

Determination of Low Resource Areas

KHFI Eligibility

To meet eligibility requirements for the Kansas Healthy Food Initiative Program, applicants must demonstrate evidence of addressing the following criteria for their project.

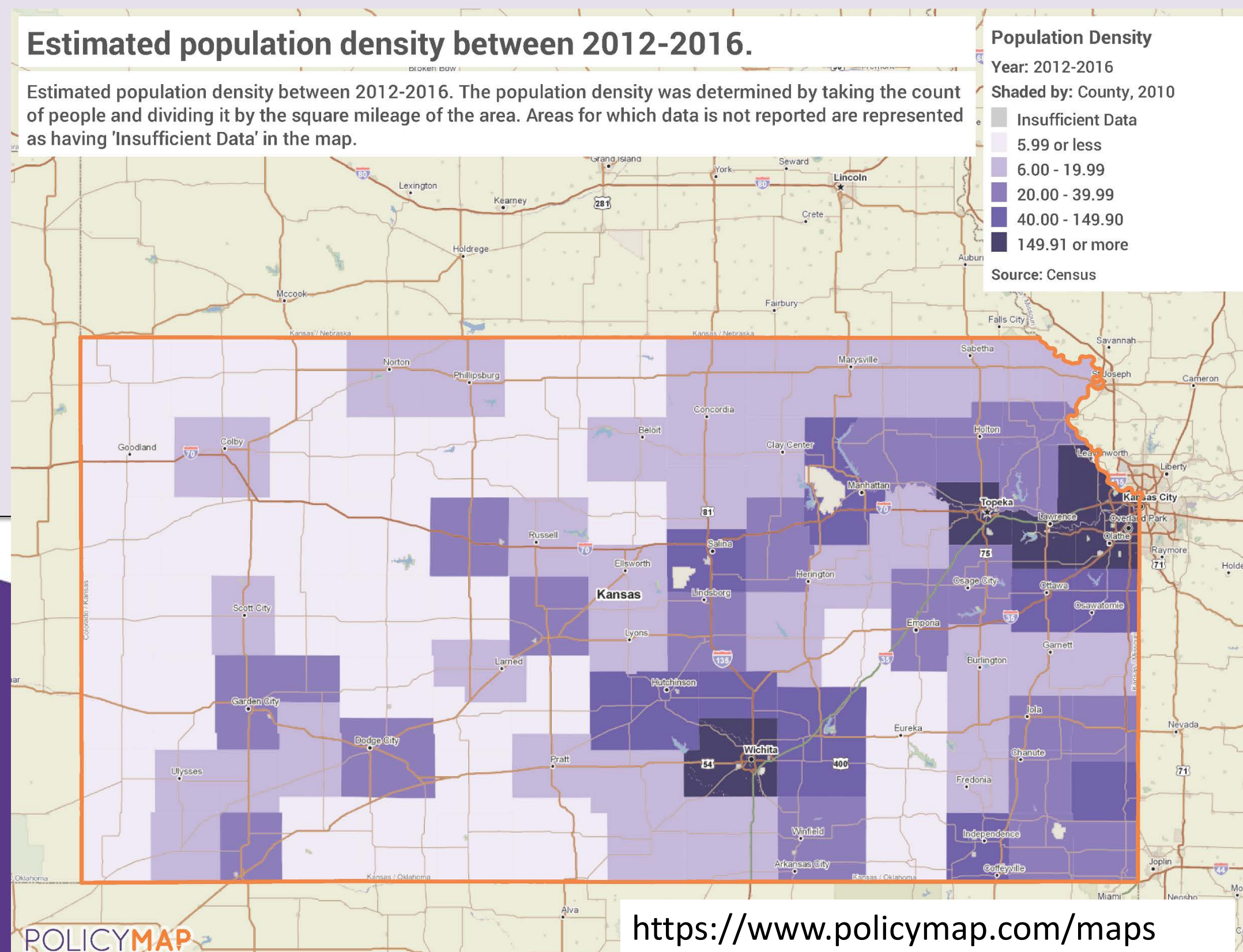
- *Low resource area*
- Commitment to offer fresh, healthy foods
- Underserved by fresh food retail
- Operator experience
- Community fit
- Additional considerations such as energy efficiency, historic preservation, local/sustainable sourcing, gap capital, linked to other community initiatives, positive economic impact for economically distressed Kansas census tract



Eligible projects may address increasing healthy food options through grocery chains, neighborhood food and grocery stores, co-ops, farmers markets, production and distribution operations, or other food system project.

Population Density

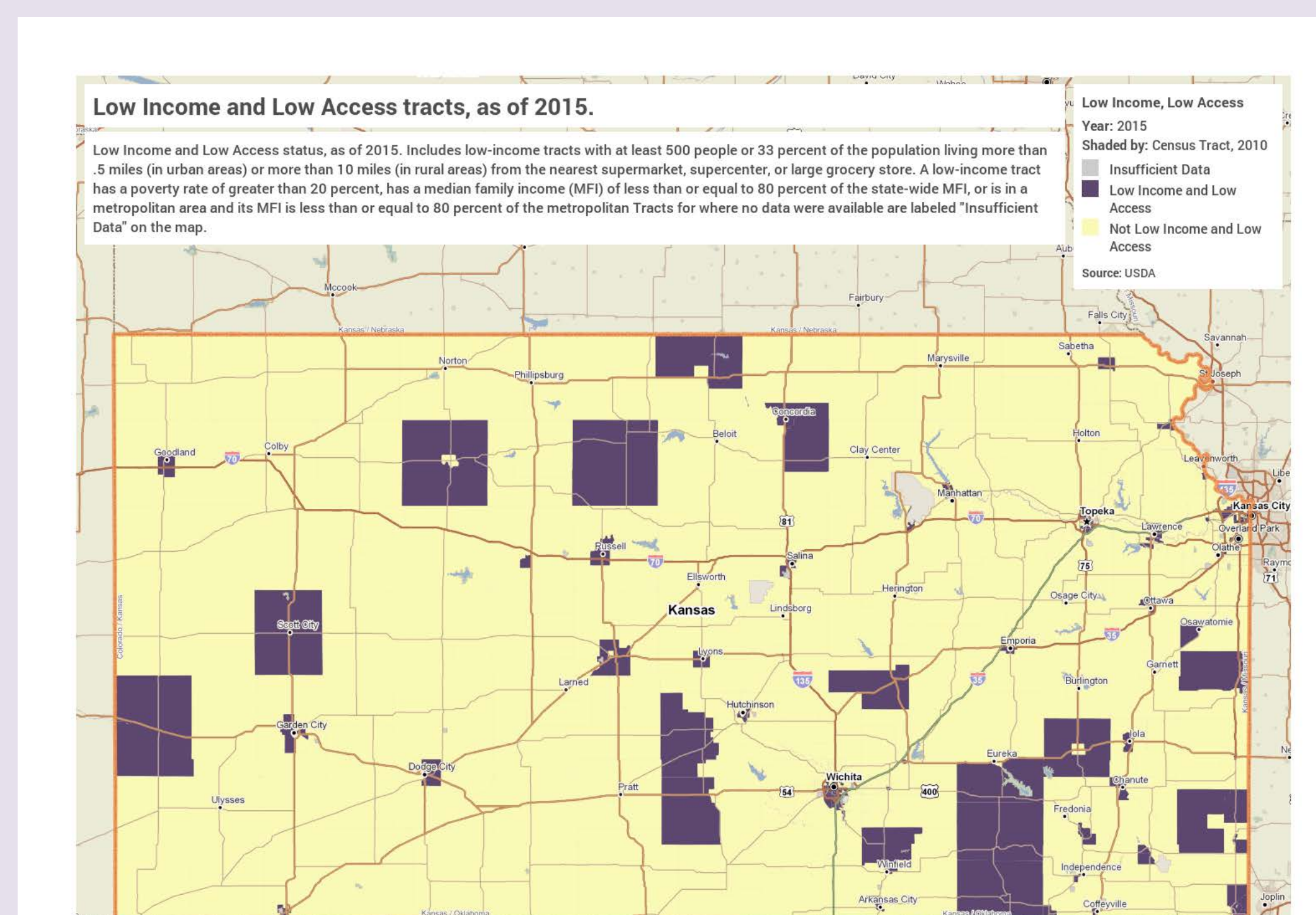
Kansas has a population density ranging from less than six people per square mile in frontier regions, to urban areas with 1,200 people per square mile. In areas of low population density, census tracts can cover a large area.



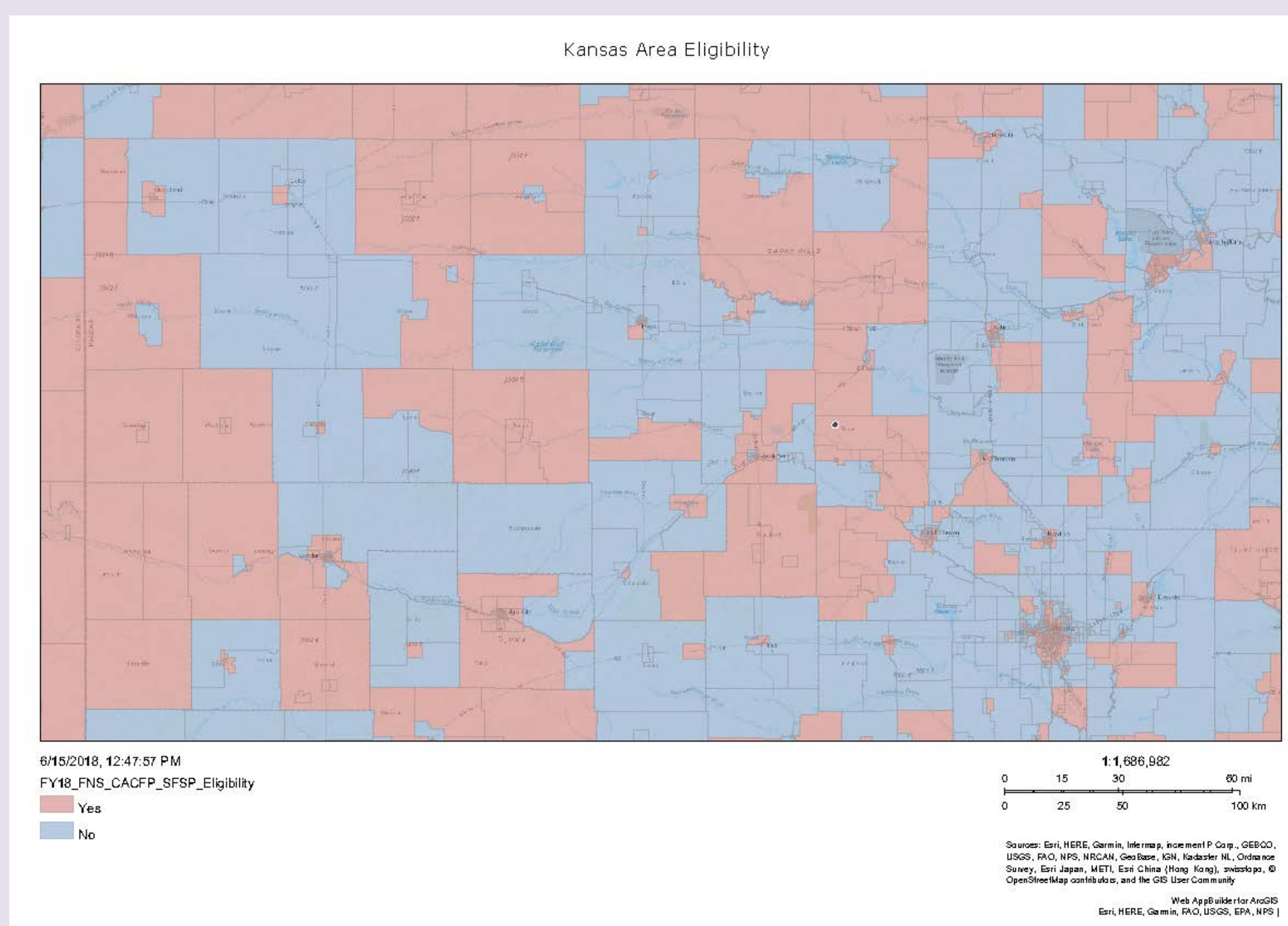
Low Resource Area Determination

The six eligibility criteria are all considered to determine if the project is eligible for KHFI funding. This poster focuses on the determination of Low Resource Area, one of the six components of eligibility. Meeting any one of the following indicators can inform the determination of a low resource area.

- Local median family income less than or equal to 80% of area median income
- New Market Tax Credit area- Local median family income at or below 80% of area median income OR poverty rate of 20% or greater
- *USDA Low Income Low Access designation (food desert)*

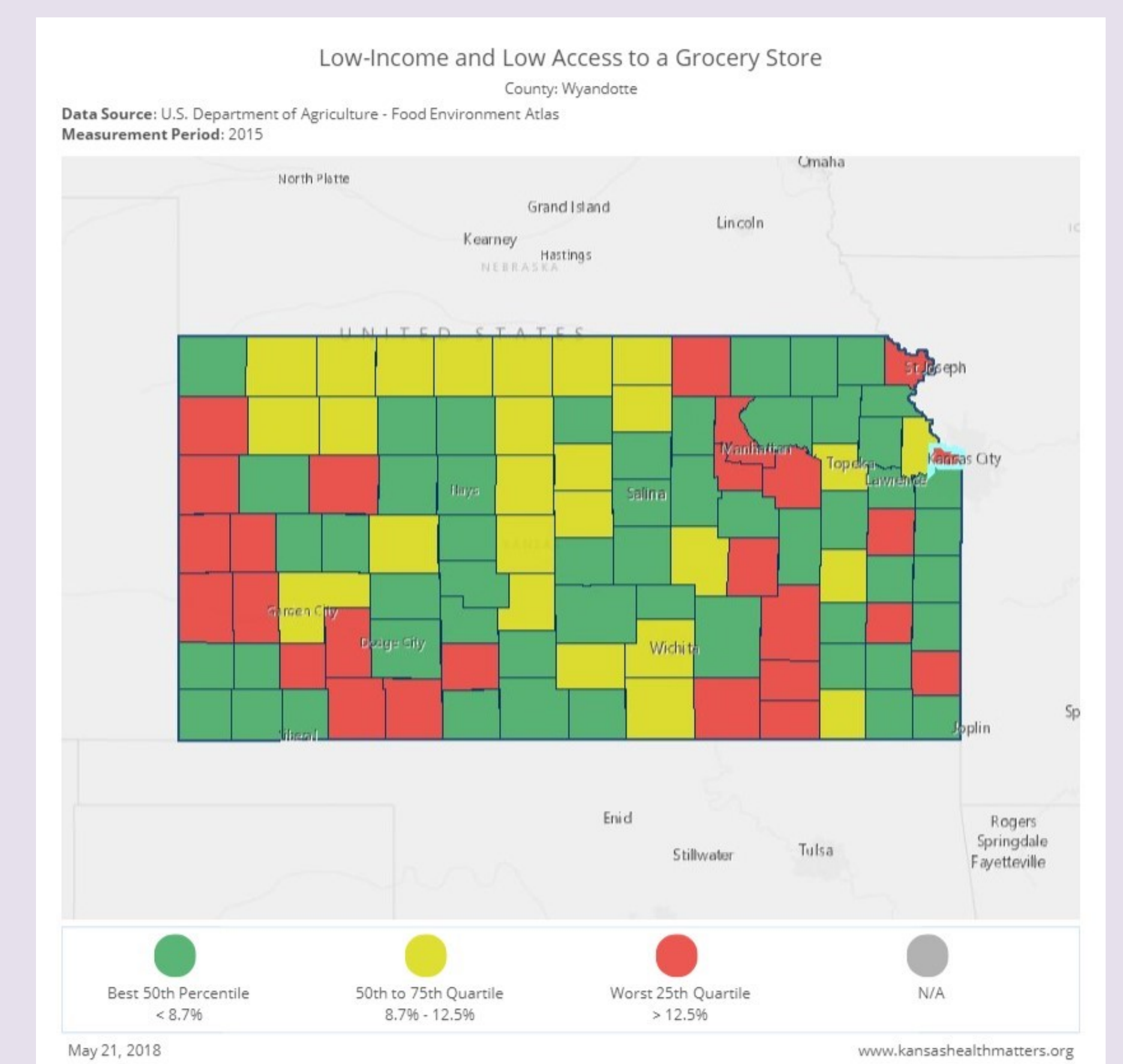


- *Free and reduced lunch eligibility*



Kansas Comparisons

Kansas Health Matters (www.kansashealthmatters.org) features a dashboard that can be used to compare indicators. Indicators that show need in the upper quartile when compared with other Kansas Counties are considered when determining Low Resource Area.



Kansas Healthy Food Initiative Partners



Seed funding for the Kansas Healthy Food Initiative has been provided by the Kansas Health Foundation.

Mission: The Kansas Healthy Food Initiative is a public-private partnership that aims to increase access to affordable fresh food to improve the health and economic development of Kansans and their communities.