

Low Access Area: Orange = Not a Low Access Area: Grey

Low Income Areas: Orange = Not a Low Income Area: Grey

Food Desert Area: Red = Not a Food Desert Area: Grey

Low Access Area: Areas with low access to healthy food are areas where the majority of population lives more than 1 mile away from a supermarket, supermarket or grocery store.

Low Income Areas: A low income area is an area where more than 20% of people live below 200% poverty. A family of four living below 200% poverty earns less than \$16,000 in 2016. People living at or below 200% poverty level may qualify for government assistance programs (e.g. SNAP, WIC).

Food Desert: A food desert is an area with both low access to healthy food and low income.

Legend:

- 2016 Grocery Supermarket
- Major Street
- Highway
- Water Bodies
- Major Road
- Majority of Population Living in Suburban/Rural
- Barndomin

Health Impact:

This food desert map was created as part of the Douglas County Food Policy Council's ongoing work to accurately define and understand the food environment. Key food resources in the food environment are supermarkets, supermarkets and grocery stores. Research shows that living closer to healthy food retail is among the factors associated with better eating habits and decreased risk of obesity and metabolic diseases. There may be important new information (like new grocery store location and current 2016 census data) since publication of the USDA 2010 food desert map.

Within Douglas County, the majority (79.9%) of residents live in Lawrence, MO. The total population living in the Lawrence Food Desert is 15,080 (or 20% of people living in Lawrence), of those, 10,528 people live below poverty.

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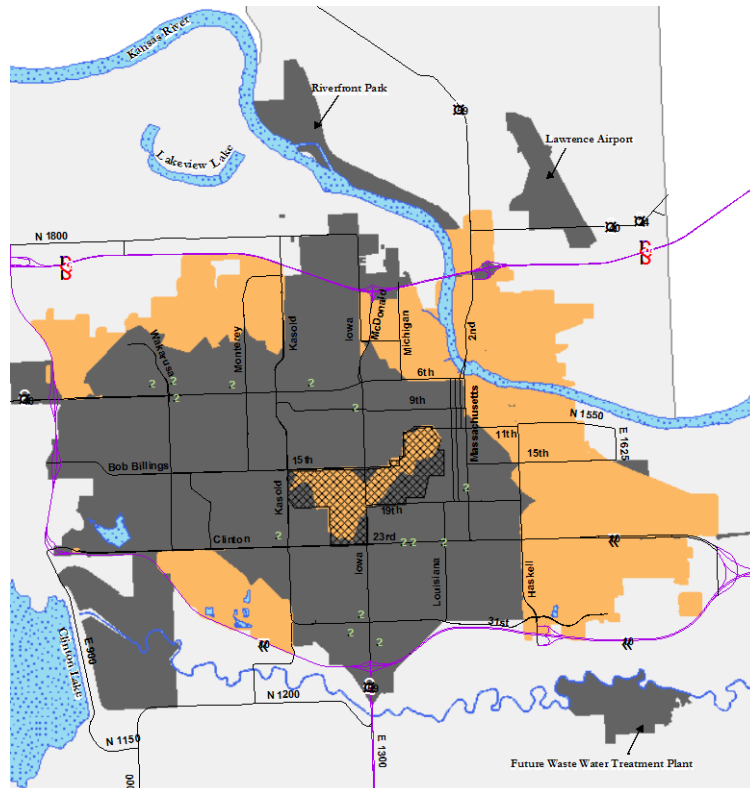
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2016 Areas with Low Access/Income

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



Low Access Areas

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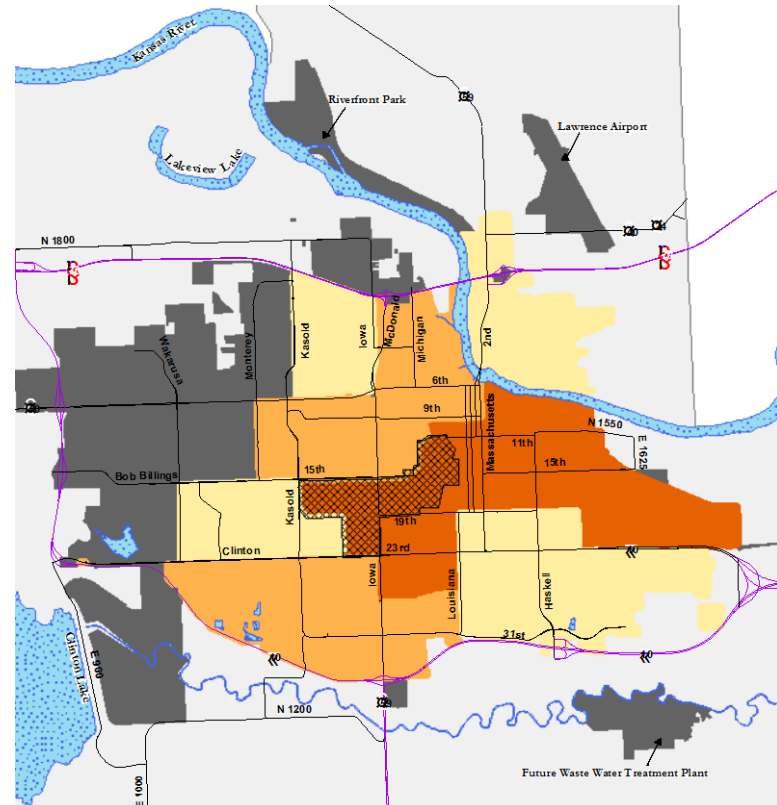


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Low Income Areas

Percent of People Living Below Poverty :    

<= 20% **21% - 35%** **36% - 55%** **56% - 84%**

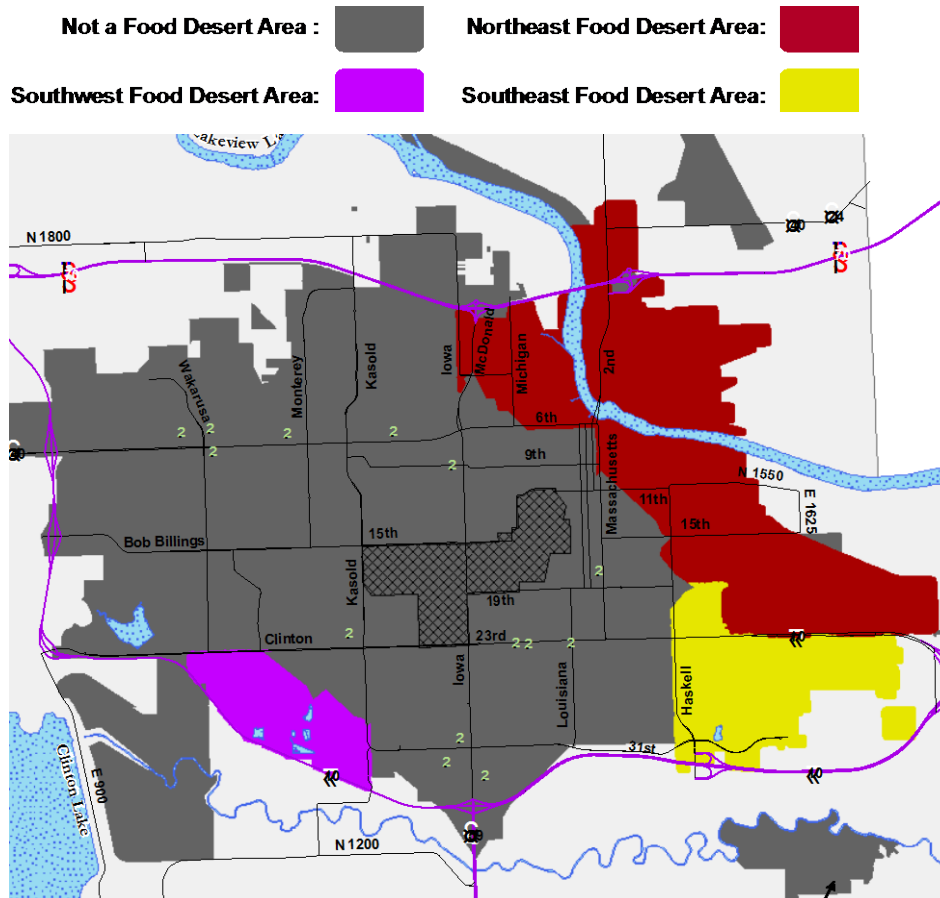


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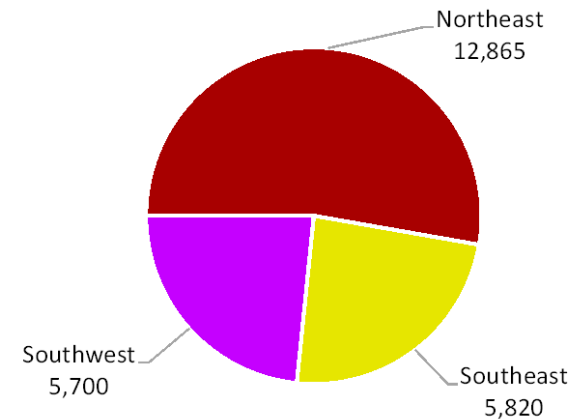


Food Deserts Areas by Region

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Population in Lawrence food deserts by area



Health Impact

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Within Douglas County, the majority (75.5%) of residents live in Lawrence, KS. The total population living in the Lawrence food desert is 24,385 (or 28% of people living in Lawrence), of these, 10,428 people live below poverty.