



# SNAP Access in Urban America Report (FRAC Report)

- Food Research and Action Center (FRAC) produced estimates of local access for 22 of the largest cities (using county data).
  - Based on three year individual poverty estimates 2006-2008
  - Calculated Local Access Indicator based on December 2008 recipient data
  - Of the 22 counties reviewed San Diego County ranked last on local access at 40%

# Using FRAC Report Methodology

- Methodology utilizes ACS/Census tables to estimate:
  - 130% FPL from 125% FPL
  - Foreign born non-citizens by length of residency and adjusts for children under 18
  - Estimates assets based on national average
- Each of these estimations introduces potential measurement error or bias.

# Local Access Indicator Calculations

- Using the Food Research and Action Center methodology, the Local Access Indicator was calculated for 2008 and 2010 and estimated for 2012.
- The three year estimate 2006-2008 replicated the 40% LAI published by the Food Research and Action Center.
- Using 2008-2010 data, the LAI for Dec 2010 was 64%.
- Conservatively estimating population and using Feb 2012 recipient data the LAI should be 79%.

Geography	People who are SNAP Eligible	People Participating in SNAP	Local Access Indicator	SNAP Eligible but Not Participating
San Diego County [2008 1yr]	328,700	120,669	37%	208,031
San Diego County [2008 3yr]	298,066	120,669	40%	177,397
San Diego County [2010 1yr]	369,414	213,601	58%	155,813
San Diego County [2010 3yr]	335,192	213,601	64%	121,591
San Diego County [2010 3yr, Feb 2012 SNAP Recip]	313,331	247,146	79%	66,185

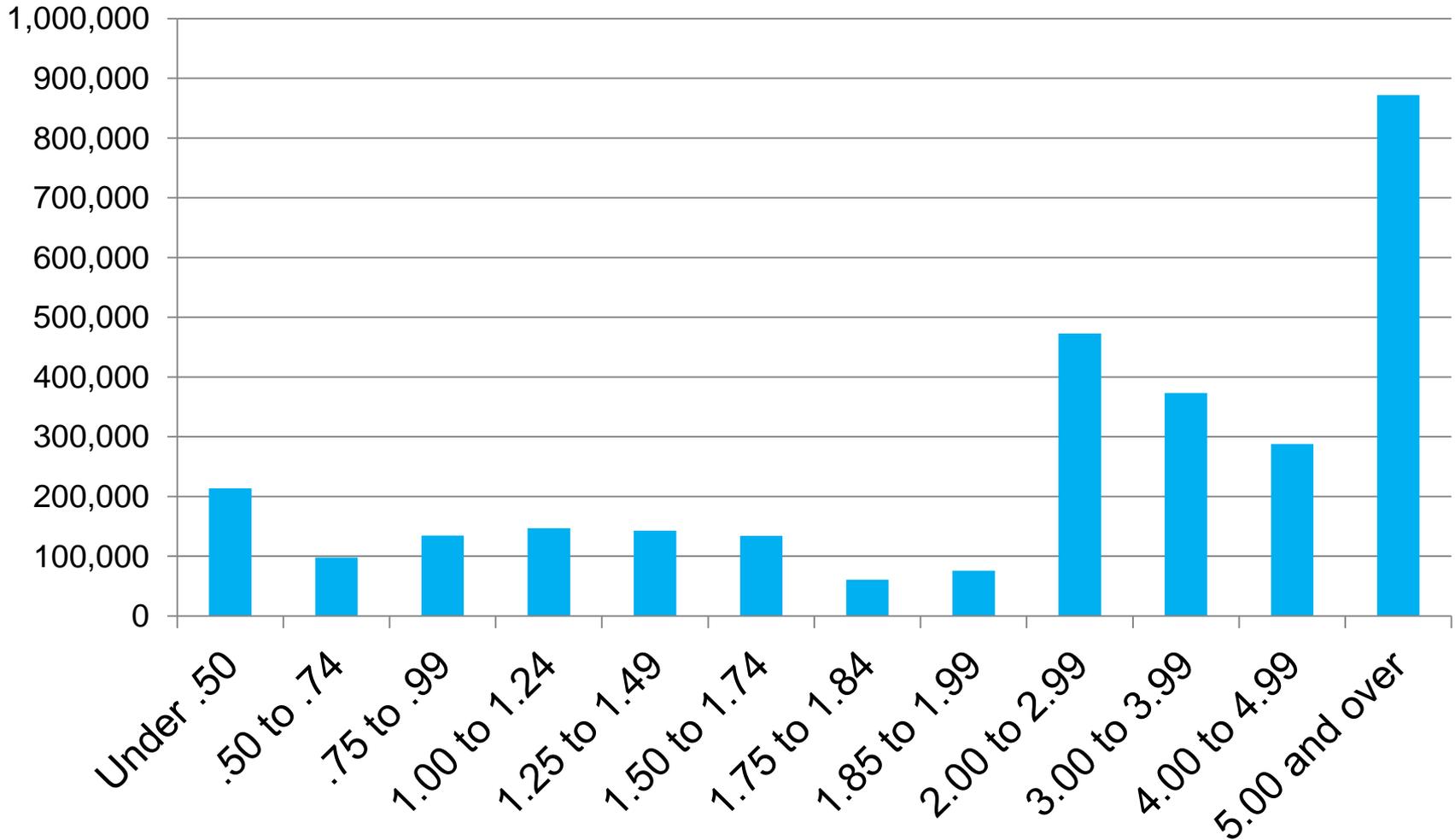
County	Local Access Indicator (%), 2008	% Foreign born of total population	% Foreign born, not a citizen, of total population
District of Columbia, DC	98	13.1%	8.2%
Wayne County, MI	97	7.7%	3.7%
Jefferson County, KY	96	6.2%	4.1%
Marion County, IN	94	8.3%	6.3%
Milwaukee County, WI	94	8.7%	5.4%
Clark County, NV	64	22.0%	13.3%
Harris County, TX	60	25.3%	17.4%
Los Angeles County, CA	56	35.7%	19.5%
Denver County, CO	46	16.4%	11.6%
San Diego County, CA	40	23.2%	12.3%

Source: ACS 3 Year 2008-2010

# Individuals Receiving SNAP

- California Health Interview Survey (2009) asked individuals in households with household incomes less than 300% FPL if they were currently receiving SNAP or Food Stamps. 97,489 were.
  - 45,116 Adults (4.7%)
  - 11,151 Adolescents 12-17 (8.6%)
  - 41,222 Children 0-11 (15.4%)

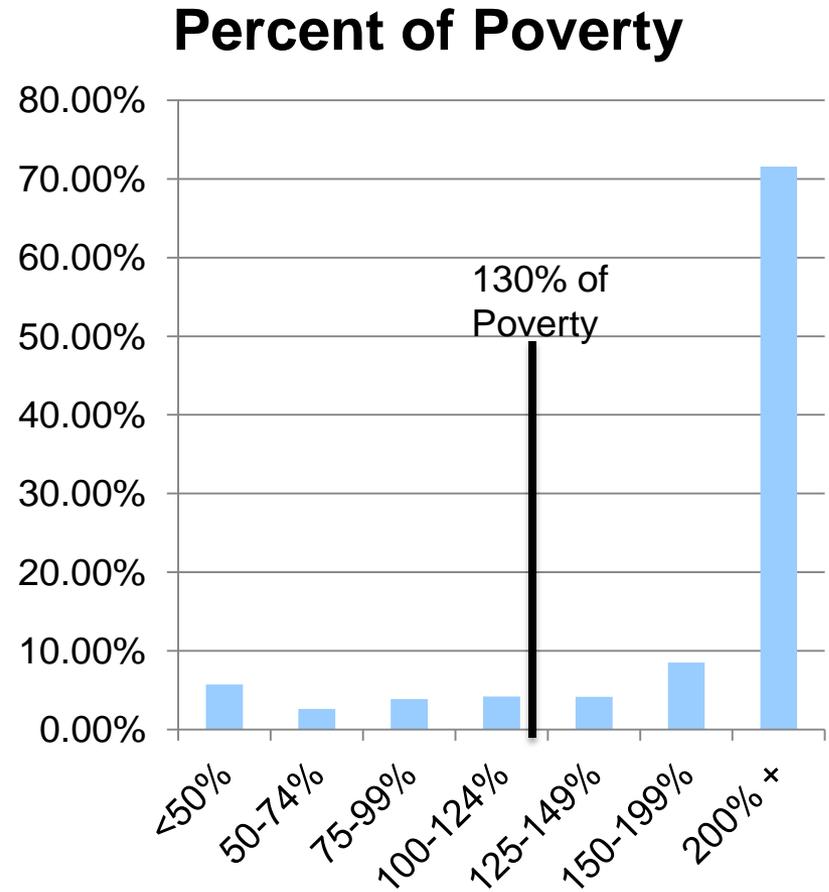
# San Diego County Population by Percent of FPL



Source: US Census 2010

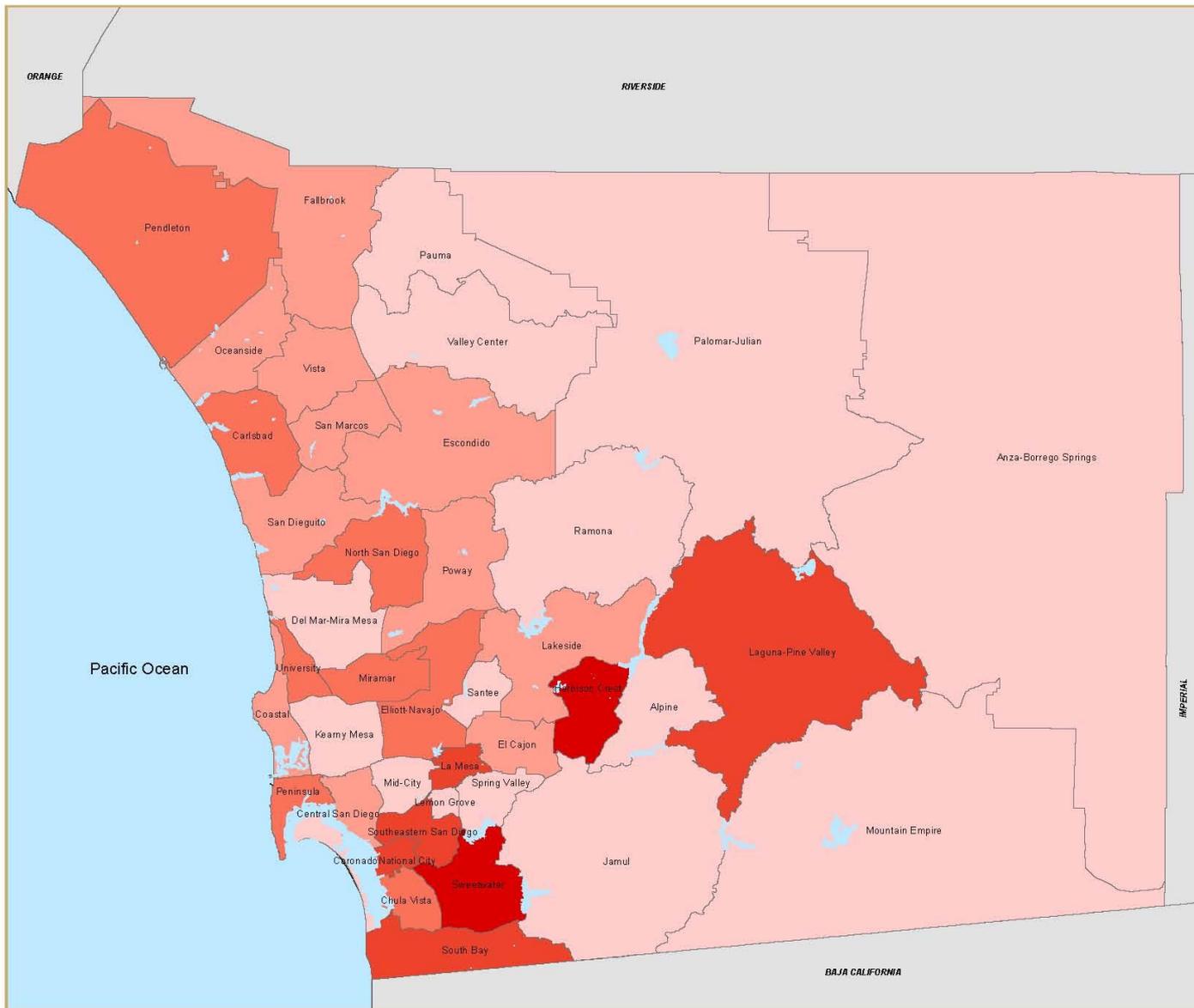
# Estimating 130% of Poverty by Household

- Poverty is a functional measure of income and household size.
- CalFresh/SNAP uses 130% of poverty.
- US Census reports income in increments
  - Individual 125%
  - Household 100%



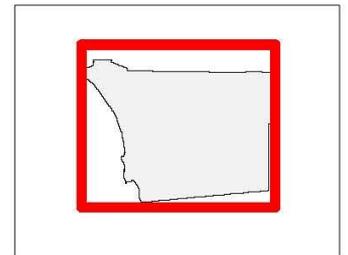
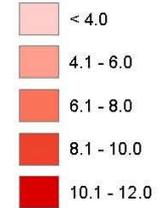
# Eligible Population Estimate Using Household Income (2009)

- Methods
  - Using gross household income
  - Estimating to 130% from 100%
  - Factoring in immigration status and length of stay
  - Factoring native born children of foreign born parents
- Estimated eligible population at 180,000
- Estimated eligible households at 60,000



**Percent of Households with Income Below 130% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) by Subregional Area (SRA)**

**% Households < 130% FPL  
Estimates, SANDAG\***

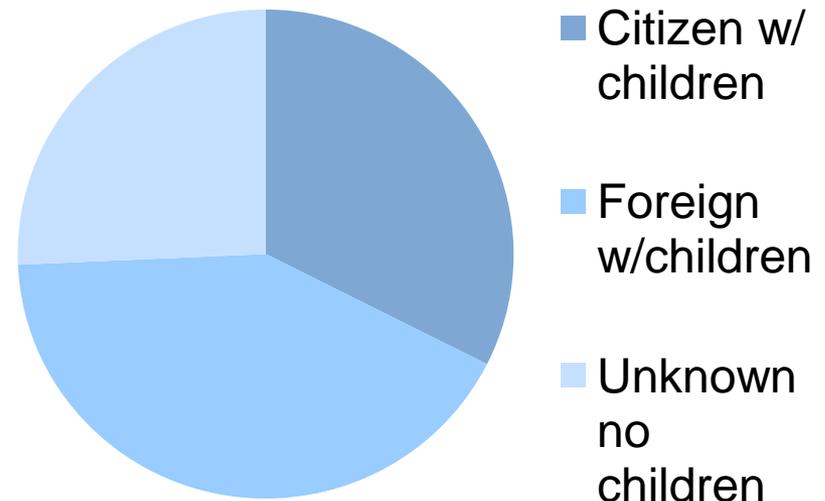


\* Population and Household data for SRAs is from SANDAG, Current Estimates (adjusted to reflect Census 2010). Poverty interpolated from U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (2006-2010)

# San Diego Households Below 130% FPL by Citizenship and Presence of Children

- Households below 130% poverty. 60,728
- Citizen-only households with children below 130% poverty. 19,699
- Households with at least 1 foreign-born family member with children below 130% poverty. 25,424
- Unknown citizenship status households no children present below 130% poverty. 15,605

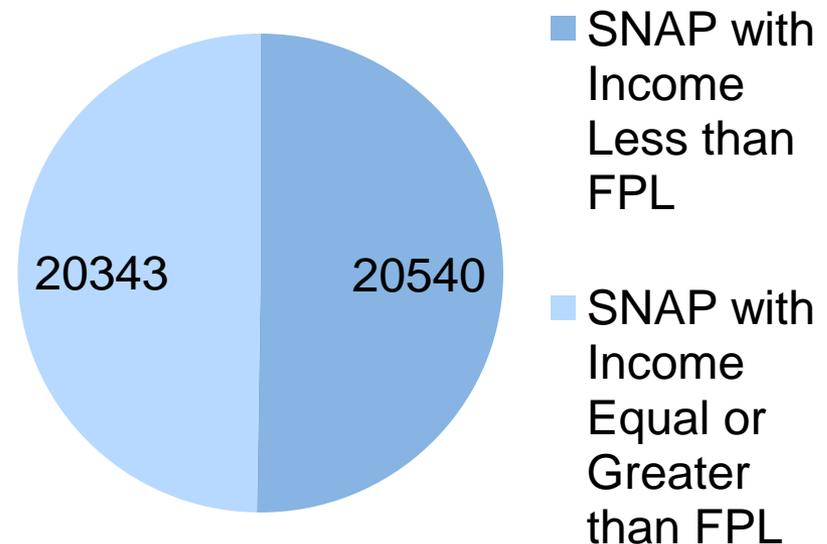
**Households below  
130% FPL**



# Households Receiving SNAP

- ACS asks respondents if they received SNAP benefits in the previous 12 months by poverty status in the previous 12 months.
- Of 1,061,658 households, 40,883 received SNAP in previous 12 months (ACS 2006-2009).
- 50% had incomes equal to or greater than FPL.

**Households Reporting Received SNAP by FPL**



# Conclusions

- While there may be systematic error in the FRAC methodology, using that methodology
  - Between 2008 and 2010 a 60% increase in LAI
  - Between 2008 and 2012 an estimated 98% increase in LAI
- Using 2010 Census data and local demographic estimates, systematic error can be reduced to identify a more refined estimate of potentially eligible residents.
- Areas within San Diego County with higher percentages of potentially eligible residents can be identified for outreach efforts.

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