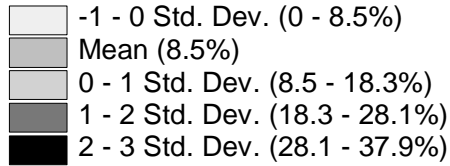


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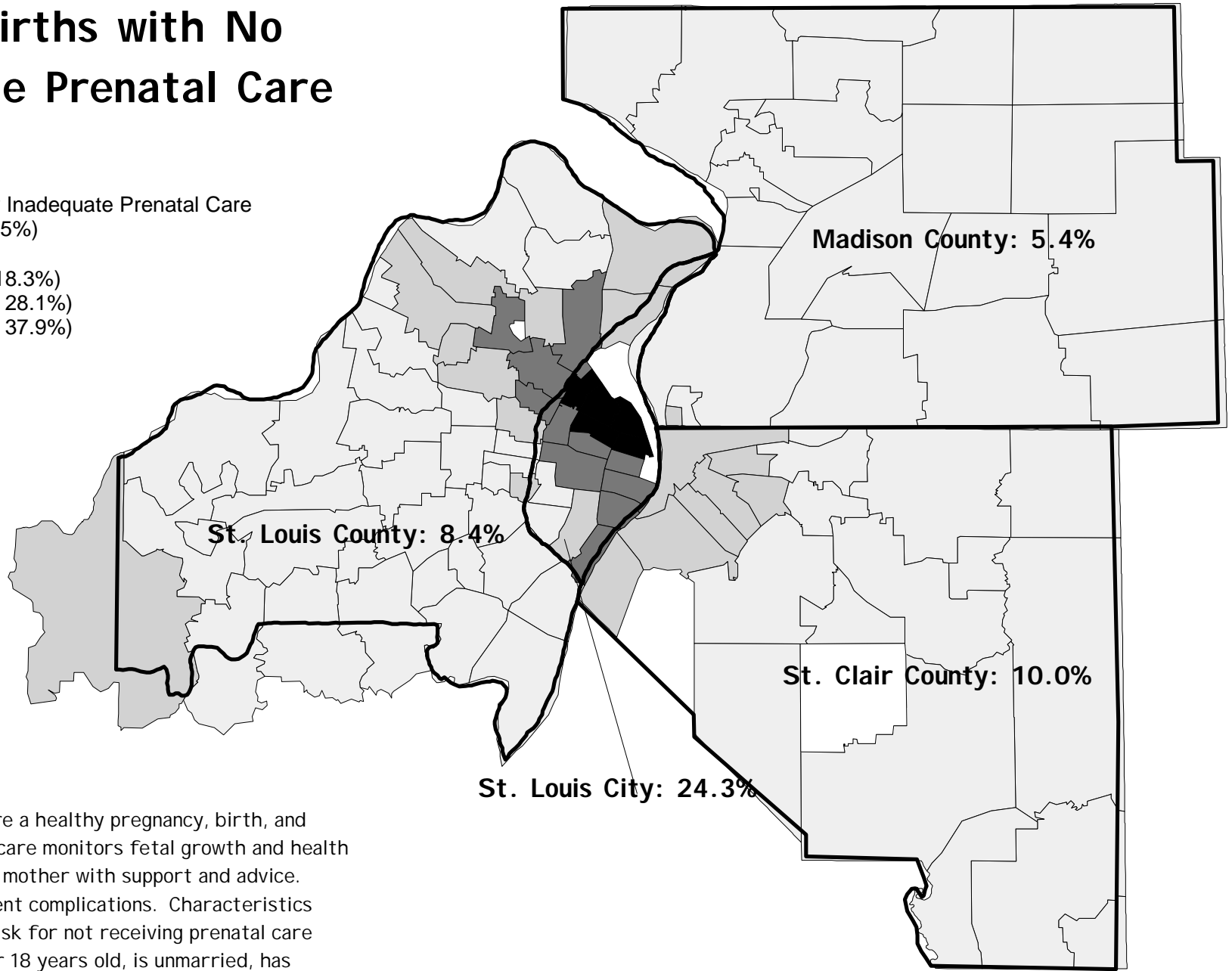
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COMPARATIVE NORM

3.9%

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (1998)



Prenatal care helps to ensure a healthy pregnancy, birth, and newborn. Adequate health care monitors fetal growth and health and provides the expectant mother with support and advice. Prenatal care helps to prevent complications. Characteristics associated with a greater risk for not receiving prenatal care include: the mother is under 18 years old, is unmarried, has low educational attainment, and a minority group status.

Missouri county figures: 1998, Dept. of Health
 Illinois county figures: 1998, Dept. of Public Health
 (inadequate prenatal care only)