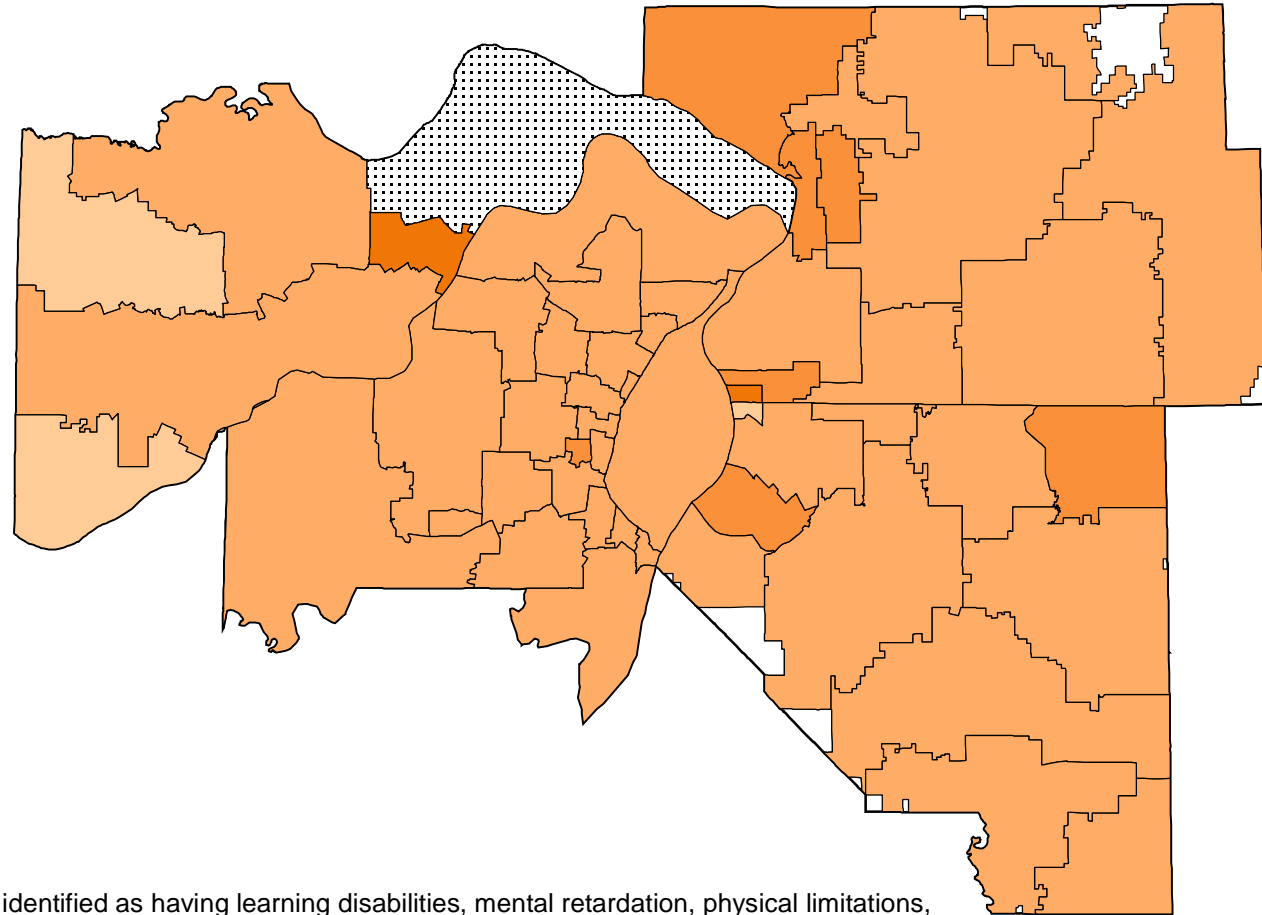
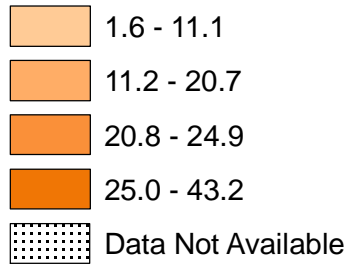


Percent of Disabled Students



Students with disabilities include children identified as having learning disabilities, mental retardation, physical limitations, and emotional disorders. The educational rights of these students are protected by the national Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). In 2004, IDEA was reauthorized and it included new provisions to reduce the number of minorities who are disproportionately identified as having disabilities and mainstream more special needs children into regular classroom settings. Integration of these students is critical to their long-term academic and social success as it often keeps them in school and helps prevent the negative social consequences associated with dropping out, including unemployment and becoming involved in criminal activity.