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I. OKEECHOBEE 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 Okeechobee County on April 1, 2006, was 38,666, an increase of 2,756 (7.13%) from the 2000 Census. Okeechobee is the twenty-sixth largest county in landmass in Florida and placed forty-seventh in absolute growth in the State during that period. BEBR projects the population will reach 40,300 in 2010 and 42,269 in 2015 (**Table EDR1a**), which represents increases of 12.23% and 17.71%, respectively, above the 2000 Census figures. The projection for 2015 also represents an increase of more than 3,603 (9.30%) above the 2006 population baseline, which will place Okeechobee County fifty-first in the State in absolute growth for the period (**Tables ID-1a+b**).

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.

2. Group Quarters Population

In 2000, there were 2,105 Okeechobee County residents living in group quarters (5.8% of the population); 2,065 of these were institutionalized in correctional facilities, nursing homes, and juvenile institutions, while the other 40 were in other group quarters, such as college dormitories, group homes and military quarters (**Map P5**). The remaining 33,805 residents lived in households (**Table ID-11**).

3. Housing Units by Type

Of the 15,504 housing units in Okeechobee County at the time of the 2000 Census, 43.14% were single-family, 6.28% were multi-family, and the remaining 50.58% were mobile homes, boats, recreational vehicles (RVs) or others used as dwelling units. Of the total housing units, 2,911 (18.8%) were vacant (**Map H2**), with the highest vacancy rates found among multi-family buildings and among mobile homes. Mobile homes, boats and RVs are a much larger component of the housing stock in Okeechobee 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 Okeechobee County were concentrated in 2000 (**Table ID-4**).

4. Occupied Housing Units (Households)

There were 12,593 occupied housing units (households) in Okeechobee County in 2000, 74.9% of which were occupied by owners and 25.1% by renters (**Table ID-4**).

5. Household Size

In 2000, the average household size (number of persons per occupied unit) in Okeechobee County was 2.68, which was greater than the State of Florida average of 2.46. Renters, who are mostly concentrated in mobile homes units, had a larger household size (2.73) than owners (2.67), who are more heavily concentrated in single-family units. The highest household sizes were more concentrated in the central portions of the county where single-family units predominate (**Map H4**) (**Table ID-5**).

6. Seasonal Dwelling Units

In 2000, 1,225 seasonal, recreational or occasional use dwelling units were vacant in Okeechobee County, (**Map H1**) representing 42.08% of all vacant seasonal units (**Table ID-6**).

7. Vehicles per Household

In 2000, 988 Okeechobee County households (7.85%) had no vehicle, with renters being the largest proportion. This was lower 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. **Map H8** identifies where many of these households are located (**Tables ID-7 and ID-8**).

8. Age Composition

In 2000, the population of Okeechobee County included 5,923 people who were at least 65 years old, which represented 16.49% of the total population; this compared to 17.6% for the State of Florida as a whole. Almost half of these elderly residents (2,708) lived alone (**Maps P6 and P7**). Moreover, 466 residents (1.30% of the total) were at least 85 years old (**Tables ID-9 and ID-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 6,727 residents (18.73% of the total population) in 2000, and increased by another 1,656, to 21.57% of the total, in 2006. The Black or African American population grew from 2,796 (7.79% of the total) in 2000 to 3,268 (8.45%) in 2006 (BEER). Combined, these two groups are projected to grow to **about 32.37% of the County's population in 2015, while the White, non-Hispanic population declines to 66.23%** (**Tables ID-10 and ID-2b**).

10. Place of Birth and Citizenship

In 2000, 12.26% of the Okeechobee County residents (4,404) were born outside of the United States (**Map P11**). 16,217 were born in the United States, but not in the State of Florida. The remaining 15,289 residents (42.58%) were born somewhere in the State of Florida (**Table ID-12**).

11. Linguistic Isolation

In 2000, 554 households (4.39%) were classified as linguistically isolated (**Map P9**). Spanish was spoken in the vast majority of these households. There were only 24 linguistically isolated households in 2000 where a language other than Spanish was spoken (**Map P8**) (**Table ID-13**).

12. Labor Force

In 2000, 47.08% of the Okeechobee County population 16 years old and over was not in the labor force (**Map P14**); this was greater than the share of the inactive population in the State of Florida as a whole (41.3%) (**Table ID-15**).

13. Poverty Status

There were 5,391 residents in 2000 that lived in households with incomes below the poverty level (16.03% of the total population). Poverty rates were highest among children (21.34%), but 10.31% 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 ID-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, Okeechobee County, with 2,010 square miles, is the twenty-ninth largest county by total land area in the State of Florida. Approximately 892 square miles are comprised of land area, and 118 square miles (13.2%) are comprised of water. Okeechobee County is bounded on the north by Osceola and Indian River Counties, on the east by Indian River, Saint Lucie, and Martin Counties, on the south by Martin, Glades, and Highlands Counties, and on the west by Glades and Highlands Counties. With 1 municipality in 2006, the unincorporated portion of the county was home to 32,993 residents, about 85% of the total county population.

There are 345,484 acres (69.6%) currently classified as agriculture, the largest future land use classification in the County. The second largest land use is conservation, with 64,304 acres (13%) (**Table ID-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%.

Okeechobee County's 2009 population increased to 39,703 persons from the 2000 Census tabulation of 35,910 persons, an increase of 3,793 persons and a growth of 10.56% with an average annual growth rate of 1.17%.

Okeechobee County's **growth ranks** fifty-sixth 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 ID-1a
Resident Population² by Age, April 1, 2006, 2010 and 2015

Okeechobee County Age Categories	Absolute Number			% of Total Population		
	2006	2010	2015	2006	2010	2015
Age under 5 years	2,558	2,663	2,799	6.62%	6.61%	6.62%
Age 5 to 17 years	7,223	7,276	7,391	18.68%	18.05%	17.49%
Age 18 to 24 years	3,803	3,921	4,102	9.84%	9.73%	9.70%
Age 25 to 34 years	4,657	4,921	5,248	12.04%	12.21%	12.42%
Age 35 to 44 years	5,032	4,741	4,651	13.01%	11.76%	11.00%
Age 45 to 54 years	4,974	5,544	5,456	12.86%	13.76%	12.91%
Age 55 to 64 years	3,867	4,221	4,920	10.00%	10.47%	11.64%
Age 65 to 74 years	3,350	3,424	3,737	8.66%	8.50%	8.84%
Age 75 to 84 years	2,482	2,637	2,714	6.42%	6.54%	6.42%
Age 85 years and over	720	952	1,251	1.86%	2.36%	2.96%
TOTAL	38,666	40,300	42,269	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Age under 18 years	9,781	9,939	10,190	25.30%	24.66%	24.11%
Age 65 years and over	6,552	7,013	7,702	16.95%	17.40%	18.22%

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

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

Okeechobee 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	105	136	241	4.10%	5.11%	9.42%
Age 5 to 17 years	53	115	168	0.73%	1.58%	2.33%
Age 18 to 24 years	118	181	299	3.10%	4.62%	7.86%
Age 25 to 34 years	264	327	591	5.67%	6.64%	12.69%
Age 35 to 44 years	-291	-90	-381	-5.78%	-1.90%	-7.57%
Age 45 to 54 years	570	-88	482	11.46%	-1.59%	9.69%
Age 55 to 64 years	354	699	1,053	9.15%	16.56%	27.23%
Age 65 to 74 years	74	313	387	2.21%	9.14%	11.55%
Age 75 to 84 years	155	77	232	6.24%	2.92%	9.35%
Age 85 years and over	232	299	531	32.22%	31.41%	73.75%
TOTAL	1,634	1,969	3,603	4.23%	4.89%	9.32%
Age under 18 years	158	251	409	1.62%	2.53%	4.18%
Age 65 years and over	461	689	1,150	7.04%	9.82%	17.55%

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

Okeechobee County Race/Ethnic Categories	Absolute Number			% of Total Population		
	2006	2010	2015	2006	2010	2015
White Non-Hispanic	26,543	27,373	27,992	68.65%	67.92%	66.22%
Black or African American (NH)	3,268	3,372	3,531	8.45%	8.37%	8.35%
Other race and 2 or more races	515	553	595	1.33%	1.37%	1.41%
Hispanic or Latino (all races)	8,340	9,002	10,151	21.57%	22.34%	24.02%
TOTAL	38,666	40,300	42,269	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

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

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

Okeechobee 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	830	619	1,449	3.13%	2.26%	5.46%
Black or African American (NH)	104	159	263	3.18%	4.72%	8.05%
Other race and 2 or more races	38	42	80	7.38%	7.59%	15.53%
Hispanic or Latino (all races)	662	1,149	1,811	7.94%	12.76%	21.71%
TOTAL	1,634	1,969	3,603	4.23%	4.89%	9.32%

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

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

Type of Lodging Facility	Absolute Number		%	
	Facilities	Rooms/Units	Facilities	Rooms/Units
Hotels	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Motels	10	425	52.63%	64.89%
Non-Transient Apartments	8	166	42.11%	25.34%
Transient Apartments	4	39	21.05%	5.95%
Non-Transient Rooming Houses	1	10	5.26%	1.53%
Transient Rooming Houses	1	14	5.26%	2.14%
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	24	654	100.00%	100.00%

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

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

Okeechobee County Units in Structure	Occupied Units			Vacant	Total	Vacant
	Owner	Renter	Total	Units	Units	%
1, detached	5,038	1,000	6,038	650	6,688	9.72%
1, attached	54	74	128	10	138	7.25%
2	13	212	225	81	306	26.47%
3 or 4	24	198	222	34	256	13.28%
5 to 9	37	72	109	77	186	41.40%
10 to 19	17	46	63	6	69	8.70%
20 to 49	0	11	11	0	11	0.00%
50 or more	8	0	8	0	8	0.00%
Mobile home	4,141	1,518	5,659	1,971	7,630	25.83%
Boat, RV, van, etc.	98	32	130	82	212	38.68%
TOTAL	9,430	3,163	12,593	2,911	15,504	18.78%
% Single Family	53.43%	31.62%	47.95%	22.33%	43.14%	
% Multi-Family	1.62%	19.38%	6.08%	7.15%	6.28%	
% Mobile Home	43.91%	47.99%	44.94%	67.71%	49.21%	
% Boat, RV, Van, etc.	1.04%	1.01%	1.03%	2.82%	1.37%	

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 ID-5
Residents by Tenure by Units in Structure⁴, 2000

Okeechobee County Units in Structure	Persons in Occupied Units			Persons per Occupied Unit		
	Owner	Renter	Total	Owner	Renter	Total
1, detached	14,652	3,148	17,800	2.91	3.15	2.95
1, attached	126	225	351	2.33	3.04	2.74
2	24	417	441	1.85	1.97	1.96
3 or 4	62	371	433	2.58	1.87	1.95
5 to 9	59	113	172	1.59	1.57	1.58
10 to 19	65	143	208	3.82	3.11	3.30
20 to 49	0	25	25	0.00	2.27	2.27
50 or more	18	0	18	2.25	0.00	2.25
Mobile home	10,021	4,149	14,170	2.42	2.73	2.50
Boat, RV, van, etc.	142	45	187	1.45	1.41	1.44
TOTAL	25,169	8,636	33,805	2.67	2.73	2.68

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

⁴ **Table IA-5a** presents the number of residents in the occupied housing units shown in **Tables IA-4a** 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 ID-6
Number of Vacant Units by Vacancy Status⁵, 2000

Okeechobee County Vacancy Status	Vacant Units	%
For rent	338	11.61%
For sale only	290	9.96%
Rented or sold, not occupied	748	25.70%
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	1,225	42.08%
For migrant workers	81	2.78%
Other vacant	229	7.87%
TOTAL	2,911	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 ID-7
Occupied Housing Units by Tenure by Vehicles Available⁶, 2000

Okeechobee County Vehicles Available	Number of Occupied Units			% of Occupied Units		
	Owner	Renter	Total	Owner	Renter	Total
No vehicle available	416	572	988	4.41%	18.08%	7.85%
1 vehicle available	3,735	1,423	5,158	39.61%	44.99%	40.96%
2 vehicles available	4,040	1,022	5,062	42.84%	32.31%	40.20%
3 vehicles available	959	102	1,061	10.17%	3.22%	8.43%
4 vehicles available	228	27	255	2.42%	0.85%	2.02%
5 or more vehicles available	52	17	69	0.55%	0.54%	0.55%
TOTAL	9,430	3,163	12,593	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

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

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

Okeechobee County Vehicles Available	Number of Vehicles by Tenure			% of Vehicles in Occupied Units		
	Owner	Renter	Total	Owner	Renter	Total
Aggregate Number of Vehicles	15,872	3,992	19,864	79.90%	20.10%	100.00%
Vehicles per Occupied Unit	1.68	1.26	1.58			

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 ID-9
Resident Population by Gender and Age, 2000

Okeechobee County Age Categories	Absolute Number			% of Total Population		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Age under 5 years	1,091	1,251	2,342	5.74%	7.40%	6.52%
Age 5 to 17 years	3,534	3,165	6,699	18.59%	18.73%	18.65%
Age 18 to 24 years	2,001	1,480	3,481	10.52%	8.76%	9.69%
Age 25 to 34 years	2,620	1,741	4,361	13.78%	10.30%	12.14%
Age 35 to 44 years	2,991	2,428	5,419	15.73%	14.37%	15.09%
Age 45 to 54 years	2,164	1,938	4,102	11.38%	11.47%	11.42%
Age 55 to 64 years	1,762	1,821	3,583	9.27%	10.78%	9.98%
Age 65 to 74 years	1,671	1,700	3,371	8.79%	10.06%	9.39%
Age 75 to 84 years	992	1,094	2,086	5.22%	6.47%	5.81%
Age 85 years and over	186	280	466	0.98%	1.66%	1.30%
TOTAL	19,012	16,898	35,910	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
% Age under 18 years	24.33%	26.13%	25.18%			
% Age 65 years and over	14.99%	18.19%	16.49%			

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

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

Okeechobee County Race Categories	Ethnicity – Hispanic or Latino			% of Total Population		
	Non- Hispanic	Hispanic	Total	Non- Hispanic	Hispanic	Total
White alone	25,643	2,665	28,308	87.87%	39.62%	78.83%
Black or African American alone	2,591	42	2,633	8.88%	0.62%	7.33%
Other race alone and 2+ races	949	4,020	4,969	3.25%	59.76%	13.84%
TOTAL	29,183	6,727	35,910	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 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 ID-11
Resident Population by Age, Household⁸ Type and Relationship, 2000

Okeechobee County Household Type, Relationship	Number of Persons, by Age			% of Total Population		
	Under 65	65+	Total	Under 65	65+	Total
In households	28,123	5,682	33,805	93.78%	95.93%	94.14%
In family households	25,323	3,987	29,310	84.45%	67.31%	81.62%
In nonfamily households	2,800	1,695	4,495	9.34%	28.62%	12.52%
Male householder	1,200	613	1,813	4.00%	10.35%	5.05%
Living alone	865	545	1,410	2.88%	9.20%	3.93%
Not living alone	335	68	403	1.12%	1.15%	1.12%
Female householder	699	934	1,633	2.33%	15.77%	4.55%
Living alone	461	837	1,298	1.54%	14.13%	3.61%
Not living alone	238	97	335	0.79%	1.64%	0.93%
Nonrelatives	901	148	1,049	3.00%	2.50%	2.92%
In group quarters	1,864	241	2,105	6.22%	4.07%	5.86%
Institutionalized population	1,838	227	2,065	6.13%	3.83%	5.75%
Non-institutionalized population	26	14	40	0.09%	0.24%	0.11%
TOTAL	29,987	5,923	35,910	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Population Living Alone	1,326	1,382	2,708	4.42%	23.33%	7.54%

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

Okeechobee County Place of Birth	Absolute Number	%
Native - Born in state of residence	16,217	45.16%
Native - Born in other state in the US	15,289	42.58%
Native - Born outside the United States	273	0.76%
Foreign-born - Naturalized citizen	1,050	2.92%
Foreign-born - Not a citizen	3,081	8.58%
TOTAL	35,910	100.00%

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

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

Okeechobee County Language Spoken in the Household	Households by Linguistic Isolation			Linguistic Isolation (%)		
	Isolated	Not Isolated	Total	Isolated	Not Isolated	Total
English	0	10,385	10,385	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Spanish	530	1,315	1,845	28.73%	71.27%	100.00%
Other Indo-European languages	24	304	328	7.32%	92.68%	100.00%
Asian & Pacific Island languages	0	19	19	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Other languages	0	37	37	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%
TOTAL	554	12,060	12,614	4.39%	95.61%	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 ID-14
Civilian Non-Institutionalized Population 5 Years and Over by
Disability Status¹⁰, 2000

Okeechobee County Language	Disability Status			Disability Status (%)		
	With	Without	Total	With	Without	Total
5 to 15 years	459	4,920	5,379	8.53%	91.47%	100.00%
16 to 20 years	395	2,165	2,560	15.43%	84.57%	100.00%
21 to 64 years	5,078	12,783	17,861	28.43%	71.57%	100.00%
65 to 74 years	1,357	1,924	3,281	41.36%	58.64%	100.00%
75 and over	1,350	1,065	2,415	55.90%	44.10%	100.00%
TOTAL	8,639	22,857	31,496	27.43%	72.57%	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 ID-15
Resident Population 16 Years and Over by Gender and Employment Status, 2000

Okeechobee County Employment Status	Absolute Number			% of Total Population 16 and Over		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
In labor force	8,504	6,366	14,870	56.13%	49.17%	52.92%
In Armed Forces	7	0	7	0.05%	0.00%	0.02%
Civilian	8,497	6,366	14,863	56.09%	49.17%	52.90%
Employed	8,113	6,056	14,169	53.55%	46.78%	50.43%
Unemployed	384	310	694	2.53%	2.39%	2.47%
Not in labor force	6,646	6,581	13,227	43.87%	50.83%	47.08%
TOTAL	15,150	12,947	28,097	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.52%	4.87%	4.67%			

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

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

Okeechobee County Age	Income in 1999 - Poverty Status			Poverty Status (%)		
	Below	Above	Total	Below	Above	Total
Under 5 years	528	1,678	2,206	23.93%	76.07%	100.00%
5 years	91	302	393	23.16%	76.84%	100.00%
6 to 11 years	642	2,292	2,934	21.88%	78.12%	100.00%
12 to 17 years	573	2,489	3,062	18.71%	81.29%	100.00%
18 to 64 years	2,970	16,378	19,348	15.35%	84.65%	100.00%
65 to 74 years	347	2,934	3,281	10.58%	89.42%	100.00%
75 years and over	240	2,175	2,415	9.94%	90.06%	100.00%
TOTAL	5,391	28,248	33,639	16.03%	83.97%	100.00%
Under 18	1,834	6,761	8,595	21.34%	78.66%	100.00%
65+	587	5,109	5,696	10.31%	89.69%	100.00%

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

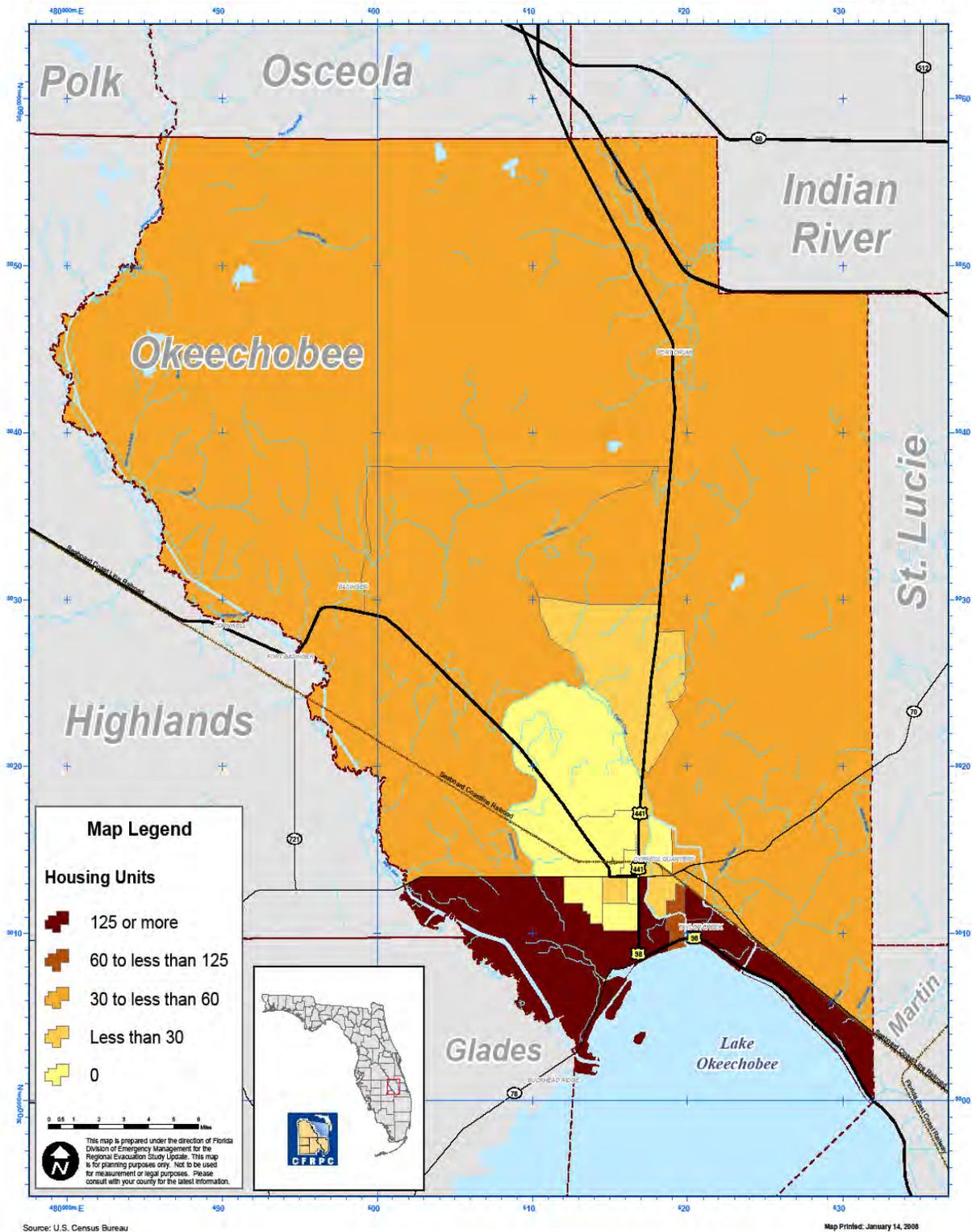
**Table ID-17
Generalized Future Land Uses, 2006**

Code	Land Use Category	Acres	%
AG	Agriculture	345,484	69.6%
COM	Commercial/Office	328	0.1%
CONS	Conservation	64,304	13.0%
IND	Industrial	3,640	0.7%
MU	Mixed-Use	47,386	9.5%
PUB	Institutional, Government	4,034	0.8%
REC	Recreation/Open Space	0	0.0%
RH	Residential High Density	0	0.0%
RL	Residential Low Density	29,055	5.9%
RM	Residential Medium Density	1,321	0.3%
WAT	Water Bodies	0	0.0%
	Unknown	845	0.2%
TOTAL		496,397	100%

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

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Map H1 - Number of Vacant Seasonal Housing Units



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Map H2 - Percent of Housing Units that are Vacant

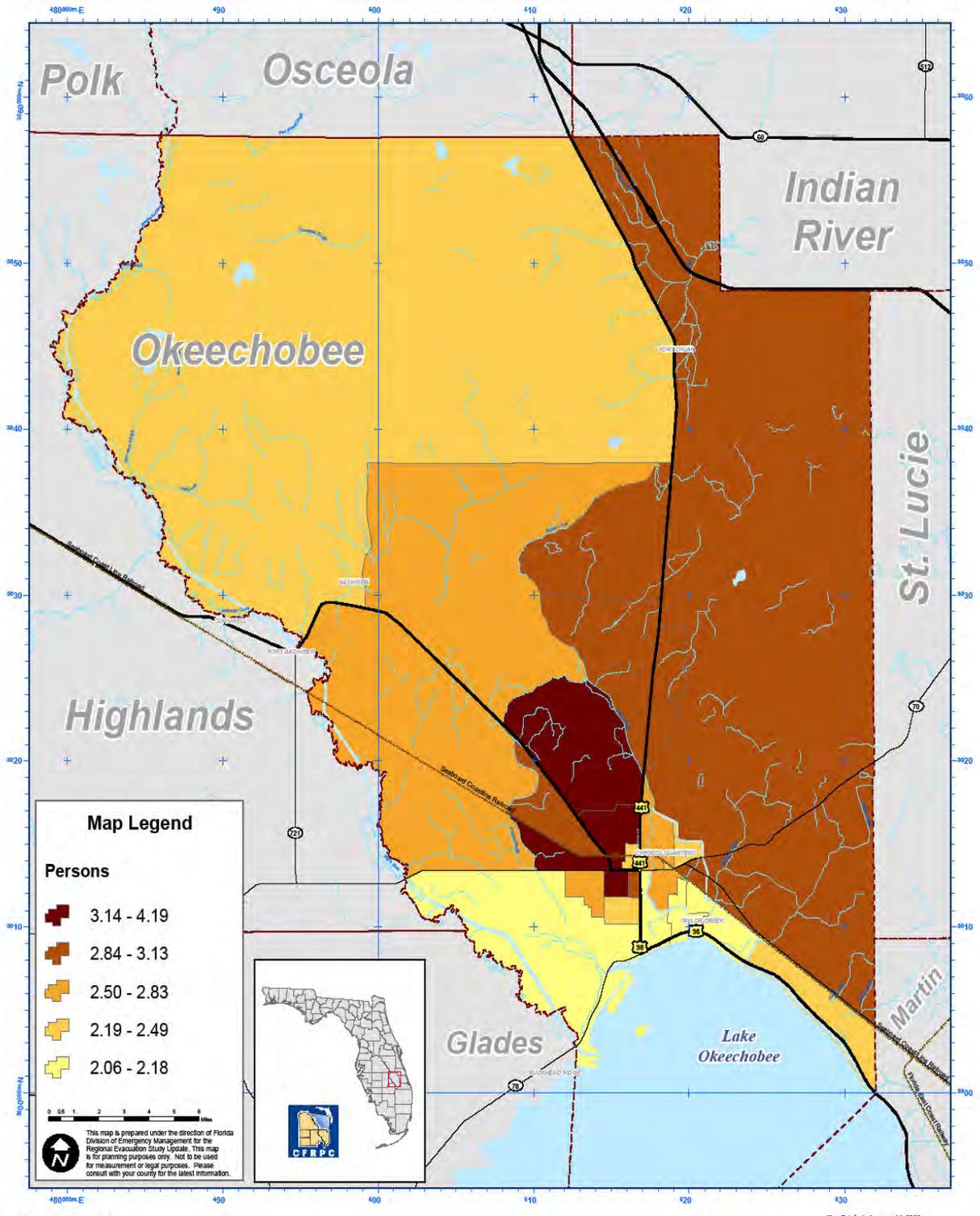


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Map H3 - Percent of Housing Units that are Vacant Seasonal



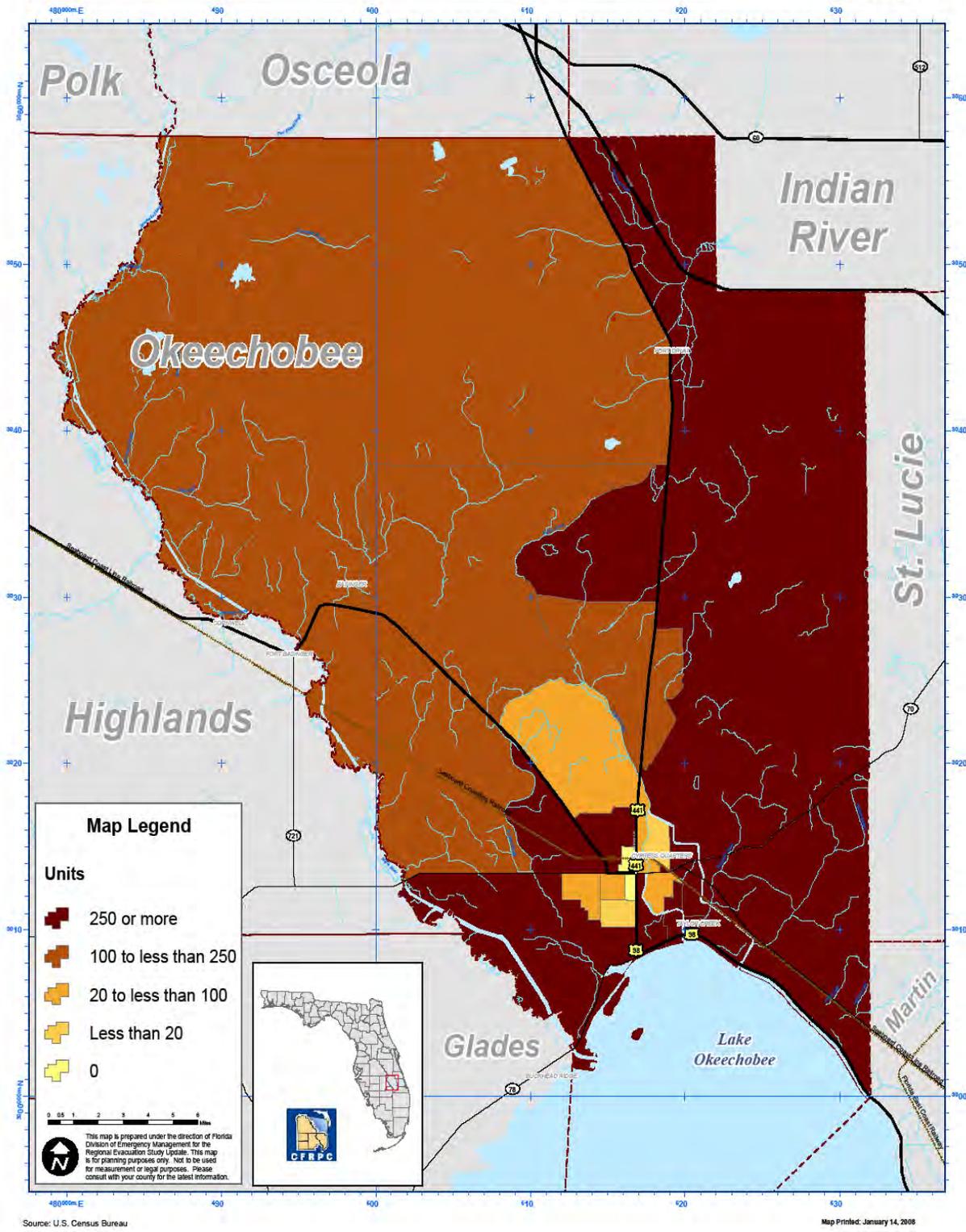
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Map H4 - Average Household Size



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Map H5 - Number of Mobile Homes



Okeechobee County 2000 Census Block Group Data Map H6 - Number of Boats, RVs, and Vans

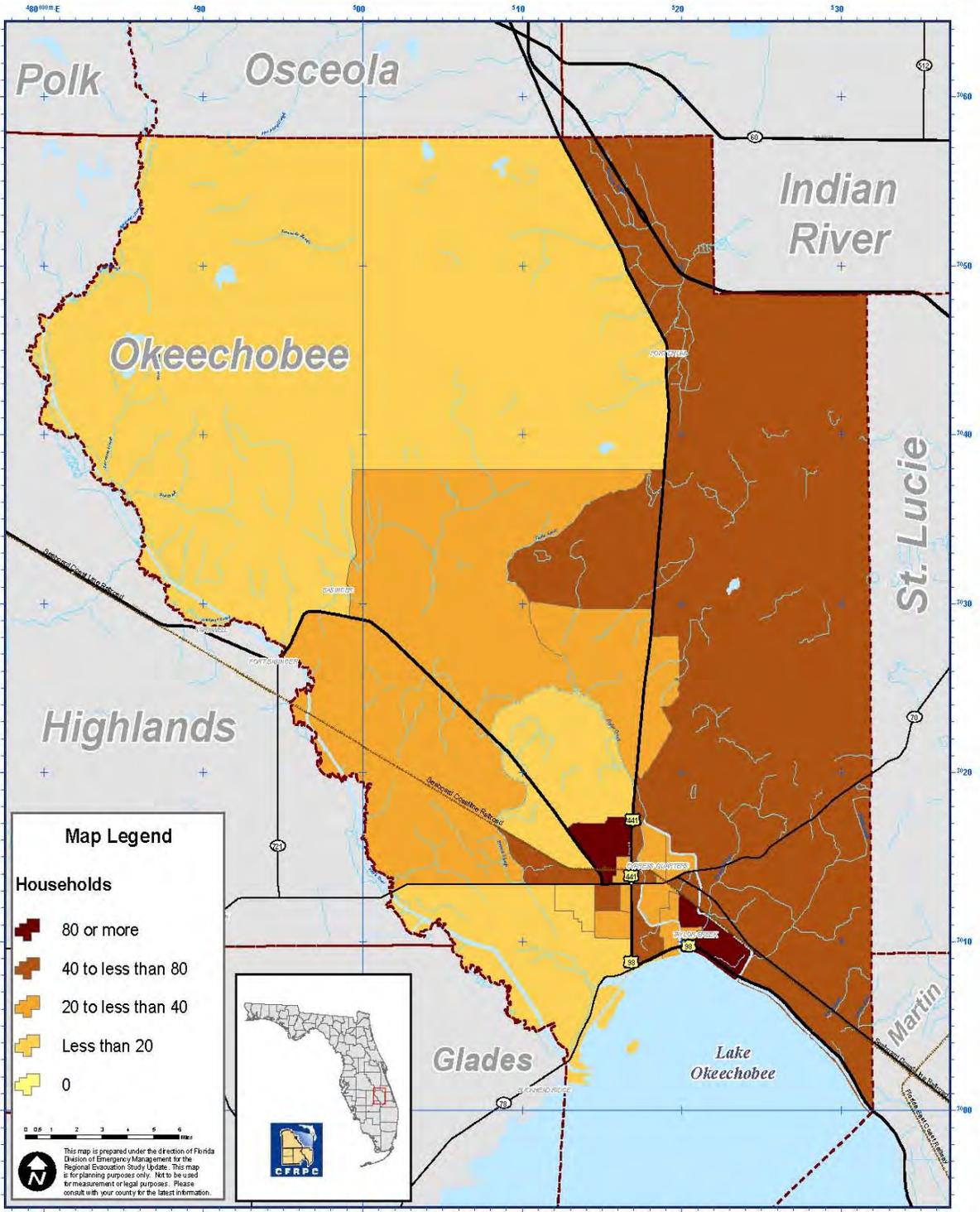


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Map H7 - Percent of Mobile Homes that are Vacant

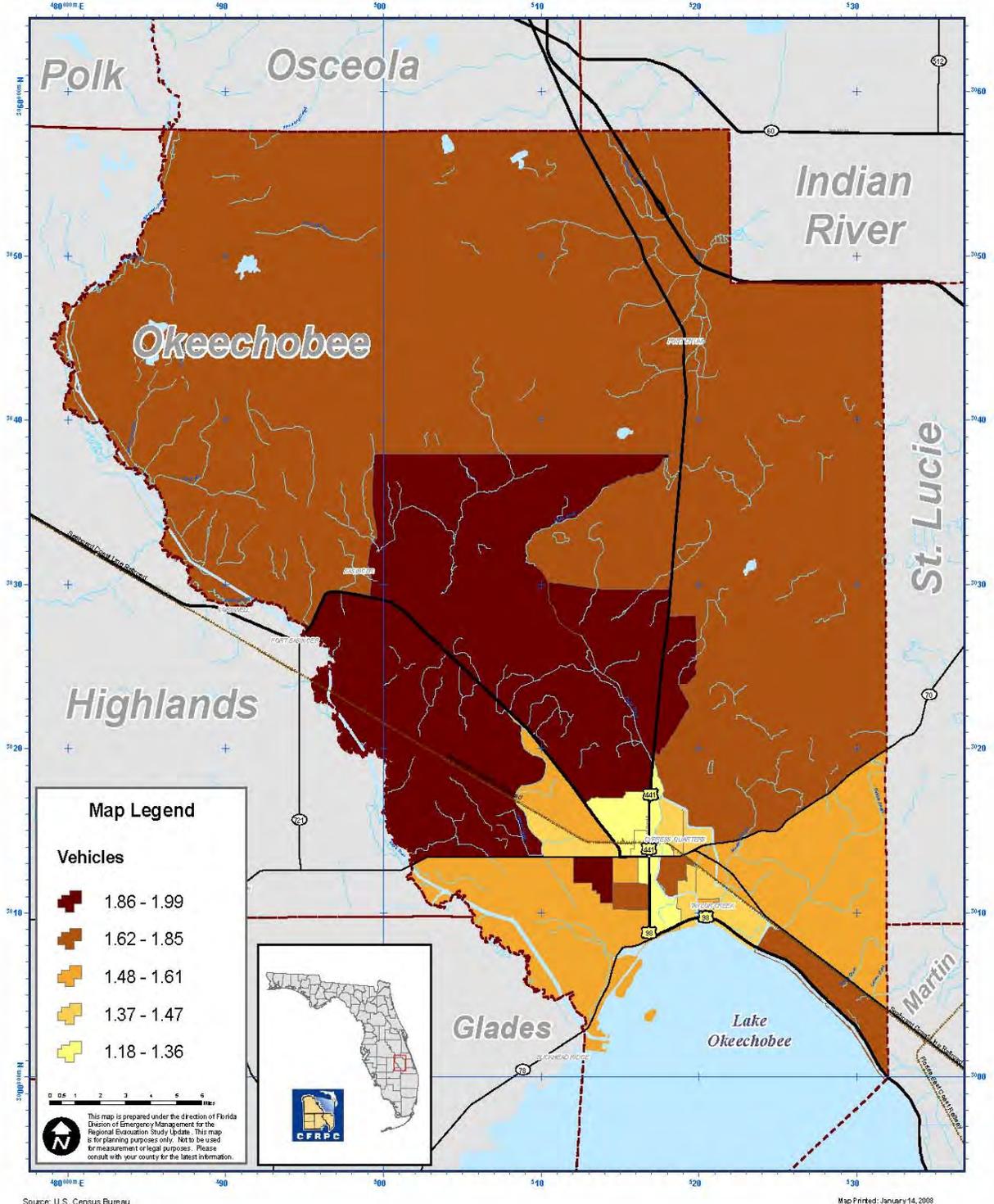


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Map H8 - Number of Households with No Vehicle

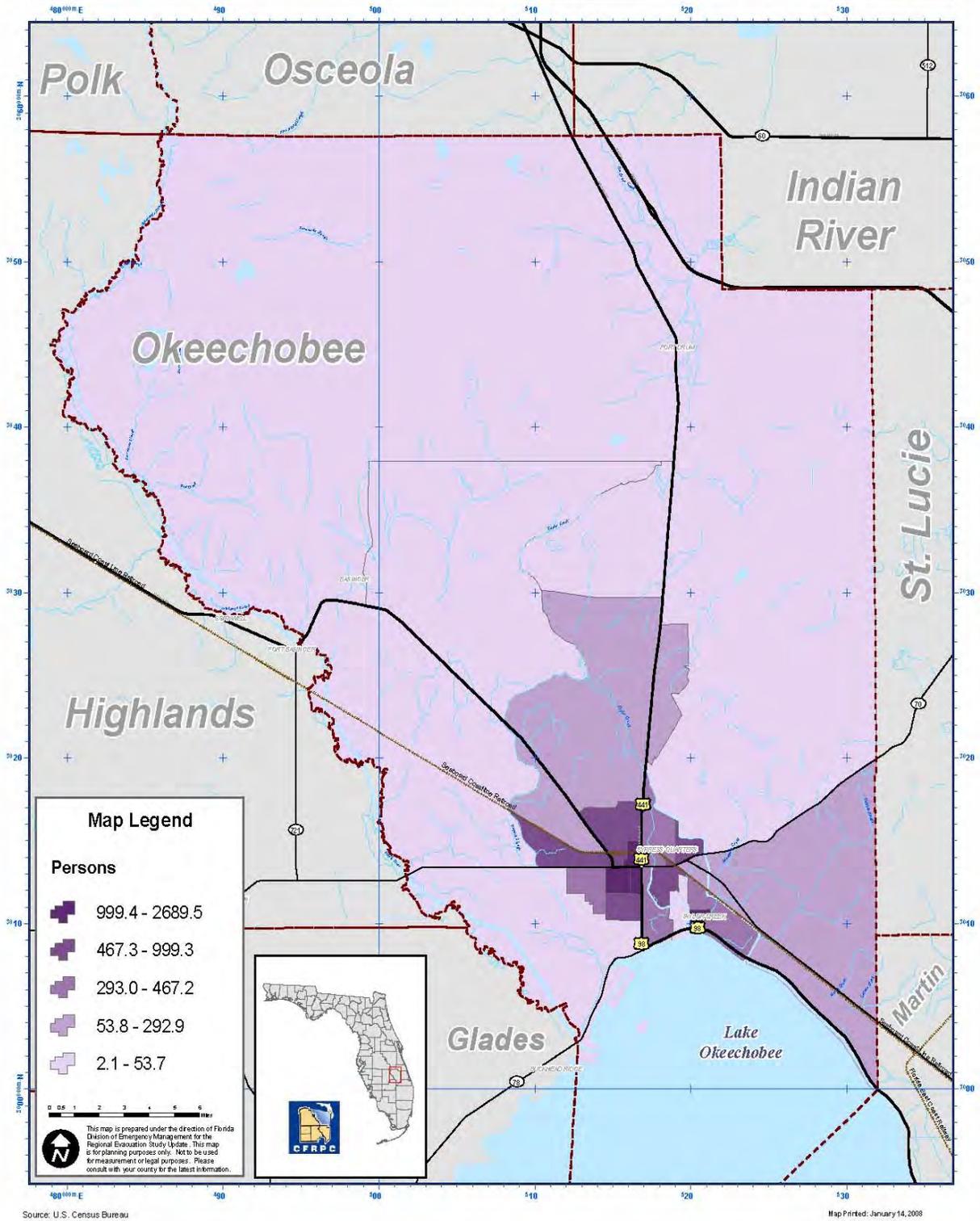


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Map H9 - Average Vehicles per Household



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Map P1 - Residents per Square Mile

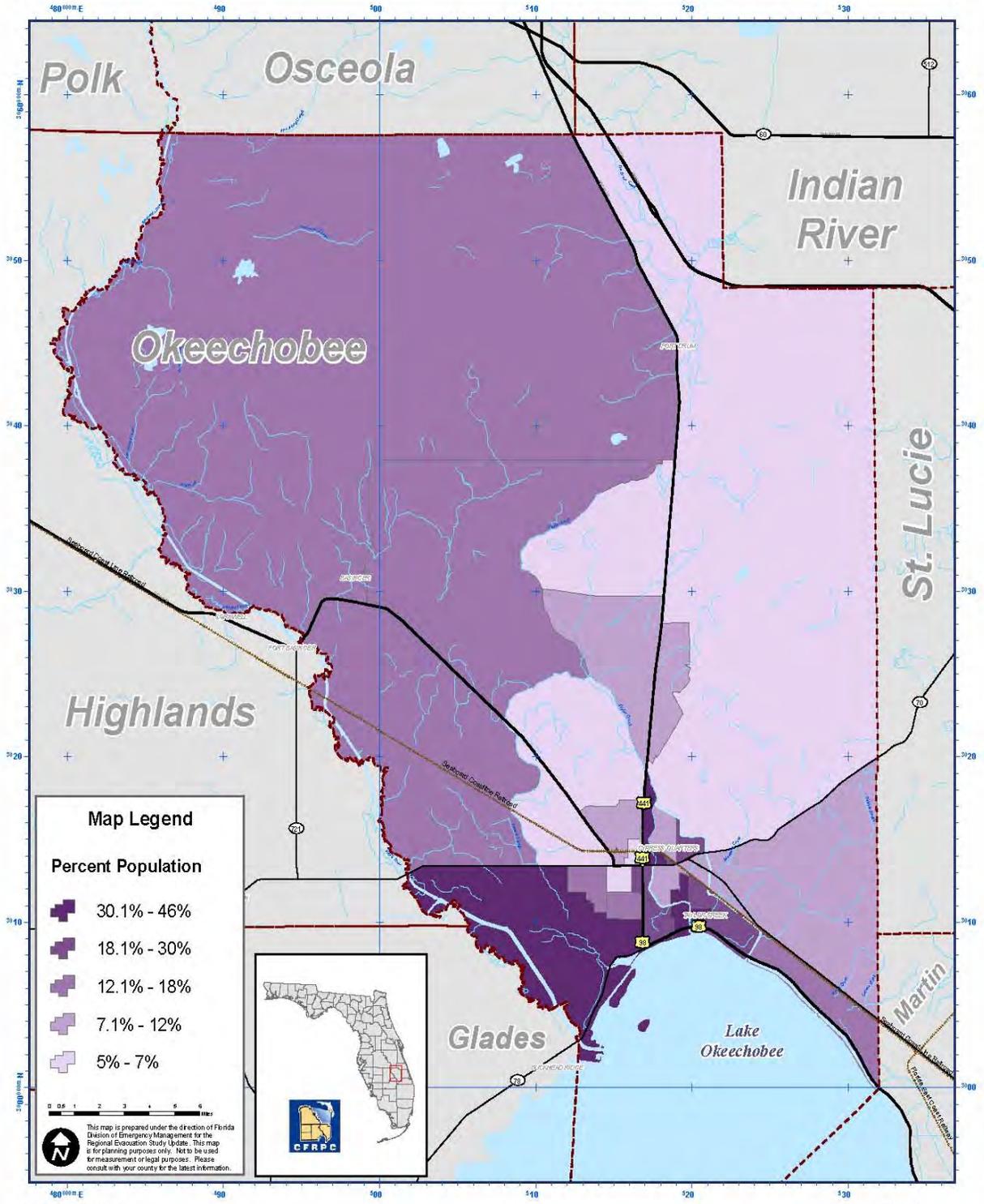


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Map P2 - Percent of Population Under Age 5

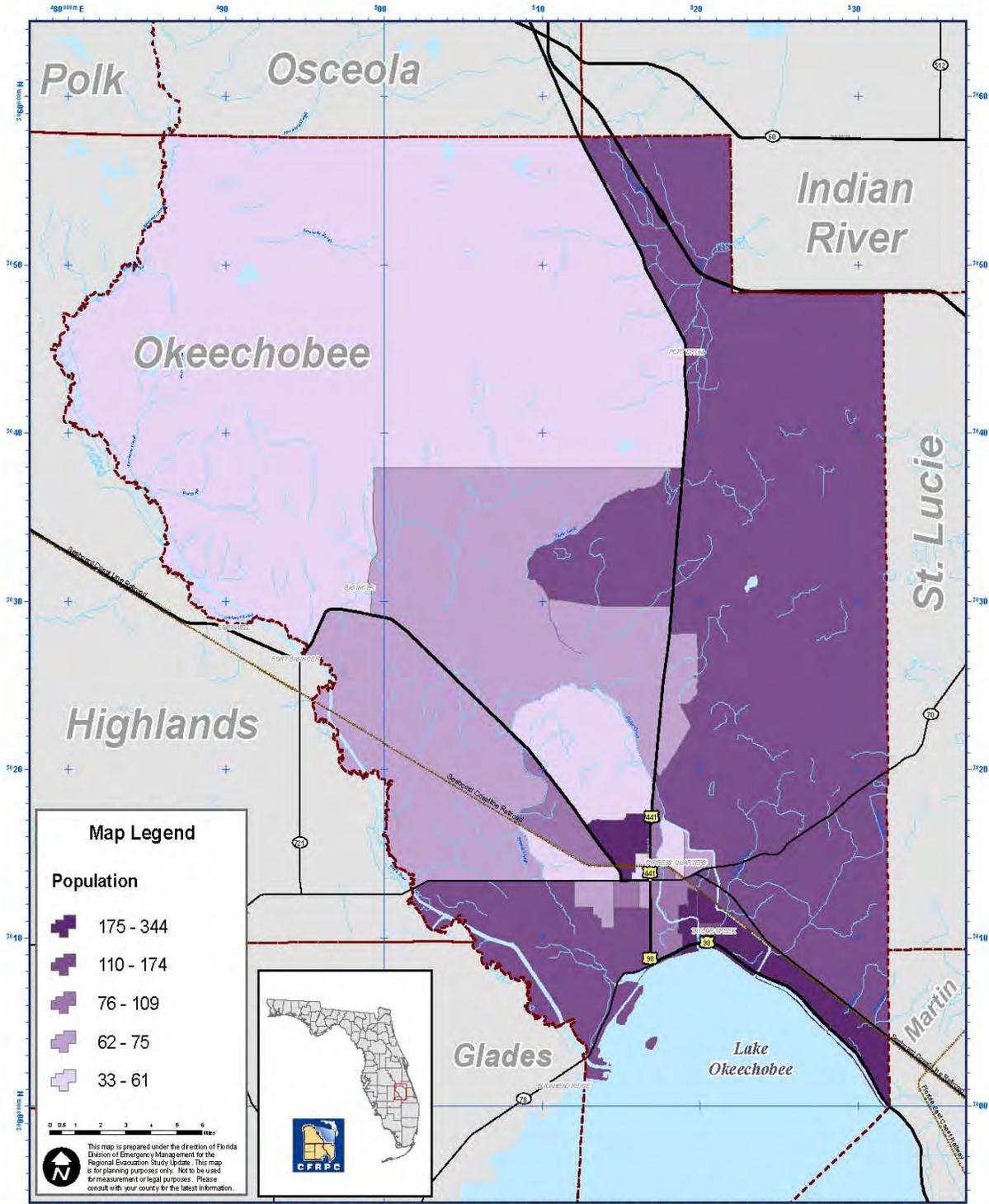


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Map P3 - Percent of Population 65 Years or Over

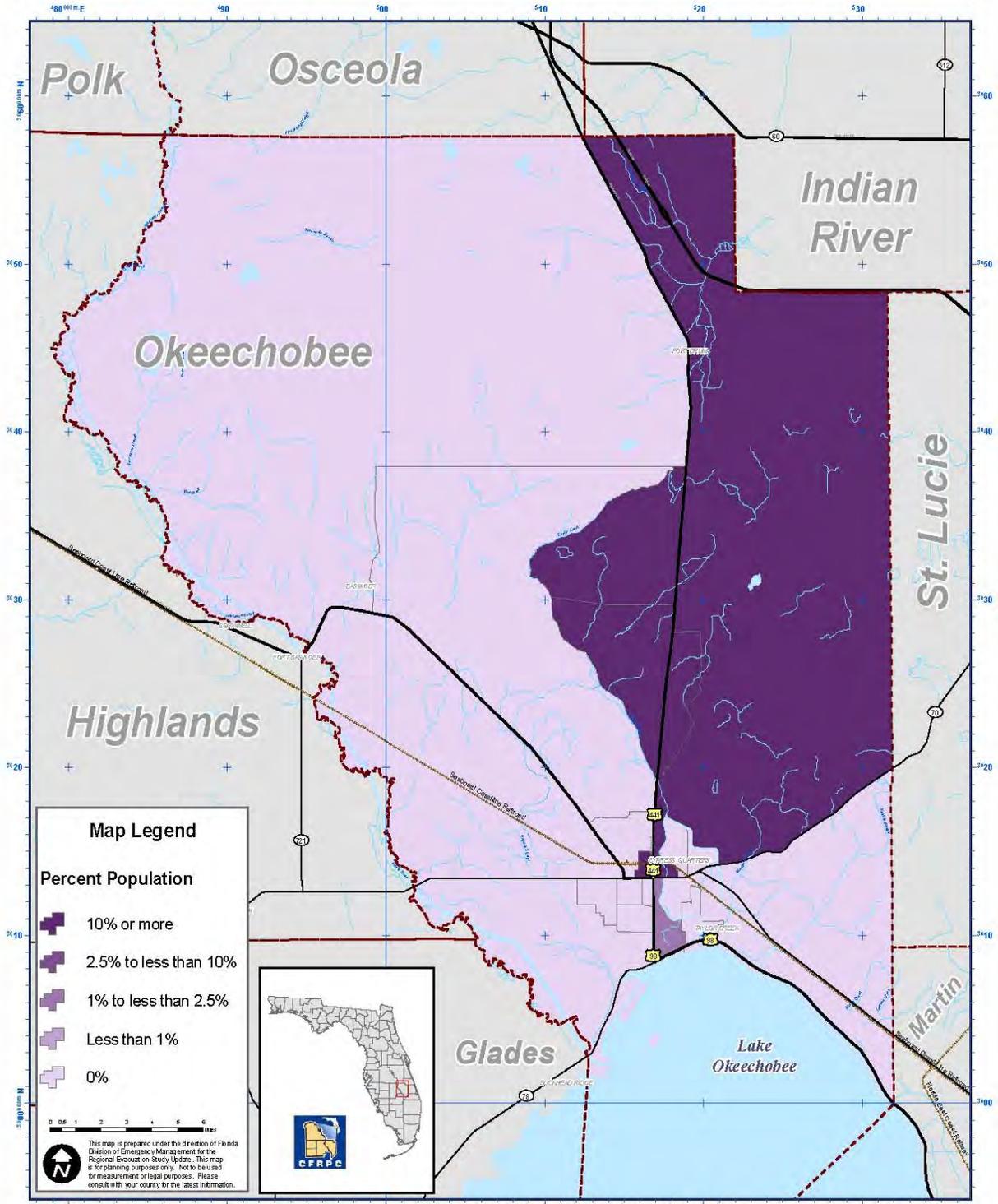


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Map P4 - Population Living Alone



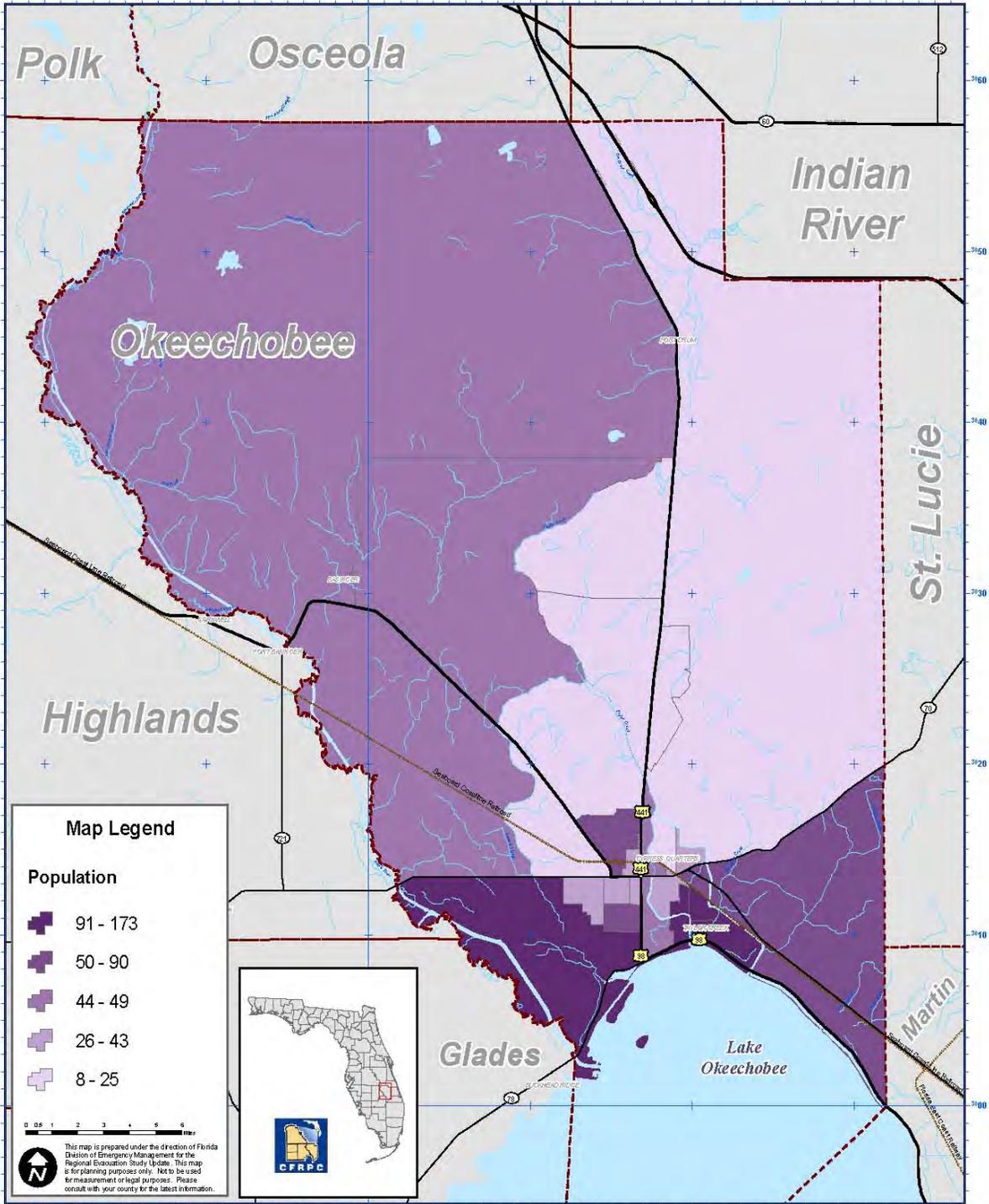
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Map P5 - Percent of Population Living in Group Quarters



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Map P6 - Population Over Age 65 Living Alone



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Map P7 - Percent of Population Over Age 65 Living Alone

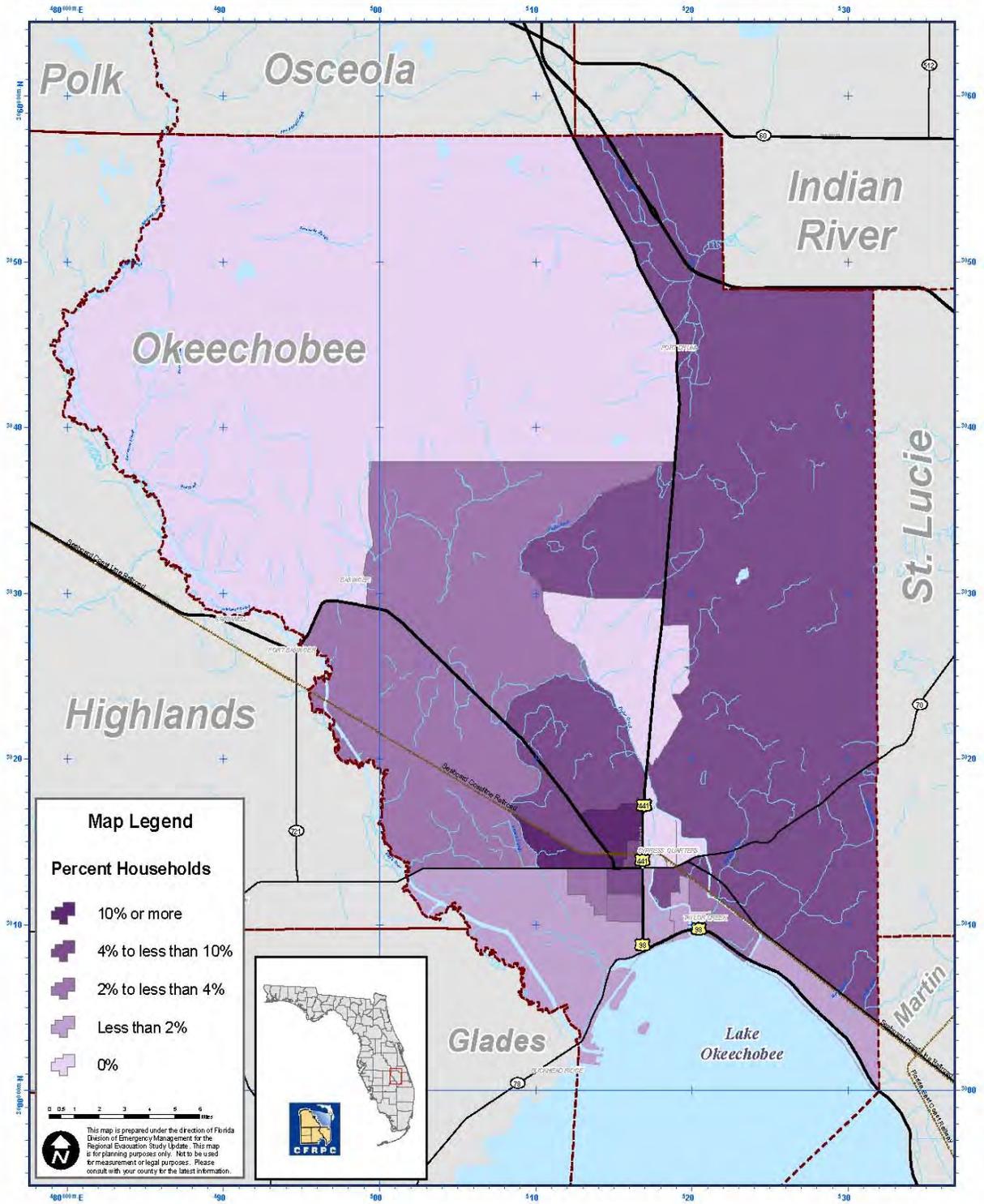


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Map P8 - Number of Linguistically Isolated Households - Other Languages

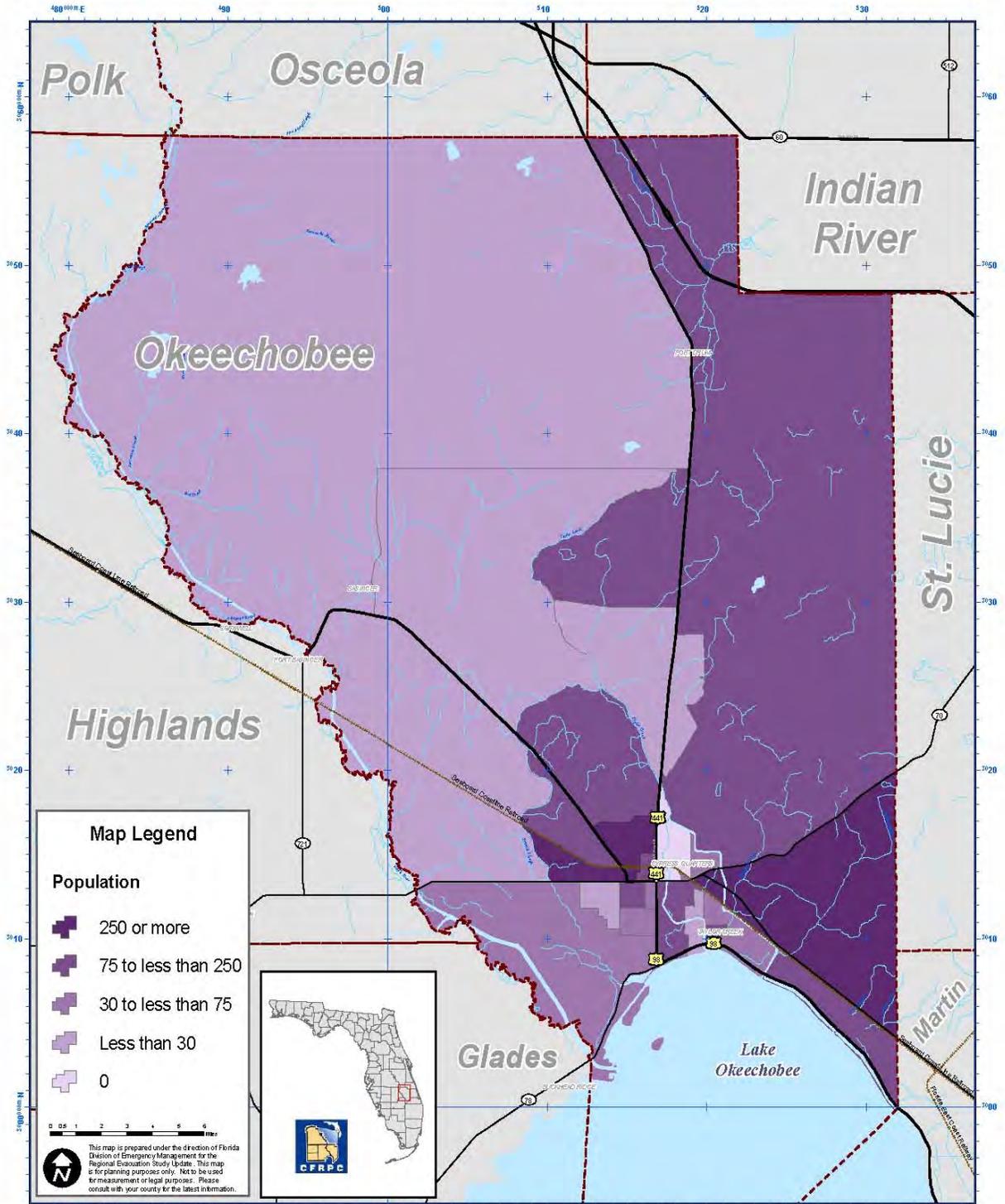


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Map P9 - Percent of Households that are Linguistically Isolated



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Map P10 - Population Foreign Born - Not Citizens

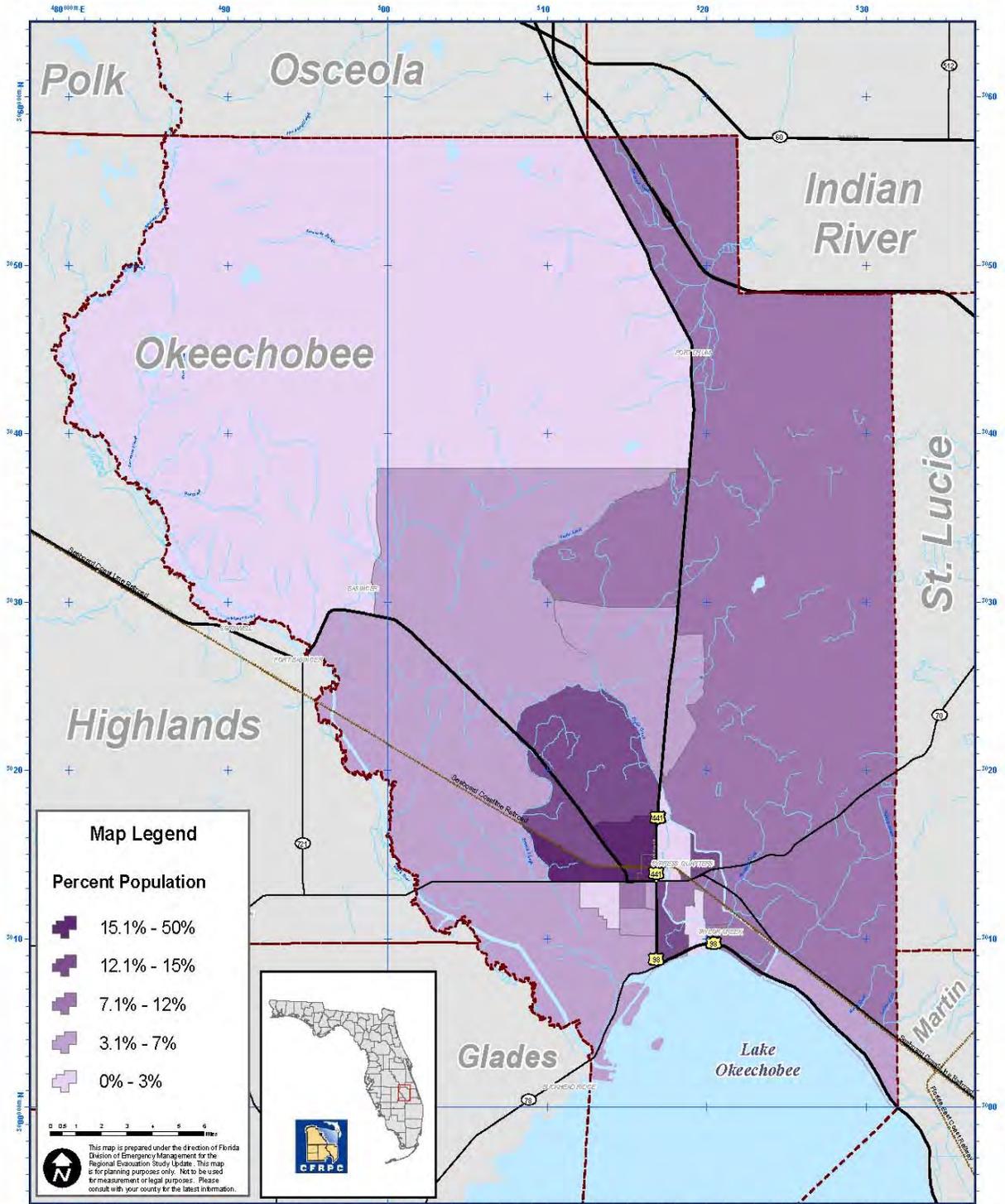


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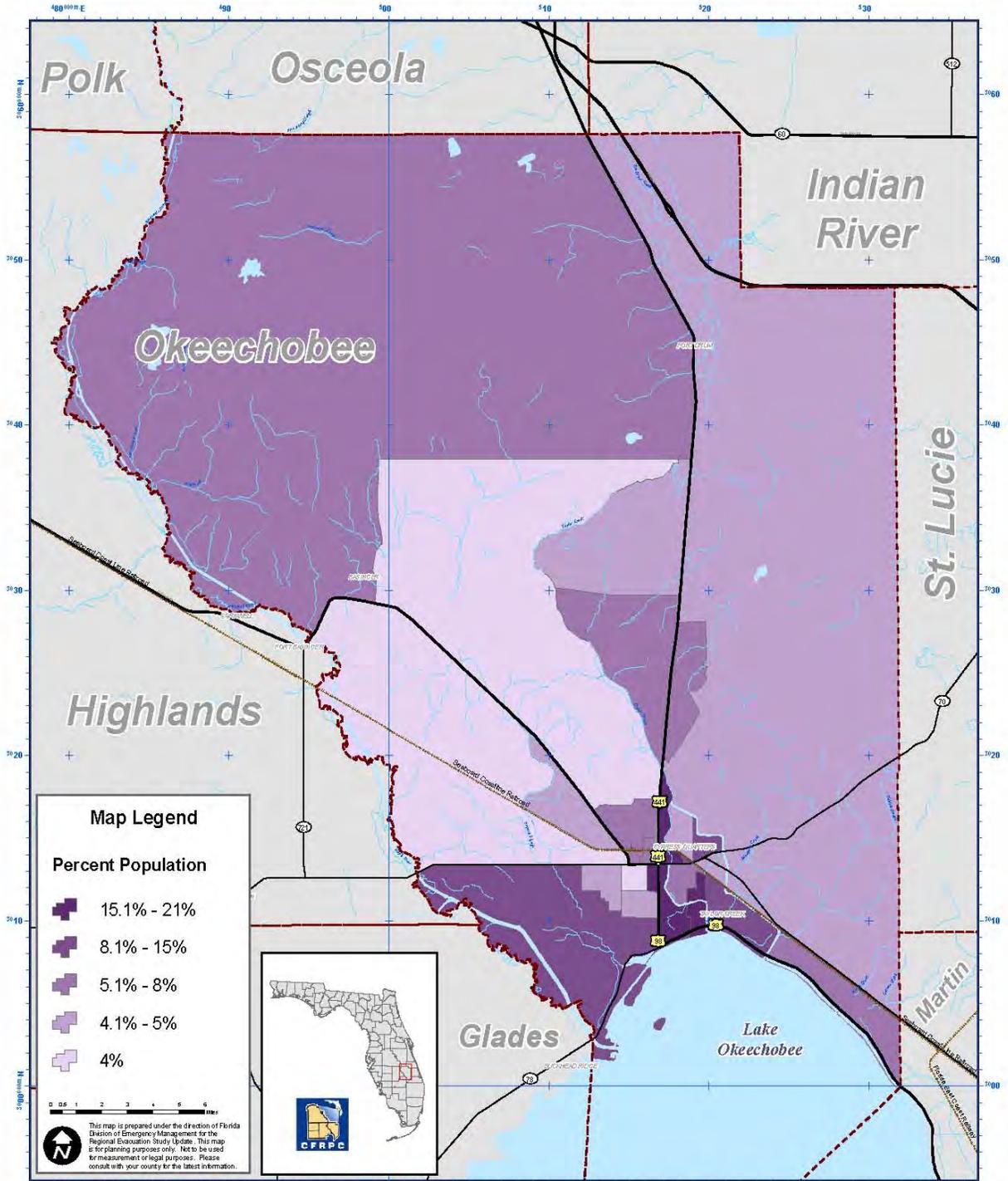
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Map P11 - Percent of Population that is Foreign Born

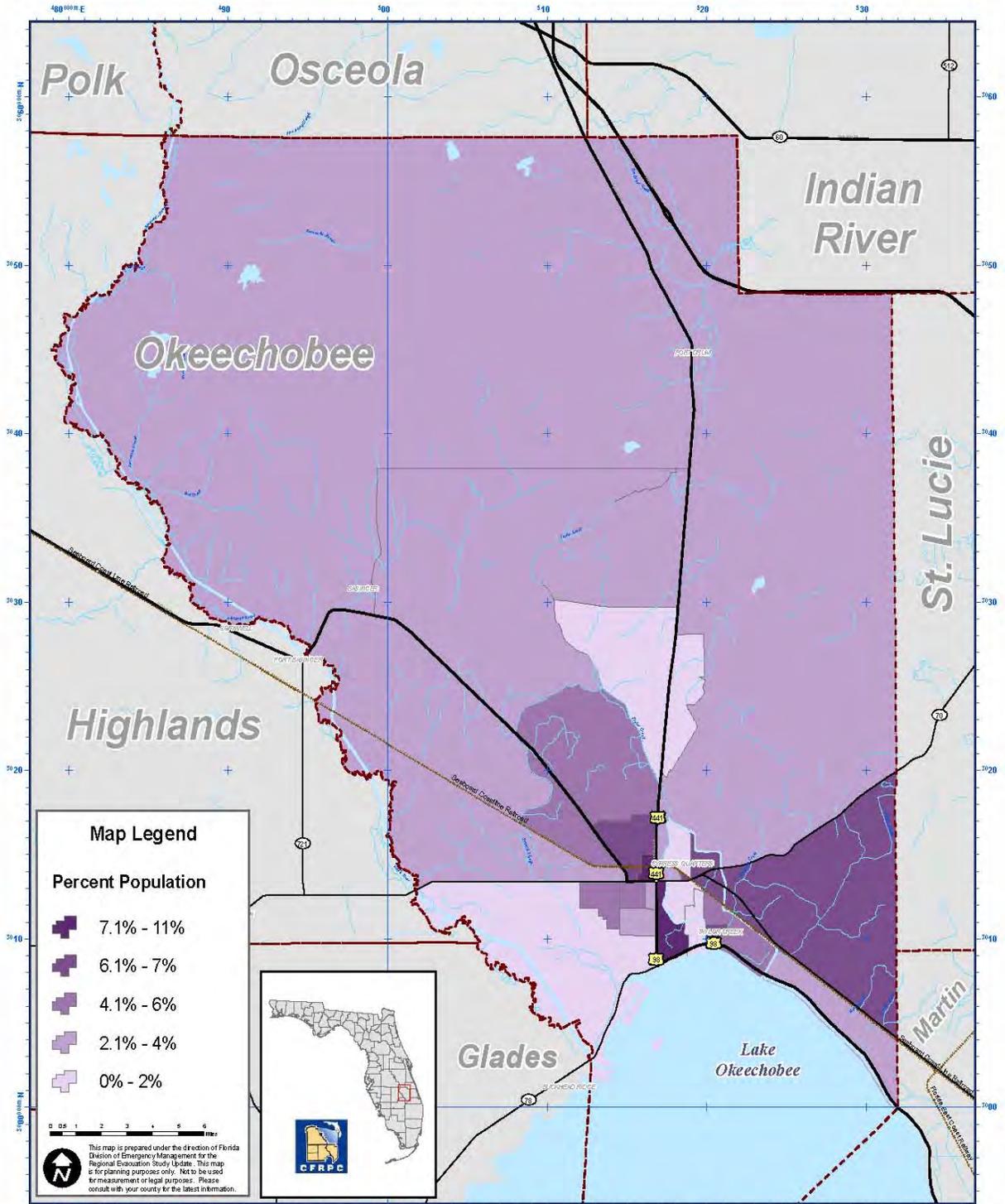


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Map P12 - Percent of Population Over Age 65 With Disability



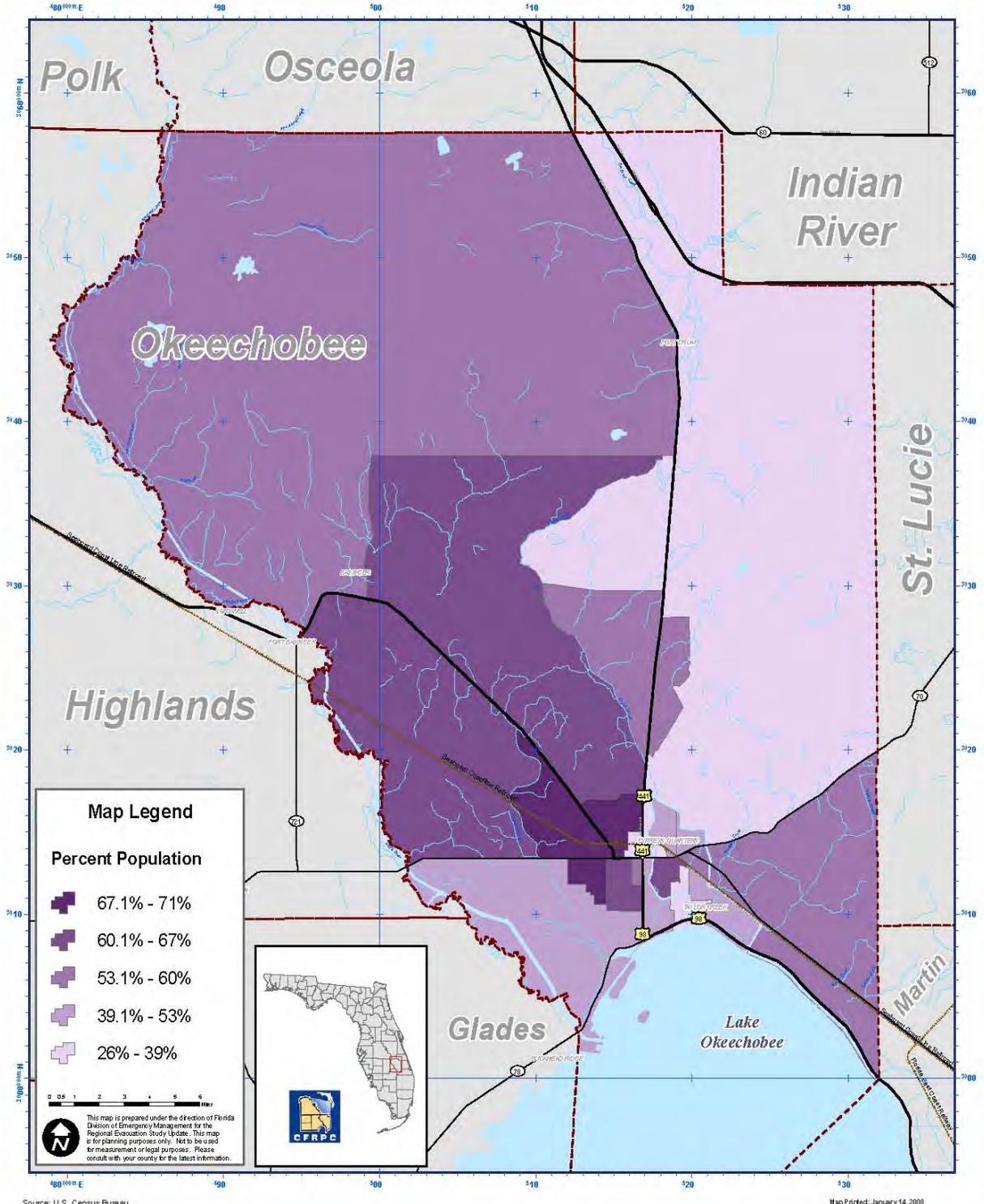
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Map P13 - Percent of Population that is Unemployed



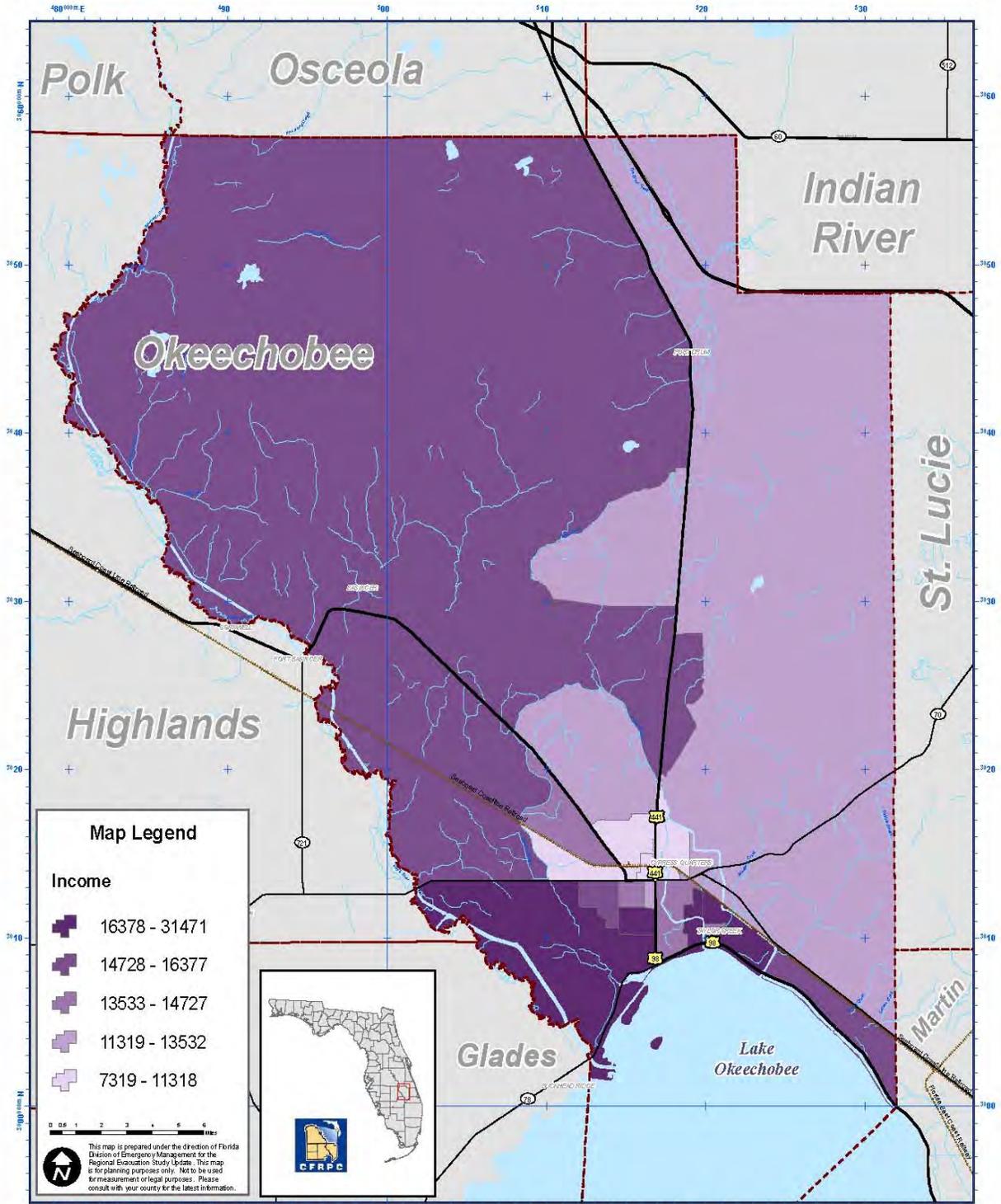
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Map P14 - Percent of Population that is in the Labor Force



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Map P15 - Per Capita Income (\$)



Okeechobee County 2000 Census Block Group Data
Map P16 - Percent of Population 65 Years or Over Below Poverty



Okeechobee County Future Land Use

Statewide Generalized Land Use Categories

