

Subarea Existing Conditions Report

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1. Introduction and Overview

Subarea Analysis

• **Purpose.** As noted in the Land Use and Community Design Existing Conditions Report (LUCD ECR), the General Plan Land Use Element will develop goals, policy direction, and implementation actions for subareas of the Planning Area, including both the city and the Sphere of Influence. The focus in some areas will be preservation or enhancement, while others are likely to see incremental or transformational change. To establish a baseline, this Subarea Existing Conditions Report provides a high-level overview of the general character of subareas throughout the Planning Area. This report is not intended to be a detailed analysis of each subarea.

Report Overview

- **Section 1: Subarea Boundaries**. The remaining slides in Section 1 introduce the subarea boundaries.
- **Section 2: Key Subarea Characteristics**. Section 2 includes high-level summaries of key characteristics of each of the ten subareas, based on the figures and tables in Sections 3 and 4.
- **Sections 3 and 4: Figures and Tables**. The remaining two sections are simply a sequence of figures and tables that compare and contrast the subareas with each other and when appropriate the rest of the city, the county, and the state. High-level observations about the characteristics of each subarea relative to others are limited to Section 2.
 - Section 3: Settlement Patterns and Land Use. Section 3 profiles and compares subareas by the following characteristics:
 - Year Built the year in which residential dwellings were built, which can correlate with housing type, design, and condition
 - Existing Land Use the current use of the land on each parcel (i.e., open space, public, residential, commercial, and industrial)
 - Population Density the number of residents per acre, which is a function of both the mix of land uses and the density of the housing
 - Dwelling Units the number of single- or multi-unit residential dwellings, which provides some insight into the distribution of housing among subareas
 - Jobs the number of jobs located in an area, which provides insight into the distribution of job centers
 - Intersection Density the number of roadway intersections per square mile, which is a proxy for the ease of navigability by foot, bike, or car within an area
 - Walk Access to Parks and Retail the percent of the area's population within a 5 minute walk to parks or retail stores
 - Park Acreage per 1,000 the acreage of City parks divided by the thousands of residents in the area.

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Subarea Analysis (continued)

- **Section 4: Socio-economic Characteristics**. Section 4 profiles and compares subareas by the following demographic characteristics:
 - Percent of Residents under 18 Years Old the number of residents in the area who are under 18 years of age (one of the more vulnerable age groups), relative to the total population of the area
 - Percent of Residents over 65 Years Old the number of residents in the area who are over 65 years of age (one of the more vulnerable age groups), relative to the total population of the area
 - Median Household Income the household income amount that divides the households in the area into two equal parts, one-half falling below the median income and one-half above the median
 - Poverty Status a family is considered to be in poverty if its income is below the income threshold established by the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB), which varies with the family size and composition
 - Percent without High School Education the number of residents who did not complete high school, relative to the total population of the area, which
 provides insight into workforce characteristics and economic opportunity
 - Percent Hispanic or Latino the number of residents who identify as Hispanic or Latino, relative to the total population of the area.

Notes:

- Not all data are available for the entire Planning Area. Some are limited to areas within city limits.
- When subarea characteristics are compared to "city" characteristics in charts, "city" refers to the area within city limits and does not include portions of subareas in the Sphere of Influence.

Subarea Boundaries

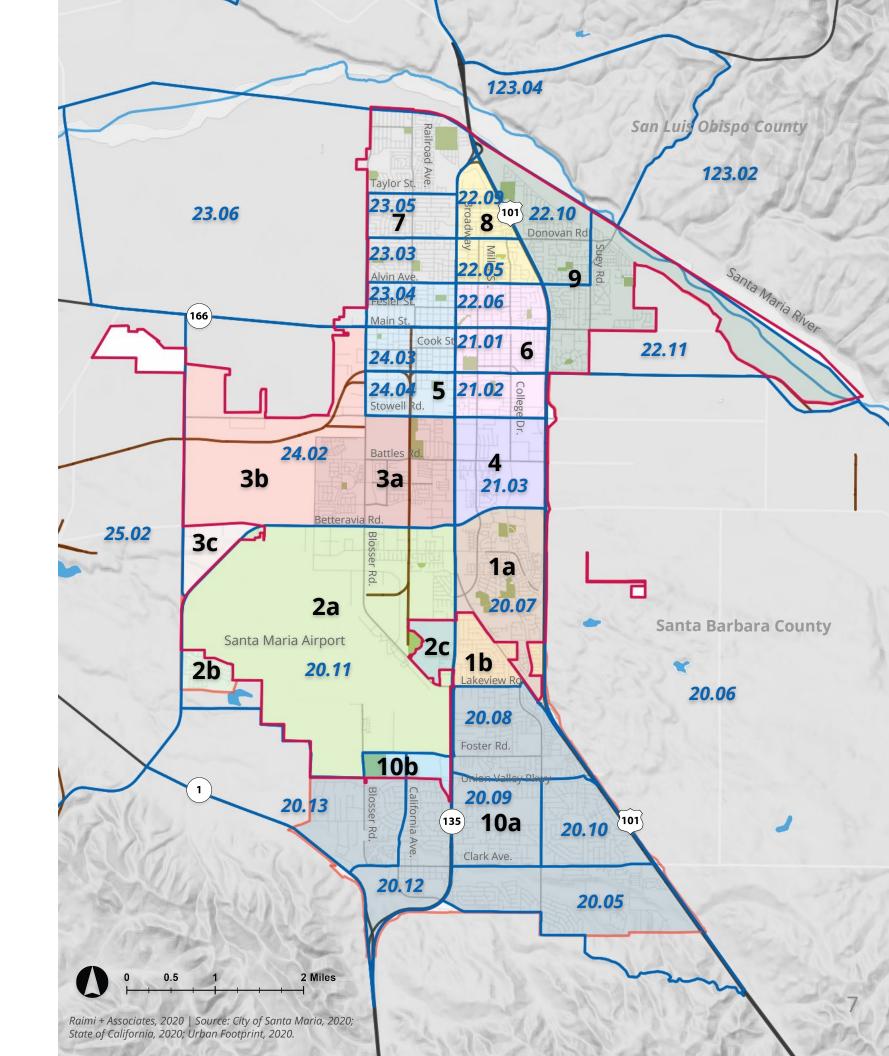
- Though the City's quadrants are sometimes used as points of reference, the quadrants are too large for the purposes of this analysis. Therefore, a set of ten smaller subareas was identified.
- The map on the next slide shows the subarea boundaries and numbers. The boundaries of the ten subareas were defined based on:
 - **Census Tract Boundaries**. Much of the data used throughout the planning process is from the Census, and the largest sets of highest quality data are available at the Census Tract level, so numbered subarea boundaries follow Tract boundaries.
 - o **Physical Barriers**. US-101, other major roadways, railroad tracks, and other physical features serve as natural boundaries between some subareas.
 - o **Input from City staff and the Technical Advisory Committee**, who identified the following types of distinguishing features:
 - Defining roadways and highways
 - Annexation and development periods
 - Neighborhoods with distinct character
 - Parks, schools, and other destinations that serve as focal points.

Notes:

- City and Sphere of Influence boundaries do not align perfectly with Census Tract boundaries. Those areas where they are inconsistent are identified with letters. In subarea 3, because it is such a large Census Tract and includes both developed and undeveloped areas, additional lettered areas were identified to support analysis that is specific to different types of development patterns.
- Similarly, though the City landfill in the northeast finger of the city is not populated, it is part of Census Tract 22.11, so it is included in Subarea 9. On the other
 hand, the wastewater treatment plant in the small westernmost finger of the city is the only portion of the city in Census Tract 25.02 and is not part of a subarea.

Subareas





2. Key Subarea Characteristics

Key Characteristics of Each Subarea

- **Subarea 1**. This area is in the southeastern corner of the Planning Area and is bounded by US-101, Betteravia Road, Broadway Street, and Lakeview Road. This is one of the more recently developed areas in the city. Though dominated by varied types of residential, it has a broad diversity of land uses, particularly commercial along the Broadway and Betteravia corridors. Though it has average intersection density, the area has below average walkable access to retail. Residents in the area have above-average incomes.
- **Subarea 2**. This area is in the southwestern corner of the Planning Area and is bounded by Betteravia, Broadway, and the southern and southweststern borders of the Planning Area. The heart of the area is the Santa Maria Public Airport, and land use is otherwise dominated by industrial uses, agriculture, and vacant land. This a jobs center with very low population density, with the exception of the denser, largely Hispanic/Latino community in the Sphere of Influence in the southwestern corner. The area has below average walkable access to retail and above-average incomes.
- **Subarea 3**. This area is in the midwestern section of the Planning Area and is roughly bounded by Broadway, Stowell Road, Betteravia, and the western city border. The area west of Depot Road is one of the more recently developed areas in the city, including new housing. Agriculture, vacant land, and industrial operations dominate land uses in the western portion of the area and north of Stowell, so the subarea is a jobs center with relatively low population density. There is also commercial along the Broadway corridor and mixed-density residential west of Broadway, between Betteravia and A Street. The communities in the area have below average walkable access to retail. The area also has some of the highest percentages of children, Hispanic/Latino residents, people living in poverty, and residents who didn't graduate from high school.
- **Subarea 4**. This area is in the mideastern section of the city and is bounded by US-101, Stowell, Broadway, and Betteravia. It has a very diverse mix of public, residential, and commercial uses as well as large vacant areas, and despite below-average intersection density, its residents have some of the easiest walkable access to retail. The area has above-average poverty rates.
- **Subarea 5**. This area is in the western downtown and is bounded by Blosser Road, Stowell, Broadway, and Alvin Avenue. This is one of the oldest areas in the city and is mostly higher-density single- and multi-family residential, with many people in relatively fewer homes. There are also commercial uses along Main, and industrial uses near the railroad. This is one of two areas in the city where less than half the residents are an easy walk from a park, but due in part to above-average intersection density, its residents have some of the easiest walkable access to retail. This area has some of the highest percentages of children, Hispanic/Latino residents, people living in poverty, and residents who didn't graduate from high school.

Key Characteristics of Each Subarea (continued)

- **Subarea 6**. This area is in the eastern downtown and is bounded by US-101, Stowell, Broadway, and Alvin. This is another of the oldest areas in the city. Though dominated by single- and multi-family residential, it also has a mix of public uses (the civic center and Hancock College) as well as the Town Center Mall and commercial along the Main corridor. The area has above-average intersection density, so residents have some of the easiest walkable access to retail. It is also a jobs center with high poverty rates.
- **Subarea 7**. This area is in the northwestern corner of the city and is bounded by Blosser, Broadway, Alvin, and the levee. With the exception of commercial uses along the Broadway corridor, this area is mostly residential, with many people in relatively fewer homes. This area has below average walkable access to retail. It also has some of the highest percentages of Hispanic/Latino residents, above-average poverty rates, and above-average rates of residents who didn't graduate from high school.
- **Subarea 8**. This area is in the mid-northern section of the city and is bounded by US-101, Broadway, and Alvin. With the exception of the commercial uses along the Broadway corridor and the light industrial uses near US-101, the area has a high population density, with many people in relatively fewer homes. This is one of two areas in the city where less than half the residents are an easy walk from a park. This area has above-average poverty rates and some of the highest percentages of children and Hispanic/Latino residents.
- **Subarea 9**. This is the northeastern part of the city on the east side of US-101. With the exception of some concentrated industrial areas and public uses, the area is dominated by residential development, and the area has one of the city's lowest population densities. The area has below average walkable access to retail, above-average incomes, and one of the highest percentages of seniors.
- **Subarea 10**. This area is mostly outside the City limits, in Orcutt. It is one of largest subareas and features pockets of recent development within areas dating back to the 1960s through 1980s. The area is mostly residential, with relatively fewer non-residential uses and jobs. The area has below average walkable access to retail, the highest incomes, one of the highest percentages of seniors, and one of the lowest percentages of Hispanic/Latino residents in the area.

3. Settlement Patterns and Land Use

Year Built (Residential Only)

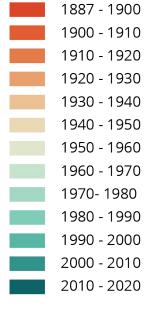
Sub Area	Average Year Built						
1	1996						
2	1986						
3	1997						
4	1985						
5	1953						
6	1952						
7	1980						
8	1969						
9	1985						
10	2007						

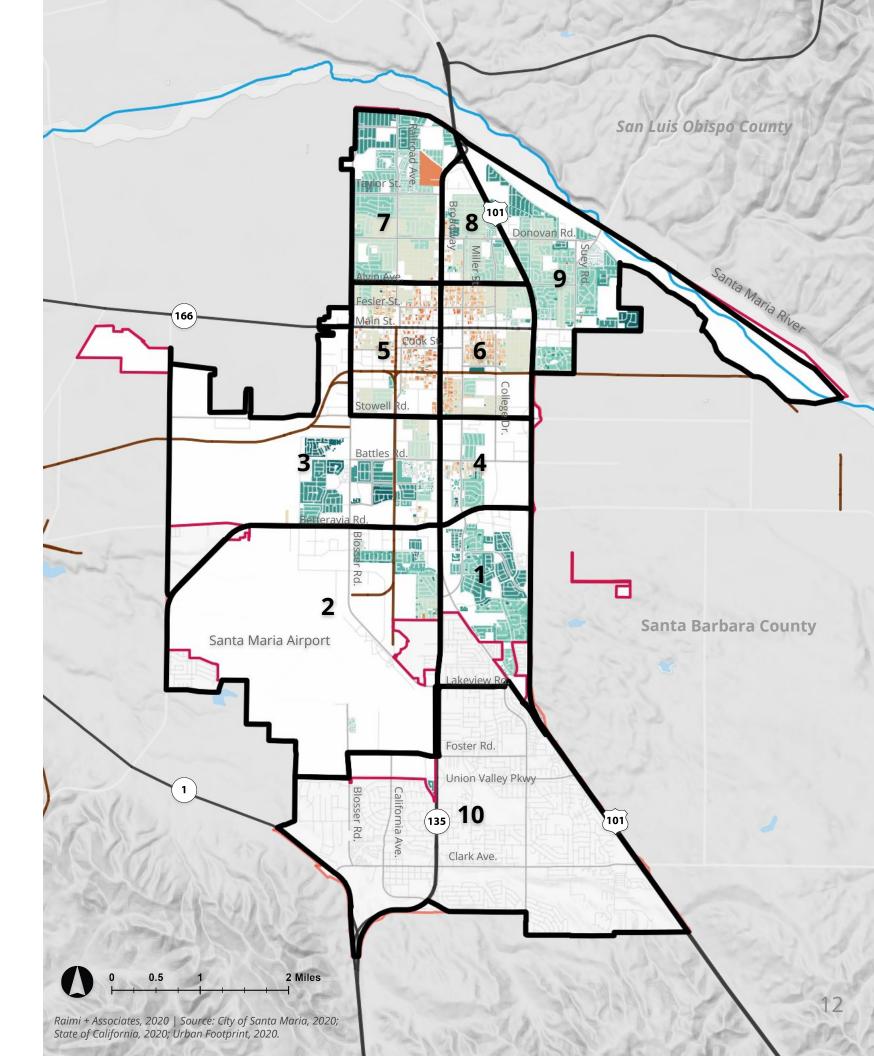
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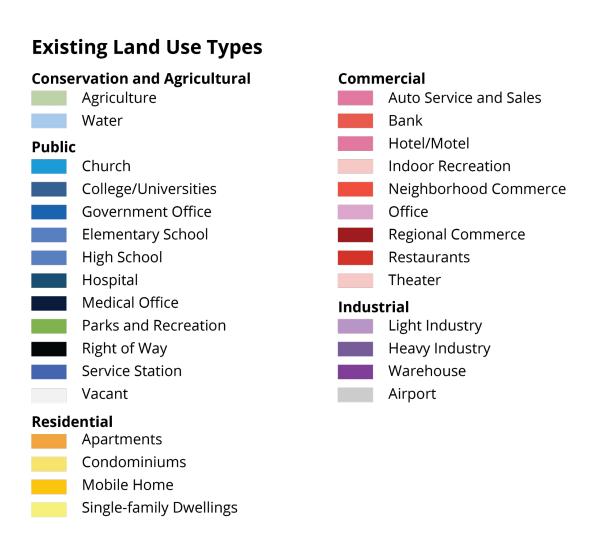
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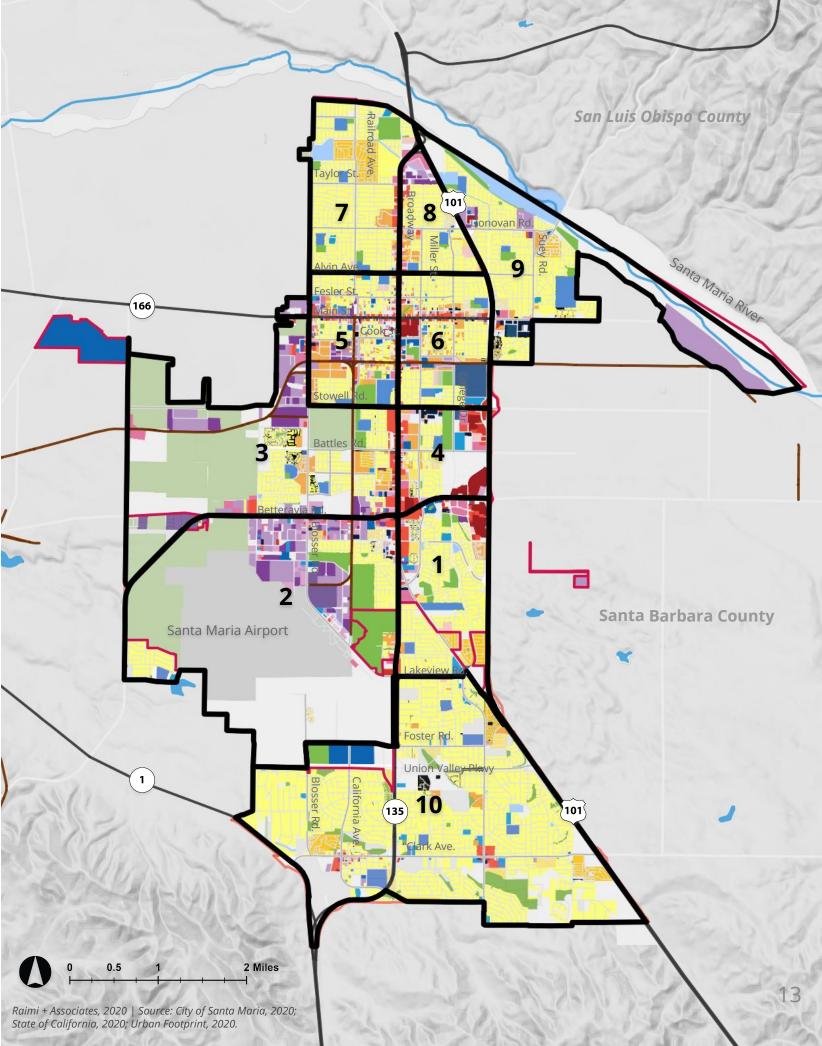
Year Built



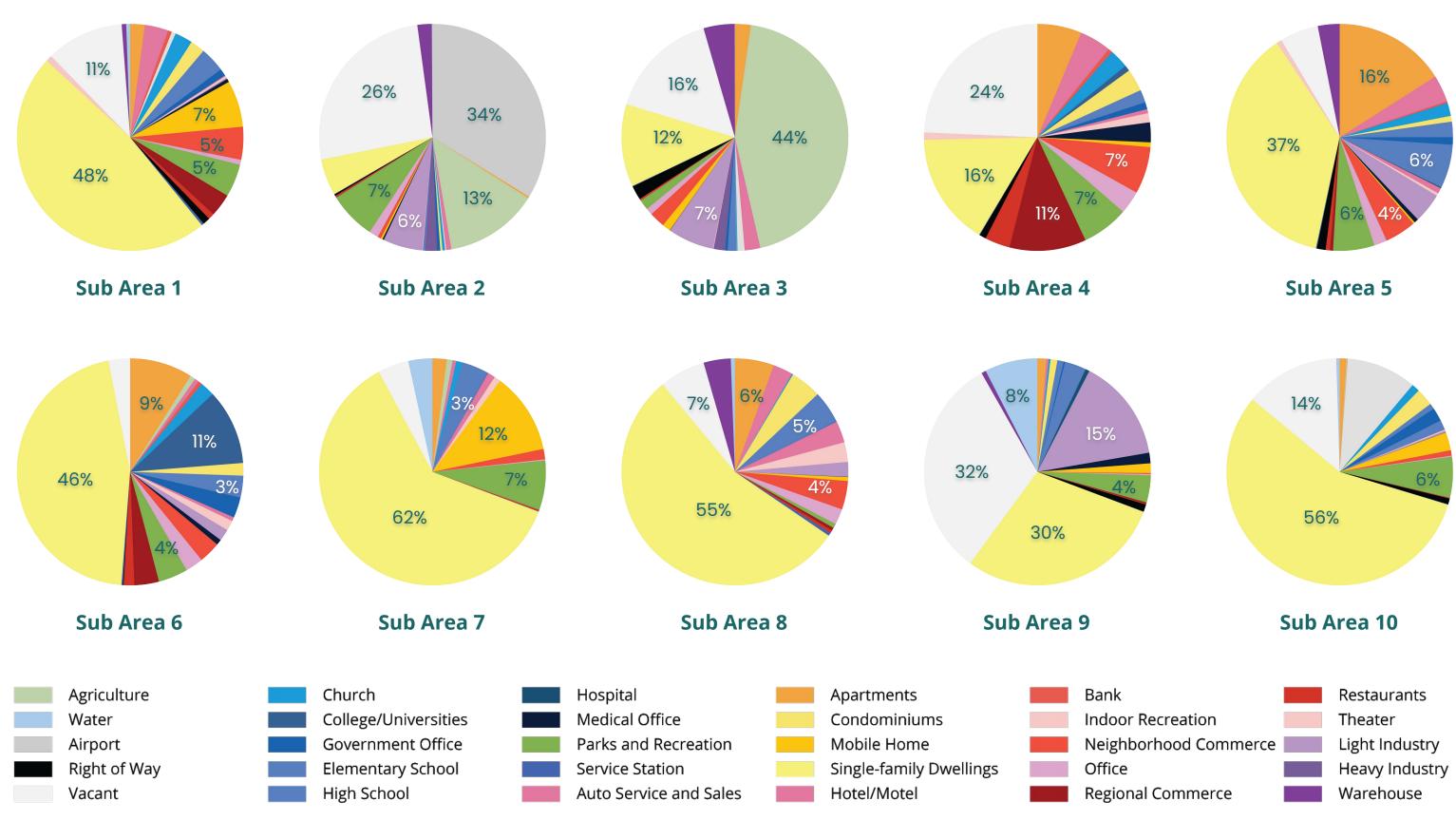


Existing Land Use

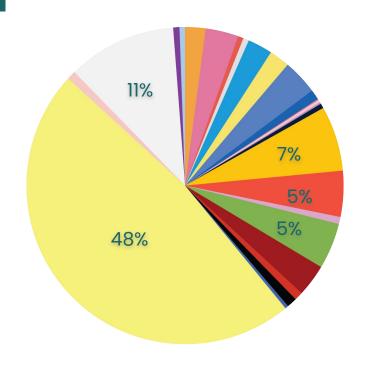




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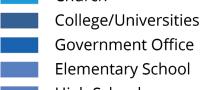


Top Five Existing Uses:

- Single-family Dwellings (48%)
- Vacant (11%)
- Mobile Home (7%) 3.
- Parks and Recreation (5%)
- Neighborhood Commerce (5%)

Existing Land Use Types







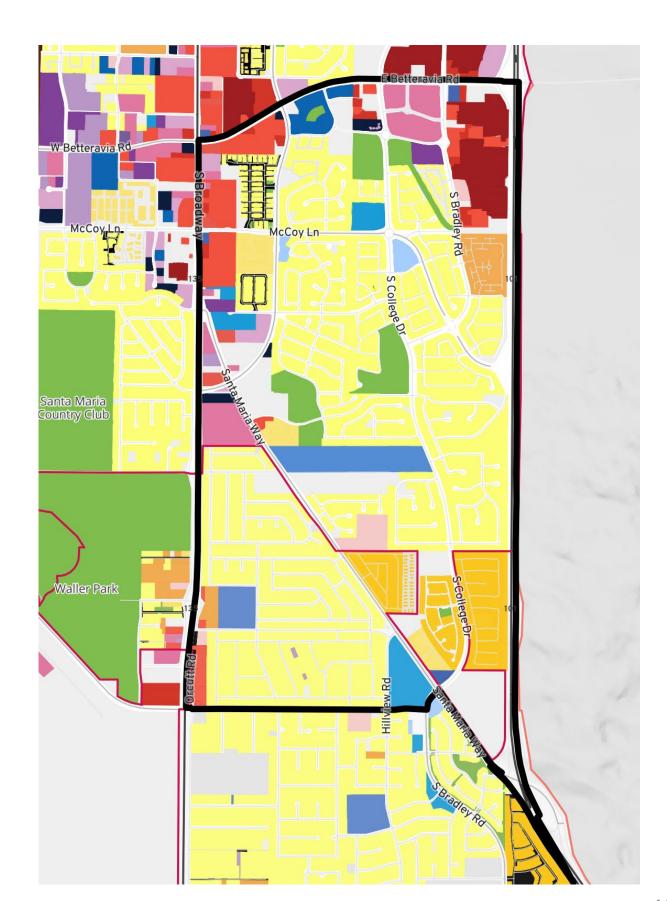


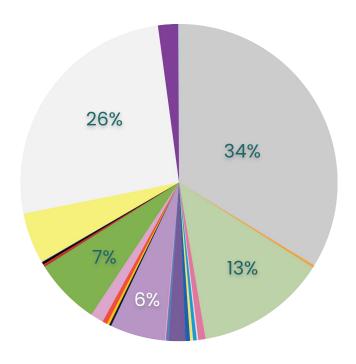
Residential



Commercial **Auto Service and Sales** Bank Hotel/Motel **Indoor Recreation** Neighborhood Commerce Office **Regional Commerce** Restaurants Theater Industrial Light Industry Heavy Industry

Warehouse





Top Five Existing Uses:

- 1. Airport (34%)
- 2. Vacant (26%)
- 3. Agriculture (13%)
- 4. Parks and Recreation (7%)
- 5. Light Industry (6%)

Existing Land Use Types

Conservation and Agricultural
Agriculture

Water

Public

Church

College/Universities

Government Office

Elementary School

High School

Hospital

Medical Office

Parks and Recreation

Right of Way

Service Station

Vacant

Residential

Apartments

Condominiums

Mobile Home

Single-family Dwellings



Auto Service and Sales

Bank

Hotel/Motel

Indoor Recreation

Neighborhood Commerce

Office

Regional Commerce

Restaurants

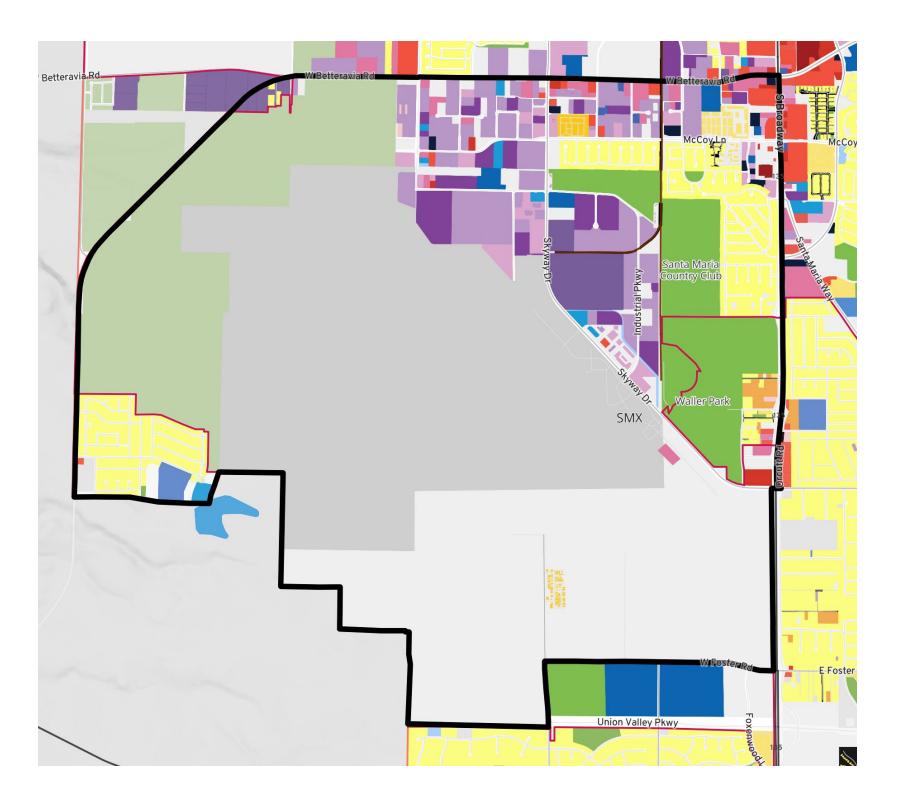
Theater

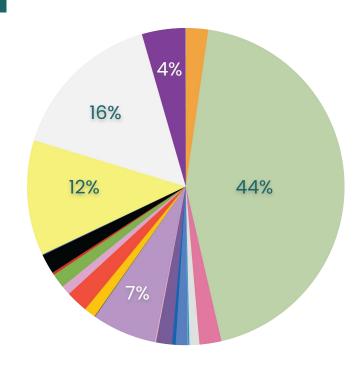
Industrial

Light Industry

Heavy Industry

Warehouse

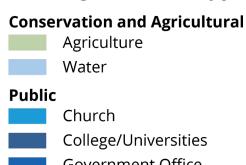




Top Five Existing Uses:

- 1. Agriculture (44%)
- 2. Vacant (16%)
- 3. Single-family Dwellings (12%)
- 4. Light Industry (7%)
- 5. Warehouse (4%)

Existing Land Use Types



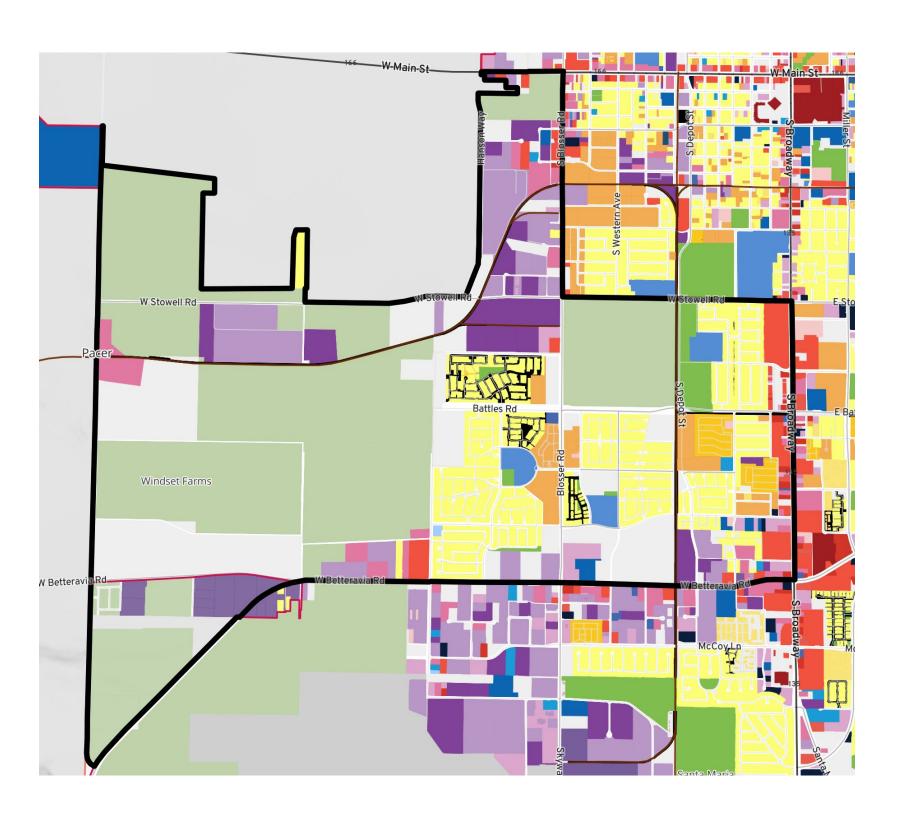




Residential







Commercial

Bank

Office

Theater

Industrial

Hotel/Motel

Restaurants

Light Industry

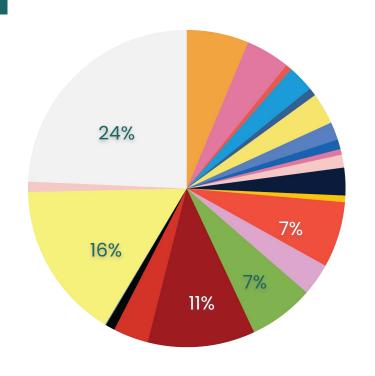
Warehouse

Airport

Heavy Industry

Indoor Recreation

Regional Commerce



Top Five Existing Uses:

- 1. Vacant (24%)
- Single-family Dwellings (16%)
- 3. Regional Commerce (11%)
- 4. Neighborhood Commerce (7%)
- 5. Parks and Recreation (7%)

Auto Service and Sales

Neighborhood Commerce

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Existing Land Use Types



Water

Public

Church

College/Universities

Government Office

Elementary School

High School

Hospital

| Medical Office

Parks and Recreation

Right of Way

Service Station

Vacant

Residential

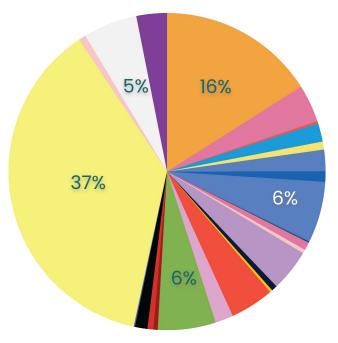
Apartments

Condominiums

Mobile Home

Single-family Dwellings





Top Five Existing Uses:

- Single-family Dwellings
 (37%)
- 2. Apartments (16%)
- 3. High School (6%)
- 4. Parks and Recreation (6%)
- 5. Vacant (5%)

Existing Land Use Types Conservation and Agricultural Agriculture

Water

Church
College/Universities

Government Office

Elementary School High School

Hospital

Medical Office

Parks and Recreation

Right of Way
Service Station
Vacant

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Residential

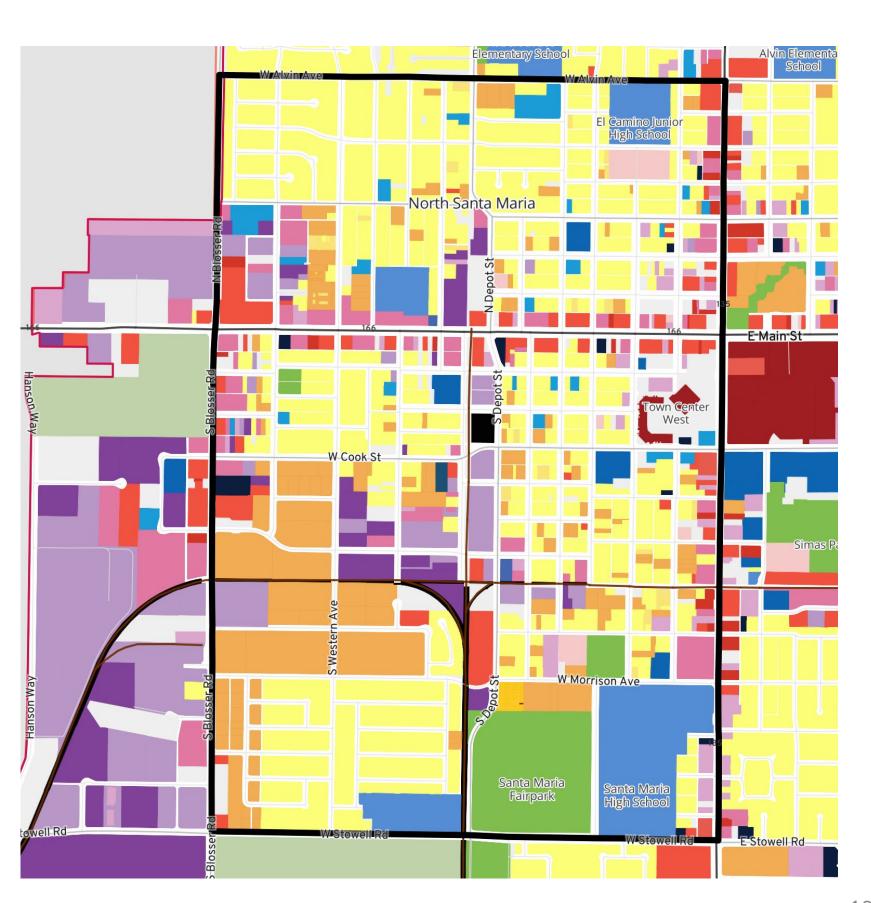
Apartments

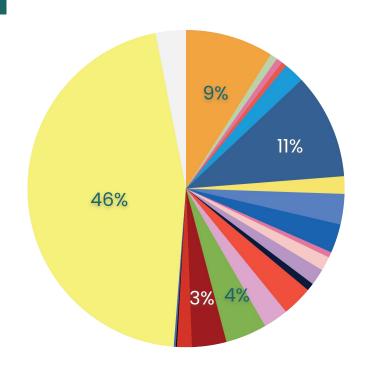
Condominiums

Mobile Home

Single-family Dwellings



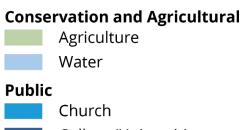


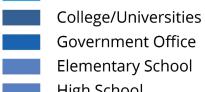


Top Five Existing Uses:

- 1. Single-family Dwellings (46%)
- College/University (11%)
- 3. Apartments (9%)
- Parks and Recreation (4%) 4.
- Regional Commerce (3%)

Existing Land Use Types





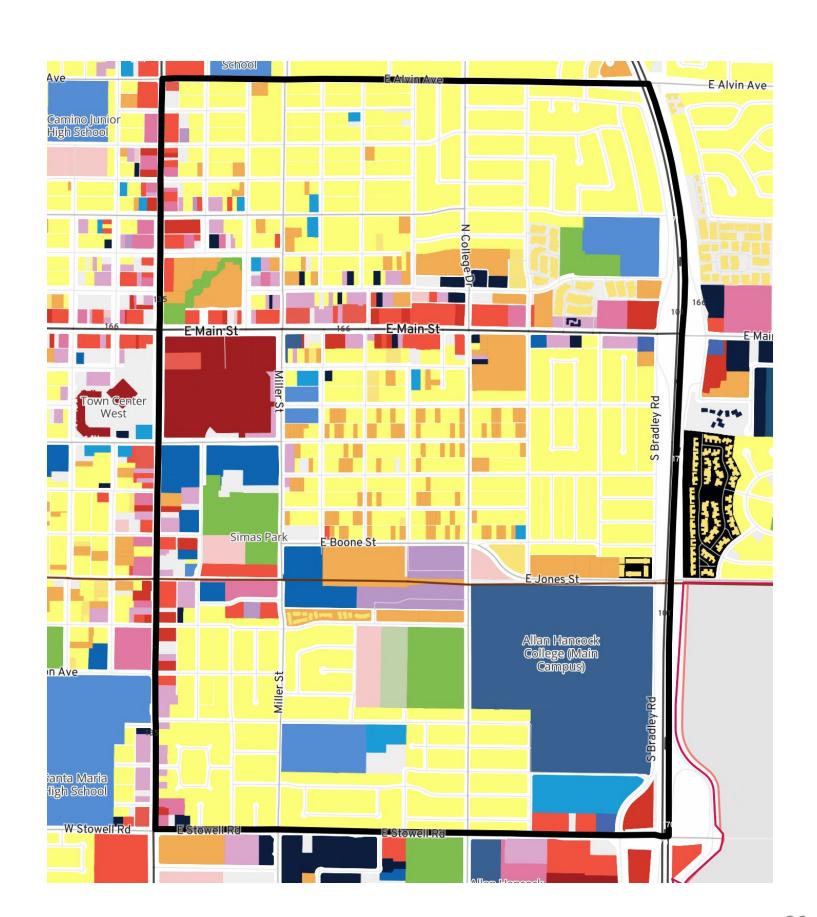


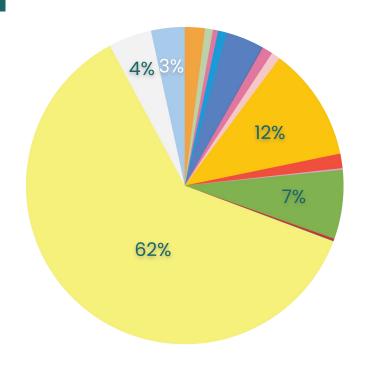












Top Five Existing Uses:

- Single-family Dwellings (62%)
- 2. Mobile Home (12%)
- 3. Parks and Recreation (7%)
- 4. Vacant (4%)
- 5. Water (3%)

Existing Land Use Types

Conservation and Agricultural Agriculture Water

Public

Church

College/Universities
Government Office

Elementary School

High School

Hospital

Medical Office

Parks and Recreation

Parks and Recreation

Right of Way
Service Station

Vacant

Residential

Apartments

Condominiums

Mobile Home

Single-family Dwellings

Commercial

Auto Service and Sales

Bank

Hotel/Motel

Indoor Recreation

Neighborhood Commerce

Office

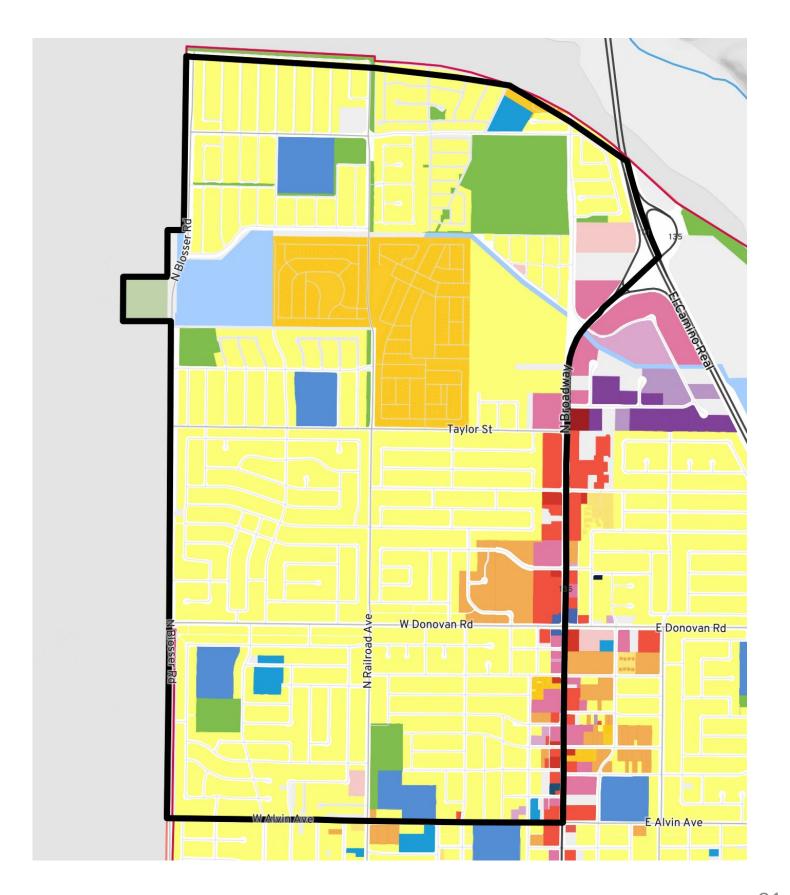
Regional Commerce

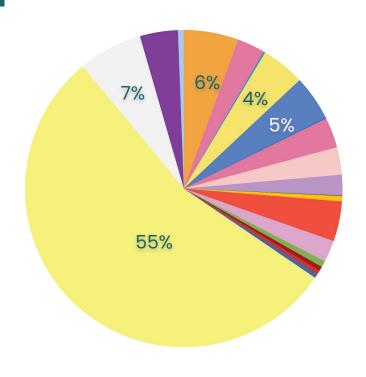
Restaurants
Theater

Industrial

Light Industry

Heavy Industry
Warehouse





Top Five Existing Uses:

- 1. Single-family Dwellings (55%)
- Vacant (7%)
- 3. Apartments (6%)
- Elementary School (5%) 4.
- Condominiums (4%)

Existing Land Use Types

Conservation and Agricultural Agriculture Water **Public** Church

College/Universities **Government Office Elementary School**

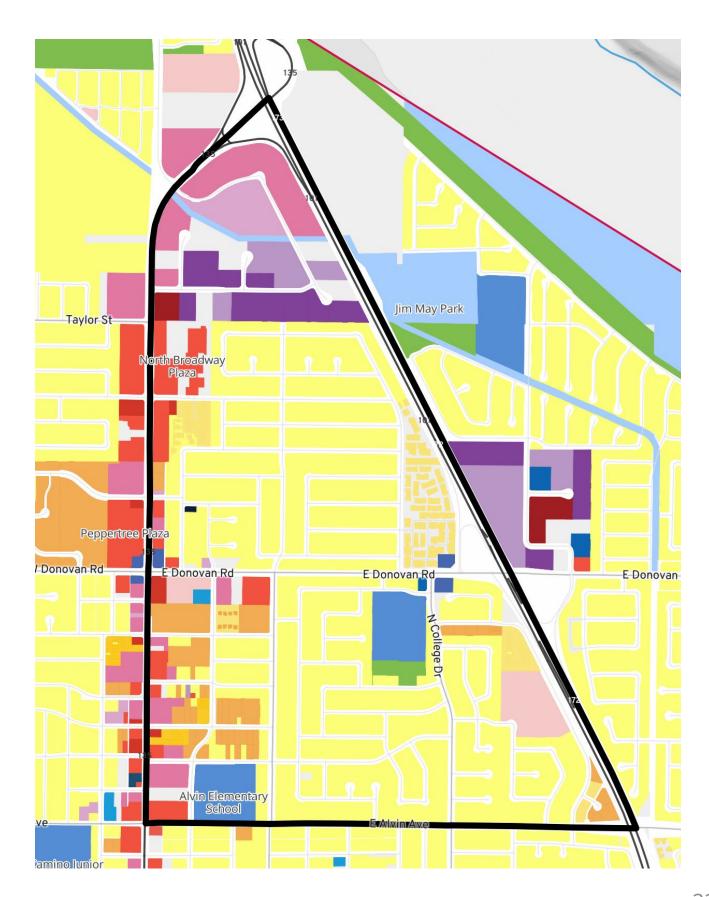
High School Hospital Medical Office

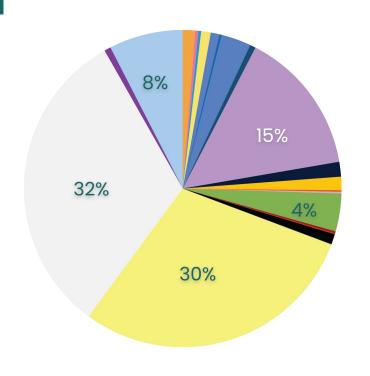
Parks and Recreation Right of Way

Apartments Condominiums Mobile Home

Service Station **Vacant** Residential Single-family Dwellings

Commercial **Auto Service and Sales** Bank Hotel/Motel **Indoor Recreation** Neighborhood Commerce Office **Regional Commerce** Restaurants Theater Industrial Light Industry Heavy Industry Warehouse





Top Five Existing Uses:

- 1. Vacant (32%)
- Single-family Dwellings (30%)
- 3. Light Industry (15%)
- 4. Water (8%)
- 5. Parks and Recreation (4%)

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Existing Land Use Types

Conservation and Agricultural

Agriculture Water

Public

Church

College/Universities

Government Office

Elementary School

High School

Hospital

Medical Office

Parks and Recreation

Right of Way

Service Station

Vacant

Residential

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Commercial

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Hotel/Motel

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Neighborhood Commerce

Office

Regional Commerce

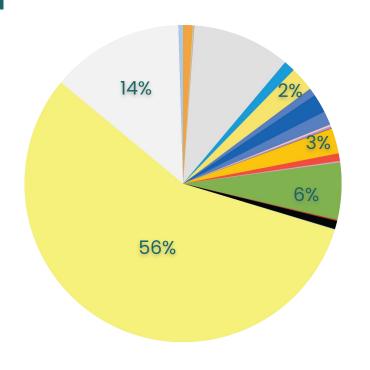
Restaurants
Theater

Industrial

Light Industry

Heavy Industry

Warehouse



Top Five Existing Uses:

- Single-family Dwellings (56%)
- 2. Vacant (14%)
- 3. Parks and Recreation (6%)
- 4. Mobile Home (3%)
- 5. Condominiums (2%)

Existing Land Use Types

Conservation and Agricultural Agriculture Water

Public

Church

College/Universities

Government Office

Elementary School

High School

Hospital

Medical Office

Parks and Recreation

Right of Way

Service Station

Vacant

Residential

Apartments

Condominiums

Mobile Home

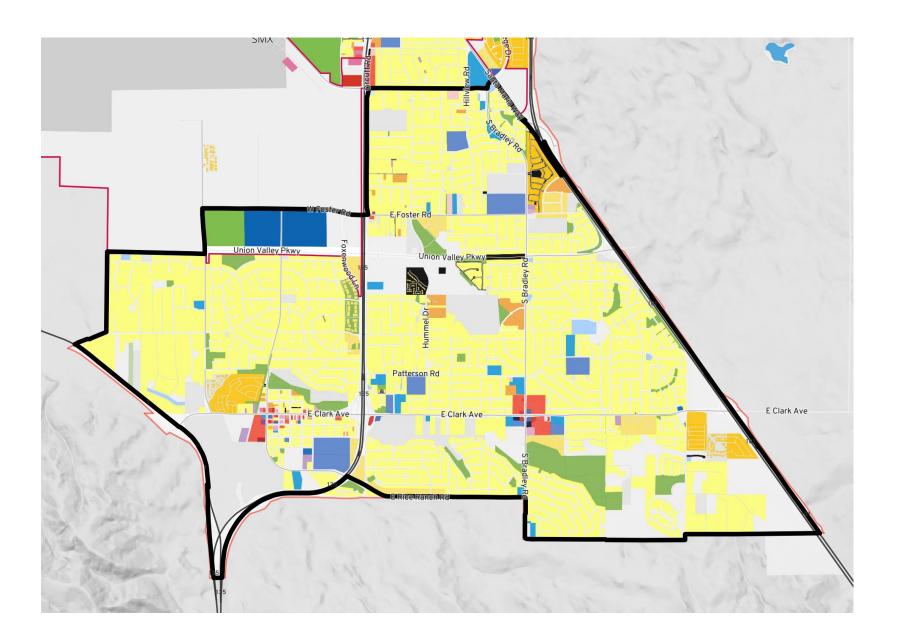
Single-family Dwellings



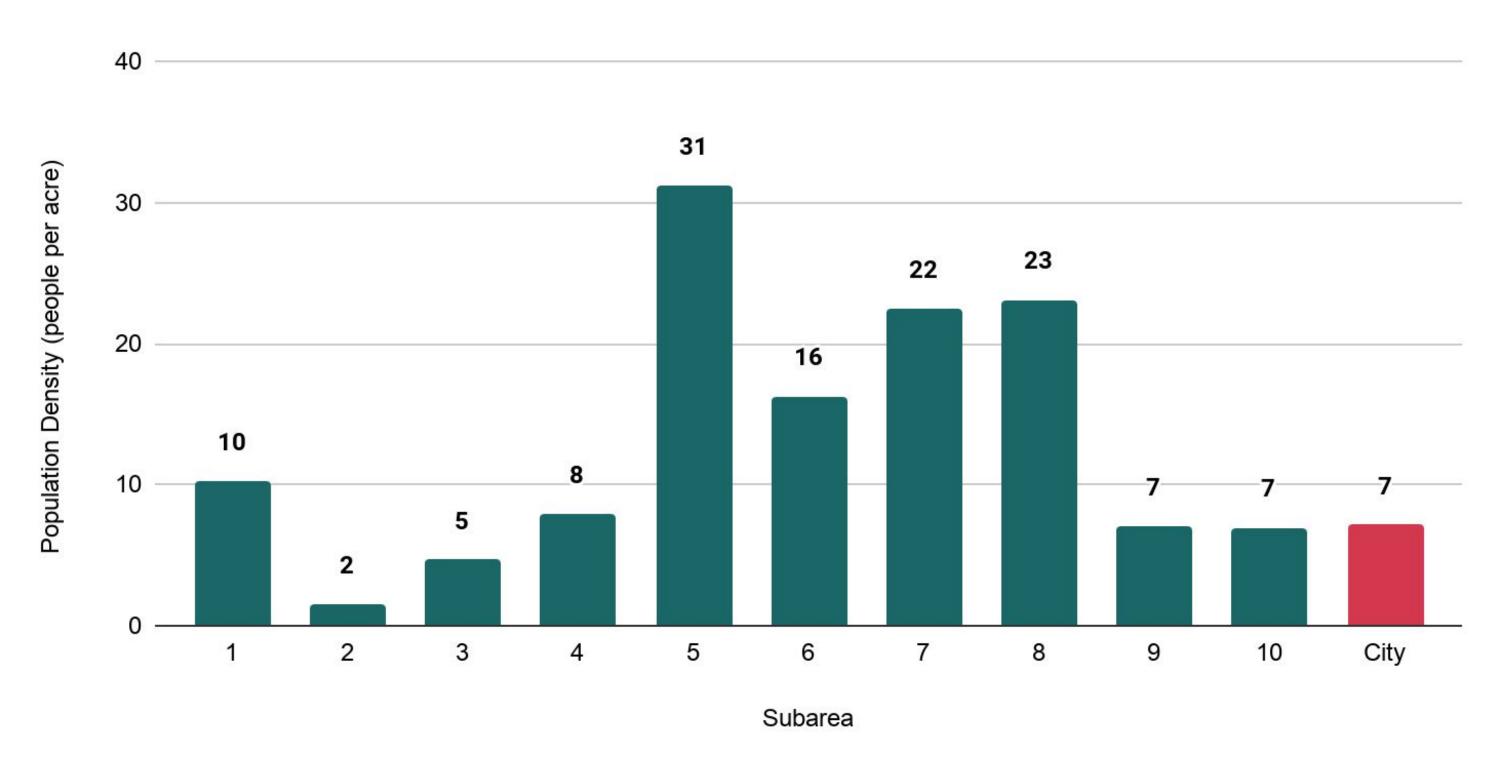
Light Industry

Heavy Industry

Warehouse

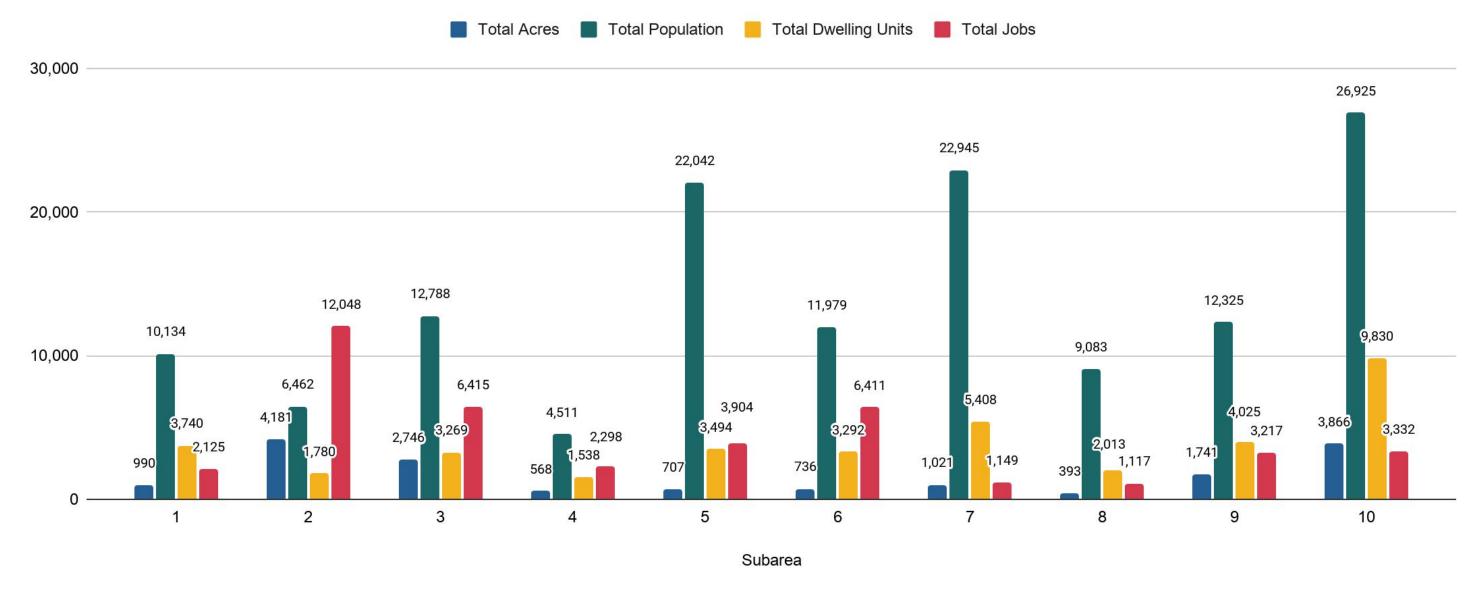


Population Density by Subarea



Source: ACS 14-18 5yr Estimate, 2018. Note: "City" refers to the area within city limits and does not include portions of subareas in the Sphere of Influence.

Population, Housing, and Jobs Distribution



Subarea Percentages of Citywide Population, Housing, Dwelling Units, and Jobs

All subarea total 16,950 Acres 139,194 Population 38,389 Dwelling Units 42,016 Jobs

Sub Area	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Acres	5.8%	24.7%	16.2%	3.4%	4.2%	4.3%	6.0%	2.3%	10.3%	22.8%
Population	7.3%	4.6%	9.2%	3.2%	15.8%	8.6%	16.5%	6.5%	8.9%	19.3%
Dwelling Units	9.7%	4.6%	8.5%	4.0%	9.1%	8.6%	14.1%	5.2%	10.5%	25.6%
Jobs	5.1%	28.7%	15.3%	5.5%	9.3%	15.3%	2.7%	2.7%	7.7%	7.9%

Source: ACS 14-18; Urban Footprint, 2020.

Intersection Density

Legend



Sphere of Influence

Water

Railroads

Freeways/Highways

Major Streets

Local Streets

Intersections per Square Mile

0.0 - 25.0

25.0 - 50.0 50.0 - 75.0

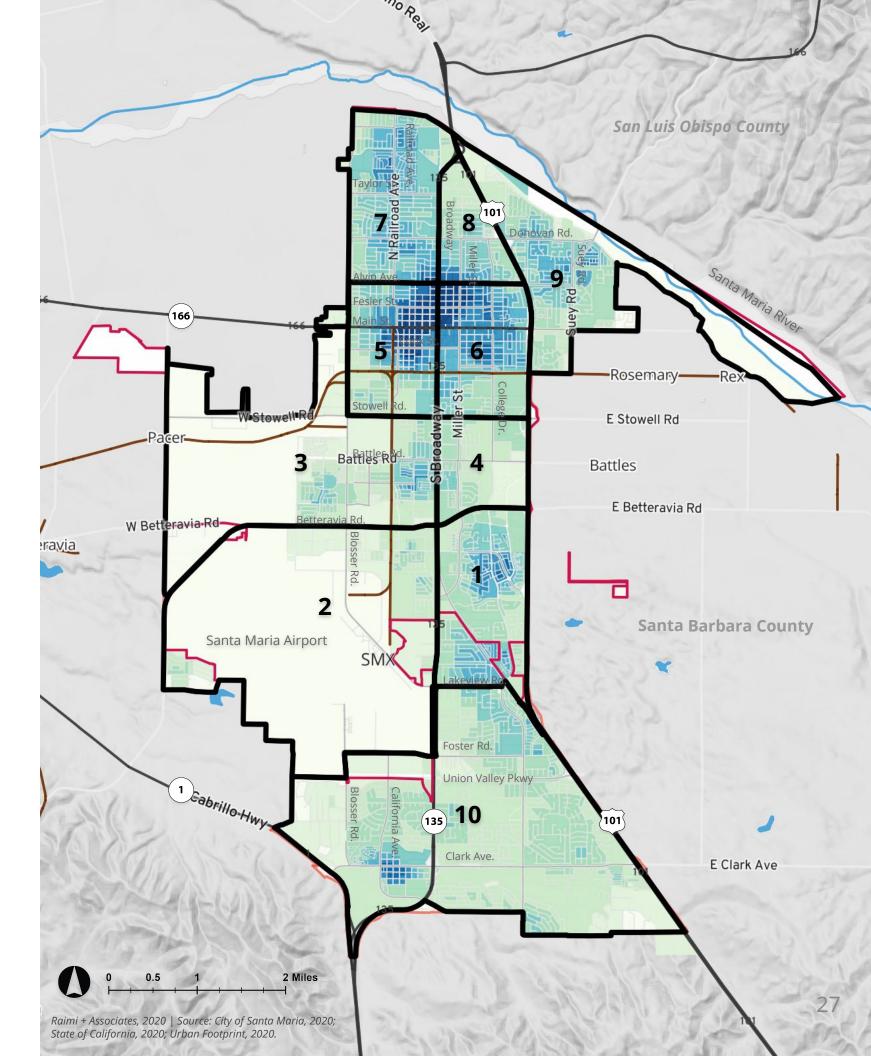
75.0 - 100.0

100.0 - 125.0

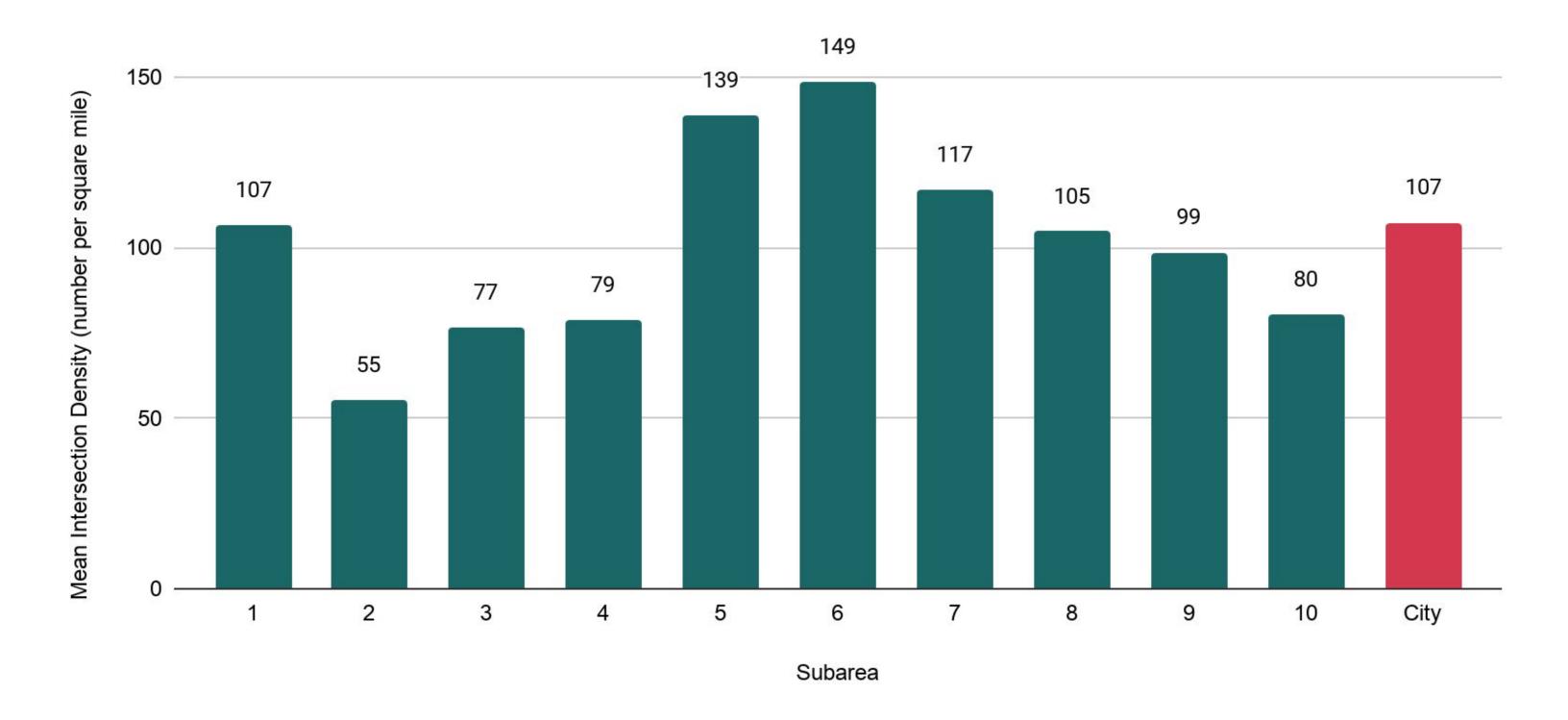
125.0 - 150.0

150.0 - 175.0 175.0 - 200.0

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Intersection Density by Subarea



Existing Parks

Legend

City Limits

Railroads

Major Streets

Local Streets

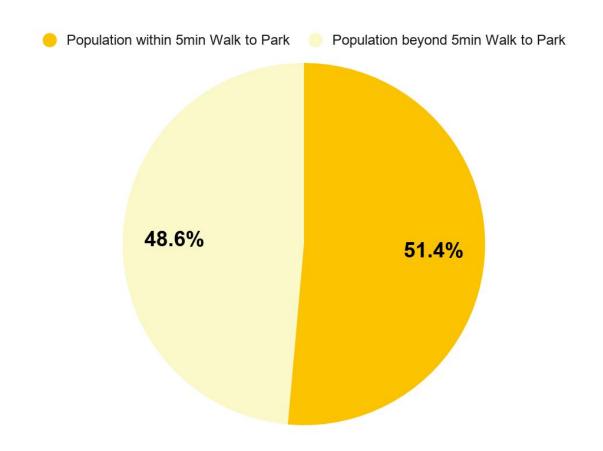
Parks Water

Sphere of Influence

Freeways/Highways

San Luis Obispo County Donovan Rd. 166 6 **Santa Barbara County** Santa Maria Airport 2 Miles Raimi + Associates, 2020 | Source: City of Santa Maria, 2020; State of California, 2020; Urban Footprint, 2020.

Walk Access to Parks



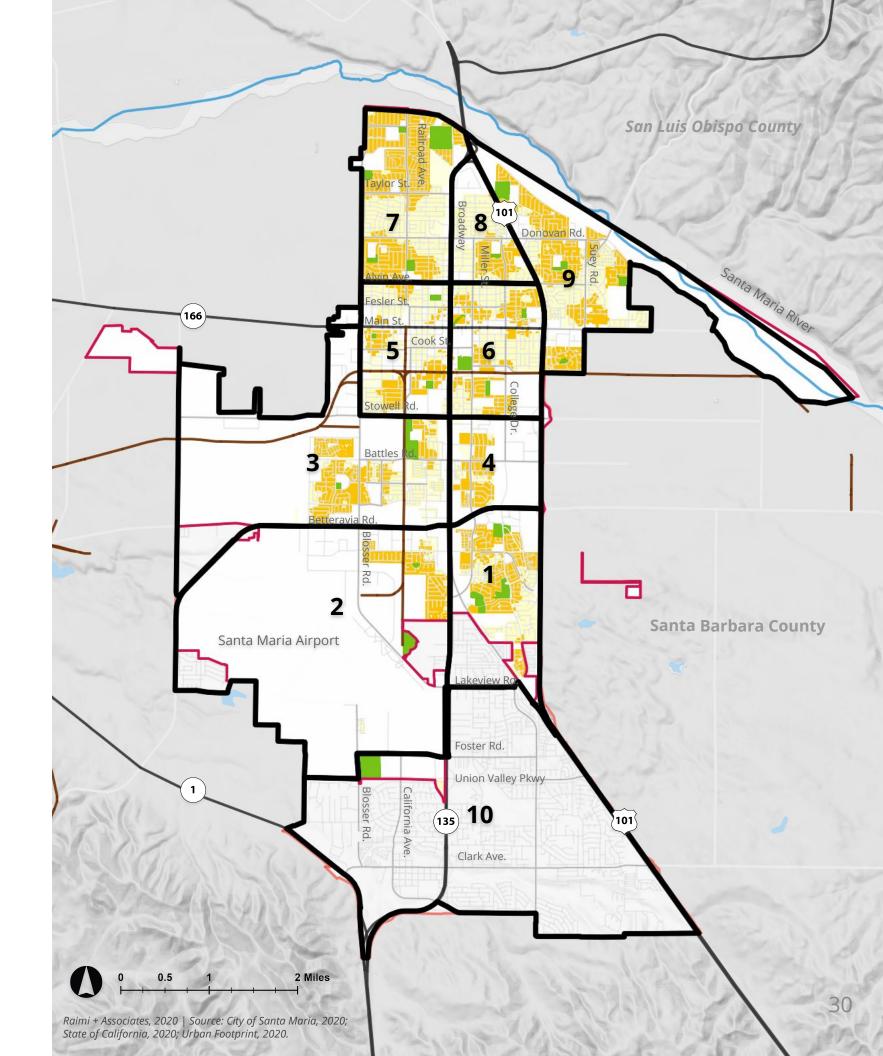




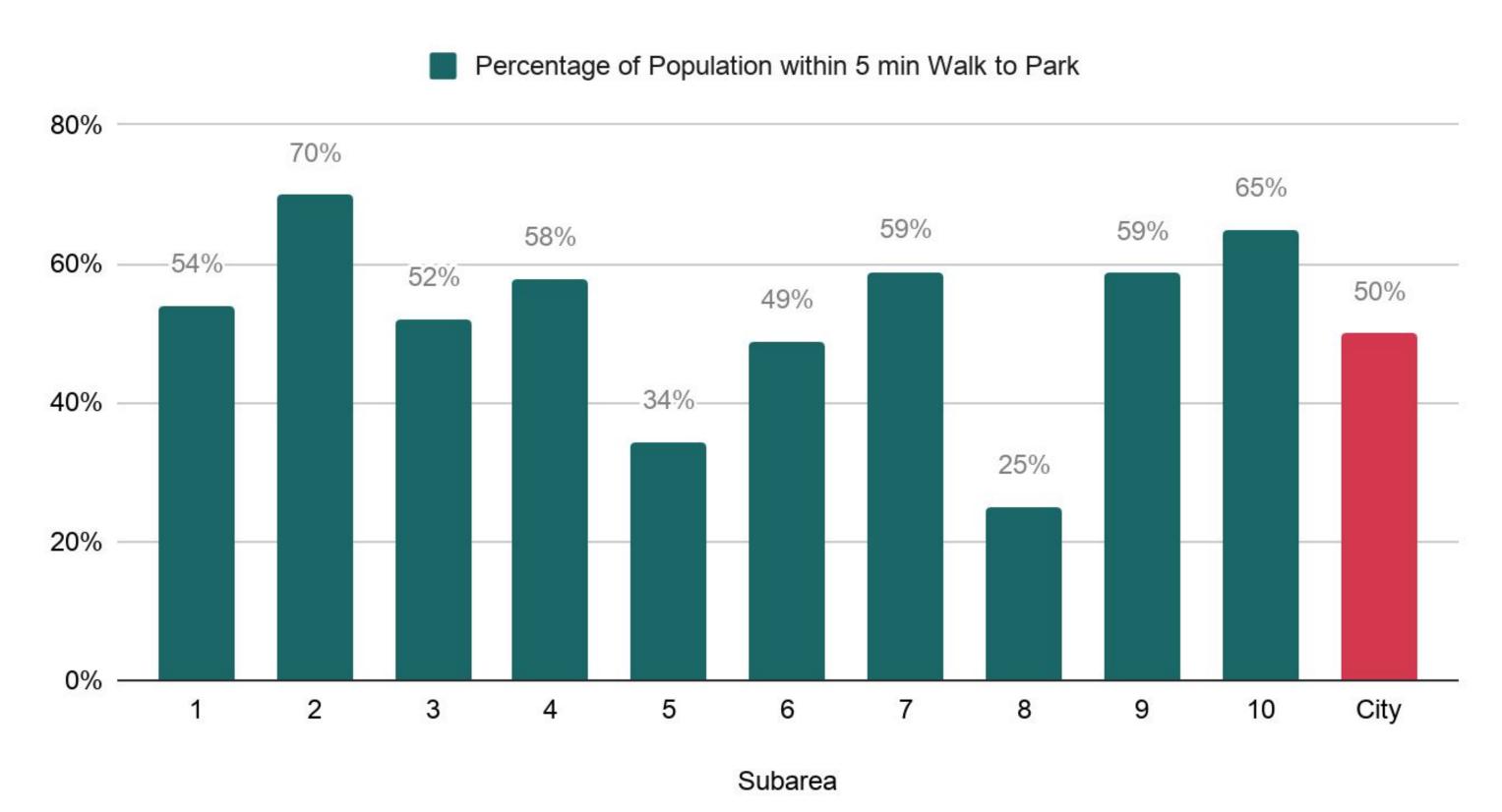
Local Streets

Walking Access to Parks

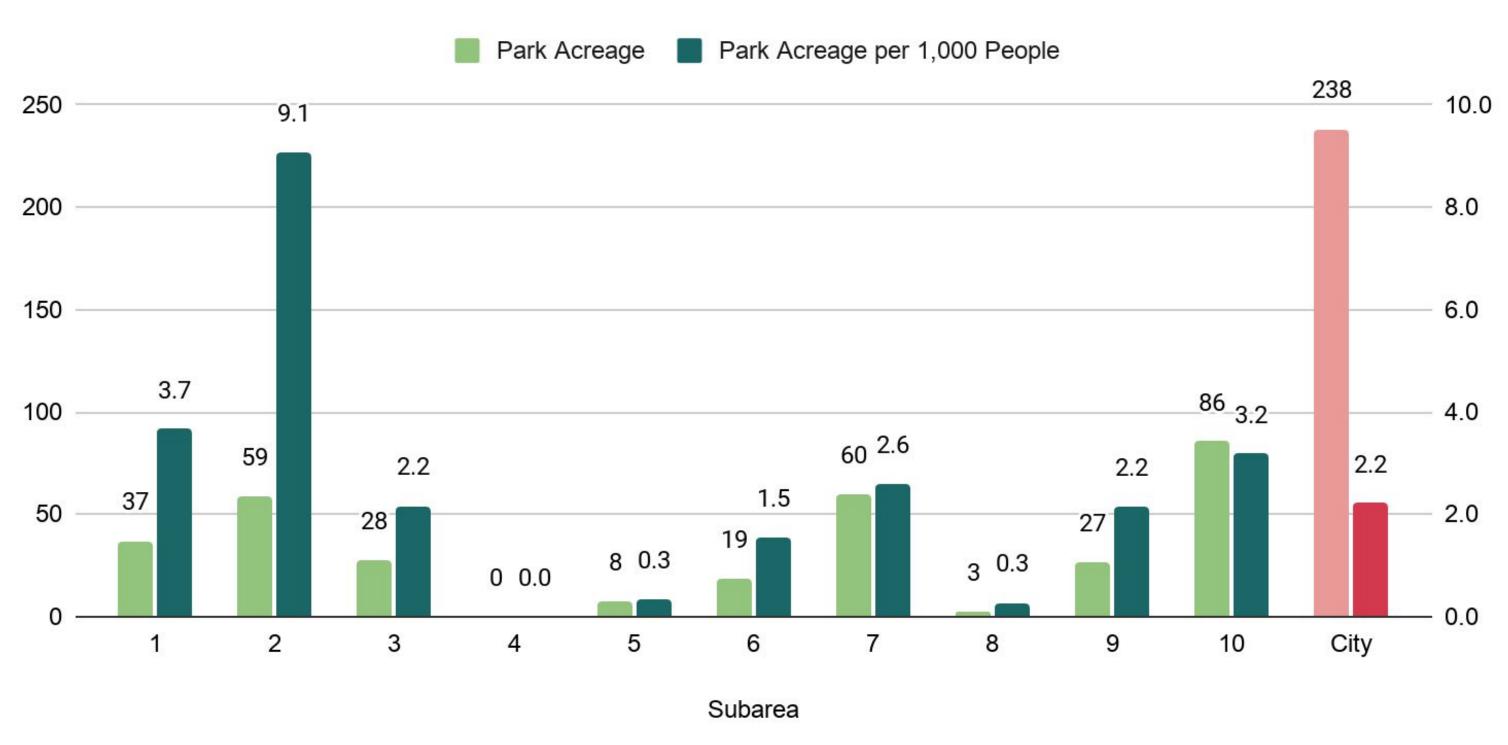
Residential Area within 5min
Residential Area beyond 5min



Walk Access to Parks by Subarea

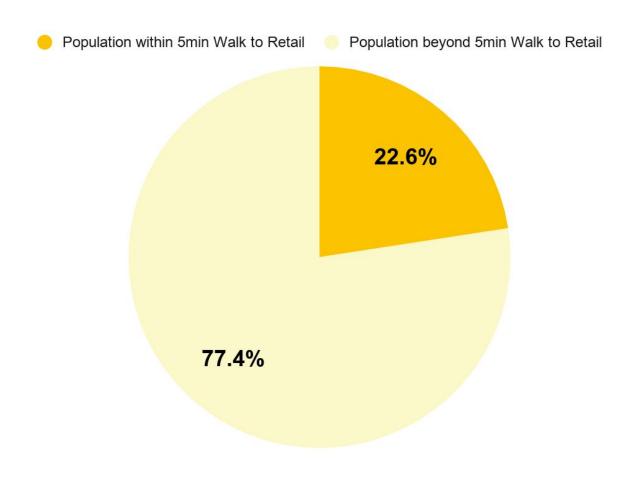


Park Acres per 1,000 People by Subarea



Note: "City" refers to the area within city limits and does not include portions of subareas in the Sphere of Influence.

Walk Access to Retail





City Limits
Sphere of Influence

Retail

Water
Railroads

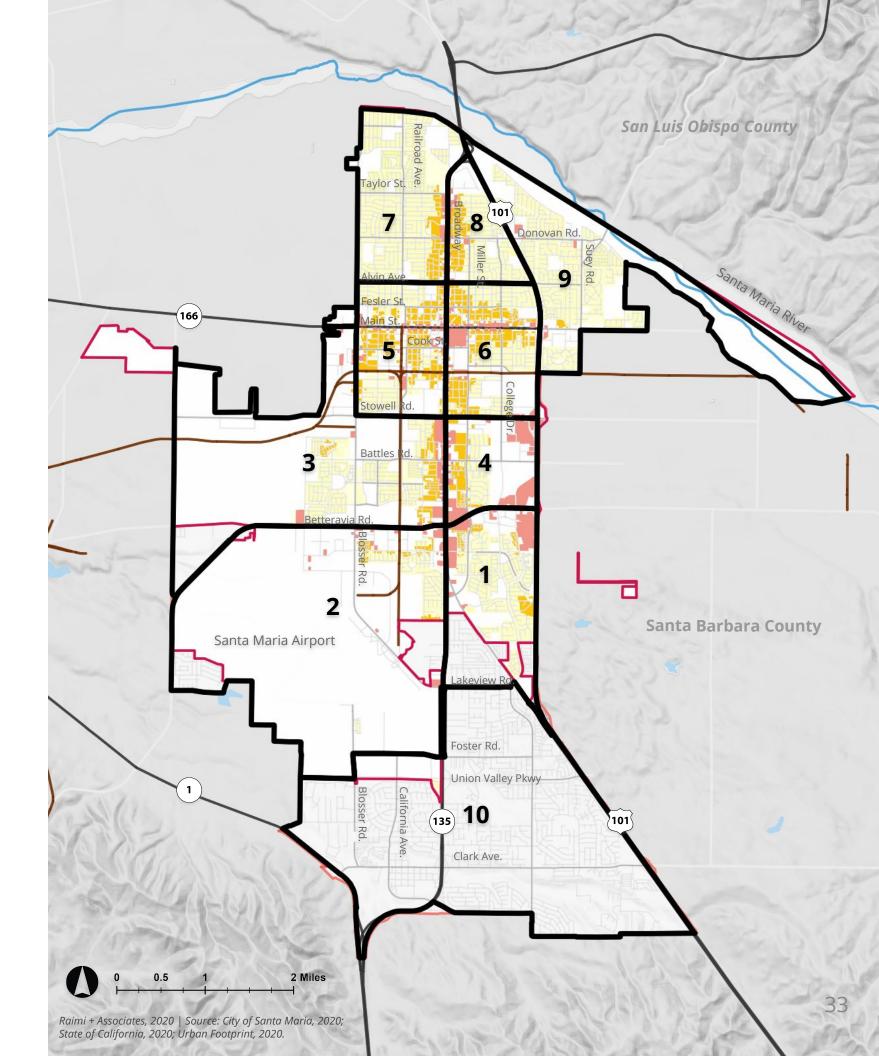
Freeways/Highways

Major Streets

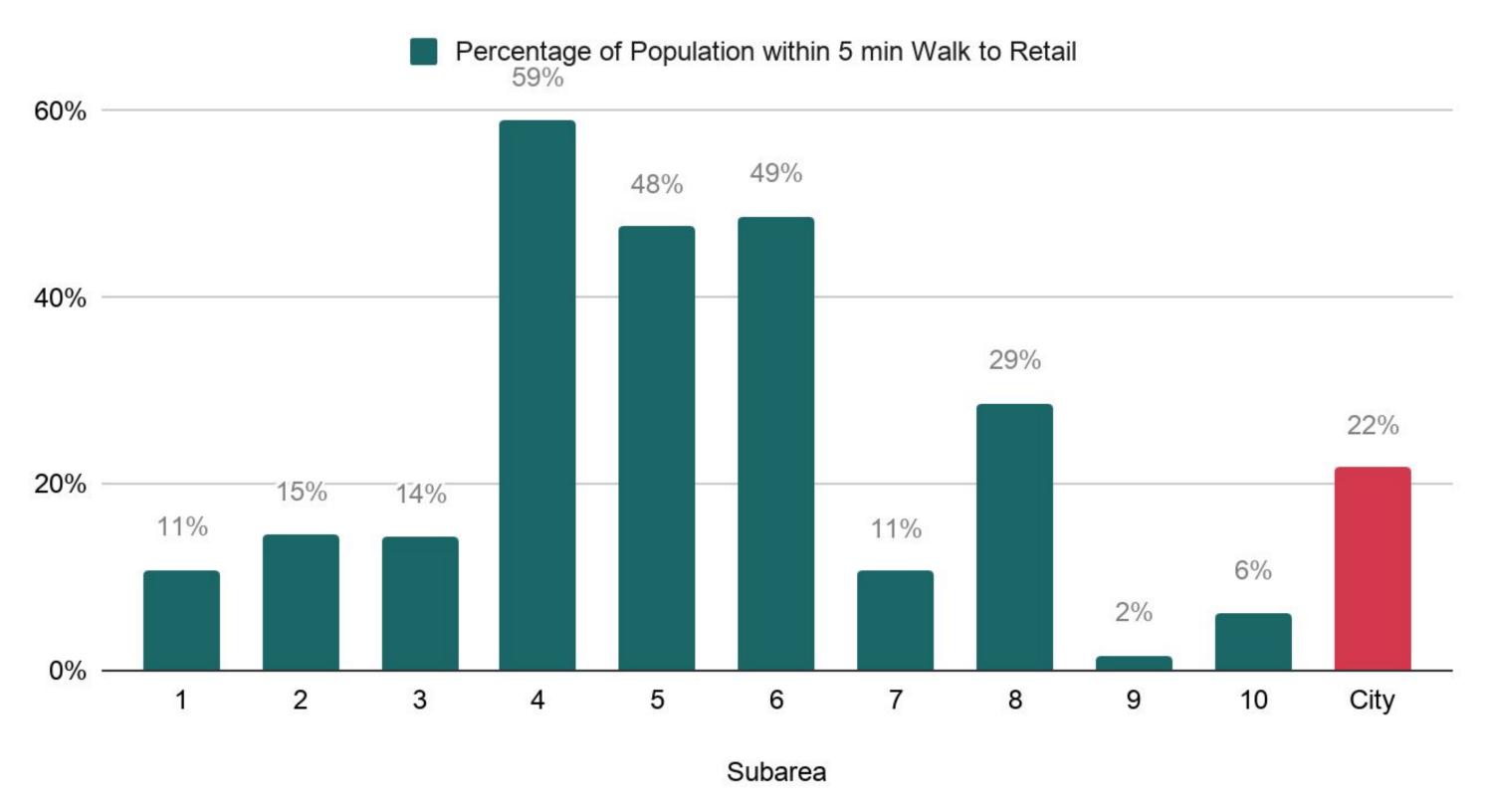
Local Streets

Walking Access to Retail

Residential Area within 5min
Residential Area beyond 5min



Walk Access to Retail by Subarea



4. Socio-economic Characteristics

Percent under 18 Years of Age

Legend

City Limits

Sphere of Influence

Parks

Water

Railroads

Freeways/Highways

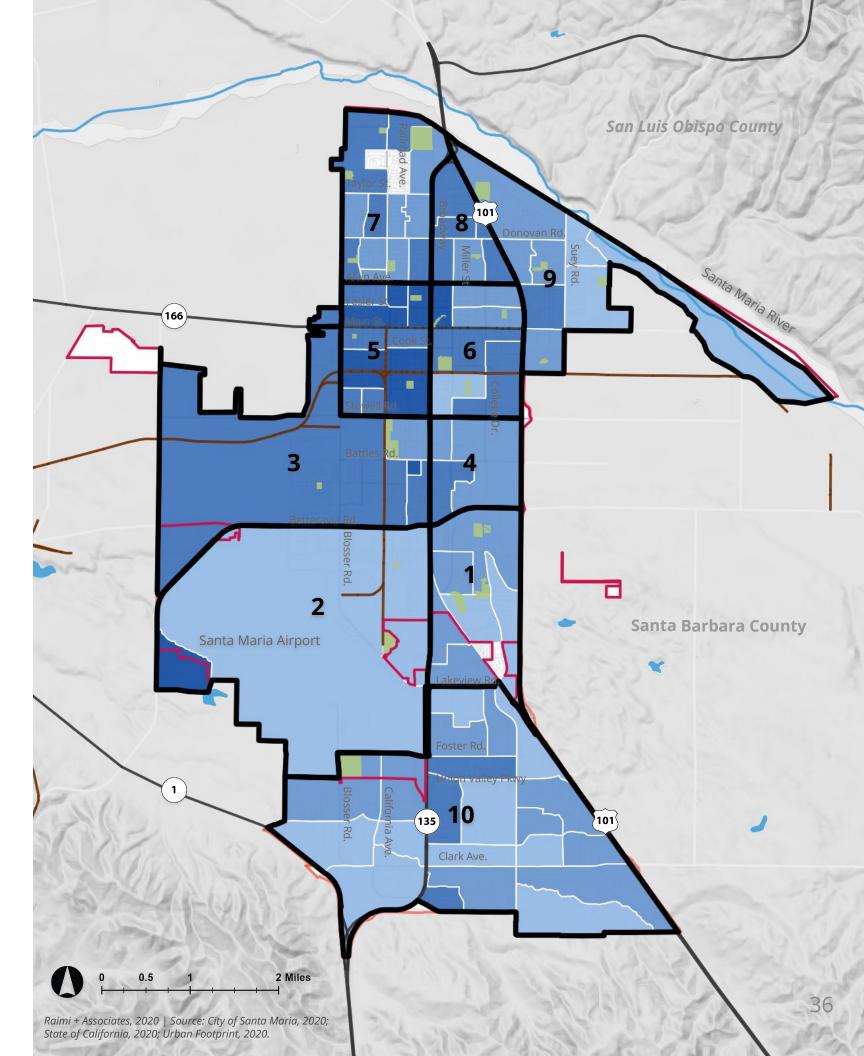
Major Streets

Local Streets

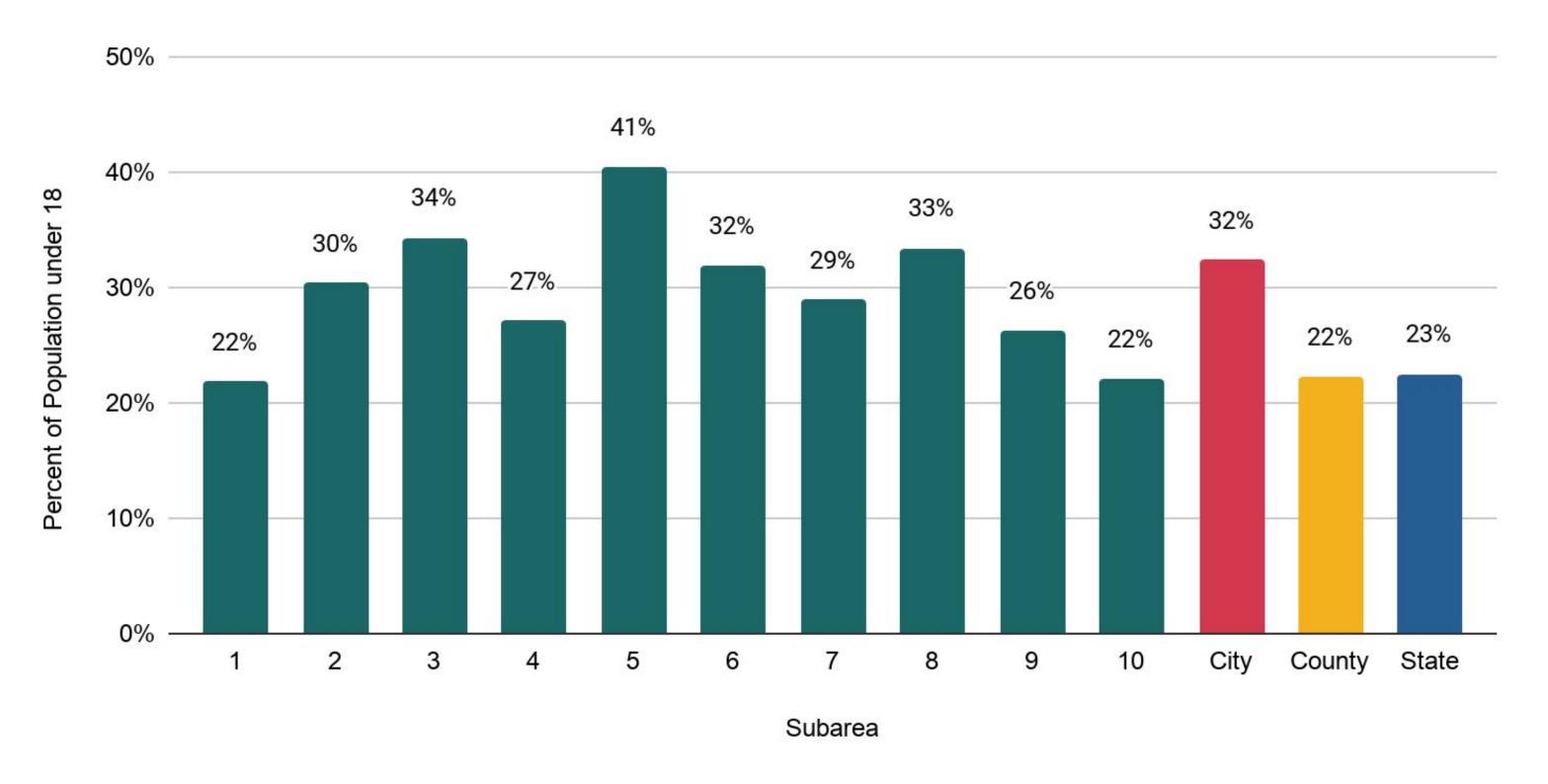
Percent of Population under 18 years old

< 10% 10% - 20% 20% - 30% 30% - 40%

40% - 47.6%



Percent under 18 Years of Age by Subarea



Source: ACS 14-18 5yr Estimate, 2018; Census Reporter, 2018. Note: "City" refers to the area within city limits and does not include portions of subareas in the Sphere of Influence.

Percent over 65 Years of Age



City Limits

Sphere of Influence

Water

Railroads

Freeways/Highways

Major StreetsLocal Streets

Percent of Population over 65 years old

< 10%

10% - 20% 20% - 30%

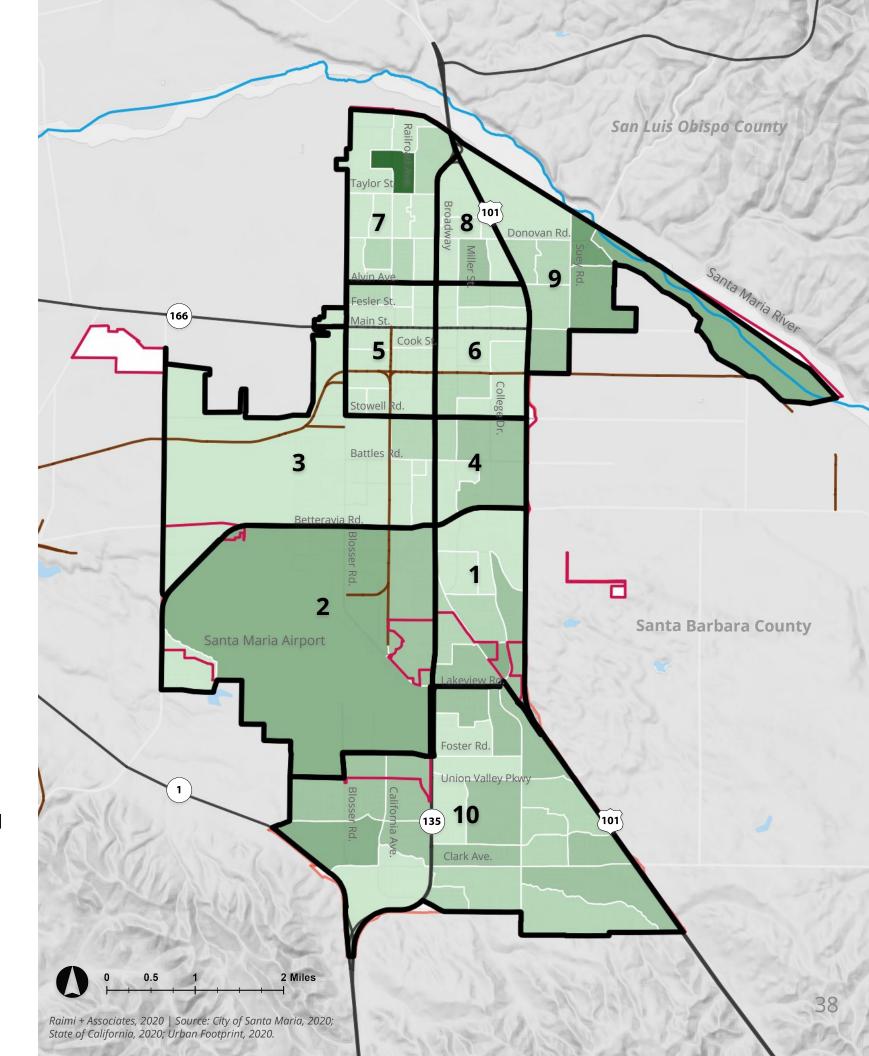
30% - 40%

40% - 50%

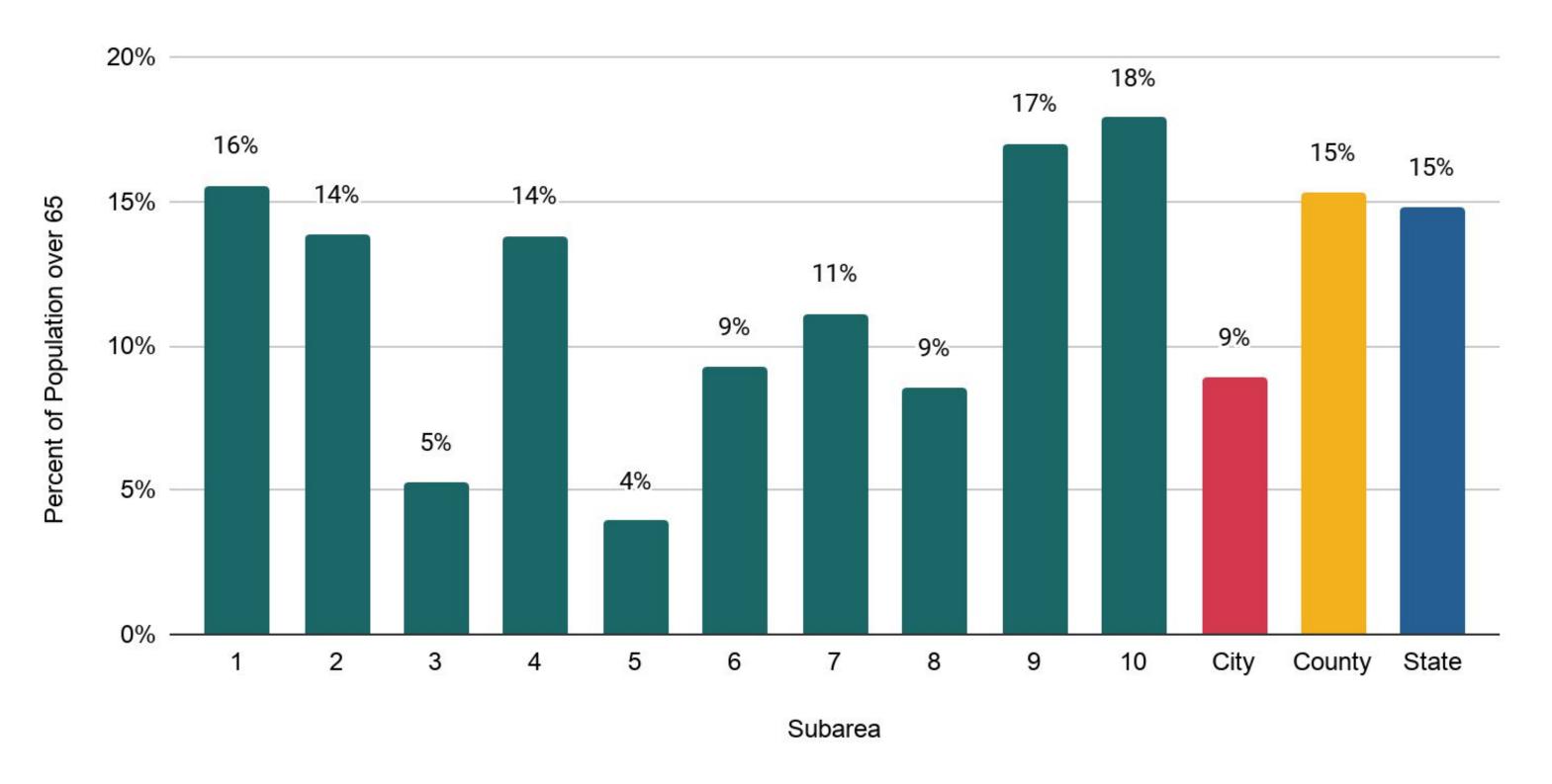
50% - 60%

60% - 70%

> 70%



Percent over 65 Years of Age by Subarea



Source: ACS 14-18 5yr Estimate, 2018; Census Reporter, 2018. Note: "City" refers to the area within city limits and does not include portions of subareas in the Sphere of Influence.

Median Household Income

Legend

City Limits

Sphere of Influence

Parks

Water

Railroads

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Median Household Income

< \$25,000 \$25,000 - \$40,000

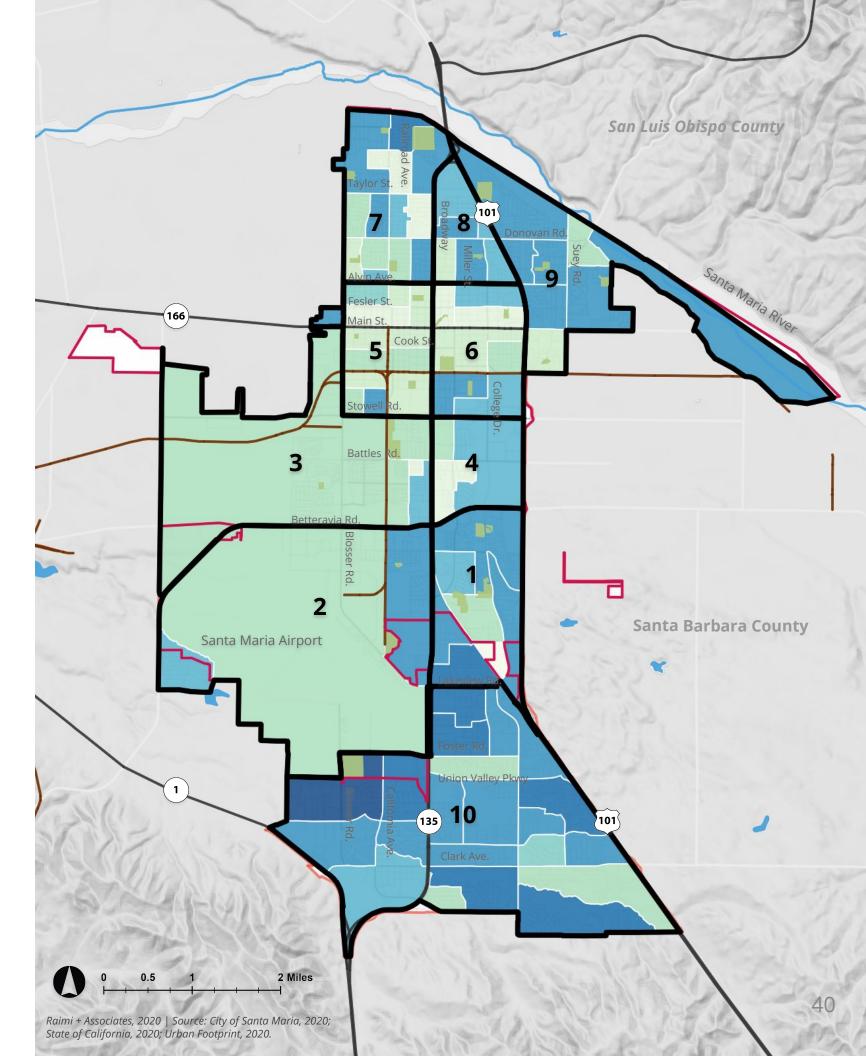
\$40,000 - \$50,000

\$50,000 - \$62,000

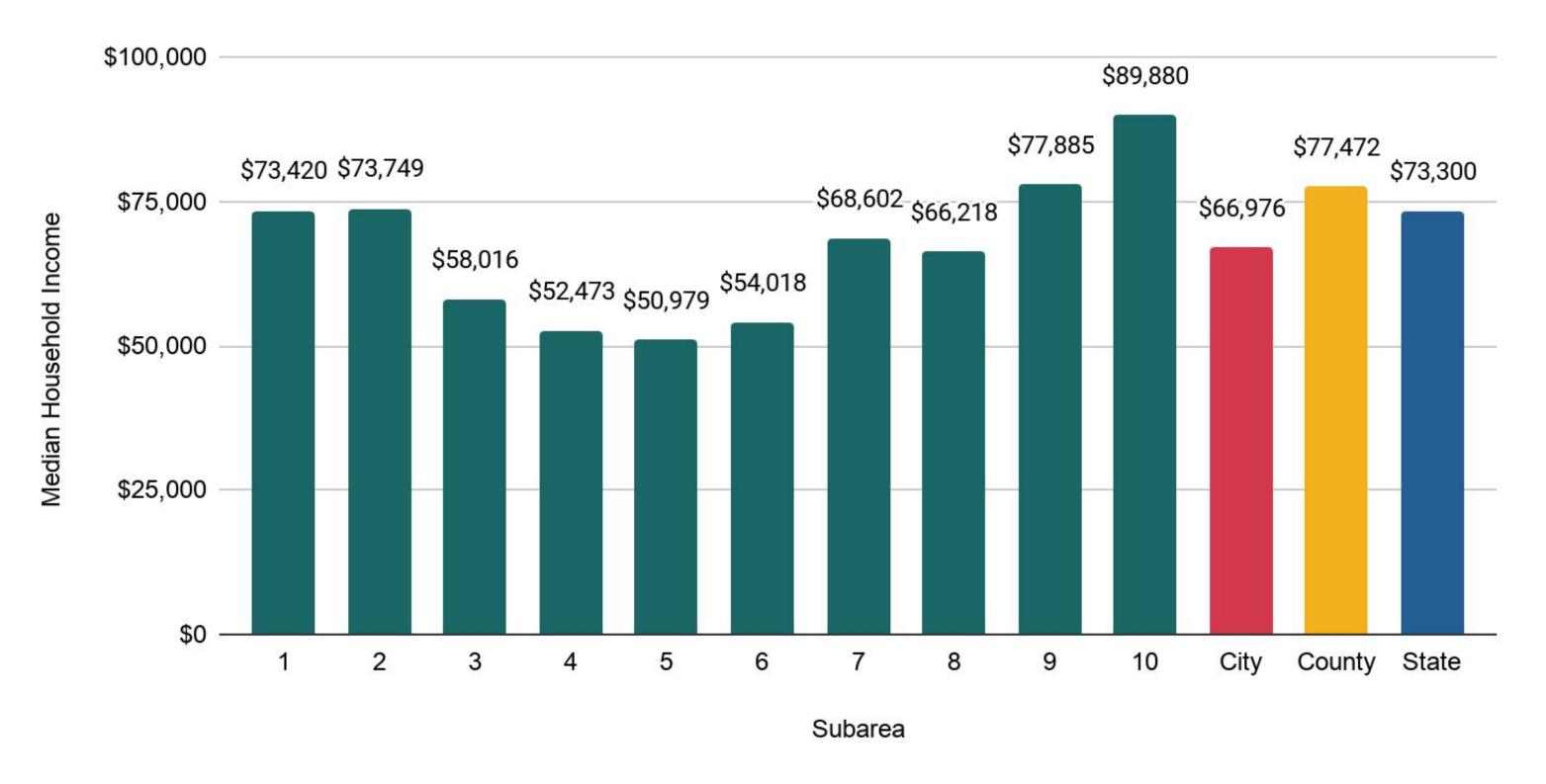
\$62,000 - \$63,680 \$63,680 - \$75,000

\$75,000 - \$100,000 \$100,000 - \$125,000

> \$125,000



Median Household Income by Subarea



Source: ACS 14-18 5yr Estimate, 2018; Census Reporter, 2018. Note: "City" refers to the area within city limits and does not include portions of subareas in the Sphere of Influence.

Percent below Poverty Level

Legend

City Limits
Sphere of Influence
Water
Railroads
Freeways/Highways
Major Streets
Local Streets

Federal poverty threshold in 2018 was \$12,784 for a 1 person household, \$16,247 for a 2 person household, and \$25,701 for a 4 person household.

Source: Census Poverty Thresholds, 2018.

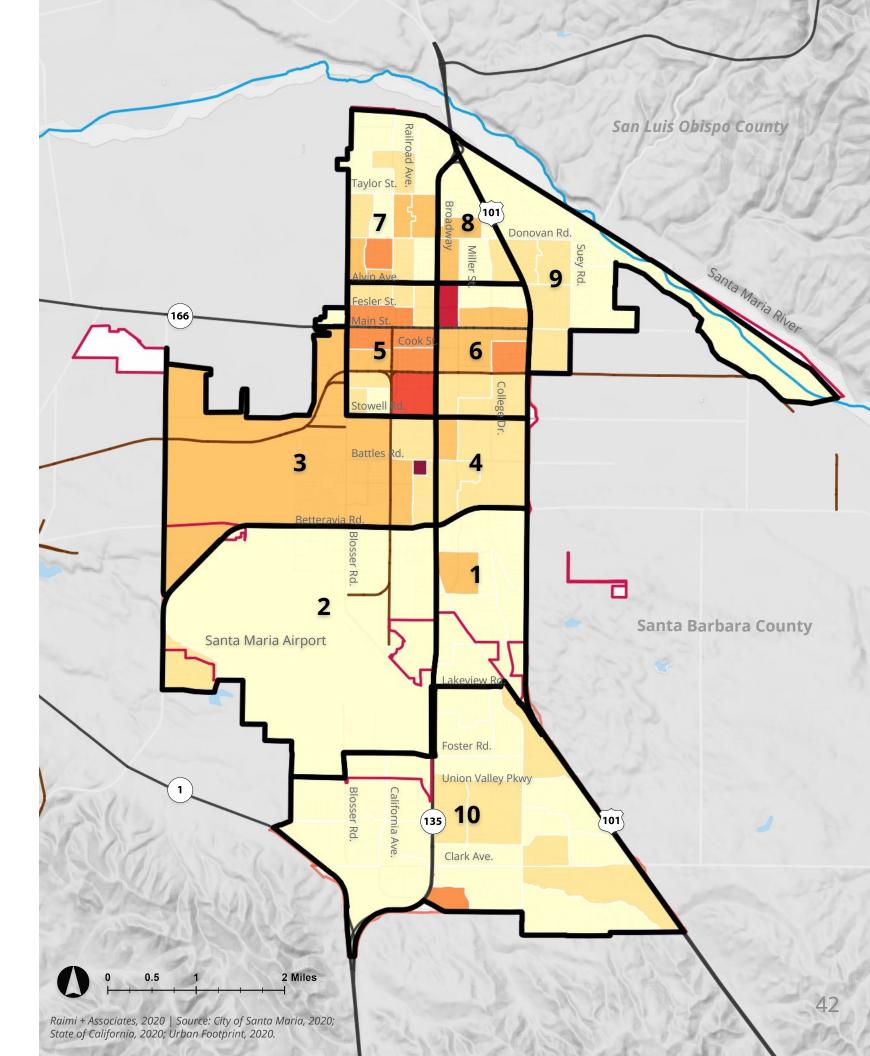
Percent of Population below Poverty Level

< 10% 10% - 20% 20% - 30% 30% - 40%

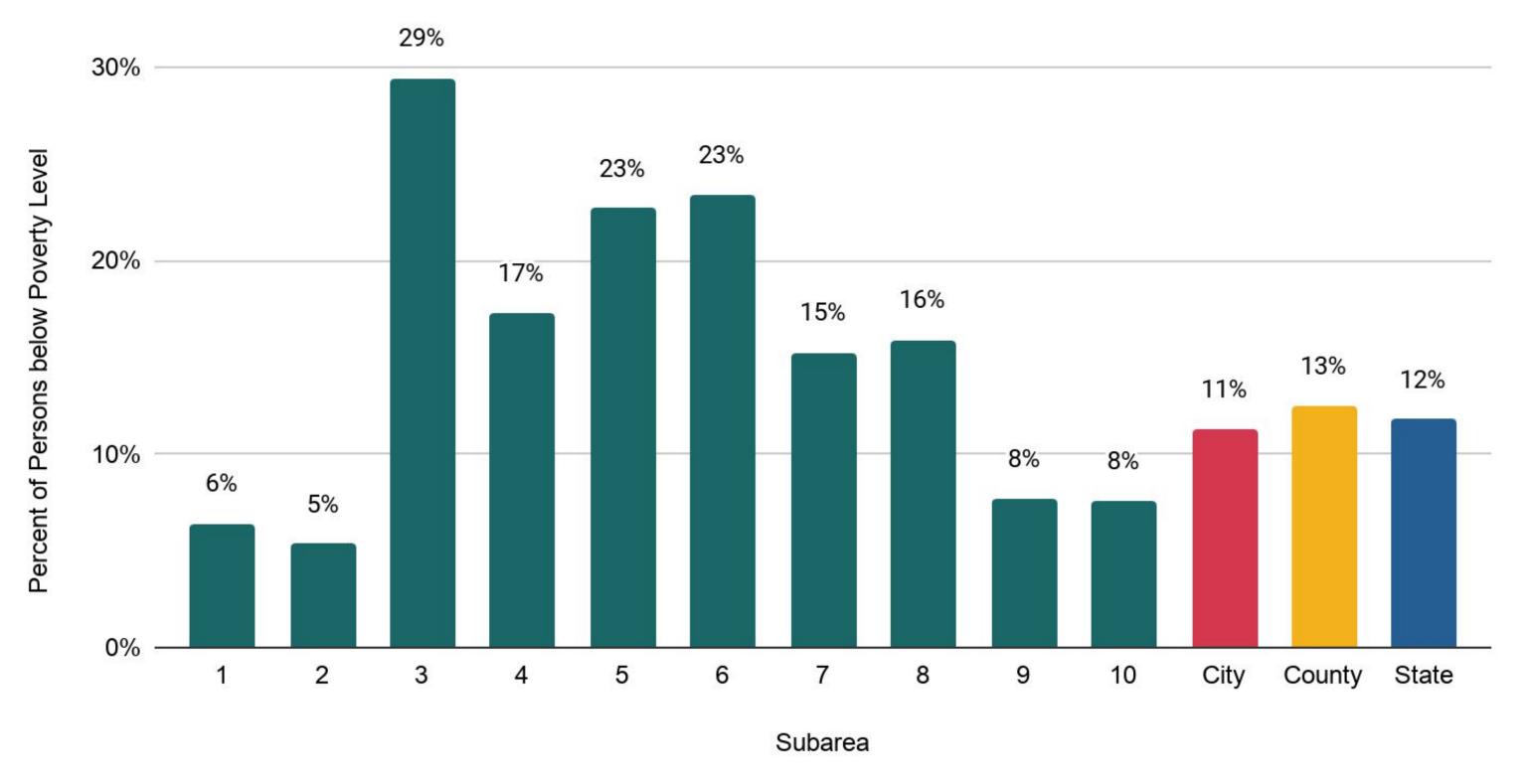
40% - 50%

50% - 60%

60% - 60.9%



Percent below Poverty Level by Subarea



Federal poverty threshold in 2018 was \$12,784 for a 1 person household, \$16,247 for a 2 person household, and \$25,701 for a 4 person household.

Source: ACS 14-18 5yr Estimate, 2018.; Census Reporter, 2018. Note: "City" refers to the area within city limits and does not include portions of subareas in the Sphere of Influence.

Percent of Residents without High School Education

Legend

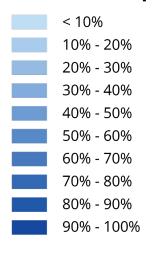


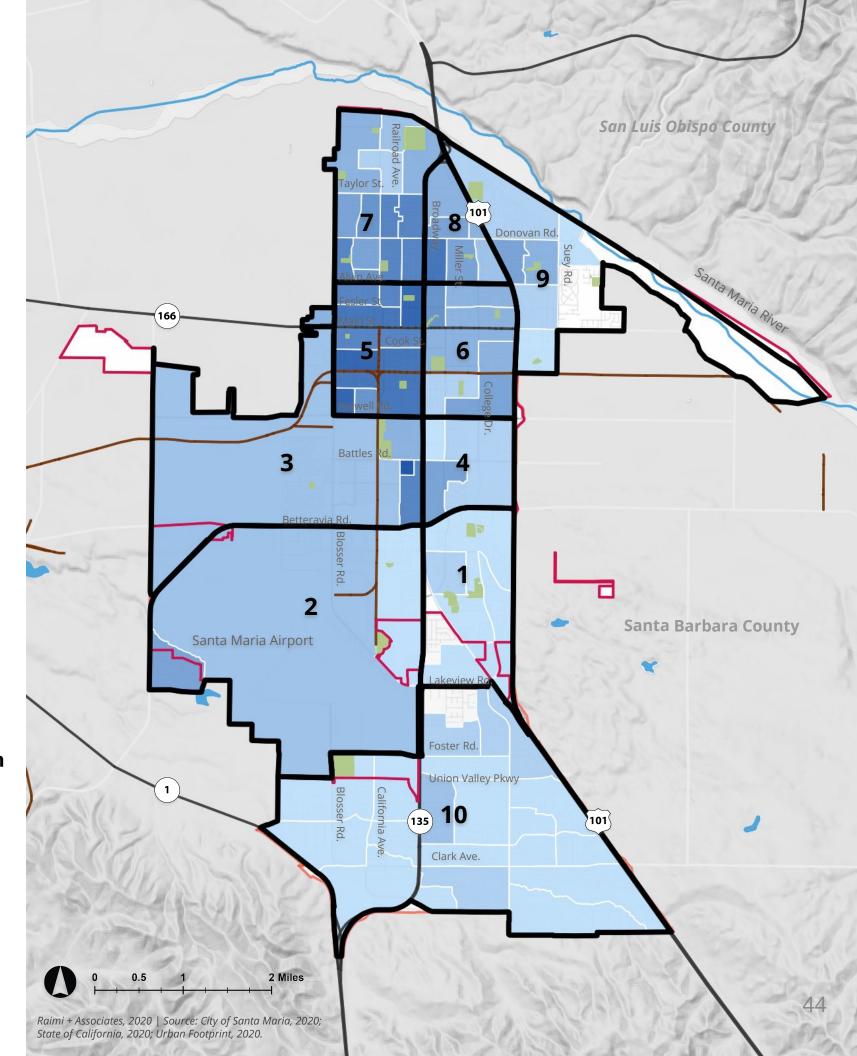
Railroads

Freeways/Highways
Major Streets

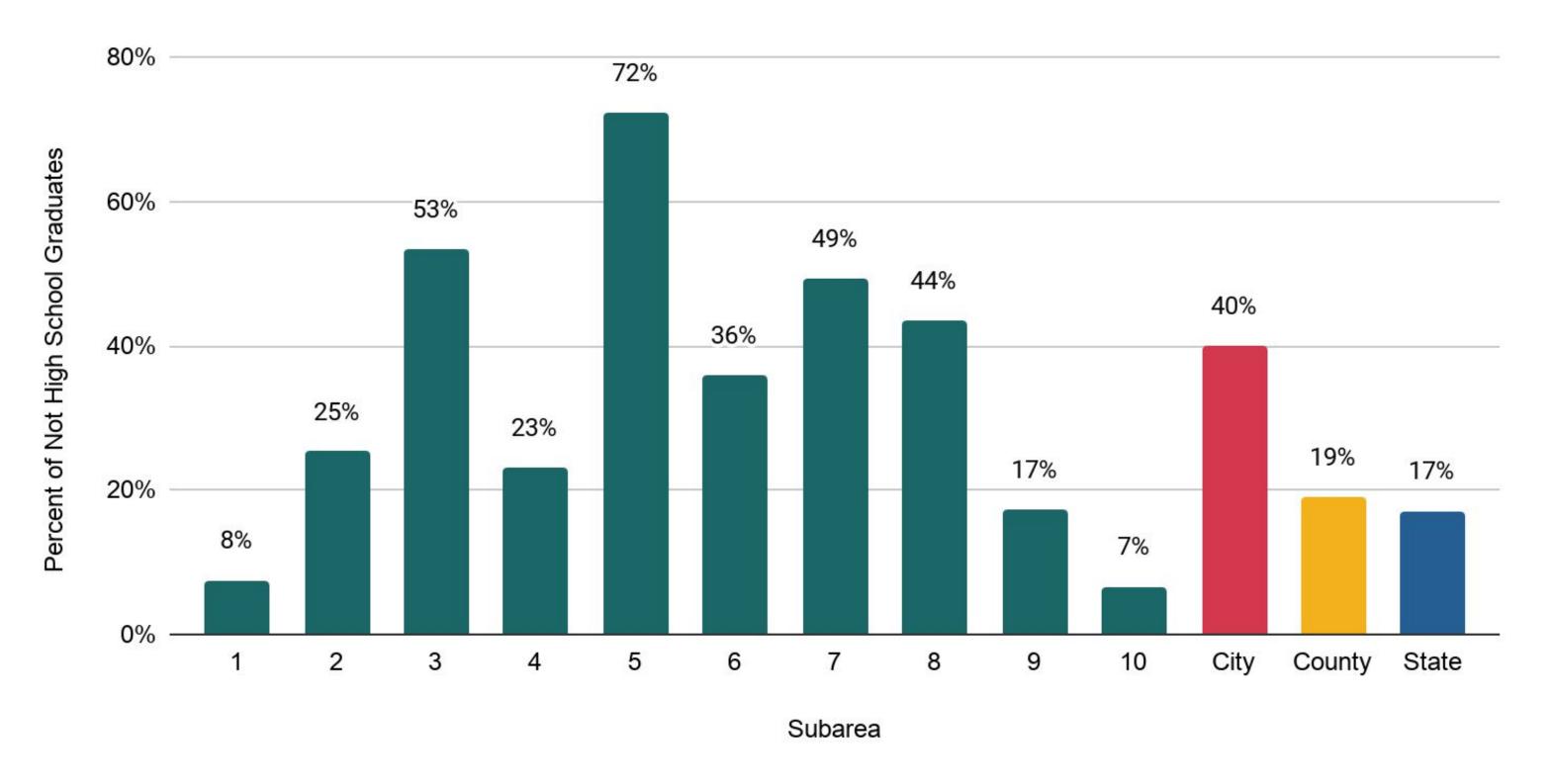
Local Streets

Percent of Population without High School Education





Percent without High School Education by Subarea



Source: ACS 14-18 5yr Estimate, 2018; Census Reporter, 2018. Note: "City" refers to the area within city limits and does not include portions of subareas in the Sphere of Influence.

Percent Hispanic or Latino



City Limits

Sphere of Influence

Parks

Water

Railroads

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Percent of Hispanic Population

< 10% 10% - 20%

20% - 30%

30% - 40%

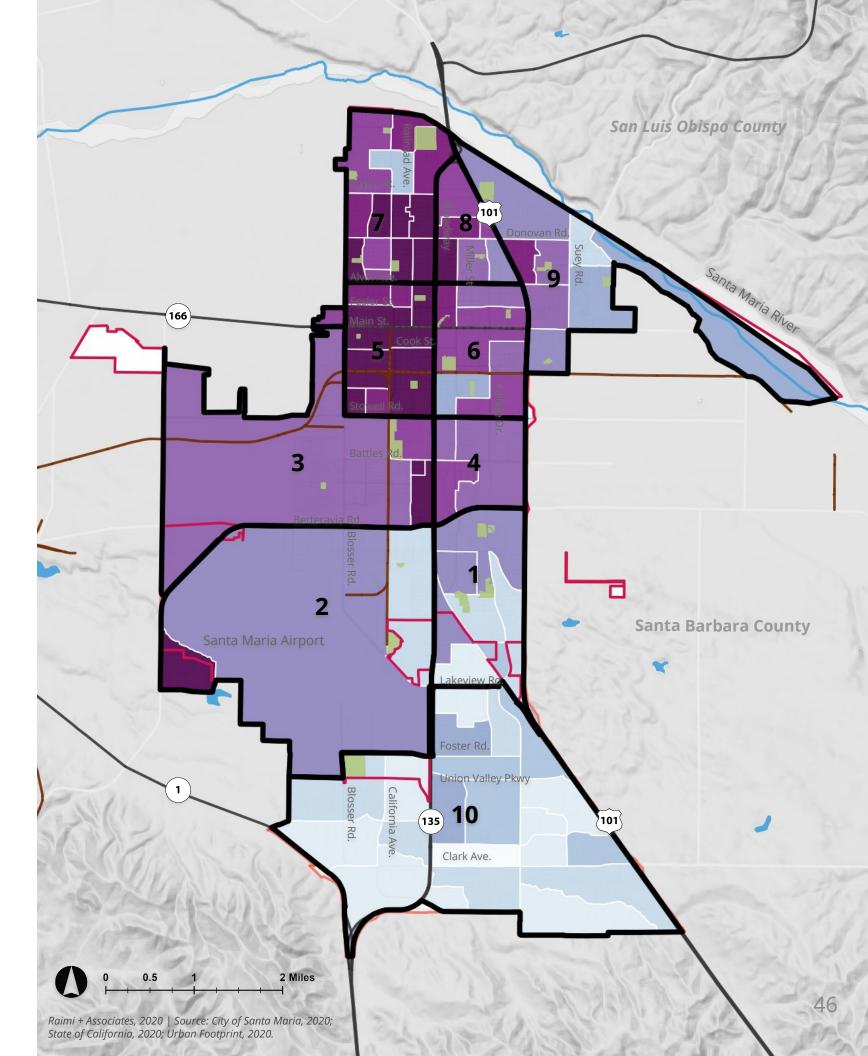
40% - 50%

50% - 60% 60% - 70%

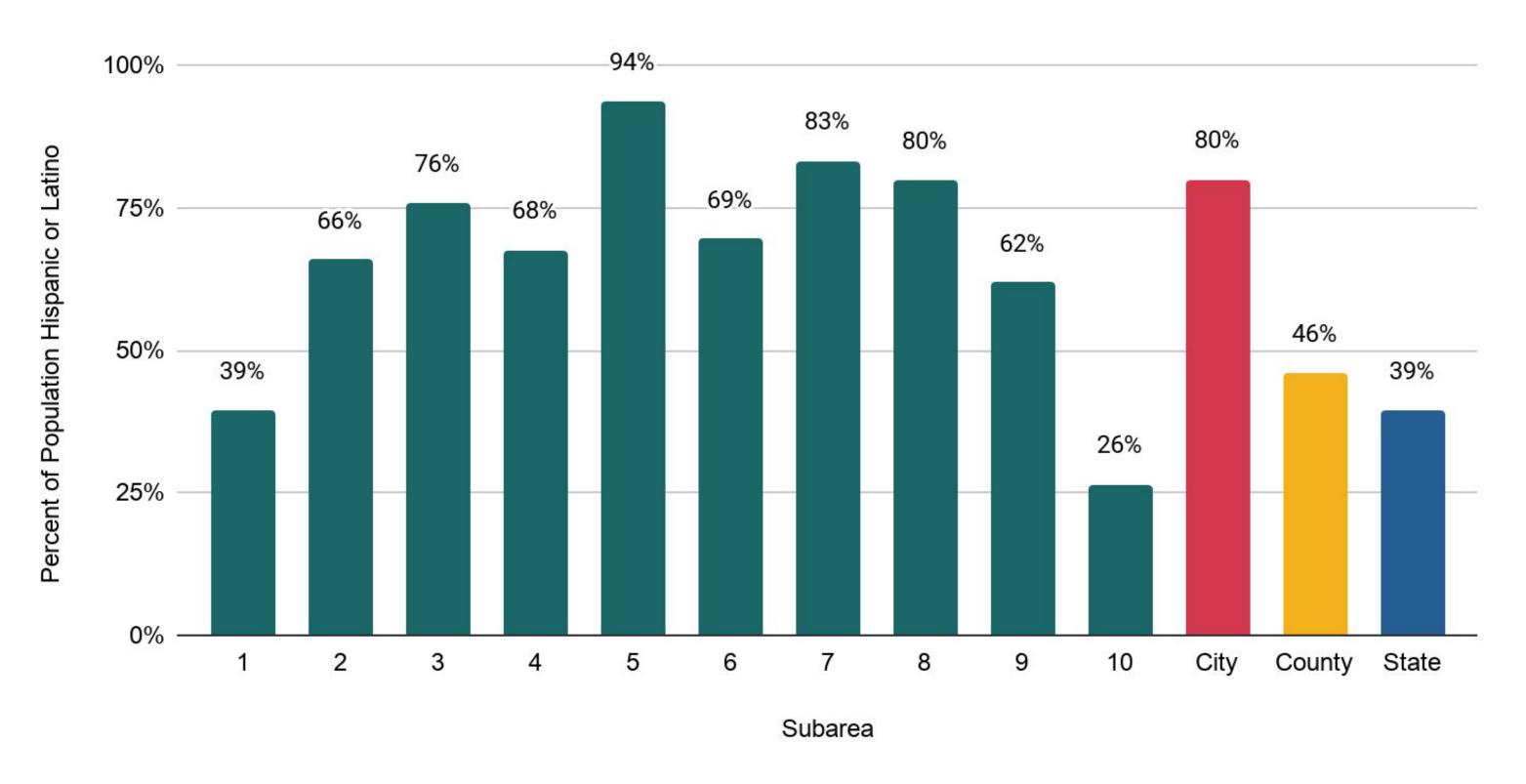
70% - 80%

80% - 90%

90% - 100%



Percent Hispanic or Latino by Subarea



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