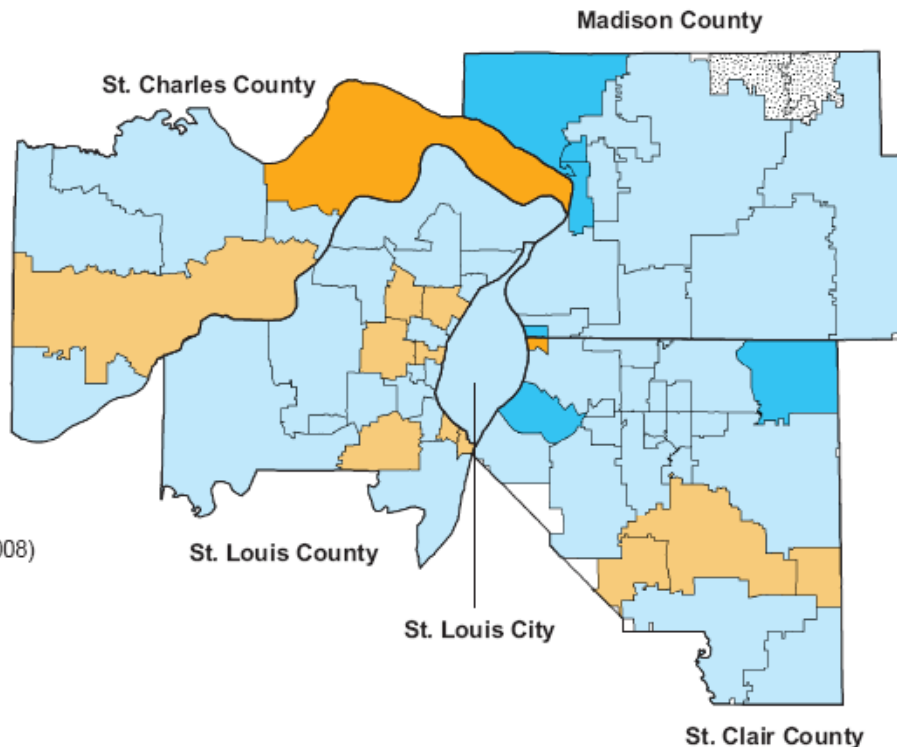
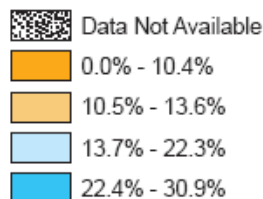


Percent of Disabled Students



Comparative Norm
 U.S.: 13.6%
 Digest of Educational Statistics (2008)

According to the national Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the term "child with a disability" refers to students with mental retardation, hearing impairments, speech or language impairments, visual impairments, serious emotional disturbance, orthopedic impairments, autism, traumatic brain injury, other health impairments, or specific learning disabilities.¹ In 2004, IDEA was

reauthorized and included new provisions to reduce the number of minorities who are disproportionately identified as having disabilities and to mainstream more special needs children into regular classroom settings.¹ 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