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# I. DESOTO COUNTY DEMOGRAPHIC AND LAND USE ANALYSIS

## A. Population Characteristics and Their Implications for Evacuation Dynamics

### 1. Overall Population<sup>1</sup>

In February 2007, the University of Florida's Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR) estimated that the permanent resident population of DeSoto County on April 1, 2006, was 33,164, an increase of 955 (3.0%) from the 2000 Census. DeSoto is the forty-ninth largest county in population in Florida and placed sixty-first in absolute growth in the State during that period. BEBR projects the population will reach 35,707 in 2010 and 39,870 in 2015 which represents increases of 10.9% and 23.8%, respectively, above the 2000 Census figures. The projection for 2015 also represents an increase of 6,706 (20.2%) residents above the 2006 baseline population, which will place DeSoto County forty-third in the State in absolute growth for the period (**Tables IA-1a+b**).

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<sup>1</sup> Population estimates and projections customarily distinguish between the *permanent resident population* in a jurisdiction (people who reside in the location year-round or at least half of the time) and the *seasonal population* (people who reside in the location only a portion of the year or who are visitors, such as tourists). The permanent resident population is further broken into those who reside in *households* (occupied housing units) and those who are in *group quarters*, such as correctional facilities, nursing homes, military quarters, group homes, etc. The decennial census and the Census Bureau's new American Community Survey (ACS) present results for the permanent resident population, but not for the seasonal population. However, both the census and the ACS present data on vacant housing units, including those that are for seasonal use. Typically, local jurisdictions use these seasonal housing unit estimates, along with hotel and motel inventories, to prepare estimates and projections of the seasonal population for planning purposes. The estimates and projections prepared by the University of Florida's Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR) also refer to the permanent resident population. Most of the data presented in this section is drawn from the sample portion of the 2000 Census of Population and Housing (Summary File 3) and from the 2006 ACS. The latter was tabulated only for the 40 counties that had a 2006 population of at least 65,000 permanent residents, so there is no 2006 ACS data for the 27 smallest counties in the State of Florida – in those counties, the 2006 tables will show "N.A." in all cells. Note that the annual ACS is collected for a much smaller sample than the 2000 Census, resulting in much larger margins of error. In addition, there are differences in the methodology that can affect the meaning of the data collected. As a result, comparisons should be made with caution. In some cases, although 2006 ACS data was tabulated for a county, the small sample size resulted in insufficient data to fill all of the cells in a given table – in those cases the 2006 tables will show "N.A." in selected cells.

## 2. Group Quarters Population

In 2000, there were 3,239 DeSoto County residents living in group quarters (10.0% of the population); 2,199 of these were institutionalized in correctional facilities, nursing homes, and juvenile institutions, while the other 1,040 were in other group quarters, such as college dormitories, group homes and military quarters (**Map P5**). The remaining 28,970 residents lived in households. (**Table IA-11**)

## 3. Housing Units by Type

Of the 13,608 housing units in DeSoto County at the time of the 2000 Census, 44.40% were single-family, 11.90% were multi-family, and the remaining 43.70% were mobile homes, boats, recreational vehicles (RVs) or others used as dwelling units. Of the total housing units, 2,862 (21.03%) were vacant (**Map H2**), with the highest vacancy rates found among mobile homes. Mobile homes, boats and RVs are a larger component of the housing stock in DeSoto County than in the State of Florida as a whole, where 12.0% of all units were classified in this category. **Maps H5** and **H6** display where most mobile homes, boats and RVs in DeSoto County were concentrated in 2000. (**Table IA-4**)

## 4. Occupied Housing Units (Households)

There were 10,746 occupied housing units (households) in DeSoto County in 2000, 74.7% of which were occupied by owners and 25.3% by renters (**Table IA-4**).

## 5. Household Size

In 2000, the average household size (number of persons per occupied unit) in DeSoto County was 2.70, which was higher than the State of Florida average of 2.46. Renters, who are mostly concentrated in multi-family units, had a much larger household size (3.46) than owners (2.44), who are more heavily concentrated in single-family units. The highest household sizes are displayed on **Map H4 (Table IA-5)**.

## 6. Seasonal Dwelling Units

In 2000, 1,945 seasonal, recreational or occasional use dwelling units were vacant in DeSoto County (**Map H1**), representing 67.96% of all vacant units (**Table IA-6**).

## 7. Vehicles per Household

In 2000, 884 DeSoto County households (8.23%) had no vehicle, with renters comprising the largest proportion. This was higher than the average for the State of Florida as a whole (8.1%), and represents a significant number of households that may need transportation assistance in the event of a major evacuation (**Table IA-7**).

## 8. Age Composition

In 2000, the population of DeSoto County included 6,248 people who were at least 65 years old, which represented 19.4% of the total population; this compared to 17.6% for the State of Florida as a whole. Approximately 16% of these elderly residents (1,046) lived alone (**Maps P6 and P7**). Moreover, 519 residents (1.61% of the total) were at least 85 years old (**Tables IA-9 and IA-11**).

## 9. Race/Ethnicity

The Hispanic or Latino population, which includes those born outside of the United States as well as those born into Hispanic families in the United States, included 8,078 residents (25.08% of the total population) in 2000, and which increased by another 944, to 27.35% of the total, in 2006. The Black or African American population, which in Central Florida includes many people from the Caribbean, and Central and South America, decreased, from 3,834 (11.9% of the total) in 2000 to 3,909 (11.79%) in 2006 (BEBR). Combined, these two groups are projected to grow to about 44.6% of the County's population in 2015, while the White, non-Hispanic population is projected to decline from 60.11% of the total County population in 2006 to 54.58% in 2015 (**Tables IA-2a+b, IA-10**).

## 10. Place of Birth and Citizenship

In 2000, 20.01% of DeSoto County residents (6,446) were born outside of the United States (**Map P11**). 12,474 were born in the United States, but not in Florida. The remaining 13,289 residents (41.26%) were born somewhere in the State of Florida. Of those born outside of the United States, 81.85% were not US Citizens. (**Table IA-12**)

## 11. Linguistic Isolation

In 2000, 703 households (6.52%) were classified as linguistically isolated (**Map P9**) with Spanish spoken in the majority of these households. There were only 56 linguistically isolated households in 2000 where a language other than Spanish was spoken. (**Map P8**) (**Table IA-13**)

## 12. Labor Force

In 2000, 47.93% of the DeSoto County population 16 years old and over was not in the labor force (**Map P14**); this was larger than the share of the non-labor force population in the State of Florida as a whole (41.3%) (**Table IA-15**).

## 13. Poverty Status

There were 7,030 residents in 2000 that lived in households with incomes below the poverty level (23.56% of the total population). Poverty rates were highest among children (32.60%), but 7.28% of elderly residents also lived below the poverty level (**Map P16**). The poor elderly, especially those living alone, may represent a significant portion of those households without vehicles, which constitutes a substantial challenge for evacuation planning (**Table IA-16**).

## 14. Small Area Dwelling Unit and Population Data

The Florida Department of Transportation produces its dwelling unit, household and population estimates and projections for the traffic analysis zones (TAZs) and municipalities at 5-year intervals projected to 2030.

# B. Future Land Use Analysis

According to the United States Census Bureau, DeSoto County, with 409,276 acres, is the forty-ninth largest county by total land area in the State of Florida. Approximately 407,850 acres consists of land area and 1,426 acres (0.4%) consists of water. The County is bounded on the north by Hardee County, on the east by Highlands County, on the south by Charlotte County, and on the west by Manatee and Sarasota Counties. With 1 municipality in 2006, the unincorporated portion of the county was home to 26,409 residents, about 80% of the total county population. There are 308,580 acres (76.6%) currently classified as agriculture, the largest future land use classification in the County (**Table IA-17**).

# C. Update: 2010

For consistency, the data and information used in the study is from 2006, ensuring that all available data inputs used the same common year. Certain types of data tend to lag. For instance, population estimates are annually updated by the Bureau of Economic and Business Research, whereas traffic analysis zones are often updated every five years. To produce a comprehensive study with all the data from the same year requires a base year in which all the data is available.

The purpose of this section is to provide the reader with independent, up-to-date data. The data was not used in the study, and is for informational purposes only.

#### Population:

Florida's 2009 population increased to 18,748,925 persons from the 2000 Census tabulation of 15,982,824 persons, an increase of 2,766,001 persons and a growth of 17.31% with an average annual growth rate of 1.92%.

DeSoto County's 2009 population increased to 34,792 persons from the 2000 Census tabulation of 32,209 persons, an increase of 2,583 persons and a growth of 8.02% with an average annual growth rate of 0.89%.

DeSoto County's growth ranks fifty-fourth out of the sixty-seven counties. Of particular note, Flagler County grew by 90.44% between 2000 and 2009, which made it the fastest growing county and Monroe County decreased by 2.09%, which made it the lowest and only county with negative growth.

**Table IA-1a**  
**Resident Population<sup>2</sup> by Age, April 1, 2006, 2010 and 2015**

DeSoto County Age Categories	Absolute Number			% of Total Population		
	2006	2010	2015	2006	2010	2015
Age under 5 years	2,086	2,329	2,498	6.29%	6.52%	6.27%
Age 5 to 17 years	4,980	5,300	5,825	15.02%	14.84%	14.61%
Age 18 to 24 years	3,588	3,654	4,116	10.82%	10.23%	10.32%
Age 25 to 34 years	4,813	5,045	5,788	14.51%	14.13%	14.52%
Age 35 to 44 years	4,039	4,345	4,970	12.18%	12.17%	12.47%
Age 45 to 54 years	3,416	3,550	3,686	10.30%	9.94%	9.25%
Age 55 to 64 years	3,720	4,291	4,714	11.22%	12.02%	11.82%
Age 65 to 74 years	3,348	3,665	4,457	10.10%	10.26%	11.18%
Age 75 to 84 years	2,472	2,641	2,738	7.45%	7.40%	6.87%
Age 85 years and over	702	887	1,078	2.12%	2.48%	2.70%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33,164</b>	<b>35,707</b>	<b>39,870</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Age under 18 years	7,066	7,629	8,323	21.31%	21.37%	20.88%
Age 65 years and over	6,522	7,193	8,273	19.67%	20.14%	20.75%

Source: Florida Legislature, Office of Economic and Demographic Research (August 2007)

**Table IA-1b**  
**Change in Resident Population by Age, 2006-10, 2010-15 and 2006-15**

DeSoto County Age Categories	Absolute Change			% Change in the Period		
	2006-10	2010-15	2006-15	2006-10	2010-15	2006-15
Age under 5 years	243	169	412	11.65%	7.26%	19.75%
Age 5 to 17 years	320	525	845	6.43%	9.91%	16.97%
Age 18 to 24 years	66	462	528	1.84%	12.64%	14.72%
Age 25 to 34 years	232	743	975	4.82%	14.73%	20.26%
Age 35 to 44 years	306	625	931	7.58%	14.38%	23.05%
Age 45 to 54 years	134	136	270	3.92%	3.83%	7.90%
Age 55 to 64 years	571	423	994	15.35%	9.86%	26.72%
Age 65 to 74 years	317	792	1,109	9.47%	21.61%	33.12%
Age 75 to 84 years	169	97	266	6.84%	3.67%	10.76%
Age 85 years and over	185	191	376	26.35%	21.53%	53.56%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,543</b>	<b>4,163</b>	<b>6,706</b>	<b>7.67%</b>	<b>11.66%</b>	<b>20.22%</b>
Age under 18 years	563	694	1,257	7.97%	9.10%	17.79%
Age 65 years and over	671	1,080	1,751	10.29%	15.01%	26.85%

Source: Florida Legislature, Office of Economic and Demographic Research (August 2007)

<sup>2</sup> Official state and county estimates and projections published by the University of Florida's Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEER) were released in database format by the Florida Legislature's Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR) in August 2007, with age, gender and race/ethnicity detail, and interpolations for every quarter of every single year from 1960 (Q2) to 2030 (Q2).

**Table IA-2a**  
**Resident Population by Race/Ethnicity, April 1, 2006, 2010 and 2015**

DeSoto County Race/Ethnic Categories	Absolute Number			% of Total Population		
	2006	2010	2015	2006	2010	2015
White Non-Hispanic	19,935	20,864	21,761	60.11%	58.43%	54.58%
Black or African American (NH)	3,909	3,922	4,483	11.79%	10.98%	11.24%
Other race and 2 or more races	248	264	327	0.75%	0.74%	0.82%
Hispanic or Latino (all races)	9,072	10,657	13,299	27.35%	29.85%	33.36%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33,164</b>	<b>35,707</b>	<b>39,870</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Source: Florida Legislature, Office of Economic and Demographic Research (August 2007)

**Table IA-2b**  
**Change in Resident Population by Race/Ethnicity, 2006-10, 2010-15 and 2006-15**

DeSoto County Race/Ethnic Categories	Absolute Change			% Change in the Period		
	2006-10	2010-15	2006-15	2006-10	2010-15	2006-15
White Non-Hispanic	929	897	1,826	4.66%	4.30%	9.16%
Black or African American (NH)	13	561	574	0.33%	14.30%	14.68%
Other race and 2 or more races	16	63	79	6.45%	23.86%	31.85%
Hispanic or Latino (all races)	1,585	2,642	4,227	17.47%	24.79%	46.59%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,543</b>	<b>4,163</b>	<b>6,706</b>	<b>7.67%</b>	<b>11.66%</b>	<b>20.22%</b>

Source: Florida Legislature, Office of Economic and Demographic Research (August 2007)

**Table IA-3  
Licensed Public Lodging Facilities, 2007**

Type of Lodging Facility	Absolute Number		%	
	Facilities	Rooms/Units	Facilities	Rooms/Units
Hotels	1	63	5.26%	9.62%
Motels	4	121	21.05%	18.47%
Non-Transient Apartments	12	452	63.16%	69.01%
Transient Apartments	1	3	5.26%	0.46%
Non-Transient Rooming Houses	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Transient Rooming Houses	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Bed and Breakfast Inns	1	16	5.26%	2.44%
Resort Condominiums - Single	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Resort Condominiums - Group	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Resort Condominiums - Collective	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Resort Dwellings - Single	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Resort Dwellings - Group	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Resort Dwellings - Collective	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,208</b>	<b>31,072</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

*Source: Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Hotels and Restaurants (March 13, 2007)*

**Table IA-4**  
**Housing Units<sup>3</sup> by Vacancy Status and Tenure by Units in Structure, 2000**

DeSoto County Units in Structure	Occupied Units			Vacant Units	Total Units	Vacant %
	Owner	Renter	Total			
1, detached	4,502	911	5,413	629	6,042	10.41%
1, attached	204	57	261	47	308	15.26%
2	77	310	387	108	495	21.82%
3 or 4	44	208	252	30	282	10.64%
5 to 9	150	109	259	147	406	36.21%
10 to 19	0	47	47	17	64	26.56%
20 to 49	0	32	32	0	32	0.00%
50 or more	32	0	32	0	32	0.00%
Mobile home	2,814	1,021	3,835	1,214	5,049	24.04%
Boat, RV, van, etc.	203	25	228	670	898	74.61%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,026</b>	<b>2,720</b>	<b>10,746</b>	<b>2,862</b>	<b>13,608</b>	<b>21.03%</b>
% Single Family	56.09%	33.49%	50.37%	21.98%	44.40%	
% Multi-Family	6.32%	28.05%	11.82%	12.19%	11.90%	
% Mobile Home	35.06%	37.54%	35.69%	42.42%	37.10%	
% Boat, RV, Van, etc.	2.53%	0.92%	2.12%	23.41%	6.60%	

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 2000 Census of Population and Housing (Summary File 3)

<sup>3</sup> A housing unit is a house, an apartment, a mobile home, a group of rooms, or a single room occupied (or if vacant, intended for occupancy) as separate living quarters. Separate living quarters are those in which the occupants live separately from any other people in the building and that have direct access from the outside of the building or through a common hall. Both occupied and vacant housing units are included in the housing unit inventory. Boats, recreational vehicles (RVs), vans, tents, and the like are housing units only if they are occupied as someone's usual place of residence. Vacant mobile homes are included provided they are intended for occupancy on the site where they stand. Vacant mobile homes on dealers' lots, at the factory, or in storage yards are excluded from the housing inventory. Also excluded from the housing inventory are quarters being used entirely for nonresidential purposes, such as a store or an office, or quarters used for the storage of business supplies or inventory.

**Table IA-5**  
**Residents by Tenure by Units in Structure<sup>4</sup>, 2000**

DeSoto County Units in Structure	Persons in Occupied Units			Persons per Occupied Unit		
	Owner	Renter	Total	Owner	Renter	Total
1, detached	11,720	3,368	15,088	2.60	3.70	2.79
1, attached	371	116	487	1.82	2.04	1.87
2	151	1,032	1,183	1.96	3.33	3.06
3 or 4	106	747	853	2.41	3.59	3.38
5 to 9	311	237	548	2.07	2.17	2.12
10 to 19	0	96	96	0.00	2.04	2.04
20 to 49	0	99	99	0.00	3.09	3.09
50 or more	69	0	69	2.16	0.00	2.16
Mobile home	6,496	3,670	10,166	2.31	3.59	2.65
Boat, RV, van, etc.	323	58	381	1.59	2.32	1.67
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19,547</b>	<b>9,423</b>	<b>28,970</b>	<b>2.44</b>	<b>3.46</b>	<b>2.70</b>

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 2000 Census of Population and Housing (Summary File 3)

<sup>4</sup> **Table IA-5** presents the number of residents in the occupied housing units shown in **Table IA-4** for 2000, respectively, by type of housing unit. They also show the average number of residents by type of housing unit, which can be used in transportation models to estimate the number of evacuating people.

**Table IA-6**  
**Number of Vacant Units by Vacancy Status<sup>5</sup>, 2000**

<b>DeSoto County Vacancy Status</b>	<b>Vacant Units</b>	<b>%</b>
For rent	224	7.83%
For sale only	252	8.81%
Rented or sold, not occupied	60	2.10%
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	1,945	67.96%
For migrant workers	103	3.60%
Other vacant	278	9.71%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,862</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

*Source: US Bureau of the Census, 2000 Census of Population and Housing (Summary File 3)*

<sup>5</sup> Vacancy status and other characteristics of vacant units were determined by census enumerators obtaining information from landlords, owners, neighbors, rental agents, and others. Vacant units for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use are vacant units used or intended for use only in certain seasons, for weekends, or other occasional use throughout the year. Seasonal units include those used for summer or winter sports or recreation, such as beach cottages and hunting cabins. Seasonal units also may include quarters for such workers as herders and loggers. Interval ownership units, sometimes called shared-ownership or time-sharing condominiums, also are included in this category. Vacant migrant worker units include those intended for occupancy by migrant workers employed in farm work during the crop season. (Work in a cannery, a freezer plant, or a food-processing plant is not farm work.)

**Table IA-7**  
**Occupied Housing Units by Tenure by Vehicles Available<sup>6</sup>, 2000**

DeSoto County Vehicles Available	Number of Occupied Units			% of Occupied Units		
	Owner	Renter	Total	Owner	Renter	Total
No vehicle available	380	504	884	4.73%	18.53%	8.23%
1 vehicle available	3,537	1,394	4,931	44.07%	51.25%	45.89%
2 vehicles available	3,062	676	3,738	38.15%	24.85%	34.79%
3 vehicles available	852	108	960	10.62%	3.97%	8.93%
4 vehicles available	106	14	120	1.32%	0.51%	1.12%
5 or more vehicles available	89	24	113	1.11%	0.88%	1.05%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,026</b>	<b>2,720</b>	<b>10,746</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 2000 Census of Population and Housing (Summary File 3)

**Table IA-8**  
**Number of Vehicles by Tenure and Vehicles per Occupied Unit, 2000**

DeSoto County Vehicles Available	Number of Vehicles by Tenure			% of Vehicles in Occupied Units		
	Owner	Renter	Total	Owner	Renter	Total
Aggregate Number of Vehicles	13,114	3,294	16,408	79.92%	20.08%	100.00%
Vehicles per Occupied Unit	1.63	1.21	1.53			

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 2000 Census of Population and Housing (Summary File 3)

<sup>6</sup> These data show the number of passenger cars, vans, and pickup or panel trucks of 1-ton capacity or less kept at home and available for the use of household members. Vehicles rented or leased for 1 month or more, company vehicles, and police and government vehicles are included if kept at home and used for non-business purposes. Dismantled or immobile vehicles are excluded. Vehicles kept at home but used only for business purposes also are excluded.

**Table IA-9**  
**Resident Population by Gender and Age, 2000**

DeSoto County Age Categories	Absolute Number			% of Total Population		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Age under 5 years	939	939	1,878	5.18%	6.67%	5.83%
Age 5 to 17 years	2,778	2,593	5,371	15.31%	18.43%	16.68%
Age 18 to 24 years	2,604	1,134	3,738	14.35%	8.06%	11.61%
Age 25 to 34 years	2,936	1,478	4,414	16.18%	10.51%	13.70%
Age 35 to 44 years	2,532	1,565	4,097	13.96%	11.12%	12.72%
Age 45 to 54 years	1,735	1,494	3,229	9.56%	10.62%	10.03%
Age 55 to 64 years	1,568	1,666	3,234	8.64%	11.84%	10.04%
Age 65 to 74 years	1,794	1,783	3,577	9.89%	12.67%	11.11%
Age 75 to 84 years	1,052	1,100	2,152	5.80%	7.82%	6.68%
Age 85 years and over	203	316	519	1.12%	2.25%	1.61%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,141</b>	<b>14,068</b>	<b>32,209</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
% Age under 18 years	20.49%	25.11%	22.51%			
% Age 65 years and over	16.81%	22.74%	19.40%			

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 2000 Census of Population and Housing (Summary File 3)

**Table IA-10**  
**Resident Population by Race and Ethnicity<sup>7</sup>, 2000**

DeSoto County Race Categories	Ethnicity – Hispanic or Latino			% of Total Population		
	Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Total	Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Total
White alone	19,677	4,258	23,935	81.54%	52.71%	74.31%
Black or African American alone	3,759	75	3,834	15.58%	0.93%	11.90%
Other race alone and 2+ races	695	3,745	4,440	2.88%	46.36%	13.78%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24,131</b>	<b>8,078</b>	<b>32,209</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 2000 Census of Population and Housing (Summary File 3)

<sup>7</sup> Race and ethnicity are separate categories in the 2000 Census. For each person the surveys included two separate questions. The first asks whether each person in the household considers himself/herself to be of Hispanic or Latino origin (ethnicity). The second asks each person in the household to identify one or more racial categories that should be used to classify his/her racial makeup. Both questions request the respondent to classify himself/herself, rather than having a Census Bureau employee assign a classification. The tables presented here are cross-tabulations of the two characteristics. Race is tabulated into three categories: (1) White persons who identified only one race (White alone); (2) Black or African American persons who identified only one race (Black or African American alone); and (3) persons of other races who identified only one race (Other race alone) and those who identified two or more races, combined into a single category. For each race category, the totals were calculated for those who indicated that they were of Hispanic or Latino origin and those who indicated that they were not.

**Table IA-11**  
**Resident Population by Age, Household<sup>8</sup> Type and Relationship, 2000**

DeSoto County Household Type, Relationship	Number of Persons, by Age			% of Total Population		
	Under 65	65+	Total	Under 65	65+	Total
In households	22,994	5,976	28,970	88.57%	95.65%	89.94%
In family households	19,827	4,652	24,479	76.37%	74.46%	76.00%
In nonfamily households	3,167	1,324	4,491	12.20%	21.19%	13.94%
Male householder	1,108	356	1,464	4.27%	5.70%	4.55%
Living alone	653	306	959	2.52%	4.90%	2.98%
Not living alone	455	50	505	1.75%	0.80%	1.57%
Female householder	688	828	1,516	2.65%	13.25%	4.71%
Living alone	561	740	1,301	2.16%	11.84%	4.04%
Not living alone	127	88	215	0.49%	1.41%	0.67%
Nonrelatives	1,371	140	1,511	5.28%	2.24%	4.69%
In group quarters	2,967	272	3,239	11.43%	4.35%	10.06%
Institutionalized population	1,993	206	2,199	7.68%	3.30%	6.83%
Non-institutionalized population	974	66	1,040	3.75%	1.06%	3.23%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,961</b>	<b>6,248</b>	<b>32,209</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Population Living Alone	1,214	1,046	2,260	4.68%	16.74%	7.02%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 2000 Census of Population and Housing (Summary File 3)

<sup>8</sup> A household includes all of the people who occupy a housing unit. (People not living in households are classified as living in group quarters.) A family includes a householder and one or more other people living in the same household who are related to the householder by birth, marriage or adoption. All people in a household who are related to the householder are regarded as members of his or her family. A family household may contain people not related to the householder, but those people are not included as part of the householder's family in census tabulations. Not all households contain families since a household may be comprised of a group of unrelated people or of one person living alone (nonfamily households).

**Table IA-12**  
**Resident Population by Place of Birth and Citizenship Status, 2000**

<b>DeSoto County Place of Birth</b>	<b>Absolute Number</b>	<b>%</b>
Native - Born in state of residence	13,289	41.26%
Native - Born in other state in the US	12,474	38.73%
Native - Born outside the United States	409	1.27%
Foreign-born - Naturalized citizen	761	2.36%
Foreign-born - Not a citizen	5,276	16.38%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32,209</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 2000 Census of Population and Housing (Summary File 3)

**Table IA-13**  
**Households by Language and Linguistic Isolation<sup>9</sup>, 2000**

<b>DeSoto County Language Spoken in the Household</b>	<b>Households by Linguistic Isolation</b>			<b>Linguistic Isolation (%)</b>		
	<b>Isolated</b>	<b>Not Isolated</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Isolated</b>	<b>Not Isolated</b>	<b>Total</b>
English	0	8,767	8,767	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Spanish	647	1,037	1,684	38.42%	61.58%	100.00%
Other Indo-European languages	49	248	297	16.50%	83.50%	100.00%
Asian & Pacific Island languages	7	29	36	19.44%	80.56%	100.00%
Other languages	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>10,081</b>	<b>10,784</b>	<b>6.52%</b>	<b>93.48%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 2000 Census of Population and Housing (Summary File 3)

<sup>9</sup> A household in which no person 14 years old and over speaks only English and no person 14 years old and over who speaks a language other than English speaks English "very well" is classified as "linguistically isolated." In other words, a household in which all members 14 years old and over speak a non-English language and also speak English less than "very well" (have difficulty with English) is "linguistically isolated." All the members of a linguistically isolated household are tabulated as linguistically isolated, including members under 14 years old who may speak only English.

**Table IA-14**  
**Civilian Non-Institutionalized Population 5 Years and Over by**  
**Disability Status<sup>10</sup>, 2000**

DeSoto County Language	Disability Status			Disability Status (%)		
	With	Without	Total	With	Without	Total
5 to 15 years	223	4,074	4,297	5.19%	94.81%	100.00%
16 to 20 years	383	2,086	2,469	15.51%	84.49%	100.00%
21 to 64 years	3,608	11,700	15,308	23.57%	76.43%	100.00%
65 to 74 years	1,066	2,463	3,529	30.21%	69.79%	100.00%
75 and over	1,354	1,159	2,513	53.88%	46.12%	100.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,634</b>	<b>21,482</b>	<b>28,116</b>	<b>23.60%</b>	<b>76.40%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 2000 Census of Population and Housing (Summary File 3)

<sup>10</sup> The data on disability status were derived from answers to two long-form questionnaire items. The first was a two-part question that asked about the existence of the following long-lasting conditions: (a) blindness, deafness, or a severe vision or hearing impairment (sensory disability) and (b) a condition that substantially limits one or more basic physical activities, such as walking, climbing stairs, reaching, lifting, or carrying (physical disability). This question was asked of a sample of the population 5 years old and over. The second was a four-part question that asked if the individual had a physical, mental, or emotional condition lasting 6 months or more that made it difficult to perform certain activities. The four activity categories were: (a) learning, remembering, or concentrating (mental disability); (b) dressing, bathing, or getting around inside the home (self-care disability); (c) going outside the home alone to shop or visit a doctor's office (going outside the home disability); and (d) working at a job or business (employment disability). Categories (a) and (b) were asked of a sample of the population 5 years old and over; (c) and (d) were asked of a sample of the population 16 years old and over. For data products that use a disability status indicator, individuals were classified as having a disability if any of the following three conditions were true: (1) they were 5 years old and over and had a response of "yes" to a sensory, physical, mental or self-care disability; (2) they were 16 years old and over and had a response of "yes" to going outside the home disability; or (3) they were 16 to 64 years old and had a response of "yes" to employment disability.

**Table IA-15**  
**Resident Population 16 Years and Over by Gender and Employment Status, 2000**

DeSoto County Employment Status	Absolute Number			% of Total Population 16 and Over		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
In labor force	8,643	4,823	13,466	58.15%	43.85%	52.07%
In Armed Forces	16	0	16	0.11%	0.00%	0.06%
Civilian	8,627	4,823	13,450	58.04%	43.85%	52.01%
Employed	8,229	4,513	12,742	55.37%	41.03%	49.27%
Unemployed	398	310	708	2.68%	2.82%	2.74%
Not in labor force	6,220	6,176	12,396	41.85%	56.15%	47.93%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,863</b>	<b>10,999</b>	<b>25,862</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.60%	6.43%	5.26%			

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 2000 Census of Population and Housing (Summary File 3)

**Table IA-16**  
**Resident Population by Poverty Status and by Age, 2000**

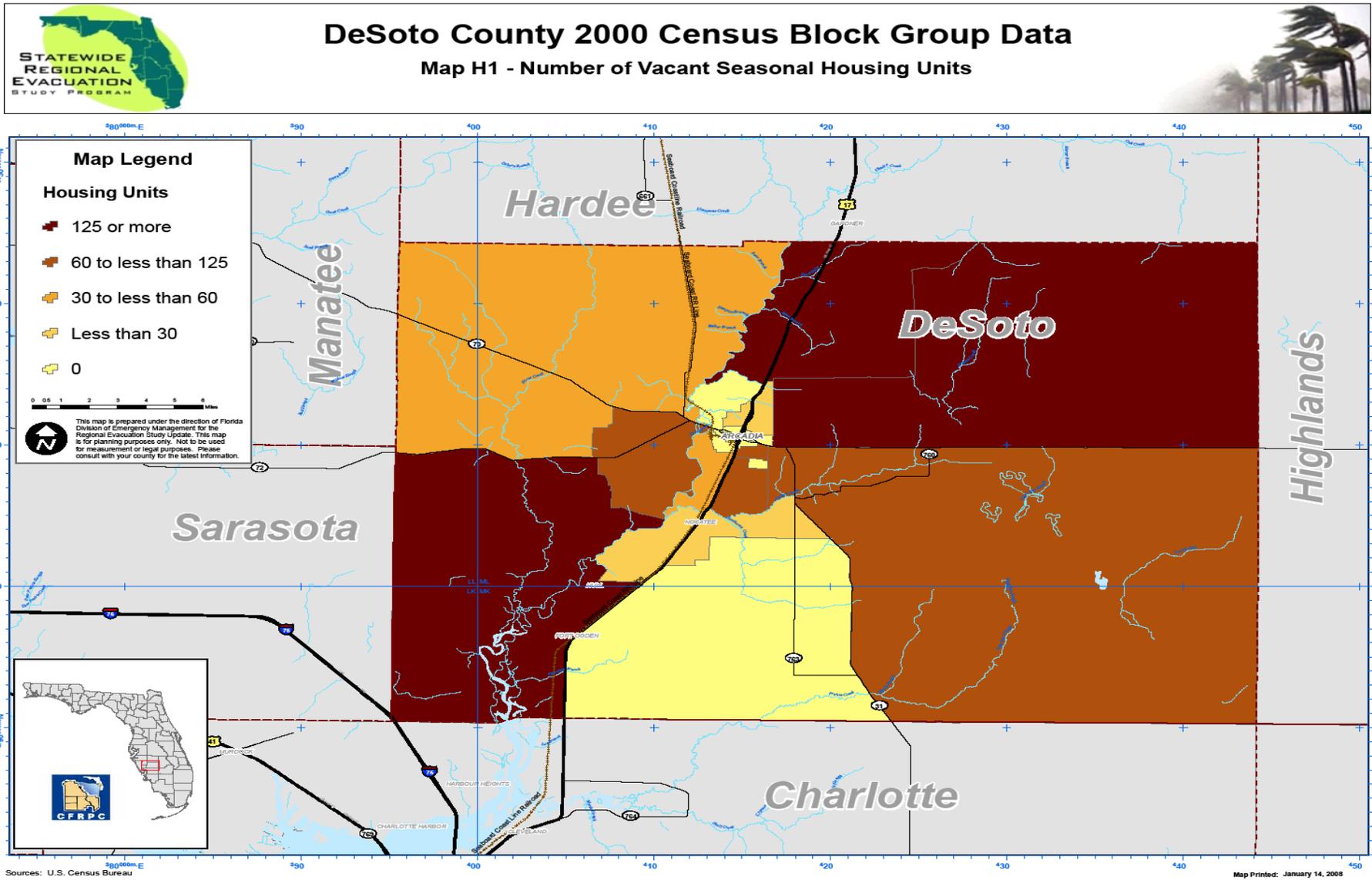
DeSoto County Age	Income in 1999 - Poverty Status			Poverty Status (%)		
	Below	Above	Total	Below	Above	Total
Under 5 years	643	1,117	1,760	36.53%	63.47%	100.00%
5 years	118	236	354	33.33%	66.67%	100.00%
6 to 11 years	827	1,666	2,493	33.17%	66.83%	100.00%
12 to 17 years	648	1,604	2,252	28.77%	71.23%	100.00%
18 to 64 years	4,354	12,578	16,932	25.71%	74.29%	100.00%
65 to 74 years	237	3,292	3,529	6.72%	93.28%	100.00%
75 years and over	203	2,310	2,513	8.08%	91.92%	100.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,030</b>	<b>22,803</b>	<b>29,833</b>	<b>23.56%</b>	<b>76.44%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Under 18	2,236	4,623	6,859	32.60%	67.40%	100.00%
65+	440	5,602	6,042	7.28%	92.72%	100.00%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 2000 Census of Population and Housing (Summary File 3)

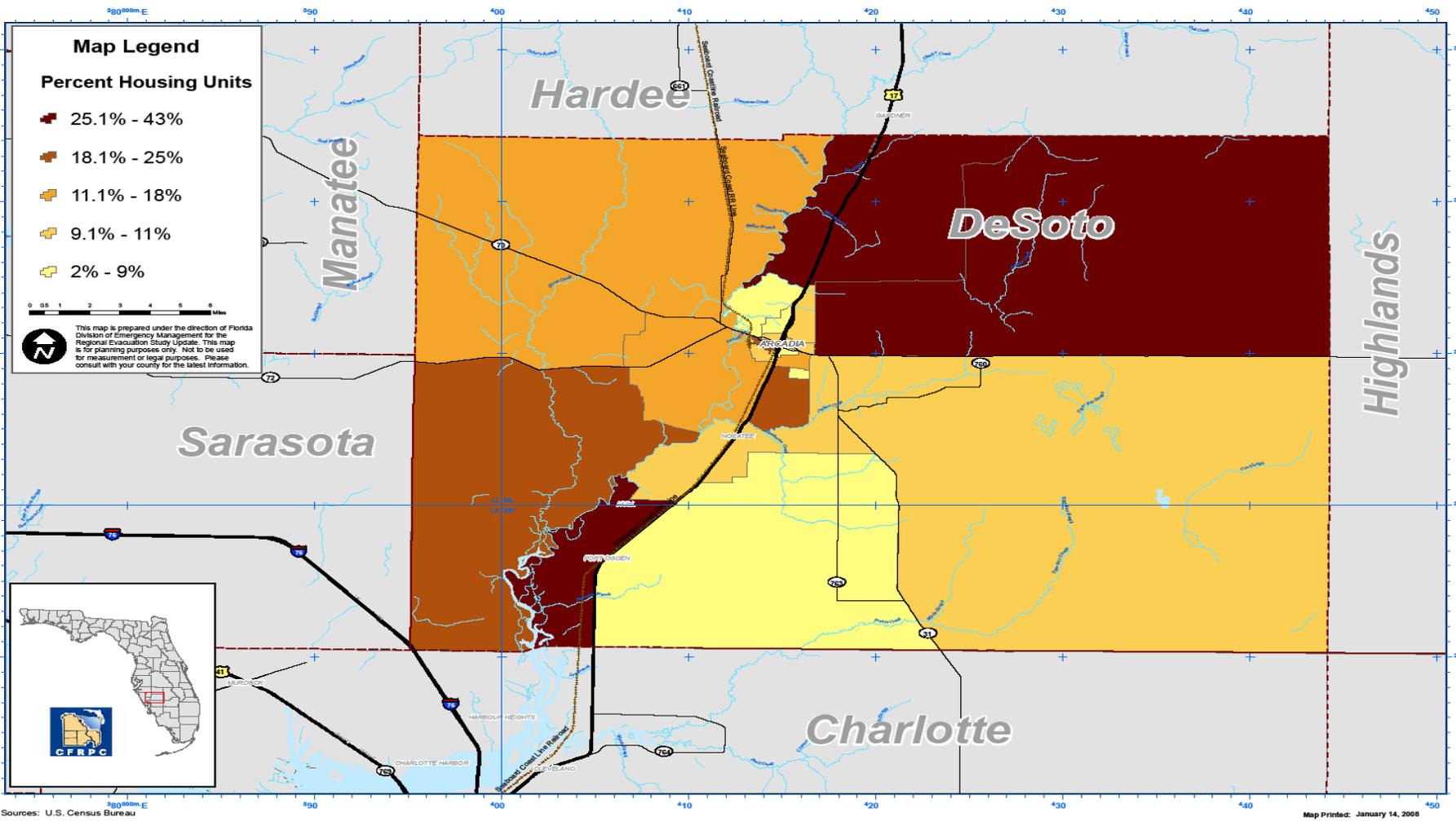
**Table IA-17**  
**Generalized Future Land Uses, 2006**

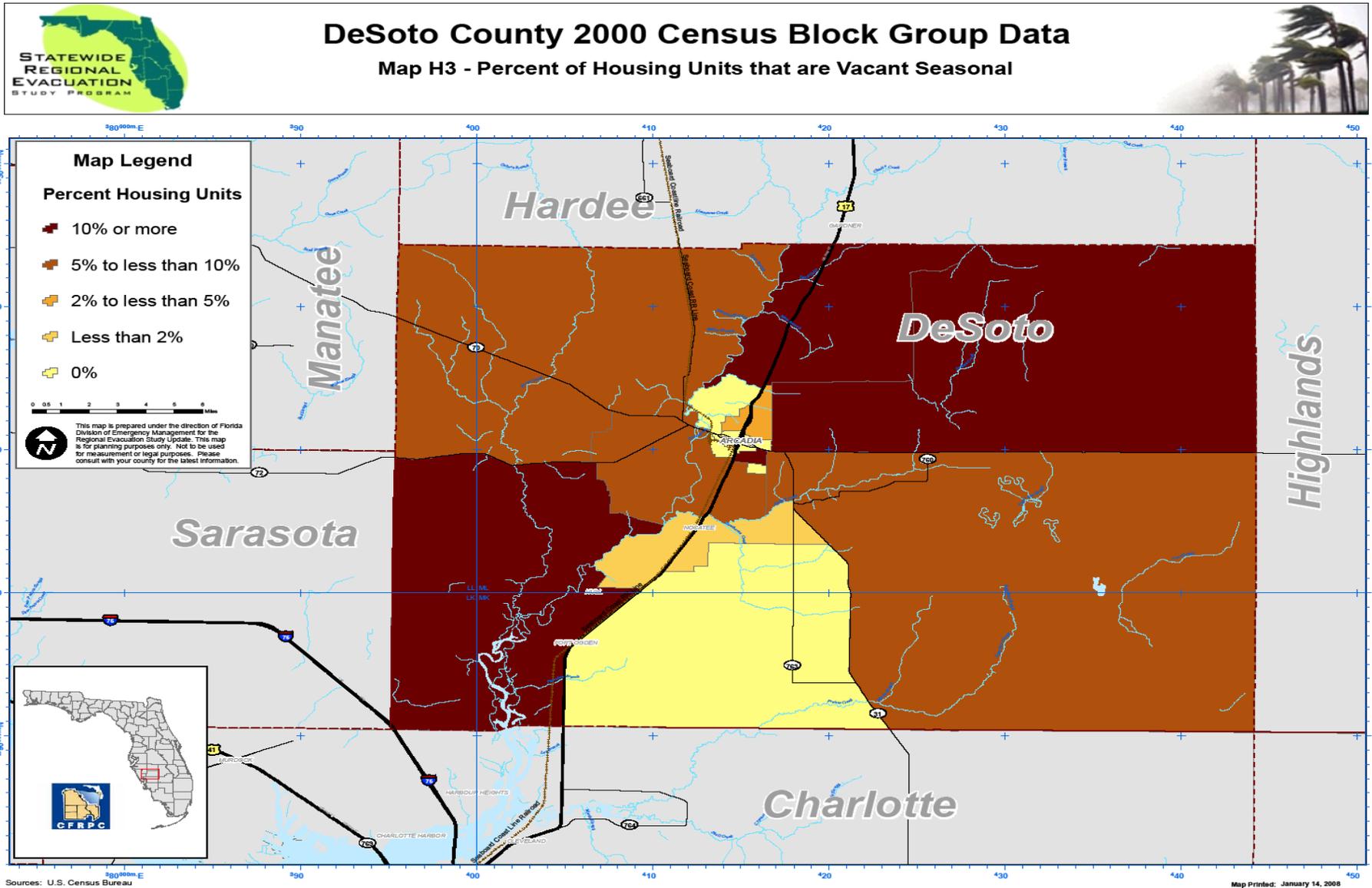
<b>Code</b>	<b>Land Use Category</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>%</b>
AG	Agriculture	308,580	76.6%
COM	Commercial/Office	0	0.0%
CONS	Conservation	38,751	9.6%
IND	Industrial	76	0.0%
MU	Mixed-Use	16,684	4.1%
PUB	Institutional, Government	4,593	1.1%
REC	Recreation/Open Space	0	0.0%
RH	Residential High Density	213	0.1%
RL	Residential Low Density	0	0.0%
RM	Residential Medium Density	34,132	8.5%
WAT	Water Bodies	0	0.0%
	Unknown	15	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>403,044</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

*Source: DeSoto County, South Florida Water Management District, US Bureau of the Census*

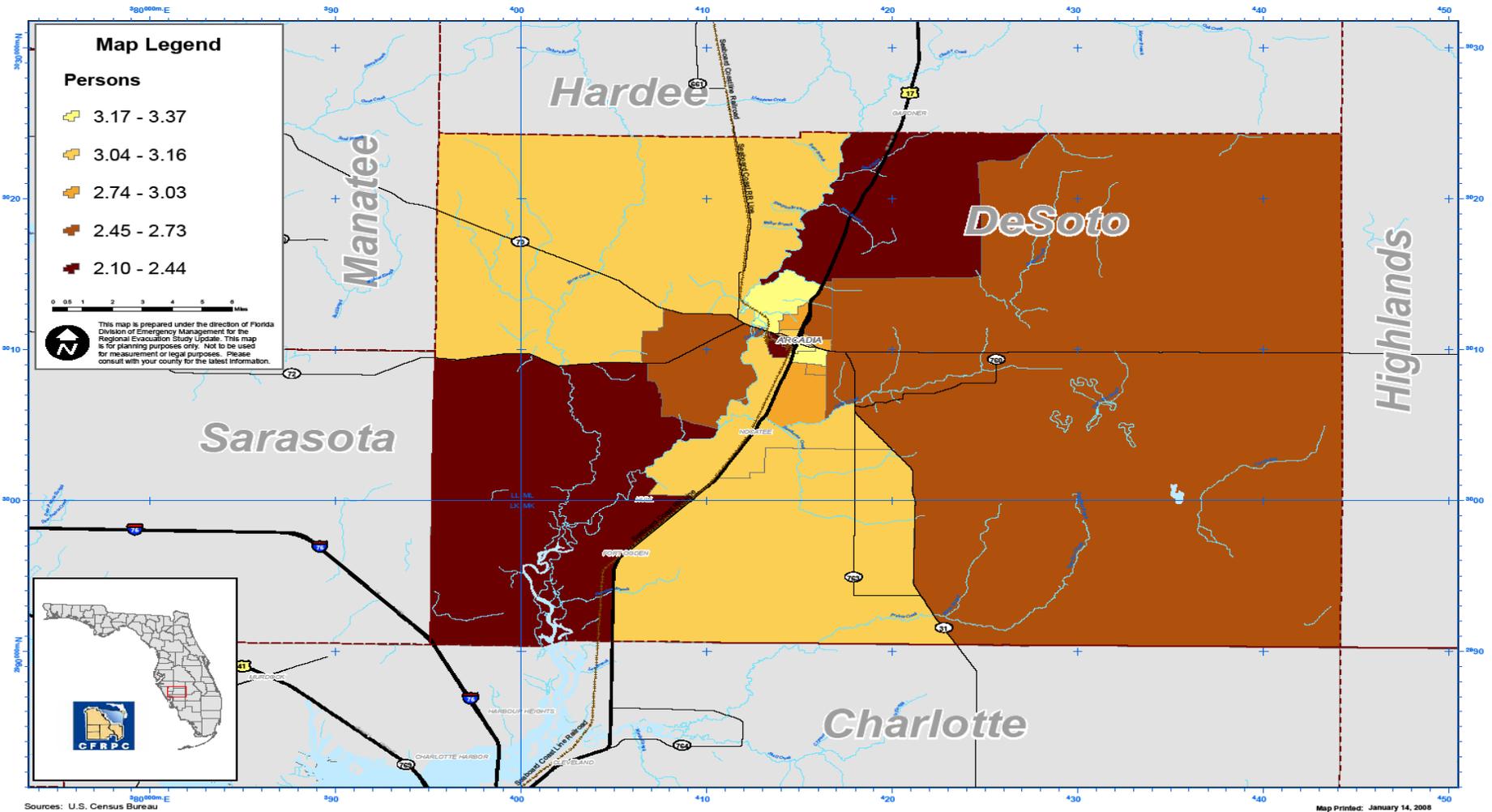


**DeSoto County 2000 Census Block Group Data**  
**Map H2 - Percent of Housing Units that are Vacant**

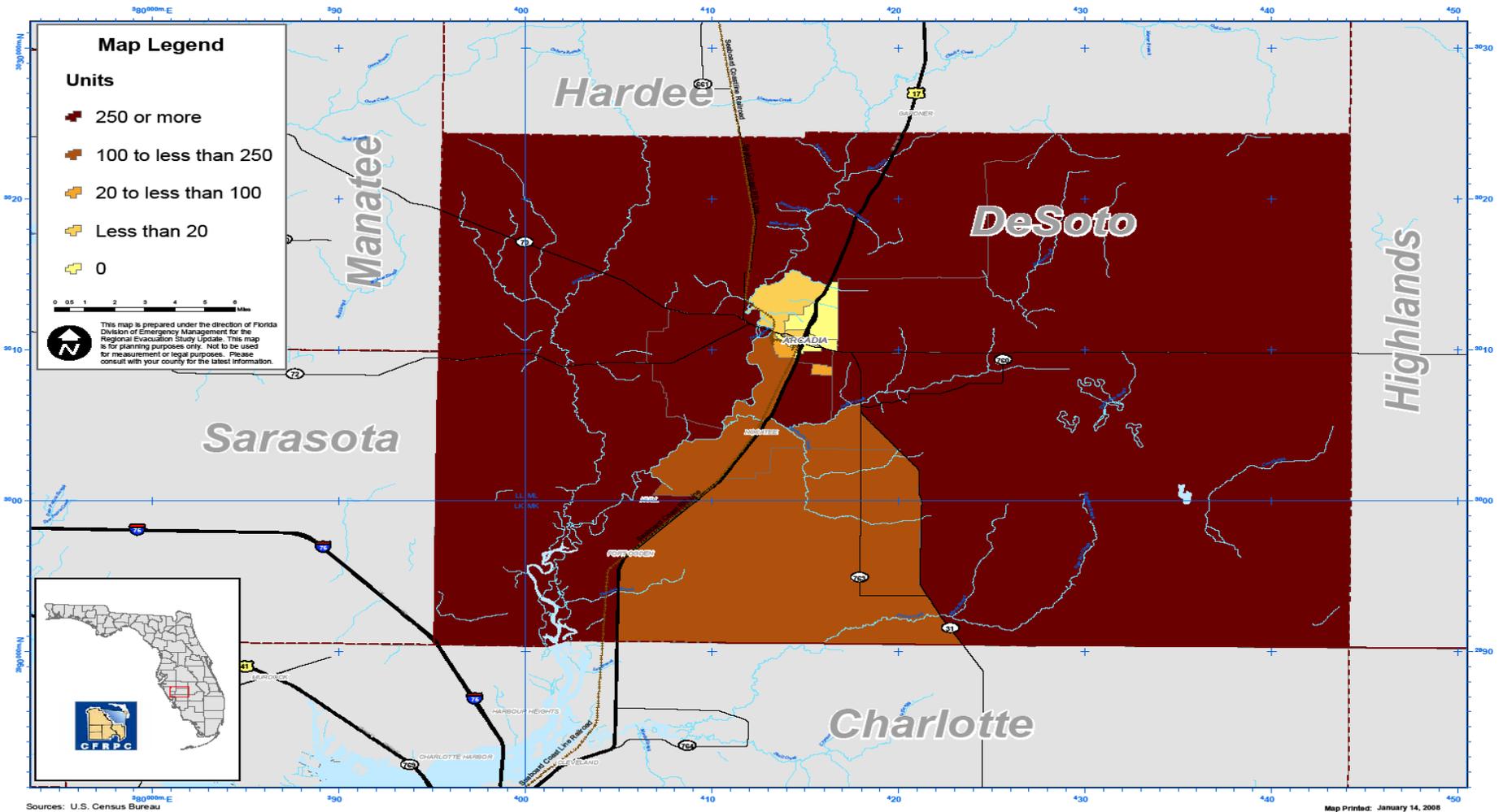




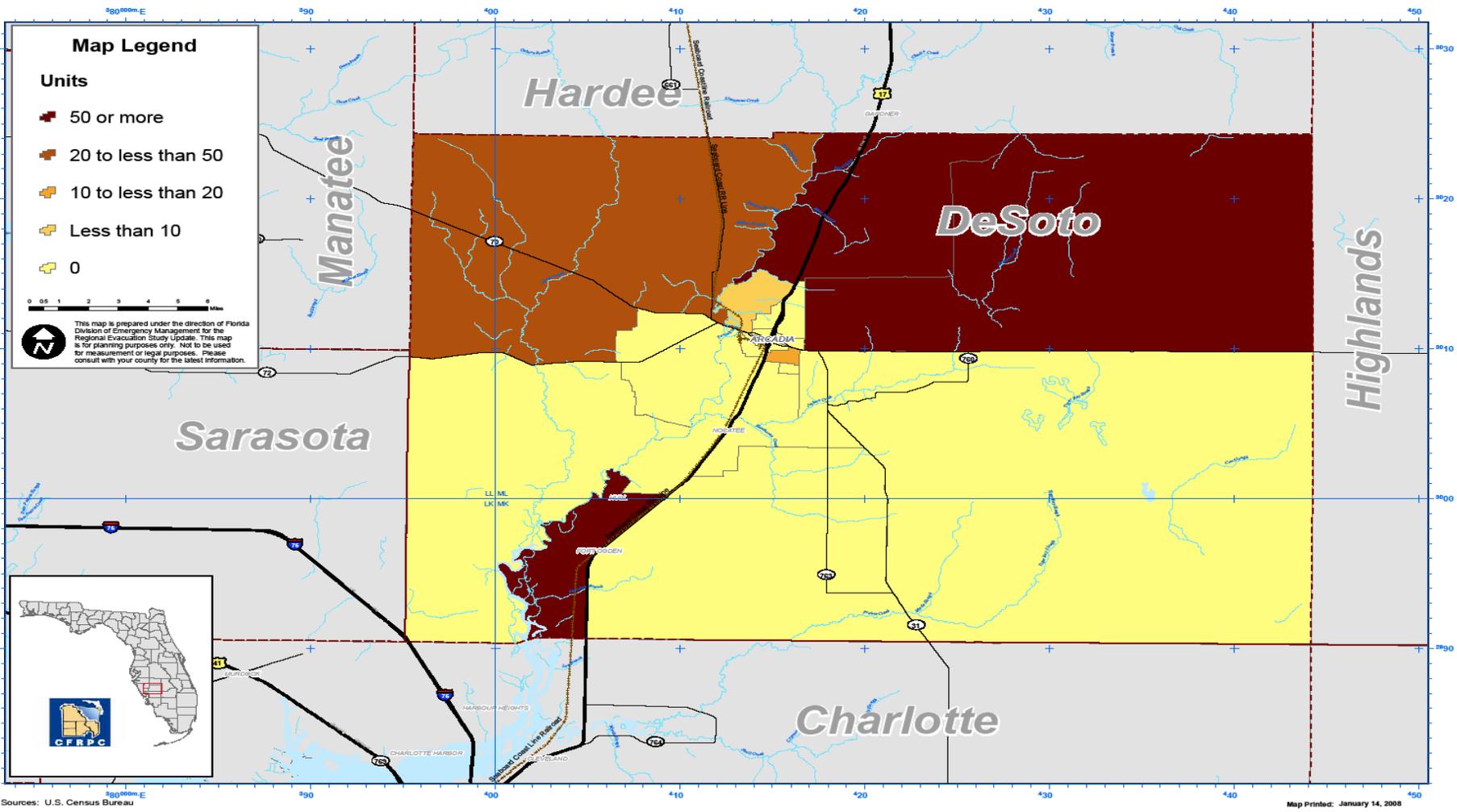
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**Map H4 - Average Household Size**

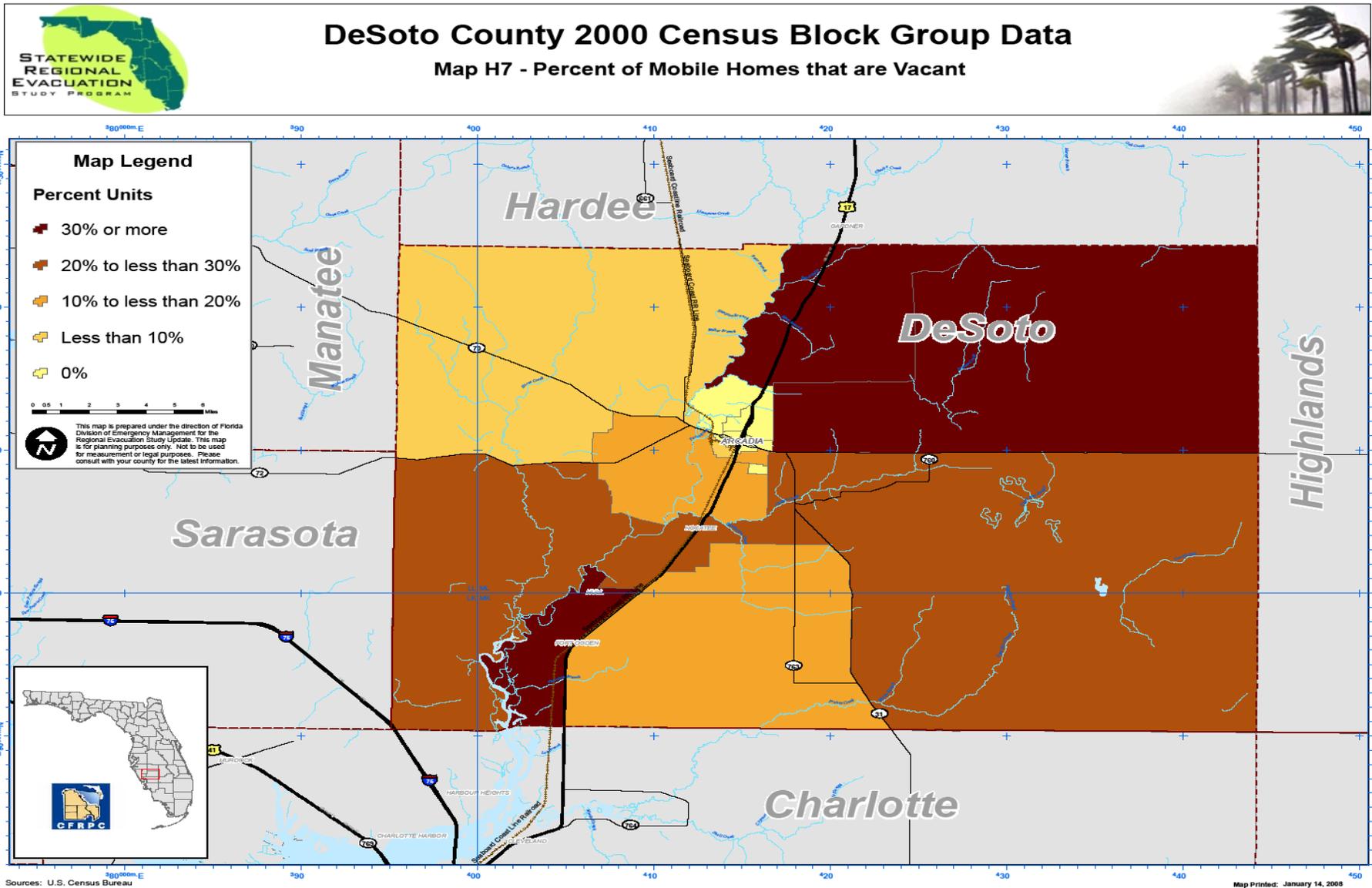


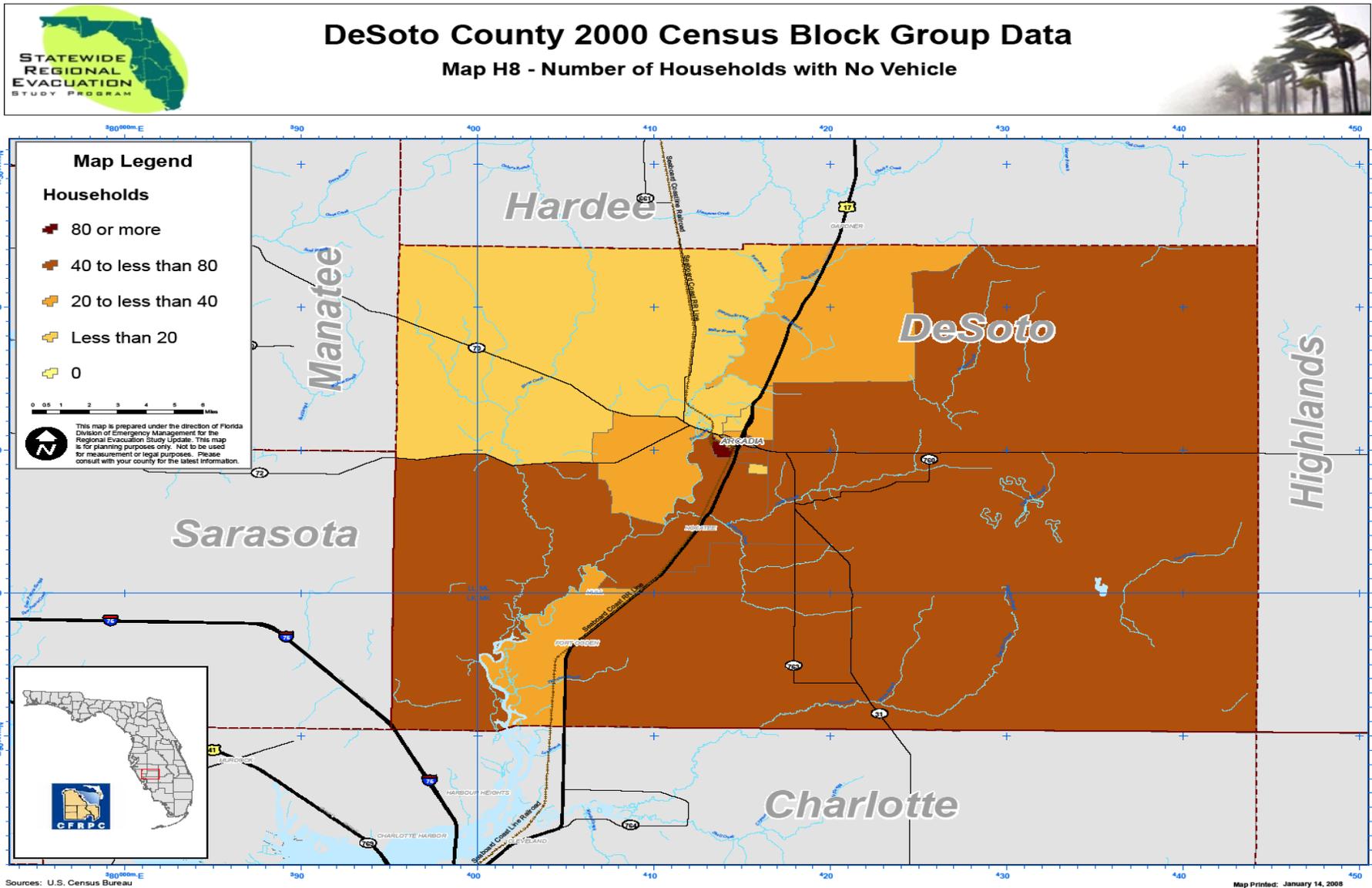
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**Map H5 - Number of Mobile Homes**

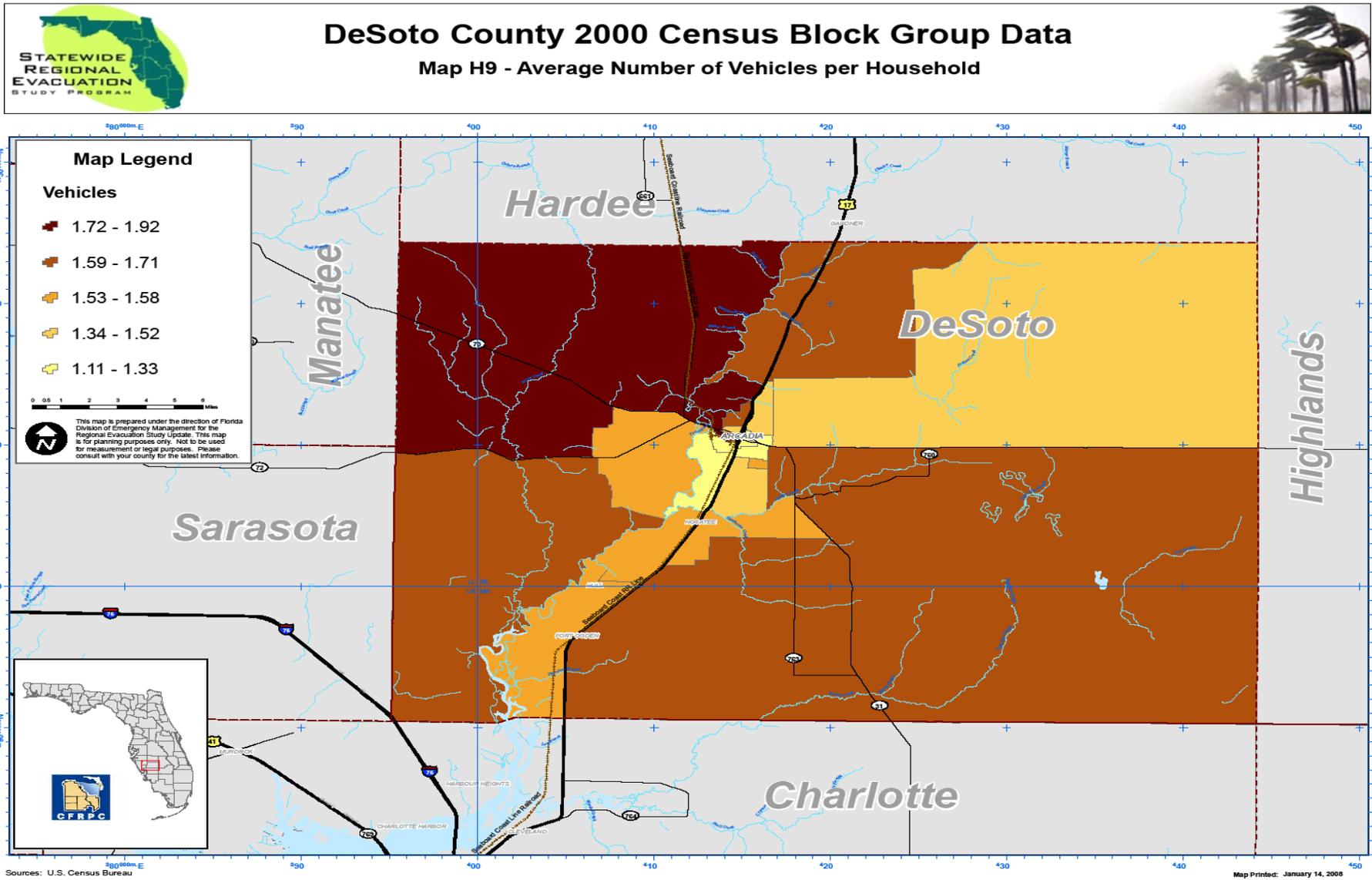


**DeSoto County 2000 Census Block Group Data**  
**Map H6 - Number of Boats, Recreational Vehicles, and Vans**

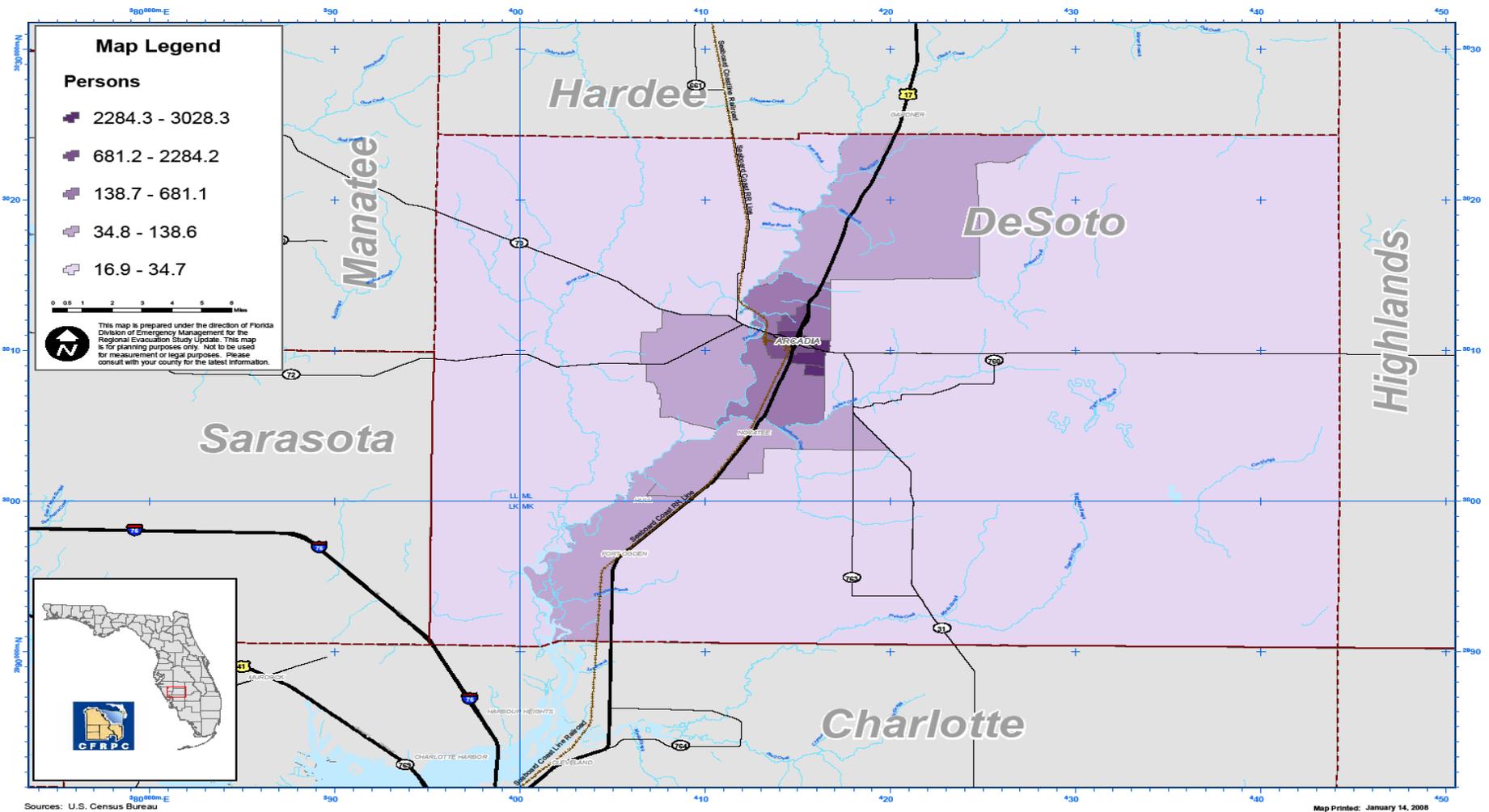




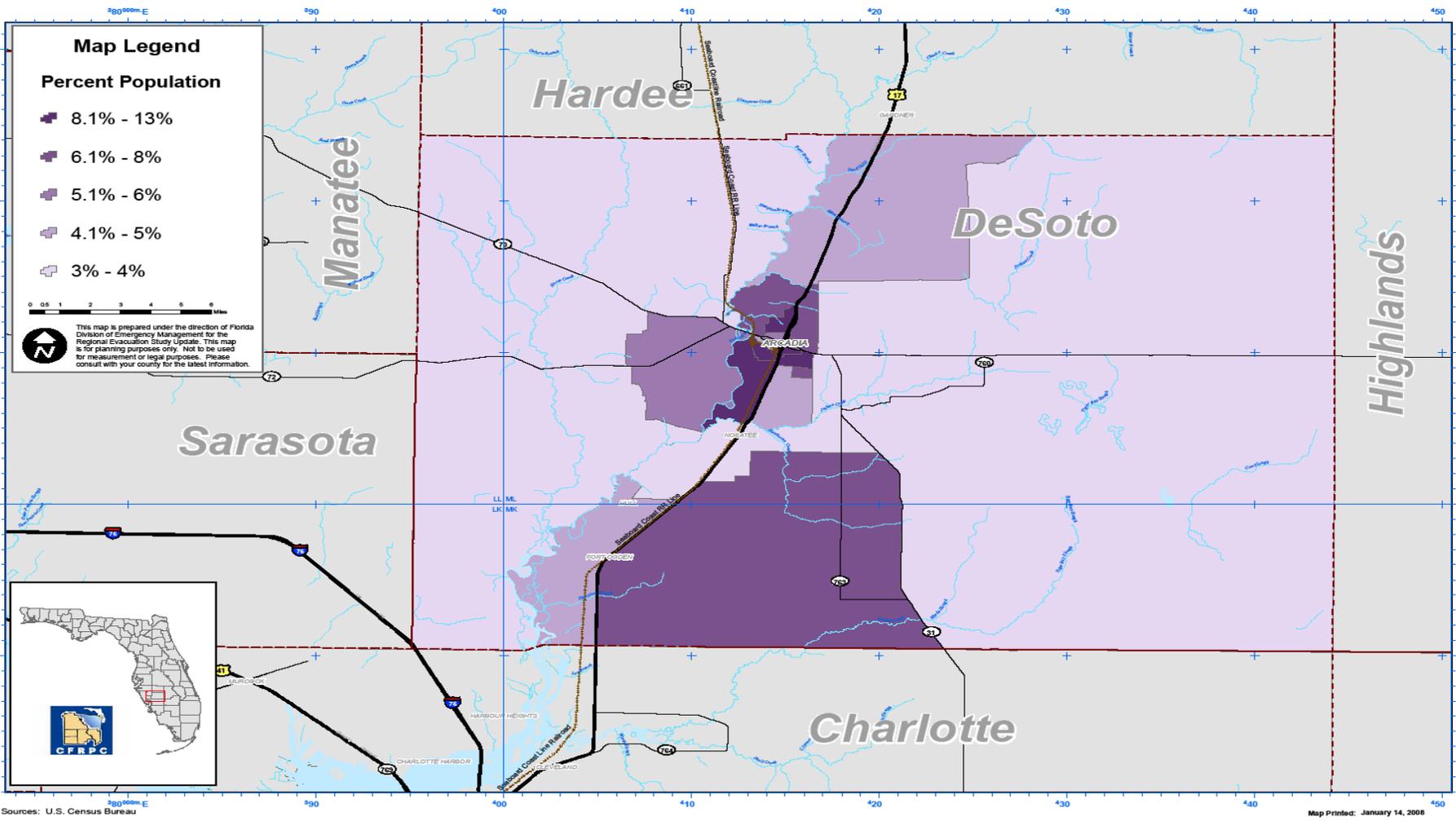


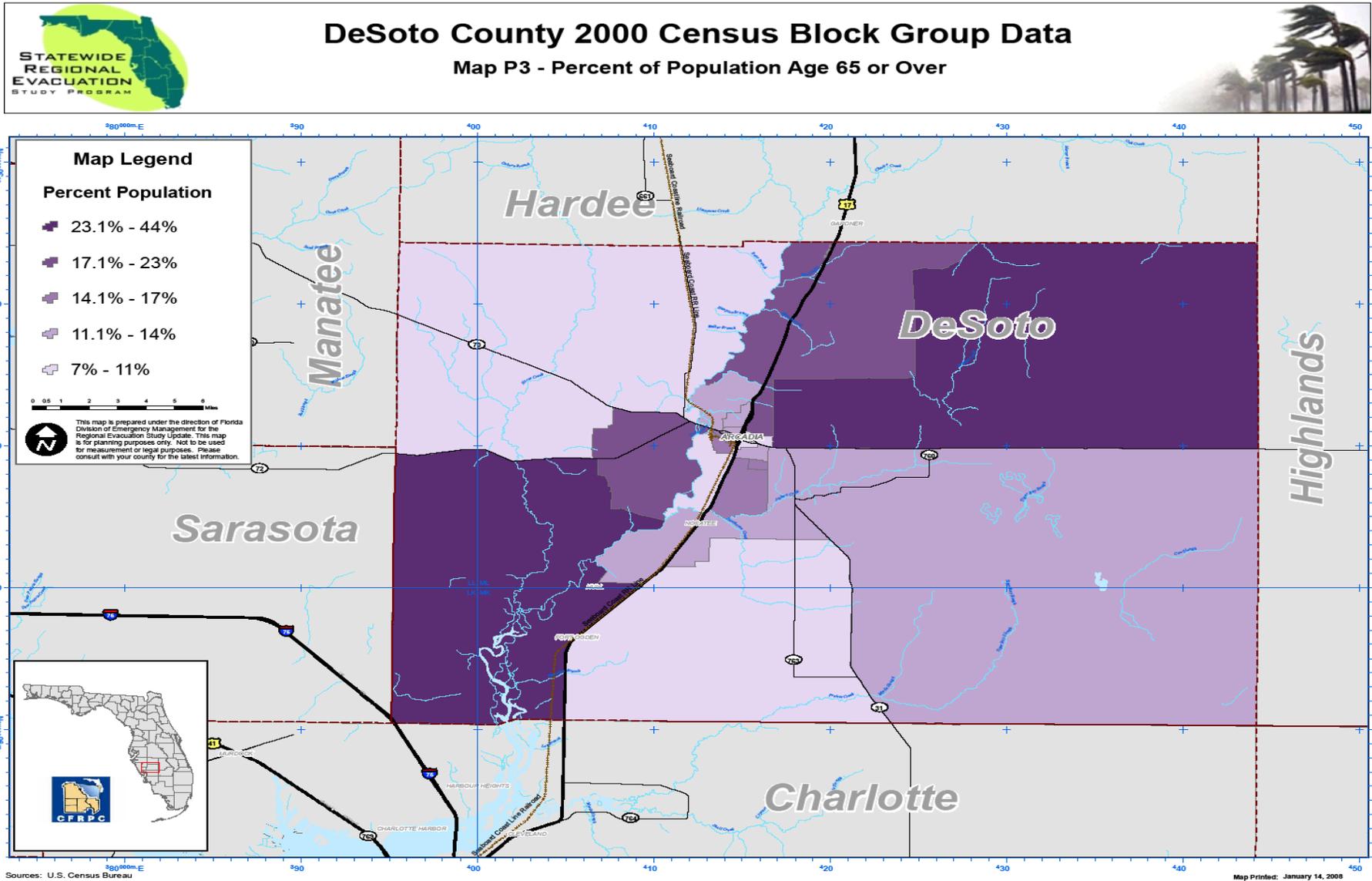


**DeSoto County 2000 Census Block Group Data**  
**Map P1 - Residents per Square Mile**

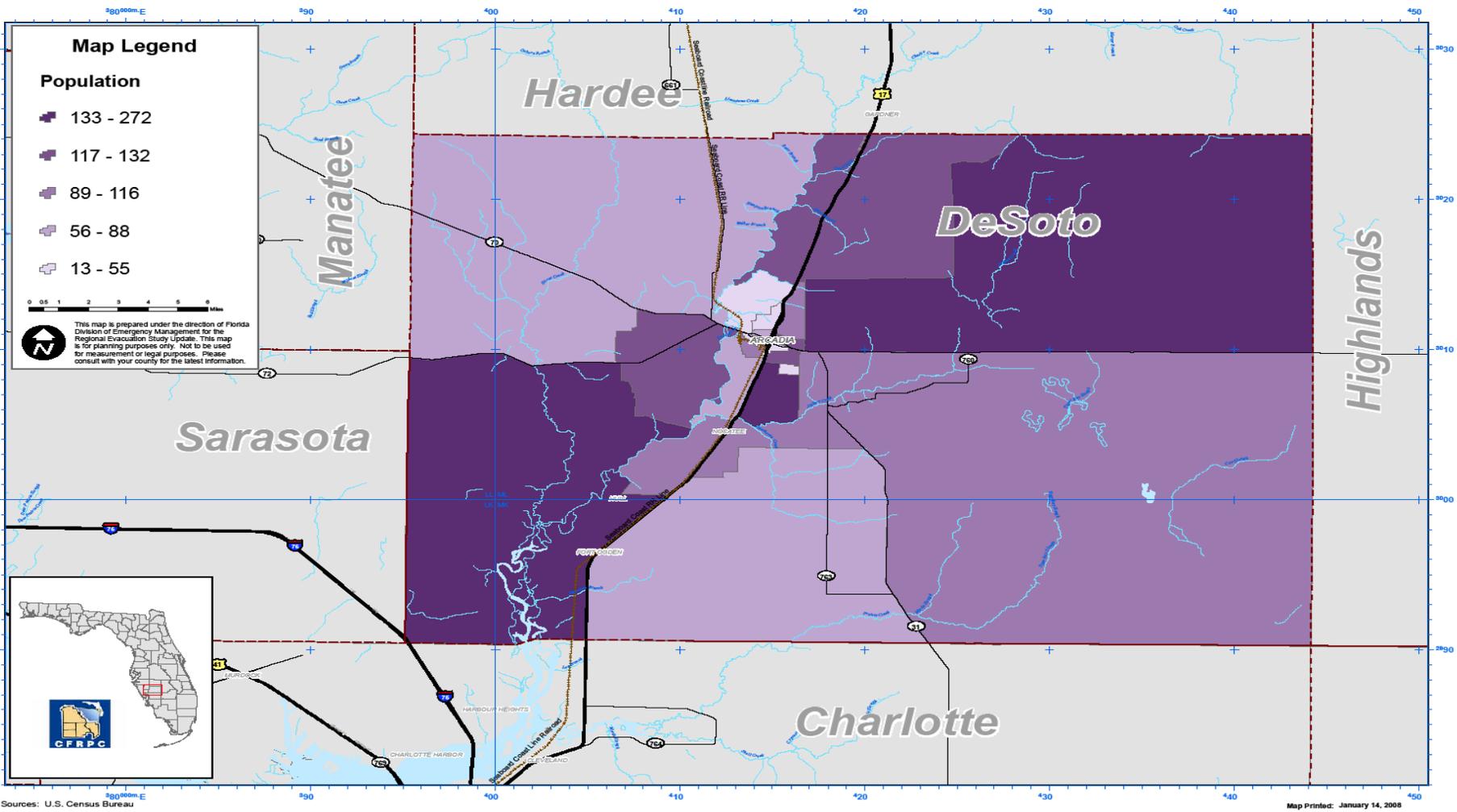


**DeSoto County 2000 Census Block Group Data**  
**Map P2 - Percent of Population Under Age 5**

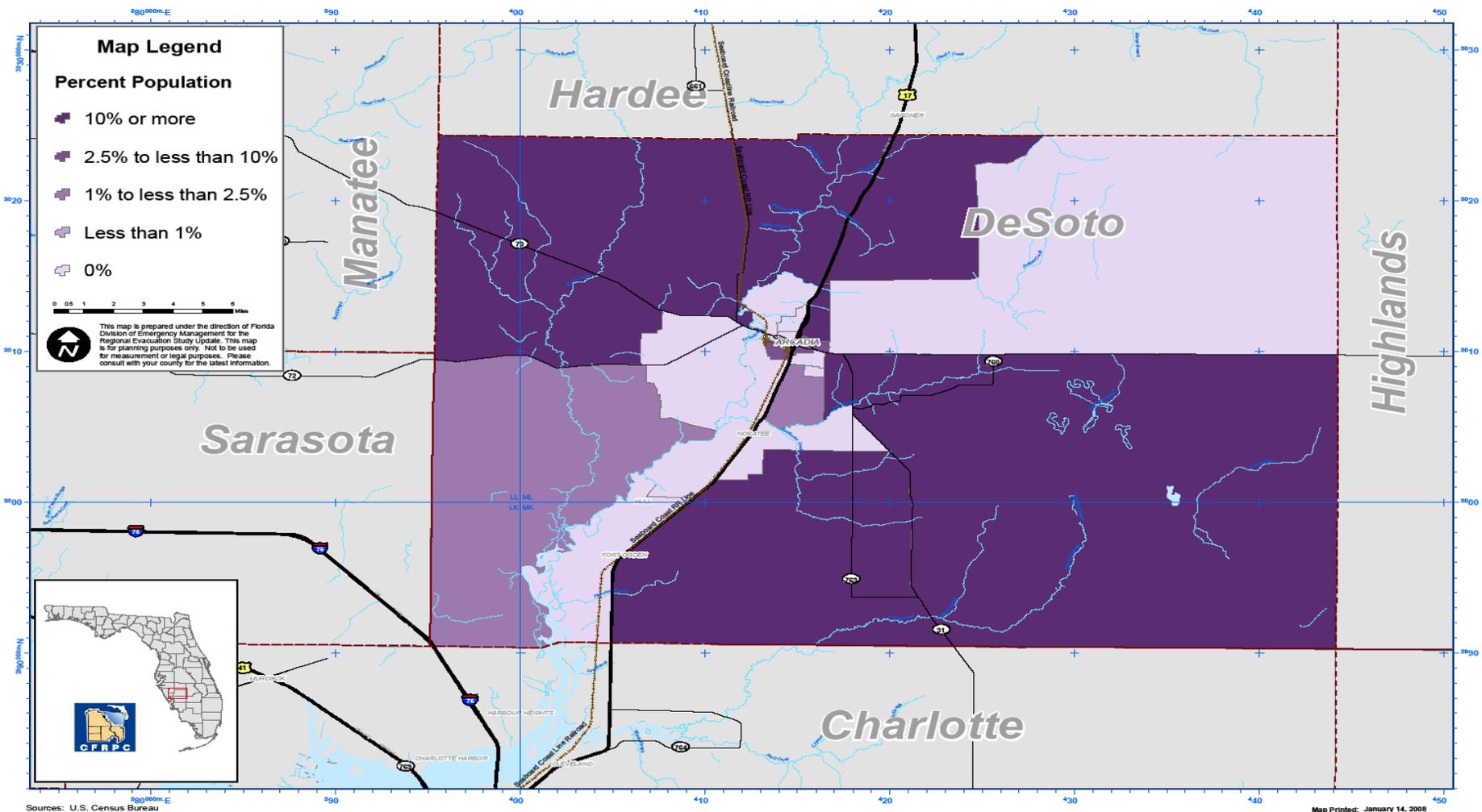




**DeSoto County 2000 Census Block Group Data**  
**Map P4 - Population Living Alone**



**DeSoto County 2000 Census Block Group Data**  
**Map P5 - Percent of Population Living in Group Quarters**

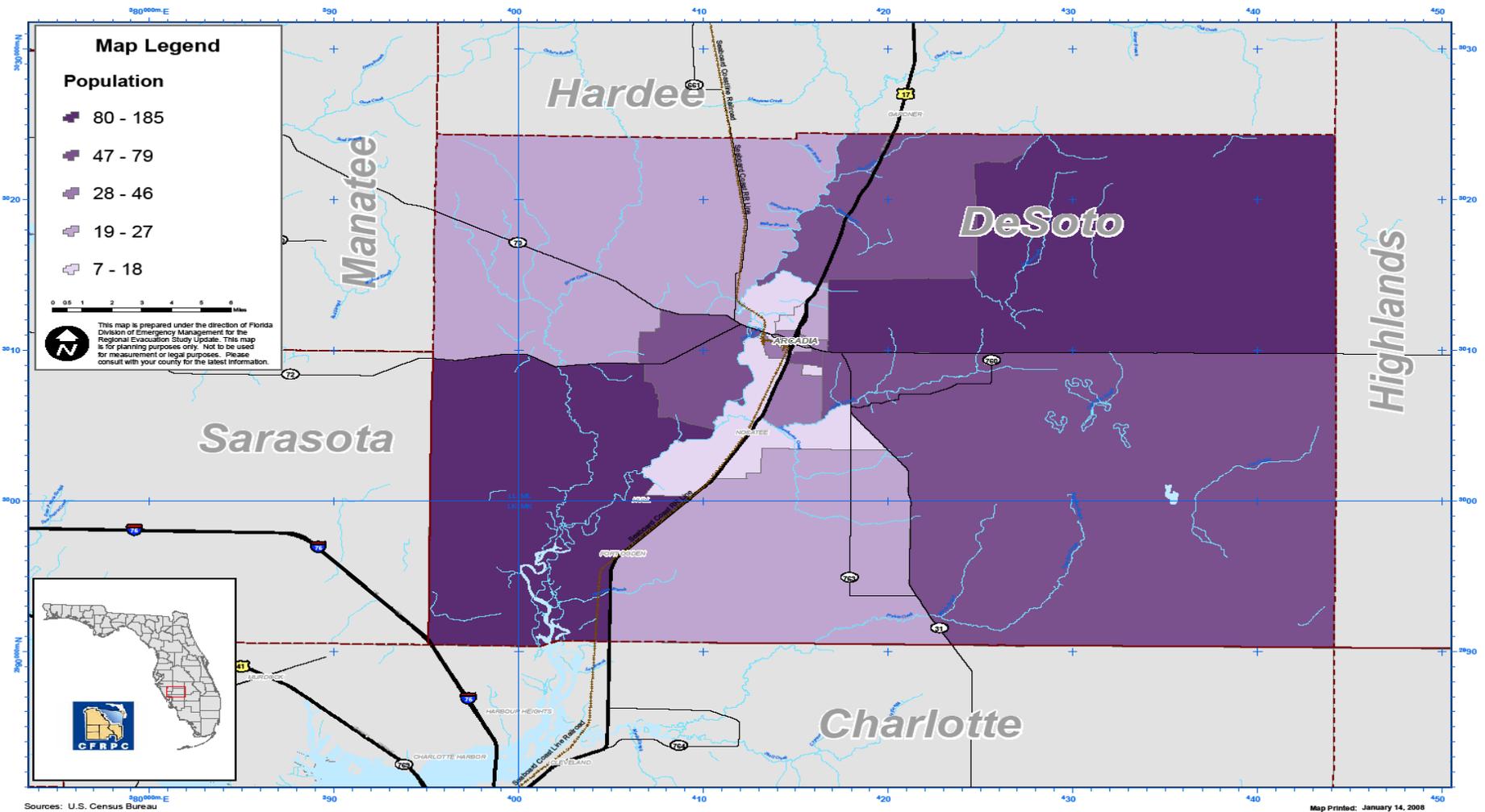




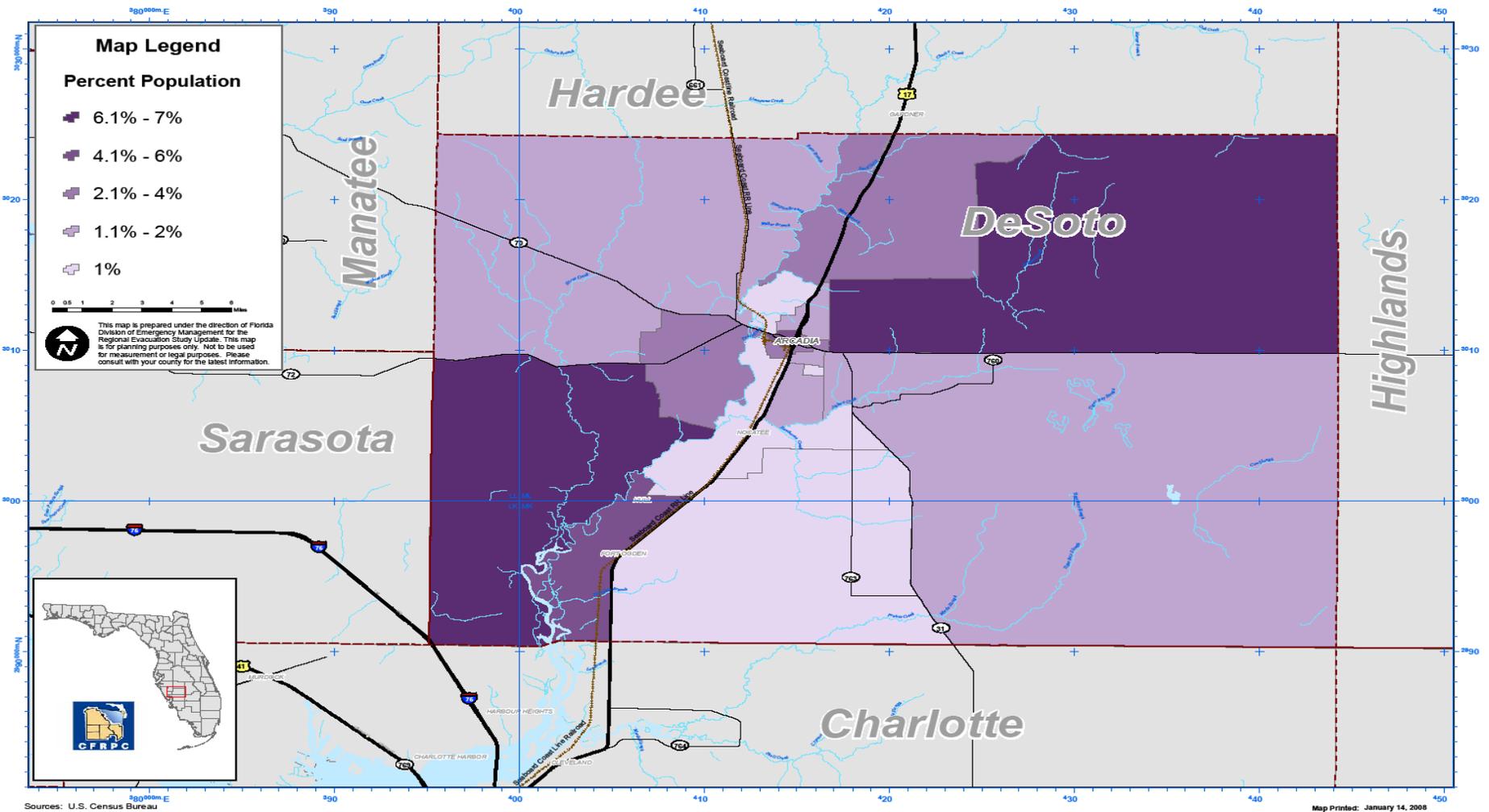
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### Map P6 - Population Over Age 65 Living Alone

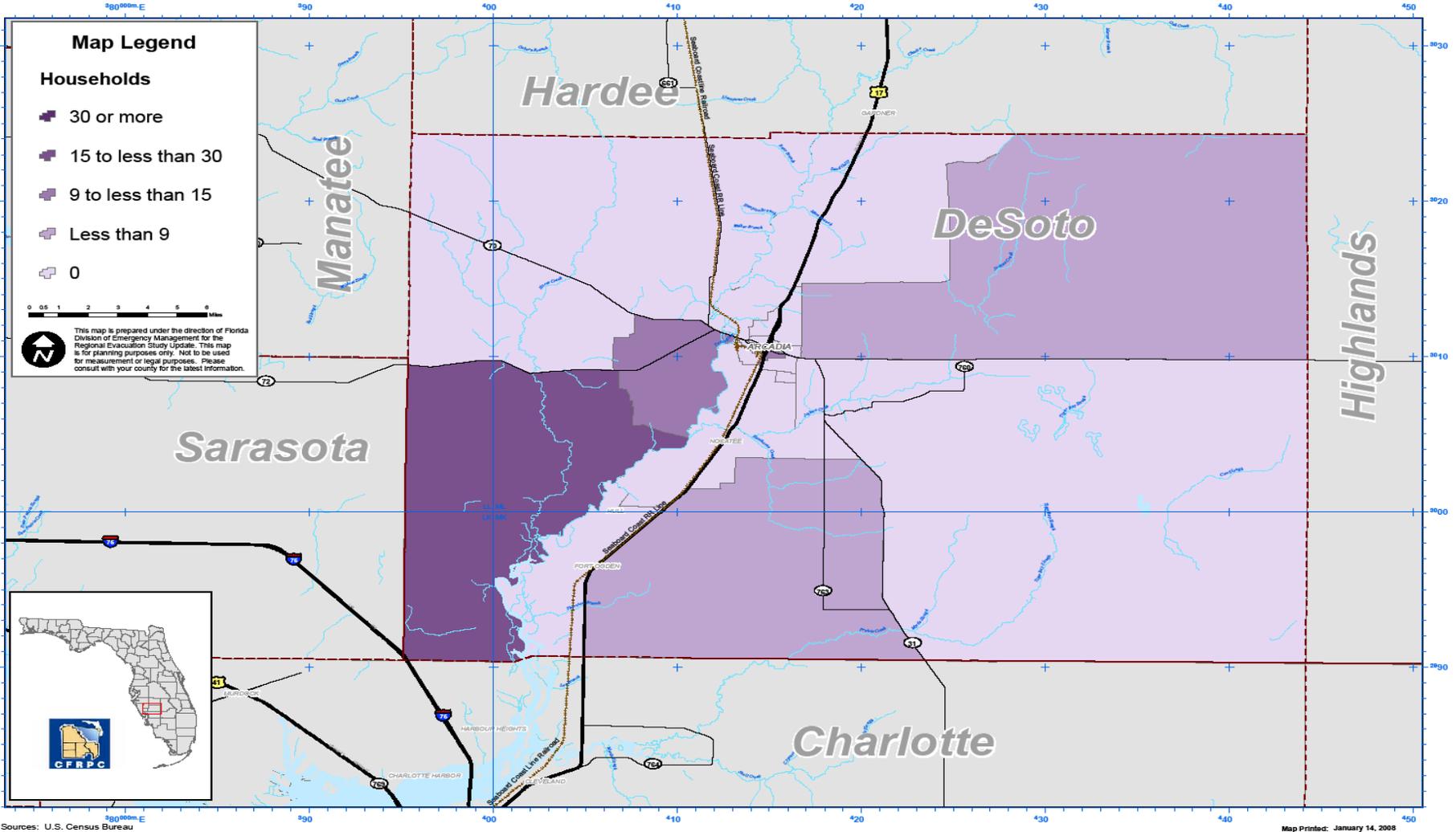




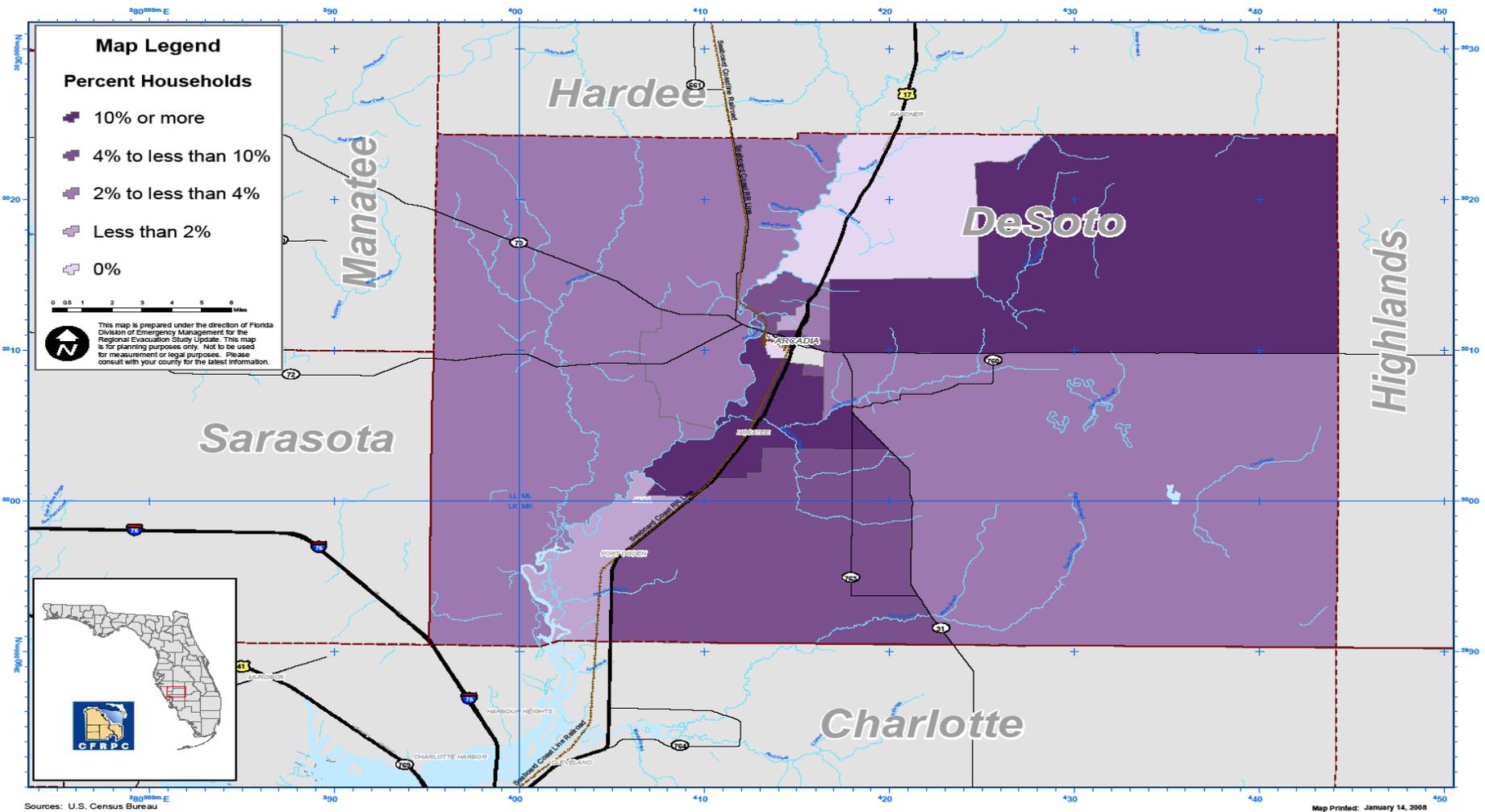
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**Map P7 - Percent of Population Over Age 65 Living Alone**

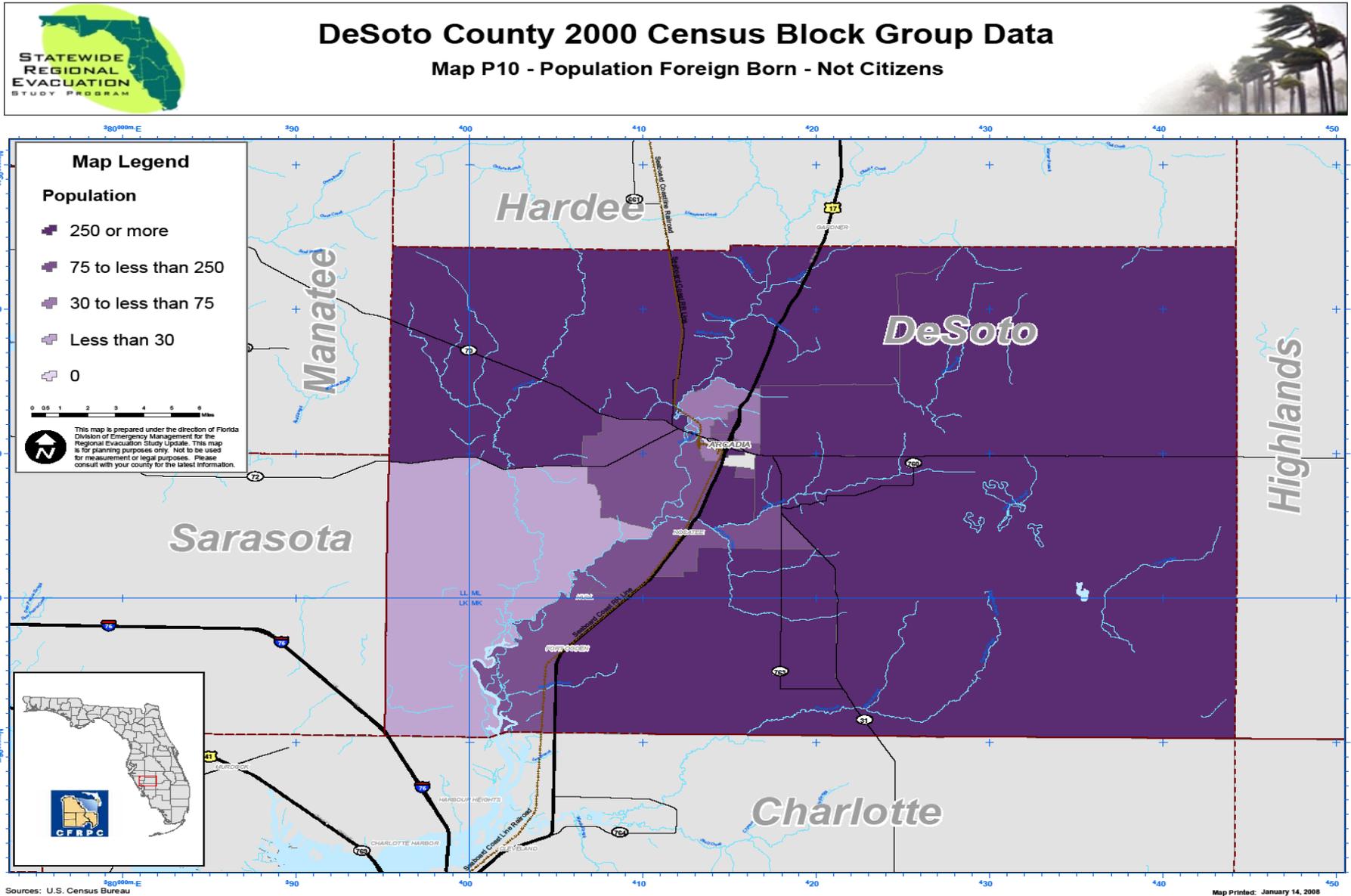


**DeSoto County 2000 Census Block Group Data**  
**Map P8 - Number of Linguistically Isolated Households - Other Languages**



**DeSoto County 2000 Census Block Group Data**  
**Map P9 - Percent of Households that are Linguistically Isolated**



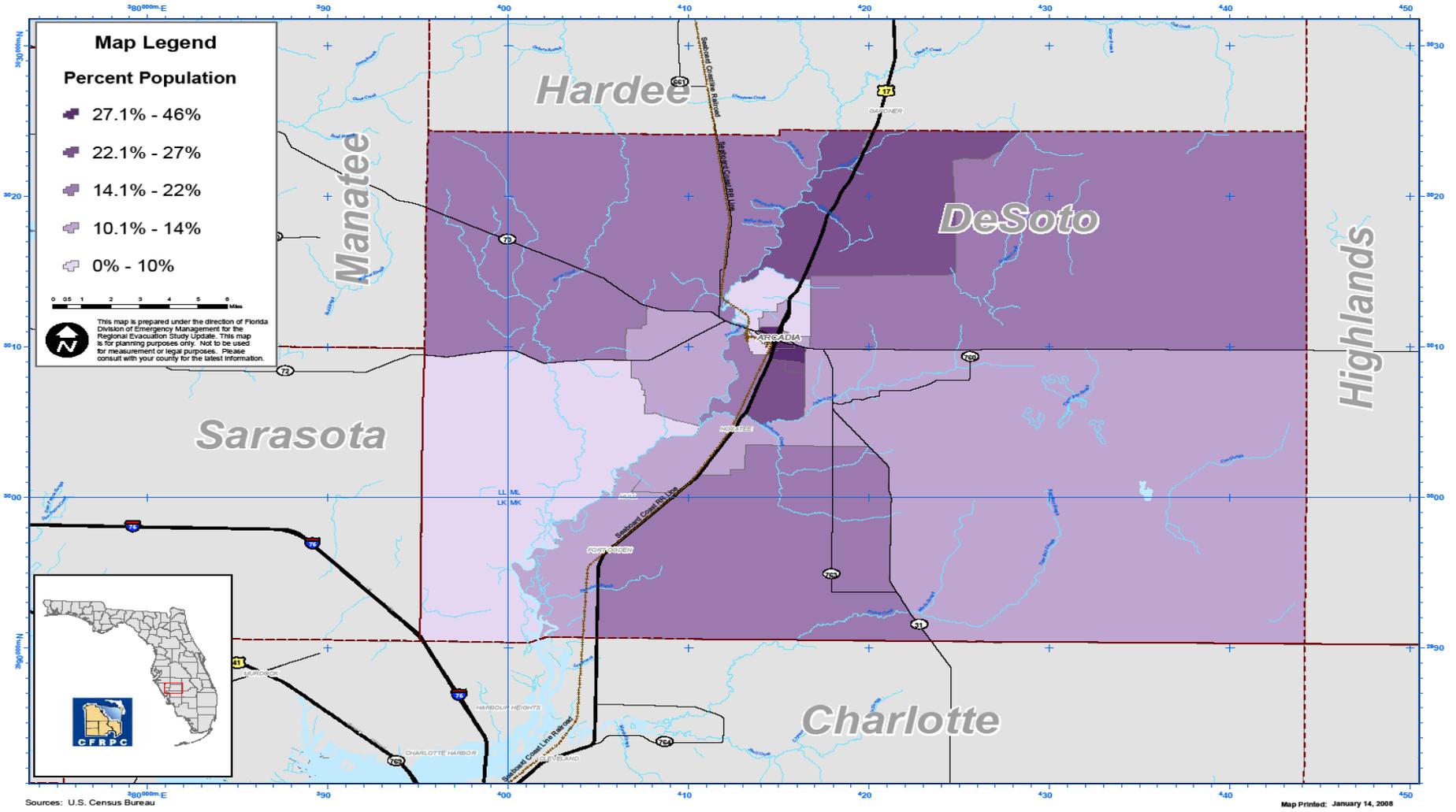




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### Map P11 - Percent of Population that is Foreign Born



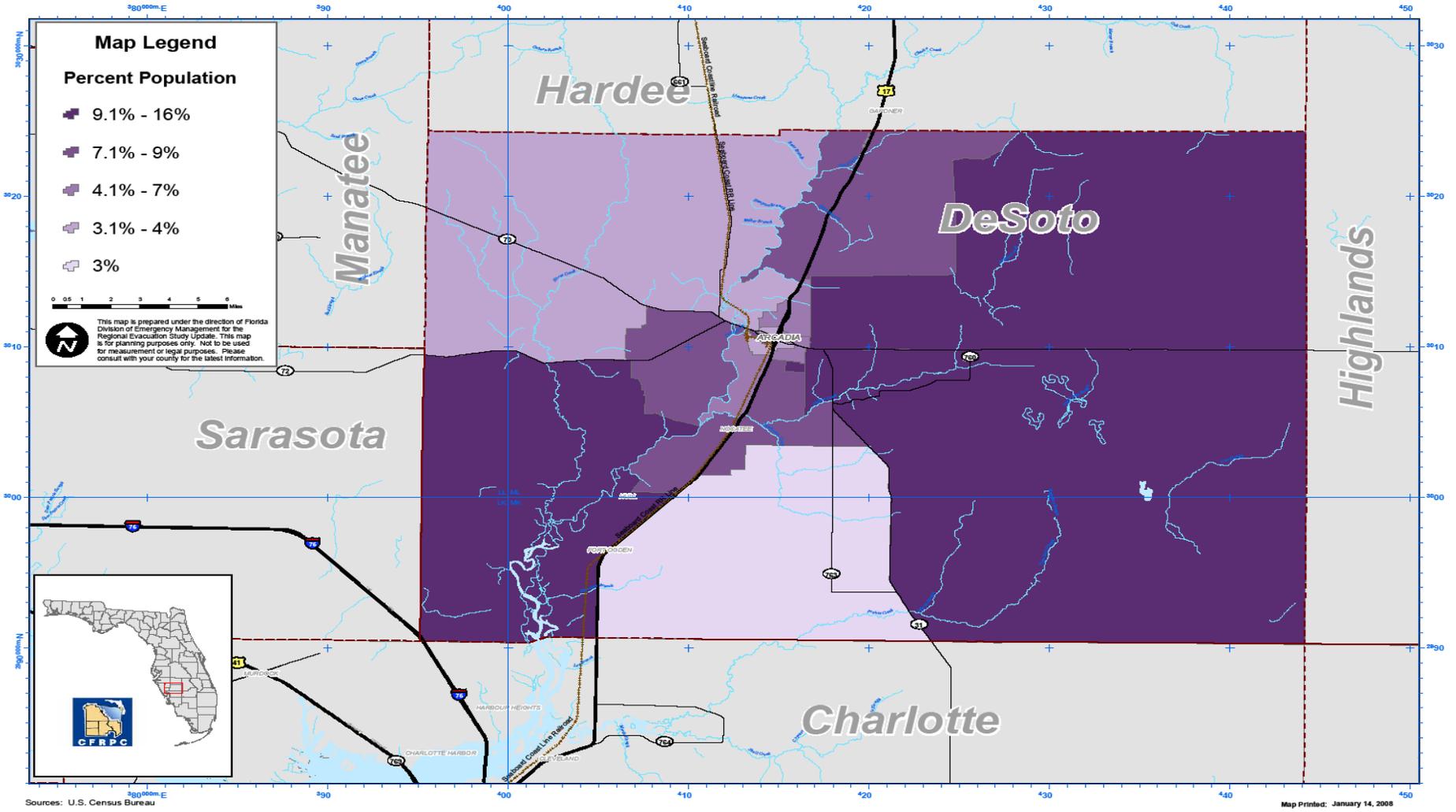




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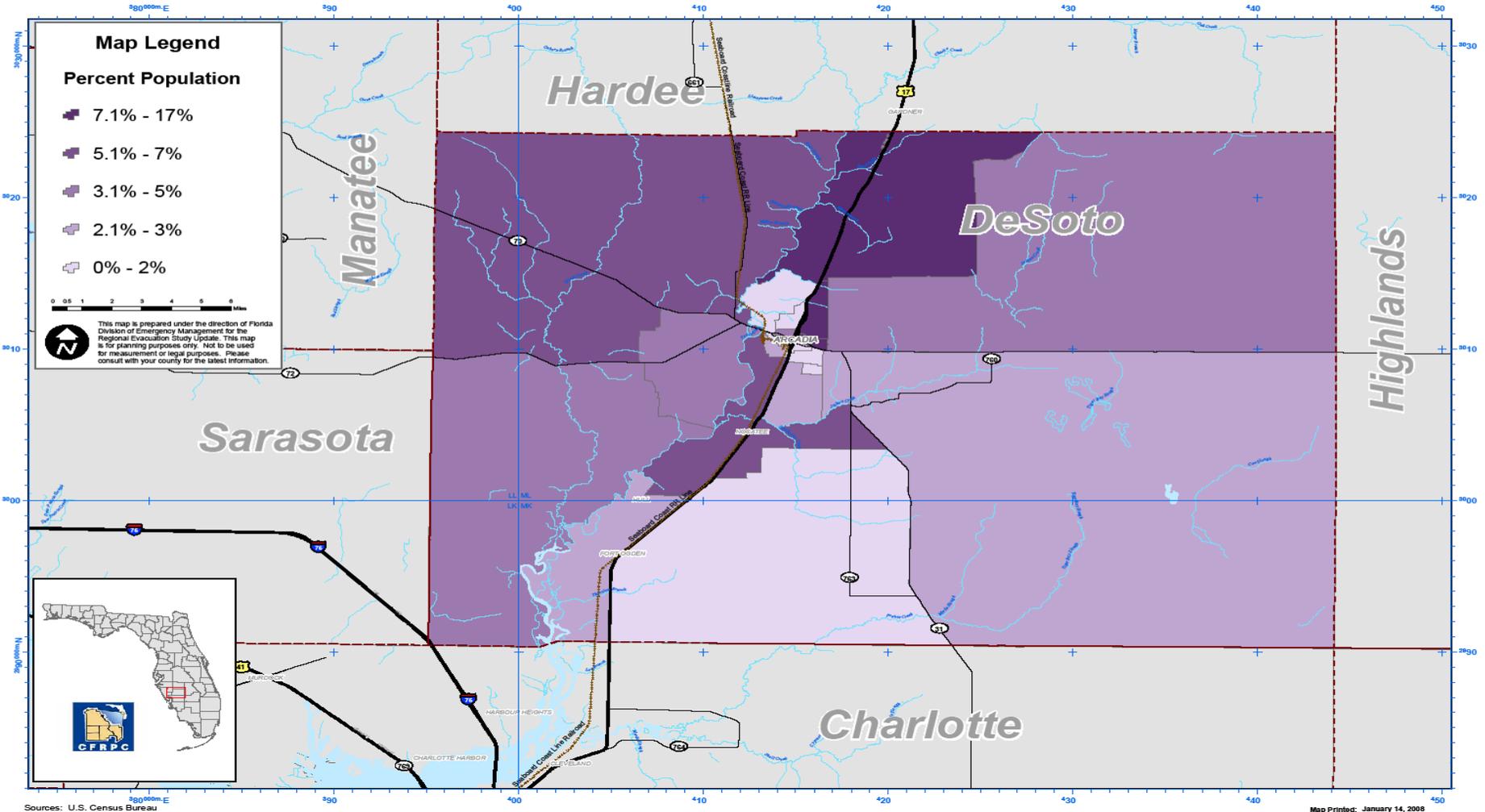
### Map P12 - Percent of Population Over Age 65 With Disability





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## Map P13 - Percent of Population that is Unemployed



**DeSoto County 2000 Census Block Group Data**  
**Map P14 - Percent of Population that is in the Labor Force**

