

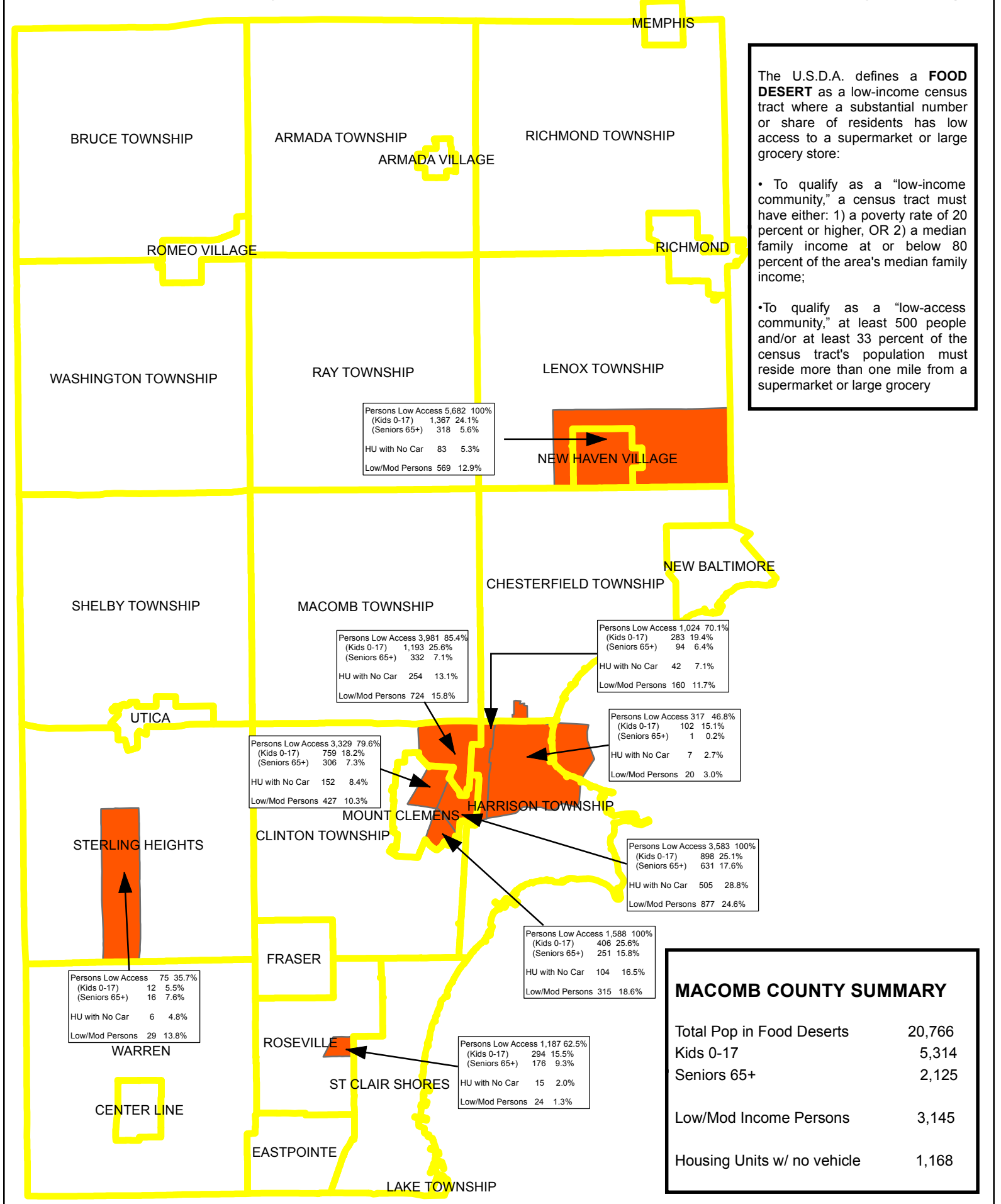
USDA "Food Deserts" by Census Tract

Macomb County, Michigan

The U.S.D.A. defines a **FOOD DESERT** as a low-income census tract where a substantial number or share of residents has low access to a supermarket or large grocery store:

- To qualify as a "low-income community," a census tract must have either: 1) a poverty rate of 20 percent or higher, OR 2) a median family income at or below 80 percent of the area's median family income;

- To qualify as a "low-access community," at least 500 people and/or at least 33 percent of the census tract's population must reside more than one mile from a supermarket or large grocery



MACOMB COUNTY SUMMARY	
Total Pop in Food Deserts	20,766
Kids 0-17	5,314
Seniors 65+	2,125
Low/Mod Income Persons	3,145
Housing Units w/ no vehicle	1,168

Source: U.S.D.A. Economic Research Service website