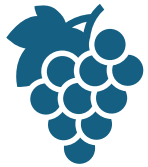
Food Insecurity Data Updates

Map the Meal Gap Estimates for 2023

Madison Food Policy Council meeting, 6/18/25

Background

US Current Population Survey collects food insecurity data using USDA's Food Security Survey Module and produces annual estimates at the national and state levels



Feeding America's **Map the Meal Gap estimates food insecurity** at

- sub-state levels (e.g. county, Census tract) &

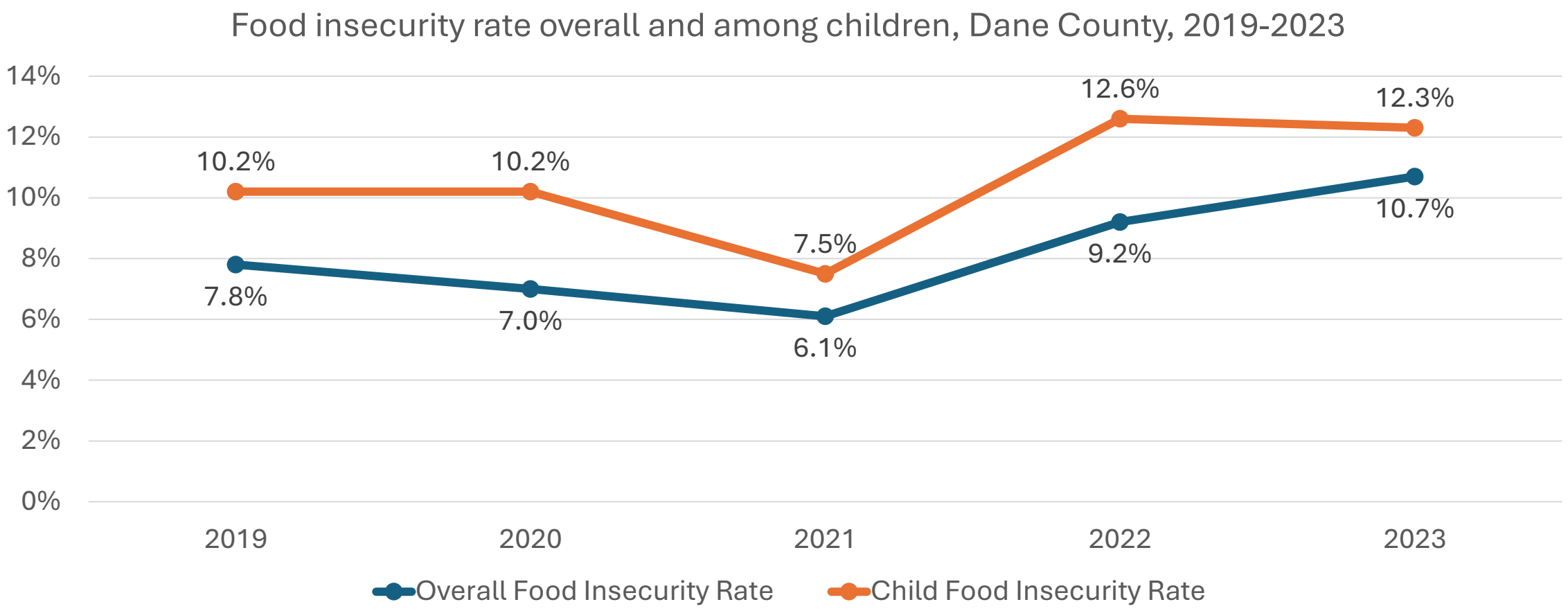
- demographic categories (children, race/ethnicity)

Public can access most data (map.feedingamerica.org/)

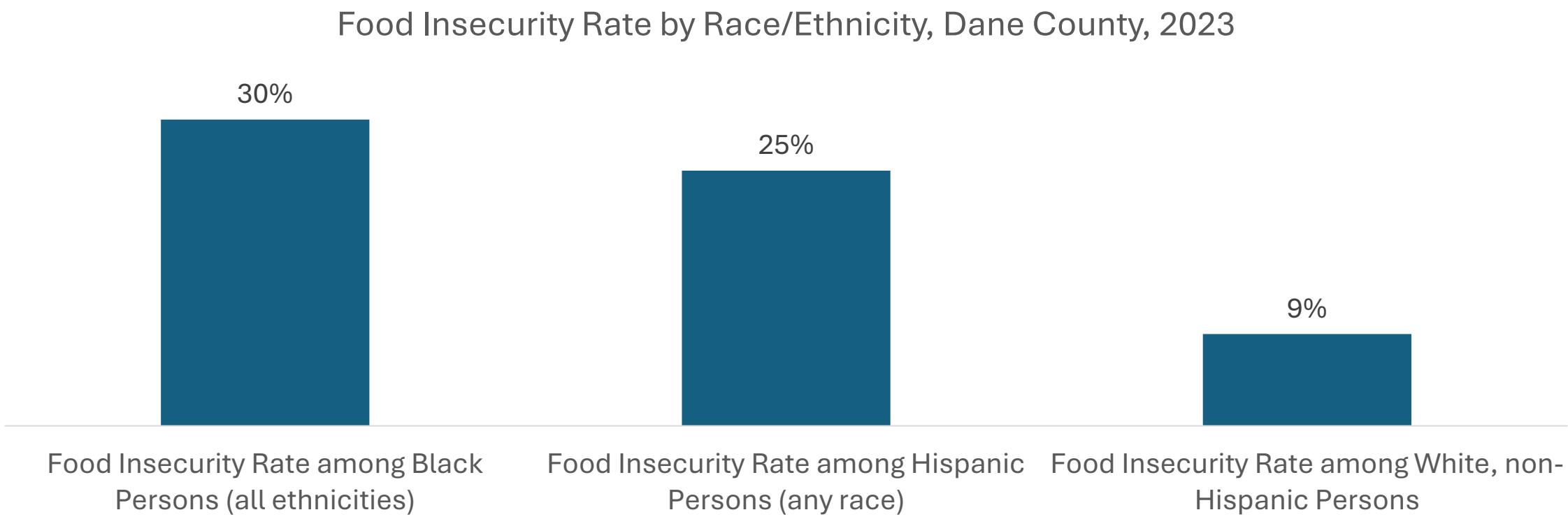
Network food banks get access to more data

Lag time means **latest data are from 2023**

Food insecurity in Dane County has risen since 2021



Food insecurity is much higher among Black and Hispanic populations in Dane County



Economic Metrics in Dane County

48% of food insecure residents are ABOVE threshold for SNAP eligibility

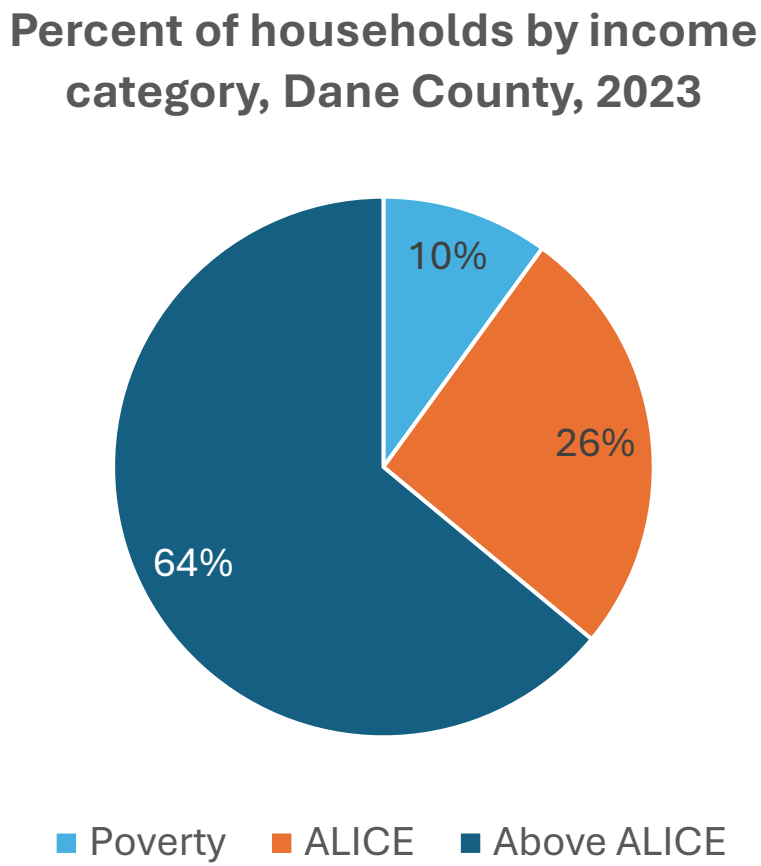
42% of food insecure children are in households ABOVE 185% of federal poverty level

Estimated average weekly budget shortfall among food insecure households is -$25.15

ALICE Report 2025

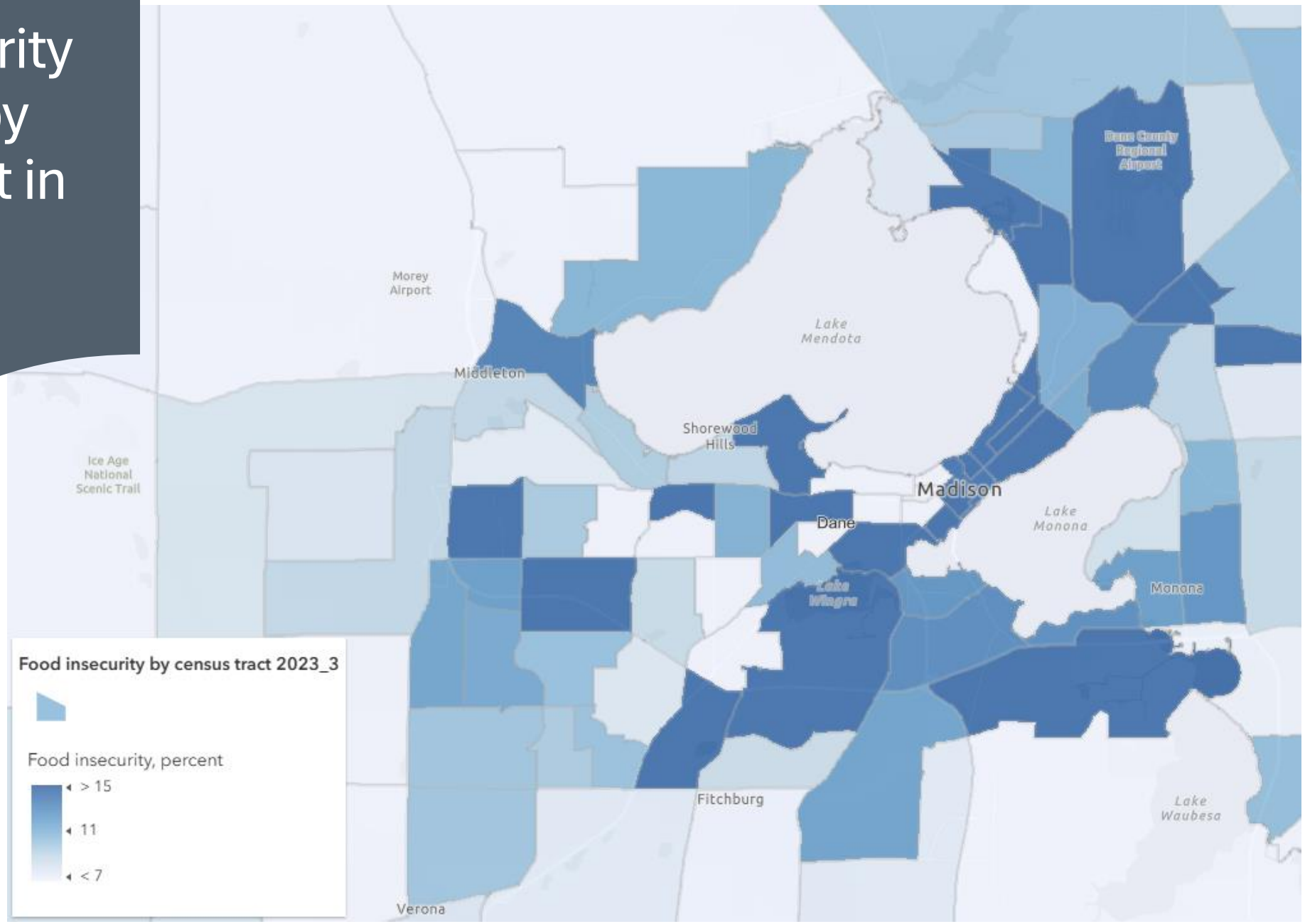
ALICE: **A**sset **L**imited, **I**ncome **C**onstrained, **E**mployed – households with income above the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) but less than the basic cost of living in their county

	Single adult	Family of four
2023 Federal Poverty Level	$14,580	$30,000
2023 ALICE Survival Budget (Dane County)	$34,800	$81,216
ALICE Stability Budget (WI)	*$47,868*	*$113,940*

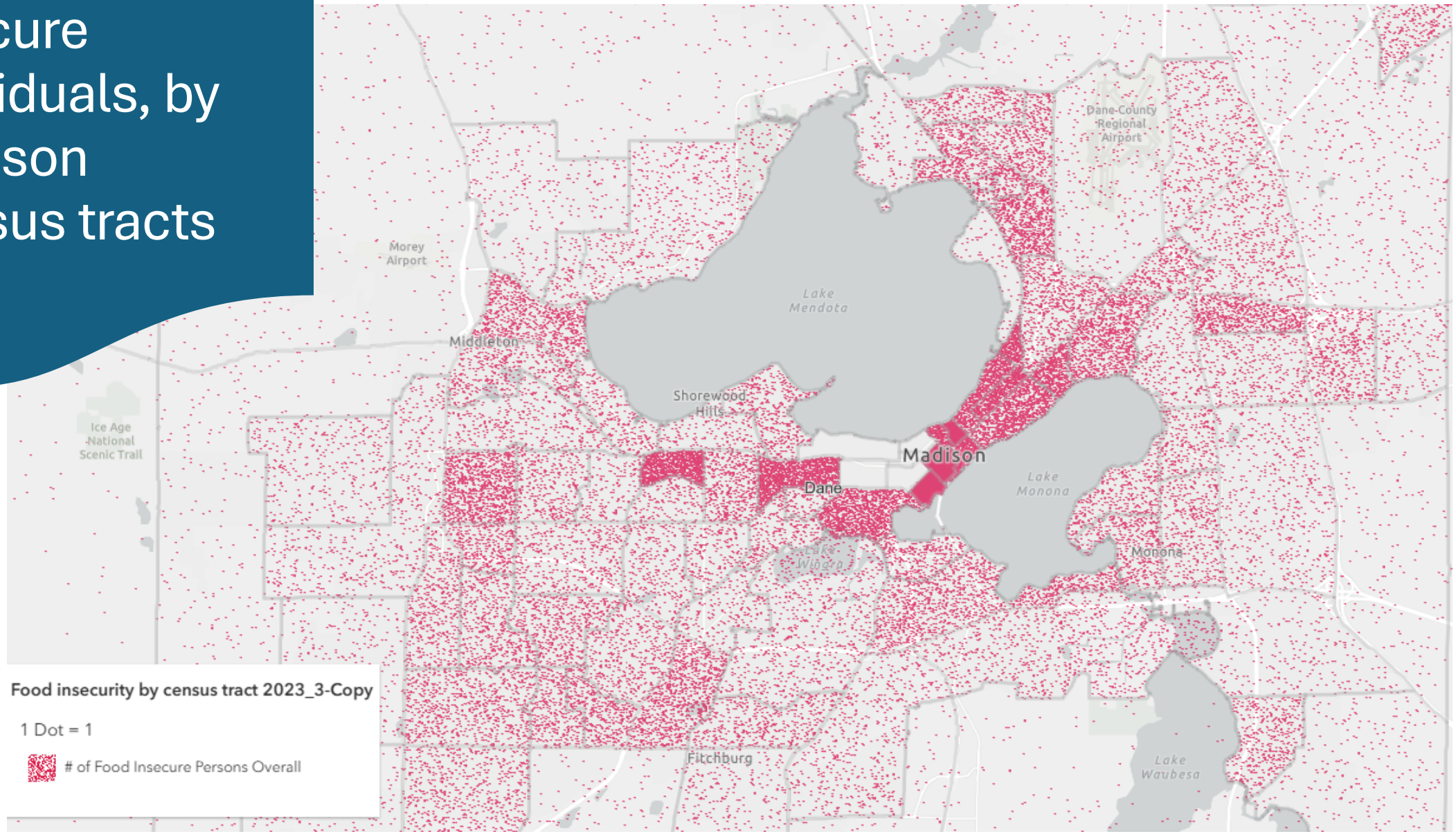


Source: https://www.unitedforalice.org/county-reports/wisconsin

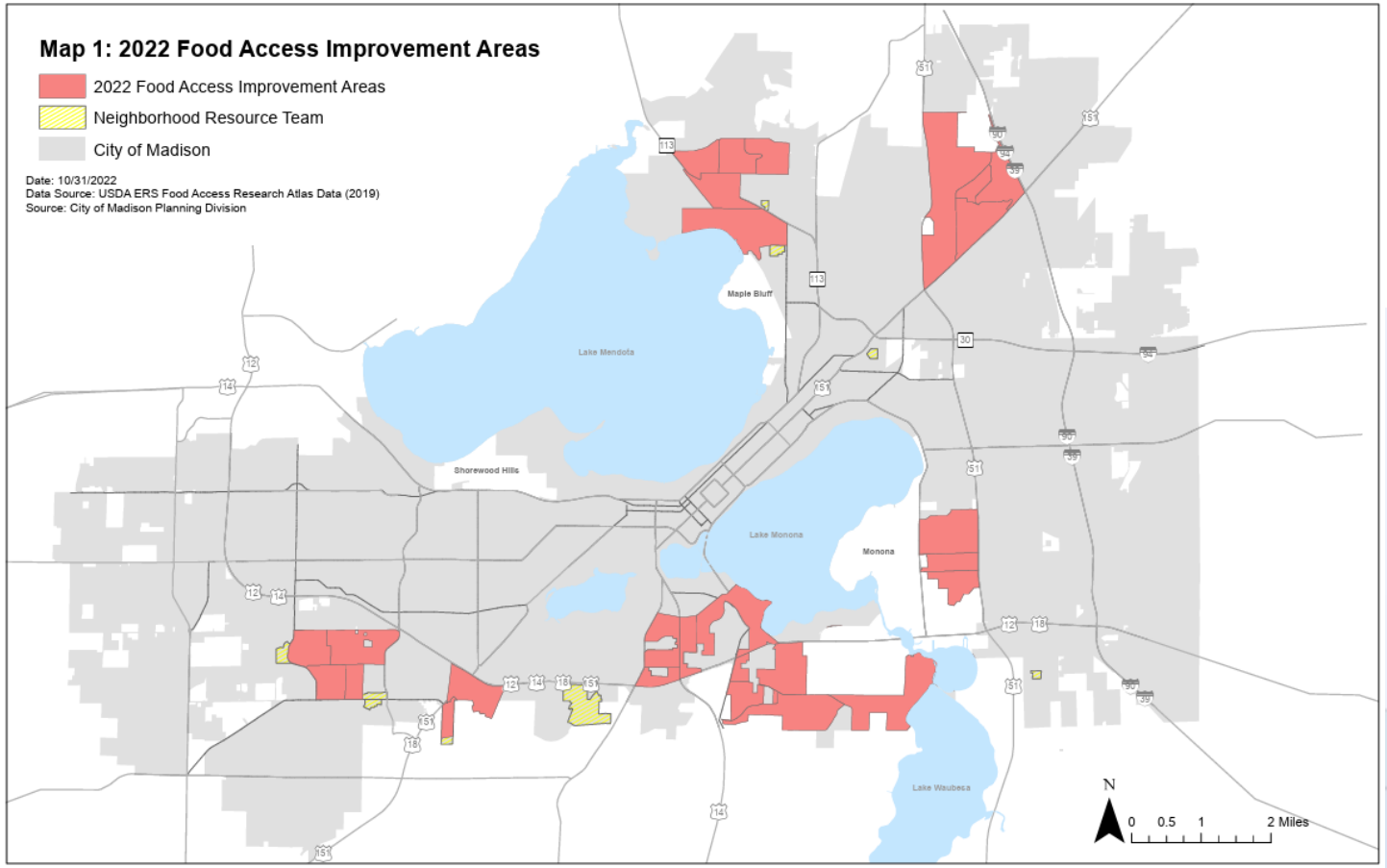
Food insecurity rates differ by Census tract in Madison

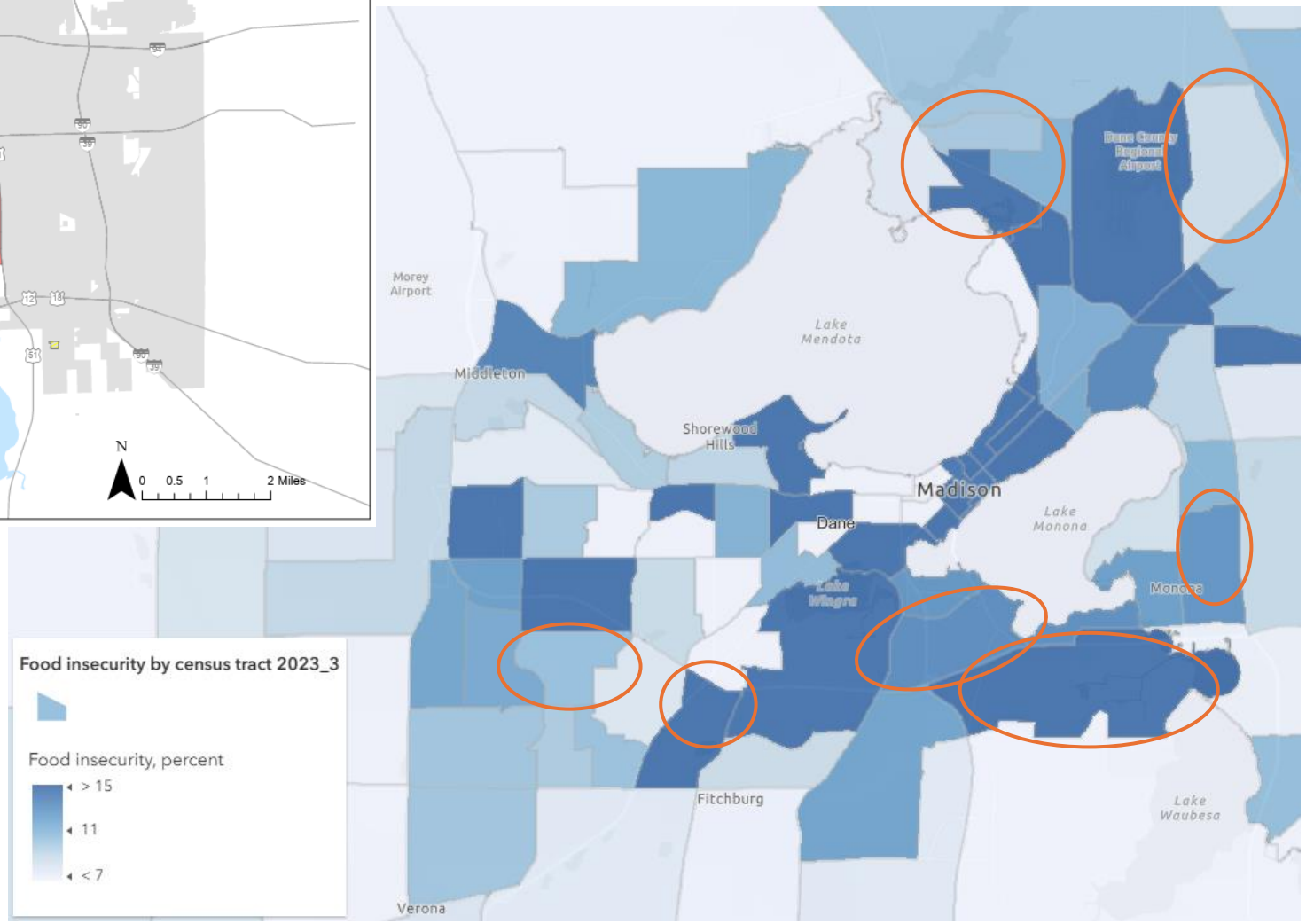


Number of food insecure individuals, by Madison Census tracts



Food Access Improvement Map for Comparison





- FAIM is shows areas with low access (to food outlets) and low income
- Could include locations of stores that have received HRAP grants
  - Does this change the FAIM over time? food insecurity??