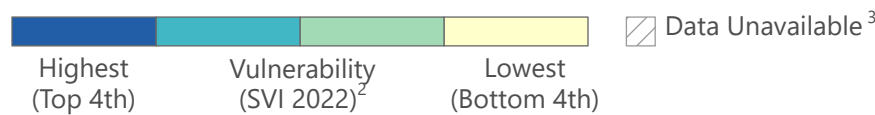
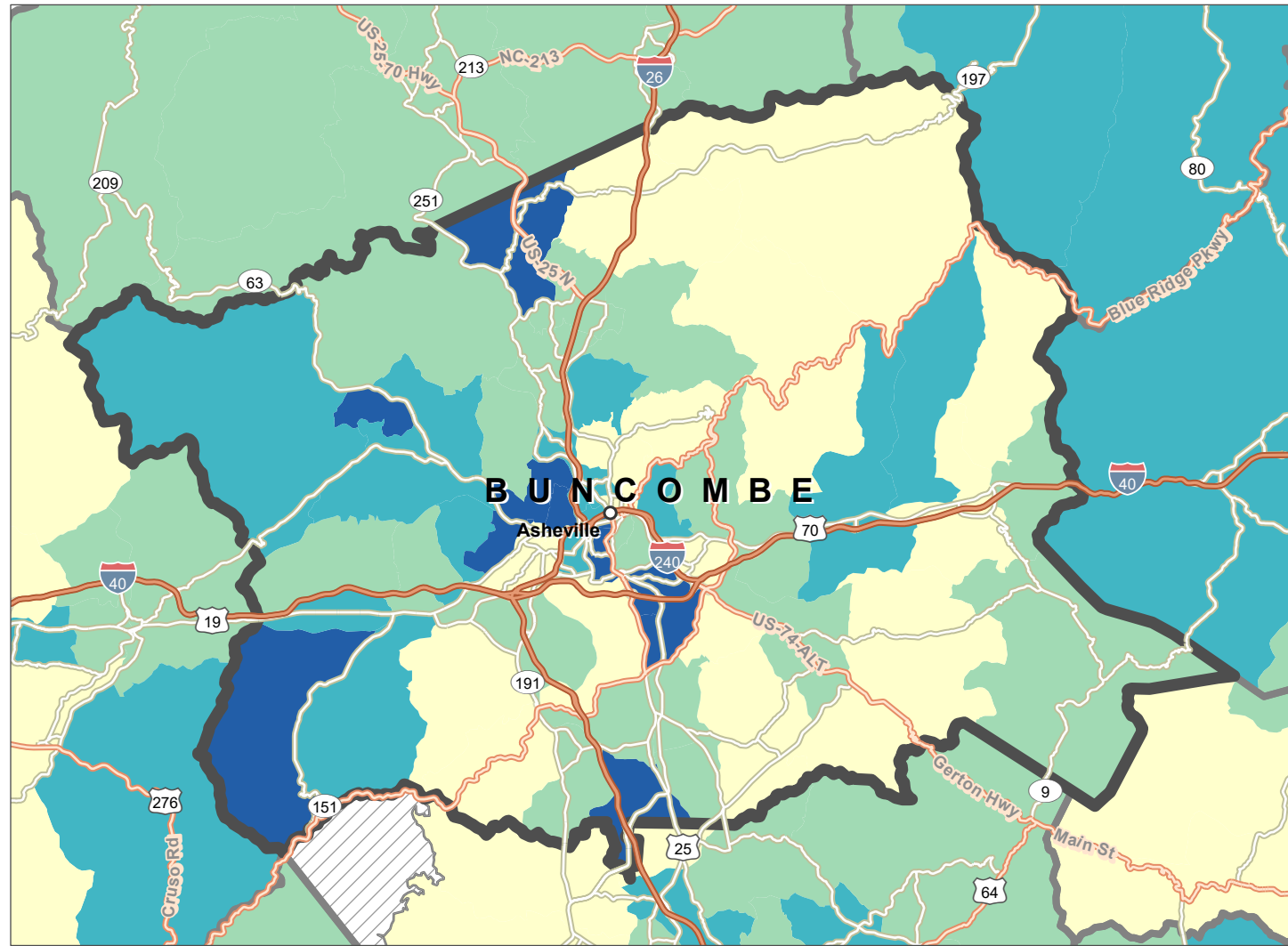


## Overall Social Vulnerability<sup>1</sup>

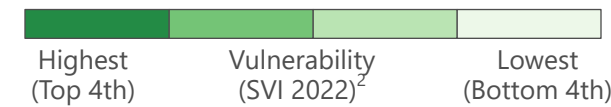
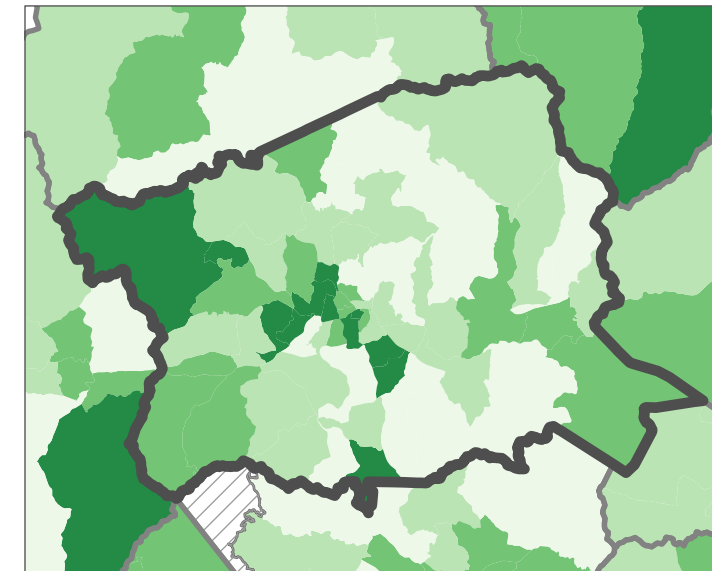


**Social vulnerability** refers to a community's capacity to prepare for and respond to the stress of hazardous events ranging from natural disasters, such as tornadoes or disease outbreaks, to human-caused threats, such as toxic chemical spills. The **CDC/ATSDR Social Vulnerability Index (CDC/ATSDR SVI 2022)**<sup>4</sup> **County Map** depicts the social vulnerability of communities, at census tract level, within a specified

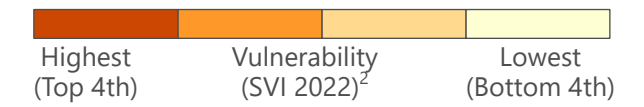
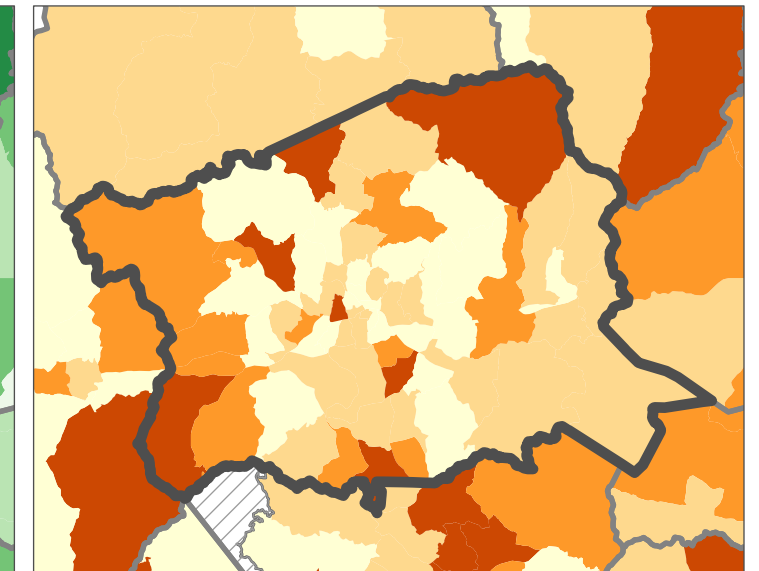
county. CDC/ATSDR SVI 2022 groups **sixteen census-derived factors** into **four themes** that summarize the extent to which the area is socially vulnerable to disaster. The factors include economic data as well as data regarding education, family characteristics, housing, language ability, ethnicity, and vehicle access. Overall Social Vulnerability combines all the variables to provide a comprehensive assessment.

## CDC/ATSDR SVI Themes

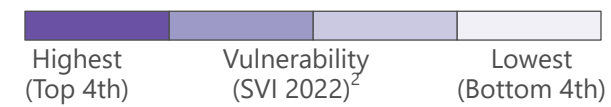
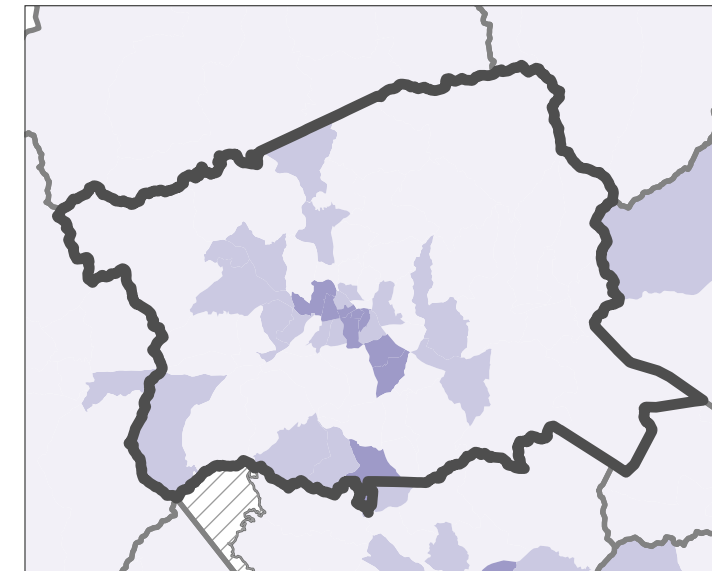
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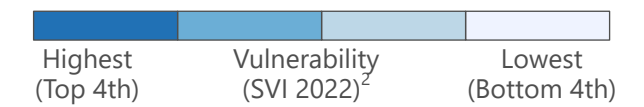
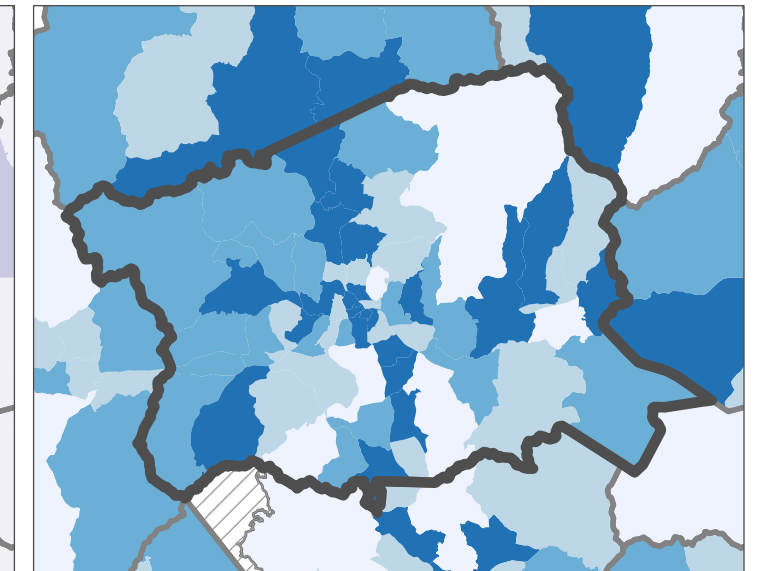
Household Characteristics<sup>6</sup>



Racial and Ethnic Minority Status<sup>7</sup>



Housing Type/Transportation<sup>8</sup>



**Data Sources:** <sup>2</sup>CDC/ATSDR/GRASP, U.S. Census Bureau, ArcGIS StreetMap Premium.

**Notes:** <sup>1</sup>Overall Social Vulnerability: All 16 variables. <sup>3</sup>One or more variables unavailable at census tract level. <sup>4</sup>The CDC/ATSDR SVI combines percentile rankings of U.S. Census American Community Survey (ACS) 2018-2022 variables, for the state, at the census tract level. <sup>5</sup>Socioeconomic Status: Below 150% Poverty, Unemployed, Housing Costs Burden, No High School Diploma, No Health Insurance. <sup>6</sup>Household Characteristics: Aged 65 and Older, Aged 17 and Younger, Civilian with a Disability, Single-Parent Household, English Language Proficiency. <sup>7</sup>Race/Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino (of any race); Black and African American, Not Hispanic or Latino; American Indian and Alaska Native, Not Hispanic or Latino; Asian, Not Hispanic or Latino; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, Not Hispanic or Latino; Two or More Races, Not Hispanic or Latino; Other Races, Not Hispanic or Latino. <sup>8</sup>Housing Type/Transportation: Multi-Unit Structures, Mobile Homes, Crowding, No Vehicle, Group Quarters.

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