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Dear Mr. Shockley:

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Attached hereto, please find the Le Flore County Residential Housing Market Analysis. Analyst Lora Gwartney personally inspected the Le Flore County area during the month of July 2015 to collect the data used in the preparation of the Le Flore County Market Analysis. The University of Oklahoma College of Architecture Division of Regional and City Planning provided consultation, assemblage and analysis of the data for IRR-Tulsa/OKC.

This market study is true and correct to the best of the professional's knowledge and belief, and there is no identity of interest between Owen S. Ard, MAI, David A. Puckett, or Integra Realty Resources – Tulsa/OKC and any applicant, developer, owner or developer.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact the undersigned. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

Respectfully submitted,

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Introduction and Executive Summary

This report is part of a Statewide Affordable Housing Market Study commissioned by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce (ODOC) in partnership with the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency (OHFA), as an outgrowth of the 2013 tornado outbreak in Oklahoma. It was funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (USHUD) through the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery program (CDBG-DR). This study was conducted by a public/private partnership between Integra Realty Resources – Tulsa/OKC, the University of Oklahoma College of Architecture, Division of Regional and City Planning, and DeBruler Inc. IRR-Tulsa/OKC, The University of Oklahoma, and DeBruler Inc. also prepared a prior statewide study in 2001, also commissioned by ODOC in partnership with OHFA.

This study is a value-added product derived from the original 2001 statewide housing study that incorporates additional topics and datasets not included in the 2001 study, which impact affordable housing throughout the state. These topic areas include:

- Disaster Resiliency
- Homelessness
- Assessment of Fair Housing
- Evaluation of Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazards

These topics are interrelated in terms of affordable housing policy, housing development, and disaster resiliency and recovery. Homeless populations are more vulnerable in the event of a disaster, as are many of the protected classes under the Fair Housing Act. Lead-based paint is typically more likely to be present in housing units occupied by low-to-moderate income persons, and can also present an environmental hazard in the wake of a disaster. Effective affordable housing policy can mitigate the impact of natural and manmade disasters by encouraging the development and preservation of safe, secure, and disaster-resilient housing for Oklahoma's most vulnerable populations.

Housing Market Analysis Specific Findings:

1. The population of Le Flore County is projected to be effectively stable between 2016 and 2020, though slight growth in households is projected over the same period of time.
2. Le Flore County is projected to need a total of 20 housing units for ownership and 7 housing units for rent over the next five years. This estimate is based solely on projected household growth; additional housing need exists among cost overburdened households throughout the county.
3. Median Household Income in Le Flore County is estimated to be $35,804 in 2015, compared with $47,049 estimated for the State of Oklahoma. The poverty rate in Le Flore County is estimated to be 22.26%, compared with 16.85% for Oklahoma.
4. Vacancy among housing units for ownership is slightly lower than the rest of the state, while vacancy among housing units for rent is slightly higher.
5. Home values and rental rates in Le Flore County are significantly lower than the state averages.

6. Average sale price of homes in Poteau was $78,179 in 2015, with an average price per square foot of $53.15. Average year of construction of homes sold in 2015 is estimated to be 1970.
7. Approximately 37.39% of renters and 20.38% of owners are housing cost overburdened.

Disaster Resiliency Specific Findings:

1. Tornadoes (1959-2014): Number: 59 Injuries: 147 Fatalities: 20 Damages (1996-2014): $3,670,000.00
2. Social Vulnerability: Above the state score; at the census tract level, the southern portion of the county has a particularly higher scores
3. Floodplain: Spiro, Shady Point, Panama, and Poteau have notable development within or near the floodplain.

Homelessness Specific Findings

1. Le Flore County is located in the Southeastern Oklahoma Continuum of Care.
2. There are an estimated 442 homeless individuals in this area, 225 of which are identified as sheltered.
3. There is a high rate of homelessness in this region, most of which seek shelter in small towns and rural areas.
4. Many of the homeless in this CoC are classified as chronically homeless (73).
5. Other significant homeless subpopulations include the mentally ill (49) and chronic substance abusers (50).

Fair Housing Specific Findings

1. Units at risk for poverty: 204
2. Units nearer elevated number of disabled persons: 573
3. Units further than 15 miles from a hospital: 166

Lead-Based Paint Specific Findings

1. We estimate there are 2,860 occupied housing units in Le Flore County with lead-based paint hazards.
2. 1,382 of those housing units are estimated to be occupied by low-to-moderate income households.
3. We estimate that 475 of those low-to-moderate income households have children under the age of 6 present.

Report Format and Organization

The first section of this report comprises the housing market analysis for Le Flore County. This section is divided into general area information, followed by population, household and income trends and analysis, then followed by area economic conditions. The next area of analysis concerns the housing stock of Le Flore County, including vacancy rates, construction activity and trends, and analyses of the homeowner and rental markets. This section is followed by five-year forecasts of housing need for owners and renters, as well as specific populations such as low-to-moderate income households, the elderly, and working families.

The next section of this report addresses special topics of concern:

- Disaster Resiliency
- Homelessness
- Fair Housing
- Lead-Based Paint Hazards

This last section is followed by a summary of the conclusions of this report for Le Flore County.

General Information

Purpose and Function of the Market Study

The purpose of this market study is to evaluate the need for affordable housing units in Le Flore County, Oklahoma. The analysis will consider existing supply and projected demand and overall market trends in the Le Flore County area.

Effective Date of Consultation

The Le Flore County area was inspected and research was performed during July, 2015. The effective date of this analysis is July 15, 2015. The date of this report is January 21, 2016. The market study is valid only as of the stated effective date or dates.

Scope of the Assignment

1. The Le Flore County area was inspected during July, 2015. The inspection included visits to all significant population centers in the county and portions of the rural county areas.
2. Regional, city and neighborhood data is based on information retained from national, state, and local government entities; various Chambers of Commerce, news publications, and other sources of economic indicators.
3. Specific economic data was collected from all available public agencies. Population and household information was collected from national demographic data services as well as available local governments. Much data was gathered regarding market specific items from personal interviews.
4. Development of the applicable analysis involved the collection and interpretation of verified data from local property owners/managers, realtors, and other individuals active within the area real estate market.
5. The analyst's assemblage and analysis of the defined data provided a basis from which conclusions as to the supply of and demand for residential housing were made.

Data Sources

Specific data sources used in this analysis include but are not limited to:

1. The 2000 and 2010 Decennial Censuses of Population and Housing
2. The 2009-2013 American Community Survey (ACS)
3. U.S. Census Bureau Residential Construction Branch, Manufacturing and Construction Division
4. The United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, including the Local Area Unemployment Statistics and the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages programs
5. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, including the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS), and the 2013 Picture of Subsidized Households
6. Continuum of Care Assistance Programs

7. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
8. Nielsen SiteReports (formerly known as Claritas)
9. The Oklahoma State Department of Health
10. The Oklahoma Department of Human Services
11. The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Oklahoma City Branch
12. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Le Flore County Analysis

Area Information

The purpose of this section of the report is to provide a basis for analyzing and estimating trends relating to Le Flore County. The primary emphasis is concentrated on those factors that are of significance to residential development users. Residential and commercial development in the community is influenced by the following factors:

1. Population and economic growth trends.

2. Existing commercial supply and activity.

3. Natural physical elements.

4. Political policy and attitudes toward community development.

Location

Le Flore County is located in eastern Oklahoma. The county is bordered on the north by Haskell and Sequoyah counties, on the west by Pushmataha, Latimer, and Haskell counties, on the south by McCurtain County, and on the east by Arkansas. The Le Flore County Seat is Poteau, which is located in the northcentral part of the county. This location is approximately 127 miles southeast of Tulsa and 192 miles southeast of Oklahoma City.

Le Flore County has a total area of 1,609 square miles (1,589 square miles of land, and 19 square miles of water), ranking 6th out of Oklahoma's 77 counties in terms of total area. The total population of Le Flore County as of the 2010 Census was 50,384 persons, for a population density of 32 persons per square mile of land.

Access and Linkages

The county has average accessibility to state and national highway systems. Multiple major highways intersect within Le Flore County. These are US-59, US-271, US-270, US-259, OK-1, OK-144, OK-63, OK-128, OK-83, OK-31, OK-9, and OK-112. The nearest interstate highway is I-40, approximately 20 miles north of Poteau. The county also has an intricate network of county roadways.

Public transportation is provided by Ki Bois Area Transit System (KATS) which operates both flexible and fixed routes as well as demand-response service. The local market perceives public transportation as average compared to other communities in the region of similar size. However, the primary mode of transportation in this area is private automobiles by far.

Robert S. Kerr Airport is located just south of Poteau. Its primary asphalt runway is 4,007 feet in length and averages 22 aircraft operations per day. The nearest full-service commercial airport is the Fort Smith Regional Airport approximately 32.2 miles northeast.

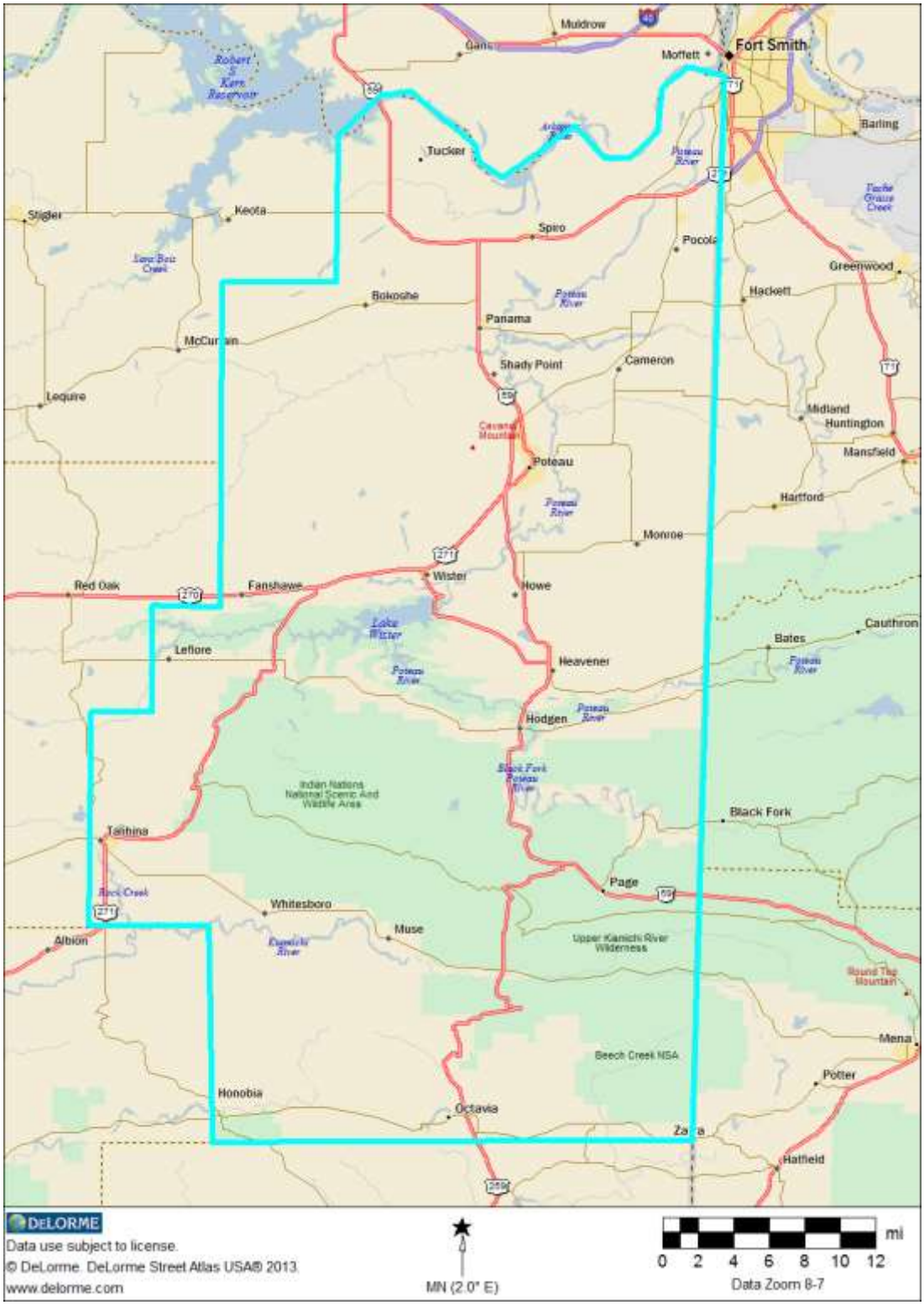
Educational Facilities

All of the county communities have public school facilities. Poteau is served by Poteau Public Schools. Poteau Public Schools is comprised of two elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school. Poteau is home to Carl Albert State College, which offers a variety of two-year degree programs. Poteau is also home to Kiamichi Technology Center-Poteau. Other higher education opportunities near LeFlore County include Eastern Oklahoma State College in Wilburton, Connors State College in Warner, and the University of Arkansas – Fort Smith campus.

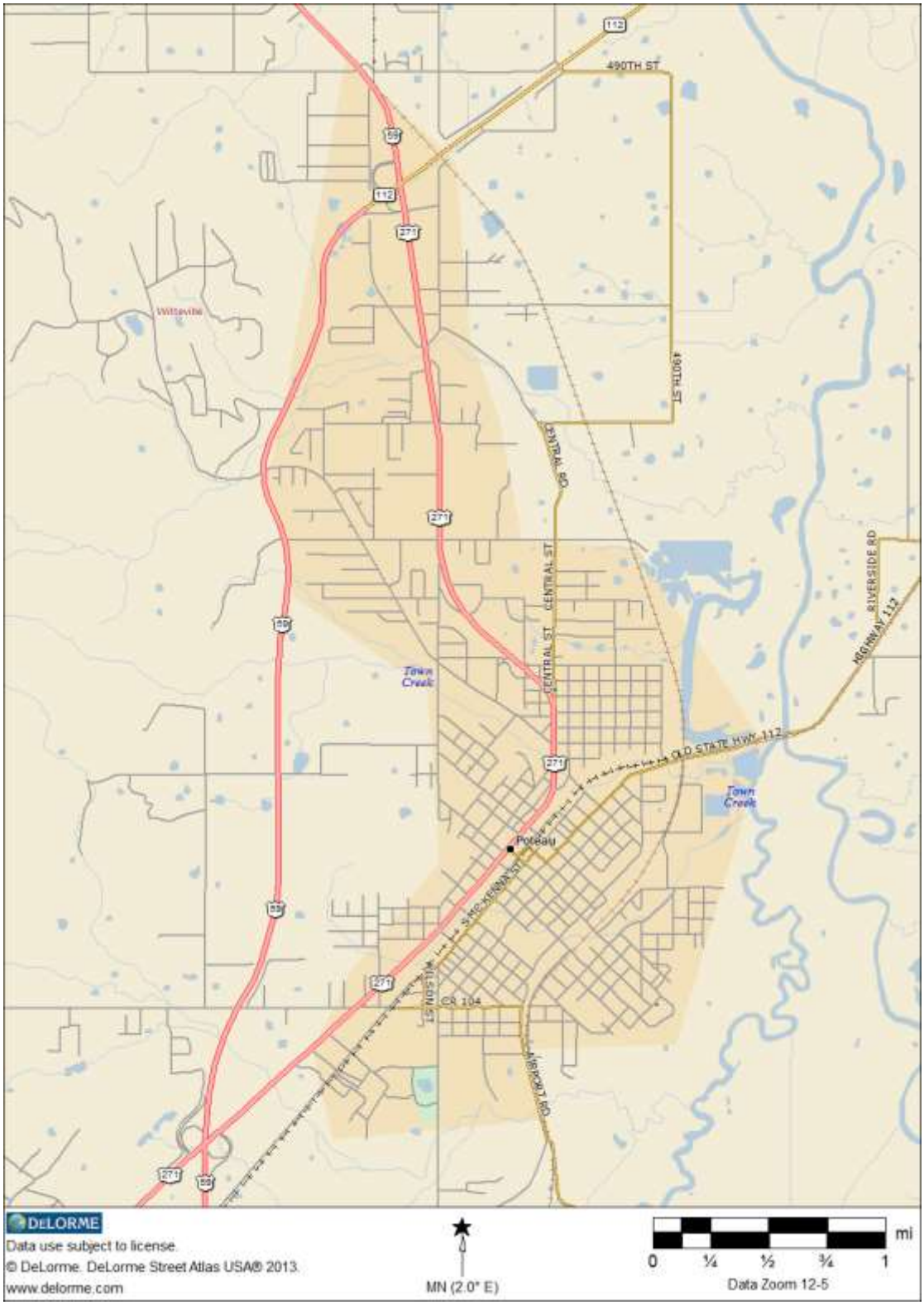
Medical Facilities

Medical services are provided by the Eastern Oklahoma Medical Center, an 84-bed acute-care hospital, providing emergency care, in and outpatient services, and a number of additional medical procedures. Additionally, the Choctaw Nation Health Care Center is located in Talihina. The smaller county communities typically have either small outpatient medical services or doctor's officing in the community.

Le Flore County Area Map



Poteau Area Map



Demographic Analysis

Population and Households

The following table presents population levels and annualized changes in Le Flore County and Oklahoma. This data is presented as of the 2000 Census, the 2010 Census, with 2015 and 2020 estimates and forecasts provided by Nielsen SiteReports.

Population Levels and Annual Changes

	2000 Census	2010 Census	Annual Change	2015 Estimate	Annual Change	2020 Forecast	Annual Change
Poteau	7,939	8,520	0.71%	8,337	-0.43%	8,418	0.19%
Le Flore County	48,109	50,384	0.46%	49,505	-0.35%	49,472	-0.01%
State of Oklahoma	3,450,654	3,751,351	0.84%	3,898,675	0.77%	4,059,399	0.81%

Sources: 2000 and 2010 Decennial Censuses, Nielsen SiteReports

The population of Le Flore County was 50,384 persons as of the 2010 Census, a 0.46% annualized rate of change from the 2000 Census. As of 2015, Nielsen SiteReports estimates the population of Le Flore County to be 49,505 persons, and projects that the population will show -0.01% annualized decline over the next five years.

The population of Poteau was 8,520 persons as of the 2010 Census, a 0.71% annualized rate of change from the 2000 Census. As of 2015, Nielsen SiteReports estimates the population of Poteau to be 8,337 persons, and projects that the population will show 0.19% annualized growth over the next five years. The Nielsen SiteReports estimates and forecasts for Poteau appear low: the most recent Census Bureau estimates for Poteau show the population to be effectively stable.

The next table presents data regarding household levels in Le Flore County over the same periods of time. This data is presented both for all households (family and non-family) as well as family households alone.

Households Levels and Annual Changes

Total Households	2000 Census	2010 Census	Annual Change	2015 Estimate	Annual Change	2020 Forecast	Annual Change
Poteau	3,013	3,178	0.53%	3,152	-0.16%	3,193	0.26%
Le Flore County	17,861	18,878	0.56%	18,601	-0.30%	18,628	0.03%
State of Oklahoma	1,342,293	1,460,450	0.85%	1,520,327	0.81%	1,585,130	0.84%
Family Households	2000 Census	2010 Census	Annual Change	2015 Estimate	Annual Change	2020 Forecast	Annual Change
Poteau	2,042	2,133	0.44%	2,109	-0.23%	2,131	0.21%
Le Flore County	13,201	13,455	0.19%	13,262	-0.29%	13,276	0.02%
State of Oklahoma	921,750	975,267	0.57%	1,016,508	0.83%	1,060,736	0.86%

Sources: 2000 and 2010 Decennial Censuses, Nielsen SiteReports

As of 2010, Le Flore County had a total of 18,878 households, representing a 0.56% annualized rate of change since the 2000 Census. As of 2015, Nielsen SiteReports estimates Le Flore County to have

18,601 households. This number is expected to experience a 0.03% annualized rate of growth over the next five years.

As of 2010, Poteau had a total of 3,178 households, representing a 0.53% annualized rate of change since the 2000 Census. As of 2015, Nielsen SiteReports estimates Poteau to have 3,152 households. This number is expected to experience a 0.26% annualized rate of growth over the next five years.

Population by Race and Ethnicity

The next table presents data regarding the racial and ethnic composition of Le Flore County based on the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey.

2013 Population by Race and Ethnicity

Single-Classification Race	Poteau		Le Flore County	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Total Population	8,535		50,062	
White Alone	6,490	76.04%	37,959	75.82%
Black or African American Alone	345	4.04%	1,092	2.18%
Amer. Indian or Alaska Native Alone	777	9.10%	4,568	9.12%
Asian Alone	42	0.49%	300	0.60%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	27	0.32%	56	0.11%
Some Other Race Alone	488	5.72%	1,654	3.30%
Two or More Races	366	4.29%	4,433	8.86%
Population by Hispanic or Latino Origin	**Poteau**		**Le Flore County**	
	No.	**Percent**	**No.**	**Percent**
Total Population	8,535		50,062	
Hispanic or Latino	869	10.18%	3,409	6.81%
Hispanic or Latino, White Alone	*321*	*36.94%*	*1,470*	*43.12%*
Hispanic or Latino, All Other Races	*548*	*63.06%*	*1,939*	*56.88%*
Not Hispanic or Latino	7,666	89.82%	46,653	93.19%
Not Hispanic or Latino, White Alone	*6,169*	*80.47%*	*36,489*	*78.21%*
Not Hispanic or Latino, All Other Races	*1,497*	*19.53%*	*10,164*	*21.79%*

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Tables B02001 & B03002

In Le Flore County, racial and ethnic minorities comprise 27.11% of the total population. Within Poteau, racial and ethnic minorities represent 27.72% of the population.

Population by Age

The next tables present data regarding the age distribution of the population of Le Flore County. This data is provided as of the 2010 Census, with estimates and forecasts provided by Nielsen SiteReports.

Le Flore County Population By Age								
	2010 Census	Percent of Total	2015 Estimate	Percent of Total	2020 Forecast	Percent of Total	2000 - 2015 Ann. Chng.	2015 - 2020 Ann. Chng.
Population by Age	50,384		49,505		49,472			
Age 0 - 4	3,438	6.82%	3,003	6.07%	3,044	6.15%	-2.67%	0.27%
Age 5 - 9	3,516	6.98%	3,207	6.48%	2,949	5.96%	-1.82%	-1.66%
Age 10 - 14	3,387	6.72%	3,471	7.01%	3,151	6.37%	0.49%	-1.92%
Age 15 - 17	2,104	4.18%	2,089	4.22%	2,166	4.38%	-0.14%	0.73%
Age 18 - 20	2,146	4.26%	1,988	4.02%	2,068	4.18%	-1.52%	0.79%
Age 21 - 24	2,360	4.68%	2,530	5.11%	2,724	5.51%	1.40%	1.49%
Age 25 - 34	6,109	12.12%	5,944	12.01%	5,977	12.08%	-0.55%	0.11%
Age 35 - 44	6,126	12.16%	5,833	11.78%	5,746	11.61%	-0.98%	-0.30%
Age 45 - 54	7,114	14.12%	6,447	13.02%	5,770	11.66%	-1.95%	-2.19%
Age 55 - 64	6,443	12.79%	6,471	13.07%	6,303	12.74%	0.09%	-0.52%
Age 65 - 74	4,473	8.88%	5,136	10.37%	5,942	12.01%	2.80%	2.96%
Age 75 - 84	2,313	4.59%	2,469	4.99%	2,622	5.30%	1.31%	1.21%
Age 85 and over	855	1.70%	917	1.85%	1,010	2.04%	1.41%	1.95%
Age 55 and over	*14,084*	27.95%	*14,993*	30.29%	*15,877*	32.09%	1.26%	1.15%
Age 62 and over	*8,719*	17.30%	*9,546*	19.28%	*10,455*	21.13%	1.83%	1.83%
Median Age	38.5		39.3		39.6		0.41%	0.15%

Source: Nielsen SiteReports

As of 2015, Nielsen estimates that the median age of Le Flore County is 39.3 years. This compares with the statewide figure of 36.6 years. Approximately 6.07% of the population is below the age of 5, while 19.28% is over the age of 62. Over the next five years, the population age 62 and above is forecasted to grow by 1.83% per year. On the whole, Le Flore County has a relatively older population and the age 62 and over cohort will continue to grow over the next five years.

Poteau Population By Age

	2010 Census	Percent of Total	2015 Estimate	Percent of Total	2020 Forecast	Percent of Total	2000 - 2015 Ann. Chng.	2015 - 2020 Ann. Chng.
Population by Age	8,520		8,337		8,418			
Age 0 - 4	643	7.55%	566	6.79%	577	6.85%	-2.52%	0.39%
Age 5 - 9	610	7.16%	593	7.11%	555	6.59%	-0.56%	-1.32%
Age 10 - 14	528	6.20%	594	7.12%	584	6.94%	2.38%	-0.34%
Age 15 - 17	334	3.92%	367	4.40%	402	4.78%	1.90%	1.84%
Age 18 - 20	528	6.20%	415	4.98%	449	5.33%	-4.70%	1.59%
Age 21 - 24	496	5.82%	465	5.58%	503	5.98%	-1.28%	1.58%
Age 25 - 34	1,120	13.15%	1,113	13.35%	1,024	12.16%	-0.13%	-1.65%
Age 35 - 44	959	11.26%	954	11.44%	1,017	12.08%	-0.10%	1.29%
Age 45 - 54	1,065	12.50%	959	11.50%	875	10.39%	-2.07%	-1.82%
Age 55 - 64	979	11.49%	949	11.38%	930	11.05%	-0.62%	-0.40%
Age 65 - 74	650	7.63%	763	9.15%	867	10.30%	3.26%	2.59%
Age 75 - 84	415	4.87%	407	4.88%	436	5.18%	-0.39%	1.39%
Age 85 and over	193	2.27%	192	2.30%	199	2.36%	-0.10%	0.72%
Age 55 and over	*2,237*	26.26%	*2,311*	27.72%	*2,432*	28.89%	0.65%	1.03%
Age 62 and over	*1,359*	15.95%	*1,455*	17.45%	*1,582*	18.79%	1.37%	1.69%
Median Age	35.0		35.6		36.1		0.34%	0.28%

Source: Nielsen SiteReports

As of 2015, Nielsen estimates that the median age of Poteau is 35.6 years. This compares with the statewide figure of 36.6 years. Approximately 6.79% of the population is below the age of 5, while 17.45% is over the age of 62. Over the next five years, the population age 62 and above is forecasted to grow by 1.69% per year. Compared with Le Flore County as a whole, Poteau's population is relatively younger.

Families by Presence of Children

The next table presents data for Le Flore County regarding families by the presence of children.

2013 Family Type by Presence of Children Under 18 Years	Poteau		Le Flore County	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Total Families:	2,057		12,664	
Married-Couple Family:	1,555	75.60%	9,454	74.65%
With Children Under 18 Years	567	27.56%	3,423	27.03%
No Children Under 18 Years	988	48.03%	6,031	47.62%
Other Family:	502	24.40%	3,210	25.35%
Male Householder, No Wife Present	93	4.52%	963	7.60%
With Children Under 18 Years	32	1.56%	441	3.48%
No Children Under 18 Years	61	2.97%	522	4.12%
Female Householder, No Husband Present	409	19.88%	2,247	17.74%
With Children Under 18 Years	170	8.26%	1,250	9.87%
No Children Under 18 Years	239	11.62%	997	7.87%
Total Single Parent Families	202		1,691	
Male Householder	32	15.84%	441	26.08%
Female Householder	170	84.16%	1,250	73.92%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Table B11003

As shown, within Le Flore County, among all families 13.35% are single-parent families, while in Poteau, the percentage is 9.82%.

Population by Presence of Disabilities

The following table compiles data regarding the non-institutionalized population of Le Flore County by presence of one or more disabilities.

2013 Age by Number of Disabilities

	Poteau		Le Flore County		State of Oklahoma	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Civilian Non-Institutionalized Population:	8,311		48,883		3,702,515	
Under 18 Years:	1,921		12,190		933,738	
With One Type of Disability	121	6.30%	508	4.17%	33,744	3.61%
With Two or More Disabilities	0	0.00%	118	0.97%	11,082	1.19%
No Disabilities	1,800	93.70%	11,564	94.86%	888,912	95.20%
18 to 64 Years:	5,132		29,208		2,265,702	
With One Type of Disability	268	5.22%	2,465	8.44%	169,697	7.49%
With Two or More Disabilities	399	7.77%	3,133	10.73%	149,960	6.62%
No Disabilities	4,465	87.00%	23,610	80.83%	1,946,045	85.89%
65 Years and Over:	1,258		7,485		503,075	
With One Type of Disability	282	22.42%	1,561	20.86%	95,633	19.01%
With Two or More Disabilities	345	27.42%	2,264	30.25%	117,044	23.27%
No Disabilities	631	50.16%	3,660	48.90%	290,398	57.72%
Total Number of Persons with Disabilities:	1,415	17.03%	10,049	20.56%	577,160	15.59%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Table C18108

Within Le Flore County, 20.56% of the civilian non-institutionalized population has one or more disabilities, compared with 15.59% of Oklahomans as a whole. In Poteau the percentage is 17.03%.

We have also compiled data for the veteran population of Le Flore County by presence of disabilities, shown in the following table:

2013 Population by Veteran and Disability Status

	Poteau		Le Flore County		State of Oklahoma	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Civilian Population Age 18+ For Whom Poverty Status is Determined	6,147		36,450		2,738,788	
Veteran:	683	11.11%	3,717	10.20%	305,899	11.17%
With a Disability	*324*	*47.44%*	*1,613*	*43.40%*	*100,518*	*32.86%*
No Disability	*359*	*52.56%*	*2,104*	*56.60%*	*205,381*	*67.14%*
Non-veteran:	5,464	88.89%	32,733	89.80%	2,432,889	88.83%
With a Disability	*970*	*17.75%*	*7,810*	*23.86%*	*430,610*	*17.70%*
No Disability	*4,494*	*82.25%*	*24,923*	*76.14%*	*2,002,279*	*82.30%*

Source: 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Table C21007

Within Le Flore County, the Census Bureau estimates there are 3,717 veterans, 43.40% of which have one or more disabilities (compared with 32.86% at a statewide level). In Poteau, there are an estimated 683 veterans, 47.44% of which are estimated to have a disability.

Group Quarters Population

The next table presents data regarding the population of Le Flore County living in group quarters, such as correctional facilities, skilled-nursing facilities, student housing and military quarters.

2010 Group Quarters Population

	Poteau		Le Flore County	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Total Population	8,520		50,384	
Group Quarters Population	496	5.82%	1,616	3.21%
Institutionalized Population	232	2.72%	1,256	2.49%
Correctional facilities for adults	130	1.53%	873	1.73%
Juvenile facilities	4	0.05%	10	0.02%
Nursing facilities/Skilled-nursing facilities	98	1.15%	373	0.74%
Other institutional facilities	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Noninstitutionalized population	264	3.10%	360	0.71%
College/University student housing	255	2.99%	255	0.51%
Military quarters	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Other noninstitutional facilities	9	0.11%	105	0.21%

Source: 2010 Decennial Census, Table P42

The percentage of the Le Flore County population in group quarters is somewhat higher than the statewide figure, which was 2.99% in 2010. This is partly attributable to persons in student housing.

Household Income Levels

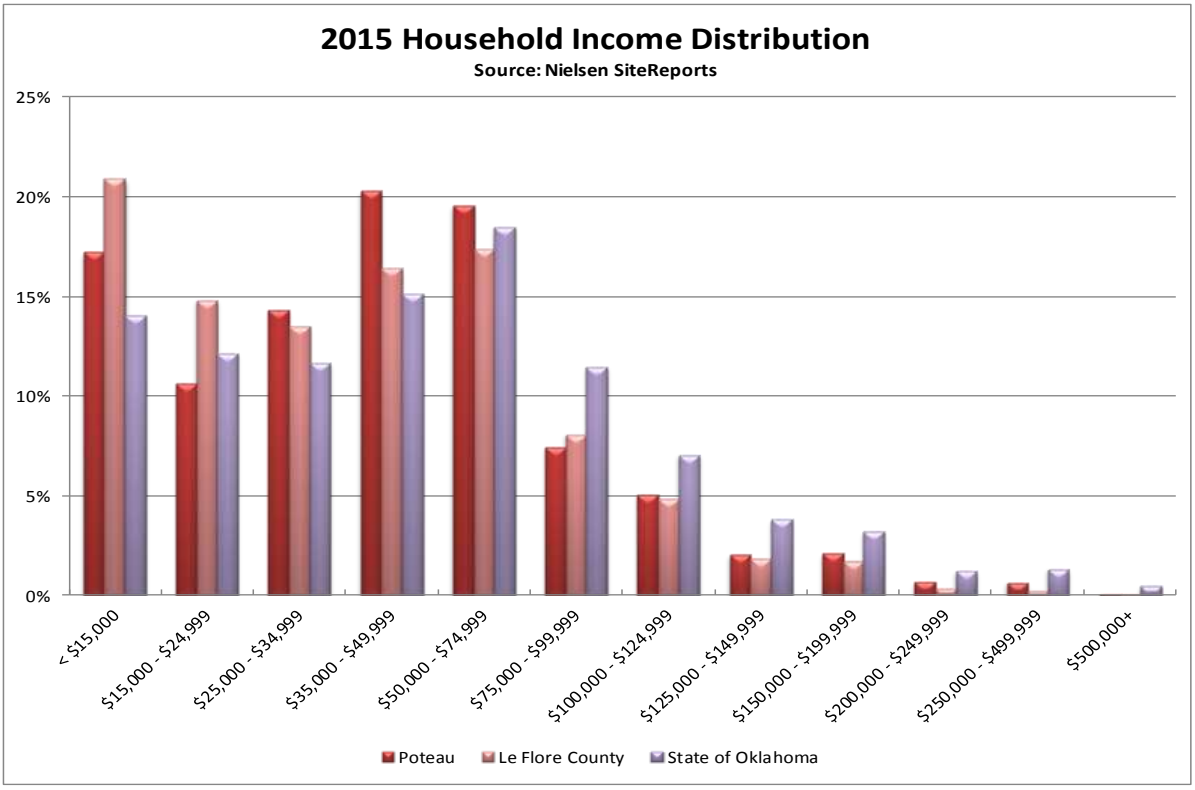
Data in the following chart shows the distribution of household income in Le Flore County, as well as median and average household income. Data for Oklahoma is included as a basis of comparison. This data is provided by Nielsen SiteReports for 2015.

2015 Household Income Distribution

	Poteau		Le Flore County		State of Oklahoma	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Households by HH Income	3,152		18,601		1,520,327	
< $15,000	542	17.20%	3,880	20.86%	213,623	14.05%
$15,000 - $24,999	334	10.60%	2,751	14.79%	184,613	12.14%
$25,000 - $34,999	451	14.31%	2,506	13.47%	177,481	11.67%
$35,000 - $49,999	638	20.24%	3,050	16.40%	229,628	15.10%
$50,000 - $74,999	616	19.54%	3,225	17.34%	280,845	18.47%
$75,000 - $99,999	235	7.46%	1,501	8.07%	173,963	11.44%
$100,000 - $124,999	160	5.08%	900	4.84%	106,912	7.03%
$125,000 - $149,999	65	2.06%	343	1.84%	57,804	3.80%
$150,000 - $199,999	67	2.13%	325	1.75%	48,856	3.21%
$200,000 - $249,999	22	0.70%	67	0.36%	18,661	1.23%
$250,000 - $499,999	21	0.67%	48	0.26%	20,487	1.35%
$500,000+	1	0.03%	5	0.03%	7,454	0.49%
Median Household Income	$40,854		$35,804		$47,049	
Average Household Income	$51,298		$46,274		$63,390	

Source: Nielsen SiteReports

As shown, median household income for Le Flore County is estimated to be $35,804 in 2015. By way of comparison, the median household income of Oklahoma is estimated to be $47,049. For Poteau, median household income is estimated to be $40,854. Compared with the rest of the state, Poteau and Le Flore County have relatively lower income levels, with higher percentages of persons in the lowest income brackets. The income distribution can be better visualized by the following chart.



Household Income Trend

Next we examine the long-term growth of incomes in Le Flore County, from the results of the 2000 Census (representing calendar year 1999), through the current 2015 estimates provided by Nielsen SiteReports. This data is then annualized into a compounded annual growth rate to estimate nominal annual household income growth over this period of time. We then compare the rate of annual growth with the rate of inflation over the same period of time (measured using the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers, South Region, Size Class D, from May 1999 through May 2015). Subtracting the annual rate of inflation from the nominal rate of annual income growth yields a "real" rate of income growth which takes into account the effect of increasing prices of goods and services.

Household Income Trend

	1999 Median HH Income	2015 Median HH Income	Nominal Growth	Inflation Rate	Real Growth
Poteau	$26,178	$40,854	2.82%	2.40%	0.42%
Le Flore County	$27,278	$35,804	1.71%	2.40%	-0.69%
State of Oklahoma	$33,400	$47,049	2.16%	2.40%	-0.23%

Sources: 2000 Decennial Census, Summary File 3, Table P53; Nielsen SiteReports; CPI All Urban Consumers, South Region, Size Class D

As shown, both Le Flore County and the State of Oklahoma as a whole saw negative growth in "real" median household income, once inflation is taken into account (though Poteau saw positive income growth after adjusting for inflation). It should be noted that this trend is not unique to Oklahoma or Le

Flore County, but rather a national trend. Over the same period, the national median household income increased from $41,994 to $53,706 (for a nominal annualized growth rate of 1.55%) while the Consumer Price Index increased at an annualized rate of 2.26%, for a "real" growth rate of -0.72%. It is notable that Poteau's household income trend was contrary to Le Flore County, Oklahoma, and the nation as a whole, and saw positive annualized growth.

Poverty Rates

Overall rates of poverty in Le Flore County and Oklahoma are shown in the following table. This data is included from the 2013 American Community Survey, as well as the 2000 Census to show how these rates have changed over the last decade. We also include poverty rates for single-parent families by gender of householder.

Poverty Rates

	2000 Census	2013 ACS	Change (Basis Points)	2013 Poverty Rates for Single-Parent Families	
				Male Householder	Female Householder
Poteau	22.11%	19.03%	-308	0.00%	48.24%
Le Flore County	19.07%	22.24%	317	19.73%	58.72%
State of Oklahoma	14.72%	16.85%	213	22.26%	47.60%

Sources: 2000 Decennial Census Table P87, 2009-2013 American Community Survey Tables B17001 & B17023

The poverty rate in Le Flore County is estimated to be 22.24% by the American Community Survey. This is an increase of 317 basis points since the 2000 Census. Within Poteau, the poverty rate is estimated to be 19.03%, which showed a decline since the 2000 Census (though its poverty rate is still well above statewide figures). It should be noted that increasing poverty rates over this period of time is a national trend: between the 2000 Census and the 2013 American Community Survey, the poverty rate of the United States increased from 12.38% to 15.37%, an increase of 299 basis points.

Economic Conditions

Employment and Unemployment

The following table presents total employment figures and unemployment rates for Le Flore County, with figures for Oklahoma and the United States for comparison. This data is as of May 2015.

Employment and Unemployment

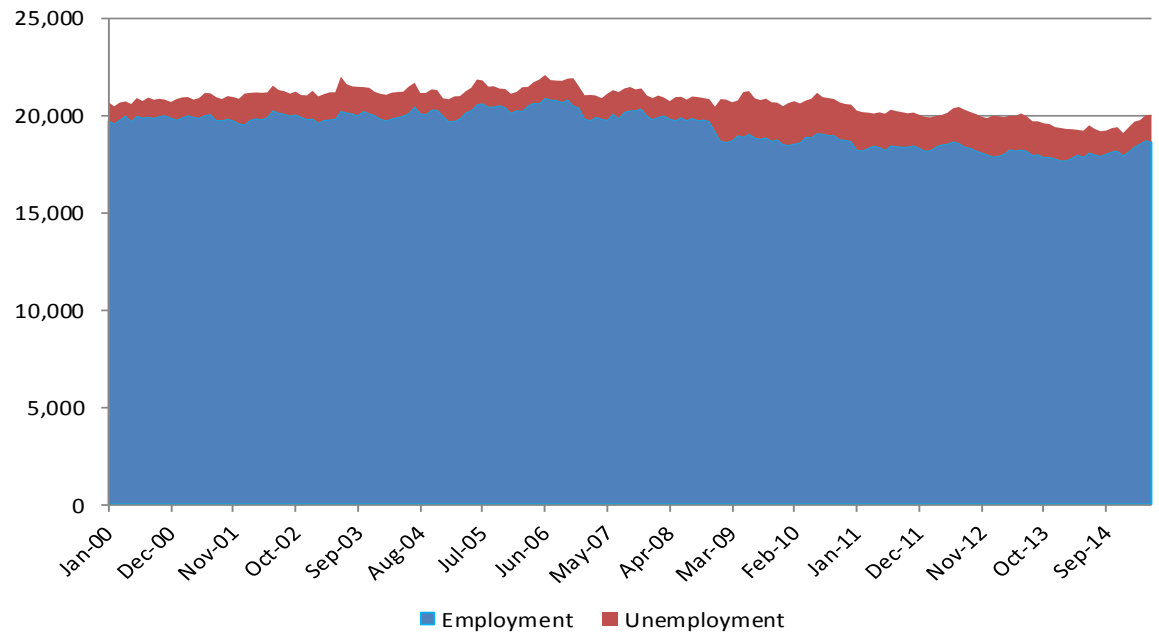
	May-2010 Employment	May-2015 Employment	Annual Growth	May-2010 Unemp. Rate	May-2015 Unemp. Rate	Change (bp)
Le Flore County	18,865	18,627	-0.25%	9.5%	7.0%	-250
State of Oklahoma	1,650,748	1,776,187	1.48%	6.8%	4.4%	-240
United States (thsds)	139,497	149,349	1.37%	9.3%	5.3%	-400

Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics and Current Population Survey

As of May 2015, total employment in Le Flore County was 18,627 persons. Compared with figures from May 2010, this represents annualized employment decline of -0.25% per year. The unemployment rate in May was 7.0%, a decrease of -250 basis points from May 2010, which was 9.5%. Over the last five years, both the statewide and national trends have been improving employment levels and declining unemployment rates, and Le Flore County has underperformed both the state and nation in these statistics.

Employment Level Trends

The following chart shows total employment and unemployment levels in Le Flore County from January 2000 through May 2015, as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics program.



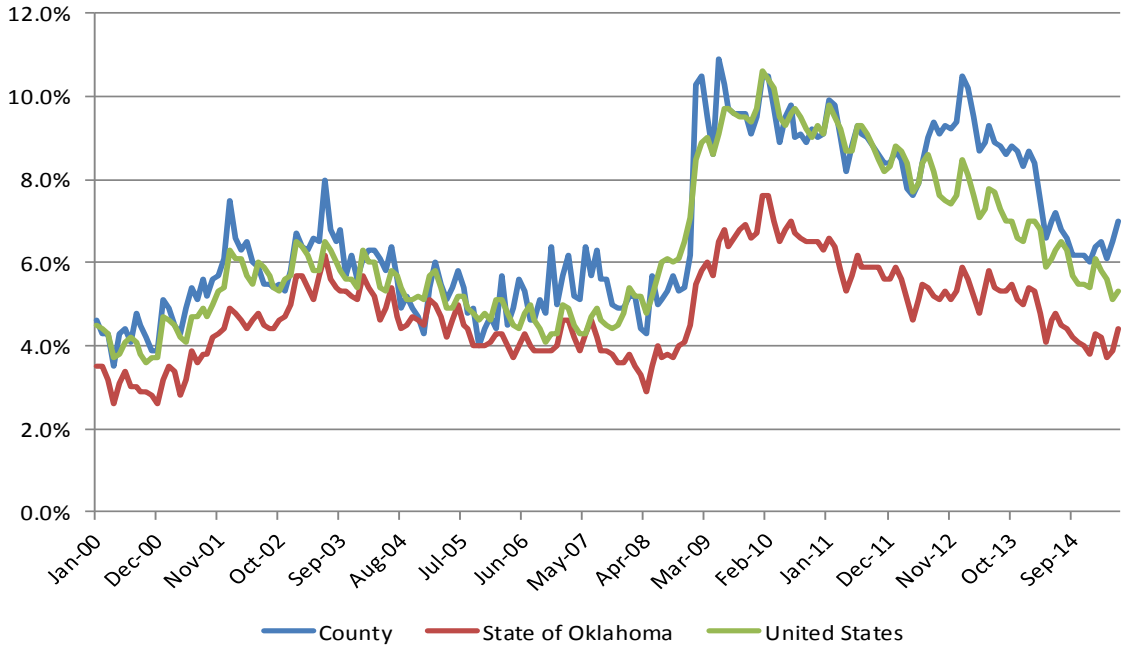
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

As shown, total employment levels have been generally flat for the last fifteen years. Total employment was level from 2000 through 2008, and shows some decline after the beginning of the national economic downturn in late 2008. There has been some slightly employment growth starting in 2013, growing to its current level of 18,627 persons employed in May 2015. The number of unemployed persons in May 2015 was 1,399, out of a total labor force of 20,026 persons.

Unemployment Rate Trends

The next chart shows historic unemployment rates for Le Flore County, as well as Oklahoma and the United States for comparison. This data covers the time period of January 2000 through May 2015, and has not been seasonally adjusted.

Unemployment Rates in Le Flore County, Oklahoma and the United States
January 2000 through May 2015



Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics and Current Population Survey

As shown, unemployment rates in Le Flore County increased moderately from 2000 through 2003, and then generally declined until the 4th quarter of 2008 as the effects of the national economic recession were felt. Unemployment rates began to decline again in 2010, to their current level of 7.0%. On the whole, unemployment rates in Le Flore County track very well with statewide figures but are typically above the state. Compared with the United States, unemployment rates in Le Flore County have generally tracked with the national unemployment rate, excepting a temporary spike in unemployment in 2012-2013; this increase may have been related to layoffs at the Bremner Food Group in Poteau which affected 130 in 2011-2012.

Employment and Wages by Industrial Supersector

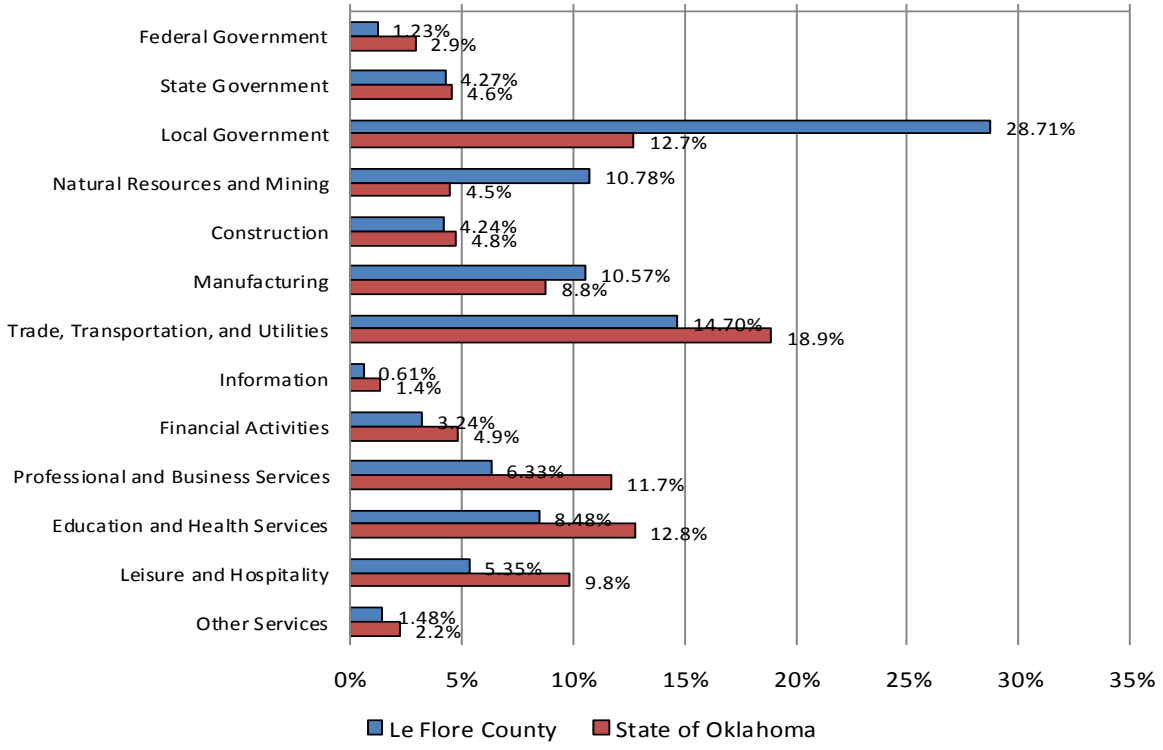
The next table presents data regarding employment in Le Flore County by industry, including total number of establishments, average number of employees in 2014, average annual pay, and location quotients for each industry compared with the United States. This data is furnished by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages program.

Employees and Wages by Supersector - 2014

Supersector	Establishments	Avg. No. of Employees	Percent of Total	Avg. Annual Pay	Location Quotient
Federal Government	26	167	1.23%	$52,269	0.62
State Government	16	579	4.27%	$36,223	1.28
Local Government	76	3,889	28.71%	$37,699	2.85
Natural Resources and Mining	69	1,460	10.78%	$64,319	7.11
Construction	73	574	4.24%	$43,460	0.95
Manufacturing	34	1,432	10.57%	$28,331	1.19
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	204	1,991	14.70%	$28,532	0.77
Information	10	82	0.61%	$53,240	0.30
Financial Activities	95	439	3.24%	$33,462	0.58
Professional and Business Services	138	858	6.33%	$29,485	0.45
Education and Health Services	93	1,149	8.48%	$23,617	0.56
Leisure and Hospitality	52	724	5.35%	$12,454	0.50
Other Services	44	201	1.48%	$25,099	0.48
Total	**928**	**13,545**		**$35,294**	**1.00**

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

Employment Sectors - 2014



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

Among private employers, the largest percentage of persons (14.70%) are employed in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities. The average annual pay in this sector is $28,532 per year. The industry

with the highest annual pay is Natural Resources and Mining, with average annual pay of $64,319 per year.

The rightmost column of the previous table provides location quotients for each industry for Le Flore County, as compared with the United States. Location quotients (LQs) are ratios used to compare the concentration of employment in a given industry to a larger reference, in this case the United States. They are calculated by dividing the percentage of employment in a given industry in a given geography (Le Flore County in this instance), by the percentage of employment in the same industry in the United States. For example, if manufacturing in a certain county comprised 10% of total employment, while in the United States manufacturing comprised 5% of total employment, the location quotient would be 2.0:

10% (county manufacturing %) / 5% (U.S. manufacturing %) = 2.0

Location quotients greater than 1.0 indicate a higher concentration of employment compared with the nation, and suggest that the industry in question is an important contributor to the local economic base. Quotients less than 1.0 indicate that the industry makes up a smaller share of the local economy than the rest of the nation.

Within Le Flore County, among all industries the largest location quotient is in Natural Resources and Mining, with a quotient of 7.11. This sector includes agricultural employment as well as employment in the oil and gas industry. The next highest location quotient is in local government (2.85); this sector includes tribal government employment (the Choctaw Nation).

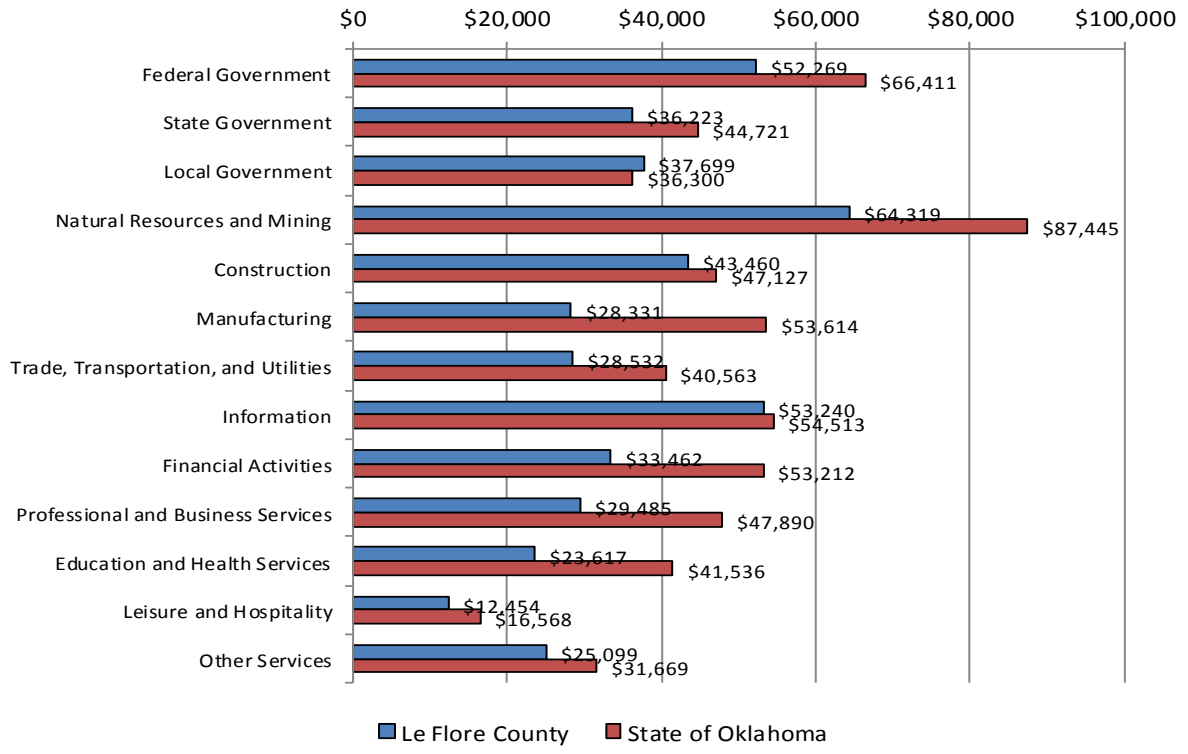
The next table presents average annual pay in Le Flore County by industry, in comparison with Oklahoma as a whole and the United States.

Comparison of 2014 Average Annual Pay by Supersector

Supersector	Le Flore County	State of Oklahoma	United States	Percent of State	Percent of Nation
Federal Government	$52,269	$66,411	$75,784	78.7%	69.0%
State Government	$36,223	$44,721	$54,184	81.0%	66.9%
Local Government	$37,699	$36,300	$46,146	103.9%	81.7%
Natural Resources and Mining	$64,319	$87,445	$59,666	73.6%	107.8%
Construction	$43,460	$47,127	$55,041	92.2%	79.0%
Manufacturing	$28,331	$53,614	$62,977	52.8%	45.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	$28,532	$40,563	$42,988	70.3%	66.4%
Information	$53,240	$54,513	$90,804	97.7%	58.6%
Financial Activities	$33,462	$53,212	$85,261	62.9%	39.2%
Professional and Business Services	$29,485	$47,890	$66,657	61.6%	44.2%
Education and Health Services	$23,617	$41,536	$45,951	56.9%	51.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	$12,454	$16,568	$20,993	75.2%	59.3%
Other Services	$25,099	$31,669	$33,935	79.3%	74.0%
Total	**$35,294**	**$43,774**	**$51,361**	**80.6%**	**68.7%**

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

Average Annual Pay - 2014



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

In comparison with the rest of Oklahoma, Le Flore County has lower average wages in every sector of employment, excepting local government.

Working Families

The following table presents data on families by employment status, and presence of children.

Families by Employment Status and Presence of Children						
	Poteau		Le Flore County		State of Oklahoma	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Total Families	**2,057**		**12,664**		**961,468**	
With Children <18 Years:	769	37.38%	5,114	40.38%	425,517	44.26%
Married Couple:	567	73.73%	3,423	66.93%	281,418	66.14%
Both Parents Employed	340	59.96%	1,892	55.27%	166,700	59.24%
One Parent Employed	215	37.92%	1,240	36.23%	104,817	37.25%
Neither Parent Employed	12	2.12%	291	8.50%	9,901	3.52%
Other Family:	202	26.27%	1,691	33.07%	144,099	33.86%
Male Householder:	32	15.84%	441	26.08%	36,996	25.67%
Employed	21	65.63%	358	81.18%	31,044	83.91%
Not Employed	11	34.38%	83	18.82%	5,952	16.09%
Female Householder:	170	84.16%	1,250	73.92%	107,103	74.33%
Employed	124	72.94%	752	60.16%	75,631	70.62%
Not Employed	46	27.06%	498	39.84%	31,472	29.38%
Without Children <18 Years:	1,288	62.62%	7,550	59.62%	535,951	55.74%
Married Couple:	988	76.71%	6,031	79.88%	431,868	80.58%
Both Spouses Employed	374	37.85%	1,829	30.33%	167,589	38.81%
One Spouse Employed	339	34.31%	1,881	31.19%	138,214	32.00%
Neither Spouse Employed	275	27.83%	2,321	38.48%	126,065	29.19%
Other Family:	300	23.29%	1,519	20.12%	104,083	19.42%
Male Householder:	61	22.18%	522	22.49%	32,243	25.58%
Employed	0	0.00%	234	44.83%	19,437	60.28%
Not Employed	61	100.00%	288	55.17%	12,806	39.72%
Female Householder:	239	79.67%	997	65.64%	71,840	69.02%
Employed	140	58.58%	431	43.23%	36,601	50.95%
Not Employed	99	41.42%	566	56.77%	35,239	49.05%
Total Working Families:	*1,553*	*75.50%*	*8,617*	*68.04%*	*740,033*	*76.97%*
With Children <18 Years:	*700*	*45.07%*	*4,242*	*49.23%*	*378,192*	*51.10%*
Without Children <18 Years:	*853*	*54.93%*	*4,375*	*50.77%*	*361,841*	*48.90%*

Source: 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Table B23007

Within Le Flore County, there are 8,617 working families, 49.23% of which have children under the age of 18 present. This compares with 51.10% in Oklahoma as a whole.

Major Employers

Major employers in the Le Flore County area are presented in the following table, as reported by the Poteau Chamber of Commerce.

Major Employers in Le Flore County	
Company	**Industry / Description**
Eastern Oklahoma Medical Center	Health Care
Choctaw Nation	Tribal Government
OK Foods	Poultry Processing
Kenco Plastics	Manufacturing
Poteau Public School District	Education
City of Poteau	Municipal Government
Le Flore County	County Government

Source: Poteau Chamber of Commerce

As can be seen, the largest employers in Poteau include local and county government, the local public school district, the Eastern Oklahoma Medical Center, Choctaw Nation, and a variety of manufacturers.

Commuting Patterns

Travel Time to Work

The next table presents data regarding travel time to work in Le Flore County.

Workers 16 Years and Over by Commuting Time to Work						
	Poteau		**Le Flore County**		**State of Oklahoma**	
	No.	**Percent**	**No.**	**Percent**	**No.**	**Percent**
Commuting Workers:	**3,369**		**17,368**		**1,613,364**	
Less than 15 minutes	2,004	59.48%	6,809	39.20%	581,194	36.02%
15 to 30 minutes	681	20.21%	5,902	33.98%	625,885	38.79%
30 to 45 minutes	451	13.39%	3,002	17.28%	260,192	16.13%
45 to 60 minutes	162	4.81%	900	5.18%	74,625	4.63%
60 or more minutes	71	2.11%	755	4.35%	71,468	4.43%

Source: 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Table B08303

Within Le Flore County, the largest percentage of workers (39.20%) travel fewer than 15 minutes to work. Although Le Flore County has an active labor market, many employees living in the area appear to commute to other labor markets in the region such as Fort Smith.

Means of Transportation

Data in the following table presents data regarding means of transportation for employed persons in Le Flore County.

Workers 16 Years and Over by Means of Transportation to Work

	Poteau		Le Flore County		State of Oklahoma	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Total Workers Age 16+	**3,434**		**17,961**		**1,673,026**	
Car, Truck or Van:	3,141	91.47%	16,645	92.67%	1,551,461	92.73%
Drove Alone	*2,780*	*88.51%*	*14,489*	*87.05%*	*1,373,407*	*88.52%*
Carpooled	*361*	*11.49%*	*2,156*	*12.95%*	*178,054*	*11.48%*
Public Transportation	29	0.84%	50	0.28%	8,092	0.48%
Taxicab	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	984	0.06%
Motorcycle	0	0.00%	23	0.13%	3,757	0.22%
Bicycle	7	0.20%	65	0.36%	4,227	0.25%
Walked	140	4.08%	355	1.98%	30,401	1.82%
Other Means	52	1.51%	230	1.28%	14,442	0.86%
Worked at Home	65	1.89%	593	3.30%	59,662	3.57%

Source: 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Table B08301

As shown, the vast majority of persons in Le Flore County commute to work by private vehicle, with a small percentage of persons working from home.

Housing Stock Analysis

Existing Housing Units

The following table presents data regarding the total number of housing units in Le Flore County. This data is provided as of the 2000 Census, the 2010 Census, with a 2015 estimate furnished by Nielsen SiteReports.

Total Housing Units

	2000 Census	2010 Census	Annual Change	2015 Estimate	Annual Change
Poteau	3,351	3,566	0.62%	3,571	0.03%
Le Flore County	20,142	21,448	0.63%	21,514	0.06%
State of Oklahoma	1,514,400	1,664,378	0.95%	1,732,484	0.81%

Sources: 2000 and 2010 Decennial Censuses, Nielsen SiteReports

Since the 2010, Nielsen estimates that the number of housing units in Le Flore County grew by 0.06% per year, to a total of 21,514 housing units in 2015. In terms of new housing unit construction, Le Flore County underperformed Oklahoma as a whole between 2010 and 2015.

Housing by Units in Structure

The next table separates housing units in Le Flore County by units in structure, based on data from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey.

2013 Housing Units by Units in Structure

	Poteau		Le Flore County		State of Oklahoma	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Total Housing Units	**3,733**		**21,460**		**1,669,828**	
1 Unit, Detached	3,026	81.06%	16,330	76.10%	1,219,987	73.06%
1 Unit, Attached	0	0.00%	225	1.05%	34,434	2.06%
Duplex Units	45	1.21%	218	1.02%	34,207	2.05%
3-4 Units	60	1.61%	232	1.08%	42,069	2.52%
5-9 Units	49	1.31%	156	0.73%	59,977	3.59%
10-19 Units	269	7.21%	320	1.49%	57,594	3.45%
20-49 Units	40	1.07%	140	0.65%	29,602	1.77%
50 or More Units	0	0.00%	4	0.02%	30,240	1.81%
Mobile Homes	244	6.54%	3,815	17.78%	159,559	9.56%
Boat, RV, Van, etc.	0	0.00%	20	0.09%	2,159	0.13%
Total Multifamily Units	**463**	**12.40%**	**1,070**	**4.99%**	**253,689**	**15.19%**

Source: 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Table B25024

Within Le Flore County, 76.10% of housing units are single-family, detached. 4.99% of housing units are multifamily in structure (two or more units per building), while 17.87% of housing units comprise mobile homes, RVs, etc.

Within Poteau, 81.06% of housing units are single-family, detached. 12.40% of housing units are multifamily in structure, while 6.54% of housing units comprise mobile homes, RVs, etc.

Housing Units Number of Bedrooms and Tenure

Data in the following table presents housing units in Le Flore County by tenure (owner/renter), and by number of bedrooms.

2013 Housing Units by Tenure and Number of Bedrooms

	Poteau		Le Flore County		State of Oklahoma	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Total Occupied Housing Units	**3,230**		**18,412**		**1,444,081**	
Owner Occupied:	**2,124**	**65.76%**	**13,650**	**74.14%**	**968,736**	**67.08%**
No Bedroom	0	0.00%	85	0.62%	2,580	0.27%
1 Bedroom	33	1.55%	387	2.84%	16,837	1.74%
2 Bedrooms	360	16.95%	2,803	20.53%	166,446	17.18%
3 Bedrooms	1,435	67.56%	8,503	62.29%	579,135	59.78%
4 Bedrooms	251	11.82%	1,656	12.13%	177,151	18.29%
5 or More Bedrooms	45	2.12%	216	1.58%	26,587	2.74%
Renter Occupied:	**1,106**	**34.24%**	**4,762**	**25.86%**	**475,345**	**32.92%**
No Bedroom	31	2.80%	88	1.85%	13,948	2.93%
1 Bedroom	211	19.08%	564	11.84%	101,850	21.43%
2 Bedrooms	477	43.13%	2,009	42.19%	179,121	37.68%
3 Bedrooms	346	31.28%	1,894	39.77%	152,358	32.05%
4 Bedrooms	41	3.71%	197	4.14%	24,968	5.25%
5 or More Bedrooms	0	0.00%	10	0.21%	3,100	0.65%

Source: 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Table B25042

The overall homeownership rate in Le Flore County is 74.14%, while 25.86% of housing units are renter occupied. In Poteau, the homeownership rate is 65.76%, while 34.24% of households are renters.

Housing Units Tenure and Household Income

The next series of tables analyze housing units by tenure, and by household income.

Le Flore County Owner/Renter Percentages by Income Band in 2013					
Household Income	Total Households	Total Owners	Total Renters	% Owners	% Renters
Total	**18,412**	**13,650**	**4,762**	**74.14%**	**25.86%**
Less than $5,000	881	478	403	54.26%	45.74%
$5,000 - $9,999	1,159	585	574	50.47%	49.53%
$10,000-$14,999	1,631	976	655	59.84%	40.16%
$15,000-$19,999	1,516	1,013	503	66.82%	33.18%
$20,000-$24,999	1,219	871	348	71.45%	28.55%
$25,000-$34,999	2,465	1,810	655	73.43%	26.57%
$35,000-$49,999	2,959	2,262	697	76.44%	23.56%
$50,000-$74,999	3,466	2,835	631	81.79%	18.21%
$75,000-$99,999	1,429	1,309	120	91.60%	8.40%
$100,000-$149,999	1,252	1,114	138	88.98%	11.02%
$150,000 or more	435	397	38	91.26%	8.74%
Income Less Than $25,000	**6,406**	**3,923**	**2,483**	**61.24%**	**38.76%**

Source: 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Table B25118

Within Le Flore County as a whole, 38.76% of households with incomes less than $25,000 are estimated to be renters, while 61.24% are estimated to be homeowners.

Poteau Owner/Renter Percentages by Income Band in 2013					
Household Income	Total Households	Total Owners	Total Renters	% Owners	% Renters
Total	**3,230**	**2,124**	**1,106**	**65.76%**	**34.24%**
Less than $5,000	98	14	84	14.29%	85.71%
$5,000 - $9,999	209	105	104	50.24%	49.76%
$10,000-$14,999	270	153	117	56.67%	43.33%
$15,000-$19,999	201	107	94	53.23%	46.77%
$20,000-$24,999	185	88	97	47.57%	52.43%
$25,000-$34,999	444	184	260	41.44%	58.56%
$35,000-$49,999	737	541	196	73.41%	26.59%
$50,000-$74,999	607	500	107	82.37%	17.63%
$75,000-$99,999	221	201	20	90.95%	9.05%
$100,000-$149,999	149	122	27	81.88%	18.12%
$150,000 or more	109	109	0	100.00%	0.00%
Income Less Than $25,000	**963**	**467**	**496**	**48.49%**	**51.51%**

Source: 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Table B25118

Within Poteau, 51.51% of households with incomes less than $25,000 are estimated to be renters, while 48.49% are estimated to be homeowners.

Housing Units by Year of Construction and Tenure

The following table provides a breakdown of housing units by year of construction, and by owner/renter (tenure), as well as median year of construction.

2013 Housing Units by Tenure and Year of Construction						
	Poteau		Le Flore County		State of Oklahoma	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Total Occupied Housing Units	**3,230**		**18,412**		**1,444,081**	
Owner Occupied:	**2,124**	**65.76%**	**13,650**	**74.14%**	**968,736**	**67.08%**
Built 2010 or Later	35	1.65%	109	0.80%	10,443	1.08%
Built 2000 to 2009	251	11.82%	2,149	15.74%	153,492	15.84%
Built 1990 to 1999	293	13.79%	2,474	18.12%	125,431	12.95%
Built 1980 to 1989	257	12.10%	2,152	15.77%	148,643	15.34%
Built 1970 to 1979	488	22.98%	2,833	20.75%	184,378	19.03%
Built 1960 to 1969	318	14.97%	1,313	9.62%	114,425	11.81%
Built 1950 to 1959	132	6.21%	1,003	7.35%	106,544	11.00%
Built 1940 to 1949	188	8.85%	665	4.87%	50,143	5.18%
Built 1939 or Earlier	162	7.63%	952	6.97%	75,237	7.77%
Median Year Built:		1975		1980		1977
Renter Occupied:	**1,106**	**34.24%**	**4,762**	**25.86%**	**475,345**	**32.92%**
Built 2010 or Later	0	0.00%	30	0.63%	5,019	1.06%
Built 2000 to 2009	79	7.14%	448	9.41%	50,883	10.70%
Built 1990 to 1999	273	24.68%	872	18.31%	47,860	10.07%
Built 1980 to 1989	162	14.65%	778	16.34%	77,521	16.31%
Built 1970 to 1979	152	13.74%	1,065	22.36%	104,609	22.01%
Built 1960 to 1969	207	18.72%	611	12.83%	64,546	13.58%
Built 1950 to 1959	79	7.14%	371	7.79%	54,601	11.49%
Built 1940 to 1949	56	5.06%	261	5.48%	31,217	6.57%
Built 1939 or Earlier	98	8.86%	326	6.85%	39,089	8.22%
Median Year Built:		1977		1978		1975
Overall Median Year Built:		**1975**		**1980**		**1976**

Sources: 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Tables B25035, B25036 & B25037

Within Le Flore County, 14.86% of housing units were built after the year 2000. This compares with 15.22% statewide. Within Poteau the percentage is 11.30%.

66.97% of housing units in Le Flore County were built prior to 1990, while in Poteau the percentage is 71.18%. These figures compare with the statewide figure of 72.78%.

Substandard Housing

The next table presents data regarding substandard housing in Le Flore County. The two most commonly cited figures for substandard housing are a lack of complete plumbing, and/or a lack of a complete kitchen. We have also included statistics regarding homes heated by wood, although this is a less frequently cited indicator of substandard housing since some homes (particularly homes for seasonal occupancy) are heated by wood but otherwise not considered substandard.

The Census Bureau definition of inadequate plumbing is any housing unit lacking any one (or more) of the following three items:

1. Hot and cold running water

2. A flush toilet
3. A bathtub or shower

Inadequate kitchens are defined by the Census Bureau as housing units lacking any of the three following items:

1. A sink with a faucet
2. A stove or range
3. A refrigerator

2013 Substandard Housing Units

	Occupied	Inadequate Plumbing		Inadequate Kitchen		Uses Wood for Fuel	
	Units	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Poteau	3,230	0	0.00%	34	1.05%	25	0.77%
Le Flore County	18,412	106	0.58%	130	0.71%	1,030	5.59%
State of Oklahoma	1,444,081	7,035	0.49%	13,026	0.90%	28,675	1.99%

Sources: 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Tables B25040, B25048 & B25052

Within Le Flore County, 0.58% of occupied housing units have inadequate plumbing (compared with 0.49% at a statewide level), while 0.71% have inadequate kitchen facilities (compared with 0.90% at a statewide level). It is likely that there is at least some overlap between these two figures, among units lacking both complete plumbing and kitchen facilities. Le Flore County has a relatively high percentage of homes heated by wood, but this is likely attributable to housing units intended for seasonal occupancy.

Vacancy Rates

The next table details housing units in Le Flore County by vacancy and type. This data is provided by the American Community Survey.

2013 Housing Units by Vacancy						
	Poteau		Le Flore County		State of Oklahoma	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Total Housing Units	3,733		21,460		1,669,828	
Total Vacant Units	503	13.47%	3,048	14.20%	225,747	13.52%
For rent	134	26.64%	491	16.11%	43,477	19.26%
Rented, not occupied	37	7.36%	79	2.59%	9,127	4.04%
For sale only	31	6.16%	249	8.17%	23,149	10.25%
Sold, not occupied	0	0.00%	44	1.44%	8,618	3.82%
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	0	0.00%	509	16.70%	39,475	17.49%
For migrant workers	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	746	0.33%
Other vacant	301	59.84%	1,676	54.99%	101,155	44.81%
Homeowner Vacancy Rate	1.44%		1.79%		2.31%	
Rental Vacancy Rate	10.49%		9.21%		8.24%	

Source: 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Tables B25001, B25003 & B25004

Within Le Flore County, the overall housing vacancy rate is estimated to be 14.20%. The homeowner vacancy rate is estimated to be 1.79%, while the rental vacancy rate is estimated to be 9.21%.

In Poteau, the overall housing vacancy rate is estimated to be 13.47%. The homeowner vacancy rate is estimated to be 1.44%, while the rental vacancy rate is estimated to be 10.49%. Compared with the rest of the state, Poteau and Le Flore County have relatively lower vacancy among housing units intended for ownership, but somewhat higher vacancy among rental units.

Building Permits

The next series of tables present data regarding new residential building permits issued in Poteau. This data is furnished by the U.S. Census Bureau Residential Construction Branch, Manufacturing and Construction Division. Please note that average costs reported only represent physical construction costs for the housing units, and do not include land prices, most soft costs (such as finance fees), or builder's profit. This data was only available for Poteau for years 2005-2010, more recent data was not available from the Census Bureau.

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New Residential Building Permits Issued, 2005-2010

Year	Single Family Units	Avg. Construction Cost	Multifamily Units	Avg. Multifamily Construction Cost
2005	34	$115,456	23	$58,768
2006	24	$111,792	0	N/A
2007	17	$107,059	0	N/A
2008	33	$65,348	0	N/A
2009	57	$78,684	0	N/A
2010	18	$111,278	0	N/A

Source: United States Census Bureau Building Permits Survey

In Poteau, building permits for 206 housing units were issued between 2005 and 2010, for an average of 34 units per year. 88.83% of these housing units were single family homes, and 11.17% consisted of multifamily units. Considering over 34% of housing units in Poteau are occupied by renters, it is likely that new multifamily development is not keeping up with need for rental units in Poteau.

New Construction Activity

For Ownership:

New housing construction for ownership has occurred throughout the Le Flore County area. Much new construction has occurred on unplatted rural acreages outside of the jurisdiction of any town or city, but in the general vicinity of the communities of Poteau, Heavener, Wister, Panama, Pocola and Spiro, among others. Some new construction has also occurred inside Poteau city limits, typically either on the north side of the city, or on the far southwestern side. Subdivisions in Poteau that have seen new construction in recent years include Country Meadows, Foothills and Shadow Mountain.

New home construction has been primarily custom built construction, and in some cases appears to have represented housing for seasonal or recreational use. New construction has comprised a mix of smaller, relatively affordable homes, and much larger and more expensive custom-built homes. For homes constructed in Le Flore County after 2005 (and sold since January 2014), the average sale price is estimated to be $154,263 or $99.92 per square foot. This amount is less than many other counties in southeastern Oklahoma, but nonetheless well above what could be reasonably afforded by a household earning at or less than median household income, which is estimated to be $35,804 in 2015.

For Rent:

Apart from very small-scale rental properties (fewer than eight units) there has been very little new construction of properties for rent in Le Flore County over the last ten years. Some new rental housing in Poteau has been constructed by the Choctaw Nation Housing Authority though detailed information regarding these homes was not available. A new affordable rental housing development for seniors age 62 and up has been proposed in Poteau, on the north side of town near Garden Walk Apartments. This development would be financed in part with Affordable Housing Tax Credits, and would comprise

36 one and two-bedroom apartments for seniors with incomes less than 60% of Area Median Income. If constructed this development would go far in meeting the affordable housing needs of seniors in the Poteau area.

Homeownership Market

This section will address the market for housing units for purchase in Le Flore County, using data collected from both local and national sources.

Housing Units by Home Value

The following table presents housing units in Le Flore County by value, as well as median home value, as reported by the Census Bureau's American Community Survey.

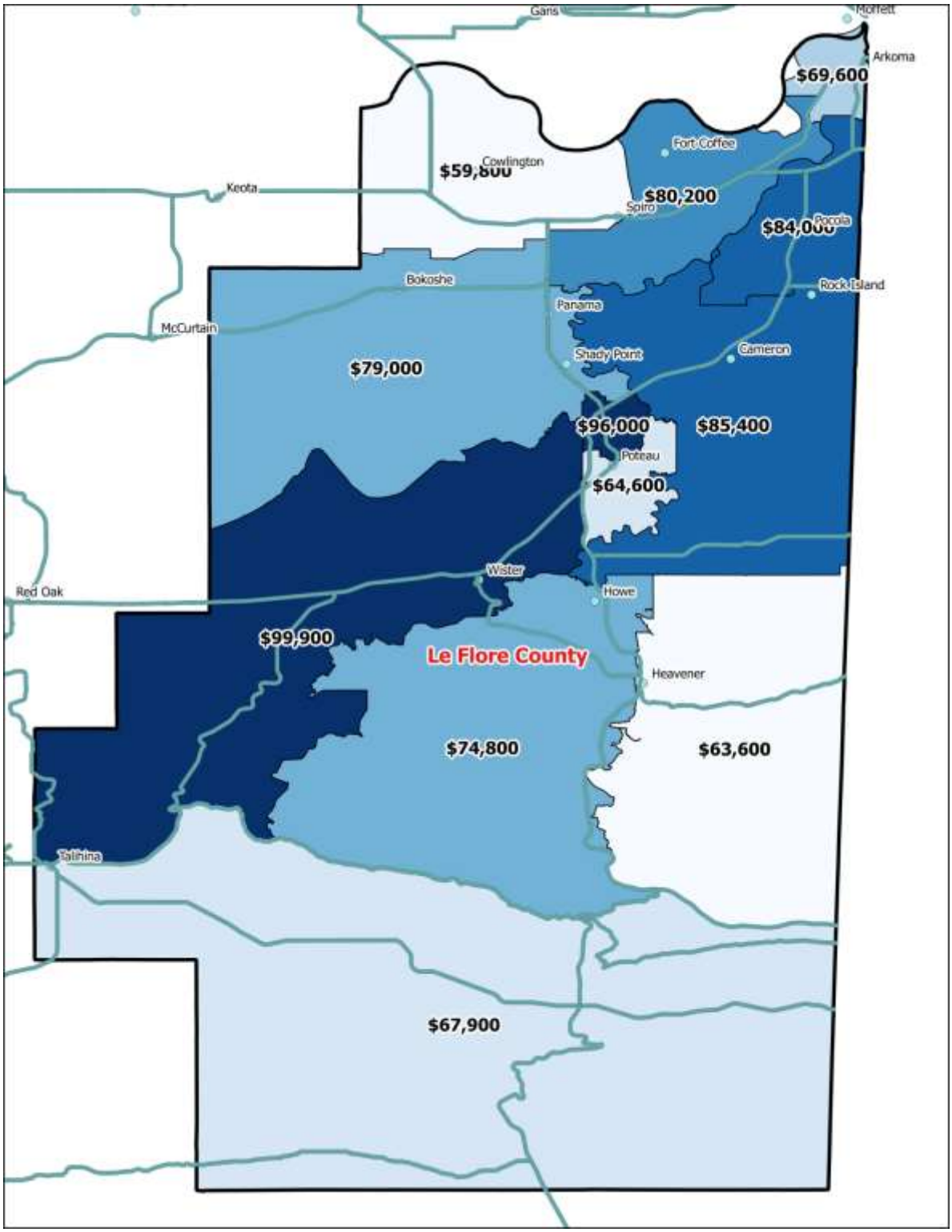
2013 Housing Units by Home Value

	Poteau		Le Flore County		State of Oklahoma	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Total Owner-Occupied Units:	**2,124**		**13,650**		**968,736**	
Less than $10,000	0	0.00%	347	2.54%	20,980	2.17%
$10,000 to $14,999	32	1.51%	305	2.23%	15,427	1.59%
$15,000 to $19,999	15	0.71%	286	2.10%	13,813	1.43%
$20,000 to $24,999	39	1.84%	407	2.98%	16,705	1.72%
$25,000 to $29,999	21	0.99%	420	3.08%	16,060	1.66%
$30,000 to $34,999	36	1.69%	437	3.20%	19,146	1.98%
$35,000 to $39,999	63	2.97%	357	2.62%	14,899	1.54%
$40,000 to $49,999	192	9.04%	1,099	8.05%	39,618	4.09%
$50,000 to $59,999	192	9.04%	1,213	8.89%	45,292	4.68%
$60,000 to $69,999	186	8.76%	1,015	7.44%	52,304	5.40%
$70,000 to $79,999	41	1.93%	925	6.78%	55,612	5.74%
$80,000 to $89,999	203	9.56%	1,041	7.63%	61,981	6.40%
$90,000 to $99,999	245	11.53%	709	5.19%	51,518	5.32%
$100,000 to $124,999	241	11.35%	1,414	10.36%	119,416	12.33%
$125,000 to $149,999	208	9.79%	856	6.27%	96,769	9.99%
$150,000 to $174,999	109	5.13%	856	6.27%	91,779	9.47%
$175,000 to $199,999	60	2.82%	516	3.78%	53,304	5.50%
$200,000 to $249,999	67	3.15%	605	4.43%	69,754	7.20%
$250,000 to $299,999	70	3.30%	350	2.56%	41,779	4.31%
$300,000 to $399,999	64	3.01%	204	1.49%	37,680	3.89%
$400,000 to $499,999	15	0.71%	86	0.63%	13,334	1.38%
$500,000 to $749,999	0	0.00%	108	0.79%	12,784	1.32%
$750,000 to $999,999	0	0.00%	39	0.29%	3,764	0.39%
$1,000,000 or more	25	1.18%	55	0.40%	5,018	0.52%
Median Home Value:	**$91,700**		**$80,100**		**$112,800**	

Sources: 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Tables B25075 and B25077

The median value of owner-occupied homes in Le Flore County is $80,100. This is -29.0% lower than the statewide median, which is $112,800. The median home value in Poteau is estimated to be $91,700. The geographic distribution of home values in Le Flore County can be visualized by the following map. As can be seen, the highest home values are located in the areas just north of Poteau, and in central and western Le Flore County.

Le Flore County Median Home Values by Census Tract



Home Values by Year of Construction

The next table presents median home values in Le Flore County by year of construction. Note that missing data fields indicate the Census Bureau had inadequate data to estimate a median value that age bracket.

2013 Median Home Value by Year of Construction

	Poteau Median Value	Le Flore County Median Value	State of Oklahoma Median Value
Total Owner-Occupied Units:			
Built 2010 or Later	$323,900	$168,100	$188,900
Built 2000 to 2009	$171,300	$124,700	$178,000
Built 1990 to 1999	$123,400	$99,900	$147,300
Built 1980 to 1989	$95,600	$84,400	$118,300
Built 1970 to 1979	$91,800	$75,400	$111,900
Built 1960 to 1969	$71,500	$64,000	$97,100
Built 1950 to 1959	$104,800	$61,200	$80,300
Built 1940 to 1949	$56,800	$51,200	$67,900
Built 1939 or Earlier	$46,900	$52,500	$74,400

Note: Dashes indicate the Census Bureau had insufficient data to estimate a median value.
Source: 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Table 25107

Poteau Single Family Sales Activity

The next series of tables provides data regarding single family home sales activity in Poteau. This data was furnished by County Records, Inc. from publicly available data. The data is separated by two, three and four bedroom homes, and then total data for all bedroom types.

Poteau Single Family Sales Activity
Two Bedroom Units

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	YTD 2015
# of Units Sold	23	26	45	35	20
Average Sale Price	$44,864	$46,377	$88,756	$54,906	$38,625
Average Square Feet	1,033	1,094	1,026	952	1,097
Average Price/SF	$43.43	$42.39	$86.51	$57.67	$35.21
Average Year Built	1953	1956	1948	1945	1946

Source: Le Flore County Assessor, via County Records, Inc.

Poteau Single Family Sales Activity
Three Bedroom Units

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	YTD 2015
# of Units Sold	94	111	108	109	77
Average Sale Price	$100,454	$93,491	$106,479	$93,878	$86,971
Average Square Feet	1,678	1,686	1,603	1,553	1,545
Average Price/SF	$59.87	$55.45	$66.42	$60.45	$56.29
Average Year Built	1979	1977	1980	1976	1978

Source: Le Flore County Assessor, via County Records, Inc.

Poteau Single Family Sales Activity
Four Bedroom Units

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	YTD 2015
# of Units Sold	11	14	12	6	4
Average Sale Price	$149,850	$150,654	$119,712	$156,900	$73,220
Average Square Feet	2,293	2,051	2,207	2,602	1,882
Average Price/SF	$65.35	$73.45	$54.24	$60.30	$38.91
Average Year Built	1994	1994	1983	1986	1939

Source: Le Flore County Assessor, via County Records, Inc.

Poteau Single Family Sales Activity
All Bedroom Types

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	YTD 2015
# of Units Sold	133	154	172	155	104
Average Sale Price	$96,001	$91,468	$102,540	$86,306	$78,179
Average Square Feet	1,599	1,597	1,471	1,424	1,471
Average Price/SF	$60.04	$57.27	$69.71	$60.61	$53.15
Average Year Built	1976	1975	1972	1969	1970

Source: Le Flore County Assessor, via County Records, Inc.

Between 2011 and 2014, the average sale price has fluctuated between approximately $85,000 and $100,000. The average sale price in 2015 was $78,179 for an average price per square foot of $53.15. The average year of construction has generally been early to mid-1970s.

Foreclosure Rates

The next table presents foreclosure rate data for Le Flore County, compiled by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. This data is effective as of May 2014.

Foreclosure Rates	
Geography	**% of Outstanding Mortgages in Foreclosure, May 2014**
Le Flore County	3.4%
State of Oklahoma	2.1%
United States	2.1%
Rank among Counties in Oklahoma*:	7

* Rank among the 64 counties for which foreclosure rates are available

Source: Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Community Credit Profiles

According to the data provided, the foreclosure rate in Le Flore County was 3.4% in May 2014. The county ranked 7 out of 64 counties in terms of highest foreclosure rates in Oklahoma. This rate compares with the statewide and nationwide foreclosure rates, both of which were 2.1%. With one of the highest foreclosure rates in the state, foreclosures have likely had a negative impact on home values in the area.

Rental Market

This section will discuss supply and demand factors for the rental market in Le Flore County, based on publicly available sources as well as our own surveys of landlords and rental properties in the area.

Gross Rent Levels

The following table presents data regarding gross rental rates in Le Flore County. Gross rent is the sum of contract rent, plus all utilities such as electricity, gas, water, sewer and trash, as applicable (telephone, cable, and/or internet expenses are not included in these figures).

2013 Rental Units by Gross Rent

	Poteau		Le Flore County		State of Oklahoma	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Total Rental Units:	**1,106**		**4,762**		**475,345**	
With cash rent:	994		4,111		432,109	
Less than $100	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	2,025	0.43%
$100 to $149	0	0.00%	9	0.19%	2,109	0.44%
$150 to $199	0	0.00%	31	0.65%	4,268	0.90%
$200 to $249	15	1.36%	239	5.02%	8,784	1.85%
$250 to $299	16	1.45%	179	3.76%	8,413	1.77%
$300 to $349	17	1.54%	117	2.46%	9,107	1.92%
$350 to $399	101	9.13%	249	5.23%	10,932	2.30%
$400 to $449	115	10.40%	303	6.36%	15,636	3.29%
$450 to $499	130	11.75%	439	9.22%	24,055	5.06%
$500 to $549	112	10.13%	460	9.66%	31,527	6.63%
$550 to $599	88	7.96%	388	8.15%	33,032	6.95%
$600 to $649	59	5.33%	350	7.35%	34,832	7.33%
$650 to $699	24	2.17%	308	6.47%	32,267	6.79%
$700 to $749	22	1.99%	231	4.85%	30,340	6.38%
$750 to $799	79	7.14%	256	5.38%	27,956	5.88%
$800 to $899	103	9.31%	306	6.43%	45,824	9.64%
$900 to $999	86	7.78%	176	3.70%	34,153	7.18%
$1,000 to $1,249	27	2.44%	70	1.47%	46,884	9.86%
$1,250 to $1,499	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	14,699	3.09%
$1,500 to $1,999	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	10,145	2.13%
$2,000 or more	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	5,121	1.08%
No cash rent	112	10.13%	651	13.67%	43,236	9.10%
Median Gross Rent	**$546**		**$554**		**$699**	

Sources: 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Tables B25063 and B25064

Median gross rent in Le Flore County is estimated to be $554, which is -20.7% less than Oklahoma's median gross rent of $699/month. Median gross rent in Poteau is estimated to be $546.

Median Gross Rent by Year of Construction

The next table presents data from the American Community Survey regarding median gross rent by year of housing unit construction. Note that dashes in the table indicate the Census Bureau had insufficient data to provide a median rent figure for that specific data field.

2013 Median Gross Rent by Year of Construction			
	Poteau Median Rent	Le Flore County Median Rent	State of Oklahoma Median Rent
Total Rental Units:			
Built 2010 or Later	-	$521	$933
Built 2000 to 2009	$393	$608	$841
Built 1990 to 1999	$487	$523	$715
Built 1980 to 1989	$793	$599	$693
Built 1970 to 1979	$501	$526	$662
Built 1960 to 1969	$619	$568	$689
Built 1950 to 1959	$562	$563	$714
Built 1940 to 1949	$633	$573	$673
Built 1939 or Earlier	$579	$562	$651

Note: Dashes indicate the Census Bureau had insufficient data to estimate a median gross rent.
Source: 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Table 25111

The highest median gross rent in Le Flore County is among housing units constructed between 2000 and 2009, which is $608 per month. In order to be affordable, a household would need to earn at least $24,320 per year to afford such a unit.

Poteau Rental Survey Data

The table shows the results of our rental survey of Poteau. The data is divided between market rate properties, and affordable properties of all types (project-based Section 8, Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, USDA Rural Development, etc.). Rental rates shown for USDA properties are reported market rental rates; most tenants at these properties pay rent based on 30% of their income.

Poteau Rental Properties								
Name	Type	Year Built	Bedrooms	Bathrooms	Size (SF)	Rate	Rate/SF	Vacancy
Gardenwalk of Poteau	USDA - Family	1986	1	1	650	$435	$0.669	N/A
Gardenwalk of Poteau	USDA - Family	1986	2	1	760	$480	$0.632	N/A
Gardenwalk of Poteau	USDA - Family	1986	3	2	860	$570	$0.663	N/A
Gardenwalk on Michelle Lane	LIHTC/USDA - Family	1979	1	1	600	$390	$0.650	0.00%
Gardenwalk on Michelle Lane	LIHTC/USDA - Family	1979	2	1	750	$435	$0.580	0.00%
Gardenwalk on Lacey Lane	LIHTC/USDA - Family	1988	1	1	600	$390	$0.650	0.00%
Gardenwalk on Lacey Lane	LIHTC/USDA - Family	1988	2	1	750	$435	$0.580	0.00%
Gardenwalk on Lacey Lane	LIHTC/USDA - Family	1988	3	2	850	$490	$0.576	0.00%
Savannah Park	USDA - Elderly	1990	1	1	600	$400	$0.667	0.00%
Savannah Park	USDA - Elderly	1990	2	1	750	$480	$0.640	0.00%
Serenity Heights	Market Rate	1995	2	1	810	$450	$0.556	16.70%
Whitney Apartments	Market Rate	1983	2	1	1,000	$525	$0.525	25.00%

The previous rent surveys encompass over two hundred rental units in six complexes. These properties are located throughout the community and provide a good indication of the availability and rental structure of multifamily property. Review of historical rental data indicates the comparable rental rates have been generally stable over the last several years. We also note that there are recently constructed duplexes in Poteau (Wolf Valley Duplexes): these two-bedroom, two-bath duplexes rent for $850/month (not including any utilities except for lawn maintenance), and include 2-car garages.

Rental Market Vacancy – Poteau

The affordable rental properties which reported their current occupancy all reported full occupancy with waiting lists. Market rate properties, however, all report some vacancy: it appears that although there is high demand for affordable rental housing, market rate rental housing is adequately supplied, or potentially oversupplied. The overall market vacancy of rental housing units was reported at 10.49% by the Census Bureau as of the most recent American Community Survey.

Whitney Apartments

Serenity Heights

Savannah Park

Gardenwalk on Lacey Lane

Gardenwalk on Michelle Lane

Gardenwalk of Poteau

Summary of HUD Subsidized Properties

The following tables present data for housing units and households subsidized by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, for Le Flore County, the State of Oklahoma, and the United States. This data is taken from HUD's "Picture of Subsidized Households" data for 2013, the most recent year available.

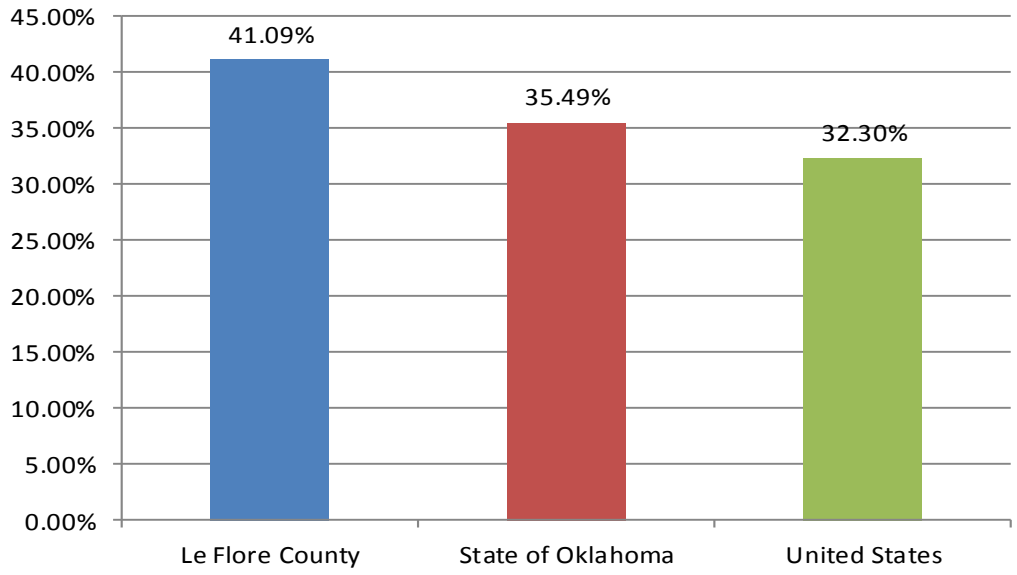
HUD Programs in Le Flore County

Le Flore County	# Units	Occupancy Rate	Avg. Household Income	Tenant Contribution	Federal Contribution	% of Total Rent
Public Housing	96	96%	$14,549	$223	$278	44.54%
Housing Choice Vouchers	76	95%	$10,104	$281	$349	44.58%
Mod Rehab	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Section 8 NC/SR	44	98%	$7,794	$174	$576	23.23%
Section 236	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Multi-Family Other	33	100%	$10,883	$253	$189	57.26%
Summary of All HUD Programs	249	97%	$11,893	$233	$334	41.09%
State of Oklahoma						
Public Housing	13,088	96%	$11,328	$215	$371	36.71%
Housing Choice Vouchers	24,651	93%	$10,766	$283	$470	37.57%
Mod Rehab	158	89%	$7,272	$129	$509	20.17%
Section 8 NC/SR	4,756	93%	$10,730	$242	$465	34.24%
Section 236	428	89%	$8,360	$192	$344	35.82%
Multi-Family Other	7,518	91%	$7,691	$176	$448	28.18%
Summary of All HUD Programs	50,599	94%	$10,360	$242	$440	35.49%
United States						
Public Housing	1,150,867	94%	$13,724	$275	$512	34.91%
Housing Choice Vouchers	2,386,237	92%	$13,138	$346	$701	33.04%
Mod Rehab	19,148	87%	$8,876	$153	$664	18.78%
Section 8 NC/SR	840,900	96%	$12,172	$274	$677	28.80%
Section 236	126,859	93%	$14,347	$211	$578	26.74%
Multi-Family Other	656,456	95%	$11,135	$255	$572	30.80%
Summary of All HUD Programs	5,180,467	94%	$12,892	$304	$637	32.30%

Source: U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, Picture of Subsidized Households - 2013

Among all HUD programs, there are 249 housing units located within Le Flore County, with an overall occupancy rate of 97%. The average household income among households living in these units is $11,893. Total monthly rent for these units averages $566, with the federal contribution averaging $334 (58.91%) and the tenant's contribution averaging $233 (41.09%).

Percentage of Total Rent Paid by Tenant - HUD Subsidized Properties



Source: 2013 HUD Picture of Subsidized Households

The following table presents select demographic variables among the households living in units subsidized by HUD.

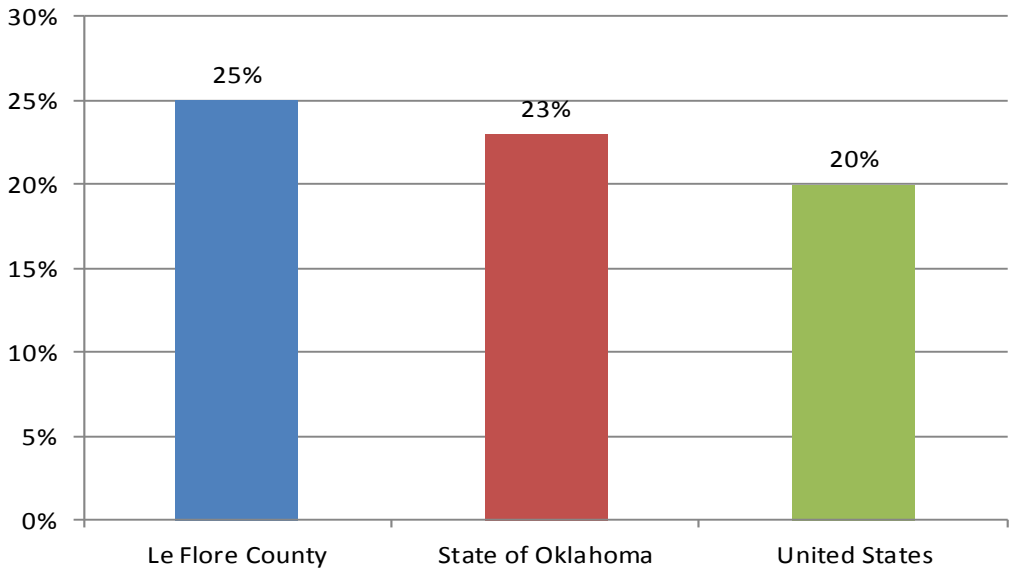
Demographics of Persons in HUD Programs in Le Flore County

Le Flore County	# Units	% Single Mothers	% w/ Disability	% Age 62+	% Age 62+ w/ Disability	% Minority
Public Housing	96	19%	25%	37%	56%	12%
Housing Choice Vouchers	76	30%	40%	22%	94%	12%
Mod Rehab	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Section 8 NC/SR	44	43%	15%	15%	86%	17%
Section 236	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Multi-Family Other	33	0%	3%	100%	3%	4%
Summary of All HUD Programs	249	24%	25%	37%	47%	12%
State of Oklahoma						
Public Housing	13,088	33%	22%	28%	63%	44%
Housing Choice Vouchers	24,651	46%	25%	17%	77%	60%
Mod Rehab	158	46%	17%	13%	67%	42%
Section 8 NC/SR	4,756	14%	32%	52%	28%	25%
Section 236	428	32%	22%	24%	32%	33%
Multi-Family Other	7,518	42%	12%	22%	25%	47%
Summary of All HUD Programs	50,599	38%	23%	25%	53%	50%
United States						
Public Housing	1,150,867	36%	20%	31%	48%	71%
Housing Choice Vouchers	2,386,237	44%	22%	22%	68%	67%
Mod Rehab	19,148	28%	27%	24%	69%	71%
Section 8 NC/SR	840,900	18%	21%	56%	19%	45%
Section 236	126,859	25%	13%	47%	16%	59%
Multi-Family Other	656,456	31%	13%	44%	16%	63%
Summary of All HUD Programs	5,180,467	36%	20%	33%	40%	64%

Source: U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, Picture of Subsidized Households - 2013

24% of housing units are occupied by single parents with female heads of household. 25% of households have at least one person with a disability. 37% of households have either a householder or spouse age 62 or above. Of the households age 62 or above, 47% have one or more disabilities. Finally, 12% of households are designated as racial or ethnic minorities.

Percentage of Households with Disabilities - HUD Subsidized Properties



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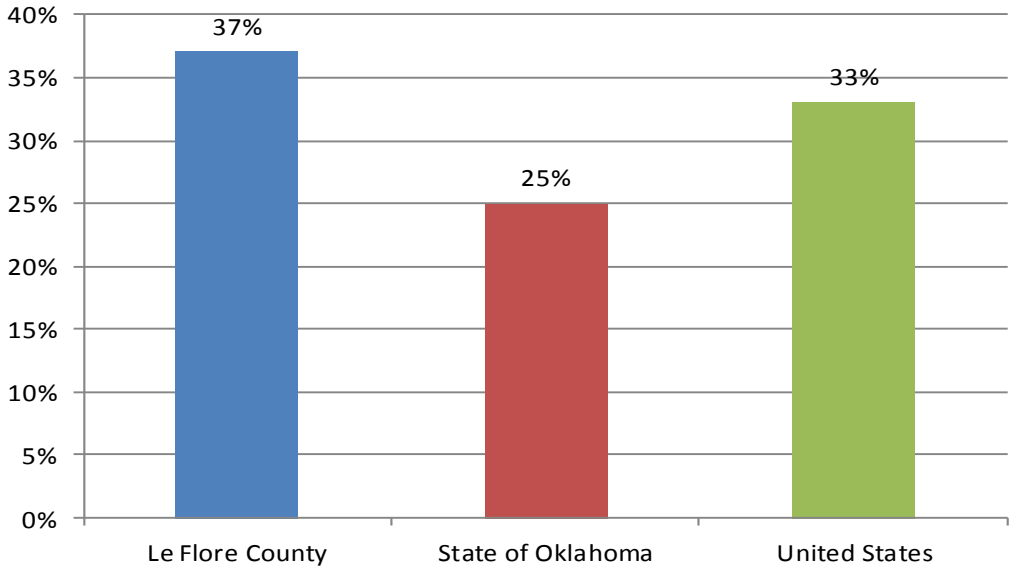
Percentage of Households Age 62+ - HUD Subsidized Properties



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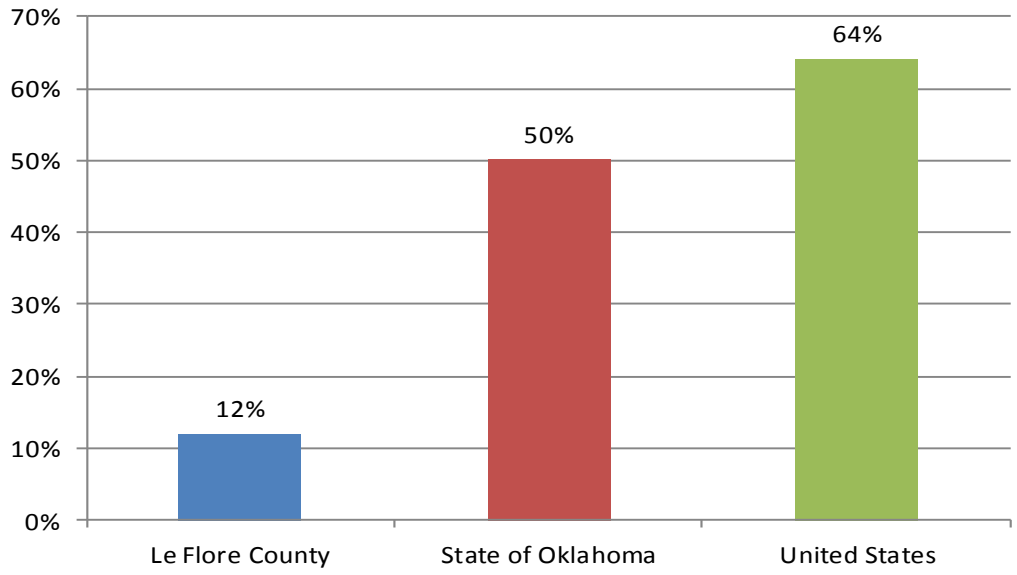
Percentage of Minority Households - HUD Subsidized Properties



Source: 2013 HUD Picture of Subsidized Households

Projected Housing Need

Consolidated Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS)

This section will analyze data from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Consolidated Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) dataset for Le Flore County. This data is typically separated into household income thresholds, defined by HUD Area Median Family Income (HAMFI). HUD Area Median Family Income (HAMFI) is equivalent to Area Median Income (AMI) for the purposes of this report. This data is considered the best indicator of housing need available which separates need into household income thresholds as defined by HUD.

Cost Burden by Income Threshold

The next table presents CHAS data for Le Flore County regarding housing cost burden as a percentage of household income. Renter costs are considered to be the sum of contract rent and any utilities not paid by the landlord (such as electricity, natural gas, and water, but not including telephone service, cable service, internet service, etc.). Homeowner costs include mortgage debt service (or similar debts such as deeds of trust or contracts for deed), utilities, property taxes and property insurance.

Households are considered to be cost overburdened if their housing costs (renter or owner) are greater than 30% of their gross household income. A household is "severely" overburdened if their housing costs are greater than 50% of their gross household income.

Le Flore County : CHAS - Housing Cost Burden by HAMFI				
	Owners		Renters	
Household Income / Cost Burden	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Income < 30% HAMFI	**1,165**		**1,160**	
Cost Burden Less Than 30%	205	17.60%	160	13.79%
Cost Burden Between 30%-50%	165	14.16%	175	15.09%
Cost Burden Greater Than 50%	635	54.51%	720	62.07%
Not Computed (no/negative income)	160	13.73%	105	9.05%
Income 30%-50% HAMFI	**1,205**		**950**	
Cost Burden Less Than 30%	565	46.89%	320	33.68%
Cost Burden Between 30%-50%	375	31.12%	320	33.68%
Cost Burden Greater Than 50%	265	21.99%	310	32.63%
Not Computed (no/negative income)	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Income 50%-80% HAMFI	**2,260**		**1,020**	
Cost Burden Less Than 30%	1,595	70.58%	705	69.12%
Cost Burden Between 30%-50%	515	22.79%	255	25.00%
Cost Burden Greater Than 50%	150	6.64%	60	5.88%
Not Computed (no/negative income)	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Income 80%-100% HAMFI	**1,480**		**390**	
Cost Burden Less Than 30%	1,165	78.72%	370	94.87%
Cost Burden Between 30%-50%	195	13.18%	20	5.13%
Cost Burden Greater Than 50%	120	8.11%	0	0.00%
Not Computed (no/negative income)	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
All Incomes	**13,590**		**4,975**	
Cost Burden Less Than 30%	10,660	78.44%	3,010	60.50%
Cost Burden Between 30%-50%	1,575	11.59%	770	15.48%
Cost Burden Greater Than 50%	1,195	8.79%	1,090	21.91%
Not Computed (no/negative income)	160	1.18%	105	2.11%

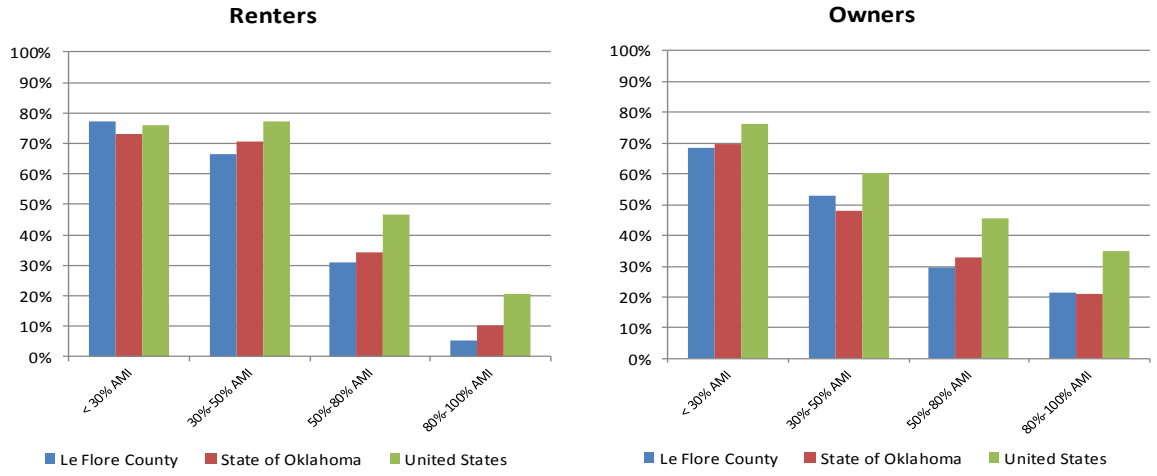
Source: 2008-2012 HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy, Table 8

The next table summarizes the data from the previous table for households with cost burden greater than 30% of gross income, followed by a chart comparing these figures for Le Flore County with the State of Oklahoma as a whole, and the United States.

Le Flore County : Households by Income by Cost Burden				
	Owners		Renters	
Household Income Threshold	Total	% w/ Cost > 30% Income	Total	% w/ Cost > 30% Income
Income < 30% HAMFI	1,165	68.67%	1,160	77.16%
Income 30%-50% HAMFI	1,205	53.11%	950	66.32%
Income 50%-80% HAMFI	2,260	29.42%	1,020	30.88%
Income 80%-100% HAMFI	1,480	21.28%	390	5.13%
All Incomes	13,590	20.38%	4,975	37.39%

Source: 2008-2012 HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy, Table 8

Households by Income Threshold: Percentage with Housing Cost Over 30% of Income



Source: 2008-2012 HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy, Table 6

Substandard Conditions / Overcrowding by Income Threshold

The following table summarizes data regarding substandard housing conditions and overcrowding, separated by owner/renter and HAMFI income threshold. Substandard housing conditions are defined by HUD as any housing unit lacking either complete plumbing or a complete kitchen.

A housing unit without "complete plumbing" is any housing unit lacking one or more of the following features (they do not need to all be present in the same room):

1. Hot and cold running water
2. A flush toilet
3. A bathtub or shower

A lack of a complete kitchen is any housing unit lacking any one or more of the three following items:

1. A sink with a faucet
2. A stove or range
3. A refrigerator

Households are considered to be "overcrowded" if the household has more than 1.0 persons per room (note that this definition is "room" including bedrooms, living rooms and kitchens, as opposed to only "bedrooms"), and is "severely overcrowded" if the household has more than 1.5 persons per room.

Le Flore County : CHAS - HAMFI by Substandard Conditions / Overcrowding				
	Owners		Renters	
Household Income / Housing Problem	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Income < 30% HAMFI	**1,165**		**1,160**	
Between 1.0 and 1.5 Persons per Room	35	3.00%	10	0.86%
More than 1.5 Persons per Room	0	0.00%	20	1.72%
Lacks Complete Kitchen or Plumbing	20	1.72%	25	2.16%
Income 30%-50% HAMFI	**1,205**		**950**	
Between 1.0 and 1.5 Persons per Room	4	0.33%	40	4.21%
More than 1.5 Persons per Room	4	0.33%	4	0.42%
Lacks Complete Kitchen or Plumbing	15	1.24%	30	3.16%
Income 50%-80% HAMFI	**2,260**		**1,020**	
Between 1.0 and 1.5 Persons per Room	35	1.55%	65	6.37%
More than 1.5 Persons per Room	4	0.18%	20	1.96%
Lacks Complete Kitchen or Plumbing	35	1.55%	10	0.98%
Income 80%-100% HAMFI	**1,480**		**390**	
Between 1.0 and 1.5 Persons per Room	0	0.00%	35	8.97%
More than 1.5 Persons per Room	25	1.69%	0	0.00%
Lacks Complete Kitchen or Plumbing	35	2.36%	4	1.03%
All Incomes	**13,590**		**4,975**	
Between 1.0 and 1.5 Persons per Room	174	1.28%	175	3.52%
More than 1.5 Persons per Room	83	0.61%	44	0.88%
Lacks Complete Kitchen or Plumbing	110	0.81%	69	1.39%

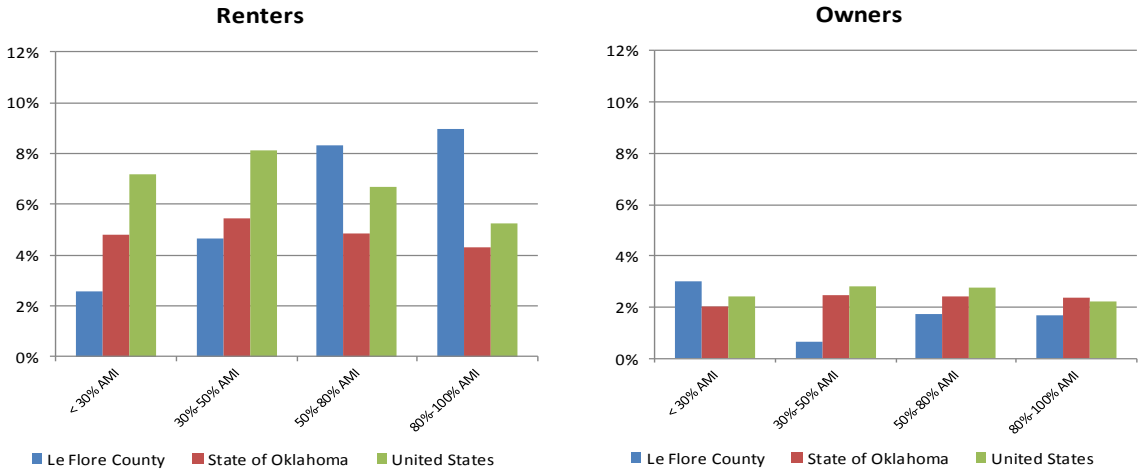
Source: 2008-2012 HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy, Table 3

The next table summarizes this data for overcrowding (i.e. all households with greater than 1.0 persons per room), with a chart comparing this data between Le Flore County, Oklahoma and the nation.

Le Flore County : Households by Income by Overcrowding				
	Owners		Renters	
Household Income Threshold	Total	% > 1.0 Persons per Room	Total	% > 1.0 Persons per Room
Income < 30% HAMFI	1,165	3.00%	1,160	2.59%
Income 30%-50% HAMFI	1,205	0.66%	950	4.63%
Income 50%-80% HAMFI	2,260	1.73%	1,020	8.33%
Income 80%-100% HAMFI	1,480	1.69%	390	8.97%
All Incomes	13,590	1.89%	4,975	4.40%

Source: 2008-2012 HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy, Table 3

Households by Income Threshold: Percentage with More than 1.0 Persons per Room



Source: 2008-2012 HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy, Table 3

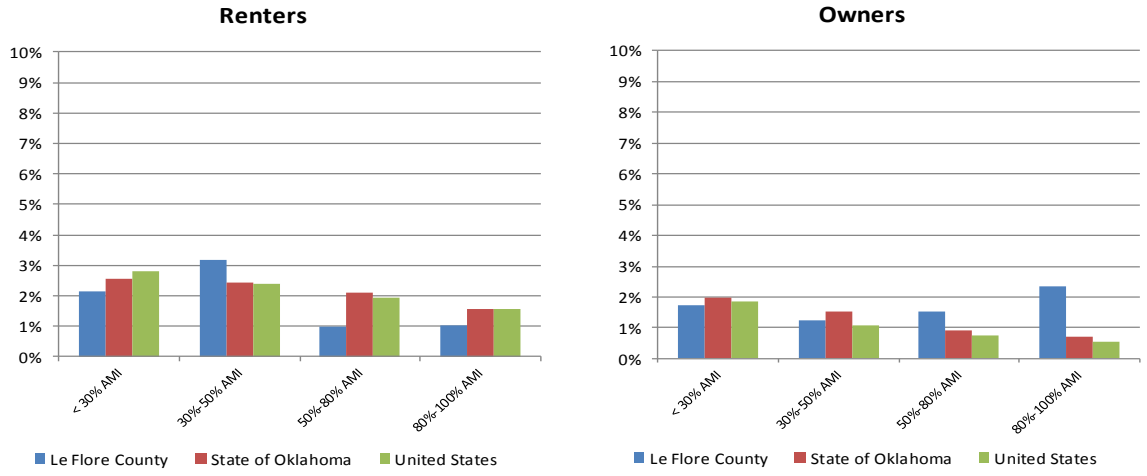
The table following summarizes this data for substandard housing conditions, with a comparison chart between Le Flore County, the state and the nation.

Le Flore County : Households by Income by Substandard Conditions

	Owners		Renters	
Household Size/Type	Total	% Lacking Kitchen or Plumbing	Total	% Lacking Kitchen or Plumbing
Income < 30% HAMFI	1,165	1.72%	1,160	2.16%
Income 30%-50% HAMFI	1,205	1.24%	950	3.16%
Income 50%-80% HAMFI	2,260	1.55%	1,020	0.98%
Income 80%-100% HAMFI	1,480	2.36%	390	1.03%
All Incomes	13,590	0.81%	4,975	1.39%

Source: 2008-2012 HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy, Table 3

Households by Income Threshold: Percentage Lacking Complete Plumbing and/or Kitchen



Source: 2008-2012 HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy, Table 3

Cost Burden by Household Type

The following table provides a breakdown of households by HAMFI, and by household type and size, and by housing cost burden. The categories of household type provided by HUD are:

- Elderly Family: Households with two persons, either or both age 62 or over.
- Small Family: 2 persons, neither age 62 or over, or families with 3 or 4 persons of any age.
- Large Family: families with 5 or more persons.
- Elderly Non-Family (single persons age 62 or over, or unrelated elderly individuals)
- Non-Elderly, Non-Family: all other households.

Le Flore County : CHAS - Housing Cost Burden by Household Type / HAMFI

	Owners			Renters		
Income, Household Size/Type	Total	No. w/ Cost > 30% Income	Pct. w/ Cost > 30% Income	Total	No. w/ Cost > 30% Income	Pct. w/ Cost > 30% Income
Income < 30% HAMFI	**1,165**	**794**	**68.15%**	**1,160**	**889**	**76.64%**
Elderly Family	75	54	72.00%	65	49	75.38%
Small Family (2-4 persons)	320	235	73.44%	450	360	80.00%
Large Family (5 or more persons)	65	35	53.85%	60	60	100.00%
Elderly Non-Family	435	280	64.37%	120	85	70.83%
Non-Family, Non-Elderly	270	190	70.37%	465	335	72.04%
Income 30%-50% HAMFI	**1,205**	**640**	**53.11%**	**950**	**629**	**66.21%**
Elderly Family	225	125	55.56%	60	45	75.00%
Small Family (2-4 persons)	320	210	65.63%	380	260	68.42%
Large Family (5 or more persons)	50	10	20.00%	100	64	64.00%
Elderly Non-Family	475	235	49.47%	180	75	41.67%
Non-Family, Non-Elderly	135	60	44.44%	235	185	78.72%
Income 50%-80% HAMFI	**2,260**	**665**	**29.42%**	**1,020**	**317**	**31.08%**
Elderly Family	600	120	20.00%	65	14	21.54%
Small Family (2-4 persons)	730	345	47.26%	410	129	31.46%
Large Family (5 or more persons)	130	20	15.38%	140	0	0.00%
Elderly Non-Family	515	95	18.45%	180	84	46.67%
Non-Family, Non-Elderly	285	85	29.82%	230	90	39.13%
Income 80%-100% HAMFI	**1,480**	**317**	**21.42%**	**390**	**19**	**4.87%**
Elderly Family	380	100	26.32%	25	0	0.00%
Small Family (2-4 persons)	565	140	24.78%	170	4	2.35%
Large Family (5 or more persons)	135	4	2.96%	40	0	0.00%
Elderly Non-Family	255	8	3.14%	35	15	42.86%
Non-Family, Non-Elderly	140	65	46.43%	125	0	0.00%
All Incomes	**13,590**	**2,764**	**20.34%**	**4,975**	**1,854**	**37.27%**
Elderly Family	2,650	459	17.32%	295	108	36.61%
Small Family (2-4 persons)	6,205	1,065	17.16%	2,205	753	34.15%
Large Family (5 or more persons)	1,055	88	8.34%	460	124	26.96%
Elderly Non-Family	2,090	632	30.24%	570	259	45.44%
Non-Family, Non-Elderly	1,585	520	32.81%	1,455	610	41.92%

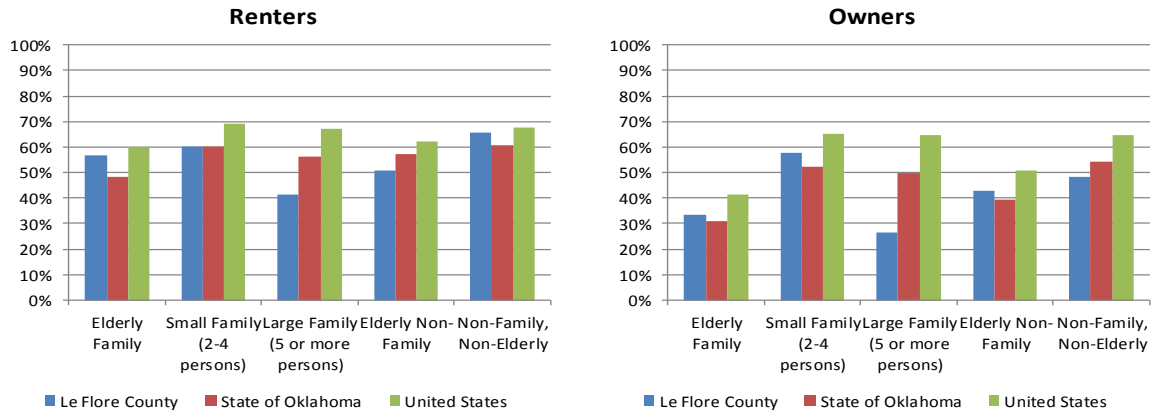
Source: 2008-2012 HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy, Table 7

Le Flore County : Households under 80% AMI by Cost Burden

	Owners			Renters		
Household Size/Type	Total	No. w/ Cost > 30% Income	Pct. w/ Cost > 30% Income	Total	No. w/ Cost > 30% Income	Pct. w/ Cost > 30% Income
Income < 80% HAMFI	**4,630**	**2,099**	**45.33%**	**3,130**	**1,835**	**58.63%**
Elderly Family	900	299	33.22%	190	108	56.84%
Small Family (2-4 persons)	1,370	790	57.66%	1,240	749	60.40%
Large Family (5 or more persons)	245	65	26.53%	300	124	41.33%
Elderly Non-Family	1,425	610	42.81%	480	244	50.83%
Non-Family, Non-Elderly	690	335	48.55%	930	610	65.59%

Source: 2008-2012 HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy, Table 7

Households Under 80% of AMI: Percentage Housing Cost Overburdened



Source: 2008-2012 HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy, Table 7

Housing Problems by Household Type

The next set of tables presents data by household type and whether or not the household is experiencing ***any*** housing problems. Housing problems are defined by HUD as any household meeting any of the three following criteria:

1. Housing costs greater than 30% of income (cost-overburdened).
2. Living in a housing unit lacking complete plumbing or a complete kitchen (substandard housing unit).
3. Living in a housing unit with more than 1.0 persons per room (overcrowding).

Le Flore County : CHAS - Housing Problems by Household Type and HAMFI

	Owners			Renters		
Income, Household Size/Type	Total	No. w/ Housing Problems	Pct. w/ Housing Problems	Total	No. w/ Housing Problems	Pct. w/ Housing Problems
Income < 30% HAMFI	**1,165**	**845**	**72.53%**	**1,160**	**915**	**78.88%**
Elderly Family	75	55	73.33%	65	50	76.92%
Small Family (2-4 persons)	320	240	75.00%	450	360	80.00%
Large Family (5 or more persons)	65	65	100.00%	60	60	100.00%
Elderly Non-Family	435	290	66.67%	120	85	70.83%
Non-Family, Non-Elderly	270	195	72.22%	465	360	77.42%
Income 30%-50% HAMFI	**1,205**	**655**	**54.36%**	**950**	**655**	**68.95%**
Elderly Family	225	125	55.56%	60	45	75.00%
Small Family (2-4 persons)	320	210	65.63%	380	260	68.42%
Large Family (5 or more persons)	50	20	40.00%	100	90	90.00%
Elderly Non-Family	475	235	49.47%	180	75	41.67%
Non-Family, Non-Elderly	135	65	48.15%	235	185	78.72%
Income 50%-80% HAMFI	**2,260**	**730**	**32.30%**	**1,020**	**410**	**40.20%**
Elderly Family	600	130	21.67%	65	20	30.77%
Small Family (2-4 persons)	730	345	47.26%	410	135	32.93%
Large Family (5 or more persons)	130	60	46.15%	140	80	57.14%
Elderly Non-Family	515	95	18.45%	180	80	44.44%
Non-Family, Non-Elderly	285	100	35.09%	230	95	41.30%
Income Greater than 80% of HAMFI	**8,960**	**915**	**10.21%**	**1,845**	**89**	**4.82%**
Elderly Family	1,750	180	10.29%	105	0	0.00%
Small Family (2-4 persons)	4,835	340	7.03%	965	20	2.07%
Large Family (5 or more persons)	810	170	20.99%	160	50	31.25%
Elderly Non-Family	665	25	3.76%	90	15	16.67%
Non-Family, Non-Elderly	895	200	22.35%	525	4	0.76%
All Incomes	**13,590**	**3,145**	**23.14%**	**4,975**	**2,069**	**41.59%**
Elderly Family	2,650	490	18.49%	295	115	38.98%
Small Family (2-4 persons)	6,205	1,135	18.29%	2,205	775	35.15%
Large Family (5 or more persons)	1,055	315	29.86%	460	280	60.87%
Elderly Non-Family	2,090	645	30.86%	570	255	44.74%
Non-Family, Non-Elderly	1,585	560	35.33%	1,455	644	44.26%

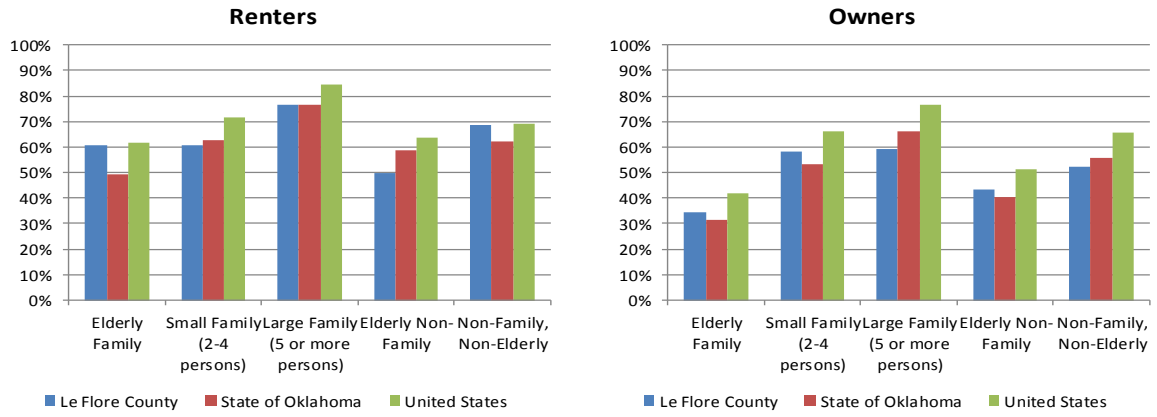
Source: 2008-2012 HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy, Table 16

Le Flore County : Households under 80% AMI by Housing Problems

	Owners			Renters		
Household Size/Type	Total	No. w/ Housing Problems	Pct. w/ Housing Problems	Total	No. w/ Housing Problems	Pct. w/ Housing Problems
Income < 80% HAMFI	**4,630**	**2,230**	**48.16%**	**3,130**	**1,980**	**63.26%**
Elderly Family	900	310	34.44%	190	115	60.53%
Small Family (2-4 persons)	1,370	795	58.03%	1,240	755	60.89%
Large Family (5 or more persons)	245	145	59.18%	300	230	76.67%
Elderly Non-Family	1,425	620	43.51%	480	240	50.00%
Non-Family, Non-Elderly	690	360	52.17%	930	640	68.82%

Source: 2008-2012 HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy, Table 7

Households Under 80% of AMI: Percentage with Housing Problems



Source: 2008-2012 HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy, Table 7

Housing Problems by Race / Ethnicity

Data presented in the following tables summarizes housing problems (as previously defined), by HAMFI threshold, and by race/ethnicity, for Le Flore County. Under CFR 91.305(b)(1)(ii)(2), racial or ethnic groups have disproportionate need if “the percentage of persons in a category of need who are members of a particular racial or ethnic group in a category of need is at least 10 percentage points higher than the percentage of persons in the category as a whole.”

Le Flore County : CHAS - Housing Problems by Race / Ethnicity and HAMFI

	Owners			Renters		
Income, Race / Ethnicity	Total	No. w/ Housing Problems	Pct. w/ Housing Problems	Total	No. w/ Housing Problems	Pct. w/ Housing Problems
Income < 30% HAMFI	**1,165**	**840**	**72.1%**	**1,160**	**915**	**78.9%**
White alone, non-Hispanic	865	630	72.8%	815	640	78.5%
Black or African-American alone	29	25	86.2%	64	60	93.8%
Asian alone	15	15	100.0%	0	0	N/A
American Indian alone	95	75	78.9%	105	55	52.4%
Pacific Islander alone	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A
Hispanic, any race	40	10	25.0%	104	85	81.7%
Other (including multiple races)	120	90	75.0%	75	75	100.0%
Income 30%-50% HAMFI	**1,205**	**660**	**54.8%**	**950**	**655**	**68.9%**
White alone, non-Hispanic	945	525	55.6%	715	495	69.2%
Black or African-American alone	25	15	60.0%	45	30	66.7%
Asian alone	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A
American Indian alone	105	55	52.4%	65	45	69.2%
Pacific Islander alone	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A
Hispanic, any race	14	10	71.4%	50	50	100.0%
Other (including multiple races)	110	55	50.0%	85	40	47.1%
Income 50%-80% HAMFI	**2,260**	**730**	**32.3%**	**1,015**	**410**	**40.4%**
White alone, non-Hispanic	1,720	465	27.0%	755	325	43.0%
Black or African-American alone	50	20	40.0%	19	4	21.1%
Asian alone	25	25	100.0%	0	0	N/A
American Indian alone	165	45	27.3%	120	35	29.2%
Pacific Islander alone	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A
Hispanic, any race	100	65	65.0%	40	0	0.0%
Other (including multiple races)	200	110	55.0%	85	50	58.8%
Income 80%-100% HAMFI	**1,480**	**370**	**25.0%**	**390**	**55**	**14.1%**
White alone, non-Hispanic	1,240	270	21.8%	250	25	10.0%
Black or African-American alone	10	0	0.0%	14	4	28.6%
Asian alone	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A
American Indian alone	90	30	33.3%	25	10	40.0%
Pacific Islander alone	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A
Hispanic, any race	19	4	21.1%	55	10	18.2%
Other (including multiple races)	120	70	58.3%	44	4	9.1%
All Incomes	**13,590**	**3,145**	**23.1%**	**4,970**	**2,065**	**41.5%**
White alone, non-Hispanic	11,195	2,330	20.8%	3,620	1,500	41.4%
Black or African-American alone	214	60	28.0%	152	98	64.5%
Asian alone	44	40	90.9%	0	0	N/A
American Indian alone	830	240	28.9%	389	149	38.3%
Pacific Islander alone	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A
Hispanic, any race	328	129	39.3%	374	155	41.4%
Other (including multiple races)	970	355	36.6%	454	169	37.2%

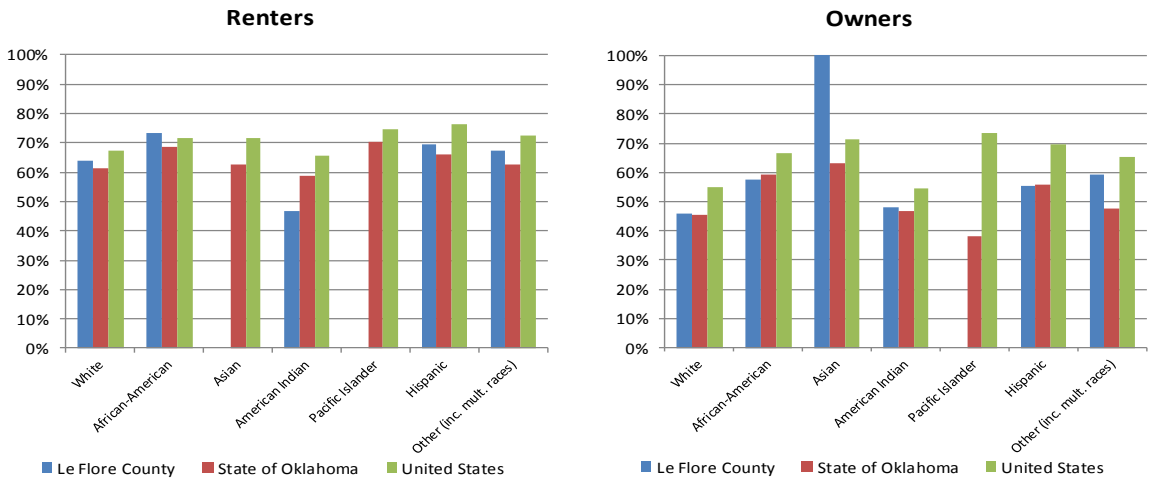
Source: 2008-2012 HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy, Table 1

Le Flore County : Households under 80% AMI by Race/Ethnicity

	Owners			Renters		
Household Size/Type	Total	No. w/ Housing Problems	Pct. w/ Housing Problems	Total	No. w/ Housing Problems	Pct. w/ Housing Problems
Income < 80% HAMFI	**4,630**	**2,230**	**48.16%**	**3,125**	**1,980**	**63.36%**
White alone, non-Hispanic	3,530	1,620	45.89%	2,285	1,460	63.89%
Black or African-American alone	104	60	57.69%	128	94	73.44%
Asian alone	40	40	100.00%	0	0	N/A
American Indian alone	365	175	47.95%	290	135	46.55%
Pacific Islander alone	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A
Hispanic, any race	154	85	55.19%	194	135	69.59%
Other (including multiple races)	430	255	59.30%	245	165	67.35%

Source: 2008-2012 HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy, Table 7

Households Under 80% of AMI: Percentage with Housing Problems by Race



Source: 2008-2012 HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy, Table 7

CHAS Conclusions

The previous data notes many areas of need (and severe need) among the existing population of Le Flore County. The greatest needs are among households with incomes less than 30% of Area Median Income. Several other areas of note:

- Among households with incomes less than 50% of Area Median Income, there are 1,525 renter households that are cost overburdened, and 1,440 homeowners that are cost overburdened.
- Among **elderly** households with incomes less than 50% of Area Median Income, there are 254 renter households that are cost overburdened, and 694 homeowners that are cost overburdened.

- 73.4% of African American renters with incomes less than 80% of Area Median Income have one or more housing problems, and 57.7% of African American homeowners with incomes less than 80% of Area Median Income have one or more housing problems. For persons of Hispanic ethnicity, 69.6% of renters and 55.2% of owners have housing problems.

Overall Anticipated Housing Demand

Future demand for housing units in Le Flore County can be estimated from population and household growth. Population estimates are based on known factors such as noted increases in the city employment base and indications from demographic services. In this case we have considered data from both the U.S. Census Bureau and Nielsen SiteReports. The estimates of changes in households and population were presented in a previous section of this report. The anticipated future demand is estimated for Poteau, as well as Le Flore County as a whole. The calculations are shown in the following tables.

Poteau Anticipated Demand

Households in Poteau grew at an annually compounded rate of 0.53% from 2000 to 2010. Nielsen SiteReports estimates households have declined -0.16% per year since that time, but that households will grow 0.26% per year through 2020. For these reasons we will rely on the Nielsen SiteReports forecast of 0.26% per year in forecasting future household growth for Poteau.

The percentage of owner households was estimated at 65.76% with renter households estimated at 34.24%, based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau. The estimated number of additional units needed to service increasing demand can be estimated by applying this percentage to the anticipated growth in households. It should be noted that this is an estimate of rental and owner requirements and should be relied upon only as a guideline for possible new demand. The calculations are shown below.

Future Housing Demand Estimates for Poteau

Year		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Household Estimates		3,152	3,160	3,168	3,177	3,185	3,193
Owner %:	65.76%	2,073	2,078	2,083	2,089	2,094	2,100
Renter %:	34.24%	1,079	1,082	1,085	1,088	1,091	1,093

Total New Owner Households	**27**
Total New Renter Households	**14**

Based on an estimated household growth rate of 0.26% per year, Poteau would require 27 new housing units for ownership, and 14 units for rent, over the next five years. Annually this equates to 5 units for ownership per year, and 3 units for rent per year. These figures do not account for replacement of housing units falling into disrepair or otherwise considered substandard.

Le Flore County Anticipated Demand

Households in Le Flore County grew at an annually compounded rate of 0.56% from 2000 to 2010. Nielsen SiteReports estimates households have declined -0.30% per year since that time, but that households will grow 0.03% per year through 2020. For these reasons we will rely on the Nielsen SiteReports forecast of 0.03% per year in forecasting future household growth for Le Flore County.

The percentage of owner households was estimated at 74.14% with renter households estimated at 25.86%, based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau. The estimated number of additional units needed to service increasing demand can be estimated by applying this percentage to the anticipated growth

in households. It should be noted that this is an estimate of rental and owner requirements and should be relied upon only as a guideline for possible new demand. The calculations are shown below.

Future Housing Demand Estimates for Le Flore County

Year		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Household Estimates		18,601	18,606	18,612	18,617	18,623	18,628
Owner %:	74.14%	13,790	13,794	13,798	13,802	13,806	13,810
Renter %:	25.86%	4,811	4,812	4,814	4,815	4,816	4,818
				Total New Owner Households			**20**
				Total New Renter Households			**7**

Based on an estimated household growth rate of 0.03% per year, Le Flore County would require 20 new housing units for ownership, and 7 units for rent, over the next five years. Annually this equates to 4 units for ownership per year, and one unit for rent per year. These figures are lower than the total housing need reported for Poteau due to projected declines in household levels outside of the Poteau area offsetting projected growth within Poteau.

Housing Demand – Population Subsets

This section will address 5-year forecasted needs and trends for population special population subsets for Le Flore County. These forecasts are based on the previously forecasted overall trends for the next five years.

Housing Needs by Income Thresholds

The first table will address future housing needs and trends for households in Le Flore County by income threshold: households within incomes below 30%, 50%, 60% and 80% of Area Median Income, by tenure (owner/renter). These forecasts are primarily based on HUD Consolidated Housing Affordability Strategy data presented previously. Households with incomes below 60% of Area Median Income (AMI) are estimated at 120% of the households at 50% of AMI. Note that these figures are cumulative and should not be added across income thresholds.

Le Flore County: 2015-2020 Housing Needs by Income Threshold

	Owner Subset %	Renter Subset %	Owners	Renters	**Total**
Total New Demand: 2015-2020	100.00%	100.00%	20	7	27
Less than 30% AMI	8.57%	23.32%	2	2	**3**
Less than 50% AMI	17.44%	42.41%	3	3	**6**
Less than 60% AMI	20.93%	50.89%	4	4	**8**
Less than 80% AMI	34.07%	62.91%	7	4	**11**

Elderly Housing Needs

The next table will address future housing needs and trends for households with elderly persons (age 62 and up). Like the previous table, this data is based on the overall trends previously defined, and the 2008-2012 CHAS data previously discussed (specifically CHAS Table 16). It is further broken down by income threshold and tenure.

Le Flore County: 2015-2020 Housing Needs Age 62 and Up

	Owner Subset %	Renter Subset %	Elderly Owners	Elderly Renters	**Elderly Total**
Total New Elderly (62+) Demand: 2015-2020	34.88%	17.39%	7	1	**8**
Elderly less than 30% AMI	3.75%	3.72%	1	0	**1**
Elderly less than 50% AMI	8.90%	8.54%	2	1	**2**
Elderly less than 60% AMI	10.68%	10.25%	2	1	**3**
Elderly less than 80% AMI	17.11%	13.47%	3	1	**4**

Housing Needs for Persons with Disabilities / Special Needs

The following table will address future trends and needs for households with at least one household member with at least one disability as identified by HUD CHAS Table 6 (hearing or vision impairments, ambulatory limitations, cognitive limitations, self-care limitations, or independent living limitations). As with the previous tables, this data is also further broken down by income threshold and tenure.

Le Flore County: 2015-2020 Housing Needs for Persons with Disabilities					
	Owner Subset %	Renter Subset %	Disabled Owners	Disabled Renters	**Disabled Total**
Total New Disabled Demand (2015-2020)	40.84%	36.28%	8	3	**11**
Disabled less than 30% AMI	4.64%	7.14%	1	0	**1**
Disabled less than 50% AMI	9.86%	15.88%	2	1	**3**
Disabled less than 60% AMI	11.83%	19.06%	2	1	**4**
Disabled less than 80% AMI	18.29%	27.14%	4	2	**6**

Housing Needs for Veterans

This section will address housing needs for households with at least one veteran. This data is not available through HUD's Consolidated Housing Affordability Strategy, so we have instead relied on data from the U.S. Census Bureau, specifically the 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Table C21007. This data is further broken down by tenure, poverty status, and disability status.

Le Flore County: 2015-2020 Housing Needs for Veterans					
	Owner Subset %	Renter Subset %	Veteran Owners	Veteran Renters	**Veteran Total**
Total New Demand (2015-2020)	100.00%	100.00%	20	7	27
Total Veteran Demand	10.20%	10.20%	2	1	**3**
Veterans with Disabilities	4.43%	4.43%	1	0	**1**
Veterans Below Poverty	1.00%	1.00%	0	0	**0**
Disabled Veterans Below Poverty	0.60%	0.60%	0	0	**0**

Housing Needs for Working Families

The final table addresses housing needs for working families. Working families are in this case defined as families (households with at least two members related by blood or marriage) with at least one person employed. Like the forecasts for veteran needs, this data cannot be extracted from the HUD CHAS tables, so we have again relied on the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (table B23007 in this instance). The data is further broken down by the presence of children (below the age of 18).

Le Flore County: 2015-2020 Housing Needs for Working Families					
	Owner Subset %	Renter Subset %	Owners	Renters	**Total**
Total New Demand (2015-2020)	100.00%	100.00%	20	7	27
Total Working Families	46.80%	46.80%	9	3	**13**
Working Families with Children Present	23.04%	23.04%	5	2	**6**

Population Subset Conclusions

Based on population and household growth over the next five years, a total of 27 housing units will be needed in Le Flore County over the next five years. Of those units:

- 8 will be needed by households earning less than 60% of Area Median Income

- 3 will be needed by households age 62 and up, earning less than 60% of Area Median Income
- 4 will be needed by households with disabilities / special needs, earning less than 60% of Area Median Income
- 6 will be needed by working families with children present

It should be noted that these figures are based solely on projected household growth, and do not account for *existing* households and families with needs. As previously noted, data provided by HUD shows 1,525 existing renter households and 1,440 homeowners in Le Flore County who are cost overburdened. It is also notable that 100% of large families with incomes less than 30% of area median income are reported to have housing problems. It is evident that there is significant need in Le Flore County which is not currently being met, which is not reflected by future household growth forecasts.

Special Topics

Le Flore County Disaster Resiliency Assessment

The purpose of this section is to assess at the county level key components of disaster resiliency. Housing location and quality as well as planning activities can help reduce impacts from disaster events and allow for faster recovery. Disasters can include tornadoes, extreme weather, high winds, as well as man-made events. These events may largely be inevitable, but the ability to reduce damage and casualties as well recovery can be improved with good planning.

C.0 Comprehensive Plans & Hazard Mitigation Plans

There are 4 key cities within the county: Poteau, Heavener, Pocola, and Spiro.

Comprehensive plans are the guiding documents for cities of various sizes to address key aspects of their community from land use, transportation, environment, housing, and economic development.

Of the 4 cities, no adopted comprehensive plans were found. How flood plain applications, etc. were found regarding disaster resiliency. See following section for further details -*Public Policy and Governance to Build Disaster Resiliency.*

The other key plan for a city to manage, mitigate and plan for recovery related to disasters is a **Hazard Mitigation Plan** (or Emergency Management Plan). Often low density counties, the Hazard Mitigation Plan is done at the county level, though some cities may augment the county plan with a city plan.

No HMP was found for Le Flore County. However the Le Flore County Emergency Management website does identify the key disaster for the county: winter weather, wildfires, tornados, floods, lightning, and earthquakes. The site also provides a description of the disaster, safety instructions, and information for shelter and preparation, etc.

C.2.1.1. Historical Data on Natural Disasters and Other Hazards

Data on historical damages and casualties is typically collected as part of a **Hazard Mitigation Plan** preparation to determine the appropriate planning measures and actions to take before and after an event.

No HMP was found. However according to http://www.city-data.com/city/Poteau-Oklahoma.html, Le Flore County had 18 declared natural disasters declared. Major Disasters (Presidential) Declared- 12 and Emergencies Declared- 6. Casualty data was found via NOAA.

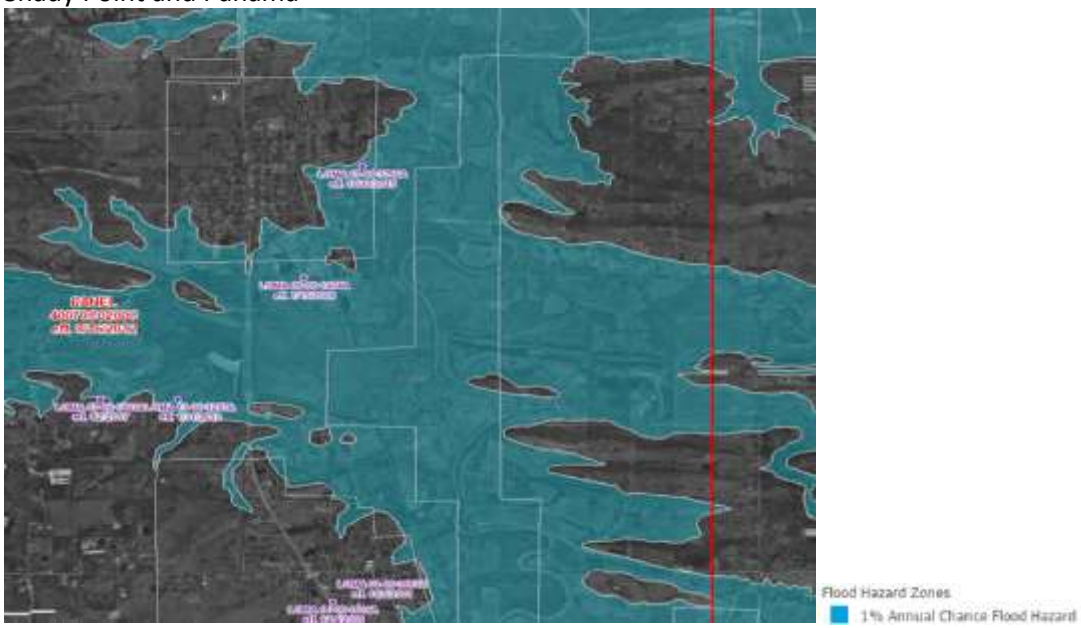
Flooding

All parts of the county may be subject to flash flooding, freeze-thaw flooding and extreme precipitation that can cause flooding, unrelated to the streams and rivers. Development in the floodplain, however, increases risk of damages and property loss potentially repeatedly.

Poteau

FEMA's National Flood Hazard Layer http://fema.maps.arcgis.com/

Shady Point and Panama



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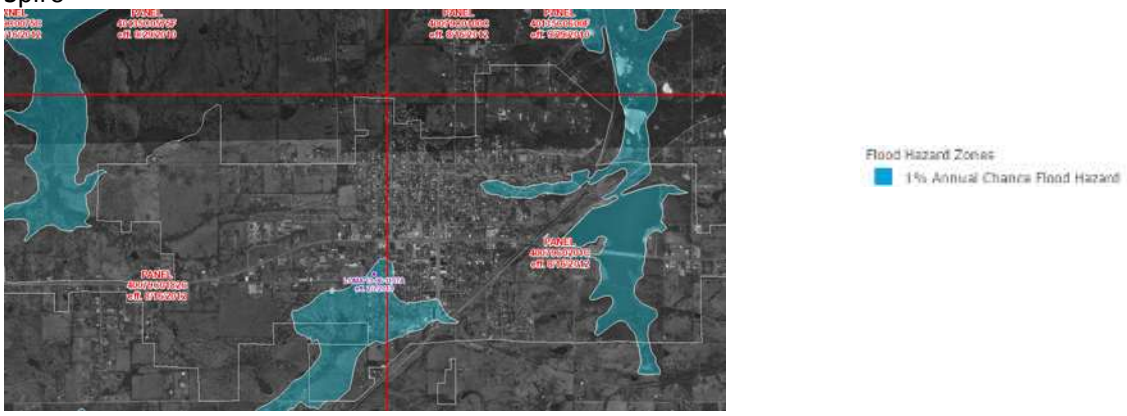

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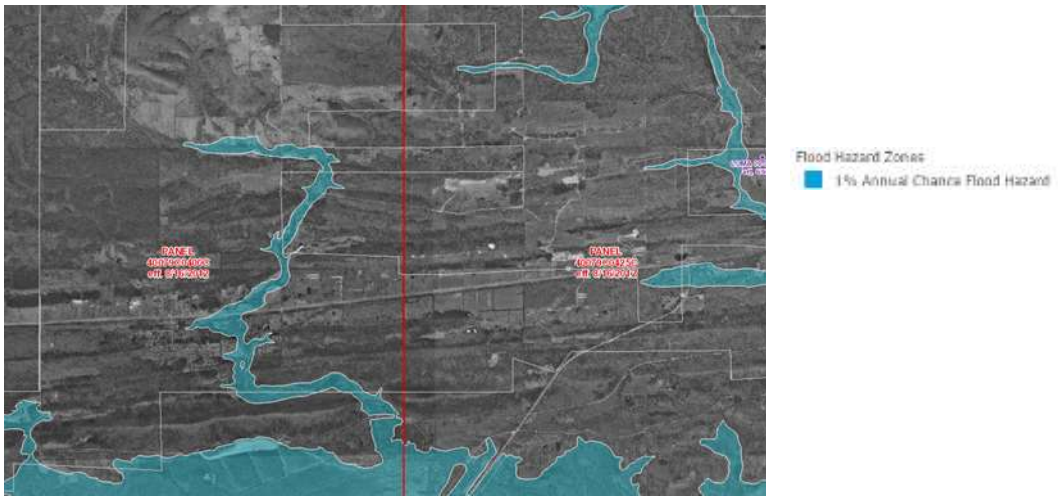

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Tornado

- On 3/26/1976, a category F5 (max. wind speeds 261-318 mph) tornado 10.6 miles away from the Poteau city center killed 2 people and injured 64 people and caused between $500,000 and $5,000,000 in damages.
- On 5/5/1961, a category F4 (max. wind speeds 207-260 mph) tornado 7.6 miles away from the city center killed 16 people and injured 58 people and caused between $50,000 and $500,000 in damages.

Earthquake

- On 1/21/1982 at 00:33:54, a magnitude 4.7 (4.5 MB, 4.7 LG, 4.5 LG, Class: Light, Intensity: IV - V) earthquake occurred 137.3 miles away from the city center.
- On 5/4/2001 at 06:42:12, a magnitude 4.7 (4.2 MB, 4.7 LG, 4.5 LG, Depth: 6.2 mi) earthquake occurred 138.2 miles away from Poteau center

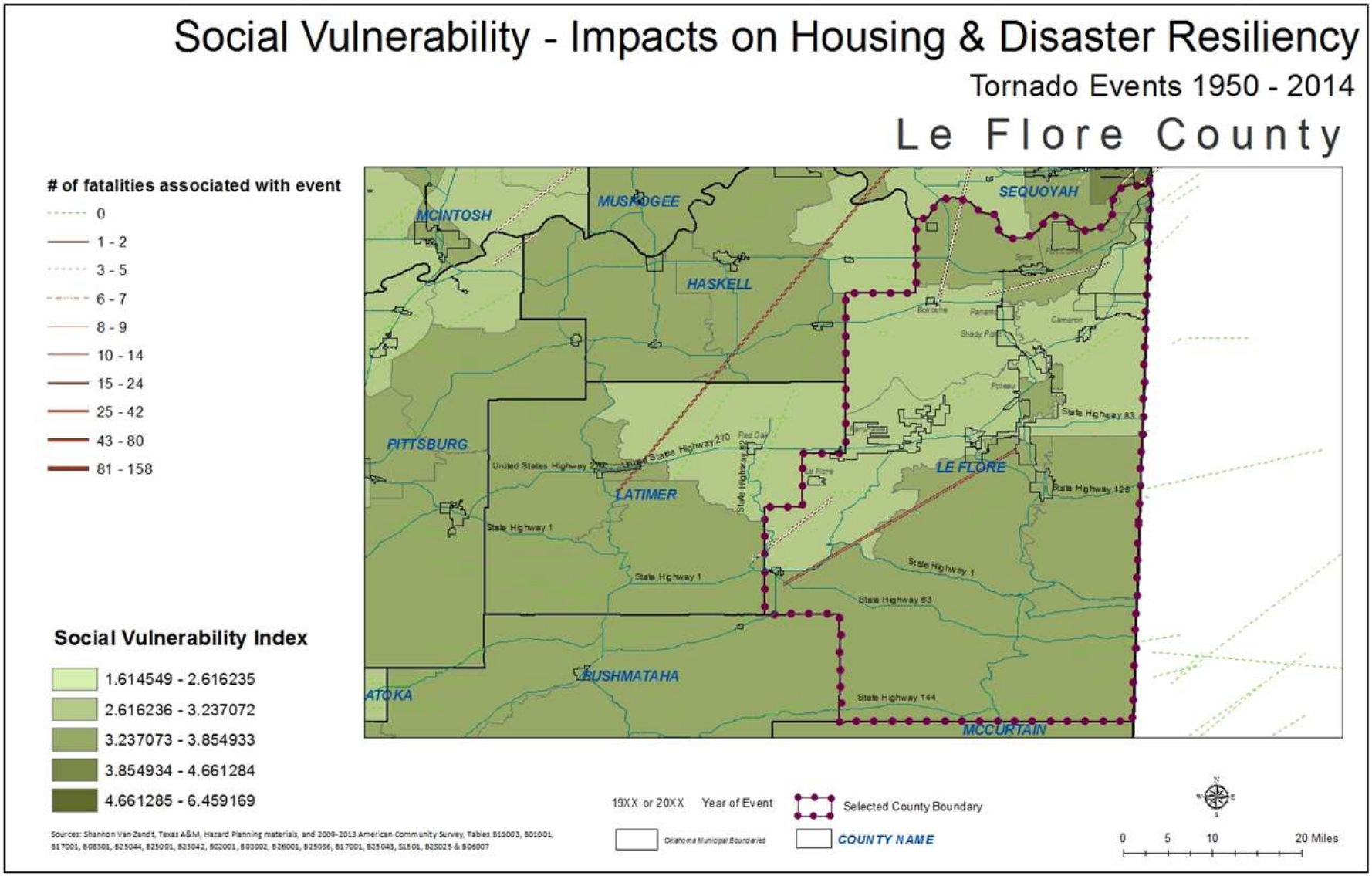
- On 9/6/1997 at 23:38:00, a magnitude 4.5 (4.5 LG, 4.2 LG, Depth: 3.1 mi) earthquake occurred 106.1 miles away from the city center
- On 3/25/1976 at 00:41:20, a magnitude 5.0 (4.9 MB, 5.0 LG, Class: Moderate, Intensity: VI - VII) earthquake occurred 246.0 miles away from the city center
- On 5/4/1991 at 01:18:54, a magnitude 5.0 (4.4 MB, 4.6 LG, 5.0 LG, Depth: 3.1 mi) earthquake occurred 289.0 miles away from Poteau center
- On 1/18/1995 at 15:51:39, a magnitude 4.2 (4.0 LG, 4.2 LG, Depth: 3.1 mi) earthquake occurred 169.4 miles away from the city center

NOAA data shows the following historic data on disaster events for the county:

Approximately 10 total tornadoes in Le Flore County prior to 1950. This includes 20 deaths and 87 injuries.

Approximately 61 total tornadoes in Le Flore County from 1950-2014 (F0-F5). This includes:

- F5 Tornado – x1 in 1976; resulting in 2 deaths and 64 injuries.
- F4 Tornado – x2 in 1961 and 1976; resulting in 17 deaths and 62 injuries.
- F3 Tornado – x4 in 1960, 1980, and 1983; resulting in 1 death and 15 injuries.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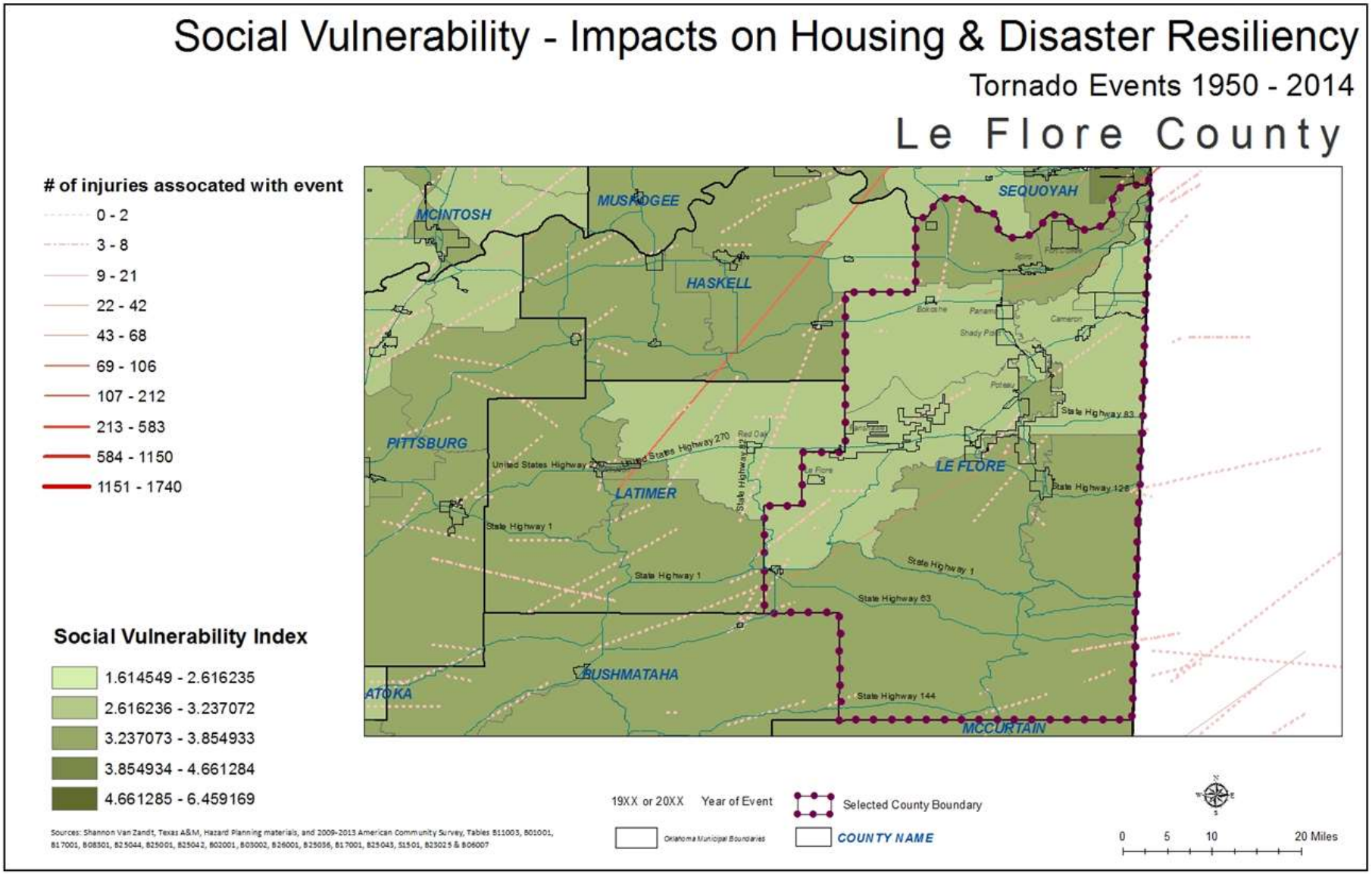
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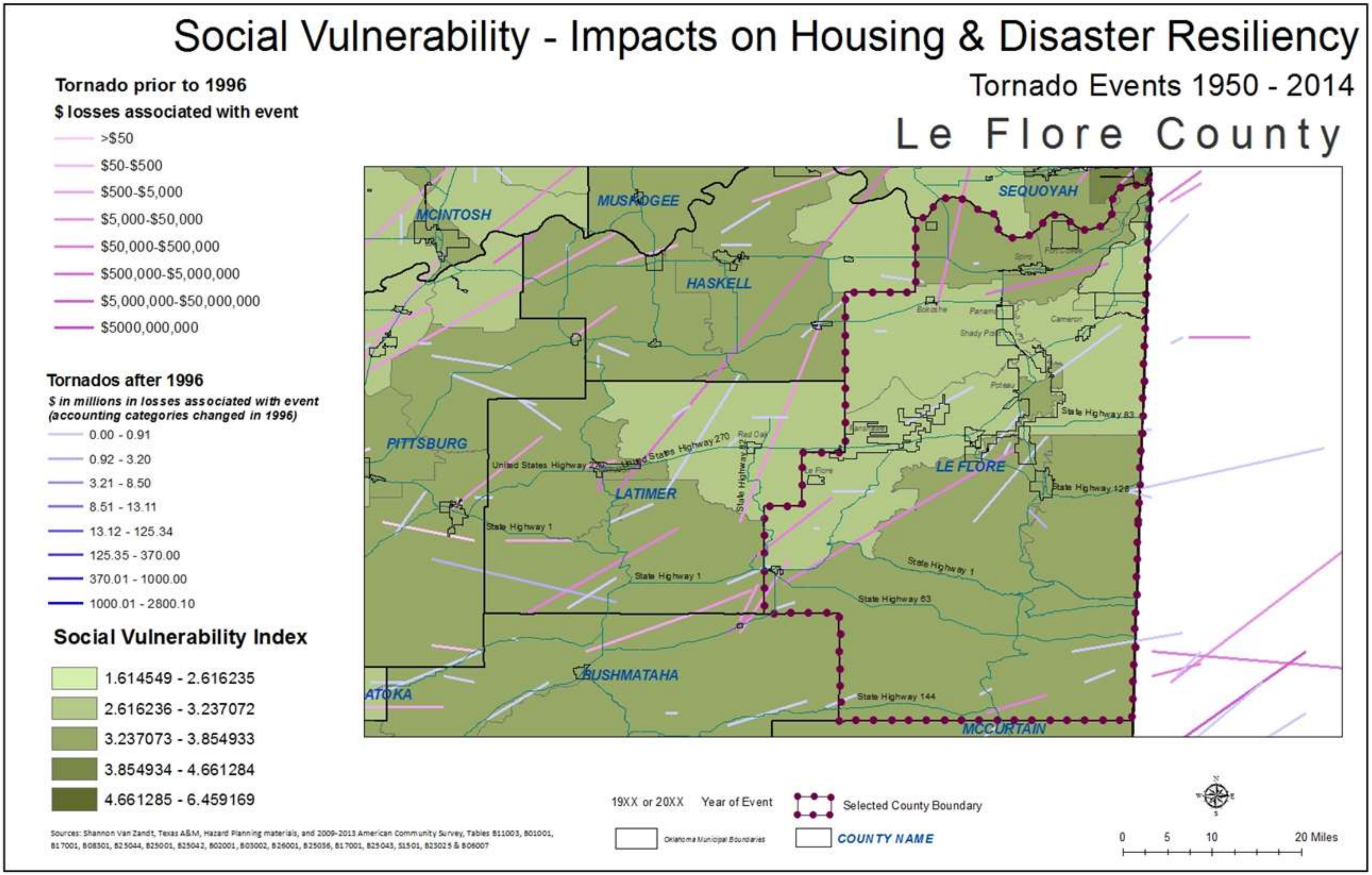
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C.2.1.2; C.2.1.6; C.2.1.7; C.2.1.8 Shelters from Disaster Event

According to the Le Flore County Emergency Management website, there are 10 public storm shelters. See *http://www.lcem.us/publicshelters.html#*

- Arkoma- First Baptist Church
- Heavener- Saferoom between the High School and Elementary School
- Howe- New Highschool Gym
- Panama- Panama Middle School
- Pocola- Elementary School
- Poteau- High School
- Poteau- Pansy Kidd Middle School
- Poteau- Upper Elementary School
- Spiro- High School Safe Room
- Wister- Behind new High School Gym

Le Flore County Emergency Management also maintains an online registry of private storm shelters. However, the estimates of were not found regarding number of shelters listed in registry. See http://www.lcem.us/shelterregistration.html

C.2.1.3 Public Policy and Governance to Build Disaster Resiliency

Poteau – According to Poteau City Code (reference http://sterlingcodifiers.com/codebook/index.php?book_id=1010)

- Control the alteration of natural floodplains, stream channels, and natural protective barriers, which are involved in the accommodation of floodwaters.
- Prevent or regulate the construction of flood barriers which will increase flood hazards to other lands. (1990 Code § 12-503)
- All new construction or substantial improvements shall be constructed with electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing and air conditioning equipment and other service facilities that are designed or located so as to prevent water from entering or accumulating within the components during conditions of flooding;
- New and replacement sanitary sewage systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of floodwaters into the system and discharges from the systems into floodwaters;
- On site waste disposal systems shall be located to avoid impairment to them or contamination from them during flooding. (1990 Code § 12-516)
- Regarding floodways- Encroachments are prohibited, including fill, new construction, substantial improvements and other developments unless certification by a professional registered engineer or architect is provided demonstrating that encroachments shall not result in any increase in flood levels within the community during occurrence of the base flood discharge;
- The availability of alternative locations, not subject to flooding or erosion damage, for the proposed use; and
- The relationship of the proposed use to the comprehensive plan for that area. (1990 Code § 12-514)

Heavener

- The City of Heavener requires that for all future residential development the lowest floor must be elevated to or higher than the base flood elevation (100-year flood plain). See *http://www.cityofheavener.us/?page_id=232*

Pocola -According to the Town Ordinances (*http://www.townofpocola.com/TownOrdinances.pdf*)

- Adoption of FEMA FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPs (FIRM).
- The manufactured home chassis is supported by reinforced piers or other foundation elements of at least equivalent strength that are no less than thirty six inches (36") in height above grade and be securely anchored to an adequately anchored foundation system to resist flotation, collapse and lateral movement.
- Anchoring: All new construction or substantial improvements shall be designed (or modified) and adequately anchored to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement of the structure resulting from hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads, including the effects of buoyancy;
- Methods And Practices: All new construction or substantial improvements shall be constructed by methods and practices that minimize flood damage;
- Resistant Materials: All new construction or substantial improvements shall be constructed with materials resistant to flood damage;
- Water Supply Systems: All new and replacement water supply systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of floodwaters into the system;
- SPECIFIC STANDARDS: In all areas of special flood hazard where base flood elevation data has been provided as set forth in section 12-3-2 and subsection 12-4-2H of this title, and subsection 12-5-3C of this chapter, the following provisions are required:

C.2.1.4 Local Emergency Response Agency Structure

Information not available.

C.2.1.5 Threat & Hazard Warning Systems

The identified Threat & Hazard Warning Systems for Le FLore County include:

- ☐ Sirens (City of Pocola website states that city has sirens “throughout” city however no quantities were found. See *http://www.townofpocola.com/EM%20EAS%20ACTIVATION%20SOG.pdf*. Additional resources indicate that outdoor warning sirens are present in the City of Poteau. See *http://www.4029tv.com/news/tornado-sirens-accidentally-sound-in-leflore-county/31993252*.
- ☐ Social Media (Facebook page operated by Le Flore County Emergency Management and twitter account. See *https://www.facebook.com/lcemcst/* and *https://twitter.com/LeFloreCountyEM?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw*)
- ☐ Town of Pocola Emergency Management suggests using *www.wunderground.com* (see *http://www.townofpocola.com/eoc.html*)

Social Vulnerability

Based on the research work done by the Texas A&M University Hazard Reduction and Recovery Center, an added component is being included in this section. Social vulnerability can place households at a further disadvantage during and after a disaster. This analysis is assessing for the county the levels of social vulnerability based on demographic indicators to highlight 'hotspots' or counties that have higher social vulnerability. That combined with Hazard Mitigation Plans – or lack thereof – can highlight places where additional work is needed to reduce impacts on households.

Social Vulnerability Analysis - Le Flore County

Base Social Vulnerability Indicators (%)		2nd Order	3rd Order
1.) Single Parent Households	13.35%	0.197 (Child Care Needs)	**3.418 Social Vulnerability 'Hotspot' or Area of Concern**
2.) Population Under 5	6.35%		
3.) Population 65 or Above	15.66%	0.303 (Elder Needs)	
4.) Population 65 or Above & Below Poverty Rate	14.60%		
5.) Workers Using Public Transportation	0.28%	0.054 (Transportation Needs)	
6.) Occupied Housing Units w/o Vehicle	5.17%		
7.) Housing Unit Occupancy Rate	85.80%	2.491 (Temporary Shelter and Housing Recovery Needs)	
8.) Rental Occupancy Rate	25.86%		
9.) Non-White Population	27.11%		
10.) Population in Group Quarters	3.25%		
11.) Housing Units Built Prior to 1990	66.97%		
12.) Mobile Homes, RVs, Vans, etc.	17.87%		
13.) Poverty Rate	22.24%		
14.) Housing Units Lacking Telephones	3.36%	0.373 (Civic Capacity Needs)	
15.) Age 25+ With Less Than High School Diploma	19.50%		
16.) Unemployment Rate	11.62%		
17.) Age 5+ Which Cannot Speak English Well or Not At All	2.79%		

Sources: Shannon Van Zandt, Texas A&M, Hazard Planning materials, and 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Tables B11003, B01001, B17001, B08301, B25044, B25001, B25042, B02001, B03002, B26001, B25036, B17001, B25043, S1501, B23025 & B06007

Social Vulnerability Index

By County

Levels of Social Vulnerability Analysis

Base Social Vulnerability Indicators (Percentages)	2nd Order	3rd Order
1. Single parent households with children/ Total Households	Child care needs	Social vulnerability "Hotspot" or area of concern
2. Population 5 or below/Total Population		
3. Population 65 or above/Total Population	Elder needs	
4. Population 65 or above & below poverty/Pop. 65 or above		
5. Workers using public transportation/Civilian pop. 16+ and employed	Transportation Needs	
6. Occupied housing units without a vehicle / Occupied housing units (Hus)		
7. Occupied housing units / Total housing units	Temporary Shelter and housing Recovery needs	
8. Persons in renter occupied housing units/ Total housing units		
9. Non-white population/Total population		
10. Population in group quarters / Total population		
11. Housing units built 20 years ago / Total housing units		
12. Mobile Homes/ Total housing units		
13. Persons in poverty / Total population		
14. Occupied housing units without a telephone/ Total occupied HU	Civic Capacity needs	
15. Population above 25 with less than high school/ Total pop above 25		
16. Population 16+ in labor force an unemployed/ Pop in Labor force 16+		
17. Population above 5 that speak English not well or not at all / Pop >5		

Source: Shannon VanZandt, Texas A&M, Hazard Planning materials; 2008-2013 American Community Survey, Tables B11003, B01001, B17001,

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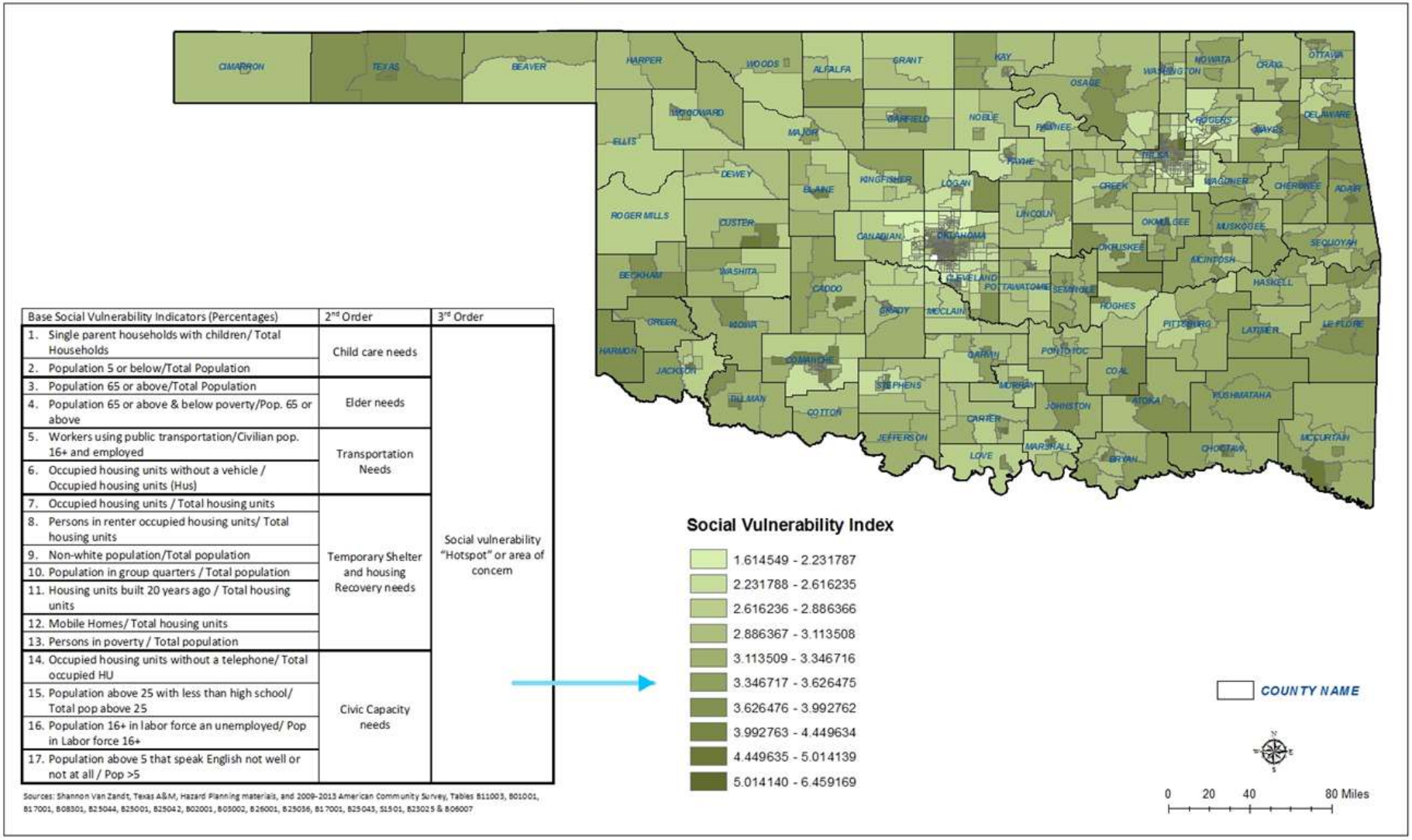
Social Vulnerability - Impacts on Housing & Disaster Resiliency



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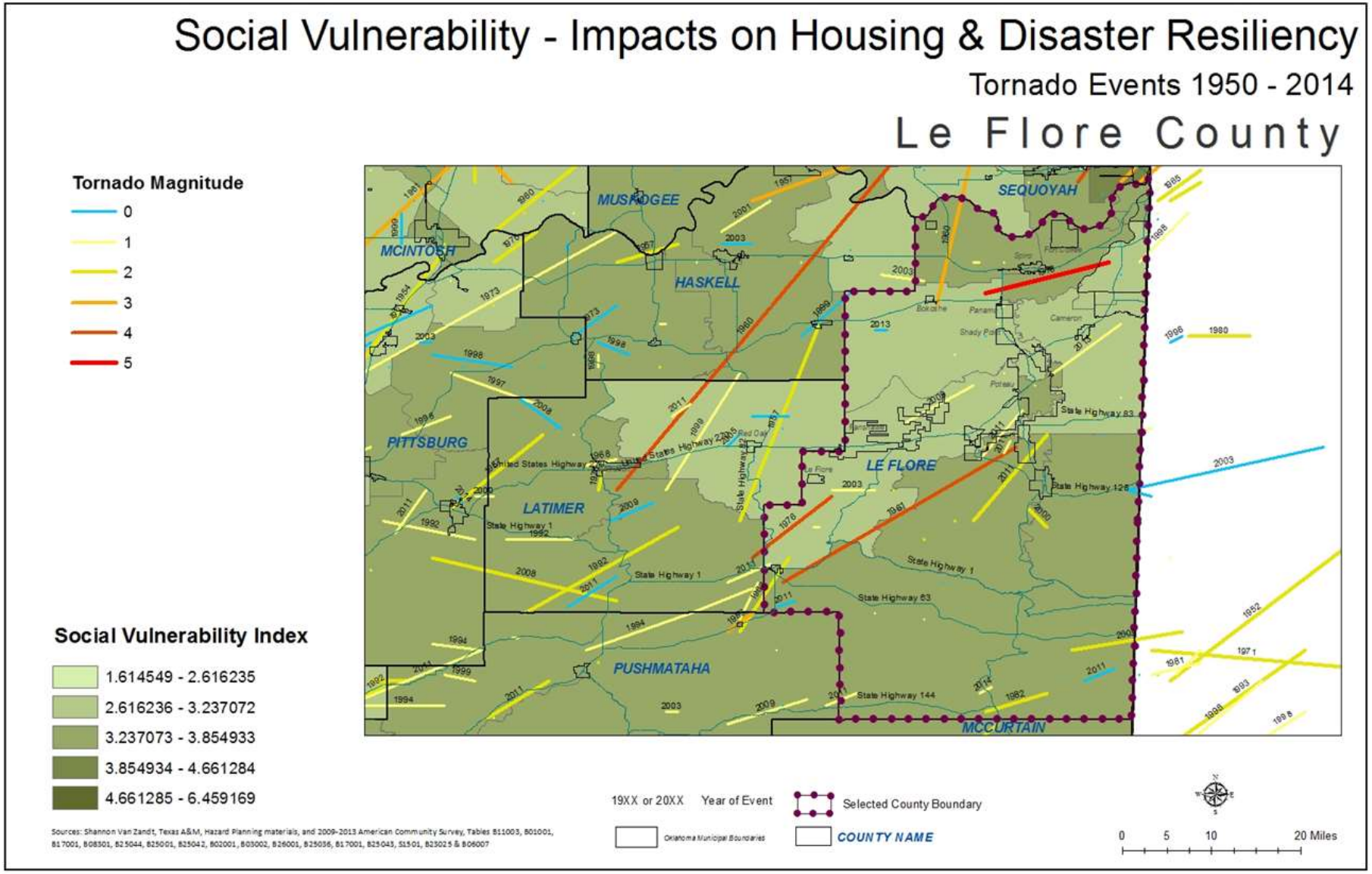
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Social vulnerability combined with the devastating impacts of a natural or man-made disaster can compound a household's ability to recover and in fact can place those individuals at an even great gap or disadvantage prior to the event (Shannon Van Zandt, Texas A&M, Hazard Planning).

This county has an elevated score per this index for social vulnerability when comparing as a county to other counties in the state. Looking at the census tract level, the southern portion of the county has a particularly higher scores for social vulnerability. Combine that with the tornados, as one physical hazard or event that occurs, people in these areas may have additional difficulties during an event due to transportation and family needs. Additionally recovery for socially vulnerable populations can be slow and may require additional outside assistance.

Recommendations for this county:

- Apply for grants/funding to develop a county hazard mitigation plan. The HMP must then be approved by the state and FEMA. Include attention to areas within the county that may have compounding social vulnerability factors.
- Pursue efforts to strengthen building codes related to tornadoes and natural disasters should be considered (such as the use of "hurricane clips" for all new residential construction).
- Pursue funding/grants for public shelters. As the city pursues planning for shelters from disaster events for multifamily, HUD and LIHTC units, in addition to all housing in the community should be incorporated with any effort to increase housing.

Homelessness

By Continuum of Care

Oklahoma is comprised of eight Continuums of Care (CoC). These entities manage the provision of services to the homeless, among other functions. By definition, CoCs involve nonprofit homeless providers; victim service providers; faith-based organizations; governments; businesses; advocates; public housing agencies; school districts; social service providers; mental health agencies; hospitals; universities; affordable housing developers; law enforcement and other organizations that serve the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless (Continuum of Care Network pamphlet, 2015). These entities are governed by a community plan that helps them deliver services to the homeless and/or to prevent a return to the homeless. CoCs provide a variety of services aimed at outreach, engagement and assessment, including emergency shelter, rapid re-housing, transitional housing, and permanent housing, among others (Continuum of Care Network pamphlet, 2015).

The data below describes the characteristics of those receiving or eligible for the CoC in which Le Flore County is located. This data is collected by the CoCs on last day of January each year and reported on an annual basis. It is currently the best source of data available at the State level of understanding the demographics of these populations.

OK 507 Southeastern Oklahoma

OK 507 represents McCurtain, Choctaw, Pushmataha, Bryan, Carter, Love, Pontotoc, Coal, Murray, Johnson, Atoka, Marshall, Pittsburg, Latimer, LeFlore, Haskell, McIntosh, Hughes, Okfuskee, Okmulgee, and Muskogee counties. There is a high rate of homelessness in this region, most of which seek shelter in small towns and rural areas. The majority of the homeless in this CoC are classified as chronically homeless (73). There are also a significant number of homeless that are mentally ill (49) and chronic substance abusers (50). The location of a correctional facility in this area may contribute to the disproportionate number of homeless in the CoC.

OK 507 Southeastern OK Regional	Emergency Shelter(sheltered)	Transitional Housing(sheltered)	Unsheltered	Total
Households without children	121	10	70	201
Households with at least 1 adult & 1 child	32	1	20	53
Households with only children	0	0	0	0
total homeless households	153	11	90	254
Persons in households without children	126	10	104	240
persons age 18-24	19	1	23	43
persons over age 24	107	9	81	197
Persons in households with at least 1 adult & 1 child	86	3	113	202
children under age 18	49	2	46	97
persons age 18-24	9	0	23	32
persons over 24	28	1	44	73
persons in households with only 1 children	0	0	0	0
Total homeless persons	212	13	217	442
Subpopulations	**Sheltered**		**Unsheltered**	**Total**
Chronically Homeless	23		50	73
Chronically Homeless Individuals	13		40	53
Chronically Homeless Persons in Families	10		10	20
Severely Mentally Ill	20		29	49
Chronic Substance Abuse	25		25	50
Veterans	8		13	21
HIV/AIDS	1		2	3
Victims of Domestic Violence	26		3	29

CoC Number: OK-507

CoC Name: Southeastern Oklahoma Regional CoC

Summary of all beds reported by Continuum of Care:

	Family Units[1]	Family Beds[1]	Adult-Only Beds	Child-Only Beds	Total Yr-Round Beds	Seasonal	Overflow / Voucher	Subset of Total Bed Inventory: Chronic Beds[2]	Veteran Beds[3]	Youth Beds[3]
Emergency, Safe Haven and Transitional Housing	**54**	**145**	**206**	**0**	**351**	**0**	**3**	**n/a**	**0**	**0**
Emergency Shelter	53	142	189	0	331	0	3	n/a	0	0
Transitional Housing	1	3	17	0	20	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0
Permanent Housing	**19**	**71**	**23**	**0**	**94**	**n/a**	**n/a**	**2**	**32**	**0**
Permanent Supportive Housing*	15	58	21	0	79	n/a	n/a	2	32	0
Rapid Re-Housing	4	13	2	0	15	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0
Grand Total	**73**	**216**	**229**	**0**	**445**	**0**	**3**	**2**	**32**	**0**

COC Conclusion

Each of the CoC's represents a unique area. It's important to note that the Point In Time data serves as a baseline. It is likely that the homeless population is much larger than counted. Generally, the State's homeless population is over the age of 24. In some areas of the State, there is a disproportionately high rate of homeless youth. More detailed exploration is necessary to understand the reasons which led them to this State and the needs of homeless youth. Domestic violence victims comprise a significant portion of the homeless population in the State. In some areas, the presence of social service providers for this subpopulation has reduced homeless rates. The same is true with respect to homeless veterans. As anticipated, the majority of the homeless population across the state can be classified as: mentally ill, chronically homeless, and chronic substance abusers. The needs of these difficult to house homeless must remain a priority across the State.

A Snap Shot of Homelessness in the State

Point in Time data was last collected on January 29, 2015 across the State. On that date, counts revealed a homeless populations of more than 3,000 residents. The majority of those counted (2,603 individuals) were classified as households without children. The majority of this group lives in emergency shelters (1,652) or transitional housing (376) with 575 classified as unsheltered.

The number of households with children is seemingly small totaling 343. The vast majority of those in this classification live at emergency shelters (201) or transitional housing (104) with only 38 classified as unsheltered. Homeless service providers in Oklahoma City and Tulsa emphasized that this group was likely undercounted across the State because they are less visible than other categories of homeless. They emphasized that emergency shelters, as presently designed, do not meet the needs of families with children in terms of both privacy and safety.

The Point in Time data reveals less than 100 households comprised of only children. Of these 74 counted households, 35 live in emergency shelters and 39 are unsheltered. This population is likely significantly undercounted as youth who are homeless typically seek to avoid identification for fear of being returned to their homes. These young people often have specific needs for supportive services that are difficult to deliver because the population remains unseen. Homeless advocates in the State hold up Tulsa as a good example of the State for serving homeless youth. OKC's Be the Change is also a leader in identifying and providing needed service to homeless youth in the metropolitan region. The problem of homeless youth is not just isolated to large urban areas. Mid-sized and smaller cities also look for innovative ways to service. Cities like El Reno and Enid have their own drop in centers for homeless youth. Social networks in smaller cities fill similar functions.

Oklahoma City public schools also tracks homeless students within the district. There are homeless students attending 78 elementary and middle schools in Oklahoma City. This data suggests that the majority of the city's homeless students are African American or Hispanic. There are 664 homeless African American students, 724 homeless Hispanic students, and 254 homeless Caucasian students. There are ten high schools in OKC that have reported having homeless students. Douglass and Capitol Hill high schools have the highest homeless student populations. Douglass has 50 homeless African American students. Capitol Hill has 49 homeless Hispanic students. The majority of these students can be classified as "couch homeless" or doubled up, meaning that they are finding

shelter with extended family members, friends, and other non-relatives for a brief amount of time due to hardship.

The majority of Oklahoma's homeless population is over 24 years old. This classification system is not particularly useful in helping to assess the number and needs of the elderly population, which is reported to be a substantial subset of this population.

The Point in Time data categorizes the homeless population into two categories: Hispanic/Latino and Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino. The lion's share of homeless in Oklahoma are Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino (3,528). In Oklahoma City, 62% of the homeless served are classified a Caucasian. Twenty-five percent of the homeless population is African American. Seven percent of the homeless in OKC identify as Native American. Less than one percent of those identified as homeless in OKC are Asian. By contrast, a relative small fraction of the State's homeless population is Hispanic/Latino. The Point in Time data identified a relatively small Hispanic homeless population, including less than 250 individuals. This follows OKC counts that identify 7% of the city's homeless population as Hispanic. Homeless advocates in OKC indicate that social networks, including churches and extended families, keep the number of homeless in the Hispanic population proportionately lower than their Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino counterparts. However, these individual likely classify as "couch homeless" and are in a continued state of being vulnerable to becoming homeless.

The PIC data indicates that are more homeless males (2,237) than females (1,535). This follows national trends. Care should be taken when interpreting this data, as women are less likely to participate in Point in Time counts. There is a growing population of homeless in Oklahoma that identifies as transgender. PIC data identified 5 individuals identifying as transgender. This population is likely much higher and will continue to grow due to family and national attitudes about this population. Transgender populations may require special housing accommodations, especially in the emergency shelter context, to provide for their social and emotional needs.

Another group of homeless individuals that merits special consideration in the distribution of resources is those identified as having special needs. This classification includes persons with "physical, mental or behavioral disabilities, persons with HIV/AIS and/or persons with alcohol or drug addictions. The Point in Time data estimates that there are nearly 1300 homeless persons with special needs in OKC alone.

The Point in Time data is coarse and does not do an effectively track homeless populations with specific needs, such as those persons who are homeless and living with HIV/AIDS. This special population of homeless is likely growing in Oklahoma. According to the Oklahoma State Department of Health there were an estimated 5,375 cases of persons living with HIV/AIDS by the end of 2013. There were a total of 437 newly diagnosed HIV/AIDS cases in 2013 for the state of Oklahoma. The vast majority of populations living with HIV/AIDS (nearly 72%) reside in urban areas. In OKC alone, the Point in Time data identified at least 25 homeless individuals living with HIV/AIDS. This is likely an undercount. Based on this information and anecdotal data from homeless service providers, special effort must be made to understand the housing, medical, and supportive services needs of homeless persons living with HIV/AIDs.

Shelter is crucial for homeless persons with HIV/AIDS in the management of this illness. However, traditional shelter setting(s) may not be suitable to house this population. Those with suppressed immune systems are vulnerable to the spread of infectious diseases which may be present in open shelters. In addition, shelter personally may not be properly trained in handling AIDS related issues. For these reasons, as well as resources made available by the federal government, homeless persons living with HIV/AIDs are often given housing choice vouchers, created by HOPWA, so that they secure housing on the private market. This can be challenging in constrained rental markets like Norman, for example, where affordable housing options are limited. It is estimated that more than 60 individuals living in OKC with HIV/AIDs are homeless because they have been unable to find a landlord that will accept their housing choice voucher.

State Name: Oklahoma

Point-in Time Date: 1/29/2015

Summary by household type reported:

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing*		
Households without children[1]	1,652	376	575	2,603
Households with at least one adult and one child[2]	201	104	38	343
Households with only children[3]	35	0	39	74
Total Homeless Households	**1,888**	**480**	**652**	**3,020**

Summary of persons in each household type:

Persons in households without children[1]	**1,676**	**397**	**623**	**2,696**
Persons Age 18 to 24	214	61	110	385
Persons Over Age 24	1,462	336	513	2,311
Persons in households with at least one adult and one child[2]	**595**	**293**	**108**	**996**
Children Under Age 18	373	176	57	606
Persons Age 18 to 24	40	29	13	82
Persons Over Age 24	182	88	38	308
Persons in households with only children[3]	**38**	**0**	**47**	**85**
Total Homeless Persons	**2,309**	**690**	**778**	**3,777**

Demographic summary by ethnicity:

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing*		
Hispanic / Latino	154	43	52	249
Non-Hispanic / Non- Latino	2,155	647	726	3,528
Total	**2,309**	**690**	**778**	**3,777**

Demographic summary by gender:

Female	1,004	272	259	1,535
Male	1,302	416	519	2,237
Transgender	3	2	0	5
Total	**2,309**	**690**	**778**	**3,777**

Rural Areas

Homelessness in the rural areas of the State is much more difficult to calculate. Given the population density of the State, the majority of services that serve the homeless are concentrated in urban and semi-urban areas. Even if beds are available, many rural homeless lack knowledge about the services or a means to travel to receive the same. As a part of this study, OU students were dispatched into the 77 counties in the State to, among other issues, attempt to understand the degree to which there is rural homelessness in the State. Their qualitative inquiries yielded very little data, in part, because rural homeless is difficult to identify and often ignored. For the purposes of this report, a literature review was prepared on the topic of rural homelessness in the United States. The goals of this academic review is to assist policymakers and service providers in the State in uncovering the dimensions of this illusive population.

In the U.S., the rural homeless population is predominantly Caucasian. This population is comprised of single mothers, widowed wives and husbands, divorced and separated men and women, and young people. A study examining rural homelessness in Ohio found that nearly 40% of those who classify as homeless were divorced, separated, or widowed (First, Richard J., John C. Rife, and Beverly G. Toomey, 1994, pg. 101). Ohio's rural homeless were also relatively young. Close to 80% of homeless population in this study was between the ages of 18 and 39 years old (First et al, 1994, pg. 101). Rural homelessness is often less visible than urban homelessness because these populations commonly take shelter are at a friend's house, in their vehicles, or on abandoned properties. These populations can also be found on "…campgrounds or in hollows, desert canyons, farmers' fields, state parks, and highway rest areas" (Milbourne and Cloke, 2006, pg. 17).

The causes of rural homelessness mirror, in most ways, the plight of the urban homeless. The study of homelessness in rural Ohio revealed family problems and substance abuse issues as primary causes of rural homelessness. The incidence of homelessness resulting from situations of domestic violence is high in rural areas (Cummins et al, 1998). Substance abuse issues are a common cause for homelessness in rural America. The literature reveals that this population tends to be homeless because they have isolated themselves from family and people who want to help (First et al, 1994). In the case of both domestic violence and substance abuse, it is often difficult for these individuals to find shelter and the supportive services they require in rural areas where options are limited, if available at all. The thought of moving to an urban area to find both shelter and supportive services is sometimes not considered at all by these vulnerable populations.

Rural areas are also more prone to the kind of poverty that puts individuals and families at risk for homelessness. The number of people living at or below the poverty line in rural places is higher than anywhere else in the United States (Moore, 2001). The statement "rural homelessness is a microcosm of national economic and political developments" cannot be truer for American rural communities (Vissing, 1996, pg. 103). The disinvestment of small towns and their inability to attract long-term sustainable business development, cripples a small town's economy. In effect, this is a main contributor for why poverty is such a common theme for rural communities. As a result, the State should carefully consider its investments in rural Oklahoma. While there is a need for shelter in these places, the construction of this housing type should be weighed with long term opportunities for employment in the area.

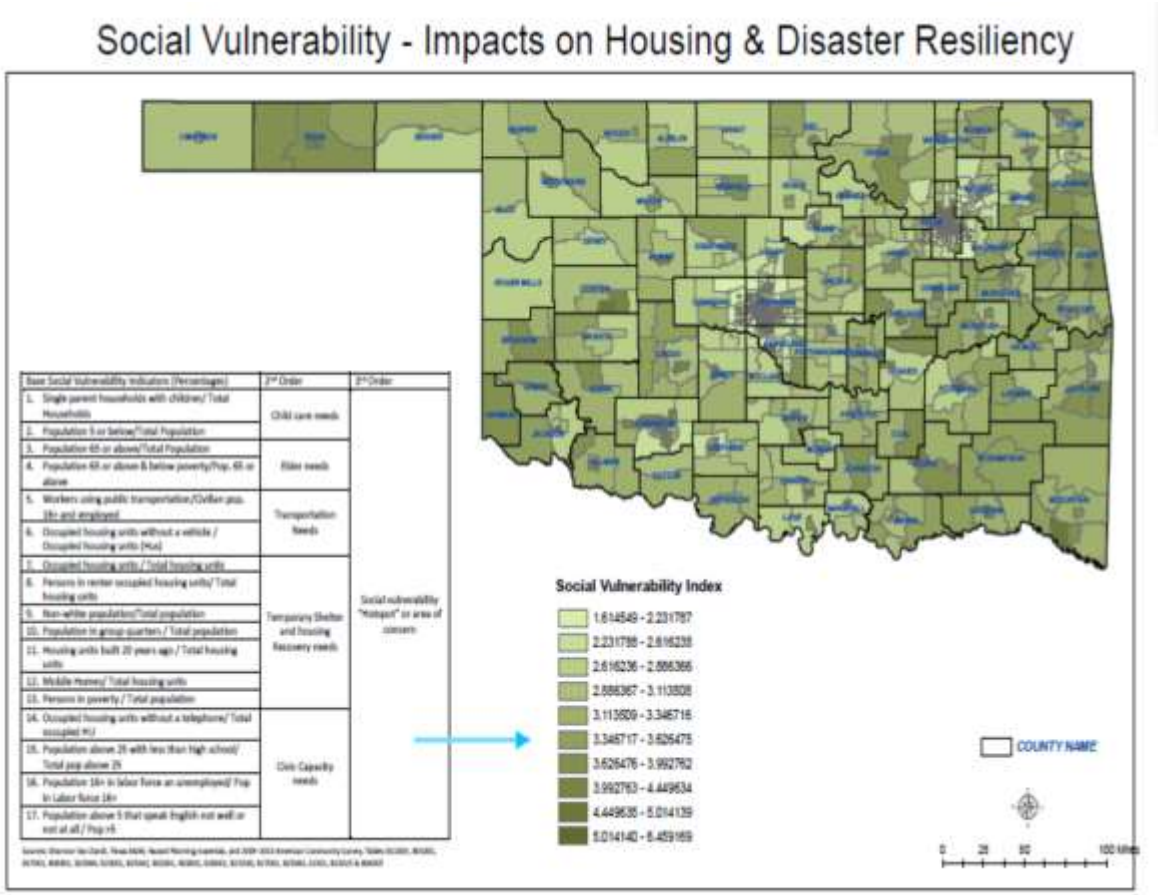
It is not surprising that rural areas typically lack both emergency shelters and temporary housing options. Services that provide temporary housing and provide relief and support services for those who cannot find food are virtually nonexistent in rural communities across the United States (Moore, 2001). Sheltering the homeless is undercapitalized in rural areas because communities do not see a concentration of homeless individuals (Vissing, 1996, pg. 146). As a result, the homeless must satisfice where they are. For instance, for families who are homeless, some of them use a friend's house to store clothes or to seek shelter, while some receive assistance from churches (Cummins et al, 1998). Others migrate to urban areas where services are available and more accessible (Rollinson, Paul A., and John T. Pardeck, 2006).

The absence of affordable housing in rural areas is a root cause of homelessness (Levinson, David, and Marcy Ross, 2007). In fact, it was noticed that many of the people were receiving monetary assistance or previously had some money saved up to spend on housing, but these measures were not enough to keep them afloat (First et al, 1994, pg. 101). Housing costs rise in rural areas typically rise as a result of competition for a limited amount of housing stock. In some rural areas, low income families are spending 70% of their household incomes on housing, sometimes substandard housing (Vissing, 1996, pg. 124). As Levinson et al explain, "housing costs are lower but so are incomes, with the result of placing a heavier rent burden in the community" (Levinson, David, and Marcy Ross, 2007, pg. 45). Renters in rural communities, as a result, are far more susceptible to becoming homeless than their urban or suburban counterparts because they do not have the financial safety net sometimes associated with homeownership (Fitchen, 1991, pg. 193).

While this brief review of the literature describes the state of homelessness across rural America, many of the lessons learned are easily translated to an Oklahoma context. The condition and supply of affordable housing units is relatively poor in many rural portions of the State. Rent burden, as more fully characterized in the Consolidated Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) section of this report, is high. This leaves families living and working in relatively weak economies vulnerable to homelessness. Once homeless, supportive services in these areas are relatively limited, especially for the chronically homeless, those with substance abuse problems, and victims of domestic violence. Services available to these populations in urban areas may not be attractive to individuals and families who are accustomed to life in rural communities. Where practicable, more consideration must be given to providing supportive services and temporary and permanent housing to homeless populations wishing to remain in rural areas.

At Risk For Homelessness

Poverty is the primary factor that places Oklahoma families at risk of being homeless. There are many factors experienced by those living in poverty which leave residents more or less vulnerable to homelessness. For the purposes of this study, a social vulnerability index has been constructed to measure the likelihood or risk that residents living in poverty might find themselves homeless. This index includes factors such as single headed households, concentration of young and elderly residents, the reliance on public transportation, private vehicle availability, racial composition, housing type, presence or absence of a telephone in the household, amongst other factors. This index is additive and seeks to understand the collective impact of these factors in estimating the vulnerability of a local population. While employed in more significant detail in the section of this report focusing on disaster resiliency, this tool is useful in identifying areas of the State where populations may be most vulnerable to homelessness. The index utilized in this section is different from the one crafted in the Disaster Resiliency chapter of this report in that it estimates social vulnerability at the county level, rather than by census tract. The decision to study vulnerability to homelessness at the county level was made to help policymakers understand, more generally, where resources and economic interventions are most necessary to stave off the potential effects of homelessness. This maps presents vulnerability to homelessness on the county level, depicting the most vulnerable counties in dark green.



The Oklahoma families most likely at risk are those living in public and subsidized housing. They live below the poverty line. Even those who are employed, remain vulnerable to homeless because an unexpected expense, like a medical emergency, threatens their ability to pay for their share of rent owed or utilities. A missed payment can easily lead to eviction and homeless.

Through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Oklahoma service providers have been vested with more than 24,000 housing choice vouchers. Their spatial distribution is outlined below. Of significance is the size of the waiting lists for public housing units and housing choice vouchers in cities across the State. These individuals are the most vulnerable to being homeless.

		Authorized Vouchers	Public Housing Waiting List	Voucher waiting list
Ada	OK024	110	Unknown	Unknown
Bristow	OK033	87	Unknown	Unknown
Broken Bow	OK006	217	Unknown	Unknown
Fort Gibson	OK118	44	Unknown	Unknown
Henryetta	OK142	115	Unknown	Unknown
Hugo	OK044	178	14	56
Lawton	OK005	92	Unknown	Unknown
McAlester	OK062	73	118	36
Miami	OK027	243	126	179
Muskogee	OK099	843	Unknown	230
Norman	OK139	1,185	Unknown	313
Oklahoma City	OK002	4,219	830	8021
Oklahoma HFA	OK901	10,708	Unknown	11,155
Ponca City	OK111	134	70	148
Seminole	OK032	189	53	44
Shawnee	OK095	497	320	623
Stillwater	OK146	656	550	420
Stilwell	OK067	29	Unknown	Unknown
Tecumseh	OK148	31	90	171
Tulsa	OK073	4,808	4951	5859
Wewoka	OK096	154	Unknown	
Oklahoma		24,612		

Findings and Recommendations

The chronically homeless population remains high in Oklahoma and follows national trends. While this population does not appear to be growing, the needs of the chronically homeless merit continued attention. Ample emergency shelters and soup kitchens must be made available for these sizable population in both urban and rural contexts. Social service providers should be clustered, to the extent possible, where these groups of homeless populations cluster. Given the future projections for the increase in the number of cold and hot days in the region, social service providers must provide places that allow these individuals to seek refuge from the elements.

Those living with HIV/AIDS tend to underreport their status and needs. Given the cost of medical care these individuals face, the need for permanent and stable housing is critical. Housing providers must work to ensure that there are enough units for this undercounted population. Working with county health care providers, OHFA is much more likely to estimate the size and needs of this population of homeless and potentially homeless persons. Special care must be taken to ascertain the barriers these individuals face when using vouchers to secure housing in the marketplace.

Victims of domestic violence require temporary and transitional housing statewide. CoCs with high supportive services tend to better accommodate the housing needs for these population. Cleveland County provides a good model for the State. However, many homeless victims of domestic violence live in rural areas that are underserved. Efforts must be undertaken to work with social services provides, schools, churches, and the police to help identify these individuals and to lead them to available housing and supportive services.

While not mentioned in the PIC data, estimates must be prepared to calculate the number and needs of homeless populations with felonies. In particular, there has been a rise nationally in the number of homeless sex offenders. Zoning regulations and discrimination from the private market has pushed many registered sex offenders to the periphery of many communities. Given their criminal histories, this population of homeless is harder to house but should not be forgotten for health and safety of these individuals and the communities they inhabit.

The size of the homeless veteran population seems to be decreasing as a result of national initiatives to end homelessness for veterans in Oklahoma. The needs of homeless veterans are highest in areas of the State near VA facilities. Temporary and permanent housing should be constructed at a higher rate in these areas to meet demand. Care should be taken to make certain that the housing constructed is built to meet the psychological needs of veterans, particularly those suffering from PTSD.

Rural homelessness, in general, is a challenge to assess and characterize. The rate of homelessness in rural areas is most likely much higher than annual counts demonstrate. The majority of rural homeless likely find shelter out of public view. Some may shelter in their cars, in undeveloped areas or in the homes of those who allow them to stay. They are not likely to find their way to urban areas given their lack of transportation options and preferences for rural living. Programs that are developed to provide shelter to the rural homeless must be developed to allow sheltering in place where possible. Sheltering in place should only be allowed, however, in places where individuals are likely to be able to find what they need, including opportunities to work.

Very little is known about the age distribution of homeless over the age of 24. It is likely that the homeless population, including those who are chronically homeless, is aging. Elderly homeless individuals have special needs. Counts must be more sensitive to understanding the size and needs of this population. This does not mean arbitrarily building units to house this population unless a need can be demonstrated for the same.

Waiting lists for public housing and section 8 vouchers are high across the State. This is not uncommon to Oklahoma. However, when we are considering the size of the population that is at risk to homelessness, these waiting lists are an important factor to consider. Resources should be spent in a manner which is preventative so that these individuals' and families' needs are met before they become homeless.

The absence of affordable housing alternatives across some parts of the State is the largest threat to homelessness. In markets that are constrained by an aging housing stock or those that are rapidly growing, individuals and families who live on the economic margins are at risk for becoming homeless. Communities must work to ensure that zoning regulations promote the development of housing types serving all income levels, including the providing of temporary and permanent housing to meet the needs of the presently homeless and those at risk for becoming the same. Funding distributions should be targeted to communities with the highest needs who are willing to do what is necessary to meet the needs of the homeless and those at risk for the same.

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Fair Housing

Summary

Fair housing addresses discrimination in the provision of housing as well as discrimination in access to opportunities provided by the location of affordable housing. Recent actions by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the United States Supreme Court focus our attention on localized access to opportunity.

These findings are intended to aid the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency (OHFA) determine the location of new affordable housing in relation to vulnerable populations and explore ways to expand the opportunities available to help communities of existing affordable housing achieve self-sufficiency.

Key Findings:

- 70% of affordable housing units are located in census tracts marked by poverty
- 62% of affordable housing is located in census tracts where a majority of the residents are not white
- 13% of affordable housing units have no access to transit services and 56% have access to limited service, on-demand transit
- 2.6% of affordable housing units have limited access to a hospital
- 7.8% of affordable housing units are located in food deserts

Recommendations:

Continued efforts to improve the quality of life for affordable housing residents and reduce discrimination associated with affordable housing will likely need to include strategies that integrate new affordable housing as well as support existing communities of affordable housing. This will likely include public policies and funding designed to integrate low-income and workforce housing into a more diverse set of communities. Additionally, those living existing affordable housing communities need increased opportunities to stay in place, become self-sufficient, and participate in determining the future of their neighborhood. OHFA may consider partnering with other state, non-profit, and for-profit agencies to explore strategies for helping communities thrive economically, socially, and environmentally.

What is Fair Housing?

Fair housing addresses discrimination in the provision of housing as well as discrimination in access to opportunities provided by the location of affordable housing. On one hand, this protects the ability of individuals to obtain housing regardless of personal characteristics such as race, skin color, national origin, gender, familial status, or disability. It also focuses attention on more subtle forms of discrimination that cluster low-income housing in ways that inhibit the ability of communities to access services and amenities that support self-sufficiency and autonomy.

Recent actions by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the United States Supreme Court focus our attention on localized access to opportunity. In 2014, HUD released the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) rule for public comment. The draft rule

"directs HUD's program participants to take significant actions to overcome historic patterns of segregation, achieve truly balanced and integrated living patterns, promote fair housing choice, and foster inclusive communities that are free from discrimination" (HUD 2015). In 2015, the United States Supreme Court provided legal support for actions taken to remedy patterns that impede the upward mobility and opportunity of low-income individuals and communities. In the case of Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs v. The Inclusive Communities Project the court reiterated the need to address disparate impacts in considering the location of affordable housing and reinforced the importance of AFFH (Bostic 2015). Housing discrimination from this perspective is not only felt by individual residents, it can also be the result of actions that work to limit the opportunities to improve the quality of life in local communities.

Approach

In Oklahoma, a combination of federal and state programs work to support the opportunities provided to individuals and families who rest safely and comfortably in an apartment or home. Here we use publicly available data for units that are part of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Program, the Rural Rental Housing Loans, or OHFA administered programs such as Oklahoma Affordable Housing Tax Credit (AHTC), the HOME investment partnership program, the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program, and multi-family bonds. Collectively, these programs represent state efforts to assist individuals who are unable to afford housing.

Indicators of disparate impact vary but seem to contingent upon the contextual characteristics of a particular neighborhood. In an effort to help communities investigate and understand community level disparate impacts, HUD created a Fair Housing Assessment Tool (http://www.huduser.gov/portal/affht_pt.html#affh). The assessment tool includes measures on indicators of disparate impacts based on the clustering of potentially vulnerable populations, including:

- Race/Ethnicity of Residents
- National Origin of Residents
- English Proficiency of Residents
- Job Accessibility
- Transit Accessibility
- Level of Poverty
- Environmental Exposure (e.g. pollution, crime, food, health care, etc.)
- Disability

This report uses the Fair Housing Assessment Tool in conjunction with readily available data to initiate a more thorough investigation of the potential for disparate impacts in the state. The findings are intended to aid the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency regarding future location of new fair housing in relation to vulnerable populations and the future opportunities available to help communities of existing affordable housing achieve self-sufficiency.

Data

Data for this report are compiled from a variety of sources including the United States Census, the University of Oklahoma Center for Spatial Analysis, and primary data collected as part of ongoing research efforts at the University of Oklahoma. Data are aggregated into census tracts and reported statewide as well as by county (see Appendix 1).

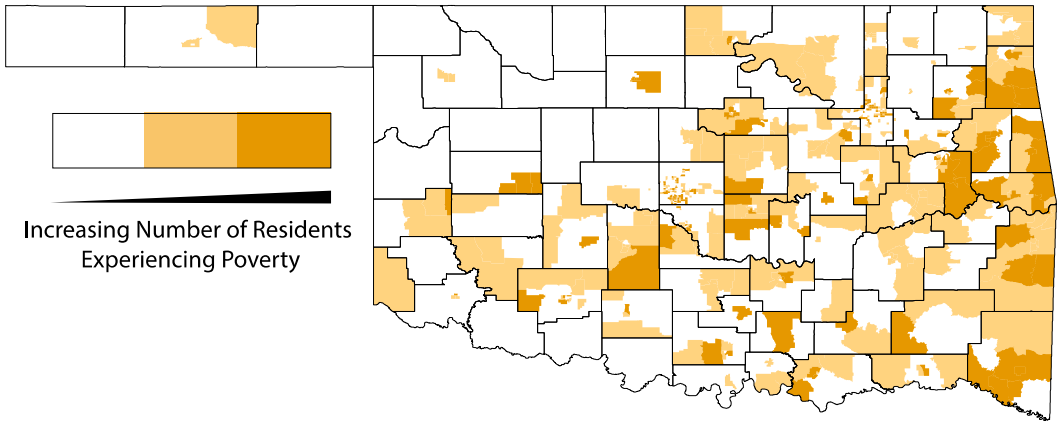
1. Urban/Rural

A majority of the affordable housing in Oklahoma is situated in rural communities. Urban communities including Edmond, Lawton, Norman, Oklahoma City, and Tulsa are home to just over 1/3 of the affordable housing units in the state.

	Total Affordable Housing Units		Situated an Urban Setting		Situated in a Rural Setting
OHFA	35,292		11,699 (33.1%)		23,593 (66.9%)
515	5,384		0		5,384 (100%)
LIHTC	23,537		8,255 (35.1%)		15,282 (64.9%)
Total	64,213		19,954 (31.1%)		44,259 (68.9%)

2. Poverty

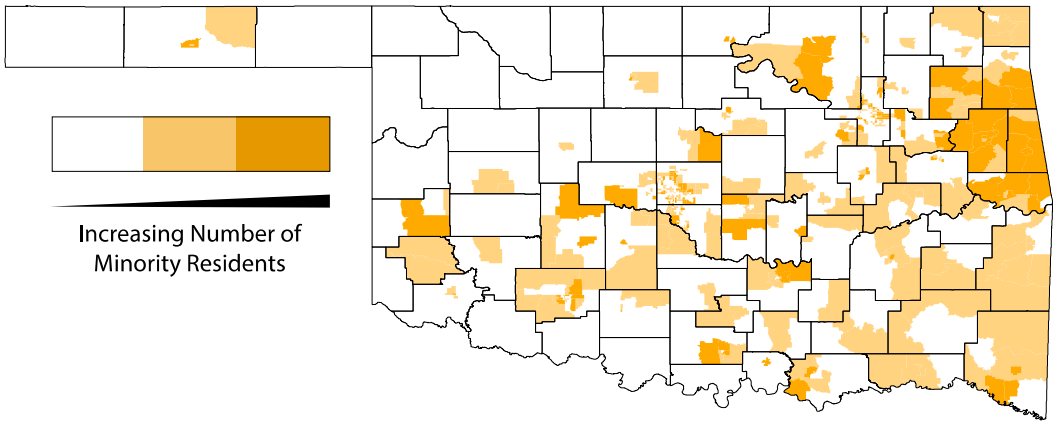
Approximately 70% of affordable housing units in Oklahoma are located in census tracts where the number of residents living in poverty is above the state average. About half of these units are located in areas of extreme poverty, where the number of individuals who are economically vulnerable exceeds 994, more than one standard deviation (411) from the mean (583).



	Total Affordable Housing Units		Situated in Poverty		Situated in Extreme Poverty
OHFA	35,292		12,295 (34.8%)		12,464 (35.3%)
515	5,384		2,093 (38.9%)		1,839 (34.2%)
LIHTC	23,537		7,483 (31.8%)		8,924 (38.0%)
Total	64,213		21,796 (33.9%)		23,227 (36.2%)

3. Non-white Enclaves

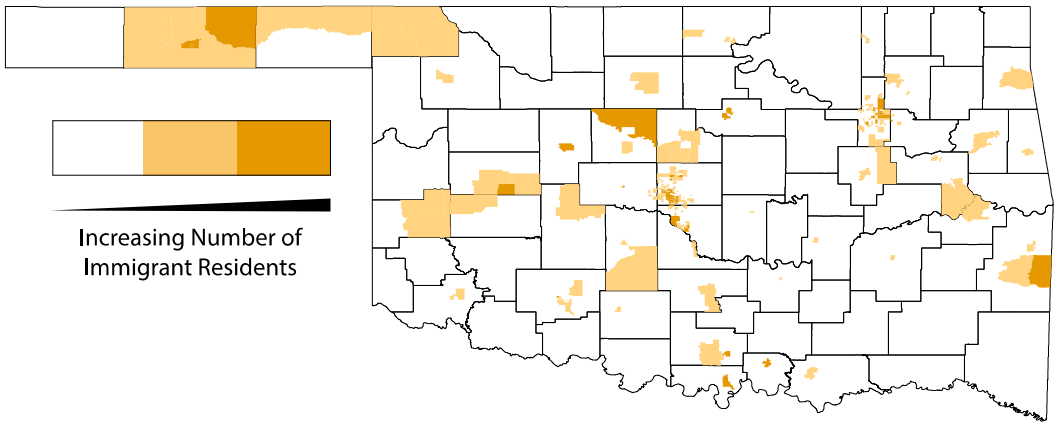
Just over 60% of affordable housing units in Oklahoma are located in census tracts where a majority of the residents are non-white. With just fewer than 24% of the total affordable housing units in census tracts heavily populated with residents who are not white – identified as census tracts where the number of non-white residents is more than 1,595 - one standard deviation (653) greater than the mean (542).



	Total Affordable Housing Units		Situated in Majority Non-White Community		Situated in Heavily Non-White Community
OHFA	35,292		12,814 (36.3%)		7,907 (22.4%)
515	5,384		2,229 (41.4%)		1,288 (23.9%)
LIHTC	23,537		10,285 (43.7%)		5,677 (24.1%)
Total	64,213		25,328 (39.4%)		14,872 (23.2%)

4. Immigrant Enclaves

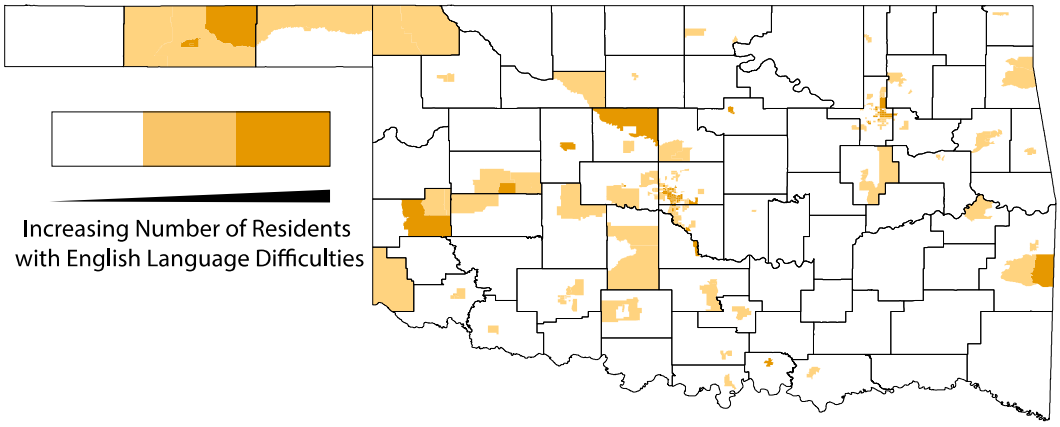
One-third of affordable housing units in Oklahoma are located in census tracts where more than the average number of residents are immigrants. About half of these units are located in areas dense with immigrants, where the number of individuals who are not citizen exceeds 349, more than one standard deviation (219) from the mean (130).



	Total Affordable Housing Units		Situated in Immigrant Enclave		Situated in Heavily Immigrant Enclave
OHFA	35,292		8,114 (23.0%)		3,358 (9.5%)
515	5,384		1,017 (18.9%)		159 (3.0%)
LIHTC	23,537		5,457 (23.2%)		3,364 (14.3%)
Total	64,213		14,588 (22.7%)		6,881 (10.7%)

5. Limited English Proficiency

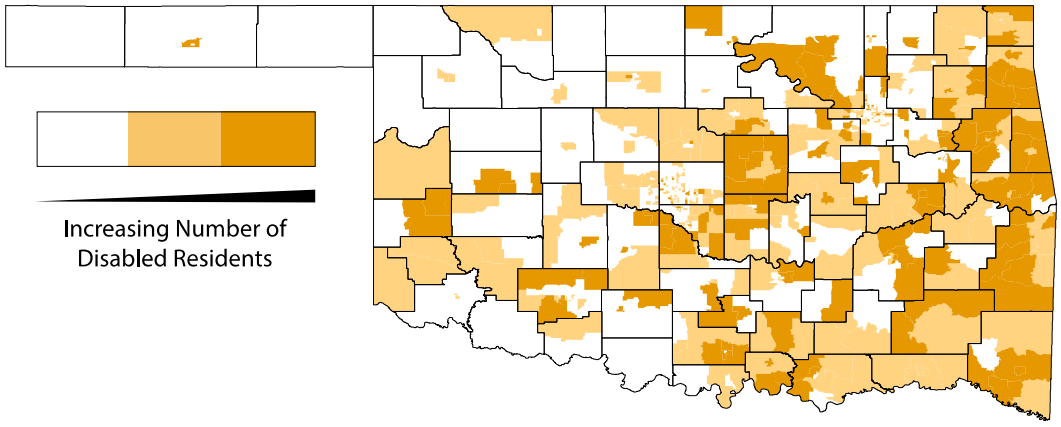
Almost 17,000 existing affordable housing units in Oklahoma are located in census tracts where more residents than average do not speak English very well. A little more than half of these units are located in areas dense with individuals with limited English proficiency, where the number of individuals who speak English less than very well exceeds 380, more than one standard deviation (240) from the mean (140).



	Total Affordable Housing Units		Community with more than average number of Limited English Speakers		Community dense with limited English Speakers
OHFA	35,292		6,250 (17.7%)		3,122 (8.8%)
515	5,384		799 (14.8%)		240 (4.5%)
LIHTC	23,537		4,034 (17.1%)		3,475 (14.8%)
Total	64,213		11,083 (17.3%)		6,837 (10.6%)

6. Disability

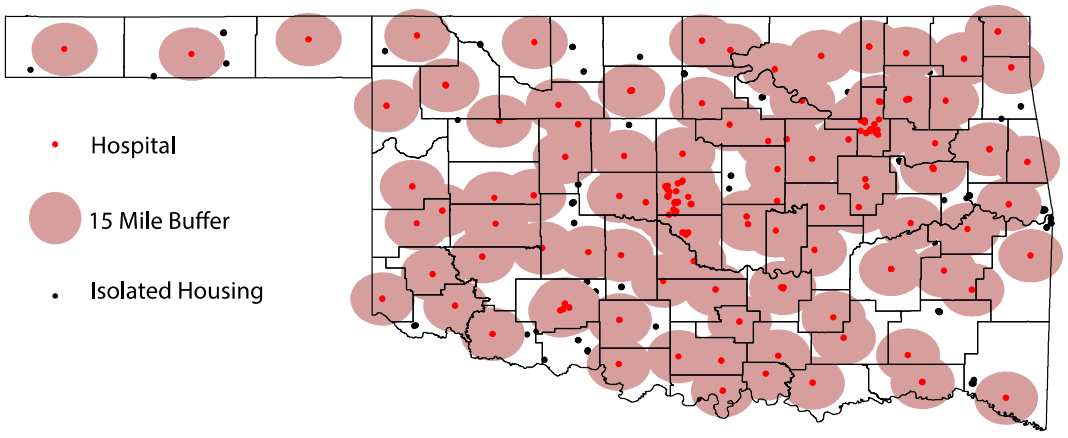
Almost 60% of existing affordable housing units in Oklahoma are located in census tracts where more residents than average have a disability. A little more than half of these units are located in areas dense with individuals with a disability, where the number of individuals who are disabled is greater than 831, more than one standard deviation (289) from the mean (542).



	Total Affordable Housing Units		Community with more than average number of Disabled Residents		Community dense with Disabled Residents
OHFA	35,292		10,098 (28.6%)		10,722 (30.4%)
515	5,384		1,686 (31.3%)		2,594 (48.8%)
LIHTC	23,537		7,074 (30.1%)		6,289 (26.7%)
Total	64,213		18,858 (29.4%)		19,605 (30.5%)

7. Hospitals

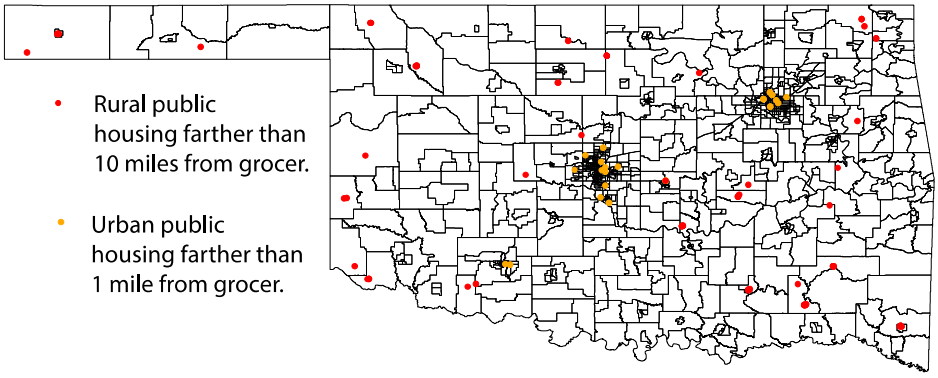
There are no affordable housing units more than 30 miles from a hospital. Approximately 2.6% of affordable housing units are farther than 15 miles from the nearest hospital. As indicated by the larger percentage of Rural Rental Housing Loan units, most of these are located in rural areas.



	Total Affordable Housing Units		More than 15 miles to nearest hospital		More than 30 miles to nearest hospital
OHFA	35,292		628 (1.8%)		0
515	5,384		500 (9.3%)		0
LIHTC	23,537		532 (2.3%)		0
Total	64,213		1,660 (2.6%)		0

8. Grocery Stores

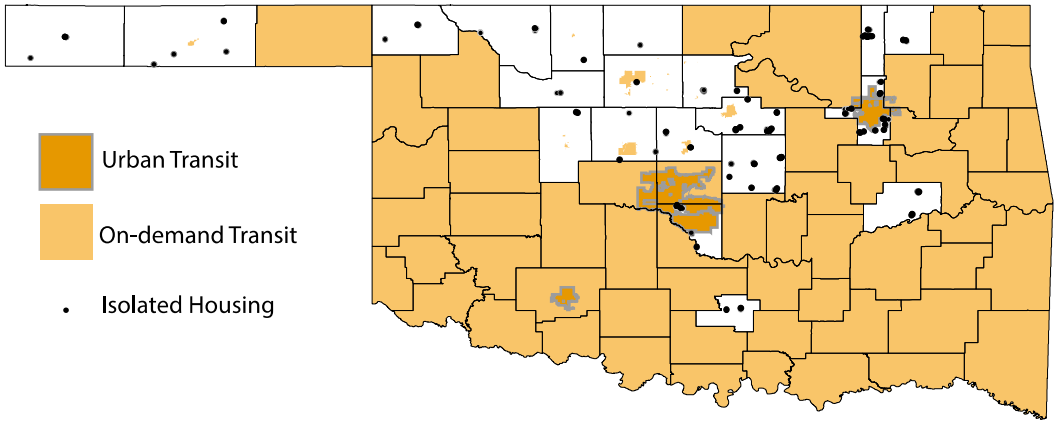
Approximately 7.8% of affordable housing units are in areas that are classified as food deserts. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, food deserts exist in urban environments further than 1 mile from a grocery store and in rural environments further than 10 miles from a grocery store (https://apps.ams.usda.gov/fooddeserts/foodDeserts.aspx).



	Total Affordable Housing Units		Urban > 1 Mile from nearest Grocer		Rural > 10 miles to nearest Grocer
OHFA	35,292		1,493 (4.2%)		1,097 (3.1%)
515	5,384		0		466 (8.7%)
LIHTC	23,537		1,175 (5.0%)		769 (3.3%)
Total	64,213		2,668 (4.2%)		2,332 (3.6%)

9. Transit

A little over 69% of affordable housing in Oklahoma is located in a census tract with limited or no access to transit services. This includes 8,367 affordable housing units in areas that lack public transit services all together as well as 36,363 units that are situated in areas that have on-demand transportation services that often have limited operation times and may only serve elderly and disabled populations or those going to a medical appointment.



	Total Affordable Housing Units		No Transit		Urban Transit		On-Demand Transit
OHFA	35,292		4,035 (11.4%)		11,265 (31.9%)		19,992 (56.6%)
515	5,384		767 (14.2%)		0		4,617 (85.8%)
LIHTC	23,537		3,565 (15.1%)		8,217 (34.9%)		11,755 (49.9%)
Total	64,213		8,367 (13.0%)		19,482 (30.3%)		36,363 (56.6%)

What does this mean for Oklahoma?

This report suggests a number of possible ways forward for the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency as it continues to support quality low-income and workforce housing for residents of the state. Across a number of indicators of opportunity, affordable housing in the state clusters in ways that raise concerns about the opportunities available to affordable housing residents in comparison to other residents.

Continued efforts to improve the quality of life for affordable housing residents and reduce discrimination associated with affordable housing will likely need to include strategies that integrate new affordable housing as well as support existing communities of affordable housing. This will likely include public policies and funding designed to integrate low-income and workforce housing into a more diverse set of communities. Additionally, those living existing affordable housing communities need increased opportunities to stay in place, become self-sufficient, and participate in determining the future of their neighborhood. OHFA may consider partnering with other state, non-profit, and for-profit agencies to explore strategies for helping communities thrive economically, socially, and environmentally.

Moving ahead, Oklahoma should be wary of a narrowly focused vision focused solely on the problems of existing affordable housing and the integration of these residents into other communities. The relocation of residents harkens back to the physical and social destruction brought about by urban renewal. Such an approach pits efforts to enhance existing affordable housing through community development against efforts to build a more integrated and diverse society (Goetz 2015). Rather, Oklahoma has the opportunity to work closely with local municipalities to improve the conditions of current affordable housing communities while simultaneously advancing integration of low-income and workforce housing through the construction in new settings.

For future new development, a number of case studies and emerging scholarship on the importance of neighborhood effects provide guidance on possible ways forward for Oklahoma. For instance, in El Paso, Texas a public private partnership between the Housing Authority of the City of El Paso and private developers led to the development of a mixed income housing development. Eastside Crossings (http://www.hacep.org/about-us/eastside-crossings) provides 74 traditional affordable housing units, 79 affordable housing units, and 45 market rate units in partnership with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (Housing Authority of El Paso 2015). In Sacramento, partnership between private developers and the Capital Area Redevelopment Authority resulted in the adaptive reuse of a building listed on the National Register of Historic Buildings into affordable Housing (Vellinga 2015). Located in a dense, walkable, transit-oriented community, the Warehouse Artist Lofts (http://www.rstreetwal.com) are home to 116 units, 86 of which are affordable and 13,000 square feet of ground floor retail.

For existing affordable housing, strategies exist to help enhance localized opportunities and build a culture of community participation around housing. Across the nation, there is a need to refocus the discussion away from the deficits found in many communities to look for closely at opportunities (Lens 2015) and to think about the consequences of physical, social, and economic isolation (Clarke, Morenoff, Debbink, Golberstein, Elliott, & Lantz, 2014.).

The Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency may need to collaborate more closely with other governmental agencies to develop comprehensive strategies that not only improve existing housing but also work toward enhancing access to food, recreation, amenities, jobs, and quality schools. By doing so, OHFA could help build the social and physical resiliency of these communities so that residents would be empowered to choose for themselves whether or not they want to stay and be part of their existing community or move elsewhere in search of a better quality of life. A set of tools for doing some of this work is available through Policy Link (http://www.policylink.org/equity-tools/equitable-development-toolkit/about-toolkit). For those who are relocated due to circumstances that make staying in place impossible, intensive case management may be required to ensure that these residents avoid pitfalls and thrive in a new environment (Theodos, Popkin, Guernsey, & Getsinger, 2010). But evidence continues to suggest that stability, particularly in the lives of children, is an essential part of ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to succeed and thrive (HUD 2014).

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- Limited English Proficiency: ACS_13_5YR_S1601 > HC03_EST_VC01 > Percent of specified language speakers - Speak English less than "very well"; Estimate; Population 5 years and over
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Appendix 1: County affordable housing Summaries

County	Total Units	Units at Risk for Poverty	Units in mostly Non-white Enclaves	Units in Community of Immigrants	Units in Limited English Neighborhood	Units nearer Elevated Number of Disabled	Units farther than 15 miles to Hospital	Units located in a Food Desert	Units that lack readily available Transit
Adair	676	676	676	0	0	177	0	0	0
Alfalfa	93	0	0	0	0	0	93	0	23
Atoka	145	121	0	0	0	0	24	145	24
Beaver	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beckham	343	87	228	0	228	315	0	28	0
Blaine	169	0	0	127	127	0	24	0	42
Bryan	1,005	538	501	0	0	501	0	0	0
Caddo	658	292	387	0	0	292	95	0	0
Canadian	1,655	0	248	0	0	0	48	24	0
Carter	1,040	373	938	189	0	972	24	24	24
Cherokee	1,359	986	412	0	0	436	0	13	0
Choctaw	433	312	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cimarron	69	0	0	0	0	0	8	69	69
Cleveland	2,389	1,080	194	758	648	601	0	214	718
Coal	71	0	0	0	0	71	0	0	0
Comanche	1,214	200	182	0	0	225	123	151	24
Cotton	114	0	0	0	0	0	114	0	0
Craig	290	0	0	0	0	157	0	72	0
Creek	1,359	163	163	0	0	670	0	0	0
Custer	255	78	0	0	0	172	0	0	0
Delaware	712	695	285	0	0	712	28	0	0
Dewey	75	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	0
Ellis	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Garfield	824	683	127	0	0	0	0	52	50

County	Total Units	Units at Risk for Poverty	Units in mostly Non-white Enclaves	Units in Immigrant Enclaves	Units in Limited English Neighborhood	Units nearer Elevated Number of Disabled	Units farther than 15 miles to Hospital	Units located in a Food Desert	Units that lack readily available Transit
Garvin	557	0	0	0	0	265	0	0	0
Grady	758	71	0	0	0	621	71	0	0
Grant	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	8
Greer	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harmon	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Harper	50	0	0	0	0	0	14	36	50
Haskell	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hughes	341	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	0
Jackson	322	18	18	0	18	0	30	30	0
Jefferson	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Johnston	517	493	0	0	0	493	0	0	0
Kay	1,001	196	168	0	0	344	0	0	0
Kingfisher	153	0	0	8	8	0	8	8	40
Kiowa	143	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Latimer	220	0	0	0	0	220	0	0	0
Le Flore	1,050	204	0	0	0	573	166	0	0
Lincoln	705	143	0	0	0	705	42	0	705
Logan	629	0	0	0	0	300	0	0	158
Love	62	0	0	62	0	0	0	0	0
Major	76	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76
Marshall	134	0	109	109	109	109	0	0	0
Mayes	546	382	218	0	0	382	0	0	0
McClain	346	55	0	0	47	299	0	0	0
McCurtain	767	767	746	0	0	767	57	315	0
McIntosh	488	0	0	0	0	169	0	0	488

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Murray	224	95	0	0	0	224	0	0	224
Muskogee	1,572	642	59	0	0	44	48	0	0
Noble	387	0	0	0	0	0	42	30	345
Nowata	229	0	0	0	0	185	0	0	229
Okfuskee	214	169	0	0	0	213	0	1	0
Oklahoma	11,497	3,920	3,518	2,445	2,641	456	0	1,202	25
Okmulgee	663	303	227	0	0	127	0	0	0
Osage	1,544	538	700	0	0	1,391	42	0	0
Ottawa	409	0	0	0	0	96	0	84	0
Pawnee	65	0	0	0	0	0	37	20	0
Payne	1,797	1,209	0	120	120	648	0	0	971
Pittsburg	1,268	0	50	0	0	284	16	16	0
Pontotoc	810	311	286	0	0	336	0	0	0
Pottawatomi	1,715	1,009	587	0	0	954	0	284	0
Pushmataha	381	234	0	0	0	381	147	381	0
Roger Mills	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0
Rogers	973	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	0
Seminole	426	76	75	0	0	75	0	123	0
Sequoyah	1,449	922	922	0	0	726	243	0	0
Stephens	841	0	0	0	0	310	12	0	0
Texas	816	0	372	782	782	372	60	6	75
Tillman	114	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulsa	9,868	4,750	1,807	2,281	2,109	1,419	0	1,441	2,220
Wagoner	1,094	691	461	0	0	701	0	0	0
Washington	1,262	0	108	0	0	108	0	0	1,262
Washita	189	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

County	Total Units	Units at Risk for Poverty	Units in mostly Non-white Enclaves	Units in Community of Immigrants	Units in Limited English Neighborhood	Units nearer Elevated Number of Disabled	Units farther than 15 miles to Hospital	Units located in a Food Desert	Units that lack readily available Transit
Woods	65	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	65
Woodward	161	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	0

Lead-Based Paint Hazards

Findings / Health and Well-being

Lead is known to be highly toxic particularly to young children 5 years of age and under. Excessive exposure results in reduced intelligence, impaired hearing, reduced stature and a host of other negative health effects. It is well documented that a common source of lead exposure for children is lead-based paint in older housing along with the dust and soil it generates. Children are exposed to lead-based paint most commonly by directly eating paint chips or indirectly by ingesting lead-contaminated house dust or soil through normal hand-to-mouth contact.

For purposes of this analysis, the federal definition of "lead-based paint hazard" at 24 CFR Part 35.86 was applied. Under this definition, lead-based paint hazard is defined as, "…any condition that causes exposure to lead from lead-contaminated dust, lead-contaminated soil, or lead-contaminated paint that is deteriorated or present in accessible surfaces, friction surfaces, or impact surfaces that would result in adverse human health effects as established by the appropriate Federal agency."

It is noteworthy estimates presented can only be stated as dwellings that "potentially" have LBP hazards because there are no real-time surveys or studies of residential structures built prior to 1978. However, there have been previous estimations provided in the state's Consolidated Plan.

Statewide Findings

Using methodology which will be discussed later in this section, we have estimated the number of housing units in Oklahoma with lead-based paint hazards as defined in 24 CFR Part 35.86. Our estimates are shown in the following table.

Lead-Based Paint Hazards in Oklahoma

	Number	Percent
Total Housing Units	1,432,730	
Total Housing Units with Lead-Based Paint Hazards	240,229	16.8%
Owner-Occupied Units w/LBP Hazards	159,861	66.5%
Renter-Occupied Units w/LBP Hazards	80,368	33.5%
Housing Units w/LBP Hazards Occupied by Low-to-Moderate Income Households	113,931	47.4%
Housing Units w/LBP Hazards with Children < 6 Years of Age Present	37,426	15.6%
Housing Units w/LBP Hazards Occupied by LMI Households and Children < 6 Years of Age Present	19,761	52.8%

Sources: American Healthy Homes Survey Table 5-1 & CHAS Tables 12 & 13

As shown, we estimate that there are 240,229 housing units in Oklahoma containing lead-based paint hazards, representing 16.8% of Oklahoma's total housing stock. 66.5% of those units are owner-occupied, while 33.5% are renter-occupied. Of the 240,229 housing units containing lead-based paint hazards, 113,931 units, or 47.4%, are occupied by households with low-to-moderate incomes as defined by HUD. Among all housing units with lead-based paint hazards, 37,426 units have children under the age of six present, and 52.8% of those units, or 19,761 units total, are households with low-to-moderate incomes. Exhibits 2 through 6, found at the end of this section, graphically summarize our statewide findings at a county level.

Disaster Resiliency/ Economy and Society, Infrastructure and Environment

While communities strive to address lead-based paint hazards through education and removal when detected in connection with federally funded local housing rehabilitation initiatives, hazard detection and mitigation may have special considerations in terms of disaster resiliency.

Many disasters are accompanied by widespread damage to residential structures often times scattering building material debris across the landscape necessitating removal by heavy equipment and disposal in landfills. When building materials contaminated with lead-based paint become part of non-contaminated debris disposal, it presents an environmental hazard that can span well beyond recovery and rebuilding efforts.

Leadership and Strategy

Given the albeit large but finite number of potential housing units with lead hazards, the state and local communities may wish to consider initiatives aimed at reducing and/or eventually eliminating residential lead-based paint hazards, particularly in housing occupied by low and moderate income households with young children present. One such initiative could be the use of the state's various federal and state housing programs' competitive funding selection criteria. By designing rating criteria that specifically awards points to applicants that purposefully seek out properties within counties known to have higher percentages of lead hazards, housing developers along with those engaged in rehabilitation may be incentivized to engage in hazard mitigation.

State and local governments may wish to capitalize on the results of this study by using the data to support competitive applications to the Federal Home Loan Bank Topeka's Affordable Housing Program funding for owner occupied rehabilitation which, among other competitive rating criteria, awards points for the "Abatement of Hazardous Environmental Conditions". Similarly, this report's data may be used to document hazards and need in applications for competitive health care grants offered at the federal level.

Similar to initiatives undertaken by USHUD, the state may want to consider undertaking a real-time sample survey of homes built prior to 1978 across the state's community sizes and counties to more accurately ascertain the extent of the hazard and/or conducting real-time surveys of LBP Risk Assessors licensed by the ODEQ.

Survey of Previous Lead-based Paint Studies

Using a combination of US Census Bureau and US Department of Housing and Urban Development Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy data and age of housing stock built prior to 1980, the Oklahoma Department of Commerce's, "State of Oklahoma Five-Year E-Consolidated Plan FY 2014 – 2018" estimated 59% of the owner occupied and 65% of the renter occupied housing had the potential of containing lead-based paint. To address lead paint hazards, the Consolidated Plan recommended assessment of hazard presence be conducted at the point dwelling rehabilitation is undertaken and that nonprofits advise persons receiving federal rehabilitating assistance regarding the dangers of lead exposure.

At the national level, between 1998 and 2000, USHUD Office of Health Homes and Lead Hazard Control staff and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences conducted a real-time

random sampling of 831 permanently occupied housing units (multifamily, single family and mobile homes) taken from all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The results indicated an estimated 38 million (39% of the 96 million total housing units) of the nation's housing units had lead-based paint hazards. Of that total, 24 million had significant lead hazards with 1.2 million of those units occupied by low income families. It was further estimate that 35% of all low income housing had lead-based paint hazards. The study also noted the prevalence of lead-based paint increases with age of housing. However, most painted surfaces, even in older homes don't have lead paint. Geography was found to be related to the incidence of lead-based paint with the Northeast and Midwest having 2 times the prevalence of lead paint than the South and West. Finally, the study recommends "public-private sector resources be directed units posing the greatest risk" as a preventive measure to avoid lead poisoning.

In April 2011, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control updated its 1998-2000 nationwide report in its publication, "American Healthy Homes Survey, Lead and Arsenic Findings". This report, conducted from June 2005 through March 2006, estimated 37.1 million homes (34.9%) out of a total of 106 million total housing units have lead-based paint somewhere in the building. Of the 65.6 million homes built before 1978, 34.4 million (52%) have lead-based paint. The study reaffirmed the previous finding that the prevalence of lead-based paint is higher in the Northeast and Midwest parts of the United States than South and West. It also confirmed earlier finding that the incidence of lead-based paint increases with age of housing with 86% of the homes built prior to 1940 containing lead. An estimated 3.6 million homes with children less than 6 years of age have lead-based paint hazards of which 1.1 million are low income households. Of the 16.8 million homes with children under the age of 6, 5.7 million (34%) have lead-based paint, about the same incidence of lead-based paint in all homes.

In June 2006, the Oklahoma State Department of Health's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (OCLPPP) received a 5-year project grant "Oklahoma Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Focusing in High Risk Groups". That program focused on communities evidencing high numbers of children 6-72 months of age who are at high risk for lead poisoning.

In order to more effectively target high-risk areas and populations, the OCLPPP identified 21 high-risk target area (HRTA) zip codes (see Exhibit #1) located within Oklahoma, Tulsa, Muskogee, Jackson, Okmulgee, Ottawa, Kay, Garfield, and Hughes counties. These 21 zip codes were narrowed from a list of 57 zip codes out of the state's approximately 700 zip codes that with populations of 5,000 or more persons; greater than or equal to 22% of housing stock built prior to 1950; and, greater than or equal to 18% of children under the age of 6 years living below the poverty level.

The 57 zip codes were further compared and evaluated based on selected characteristics such as EBLL cases and proportion of minority population. Zip codes with higher EBLL prevalence and/or minority populations (Hispanic/African American/American Indian) were ranked higher and given the designation as HRTA zip codes.

Le Flore County Findings

The number of housing units in Le Flore County containing lead-based paint hazards can be estimated by applying the percentages of housing units with such hazards reported by the American Healthy

Homes Survey, to the number of occupied homes in Le Flore County, by year of construction. The following table presents the percentage of housing units in the Census Bureau South Region based on the AHHS findings.

Housing Units in the South Census Region with Lead-Based Paint Hazards by Year of Construction

Year of Construction	No. of Housing Units (000s)	Units w/ LBP Hazards (000s)	Percent of Units w/ LBP Hazards
1978-2005	18,625	664	3.6%
1960-1977	11,724	1,311	11.2%
1940-1959	5,575	2,145	38.5%
1939 or Earlier	3,072	1,947	63.4%
Total	**38,996**	**6,067**	**15.6%**

Source: U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, American Healthy Homes Survey, Table 5-1

These percentages can then be applied to the number of housing units in Le Flore County, by year of construction and by tenure (owner-occupied versus renter-occupied), as reported by HUD's Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data for Le Flore County.

Total Housing Units in Le Flore County with Lead-Based Paint Hazards by Tenure

Total Owner-Occupied Housing Units	Total Housing Units	Percent w/LBP Hazards	Number w/LBP Hazards
1978 or Later	6,891	3.57%	246
1960-1977	3,924	11.18%	439
1940-1959	1,820	38.48%	700
1939 or Earlier	1,065	63.38%	675
Total	**13,700**	**15.03%**	**2,060**
Total Renter-Occupied Housing Units	Total Housing Units	Percent w/LBP Hazards	Number w/LBP Hazards
1978 or Later	2,242	3.57%	80
1960-1977	1,593	11.18%	178
1940-1959	725	38.48%	279
1939 or Earlier	415	63.38%	263
Total	**4,975**	**16.08%**	**800**
Total Housing Units	Total Housing Units	Percent w/LBP Hazards	Number w/LBP Hazards
1978 or Later	9,133	3.57%	326
1960-1977	5,517	11.18%	617
1940-1959	2,545	38.48%	979
1939 or Earlier	1,480	63.38%	938
Total	**18,675**	**15.31%**	**2,860**

Sources: American Healthy Homes Survey Table 5-1 & CHAS Table 12

Finally, we can use the same methodology to estimate the number of housing units in Le Flore County with lead-based paint hazards, occupied by households with low-to-moderate incomes, by tenure:

Housing Units in Le Flore County with Lead-Based Paint Hazards by Tenure, Occupied by Low-Income Families

Owner-Occupied Housing Units < 50% AMI	Total Housing Units	Percent w/LBP Hazards	Number w/LBP Hazards
1978 or Later	1,080	3.57%	38
1960-1977	716	11.18%	80
1940-1959	415	38.48%	160
1939 or Earlier	275	63.38%	174
Total	**2,485**	**18.21%**	**452**
Renter-Occupied Housing Units < 50% AMI	Total Housing Units	Percent w/LBP Hazards	Number w/LBP Hazards
1978 or Later	759	3.57%	27
1960-1977	707	11.18%	79
1940-1959	250	38.48%	96
1939 or Earlier	245	63.38%	155
Total	**1,960**	**18.24%**	**358**
Total Housing Units < 50% AMI	Total Housing Units	Percent w/LBP Hazards	Number w/LBP Hazards
1978 or Later	1,838	3.57%	66
1960-1977	1,422	11.18%	159
1940-1959	665	38.48%	256
1939 or Earlier	520	63.38%	330
Total	**4,445**	**18.22%**	**810**

Sources: American Healthy Homes Survey Table 5-1 & CHAS Table 12

Housing Units in Le Flore County with Lead-Based Paint Hazards by Tenure, Occupied by Moderate-Income Families

Owner-Occupied Housing Units 50%-80% AMI	Total Housing Units	Percent w/LBP Hazards	Number w/LBP Hazards
1978 or Later	1,007	3.57%	36
1960-1977	689	11.18%	77
1940-1959	355	38.48%	137
1939 or Earlier	295	63.38%	187
Total	**2,345**	**18.61%**	**436**
Renter-Occupied Housing Units 50%-80% AMI	Total Housing Units	Percent w/LBP Hazards	Number w/LBP Hazards
1978 or Later	441	3.57%	16
1960-1977	275	11.18%	31
1940-1959	150	38.48%	58
1939 or Earlier	50	63.38%	32
Total	**915**	**14.84%**	**136**
Total Housing Units 50%-80% AMI	Total Housing Units	Percent w/LBP Hazards	Number w/LBP Hazards
1978 or Later	1,447	3.57%	52
1960-1977	963	11.18%	108
1940-1959	505	38.48%	194
1939 or Earlier	345	63.38%	219
Total	**3,260**	**17.55%**	**572**

Sources: American Healthy Homes Survey Table 5-1 & CHAS Table 12

To conclude, we estimate that there are a total of 2,860 homes in Le Flore County containing lead-based paint hazards, 2,060 owner-occupied and 800 renter-occupied. Of the 2,860 homes in the county estimated to have lead-based paint hazards, 810 are estimated to be occupied by households with low-incomes (incomes less than 50% of Area Median Income), and 572 are estimated to be occupied by households with moderate incomes (between 50% and 80% of Area Median Income), for a total of 1,382 housing units in Le Flore County with lead-based paint hazards occupied by households with low or moderate incomes.

Lead-Based Paint Hazards in Homes with Children Present

Using the same methodology, we can estimate the number of housing units in Le Flore County occupied by households with children under the age of six present. For this analysis we apply the lead-based paint hazards percentages from the American Healthy Homes Survey to the data in HUD CHAS Table 13, which details housing units by year of construction, household income, and presence of children under the age of six. The data is presented in the following table:

Housing Units in Le Flore County with Lead-Based Paint Hazards with Children under Age 6 Present Occupied by Low or Moderate-Income Families

Housing Units < 50% AMI w/ Children under 6 Present	Total Housing Units	Percent w/LBP Hazards	Number w/LBP Hazards
1978 or Later	423	3.57%	15
1940-1977	337	19.98%	67
1939 or Earlier	80	63.38%	51
Total	**840**	**15.85%**	**133**
Housing Units 50%-80% AMI w/ Children under 6 Present	Total Housing Units	Percent w/LBP Hazards	Number w/LBP Hazards
1978 or Later	337	3.57%	12
1940-1977	219	19.98%	44
1939 or Earlier	55	63.38%	35
Total	**610**	**14.84%**	**91**
Total LMI Housing Units w/ Children Present	Total Housing Units	Percent w/LBP Hazards	Number w/LBP Hazards
1978 or Later	759	3.57%	27
1940-1977	556	19.98%	111
1939 or Earlier	135	63.38%	86
Total	**1,450**	**15.42%**	**224**
Total Housing Units w/ Children Present	Total Housing Units	Percent w/LBP Hazards	Number w/LBP Hazards
1978 or Later	1,741	3.57%	62
1940-1977	1,340	19.98%	268
1939 or Earlier	230	63.38%	146
Total	**3,310**	**14.36%**	**475**

Sources: American Healthy Homes Survey Table 5-1 & CHAS Table 13

As shown, we estimate there are 475 housing units in Le Flore County with lead-based paint hazards and children under the age of six present, and that 224 of those housing units are occupied by families with low to moderate incomes.

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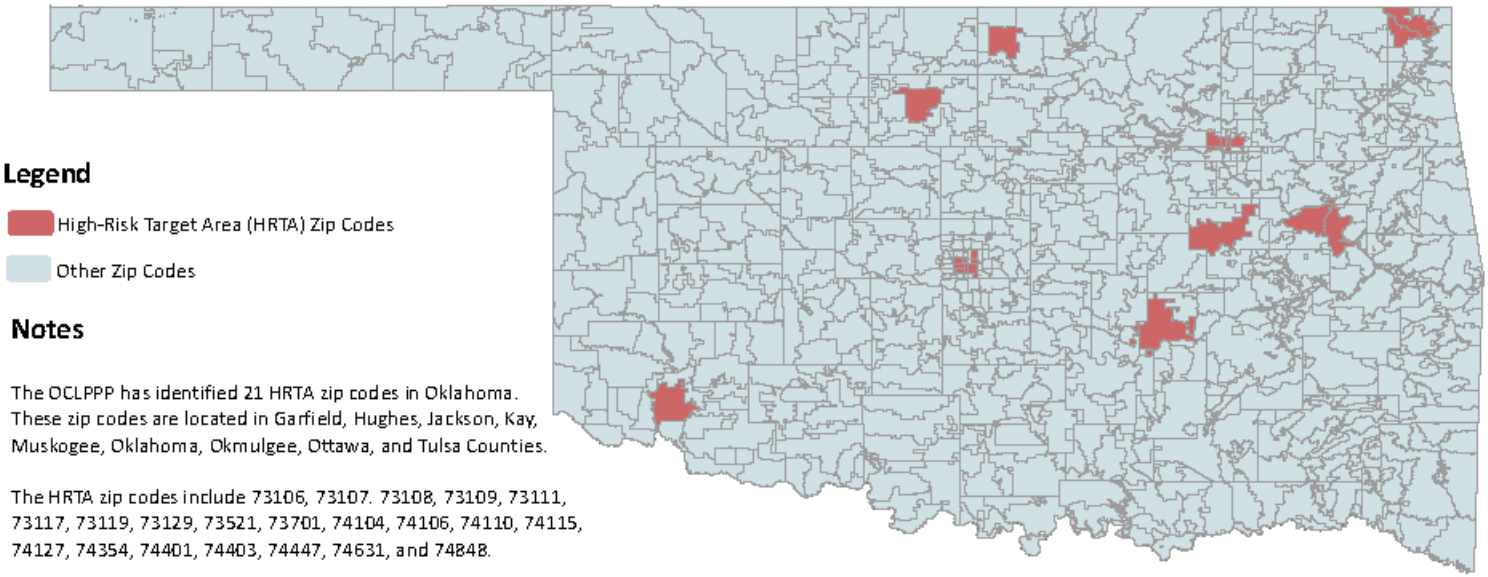
Exhibit #1

Map 2: High-RiskTarget Areas (HRTA) Zip Codes for Childhood Lead Poisoning



Legend

High-Risk Target Area (HRTA) Zip Codes

Other Zip Codes

Notes

The OCLPPP has identified 21 HRTA zip codes in Oklahoma. These zip codes are located in Garfield, Hughes, Jackson, Kay, Muskogee, Oklahoma, Okmulgee, Ottawa, and Tulsa Counties.

The HRTA zip codes include 73106, 73107. 73108, 73109, 73111, 73117, 73119, 73129, 73521, 73701, 74104, 74106, 74110, 74115, 74127, 74354, 74401, 74403, 74447, 74631, and 74848.

The HRTA zip codes are identified using the following criteria:

1- Zip codes having the highest proportion of pre-1950 housing;
2- Zip codes having the highest proportion of children under six years of age living in poverty;
3- Zip codes having high elevated blood lead level (EBLL) prevelence rate; and
4- Zip codes having the highest proportion of minority populations.

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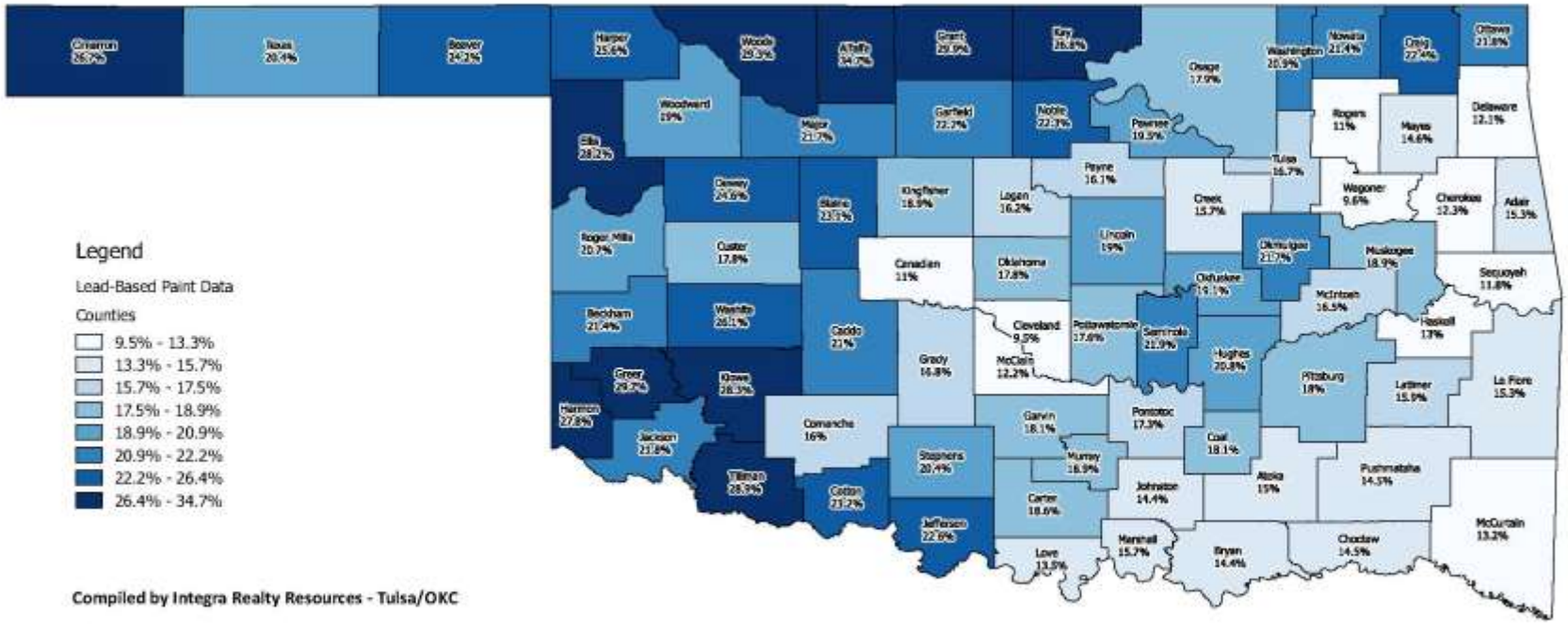
Exhibit #2

Percentage of Housing Units Containing Lead-Based Paint Hazards



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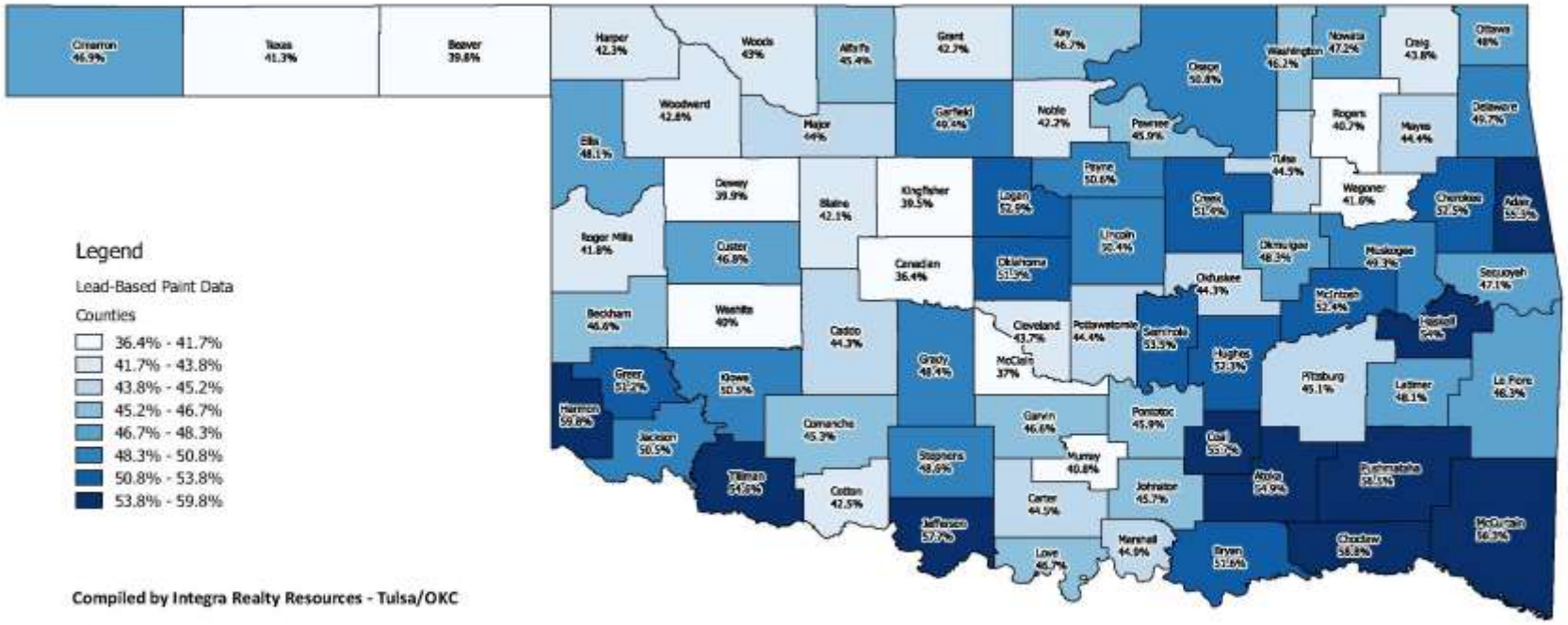
Percentage of Housing Units Containing Lead-Based Paint Hazards Occupied by Low to Moderate Income Households



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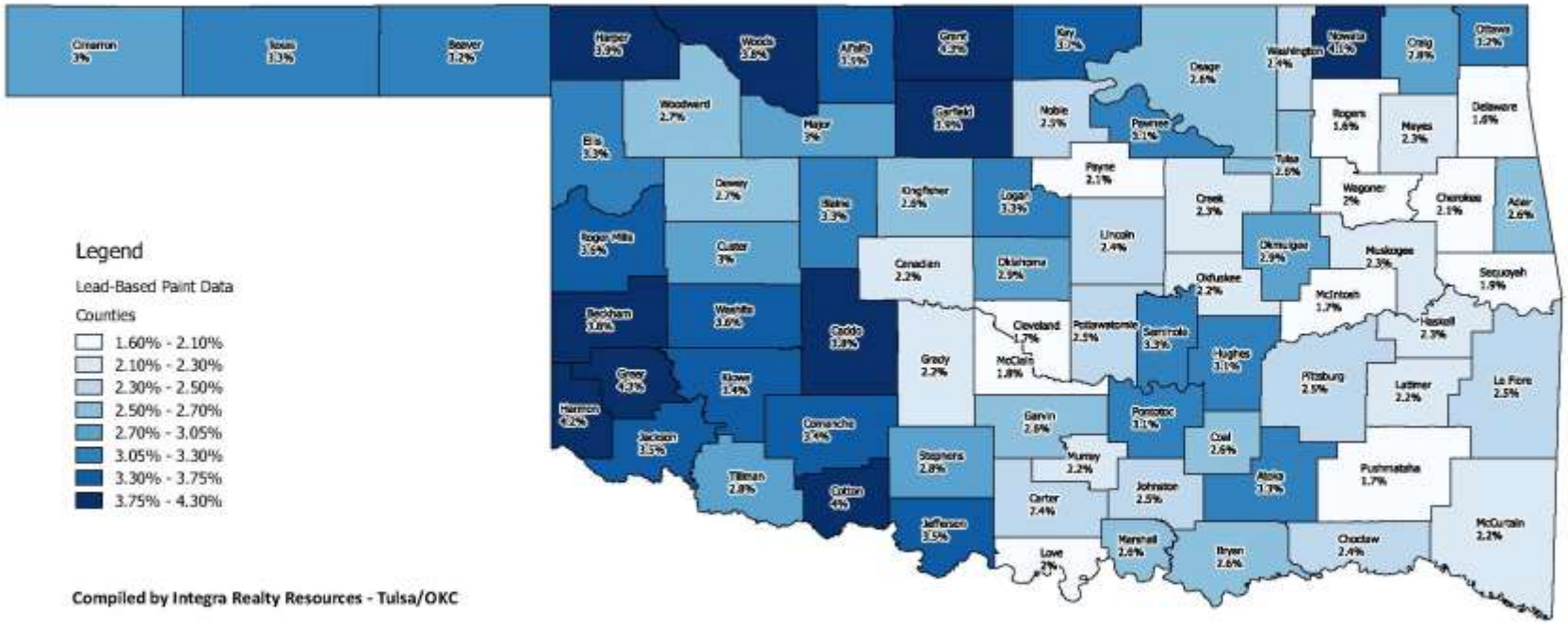

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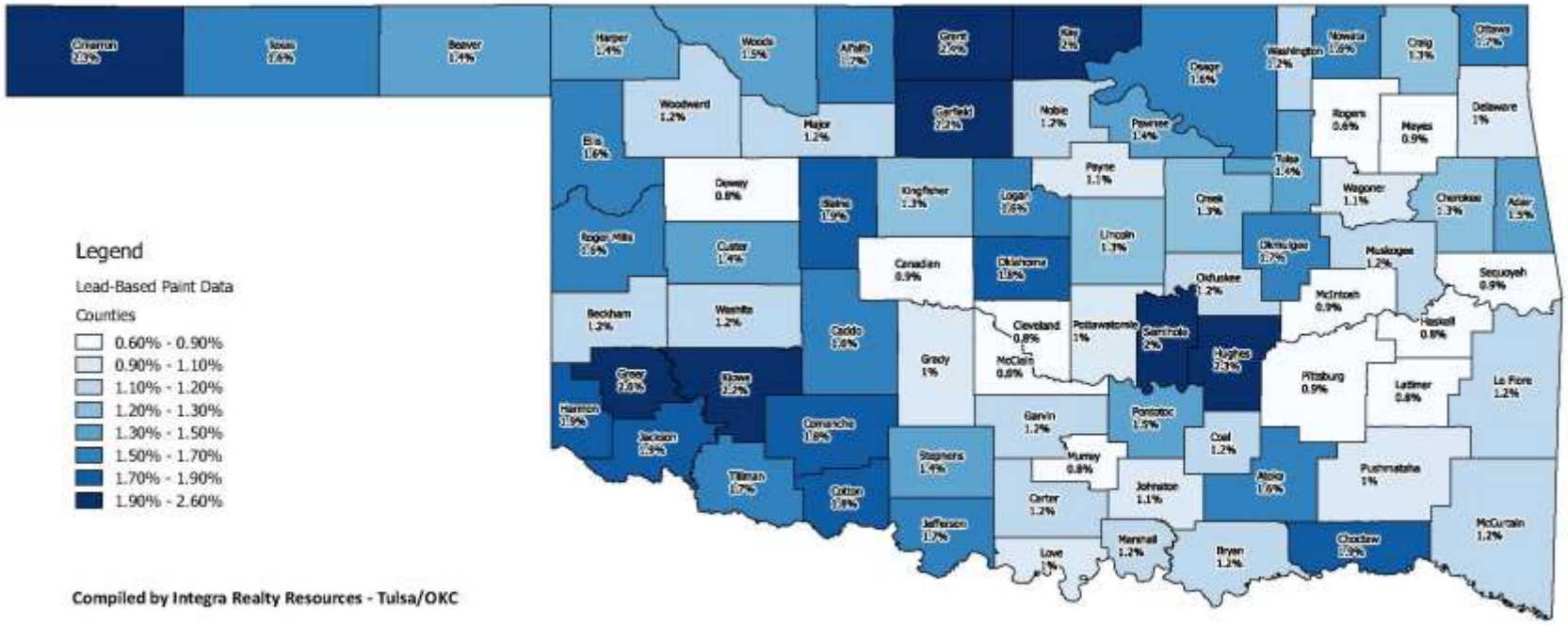

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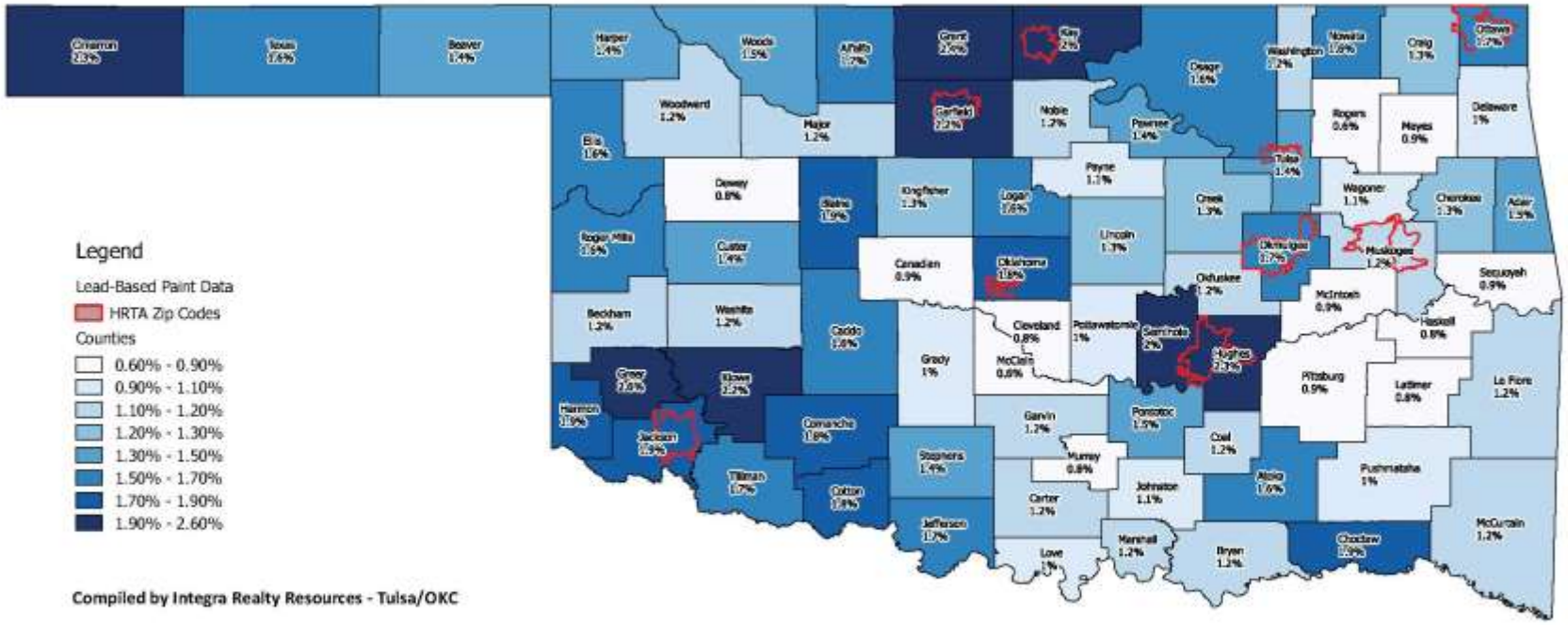
Percentage of Housing Units Occupied by Low to Moderate Income Households Containing Lead-Based Paint Hazards with Children Age 6 or Younger Present High-Risk Target Area (HRTA) Zip Codes Highlighted in Red



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Conclusions

The previous analysis has attempted to describe the state of the residential housing market in Le Flore County, Oklahoma. Where possible, information regarding the population centers of the county was included to assess need on a community level. Much of the information is based on demographic information from local authorities and national information services. However, personal interviews were performed with property owners and managers, real estate professionals, and community officials in an effort to substantiate information from the national organizations and understand current market conditions. Several important issues regarding housing have become apparent through this analysis and are identified below.

Le Flore County saw positive population and household growth between the 2000 Census and the 2010 Census, as did the city of Poteau. Since 2010, estimates from both Nielsen SiteReports as well as the Census Bureau show stable to declining population levels. However, population and household growth forecasts through the year 2020 project positive net growth in both Le Flore County and Poteau, and some new housing will be necessary to meet this demand.

Le Flore County has a relatively high rate of renters with high rent costs (37.39%) as well as homeowners with high ownership costs (20.38%). The county's poverty rate is also significantly above the state, at 22.24% compared with 16.85% statewide.

In terms of disaster resiliency we note that 59 tornadoes have impacted the county between 1959 and 2014, with 147 injuries and 20 fatalities combined, including notable tornado activity in 2013. Floodplains are an issue in Le Flore County, with notable housing unit development in or very near floodplains in the communities of Spiro, Shady Point, Panama and Poteau.

Le Flore County is located within the Southeastern Oklahoma Continuum of Care (CoC), which provides services to the area's homeless populations among other functions. Throughout the entire Southeastern Oklahoma CoC, there are an estimated 442 homeless persons, 225 of which are estimated to be sheltered. Many in the region are chronically homeless (73 persons) and other notable subpopulations include the mentally ill and chronic substance abusers.

In terms of fair housing issues, many affordable housing units are located in areas at risk for poverty, and in areas near elevated numbers of persons with disabilities. 166 affordable housing units are located more than 15 miles from a hospital.

Due to the age of the county's housing stock, lead-based paint hazards are an issue, with an estimated 2,860 occupied housing units with such hazards, and 475 of those units occupied by low-to-moderate income households with children under the age of 6 present.

In summary, it is apparent that new housing in several categories is required in Le Flore County. Although projected population and household growth is relatively low, there remains need for housing for households that are rent (or ownership cost) overburdened; we note that all affordable housing in Poteau that was willing to disclose their current occupancy reported full occupancy with waiting lists.

Housing accessible to persons with disabilities should be an additional focus: over 20% of the population of Le Flore County has one or more disabilities. We also note that the population of persons age 62 and up is projected to increase 1.83% *per year* over the next five years; future housing development should take the specific needs of seniors into consideration as well. In summary, though future household growth forecasts for Le Flore County are relatively low, there is still housing need among households and families experiencing high housing costs, among persons with disabilities, and among seniors age 62 and up.

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Jourdan, D. Bomb Proof Schools. *Plan Canada*. (Fall, 2006).

Van Zandt, S., Jourdan, D., Martin, J., and C. Giusti. Final Report for Beaumont's HOPE VI Project. Prepared for the Beaumont Housing Authority (December 2012)

Van Zandt, S., Jourdan, D., Martin, J., and C. Giusti. Interim Report for Beaumont's HOPE VI Project. Prepared for the Beaumont Housing Authority (December 2011).

Van Zandt, S., **Jourdan, D.,** Martin, J., and C. Giusti. Interim Report for Beaumont's HOPE VI Project. Prepared for the Beaumont Housing Authority (December 2009).

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Van Zandt, S., **Jourdan, D.**, Martin, J., and C. Giusti. Baseline Report for Beaumont's HOPE VI Project. Prepared for the Beaumont Housing Authority (December 2007).

Van Zandt, S., **Jourdan, D.,** Martin, J., and C. Giusti. Need and Demand for Affordable Housing in the Brazos Valley. Report to Brazos Valley Affordable Housing Corporation. (June 2006).

SPONSORED RESEARCH:

Co-PI, Tribal Climate Change and Extreme Event Response Studies to Identify Vulnerabilities, South Central Climate Science Center, 2014-2015.

PI, Oklahoma City, Sustainability Audit, May 2013-present.

PI, Shimberg Center for Housing Studies, The Lost Properties and Moving To Opportunity, October 2010 – Present.

Investigator and Collaboration Lead, Planning for Sea Level Rise: A Pilot Study to Evaluate and Improve the Development and Delivery of Habitat Vulnerability Assessments and Adaptive Conservation Designs to Coastal Decision Makers, National Estuarine Research Reserve System Science Collaborative, 2011-2014.

Co-PI, Rural Coastal Region Adaptation Planning for Sea Level Rise, Florida Sea Grant, 2012-14.

Co-PI, Development of Sea Level Rise Adaptation Planning Procedures and Tools Using NOAA Sea Level Rise Impacts Viewer, Gulf of Mexico Regional Research Competition, 2012-14.

Co-PI, Impact of Parking Supply and Demand Management on Central Business District (CBD) Traffic Congestion, Transit Performance and Sustainable Land Use, Florida Department of Transportation, January 2010 – October 2011.

A Parameterized Climate Change Projection Model for Hurricane Flooding, Wave Action, Economic Damages, and Population Dynamics, sponsored by NOAA, September 2009-September 2011, Role, Co-Principal Investigator.

HOPE VI Community Services Study for the Redevelopment of Magnolia Gardens in Beaumont, Texas, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Beaumont Public Housing Authority, January 2007-December 2011, Role, Co-Principal Investigator.

Preserve America Grant for an Intergenerational Oral History for Hearne, Texas, sponsored by the National Parks Service, January 2007-December 2007, Role, Investigator.

A Hedonic Model of the Effects of Adaptive Reuse on Community Change in Savannah, Georgia, sponsored by the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Role, Investigator.

Legal Analysis and Policy Formulation Regarding the Use of Regional Rural Landbanking to Enhance the Development of Affordable Housing Opportunities in Brazos Valley Texas, sponsored by the Brazos Valley Affordable Housing Corporation, January 2007-August 2007, Role, Co-Principal Investigator.

Market Study of the Barriers to the Provision of Affordable Housing in Brazos Valley Texas, sponsored by the Brazos Valley Affordable Housing Corporation, January 2006-August 2006, Role, Co-Principal Investigator.

Comparative Analysis of the Effects of the Location of Big Box Retail on Housing Prices in Urban and Suburban Areas, sponsored by Texas A&M College of Architecture, December 2005-December 2006, Role, Principal Investigator.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS:

Professional Services

Chair of the Academic Advisory Council for Sign Research and Education (August 2014-present)

Chair of the Planner Outreach Subcommittee for the International Sign Association (January 2014-present)

Appointed to the Alachua County Affordable Housing Advisory Board (April 2010-2011)

University Liaison to the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association (September 2007-September 2010)

Fellow to the Center for Children and Families at the Levin College of Law (May 2007-2012)

Member of the Law School Honor Code Committee (2009-2010)

Member of the ICCHP Committee (2009-2010)

Member of DCP Faculty Council (2009-2012)

Member of UF Historic Buildings and Structures Committee (2009-2010)

UF Commencement Marshall (2008-2010)

Ad Hoc Member of the Amicus Committee for the American Planning Association
Fellow for the Center for Heritage Conservation at Texas A&M University (2005-2007).

Professional Affiliations

American Planning Association

Oklahoma Chapter of the APA

Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning

Member of the Illinois Bar

Served as a manuscript and grant proposal reviewer for the following:
Journal of the Community Development Society
Journal of Planning History
US-China Law Review
UF Journal of Law and Public Policy
Journal of Planning Education and Research
National Science Foundation

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

International Conferences-Refereed Presentations

Jourdan, D., K. Hurd, H. G. Hawkins, and K. Winson-Geideman. Evidence-based Sign Regulation: Regulating Signage on the Basis of Empirical Wisdom. Presented at the AESOP-ACSP Conference in Dublin, Ireland, July 2013.

Nolon, J., Call, C., Murtaza, A, and **Jourdan, D.** Property Rights, Political Drama, and Smart Growth: The Challenges of Sustainable Development in 2011. Presented at the National Conference of the American Bar Association in Toronto, August 2011.

Jourdan, D., Wal-Mart in the Garden District- Does the Arbitrary and Capricious Standard of Review Lessen the Right of Citizens to Participate. Presented at the

International Association of Planning Law and Property Rights, Aalborg, Denmark, February, 2008.

Jourdan, D. and VanZandt, S, Creating Regional Landbanks to Meet Rural Affordable Housing Needs. Presented at the Joint International Conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) and the Association of European Planning Schools (AESOP), Chicago, IL, July 2008.

Jourdan, D., Should Children Have the Right to Speak for Themselves: The legal rights of youth to participate in national level policymaking. Presented at the International Conference on the Rights of Children, Ghent, Belgium (2006).

Jourdan, D., Grounding Theory: Developing New Theory on Intergenerational Participation. Presented at the Joint International Conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) and the Association of European Planning Schools (AESOP), Mexico City, Mexico (2006).

Jourdan, D., Planning to Reduce Worry. Presented at the Making Cities Livable Conference, Venice, Italy (2005).

National Conferences

Jourdan, D. Community Aesthetics and Sign Regulations: How far can a city go to prescribe aesthetics?" Presented at the National Signage Research and Education Conference in Cincinnati, OK, October, 2013.

Jourdan, D. and J. Kellaris, Collaborating with City Officials on Urban Signage, Presented at the International Sign Expo, in Las Vegas, NV, April, 2012.

Jourdan, D. Evidence-Based Sign Regulation: Regulating Signage on the Basis of Empirical Wisdom. Presented at the National Signage Research and Education Conference in Cincinnati, OK, October, 2012.

Jourdan, D., Ray, A., and Thompson, L. Relocating from Subsidized Housing in Florida: Are Residents Moving to Opportunity? Urban Affairs Association, Pittsburgh, PA, April 2012.

Frank, K., **Jourdan, D.,** Easley, G., and F. Eddleton. Leveraging community historical identity for climate change adaptation planning. Society for American City and Regional Planning History Conference, Baltimore, MD, November 17-20, 2011.

Frank, K., **Jourdan, D.,** and Obonyo, E. Sea level rise adaptation planning for rural coastal areas in Florida. Initiative on Climate Adaptation Research and Understanding through the Social Sciences: Climate Vulnerability and Adaptation (ICARUS II). May 5-8, Ann Arbor, MI, 2011.

Steiner, R., **Jourdan, D.,** Blanco, A., Mackey, J., Hanley, G., Sucar, V., and Shmaltsuyev, M., Understanding the Connection between Parking Management and Transit Usage: A Case Study of Miami and Fort Lauderdale Central Business Districts. Presented at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Conference. Minneapolis. Oct. 13 – 16, 2011.

Steiner, R., Blanco, A. and **Jourdan, D.,** Impact of Parking Supply And Demand Management on Central Business District (CBD) Traffic Congestion. Presented at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Conference. Minneapolis. Oct. 5 – 10, 2010.

Jourdan, D. Coming Home: The Relocation Effects of Expedited HOPE VI Revitalization Processes. Presented at the Urban Affairs Association, New Orleans, LA, 2011.

Zhao, J. and **Jourdan, D.** Zoning Variance Administration in Practice: Influencing Factors and Trends. Presented at the ACSP Conference in Minneapolis, MN, November, 2010.

Jourdan, D., Valuing Grief: A Proposal to Compensate Relocated Public Housing Residents for Intangibles. Presented at the ACSP Conference, Washington, D.C., October, 2009.

Jourdan, D., Garvin, E. and Stroud, N. Potential Legal Challenges to Form Based Codes: the Miami 21 Test Case. Presented at the IMLA Conference, Miami, FL, October, 2009.

Jourdan, D., Creating Regional Landbanks to Meet Rural Affordable Housing Needs. Presented at the Joint ACSP/AESOP Conference, Chicago, IL, July 2008.

VanZandt, S. and **Jourdan, D.** Landbanking to Meet Affordable Housing Needs. Presented at the National Conference of the American Planning Association Conference, Las Vegas, NV, April, 2008.

Jourdan, D. and Wieters, M. Serious Play: Constructing Learning to Promote Meaningful Dialogue in the Planning Classroom. Presented at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning National Conference, Fort Worth, TX, 2006.

Geideman, K. and **Jourdan, D.** Preserving Who's Neighborhood: The Effects of Adaptive Reuse by the Savannah College of Art & Design on Property Value and Community Change in Savannah, Georgia. Presented at the Lincoln Land Institute, Cambridge, MA, 2006.

Jourdan, D., Sentencing Goldilocks. Presented at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning National Conference, Kansas City, MO, 2005.

Jourdan, D., Public Housing: Is it Worth Preserving?"Presented at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning National Conference, Kansas City, MO, 2005.

Jourdan, D., Grieving for a Lost Home?: A Case Study of How Participation in an Intergenerational Planning Process Lessened the Pre-Relocation Grief Effects of Experienced by the Youth and Adult Residents of the McDaniel Glenn Public Housing Community in Atlanta. Presented at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning National, Portland, OR, 2004.

Jourdan, D., Mending Fences: Resolving Neighbor Disputes With Squatter Settlements in Belize. Presented at Pace University, NYC, April 2004.

Jourdan, D., Increasing Youth Participation in the Planning Process. Presented at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning National Conference, Baltimore, MD, 2002.

National Conferences – Invited Discussant and/or Moderator

Jourdan, D. Institute for Quality Communities Placemaking Conference in Norman, OK (2013) on the topic of "Healthy, Walkable Communities."

Jourdan, D. Annual Conference of the ACSP in Washington D.C. (2009) on the topic of "Comparative Jurisprudence Relating to Takings and Due Process Law."

Jourdan, D. Joint ACSP/AESOP Conference, Chicago, IL, (2008) on the topic of "Comparative Legal Jurisprudence on Property Rights."

Jourdan, D. Annual Conference of the ACSP in Fort Worth, TX (2006) on the topic of "Researching Wal-Mart."

Jourdan, D. Annual Conference of the ACSP in Kansas City, MO (2005) on the topic of "Research Wal-Mart."

Jourdan, D. Annual Conference of the ACSP in Portland, OR (2004) on the topic of "What Planners Should Know About the Law."

Jourdan, D. Sustainable Campus Planning, Annual Conference of the ACSP in Baltimore, MD (2002).

State Conferences –Presentations by Invitation

Jourdan, D. The New Urbanism: Optimizing Imagination, Creativity, Innovation, and Human Flourishing, Presented at the State Creativity Forum in Oklahoma City, OK, November, 2013.

Jourdan, D. So You Want to Take on Your Sign Code, Presented at the State Conference of the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Planning Association in Tahlequah, OK, October, 2013.

Steiner, R., Blanco, A., and **Jourdan, D.** Parking as a Smart Growth Strategy, Presented at the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association Conference September 2011.

Silver, C. and **Jourdan, D**. Legal Aspects of Sustainable Development, Presented at the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association Conference, September, 2011.

Jourdan, D. The Land Use Revolution: The Tea Party's Influence on Planning Process. Presented at the Annual Conference of the Utah Land Institute, Salt Lake City, Utah, November 2011.

Jourdan, D., Measuring the Winds of Change: the Introduction of Qualitative Research Methods in Planning Processes. Presented at the Annual Conference of the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association, Corpus Christi, TX (2006).

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

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EDUCATION

Texas A&M University
Ph.D in Urban Regional Science **2003 – August 2009**
Dissertation: "Integrating Walking for Transportation and Physical Activity for Sedentary Office Workers in Texas"

University of Texas at Austin
Masters of Science in Community & Regional Planning **1993-1995**
Thesis: "Building a Community: Transit Options in the Land Development Code and Land Development Process"

Trinity University
Bachelors of Arts **1989-1993**
Majors: Philosophy, International Studies (concentration on Latin America), Minor: Spanish

TEACHING

Assistant Professor - University of Oklahoma **Fall 2009 – to present**

- RCPL 5813 Environmental Planning Methods
- RCPL 5513 Subdivision Planning
- RCPL 5493 Transportation and Land Use Planning
- RCPL 5013 History and Theory of Urban Planning
- RCPL 5823 Rural and Regional Planning
- RCPL 5990 Public Health & Built Environment

PREVIOUS RESEARCH POSITIONS & PRACTICE

Texas A&M University **August 2006**
Graduate Assistant **May 2009**

Texas Transportation Institute **August 2003 –**
Graduate Research Assistant **August 2006**

City of Austin - Transportation, Planning & Sustainability Department **August 1998 –**
Principal Planner / Senior Planner **August 2003**

Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority **April 1994 –**
Land Use/Transportation Planner **August 1998**

PUBLICATIONS & REPORTS

Wieters, K M. Office Workers Stuck at their Desks: Built Environment Implications on Walk Trips. Under review – *Health & Place*, April 2014.

Wieters, K M. Advantages of Online Methods in Planning Research: Capturing Walking Habits in Different Built Environments. Under Review -- *Sage Open*, February 2014

Wieters, K M, Kim, J-H, Lee, C. "Assessment of Wearable Global Positioning System Units for Physical Activity Research", *Journal of Physical Activity & Health, September 2012 (published)*

Zietsman, J., Villa, J.C., Forrest, T. L., and Storey, J. M. (2005) "Mexican Truck Idling Emissions at the El Paso - Ciudad Juarez Border Location" *Report 473700-00033*. Prepared for Southwest Region University Transportation Center.

Zietsman, J., Bubbosh, P., Li, L., Bochner, B., Villa, J. (2005)"National Deployment Strategy for Truck Stop Electrification". Prepared for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Zietsman, J., Bynum, J., Wieters, K., and Bochner, B. (2005) "Reducing School Bus Emissions in Texas". Prepared for Texas Department of Transportation. Proceedings of the 2005 Mid-Continent Transportation Research Symposium.

Wieters, K. and J. Borowiec. (2004)"An Examination of Methods for Increasing On-Airport Revenue". Prepared for Texas Department of Transportation: Aviation Division.

Hard, Ed. et al. (2003) "TxDOT Involvement in the Local Development Process", Report 4429-1.

CONFERENCE & INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Wieters, K, M Wiens, T.O. Bowman. Walkability: A Tool for Promoting Health, Better Planning and Building Community. Presentation at "Planning Oklahoma Together" OKAPA Conference, Tahlequah, OK, October 2013.

Gibson, H and K. Wieters, Talking Green in Red States. Kansas APA Conference, Manhattan, KS October 2013

Wieters, K. Teaching, Learning and Implementing Walkability in Oklahoma City. Oklahoma Service Learning Conference, "The Art of Teaching through Science of Service", Friday November 22, 2013

Wieters, K, D Hess, P Firth. Invited panelist for Pedestrian and Bicycle University Education, Transportation Research Board 82nd Annual Meeting, January 13-17, 2013.

Wieters, K, J Fees, and B McCann. Why should we care about those silly pedestrians and bicyclists? Barriers to Adoption of Complete Streets Ordinances in Cowboy Country. Presented paper at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Conference, Cincinnati, OH, 2012

Wieters, K. Office workers -- Sedentary by Practice: How can we integrate physical activity as part of daily routines at work. Oklahoma Public Health Association Conference, Health Equity Caucus, April 2012

Wieters, K M, L Fithian, T McCuen, and C Barrett. Teaching How to Manage Competing Interests: Planners, Architects and Construction Science Students Developing a Subdivision Together. Presented paper at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Conference, Salt Lake City, UT; 2011.

Wieters K M. Methodology in assessing walking behavior for office workers using online survey methods. Presented paper at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Conference. Minneapolis, MN; 2010.

Lee C, Wieters M, Giusti C, Lord D. The Environment and Obesity among Latino Adults: A case study exploring the roles of built environments in promoting physical activity and reducing obesity among colonia residents. Inter-University Program for Latino Research. University of Notre Dame; 2010.

Wieters KM, Kim J-H, Lee C. A walk to grab a cup of coffee: Assessment of available research instruments for measuring physical activity. Presented paper at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Conference Chicago, Il; 2008.

Jourdan, D., Wieters, K. "Serious Play: Constructing Learning To Promote Meaningful Dialogue In The Planning Classroom". Co-Presented paper at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Conference. Milwaukee, WS; 2006.

INVITED LECTURES

University of Oklahoma
Department of Geography & Sustainability, Spring Colloquium
"Walking & Biking: Active Transportation and the Built Environment" January 2014

Kansas State University – Big 12 Fellowship

- The messiness of random sampling spatially Oct. 21, 2013
- Watershed Functions & Impacts from Development Oct. 21, 2013
- Creating an audit tool and operationalizing data Oct. 23,2013
- Bicycle Facility Design & Planning Oct. 23,2013
- Observational Methods Oct. 23, 2013
- Pedestrian Planning and Design: How does the environment we live in impact our lives? Oct. 2013
- Office workers – Sedentary by Practice: How can we integrate physical activity as part of daily routines at work – Formal presentation to faculty and students Oct. 2013

Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology College of Public Health,
University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center

- Planning, Built Environment, and Public Health: How does the environment we live in impact our lives? March 11, 2013

GRANT FUNDING

Received Ed Cline Faculty Development Award ($1450), Spring 2014
Received Big 12 Faculty Fellowship Program Award ($2500) June 2013
Received College of Architecture IT recipient ($3450) July 2013
Sooner Parents Mini-Grant Funding ($500) for student mentoring –prepared and submitted to assist RCPL Student Planning Association July 2013
Received Junior Faculty Research ($7,000) for summer research on rural planning and physical activity opportunities. University of Oklahoma, Summer 2012
Robert Wood Johnson Active Living Research Dissertation Grant ($25,000), Texas A&M University, 2007

SERVICE

University-Level Service

- Advisory Committee Course Management Systems (ACCMS) Spring 2013

College-Level Service

- Graduate Liaison for Regional & City Planning Division (Fall 2013 – present)
- Graduate Research & Curriculum Committee (Fall 2013 – present)
- RCPL orientation (Fall 2010- present)
- Search committee for new RCPL hires, new LA hire (Summer 2011, Summer 2012, Spring 2013, Spring 2014)
- IT Committee (member since 2012), Chair (Fall 2013-Spring 2014)
- Model Shop Committee (member since 2012-Fall 2013)
- RCPL website (2011- present)
- GHGI committee (Gould Hall Green Initiative) (Fall 2011)
- Co-hosting and arranging guest seminar: Dr. Chanam Lee – "The Built Environment and Disparities in Physical Activity", December 2012.

SERVICE

State-level / City-Level Service

- President – Health Equity Caucus, subgroup of Oklahoma Public Health Association
- APA/AICP member
- Bicycle Advisory Committee, City of Norman – Committee member (Spring 2013 – 2016)

National-Level Service

- Secretary/Treasurer of Faculty Women's Interest Group (FWIG), committee under Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP).
- CDC Weight of the Nation Conference planning, Built Environment & Transportation Subcommittee
- Reviewer for Journal of Physical Activity and Health

Bryce C. Lowery, PhD

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Academic Experience

Assistant Professor 2014 - present
College of Architecture – Division of Regional and City Planning
University of Oklahoma – Norman, OK

Education

Doctor of Philosophy – Policy, Planning, and Development 2014
Sol Price School of Public Policy
University of Southern California - Los Angeles, CA

Dissertation: *Social Construction of the Experience Economy:*
The spatial ecology of outdoor advertising in Los Angeles
Jack Dyckman Award - Best Dissertation in Planning & Development

Committee: David Sloane, PhD
Tridib Banerjee, PhD
Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo, PhD (Sociology)

Master of Landscape Architecture 2008
College of Environmental Design
California State Polytechnic University - Pomona, CA

Master of Science – Environmental Policy and Behavior 2000
School of Natural Resources and Environment
University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, MI

Bachelor of Arts – Economics and Environmental Studies 1996
Dornsife College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences
University of Southern California - Los Angeles, CA

Publications

The Prospects and Problems of Integrating Sketch Maps with Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to Understand Environmental Perception: A case study of mapping youth fear in Los Angeles gang neighborhoods 2014
Environment and Planning B: Planning and Design 41(2): 251-271.
Curtis, J.W., E. Shiau, B. Lowery, D. Sloane, K. Hennigan and A. Curtis

The Prevalence of Harmful Content on Outdoor Advertising in Los Angeles: Land use, community characteristics, and the spatial inequality of a public health nuisance 2014
American Journal of Public Health 104(4): 658–664.
Lowery, B.C. and D.C. Sloane

Presentations

From Regional Center to Sign District: Regulating outdoor advertising in Los Angeles, 1881-2012
Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning – Philadelphia, PA – November 1, 2014
with David Sloane

Do Farmers' Markets Improve the Availability of Healthy Foods for All Communities?
A case study of 19 markets in Los Angeles.
Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning – Philadelphia, PA – October 30, 2014
with Denise Payan, LaVonna Blair Lewis and David Sloane

If You See Something, Say Something:
Community response (and non-response) to outdoor advertising regulation in Los Angeles
Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture – Austin, TX – March 29, 2013

The Spatial Ecology of Outdoor Advertising in Los Angeles:
The unjust impact of the commercial landscape
Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning – Cincinnati, OH – November 3, 2012
with David Sloane

Employing Social Network Analysis to Understand the Formation of Sustainable Social Capital
Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture - Tucson, AZ – January 15, 2009

Teaching Experience

Assistant Professor 2014-present
University of Oklahoma – College of Architecture
Subdivision and Site Planning (graduate)
Computer Mapping and GIS in Planning (graduate)
Comprehensive Planning Studio (graduate)

Lecturer 2014
University of California, Irvine – School of Social Ecology
Design and Planning Graphics (graduate)

Teaching Assistant 2008-2013
University of Southern California - Sol Price School of Public Policy
Citizenship and Public Ethics (undergraduate)
History of Planning and Development (undergraduate)
Planning History and Urban Form (graduate)
Smart Growth and Urban Sprawl (graduate)
Urban Context for Policy and Planning (undergraduate)
Urban Planning and Development (undergraduate)
Urban Planning and Social Policy (graduate - online)

Graduate Student Instructor 1999-2000
University of Michigan - School of Natural Resources and Environment
Introduction to Environmental Policy (undergraduate)
Introduction to Natural Resource Management (undergraduate)

Other Experience

Research Assistant 2009 - 2014
Sol Price School of Public Policy - University of Southern California

Editorial Assistant – Terry L. Cooper 2011 - 2012
The Responsible Administrator:
An Approach to Ethics for the Administrative Role, 6th Edition. 2012.

Research Associate 2005 - 2006
Lodestar Management/Research Inc. (now Harder+Company)

Project Coordinator 2004 - 2005
Perinatal Advisory Council of Los Angeles County

Community Researcher 2002 - 2004
Children's Planning Council - Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

Assistant Director 2000 - 2002
Health DATA Program - UCLA Center for Health Policy Research

Curriculum Coordinator 2000
UCLA Labor, Occupational, Safety and Health Program

Research Coordinator 1996 - 1998
The Wild Thornberry's Television Series
Klasky-Csupo Incorporated/Nickelodeon Studios

Activities and Service

Committee Member
University of Oklahoma
Anna Siprikova – Master of City and Regional Planning Thesis 2014 - present

Reviewer
American Journal of Public Health
Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture

Member
American Planning Association
American Public Health Association
American Society of Landscape Architects
Association of American Geographers
Environmental Design Research Association

Member 2014 - present
Creating/Making Facilities Coordination Team
University of Oklahoma – College of Architecture

Member 2013
Billboard and Visual Landscape Visioning Group
City of Los Angeles

Area Chairperson 2010 - 2012
Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council – Area 2: Cahuenga Pass
City of Los Angeles

Vice-Chairperson 2010 - 2012
Appointee 2008 - 2012
Cahuenga/Ventura Corridor Specific Plan Review Board
City of Los Angeles - Council District 4

President 2011 - 2012
Member 2000 - 2012
Cahuenga Pass Property Owners' Association

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BACKGROUND SUMMARY

Executive Manager with extensive experience in public sector resource design, management and evaluation. Knowledge and skills include: structuring and design of state and local service programs and initiatives, developing written proposals for project financing, identifying community economic development resources and training.

EXPERIENCE

DeBruler, Inc.

Vice President, Oklahoma City, August 2001 to Present

Provide services including:

- ✓ Researching public and private resources and preparing applications for financial assistance in response to client requests for economic and community development projects.
- ✓ Technical assistance to nonprofits and units of local government regarding federal and state resources and structuring project-beneficial partnerships; preparing strategic and business plans for public and private sector entities.
- ✓ Group facilitation services.
- ✓ Technical training for nonprofits and units of local government regarding federal and state financial assistance programs. Conducting organizational assessments and developing capacity building curriculums.

Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency

Team Leader, Housing Development Team, Oklahoma City, July 1998 to July 2001

Provided direct supervision and oversight of sixteen staff engaged in the administration of multiple federal and state affordable housing program resources.

While employed by the agency:

- ✓ Reorganized state's Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bond, Low-income Housing Tax Credit, HOME Investment Partnerships and Housing Trust Fund Programs into a single work unit.
- ✓ Streamlined Low-income Housing Tax Credit Program administrative rules to provide for market responsive design flexibility.
- ✓ Streamlined affordable housing resources by developing a singular application package and process for the agency's affordable housing development resources and established e-information network.
- ✓ Facilitated the development of working partnerships between the state's nonprofit and for-profit housing development organizations and agency's mortgage revenue bond lenders.
- ✓ Financed the development of affordable housing by leveraging public sector development funds with private investments.

- ✓ Facilitated legislative task force on rural affordable housing issues and devised legislative and programmatic actions to spur rural development.
- ✓ Developed, financed and implemented the state's first statewide affordable housing market analysis in partnership with a major university center.
- ✓ Drafted enabling legislation, capitalized and implemented state's Housing Trust Fund.

Oklahoma Department of Commerce
Program Manager/Department Head, Oklahoma City, March 1988 to July 1998

- ✓ In response to market-based demand, directed a team of professional agency staff with diverse skills, in the redesign of the state's HOME Investment Partnerships Program from primarily rehabilitation services to the production of rural affordable housing units.
- ✓ Led HOME Program administrative team in the relocation of the Program from its state agency environment to the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency, a public trust.
- ✓ Leveraged HOME Program development resources with other public and private debt capital to finance the development of rural affordable housing statewide.
- ✓ Formulated and implemented a legislative agenda to enact and capitalizing the state's Housing Trust Fund.
- ✓ Provided daily oversight and administration for several state administered federal programs including: U.S. Department of Energy State Energy Program, Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnerships, Rental Rehabilitation, Solar Energy and Energy Conservation Bank, and State Appropriated Funds for regional councils of government.

City of Oklahoma City January 1984 to February 1988
Division Head, Code Inspections Division/Department of Environmental Services
Assistant Superintendent, Utility Services Division/Water Department
Administrative Assistant, Street Maintenance Division, Public Works Department
Management Intern, Personnel Department

EDUCATION
Masters of Public Administration, University of Oklahoma 1983
Bachelor of Arts Political Science, University of Oklahoma, 1979