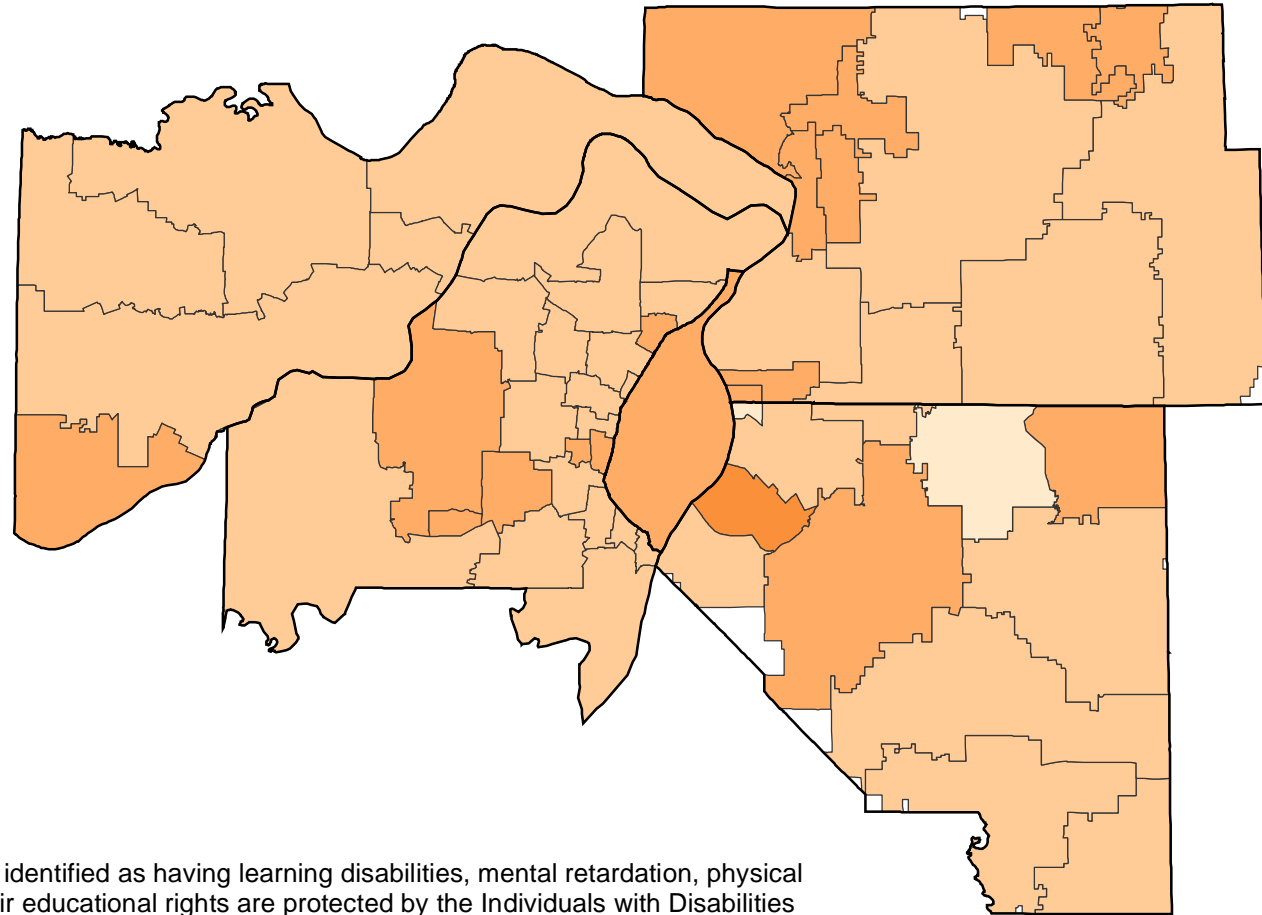
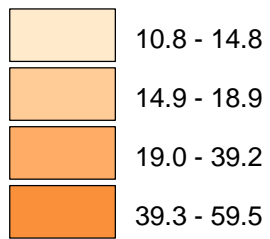


Percent of Disabled Students



Students with disabilities include children identified as having learning disabilities, mental retardation, physical limitations, and emotional disorders. Their educational rights are protected by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Last year IDEA was reauthorized and new provisions were created to reduce the number of minorities who are disproportionately identified as being disabled and to include children with disabilities in accountability systems. Although more disabled students are being taught in regular classrooms, minority students are less likely than white students to be mainstreamed. According to the Institute on Community Integration, children with disabilities who are integrated into regular classrooms are less likely to fail in and drop out of school, and have decreased rates of incarceration and substance abuse.