
Full Service Restaurants (N)	378	441	63
Grocery Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.28	.29	.01
Super-centers and Club Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.01	.01	0
Convenience Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.23	.25	.02
Specialized Food Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.14	.13	-0.01
Fast Food Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	.6	.66	.06
Full Service Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	.71	.8	.09

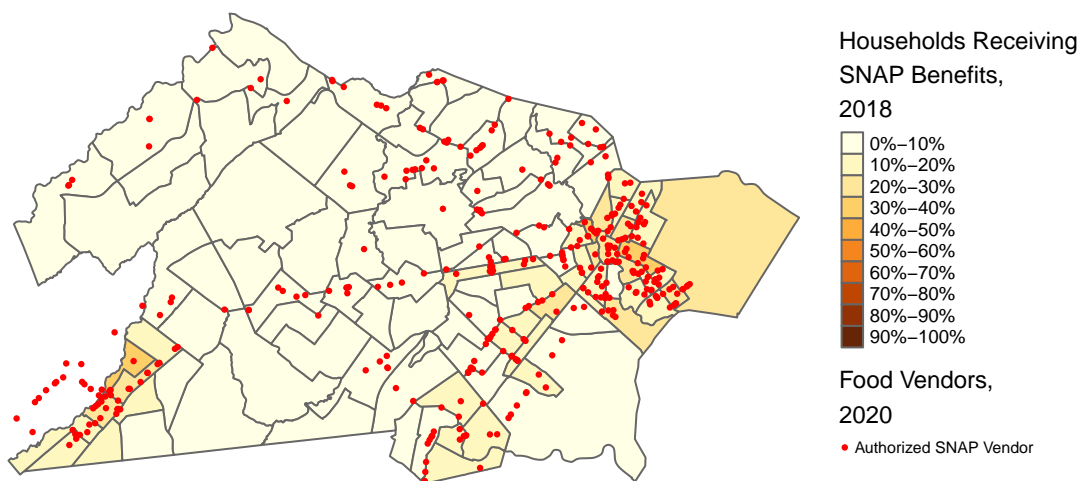
Household Access to SNAP Vendors

Union County household access to authorized SNAP or WIC food vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below. A map of SNAP-approved vendors in Union County, 371 vendors as of 2020, is additionally mapped below. Geographic data were not available for authorized WIC vendors or Farmers Markets.

Table 124: Union County Authorized Vendors

Measure	2008-2012	2012-2016	4 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	184,584	186,175	1,591
SNAP-authorized Stores (N)	362	346	-16
WIC-authorized Stores (N)	39	51	12
SNAP-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.67	.62	-0.05
WIC-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.07	.09	.02
SNAP-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	2	-
WIC-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	3	-

Households Receiving SNAP Benefits Compared to Registered SNAP Vendors, Union County, NJ



Household Food Security

Union County household food security, as measured by Feeding America’s Mapping the Meal Gap, is summarized below. Households have been monitored by Feeding America as a component of their Mapping the Meal Gap program. Household levels of food security are tabulated below. Please note that, due to methodology changes, the data presented below should be treated as two different “snapshots” of food security status, and may not be representative of local-level trends.

Table 125: Union County Food Insecurity

Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Food Insecure Households (N)	73,750	45,360	-28,390
Food Insecure Households (%)	13.9%	8.2%	-5.7%
Food Insecure Children (N)	21,930	13,290	-8,640
Food Insecure Children (%)	17.0%	10.0%	-7.0%
Average Cost per Meal (\$)	\$2.82	\$3.57	\$0.75
Annual Food Budget Shortfall (\$)	\$33,905,640.00	\$27,414,000.00	\$-6,491,640.00

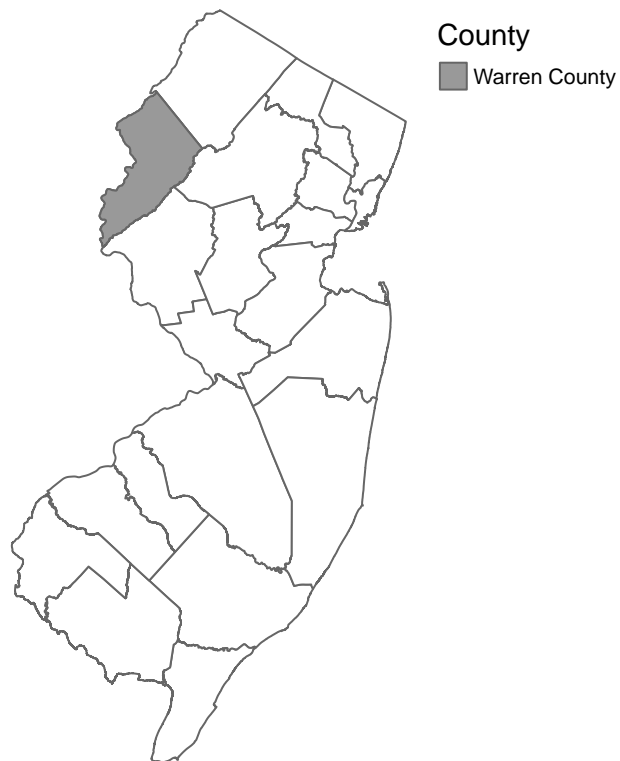
Warren County

Overview

Table 126: Warren County Overview

Measure	Current Estimate
Total Households	41,350
Household Density (per Square Mile)	114.04
Food Insecure Households	8,760
Food Insecure Children	4,130
Student Enrollment	15,829
Student NSLP Participation	4,354

Warren County, New Jersey



Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Warren County student participation rates in the National School Lunch Program are summarized below. Participation rates over the prior 20 years have been tabulated, and the percentage of students each year receiving free lunch, reduced price lunch, and the total percentage of students receiving either free or reduced price lunch is graphed below.

Table 127: Warren County School Lunch Summary

Measure	2000	2019	20 Year Change
Student Enrollment	17,586	15,829	-1,757
Students Receiving Free Lunch (N)	1,817	3,653	1,836
Students Receiving Free Lunch (%)	10.3%	23.1%	12.7%
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (N)	726	701	-25
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch (%)	4.1%	4.4%	.3%

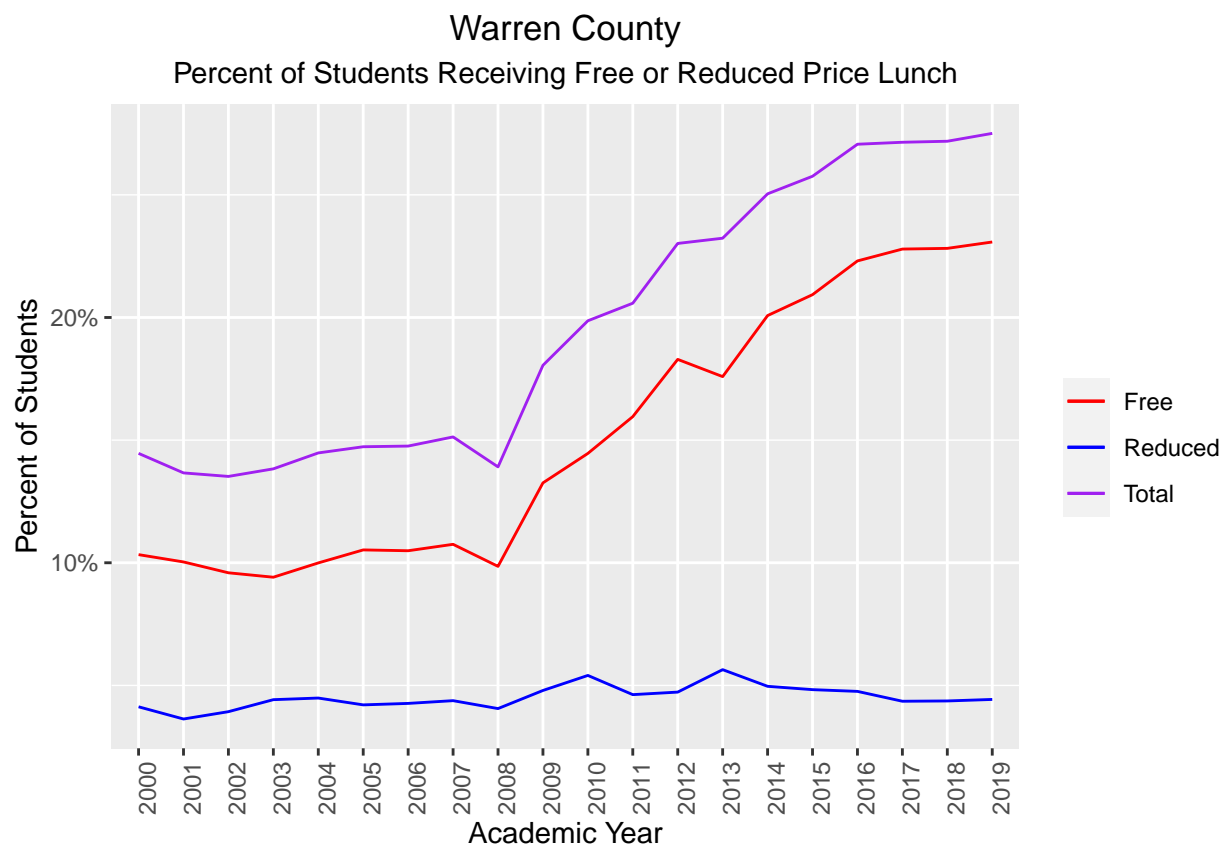


Figure 41: Students Participating in National School Lunch Program

Households Participating in Social Support Services

Warren County household participation rates in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and households at or below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) are summarized below. Household rates over the prior 8 years have been tabulated, and the percentages of households participating in SNAP and households at or below the FPL is graphed below. For households experiencing poverty, the proportion of households with children under age 18, and children under age 5 are graphed on the following page. Please note, estimate level data (N) is suppressed by the US Census.

Table 128: Warren County Summary of Household Poverty

Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	41,685	41,350	-335
Households receiving SNAP benefits (%)	4.9%	6.6%	1.7%
Households at or below 100% FPL (%)	6.0%	5.3%	-.7%
Households with children under 18, at or below 100% FPL (%)	9.9%	9.0%	-.9%
Households with children under 5, at or below 100% FPL (%)	17.3%	7.2%	-10.1%

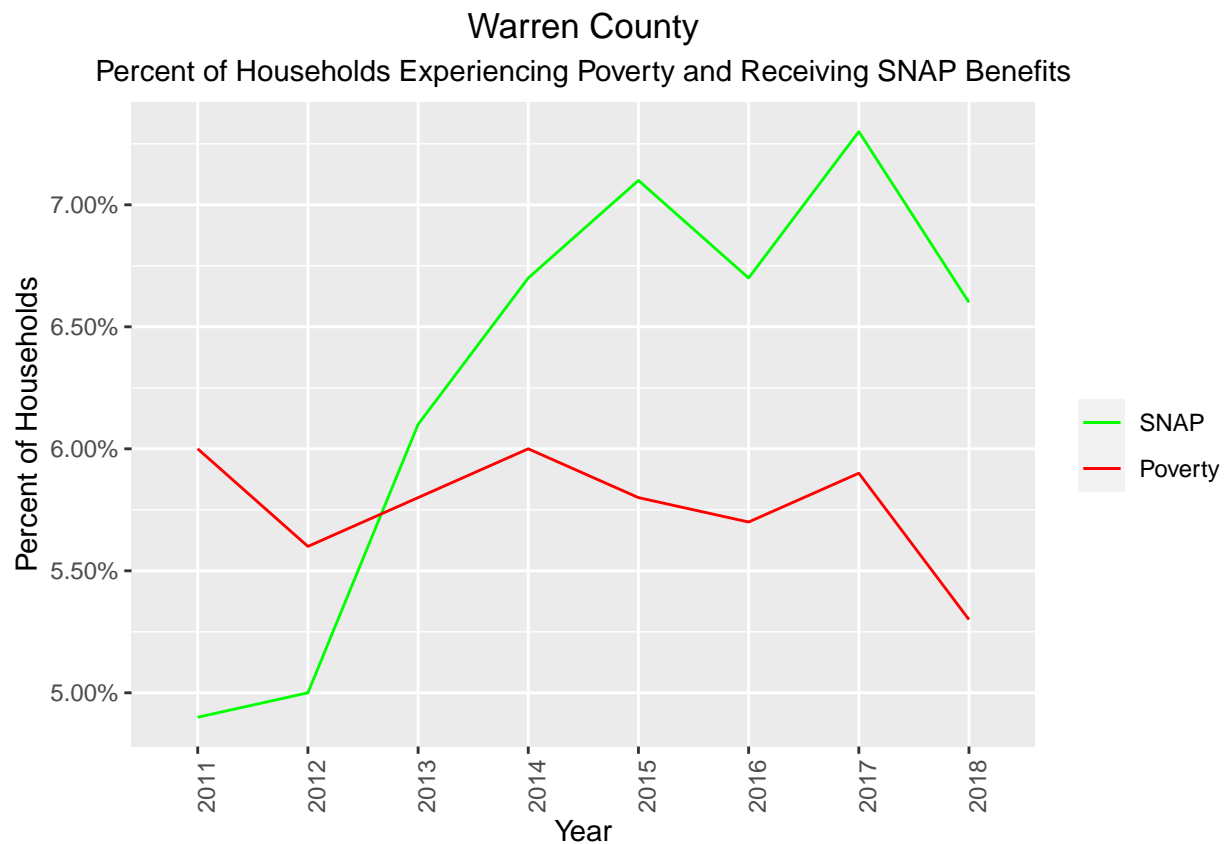
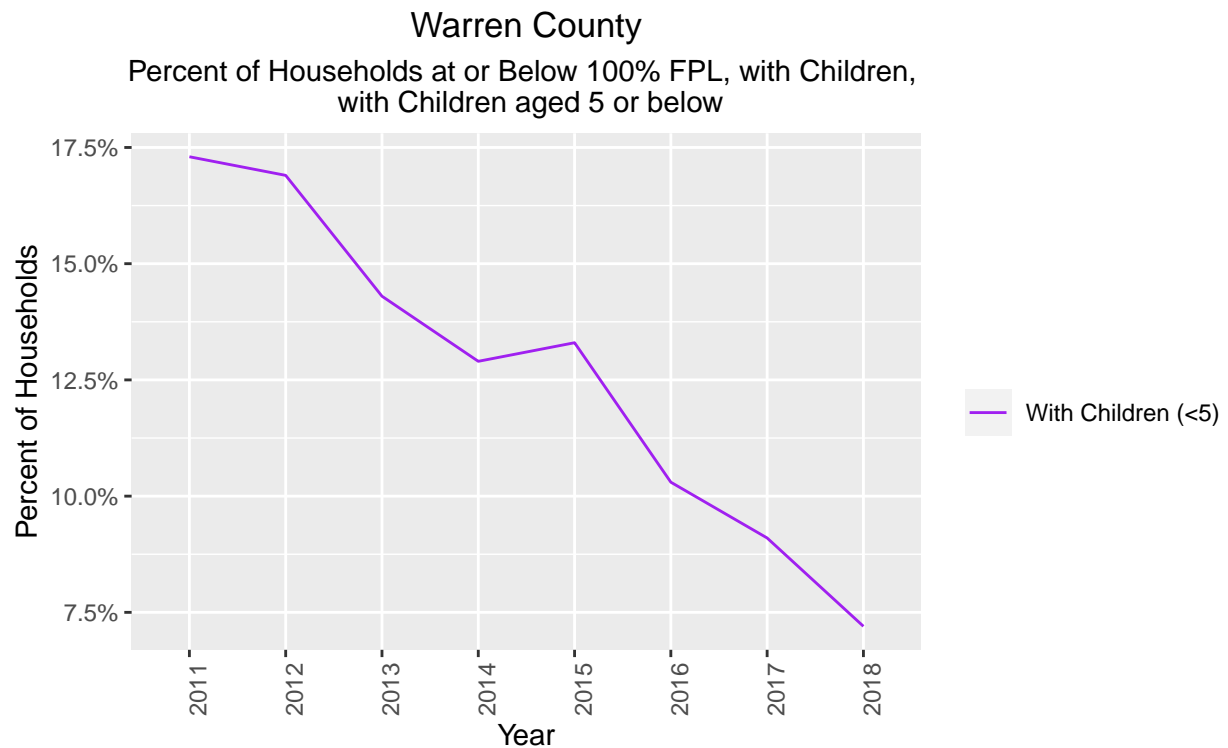
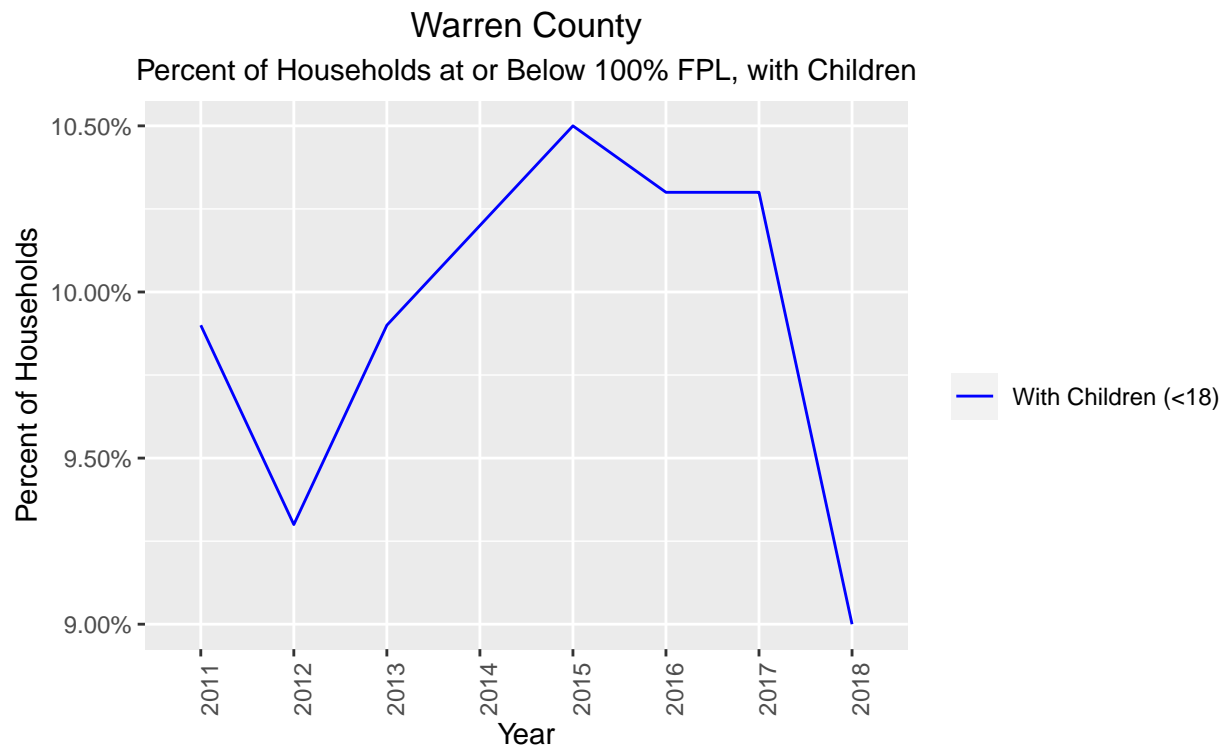


Figure 42: Households Experiencing Poverty and Receiving SNAP Benefits

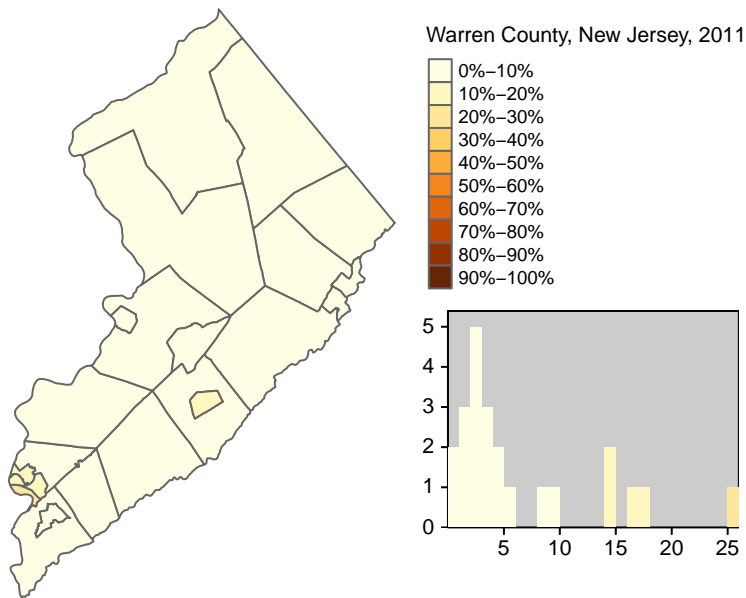
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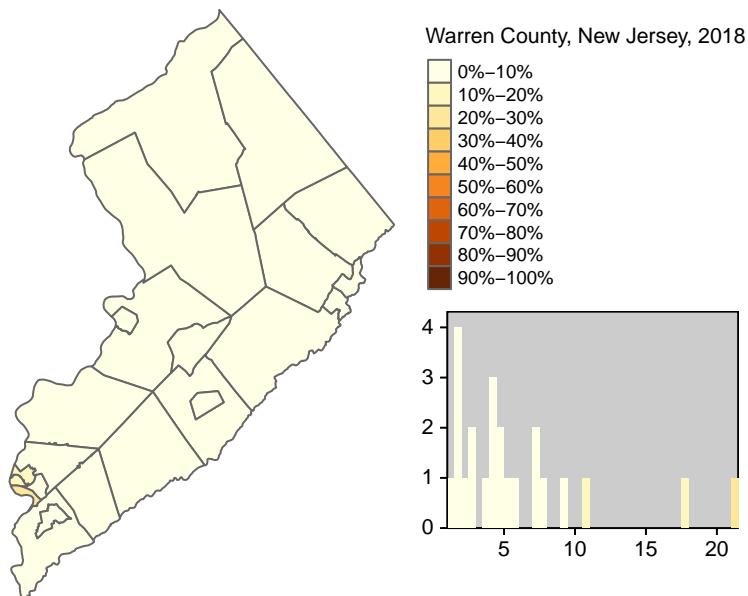
Households at or below 100% FPL

Warren County households at or below 100% FPL, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Warren County Households,
at or below 100% FPL,
2011



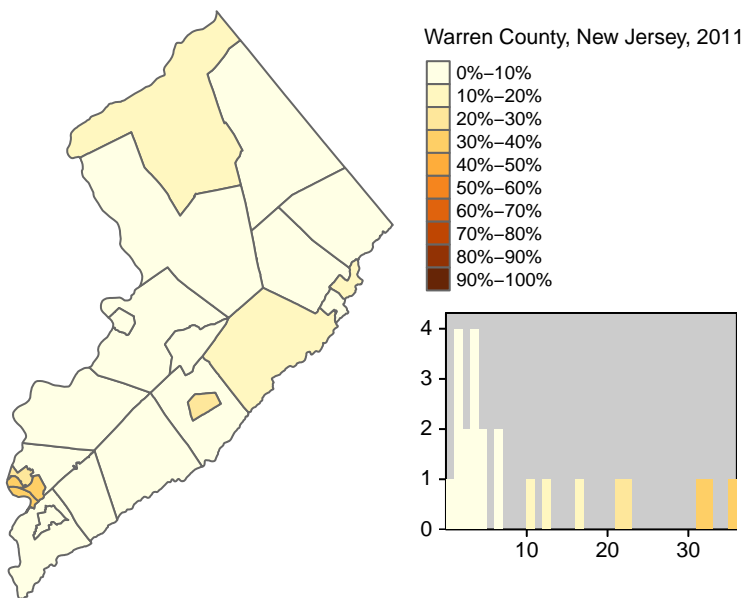
Percentage of Warren County Households,
at or below 100% FPL,
2018



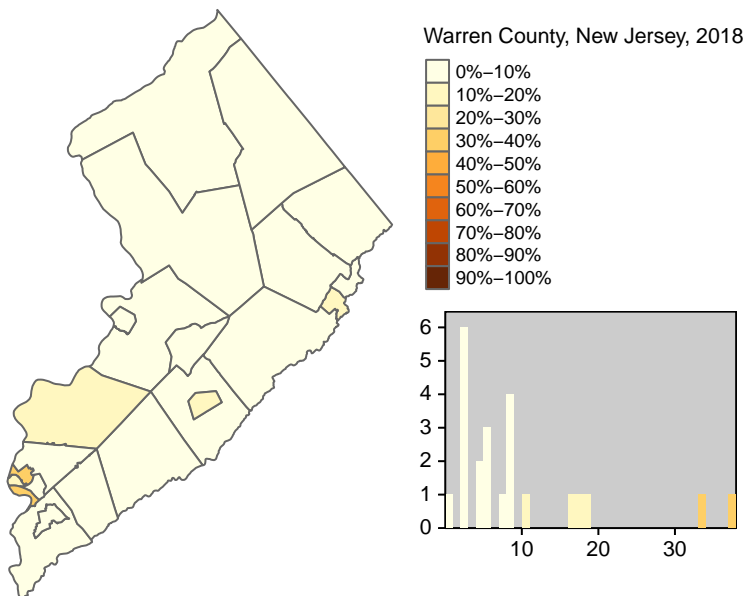
Households with children under 18 at or below 100% FPL

Warren County households at or below 100% FPL with children aged 18 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Warren County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 18,
2011



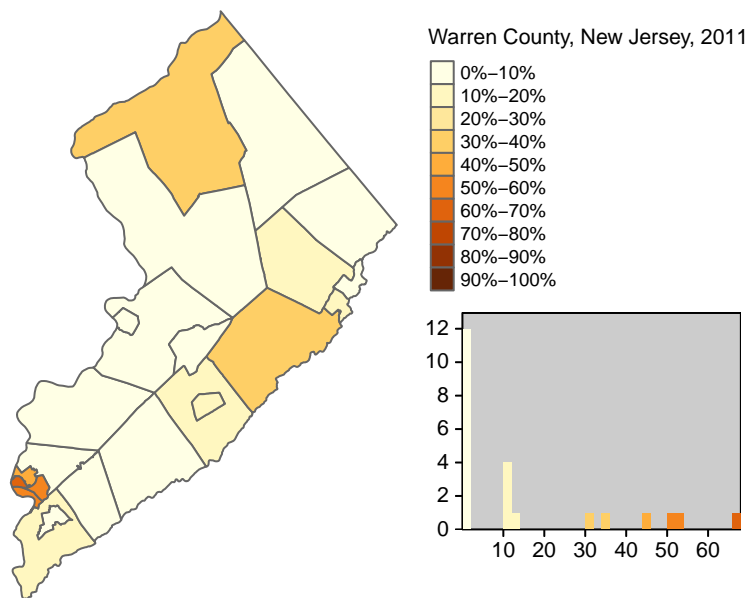
Percentage of Warren County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 18,
2018



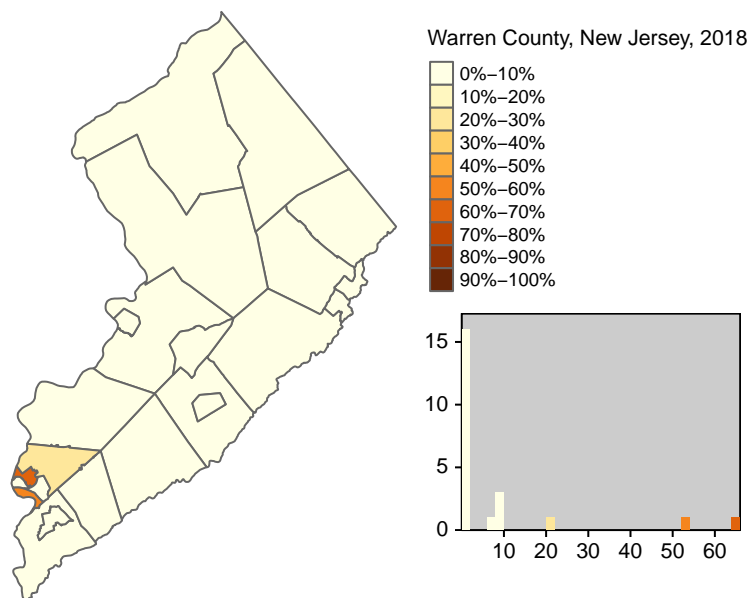
Households with children under 5 at or below 100% FPL

Warren County households at or below 100% FPL with children, with children aged 5 or below, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Warren County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 5,
2011



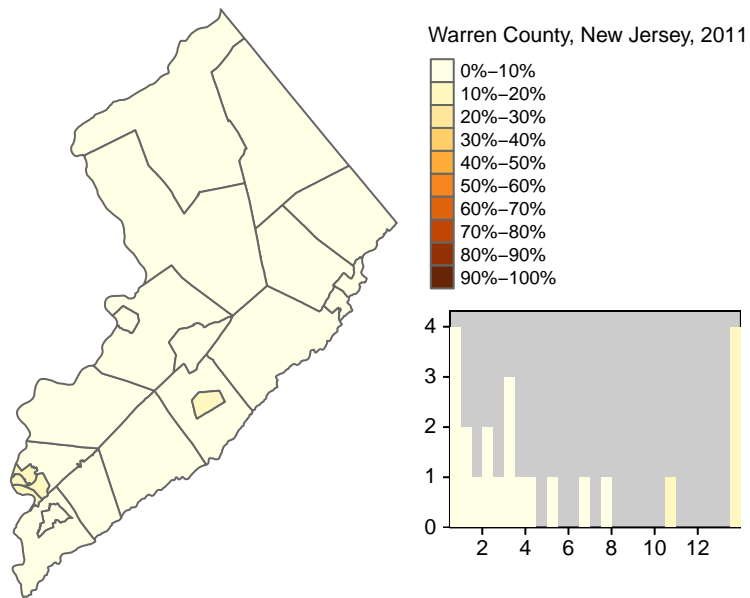
Percentage of Warren County Households,
at or below 100% FPL, with children under 5,
2018



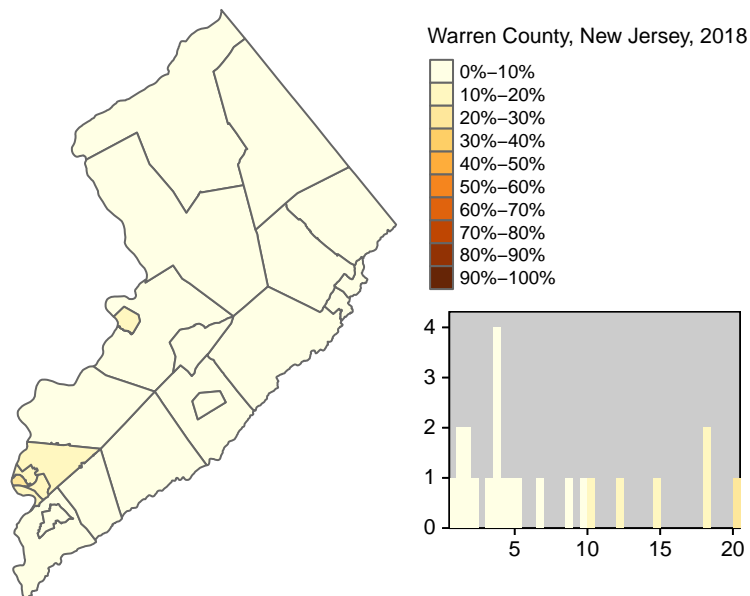
Households Participating in SNAP

Warren County households participating in SNAP, by census tract, are mapped below. The maps span the prior 8 years of available data, from 2011 to 2018.

Percentage of Warren County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2011,



Percentage of Warren County Households,
Participating in SNAP,
2018



Household Food Access

Warren County household food access, as measured by the USDA, is summarized below. Households and their surrounding environments (i.e., foodscapes) have been monitored by the USDA as a component of the USDA Food Environment Atlas. Household levels of access to different food sources and vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below.

Table 129: Warren County USDA Summary

Measure	2009-2010	2014-2015	5 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	41,685	41,667	-18
Households with low access to grocery stores (%)	30.1%	27.5%	-2.6%
Households with low income and low access to grocery stores (%)	5.2%	5.7%	.5%
Households with no car and low access to grocery stores (%)	2.2%	3.4%	1.2%
Children with low access to grocery stores (%)	7.0%	6.3%	-.6%
Grocery Stores (N)	29	28	-1
Super-centers and Club Stores (N)	0	2	2
Convenience Stores (N)	29	38	9
Specialized Food Stores (N)	11	11	0
Fast Food Restaurants (N)	87	75	-12
Full Service Restaurants (N)	70	90	20
Grocery Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.27	.26	-0.01
Super-centers and Club Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	0	.02	.02
Convenience Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.27	.36	.09
Specialized Food Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.1	.1	0
Fast Food Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	.8	.7	-0.1
Full Service Restaurants per 1,000 Persons (N)	.64	.84	.2

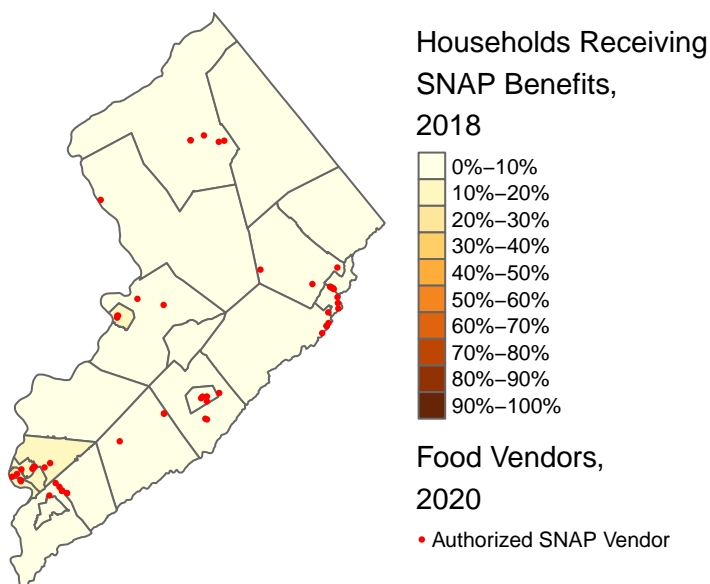
Household Access to SNAP Vendors

Warren County household access to authorized SNAP or WIC food vendors, as well as vendor density relative to the population, are tabulated below. A map of SNAP-approved vendors in Warren County, 59 vendors as of 2020, is additionally mapped below. Geographic data were not available for authorized WIC vendors or Farmers Markets.

Table 130: Warren County Authorized Vendors

Measure	2008-2012	2012-2016	4 Year Change
Total Households (Estimate)	41,685	41,667	-18
SNAP-authorized Stores (N)	52	52	0
WIC-authorized Stores (N)	8	9	1
SNAP-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.48	.49	.01
WIC-authorized Stores per 1,000 Persons (N)	.07	.08	.01
SNAP-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	1	-
WIC-authorized Farmer's Markets (N)	-	1	-

Households Receiving SNAP Benefits Compared to Registered SNAP Vendors, Warren County, NJ



Household Food Security

Warren County household food security, as measured by Feeding America's Mapping the Meal Gap, is summarized below. Households have been monitored by Feeding America as a component of their Mapping the Meal Gap program. Household levels of food security are tabulated below. Please note that, due to methodology changes, the data presented below should be treated as two different "snapshots" of food security status, and may not be representative of local-level trends.

Table 131: Warren County Food Insecurity

Measure	2011	2018	8 Year Change
Food Insecure Households (N)	10,510	8,760	-1,750
Food Insecure Households (%)	9.7%	8.2%	-1.5%
Food Insecure Children (N)	4,130	2,460	-1,670
Food Insecure Children (%)	16.0%	11.0%	-5.0%
Average Cost per Meal (\$)	\$3.28	\$3.55	\$0.27
Annual Food Budget Shortfall (\$)	\$5,620,010.00	\$5,256,000.00	\$-364,010.00

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