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**REGIONAL DEMOGRAPHIC
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I. HARDEE COUNTY DEMOGRAPHIC AND LAND USE ANALYSIS

A. Population Characteristics and Their Implications for Evacuation Dynamics

1. Overall Population¹

In February 2007, the University of Florida's Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR) estimated that the permanent resident population of Hardee County on April 1, 2006, was 27,186, an increase of 248 (0.90%) from the 2000 Census. Hardee County is the fiftieth largest county in population in Florida and placed sixty-sixth in absolute growth in the State during that period. BEBR projects the population will reach 28,389 in 2010 and 29,691 in 2015 which represents increases of 5.39% and 10.22%, respectively, above the 2000 Census figures. The projection for 2015 also represents an increase of more than 2,505 (9.2%) above the 2006 population baseline, which will place Hardee County fifty-fourth in the State in absolute growth for the period (**Tables IB-1a+b**).

2. Group Quarters Population

In 2000, there were 1,921 Hardee County residents living in group quarters (7.72% of the population); 1,409 of these were institutionalized in correctional

¹ 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.

facilities, nursing homes, and juvenile institutions, while the other 512 were in other group quarters, such as college dormitories, group homes and military quarters (**Map P5**). The remaining 25,017 residents lived in households (**Table IB-11**).

3. Housing Units by Type

Of the 9,820 housing units in Hardee County at the time of the 2000 Census, 57.73% were single-family, 6.62% were multi-family, and the remaining 35.65% were mobile homes, boats, recreational vehicles (RVs) or others used as dwelling units. Of the total housing units, 1,654 (16.84%) were vacant (**Map H2**), with the highest vacancy rates found mobile homes. Mobile homes, boats and RVs are a larger component of the housing stock in Hardee 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 Hardee County were concentrated in 2000 (**Table IB-4**).

4. Occupied Housing Units (Households)

There were 8,166 occupied housing units (households) in Hardee County in 2000, 73.44% of which were occupied by owners and 26.56% by renters (**Table IB-4**).

5. Household Size

In 2000, the average household size (number of persons per occupied unit) in Hardee County was 3.06, which was much higher than the State of Florida average of 2.46. Renters, who are mostly concentrated in mobile homes, had a much greater household size (3.47) than owners (2.92), who are more heavily concentrated in single-family units (**Table IB-5**). The largest household sizes are displayed on **Map H4**.

6. Seasonal Dwelling Units

In 2000, 943 seasonal, recreational or occasional use dwelling units were vacant in Hardee County (**Map H1**). These dwellings represented 57.01% of all vacant units (**Table IB-6**).

7. Vehicles per Household

In 2000, 677 Hardee County households (8.29%) had no vehicle, with renters comprising the larger proportion. This was slightly 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 IB-7**). **Map H8** shows where many of these households are located.

8. Age Composition

In 2000, the population of Hardee County included 3,666 people who were at least 65 years old, which represented 13.61% of the total population; this compared to 17.6% for the State of Florida as a whole. Almost a fourth of these elderly residents (819) lived alone (**Maps P6 and P7**). 431 residents (1.60% of the total) were at least 85 years old (**Tables IB-9 IB-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 9,702 residents (36% of the total population) in 2000 (**Table IB-10**).

10. Place of Birth and Citizenship

In 2000, 18.55% of the Hardee County residents (4,997) were born outside of the United States (**Map P11**). 8,241 were born in the United States, but not in the State of Florida. The remaining 13,700 residents (50.86%) were born somewhere in the State of Florida (**Table IB-12**).

11. Linguistic Isolation

In 2000, 642 households (7.83%) were classified as linguistically isolated (**Map P9**) with Spanish spoken in 97.2% of these households. There were only 18 linguistically isolated households in 2000 where a language other than Spanish was spoken (**Map P8**) (**Table IB-13**).

12. Labor Force

In 2000, 45.90% of the Hardee County population 16 years old and over (9,347 persons) was not in the labor force (**Map P14**); this was greater than the share of the non-labor force population in the State of Florida as a whole (41.3%) (**Table IB-15**).

13. Poverty Status

There were 6,232 residents in 2000 that lived in households with incomes below the poverty level (24.59% of the total population). Poverty rates were highest among persons under the age of 18 (31.10%) and 16.05% of elderly residents were also classified below the poverty threshold (**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 IB-16**).

14. Small Area Dwelling Unit and Population Data

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, Hardee County, with 638 square miles, is the fiftieth largest county by total land area in the State of Florida. One square mile of the County consists of water. Hardee County is bounded on the north by Polk County, on the east by Highlands County, on the south by DeSoto County, and on the west by Manatee County. With 3 municipalities in 2006, the unincorporated portion of the county was home to 18,097 residents, or about 67% of the total county population.

1,930 acres (0.5%) of the total land area have been assigned a recreation and open space future land use classification. An additional 379,506 acres (94.2%) are currently classified as agriculture, the largest future land use classification (**Table IB-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 an 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%.

Hardee County's 2009 population increased to 584,343 persons from the 2000 Census tabulation of 483,924 persons, an increase of 100,419 persons and a growth of 20.75% with an average annual growth rate of 2.31%.

Hardee County's growth ranks twenty-first 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 IB-1a
Resident Population² by Age, April 1, 2006, 2010 and 2015

Hardee County Age Categories	Absolute Number			% of Total Population		
	2006	2010	2015	2006	2010	2015
Age under 5 years	2,172	2,392	2,529	7.99%	8.43%	8.52%
Age 5 to 17 years	4,960	5,097	5,270	18.24%	17.95%	17.75%
Age 18 to 24 years	3,179	3,290	3,305	11.69%	11.59%	11.13%
Age 25 to 34 years	4,169	4,650	5,083	15.34%	16.38%	17.12%
Age 35 to 44 years	3,540	3,479	3,597	13.02%	12.25%	12.11%
Age 45 to 54 years	3,043	3,240	3,214	11.19%	11.41%	10.82%
Age 55 to 64 years	2,354	2,412	2,596	8.66%	8.50%	8.74%
Age 65 to 74 years	1,828	1,839	2,034	6.72%	6.48%	6.85%
Age 75 to 84 years	1,510	1,422	1,336	5.55%	5.01%	4.50%
Age 85 years and over	431	568	727	1.59%	2.00%	2.45%
TOTAL	27,186	28,389	29,691	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Age under 18 years	7,132	7,489	7,799	26.23%	26.38%	26.27%
Age 65 years and over	3,769	3,829	4,097	13.86%	13.49%	13.80%

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

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

Hardee 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	220	137	357	10.13%	5.73%	16.44%
Age 5 to 17 years	137	173	310	2.76%	3.39%	6.25%
Age 18 to 24 years	111	15	126	3.49%	0.46%	3.96%
Age 25 to 34 years	481	433	914	11.54%	9.31%	21.92%
Age 35 to 44 years	-61	118	57	-1.72%	3.39%	1.61%
Age 45 to 54 years	197	-26	171	6.47%	-0.80%	5.62%
Age 55 to 64 years	58	184	242	2.46%	7.63%	10.28%
Age 65 to 74 years	11	195	206	0.60%	10.60%	11.27%
Age 75 to 84 years	-88	-86	-174	-5.83%	-6.05%	-11.52%
Age 85 years and over	137	159	296	31.79%	27.99%	68.68%
TOTAL	1,203	1,302	2,505	4.43%	4.59%	9.21%
Age under 18 years	357	310	667	5.01%	4.14%	9.35%
Age 65 years and over	60	268	328	1.59%	7.00%	8.70%

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

² Official state and county estimates and projections published by the University of Florida's Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR) 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 IB-2a
Resident Population by Race/Ethnicity, April 1, 2006, 2010 and 2015

Hardee County Race/Ethnic Categories	Absolute Number			% of Total Population		
	2006	2010	2015	2006	2010	2015
White Non-Hispanic	14,479	13,668	13,473	53.26%	48.15%	45.38%
Black or African American (NH)	2,297	2,348	2,464	8.45%	8.27%	8.30%
Other race and 2 or more races	212	234	257	0.78%	0.82%	0.87%
Hispanic or Latino (all races)	10,198	12,139	13,497	37.51%	42.76%	45.46%
TOTAL	27,186	28,389	29,691	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

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

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

Hardee 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	-811	-195	-1,006	-5.60%	-1.43%	-6.95%
Black or African American (NH)	51	116	167	2.22%	4.94%	7.27%
Other race and 2 or more races	22	23	45	10.38%	9.83%	21.23%
Hispanic or Latino (all races)	1,941	1,358	3,299	19.03%	11.19%	32.35%
TOTAL	1,203	1,302	2,505	4.43%	4.59%	9.21%

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

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

Type of Lodging Facility	Absolute Number		%	
	Facilities	Rooms/Units	Facilities	Rooms/Units
Hotels	1	48	5.26%	7.33%
Motels	4	64	21.05%	9.77%
Non-Transient Apartments	13	456	68.42%	69.62%
Transient Apartments	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Non-Transient Rooming Houses	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Transient Rooming Houses	1	5	5.26%	0.76%
Bed and Breakfast Inns	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
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%
TOTAL	19	573	100.00%	100.00%

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

Table IB-4
Housing Units³ by Vacancy Status and Tenure by Units in Structure, 2000

Hardee County Units in Structure	Occupied Units			Vacant Units	Total Units	Vacant %
	Owner	Renter	Total			
1, detached	4,148	1,056	5,204	465	5,669	8.20%
1, attached	12	38	50	29	79	36.71%
2	15	217	232	10	242	4.13%
3 or 4	17	75	92	0	92	0.00%
5 to 9	8	99	107	0	107	0.00%
10 to 19	0	34	34	32	66	48.48%
20 to 49	3	19	22	0	22	0.00%
50 or more	0	42	42	0	42	0.00%
Mobile home	1,693	579	2,272	656	2,928	22.40%
Boat, RV, van, etc.	101	10	111	462	573	80.63%
TOTAL	5,997	2,169	8,166	1,654	9,820	16.84%
% Single Family	69.17%	48.69%	63.73%	28.11%	57.73%	
% Multi-Family	0.92%	24.16%	7.09%	4.29%	6.62%	
% Mobile Home	28.23%	26.69%	27.82%	39.66%	29.82%	
% Boat, RV, Van, etc.	1.68%	0.46%	1.36%	27.93%	5.84%	

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

³ 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 IB-5
Residents by Tenure by Units in Structure⁴, 2000**

Hardee County Units in Structure	Persons in Occupied Units			Persons per Occupied Unit		
	Owner	Renter	Total	Owner	Renter	Total
1, detached	12,314	3,855	16,169	2.97	3.65	3.11
1, attached	93	116	209	7.75	3.05	4.18
2	29	675	704	1.93	3.11	3.03
3 or 4	111	159	270	6.53	2.12	2.93
5 to 9	52	176	228	6.50	1.78	2.13
10 to 19	0	92	92	0.00	2.71	2.71
20 to 49	6	24	30	2.00	1.26	1.36
50 or more	0	44	44	0.00	1.05	1.05
Mobile home	4,713	2,353	7,066	2.78	4.06	3.11
Boat, RV, van, etc.	172	33	205	1.70	3.30	1.85
TOTAL	17,490	7,527	25,017	2.92	3.47	3.06

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

⁴ **Tables IA-5a and IA-5b** present the number of residents in the occupied housing units shown in **Tables IA-4a and IA-4b** for 2000 and 2006, 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 IB-6
Number of Vacant Units by Vacancy Status⁵, 2000

Hardee County Vacancy Status	Vacant Units	%
For rent	181	10.94%
For sale only	130	7.86%
Rented or sold, not occupied	69	4.17%
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	943	57.01%
For migrant workers	63	3.81%
Other vacant	268	16.20%
TOTAL	1,654	100.00%

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

⁵ 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 IB-7
Occupied Housing Units by Tenure by Vehicles Available⁶, 2000

Hardee County Vehicles Available	Number of Occupied Units			% of Occupied Units		
	Owner	Renter	Total	Owner	Renter	Total
No vehicle available	276	401	677	4.60%	18.49%	8.29%
1 vehicle available	2,208	974	3,182	36.82%	44.91%	38.97%
2 vehicles available	2,510	581	3,091	41.85%	26.79%	37.85%
3 vehicles available	729	175	904	12.16%	8.07%	11.07%
4 vehicles available	192	14	206	3.20%	0.65%	2.52%
5 or more vehicles available	82	24	106	1.37%	1.11%	1.30%
TOTAL	5,997	2,169	8,166	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

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

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

Hardee County Vehicles Available	Number of Vehicles by Tenure			% of Vehicles in Occupied Units		
	Owner	Renter	Total	Owner	Renter	Total
Aggregate Number of Vehicles	10,613	2,863	13,476	78.75%	21.25%	100.00%
Vehicles per Occupied Unit	1.77	1.32	1.65			

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

⁶ 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 IB-9
Resident Population by Gender and Age, 2000**

Hardee County Age Categories	Absolute Number			% of Total Population		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Age under 5 years	1,052	1,016	2,068	7.19%	8.25%	7.68%
Age 5 to 17 years	2,911	2,465	5,376	19.90%	20.03%	19.96%
Age 18 to 24 years	1,748	1,237	2,985	11.95%	10.05%	11.08%
Age 25 to 34 years	2,387	1,424	3,811	16.32%	11.57%	14.15%
Age 35 to 44 years	2,224	1,788	4,012	15.20%	14.53%	14.89%
Age 45 to 54 years	1,459	1,302	2,761	9.97%	10.58%	10.25%
Age 55 to 64 years	1,142	1,117	2,259	7.81%	9.07%	8.39%
Age 65 to 74 years	993	1,074	2,067	6.79%	8.73%	7.67%
Age 75 to 84 years	552	616	1,168	3.77%	5.00%	4.34%
Age 85 years and over	161	270	431	1.10%	2.19%	1.60%
TOTAL	14,629	12,309	26,938	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
% Age under 18 years	27.09%	28.28%	27.63%			
% Age 65 years and over	11.66%	15.92%	13.61%			

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

Table IB-10
Resident Population by Race and Ethnicity⁷, 2000

Hardee County Race Categories	Ethnicity – Hispanic or Latino			% of Total Population		
	Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Total	Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Total
White alone	14,841	4,396	19,237	86.10%	45.31%	71.41%
Black or African American alone	2,111	57	2,168	12.25%	0.59%	8.05%
Other race alone and 2+ races	284	5,249	5,533	1.65%	54.10%	20.54%
TOTAL	17,236	9,702	26,938	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

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

⁷ Race and ethnicity are separate categories in both the 2000 Census and the 2006 American Community Survey (ACS). 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 IB-11
Resident Population by Age, Household⁸ Type and Relationship, 2000

Hardee County Household Type, Relationship	Number of Persons, by Age			% of Total Population		
	Under 65	65+	Total	Under 65	65+	Total
In households	21,476	3,541	25,017	92.28%	96.59%	92.87%
In family households	19,825	2,661	22,486	85.19%	72.59%	83.47%
In nonfamily households	1,651	880	2,531	7.09%	24.00%	9.40%
Male householder	571	314	885	2.45%	8.57%	3.29%
Living alone	320	286	606	1.38%	7.80%	2.25%
Not living alone	251	28	279	1.08%	0.76%	1.04%
Female householder	382	543	925	1.64%	14.81%	3.43%
Living alone	337	533	870	1.45%	14.54%	3.23%
Not living alone	45	10	55	0.19%	0.27%	0.20%
Nonrelatives	698	23	721	3.00%	0.63%	2.68%
In group quarters	1,796	125	1,921	7.72%	3.41%	7.13%
Institutionalized population	1,400	9	1,409	6.02%	0.25%	5.23%
Non-institutionalized population	396	116	512	1.70%	3.16%	1.90%
TOTAL	23,272	3,666	26,938	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Population Living Alone	657	819	1,476	2.82%	22.34%	5.48%

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

⁸ 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 IB-12
Resident Population by Place of Birth and Citizenship Status, 2000

Hardee County Place of Birth	Absolute Number	%
Native - Born in state of residence	13,700	50.86%
Native - Born in other state in the US	8,241	30.59%
Native - Born outside the United States	295	1.10%
Foreign-born - Naturalized citizen	794	2.95%
Foreign-born - Not a citizen	3,908	14.51%
TOTAL	26,938	100.00%

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

Table IB-13
Households by Language and Linguistic Isolation⁹, 2000

Hardee County Language Spoken in the Household	Households by Linguistic Isolation			Linguistic Isolation (%)		
	Isolated	Not Isolated	Total	Isolated	Not Isolated	Total
English	0	5,942	5,942	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Spanish	624	1,464	2,088	29.89%	70.11%	100.00%
Other Indo-European languages	11	87	98	11.22%	88.78%	100.00%
Asian & Pacific Island languages	0	54	54	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Other languages	7	6	13	53.85%	46.15%	100.00%
TOTAL	642	7,553	8,195	7.83%	92.17%	100.00%

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

⁹ 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 IB-14
Civilian Non-Institutionalized Population 5 Years and Over by
Disability Status¹⁰, 2000

Hardee County Language	Disability Status			Disability Status (%)		
	With	Without	Total	With	Without	Total
5 to 15 years	263	4,226	4,489	5.86%	94.14%	100.00%
16 to 20 years	264	1,923	2,187	12.07%	87.93%	100.00%
21 to 64 years	3,353	9,727	13,080	25.63%	74.37%	100.00%
65 to 74 years	767	1,295	2,062	37.20%	62.80%	100.00%
75 and over	1,008	587	1,595	63.20%	36.80%	100.00%
TOTAL	5,655	17,758	23,413	24.15%	75.85%	100.00%

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

¹⁰ 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 IB-15
Resident Population 16 Years and Over by Gender and Employment Status, 2000

Hardee County Employment Status	Absolute Number			% of Total Population 16 and Over		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
In labor force	6,570	4,447	11,017	59.05%	48.14%	54.10%
In Armed Forces	25	23	48	0.22%	0.25%	0.24%
Civilian	6,545	4,424	10,969	58.82%	47.89%	53.86%
Employed	5,901	4,000	9,901	53.03%	43.30%	48.62%
Unemployed	644	424	1,068	5.79%	4.59%	5.24%
Not in labor force	4,557	4,790	9,347	40.95%	51.86%	45.90%
TOTAL	11,127	9,237	20,364	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.80%	9.53%	9.69%			

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

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

Hardee County Age	Income in 1999 - Poverty Status			Poverty Status (%)		
	Below	Above	Total	Below	Above	Total
Under 5 years	693	1,295	1,988	34.86%	65.14%	100.00%
5 years	85	309	394	21.57%	78.43%	100.00%
6 to 11 years	720	1,709	2,429	29.64%	70.36%	100.00%
12 to 17 years	750	1,668	2,418	31.02%	68.98%	100.00%
18 to 64 years	3,397	11,061	14,458	23.50%	76.50%	100.00%
65 to 74 years	339	1,723	2,062	16.44%	83.56%	100.00%
75 years and over	248	1,347	1,595	15.55%	84.45%	100.00%
TOTAL	6,232	19,112	25,344	24.59%	75.41%	100.00%
Under 18	2,248	4,981	7,229	31.10%	68.90%	100.00%
65+	587	3,070	3,657	16.05%	83.95%	100.00%

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

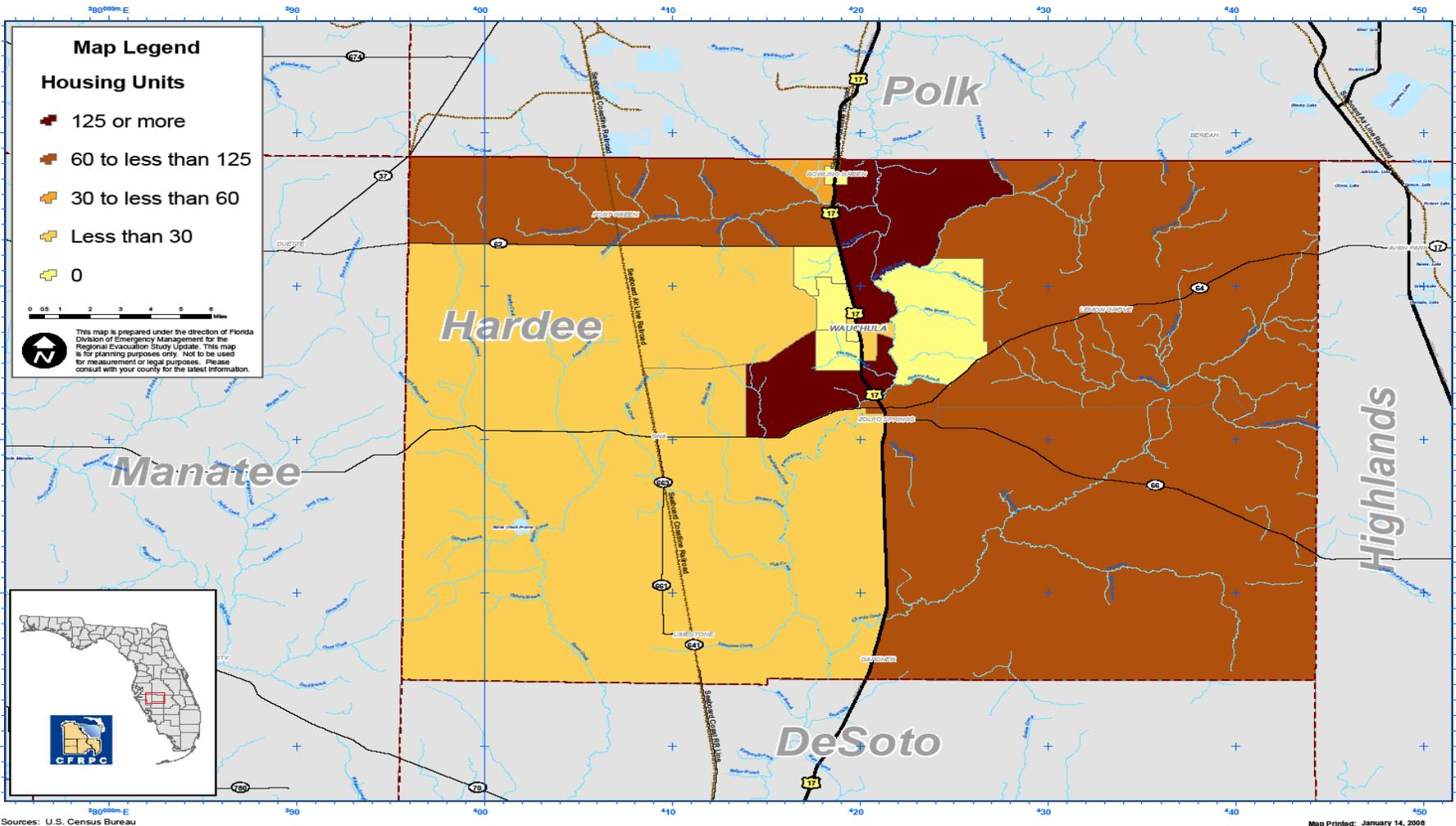
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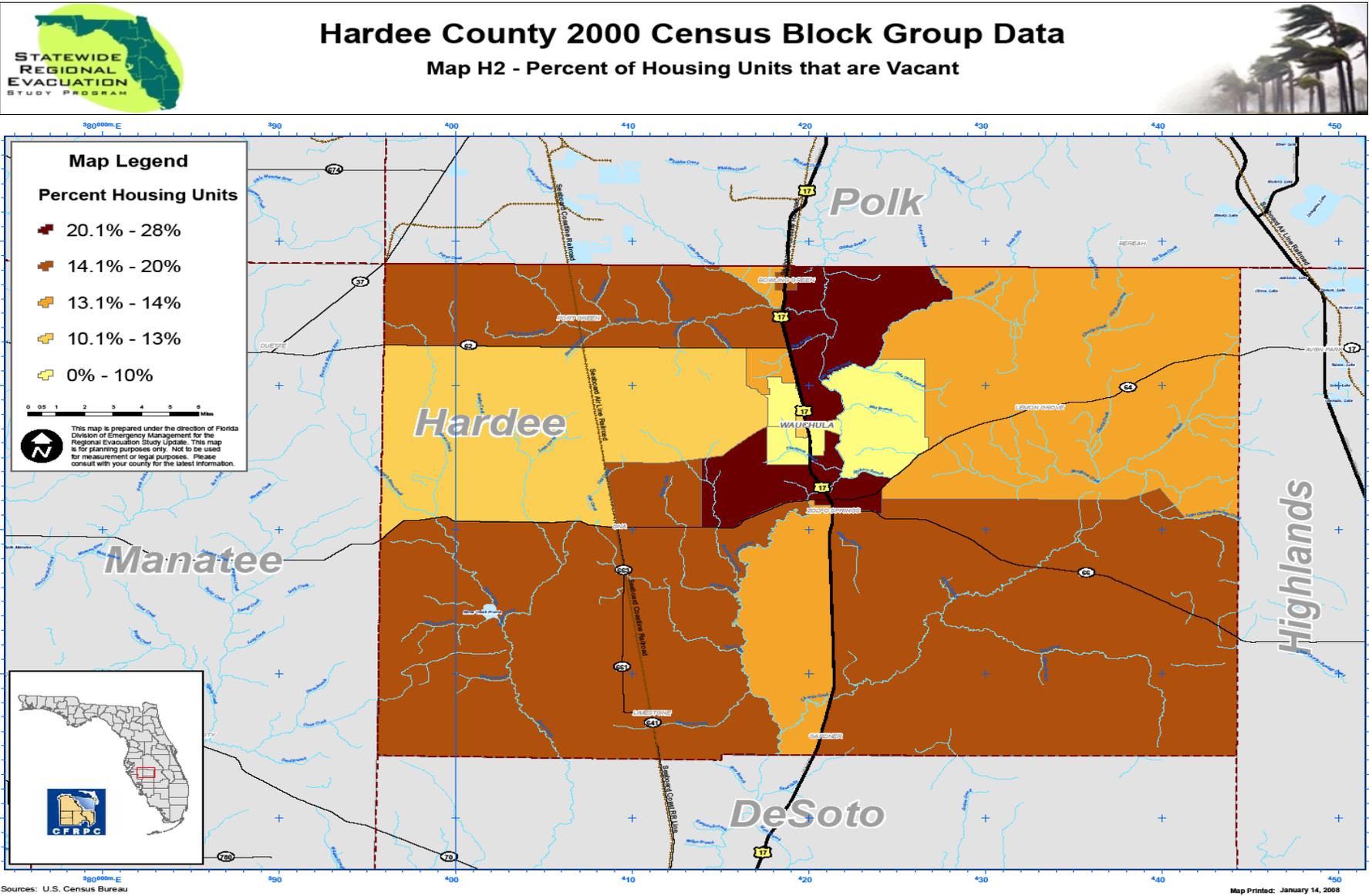
Code	Land Use Category	Acres	%
AG	Agriculture	379,506	94.0%
COM	Commercial/Office	450	0.1%
CONS	Conservation	599	0.1%
IND	Industrial	249	0.1%
MU	Mixed-Use	13,331	3.3%
PUB	Institutional, Government	5,083	1.3%
REC	Recreation/Open Space	1,930	0.5%
RH	Residential High Density	0	0.0%
RL	Residential Low Density	0	0.0%
RM	Residential Medium Density	2,281	0.6%
WAT	Water Bodies	374	0.1%
	Unknown	5	0.0%
TOTAL		403,803	100%

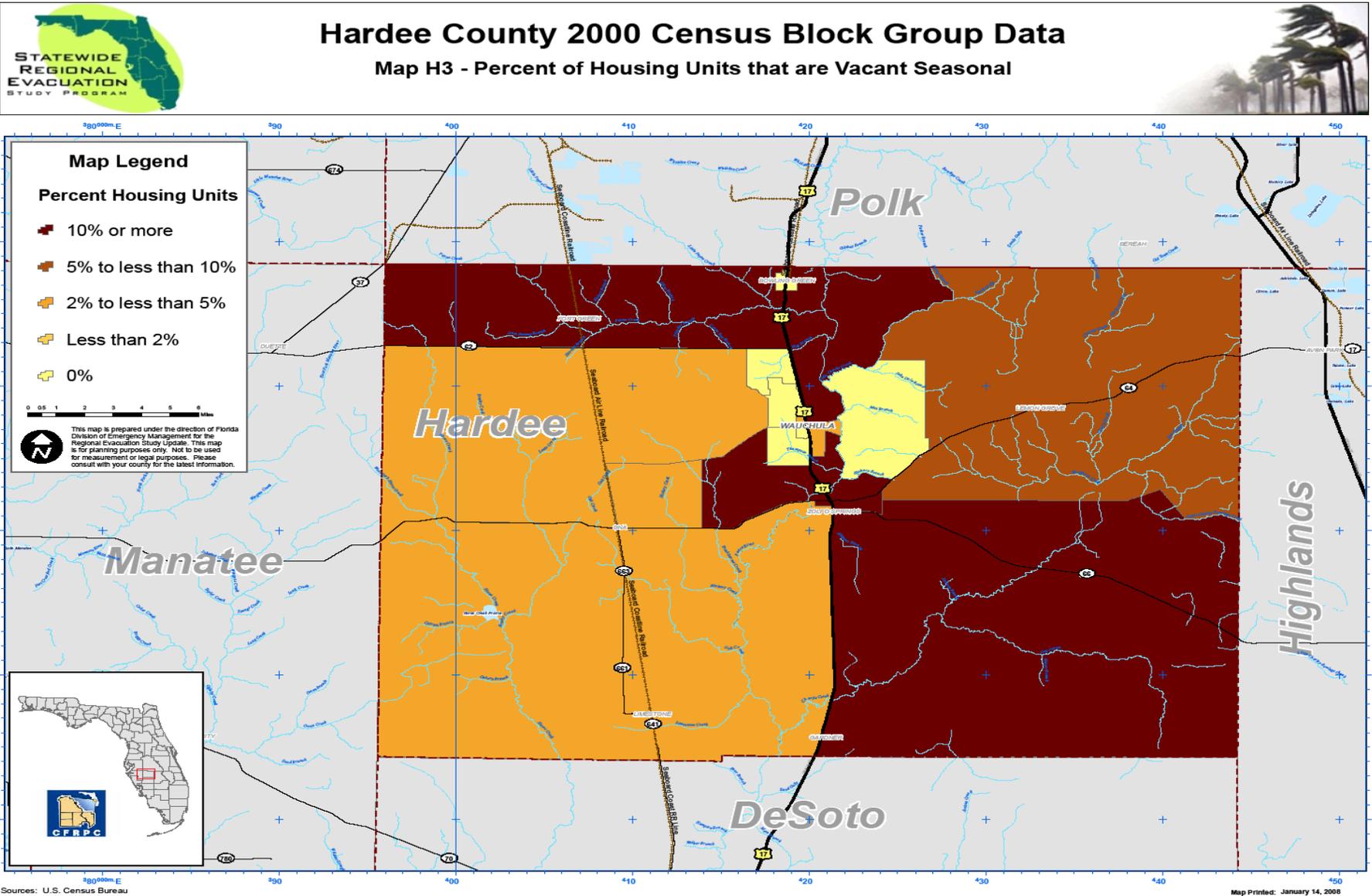
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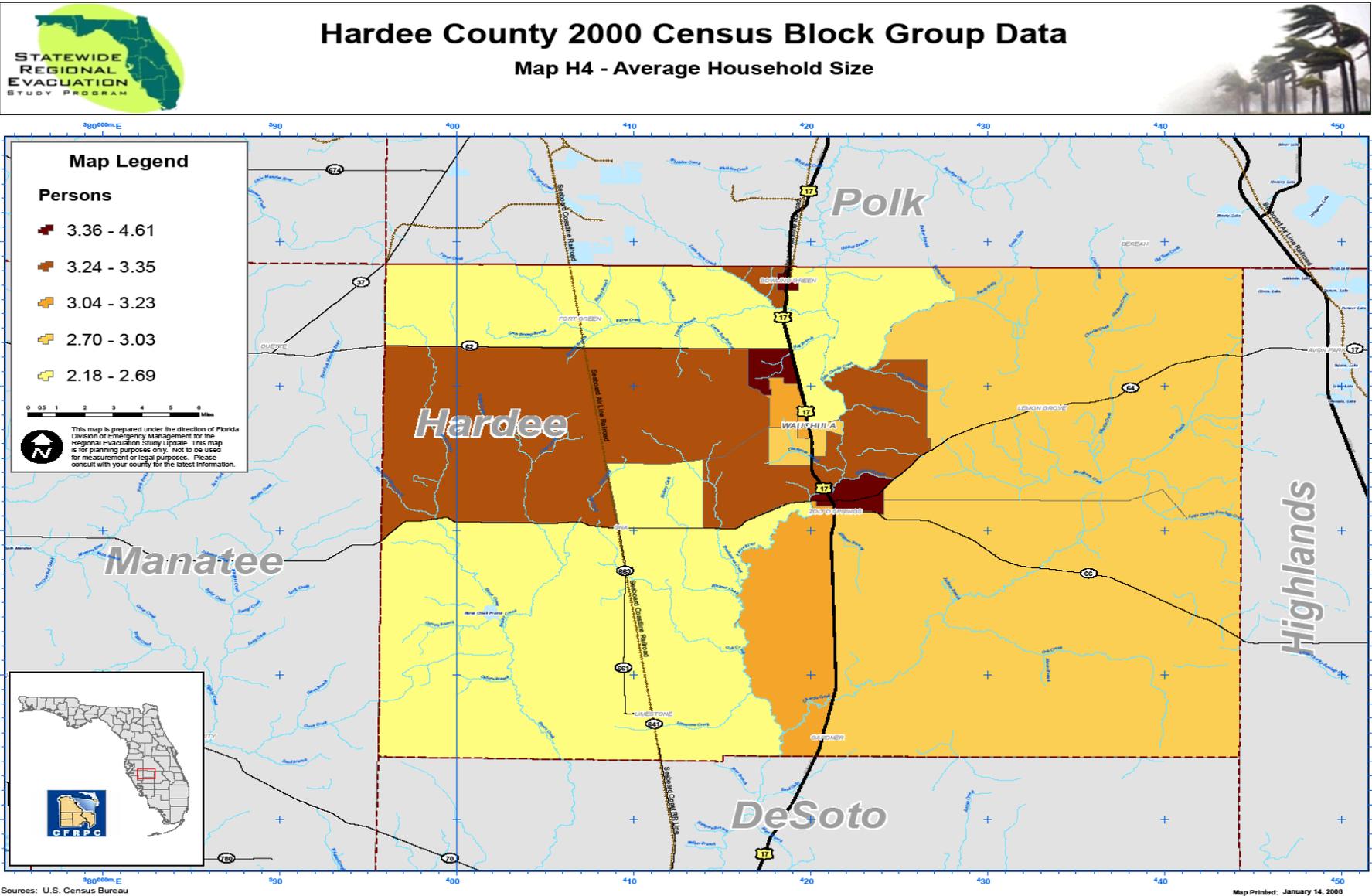
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Map H1 - Number of Vacant Seasonal Housing Units



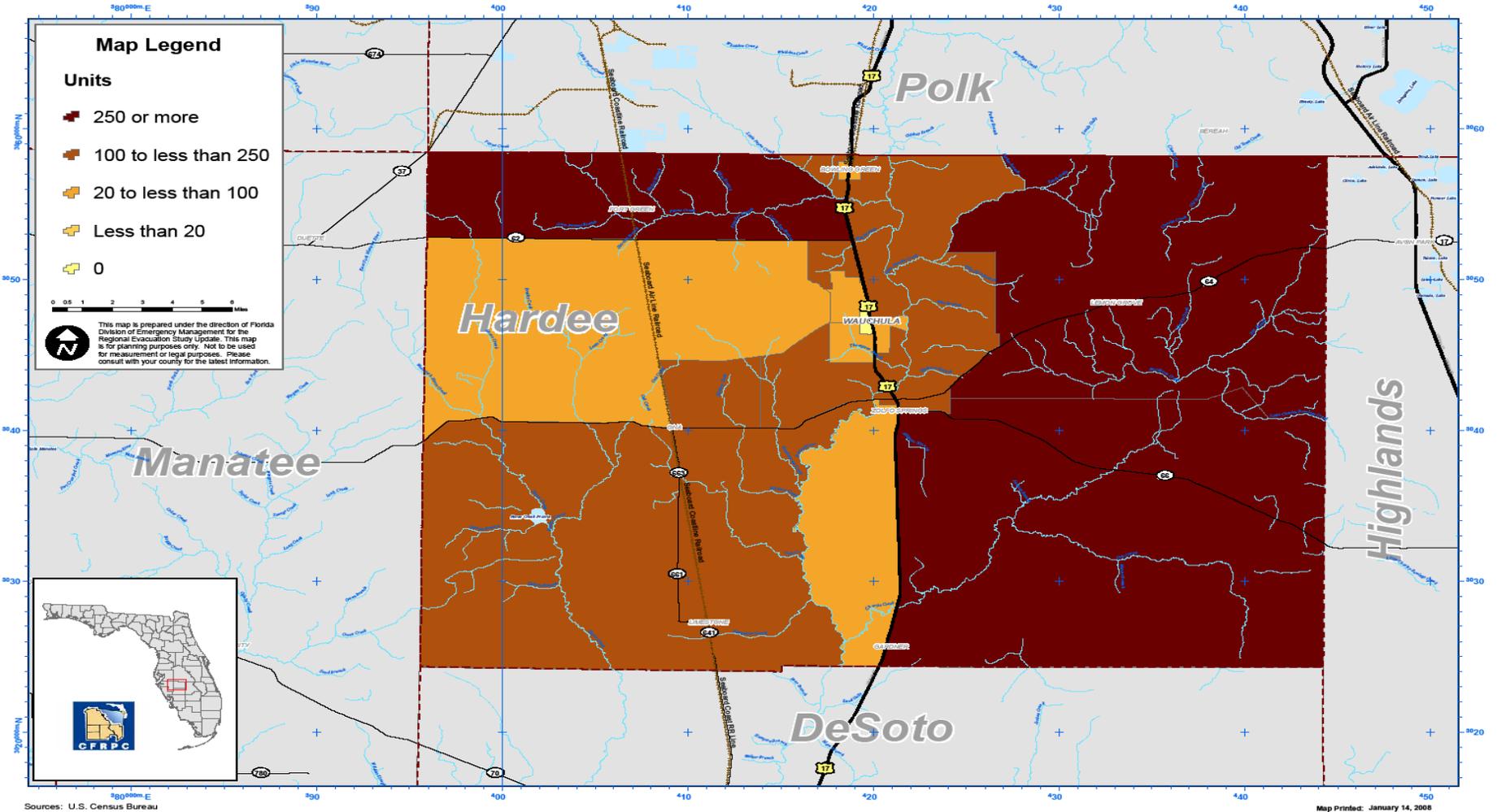






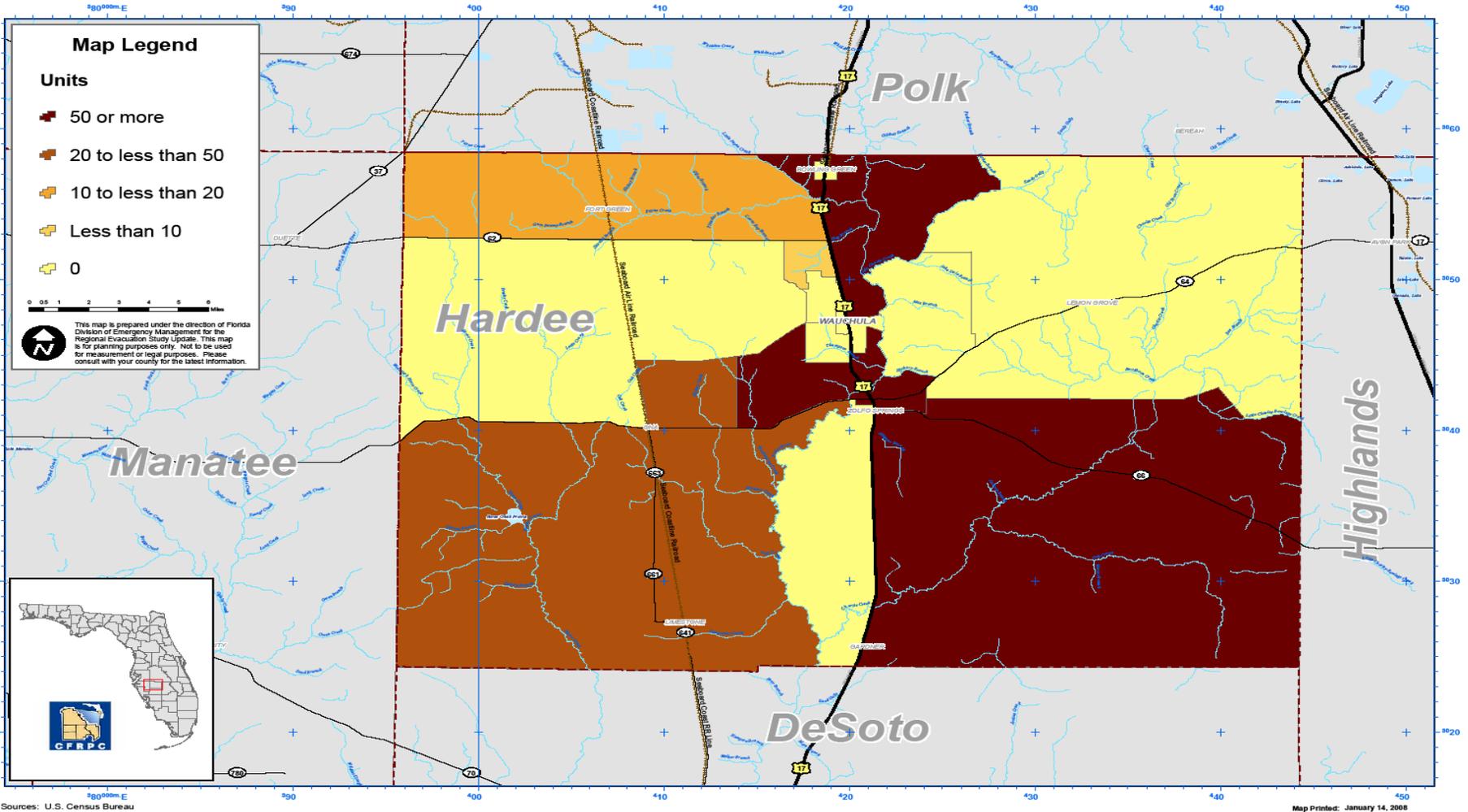
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Map H5 - Number of Mobile Homes



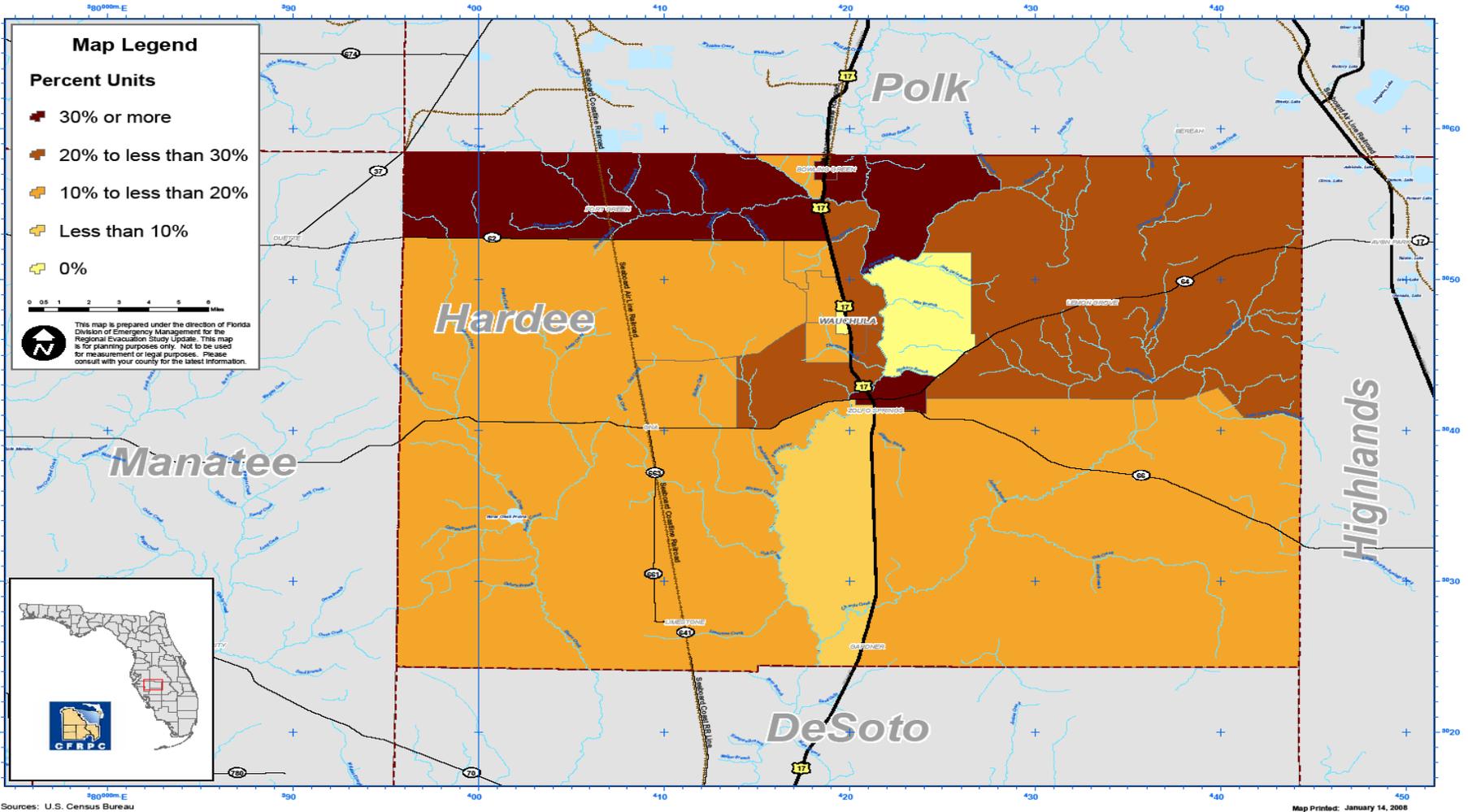
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Map H6 - Number of Boats, Recreational Vehicles, and Vans

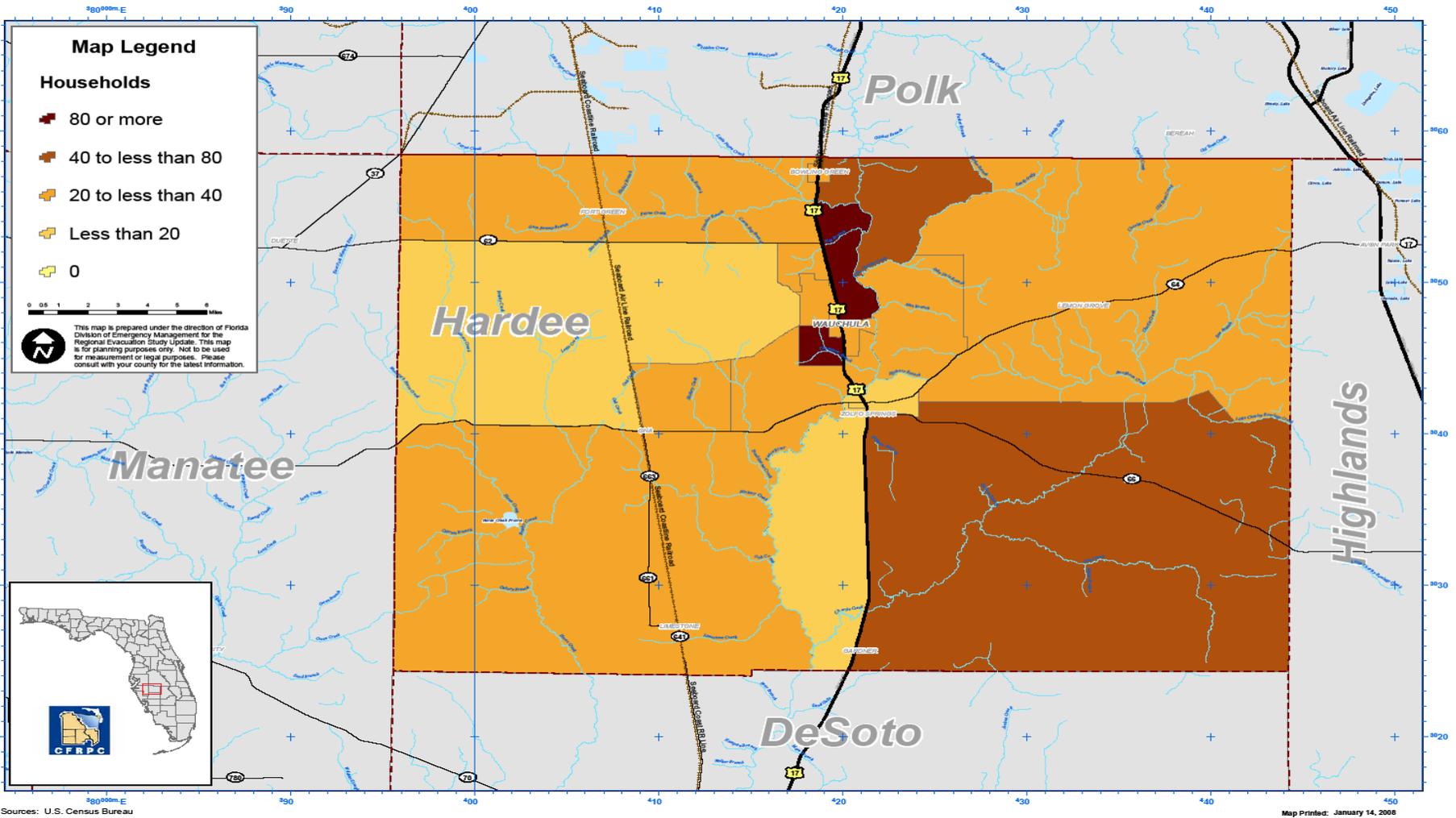


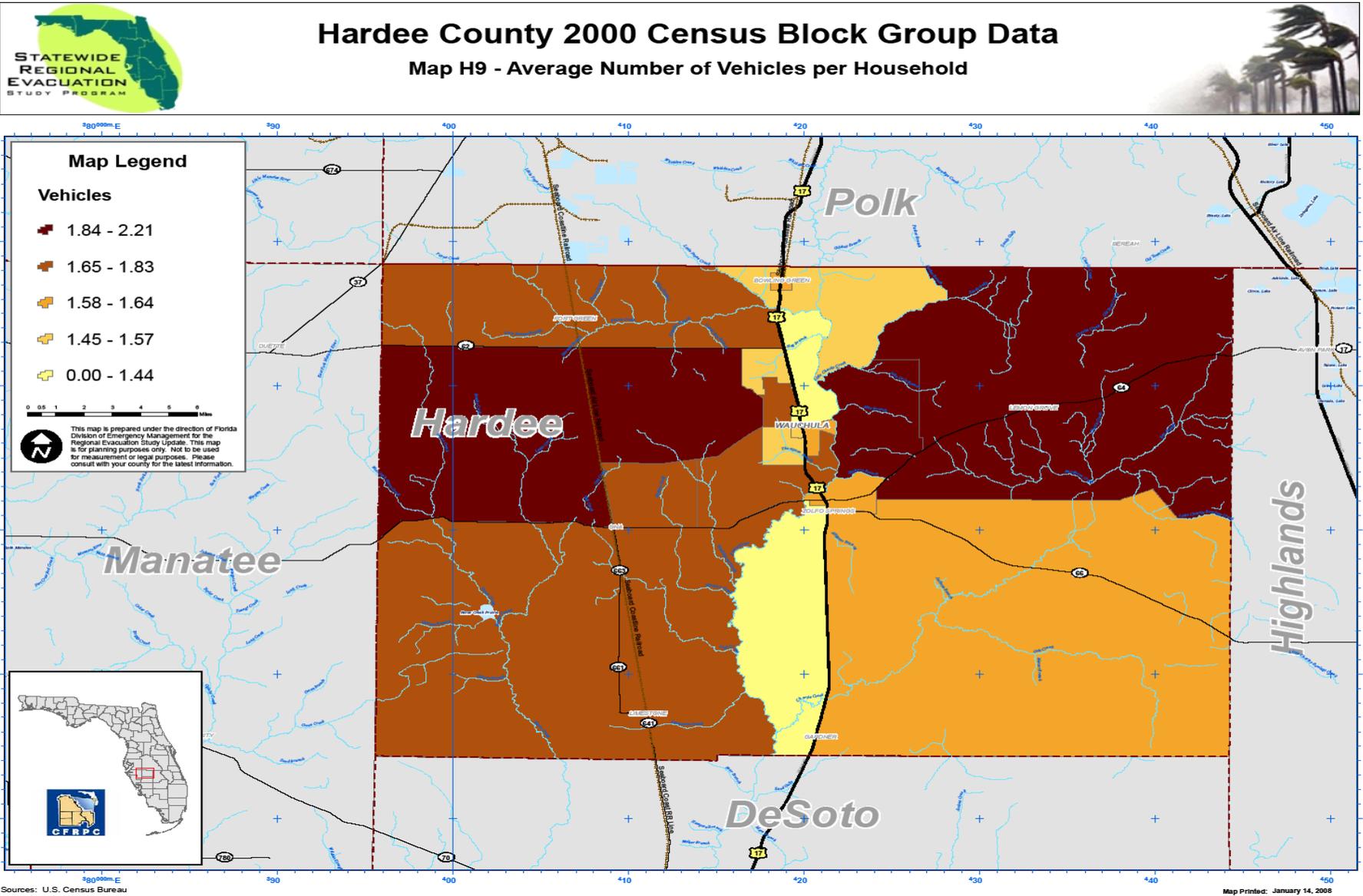
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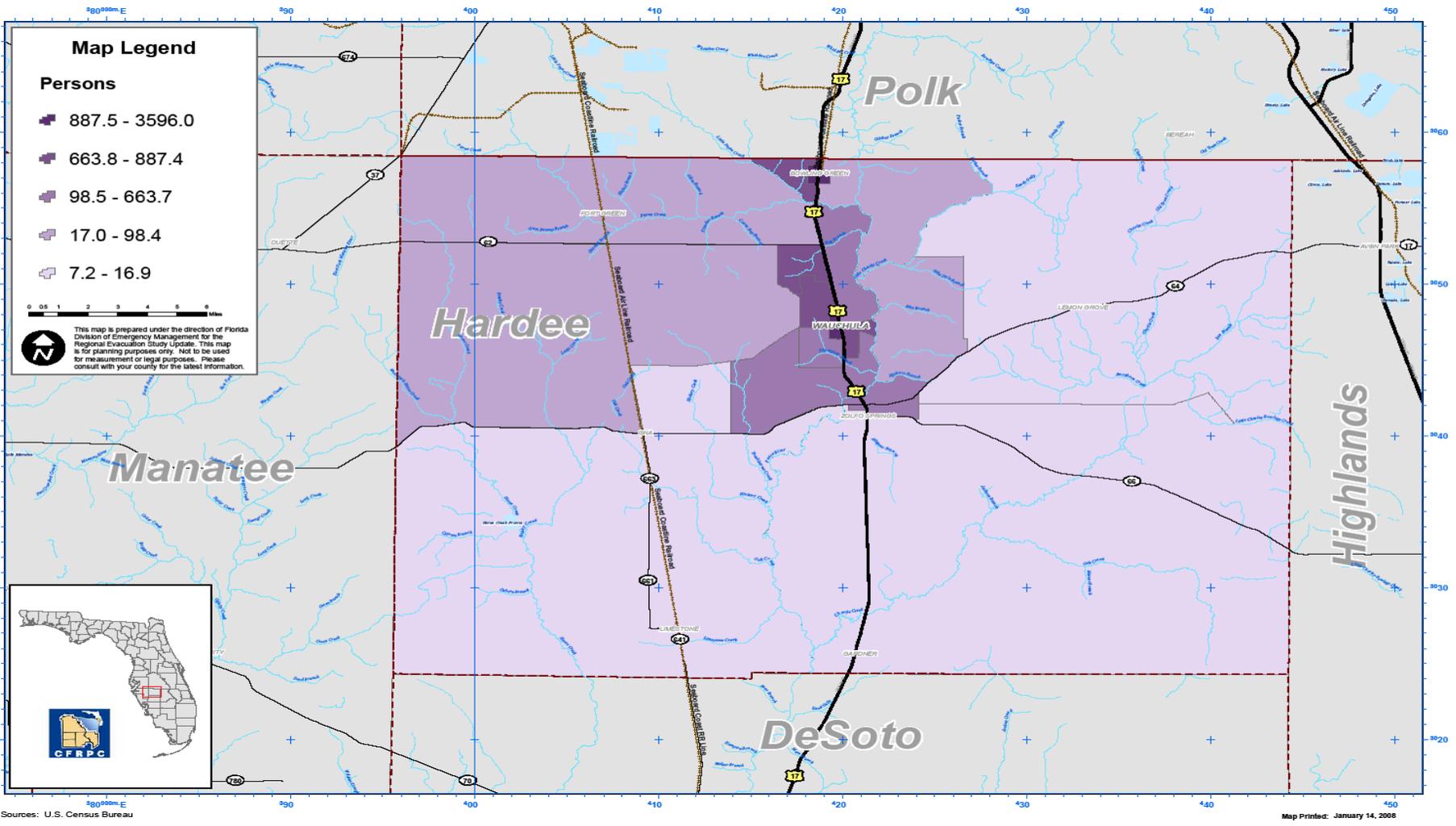


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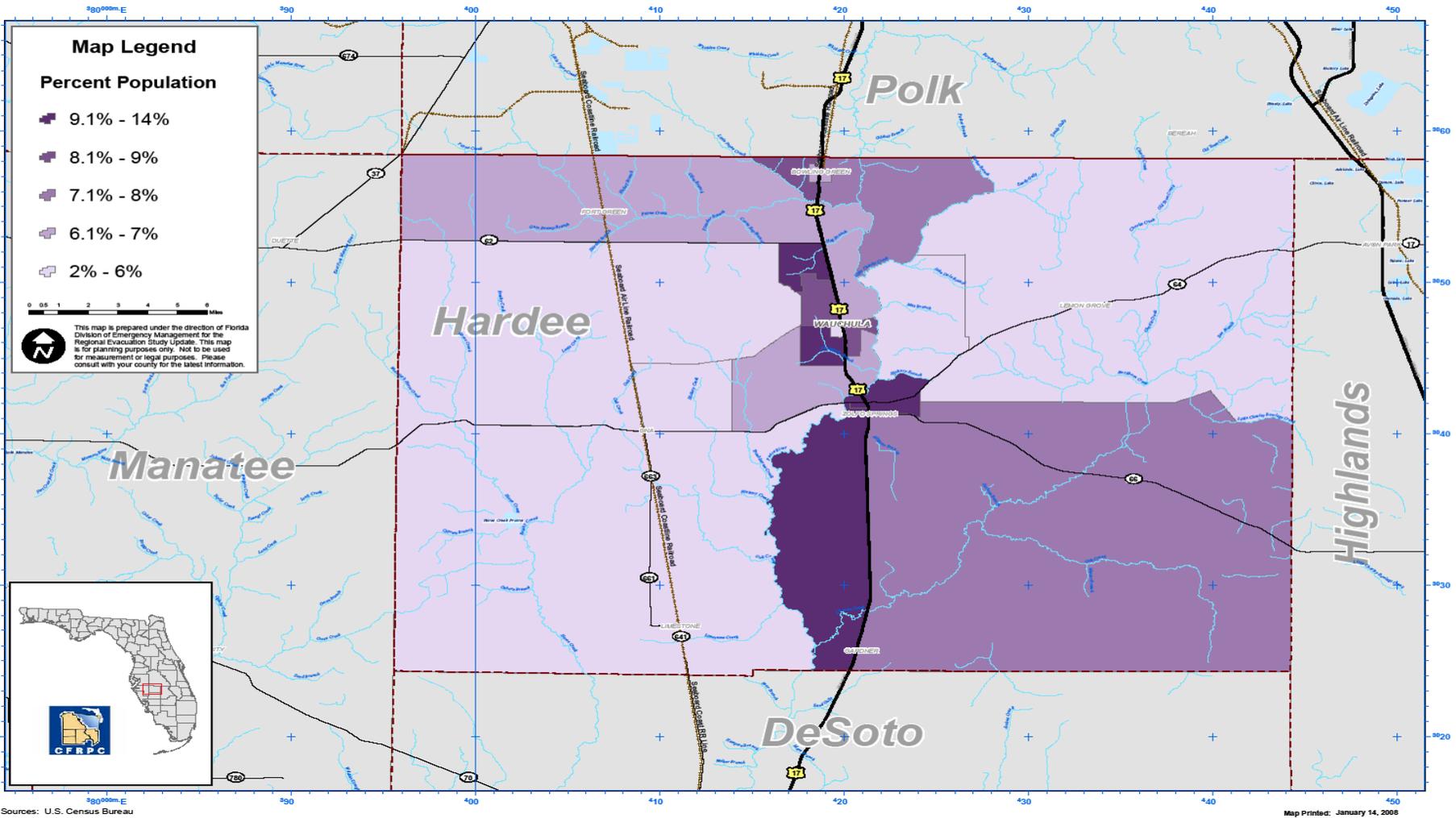




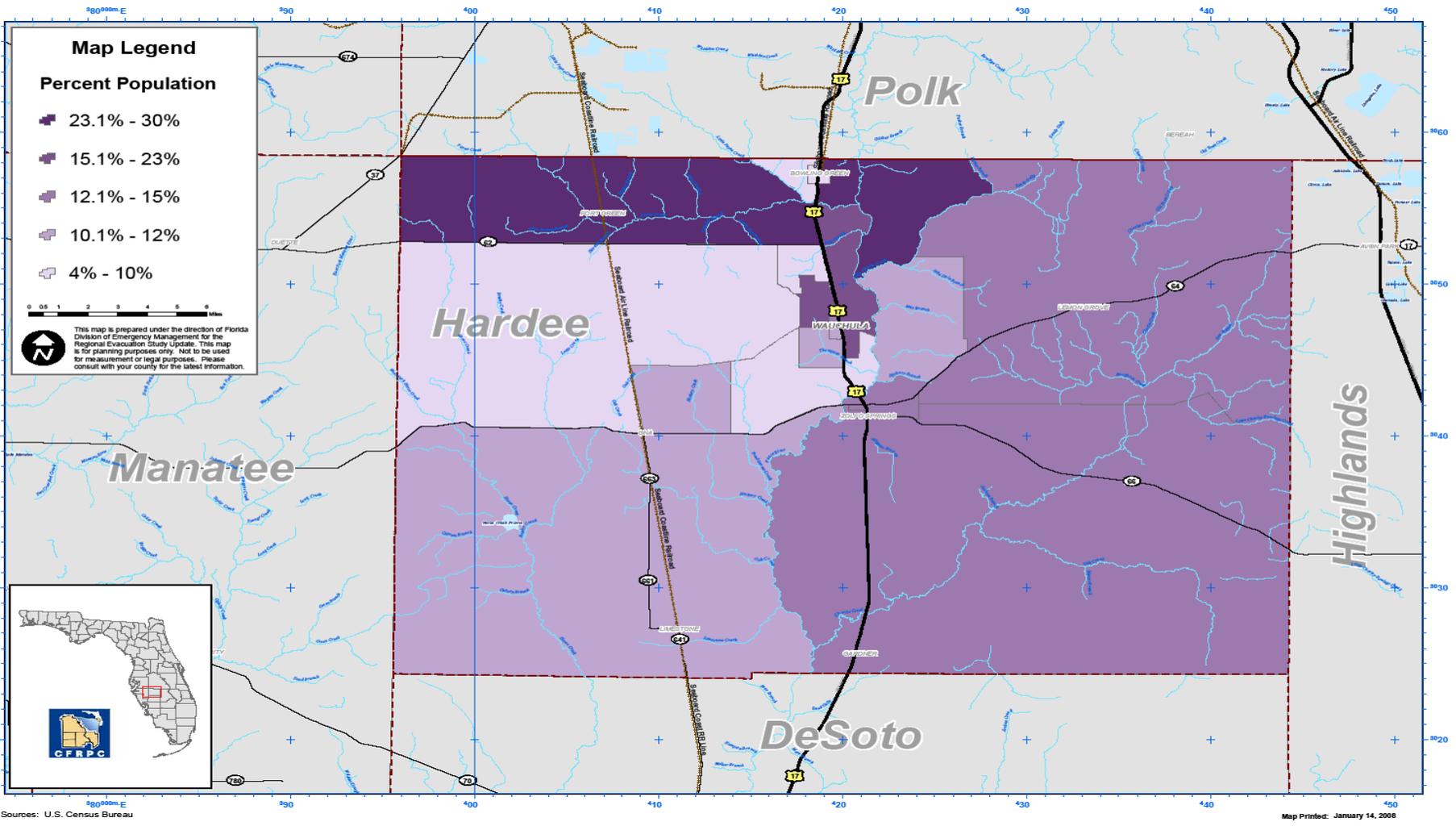
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Map P1 - Residents Per Square Mile



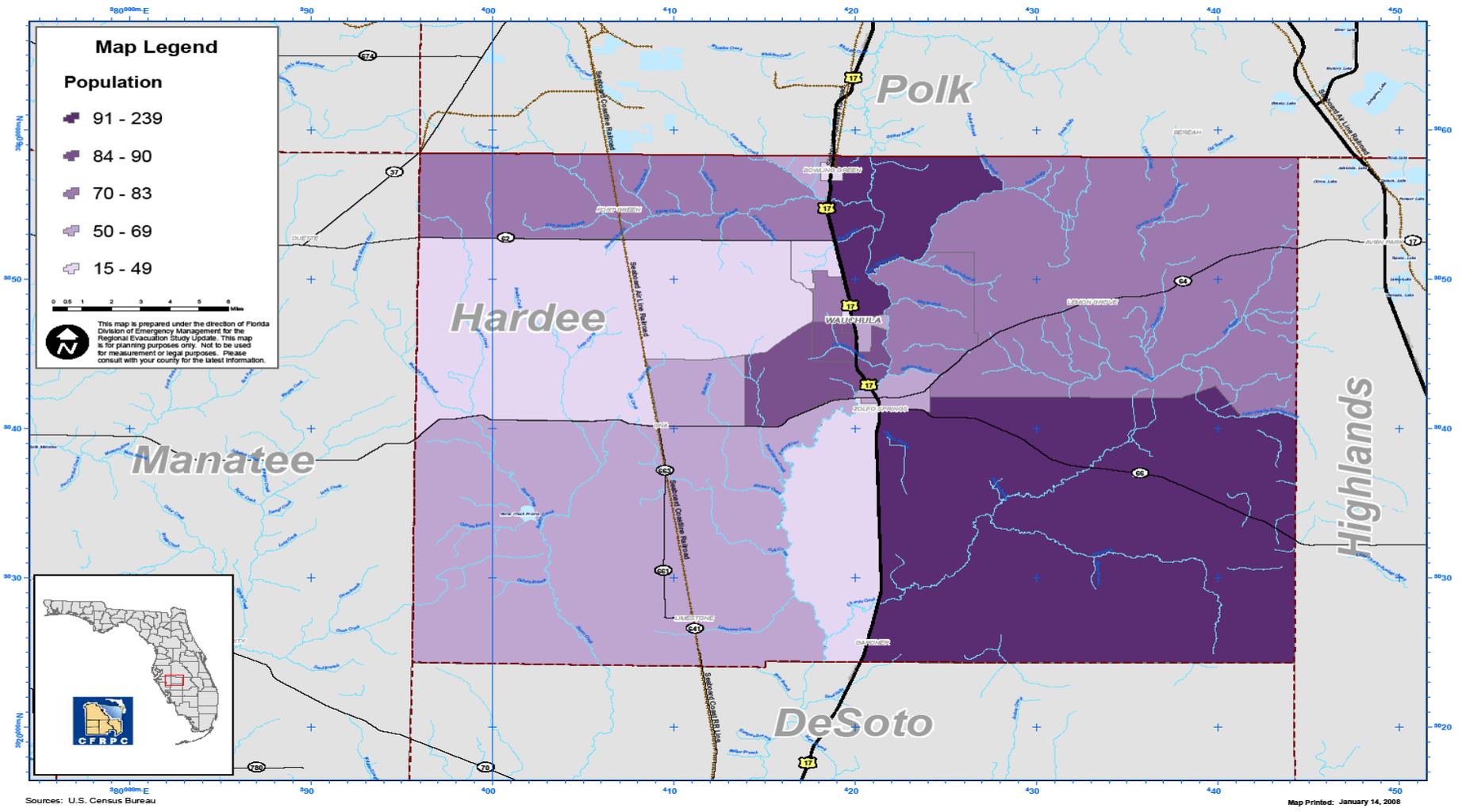
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Map P2 - Percent of Population Under Age 5



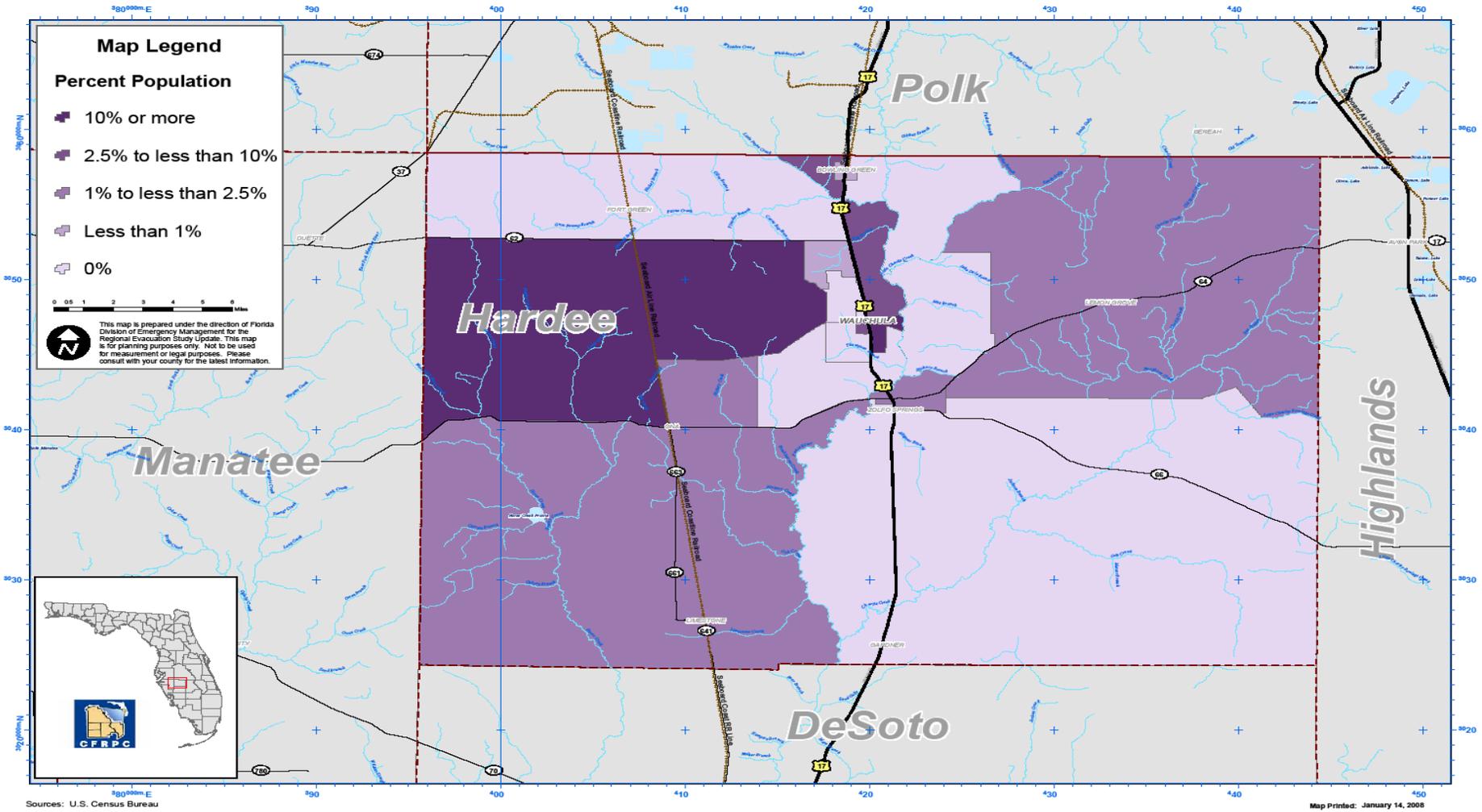
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Map P3 - Percent of Population 65 Years or Over



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Map P4 - Population Living Alone



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Map P5 - Percent of Population Living in Group Quarters

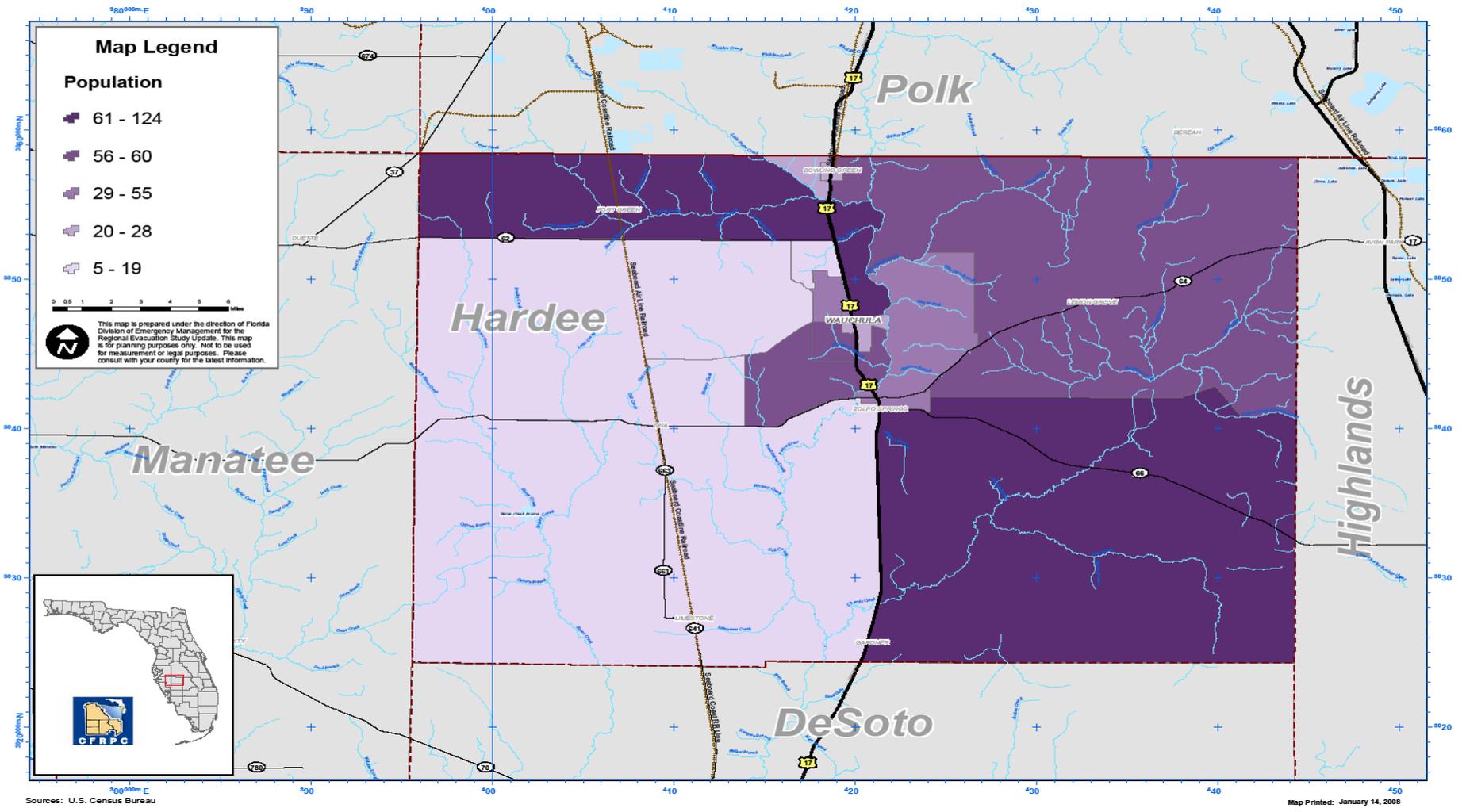


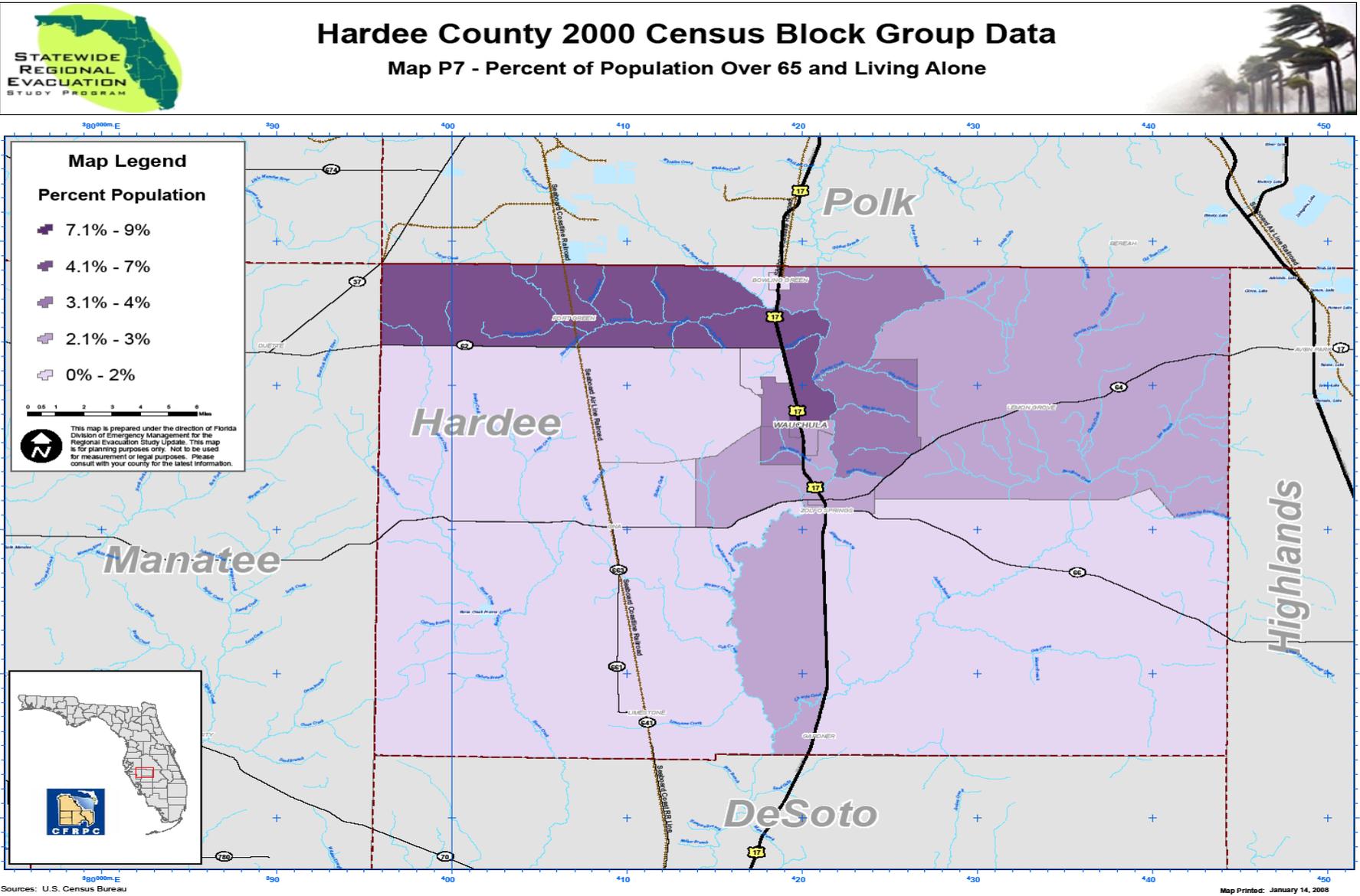


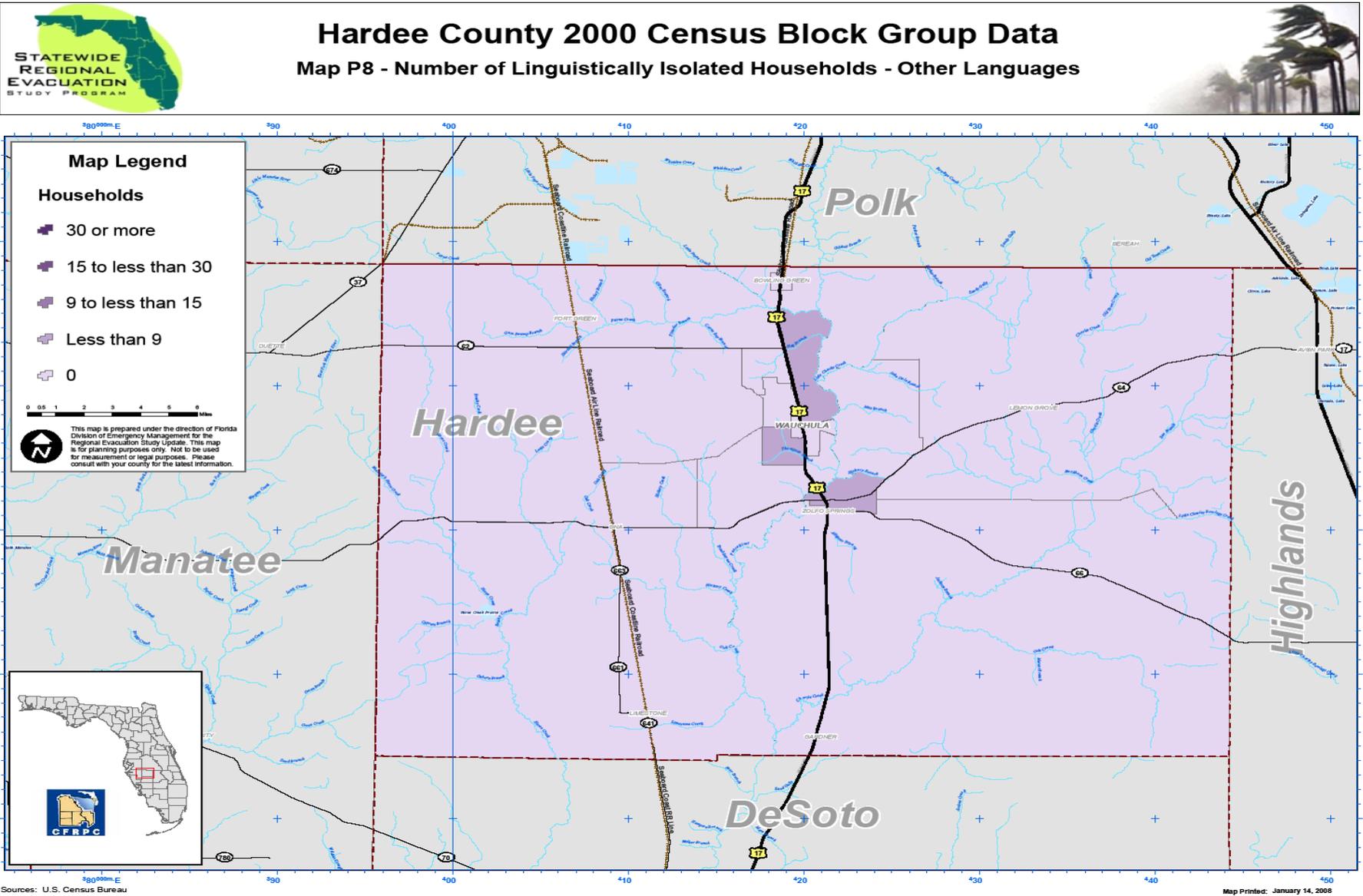
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Map P6 - Population Over 65 and Living Alone

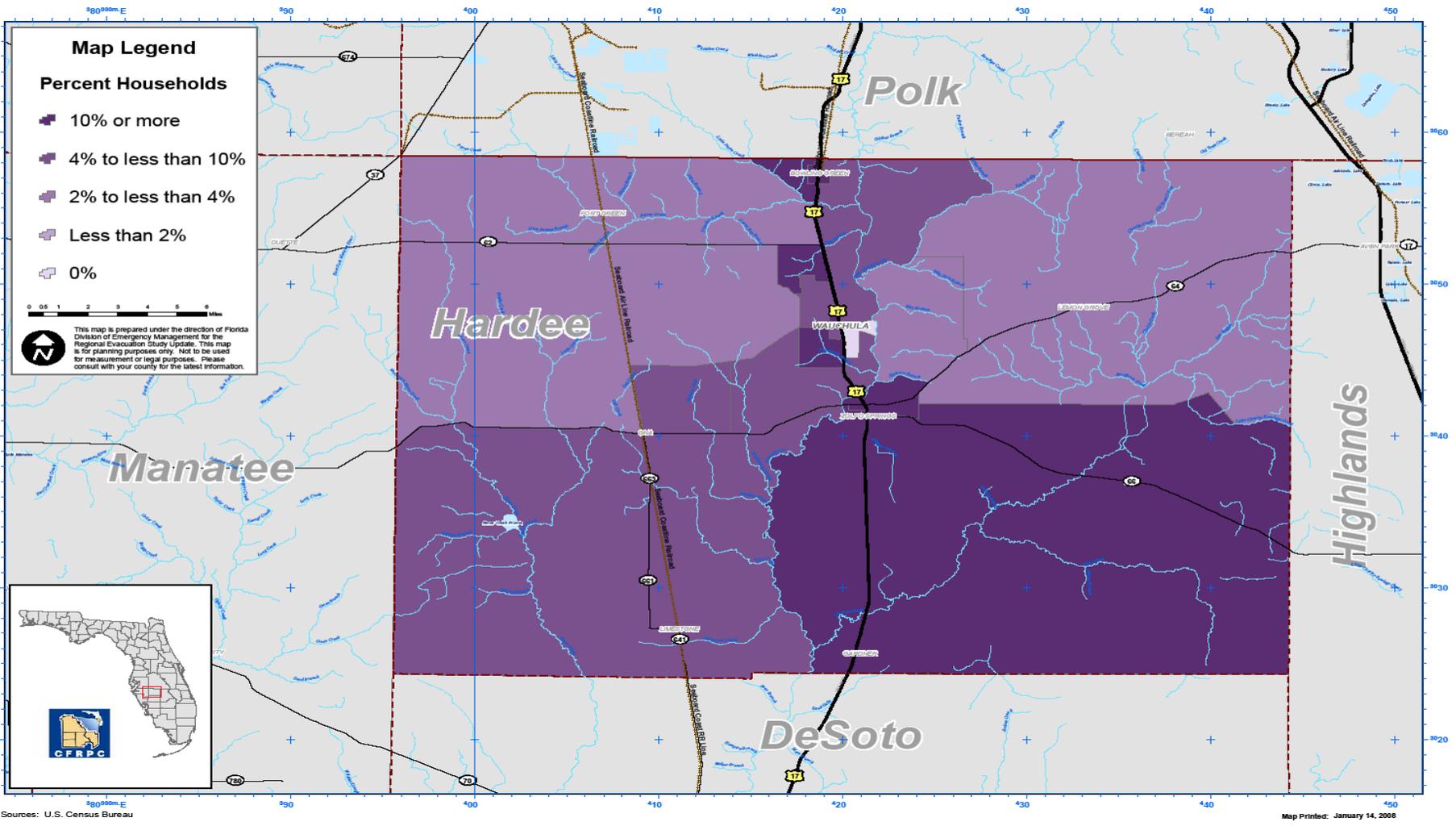




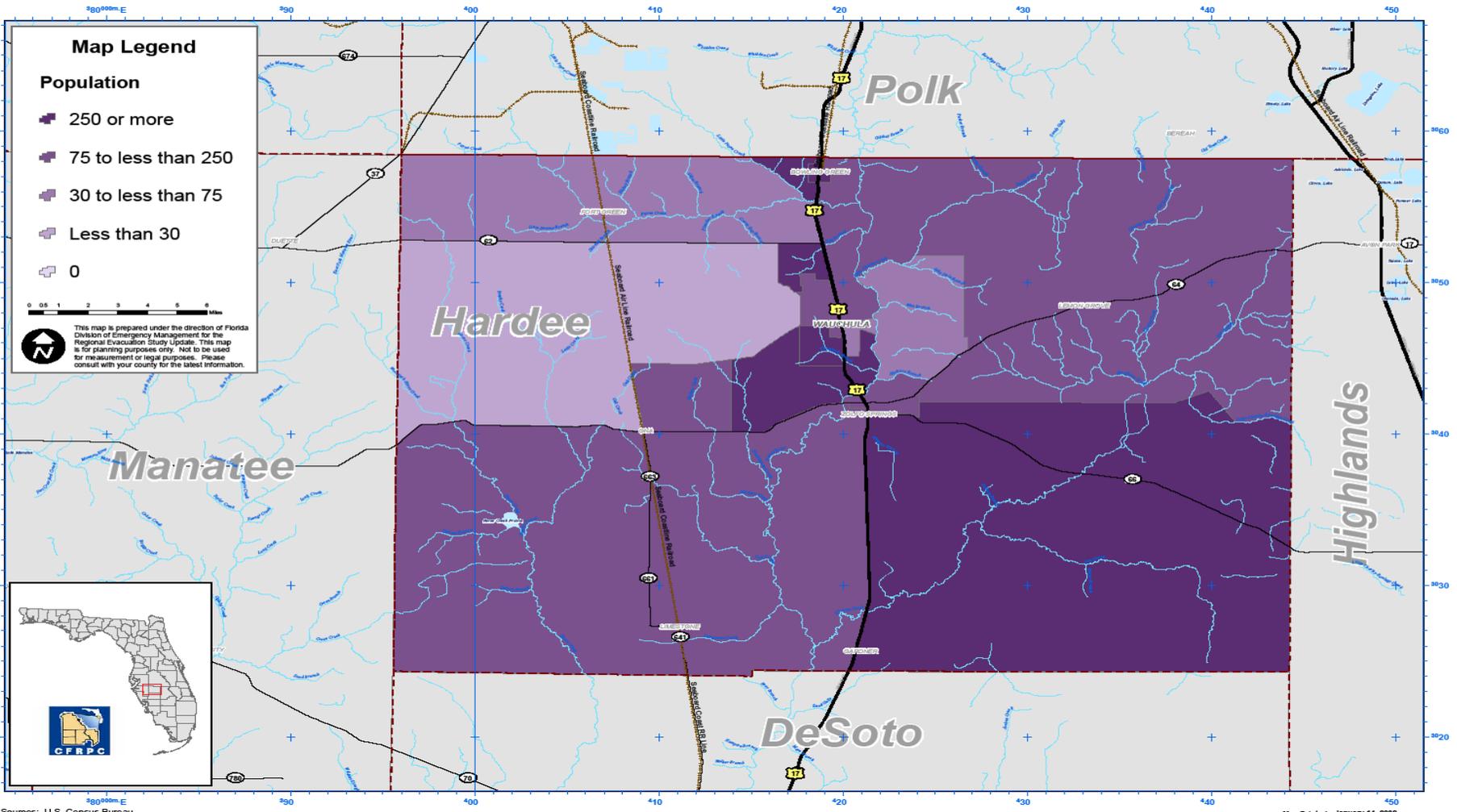




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Map P9 - Percent of Households that are Linguistically Isolated

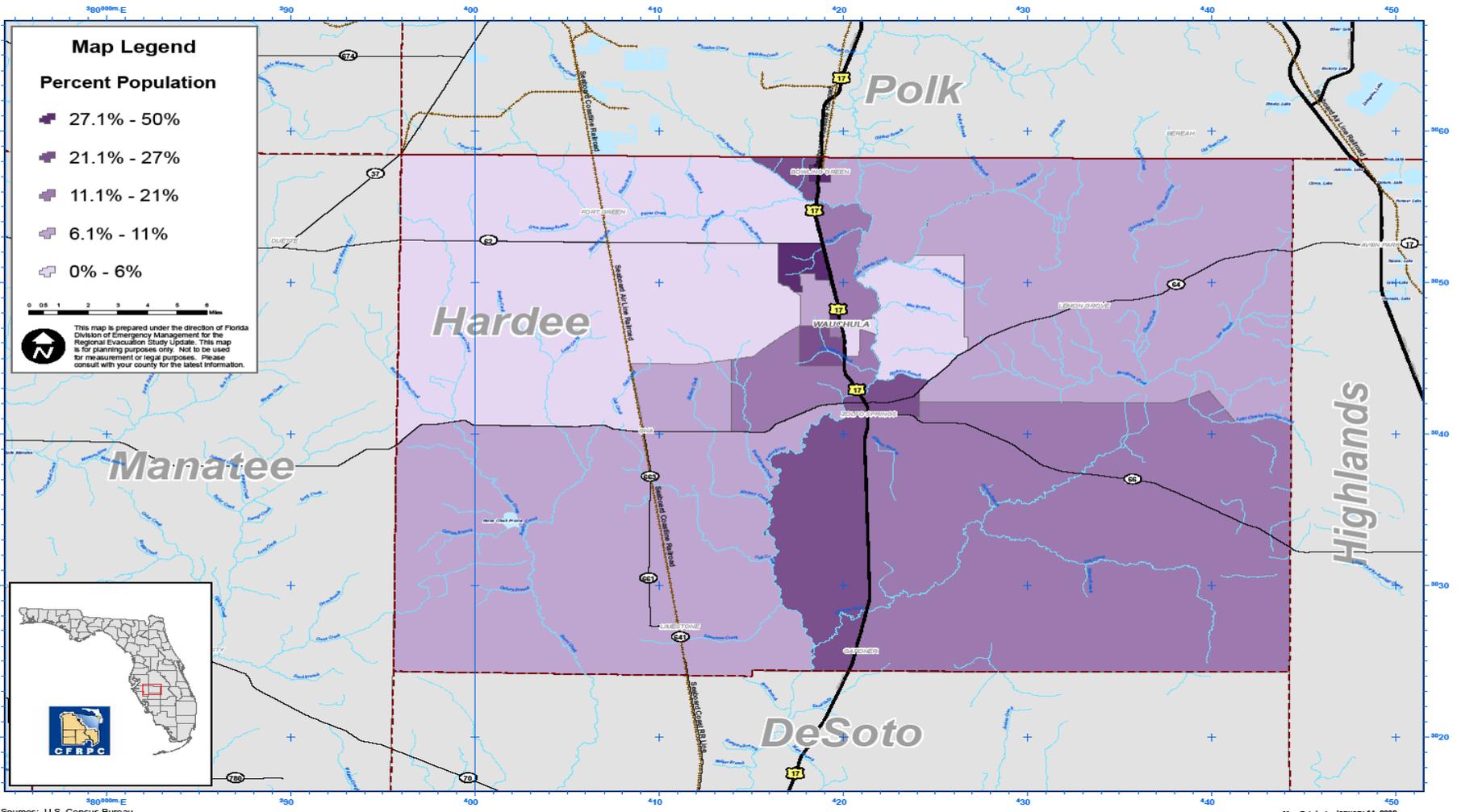


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Map P10 - Population Foreign Born - Not Citizens



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Map P11 - Percent of Population that is Foreign Born

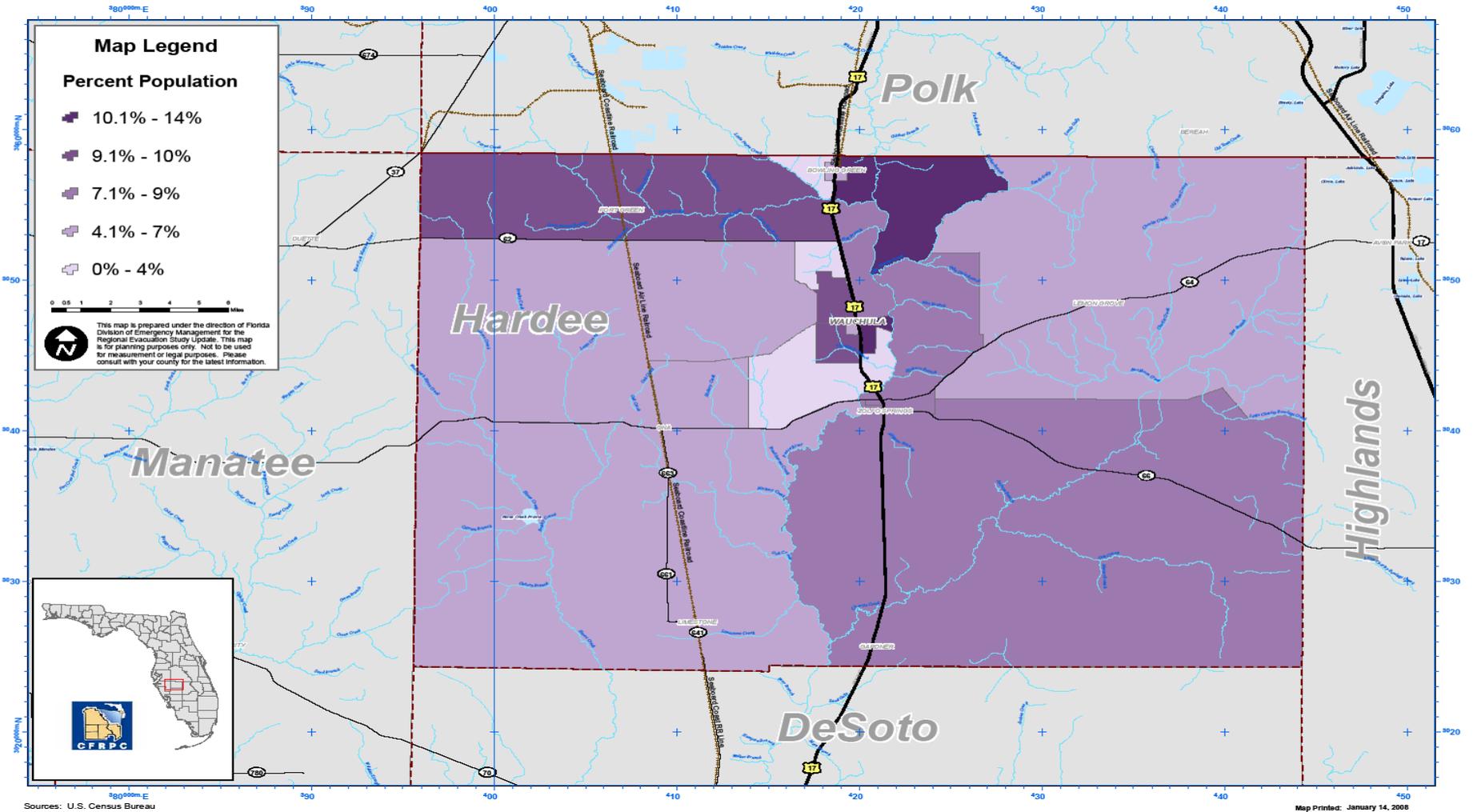


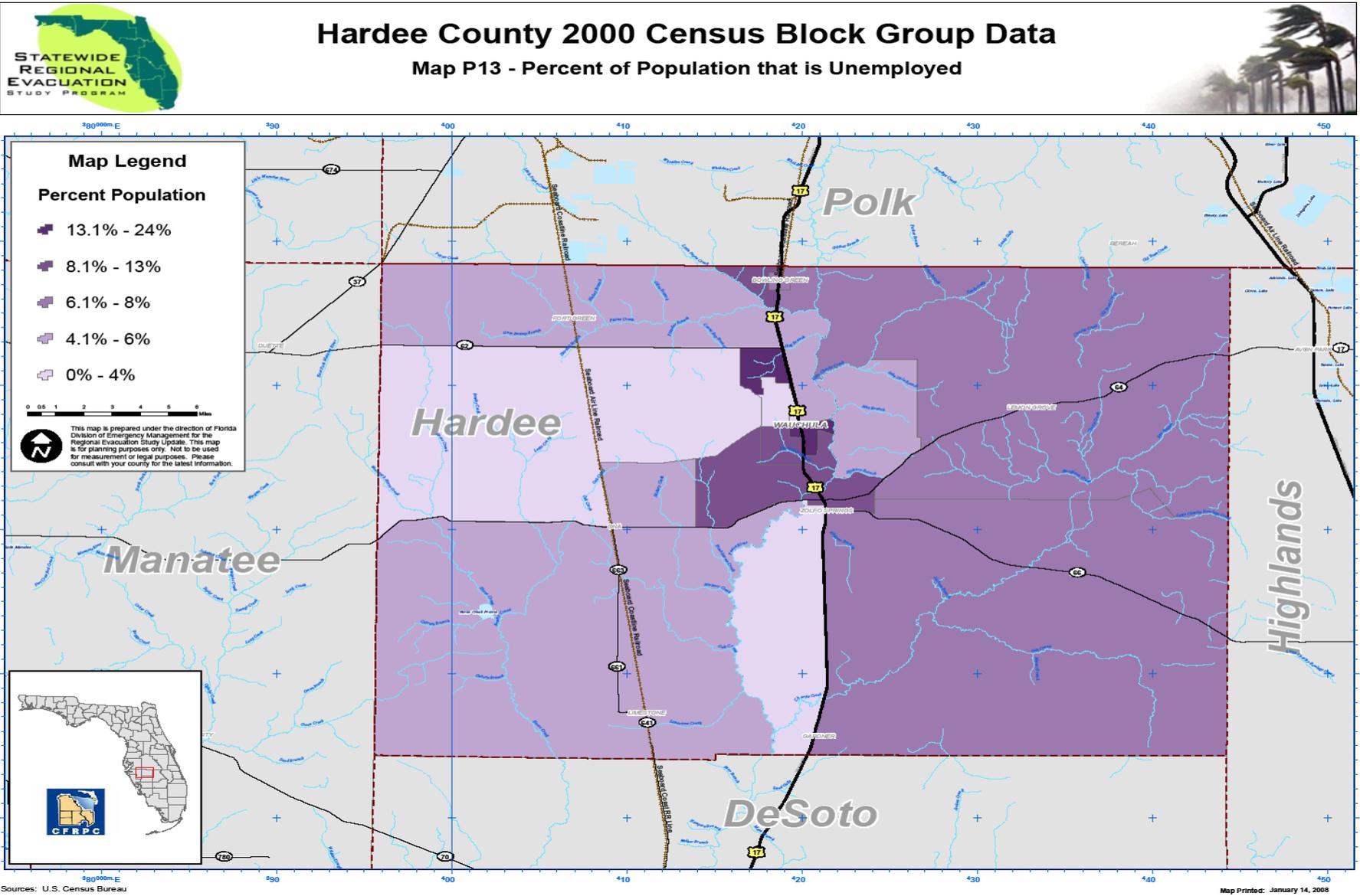


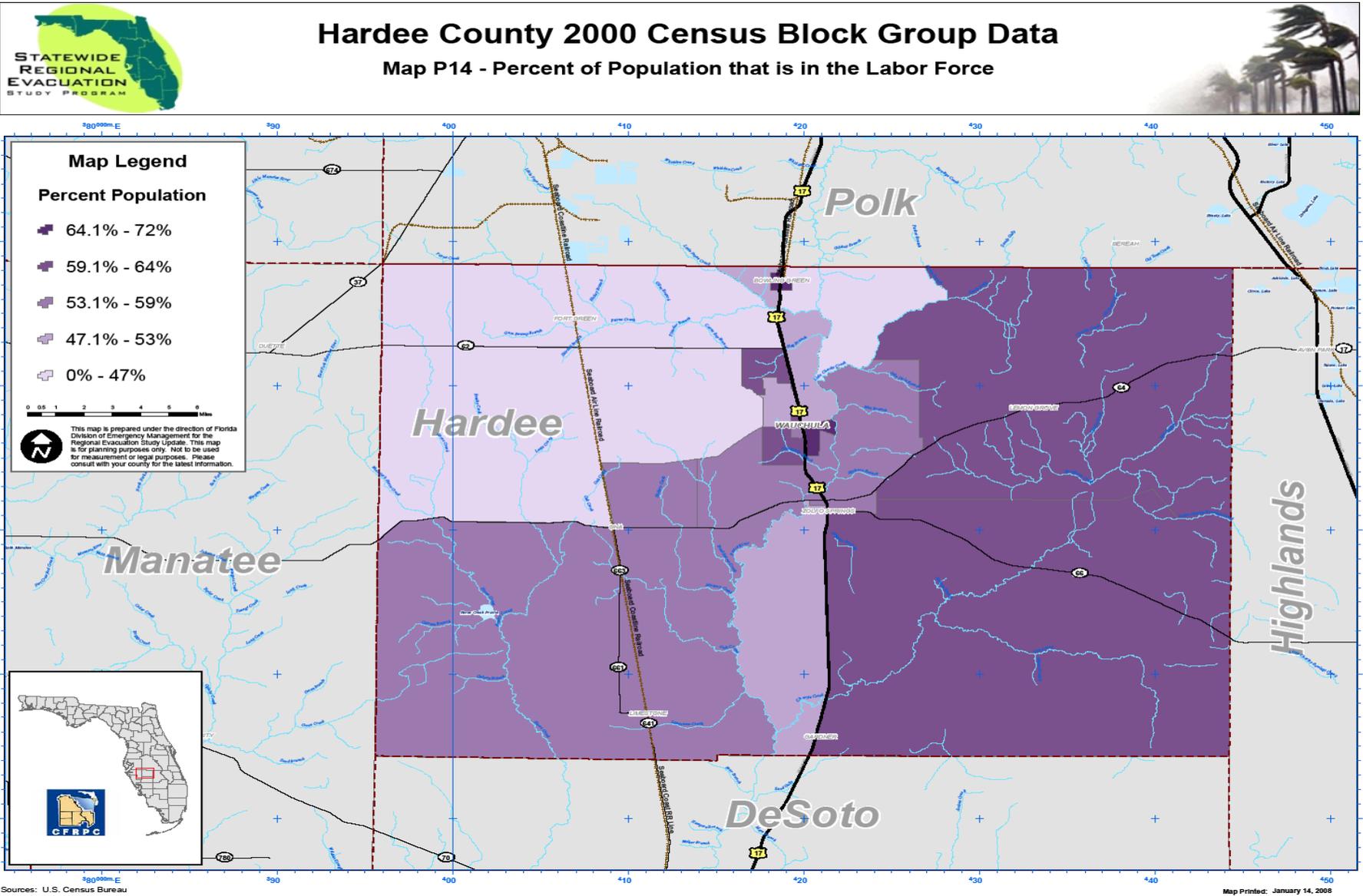
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Map P12 - Percent of Population Over Age 65 with a Disability



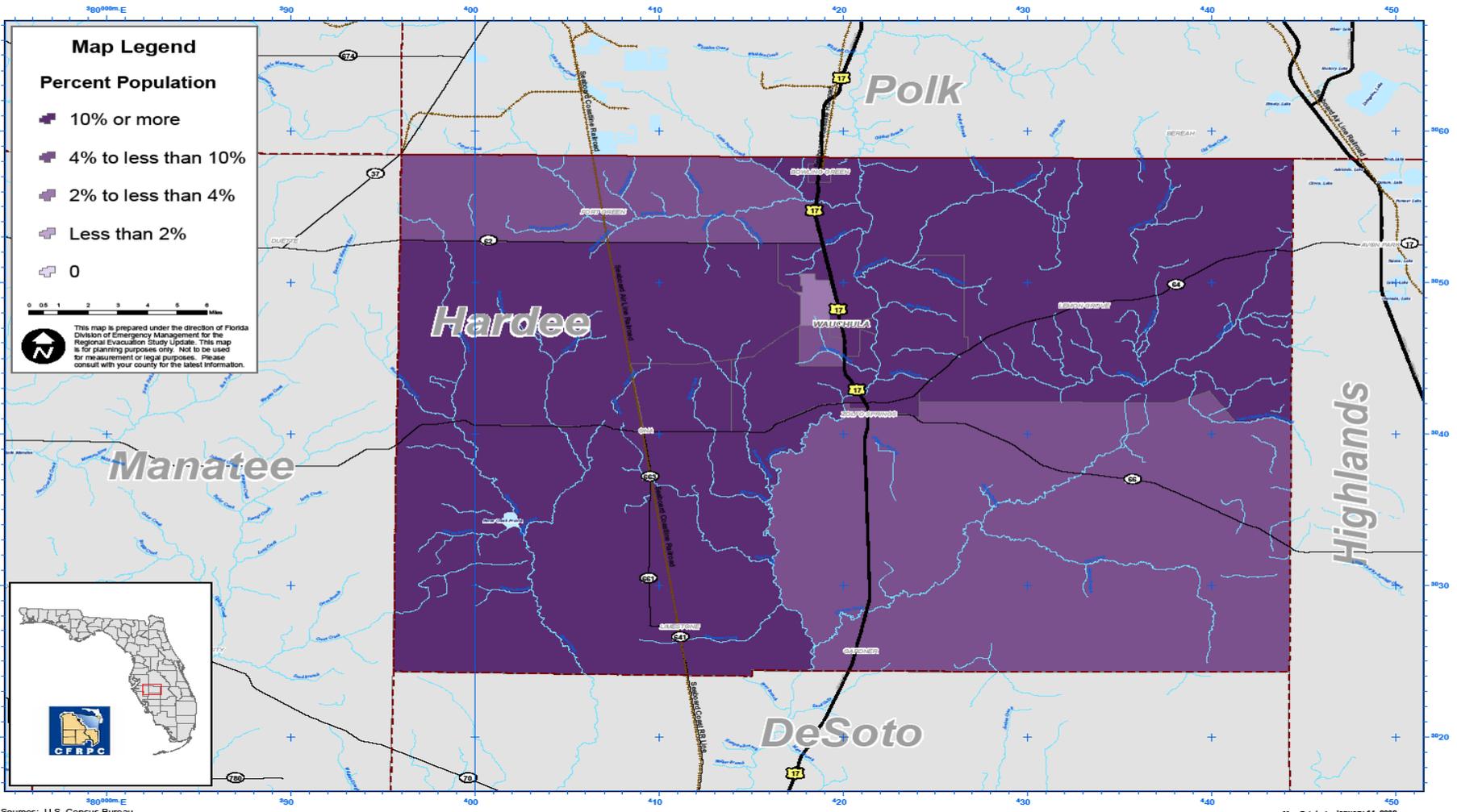






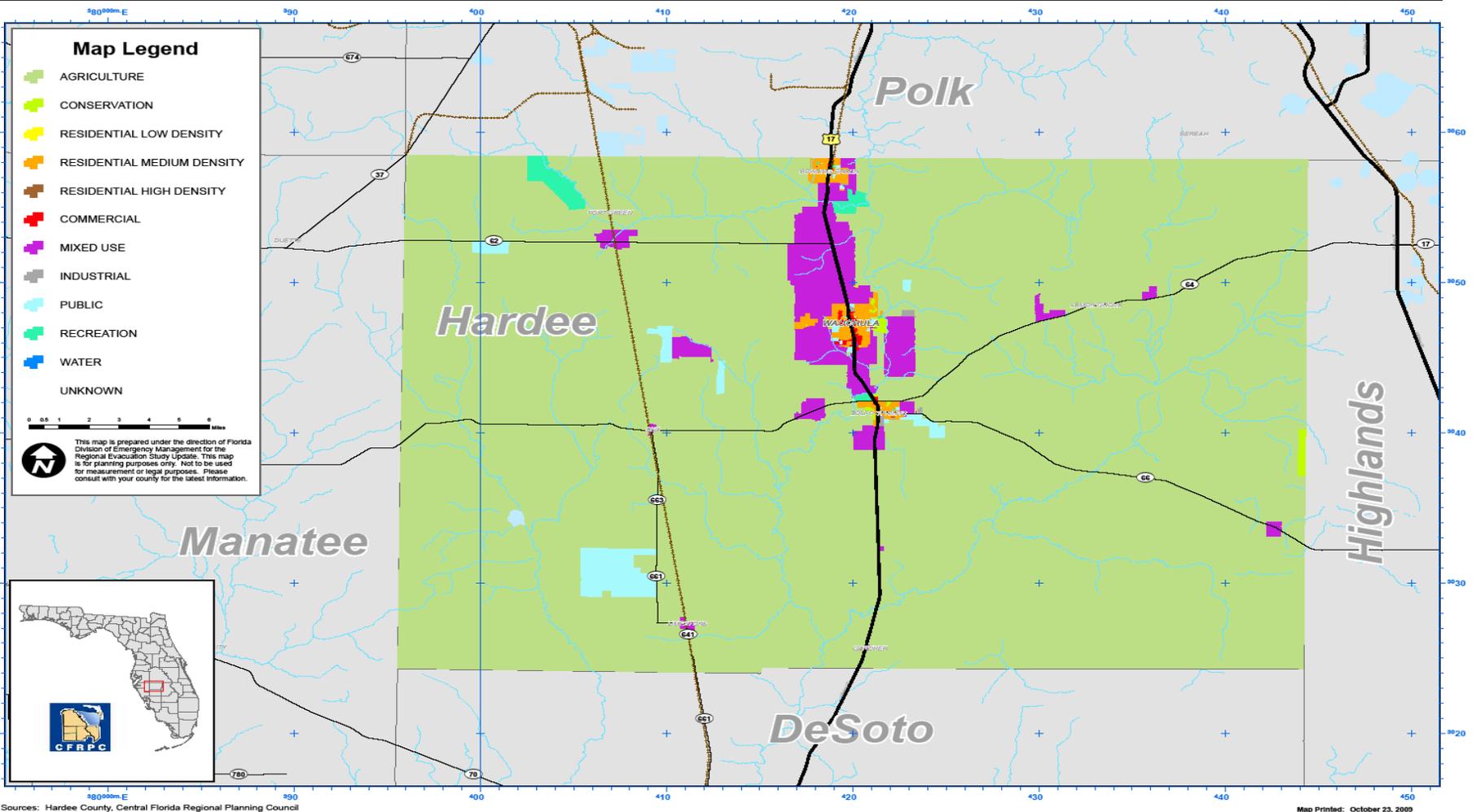
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Map P16 - Percent of Population 65 Years or Over Below Poverty



Hardee County Future Land Use

Statewide Generalized Land Use Categories



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