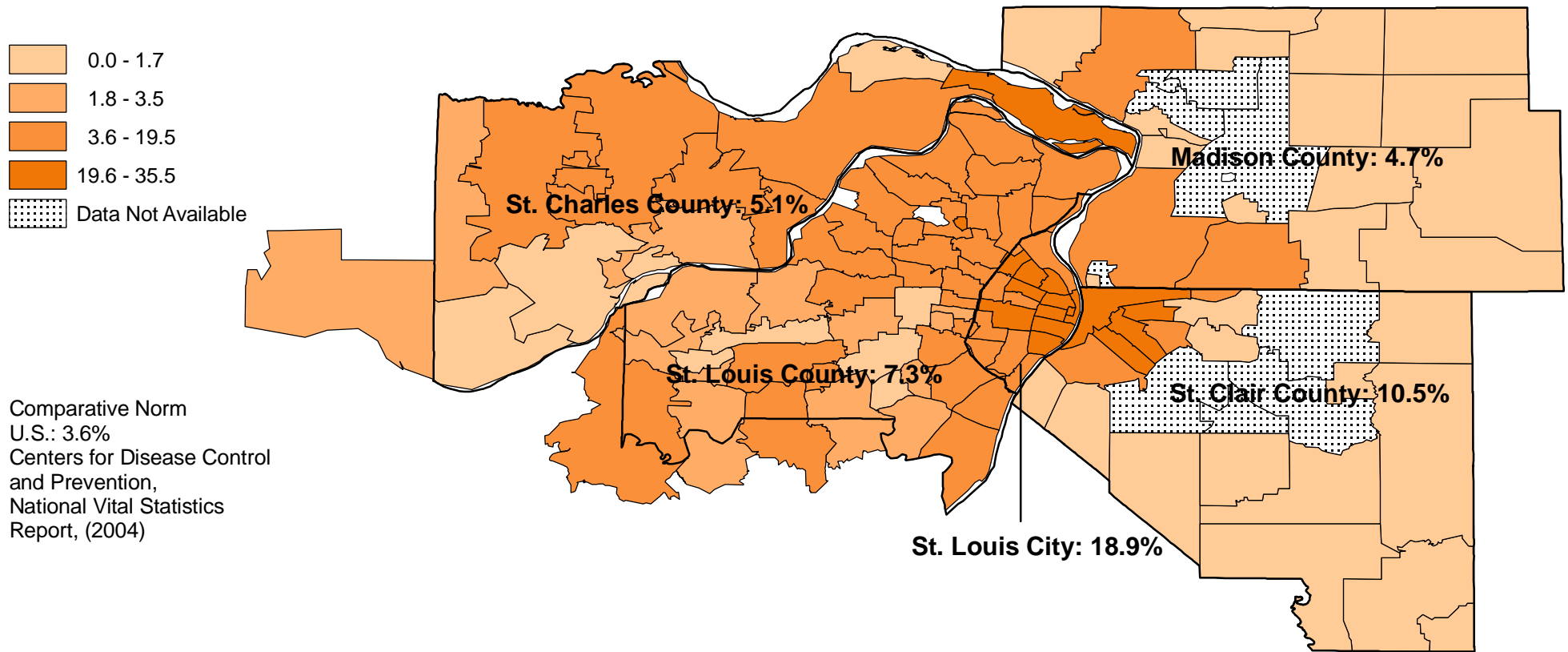


Percent of Births with No or Inadequate Prenatal Care



The March of Dimes states the goal of prenatal care as monitoring the progress of a pregnancy and identifying potential problems before they become serious. Women who receive regular, adequate prenatal care have healthier babies, and are less likely to deliver prematurely, or to have other serious problems related to pregnancy. When women do not have access to early prenatal care, there is an increased risk of low birth-weight, premature birth, and infant death.