

Food Accessibility In Portland

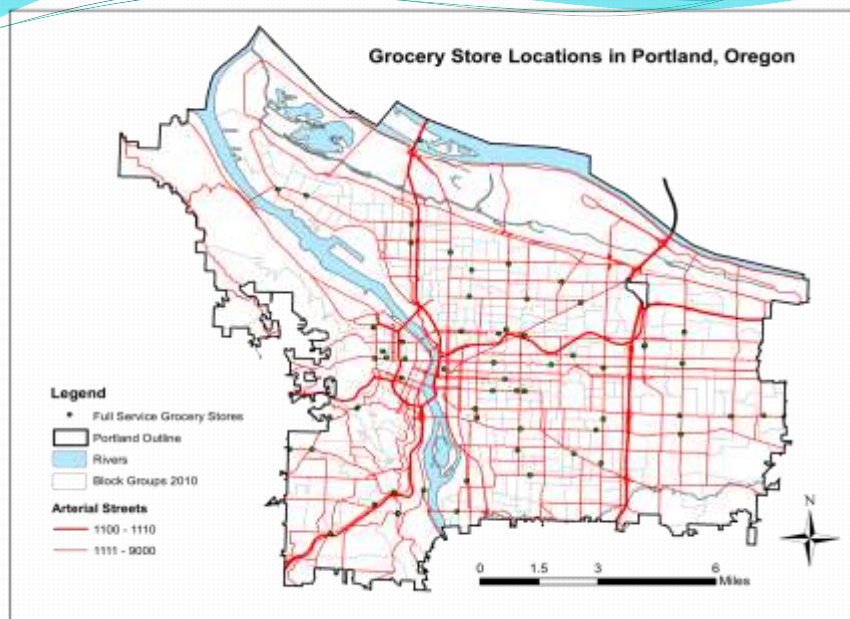
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Introduction

- Food Accessibility
 - In United States
 - In Portland, Oregon





Research Question

Based on identified factors of food accessibility, which areas of Portland have the best and worst access to quality food?

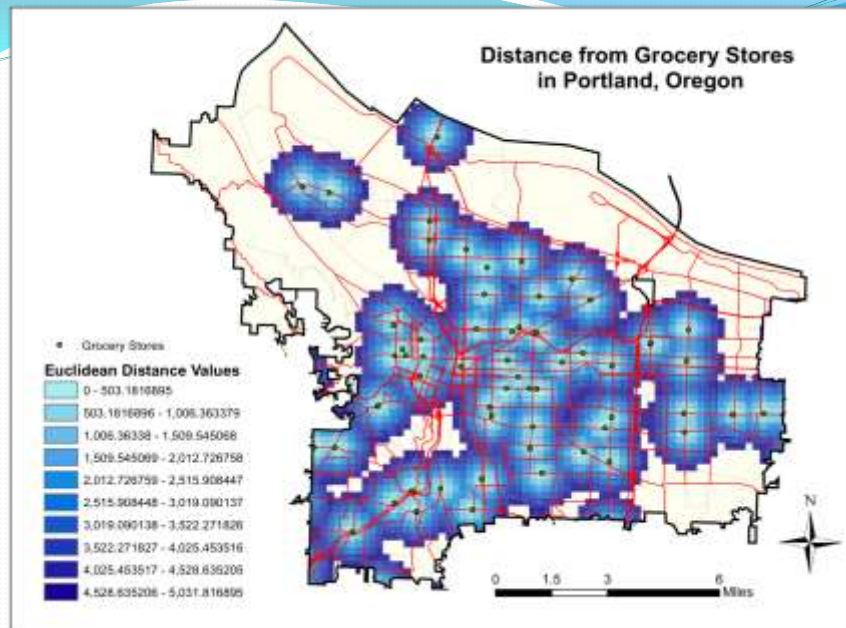
A Step Further: Given the attributes in the datasets, are there any spatial patterns or conclusions we can draw?

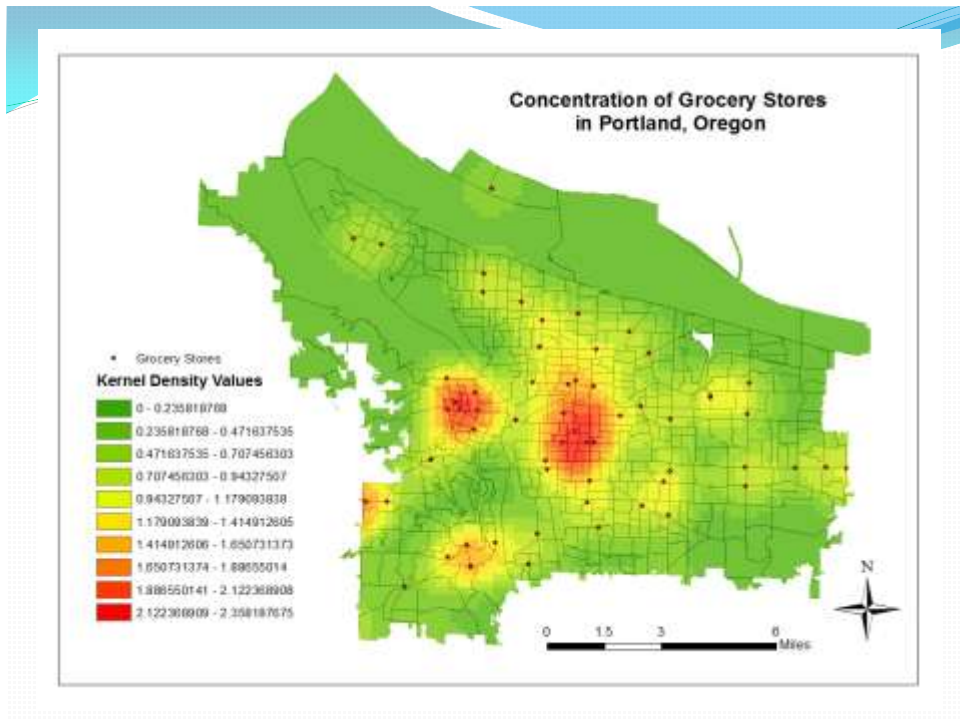
Methods

- Determine factors for accessibility map
 - Distance/Access to stores (fresh produce)
 - Transit Availability (buses/bus stops)
 - Household Income (high vs. low)
- Find data
 - RLIS
 - David Banis
 - Census
- Analyze data
- Present and Interpret Results
 - Final accessibility map
 - Given the attributes in the datasets here are some conclusions we can draw

Access to Grocery Stores

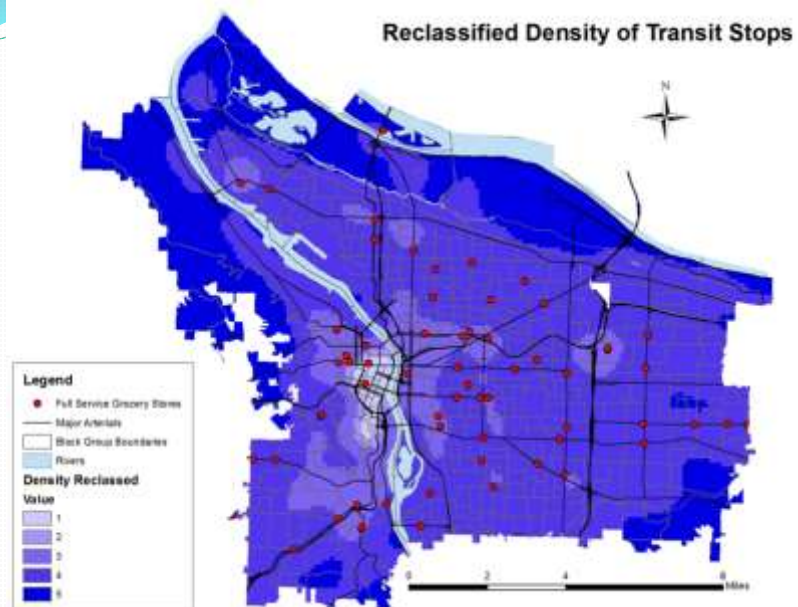
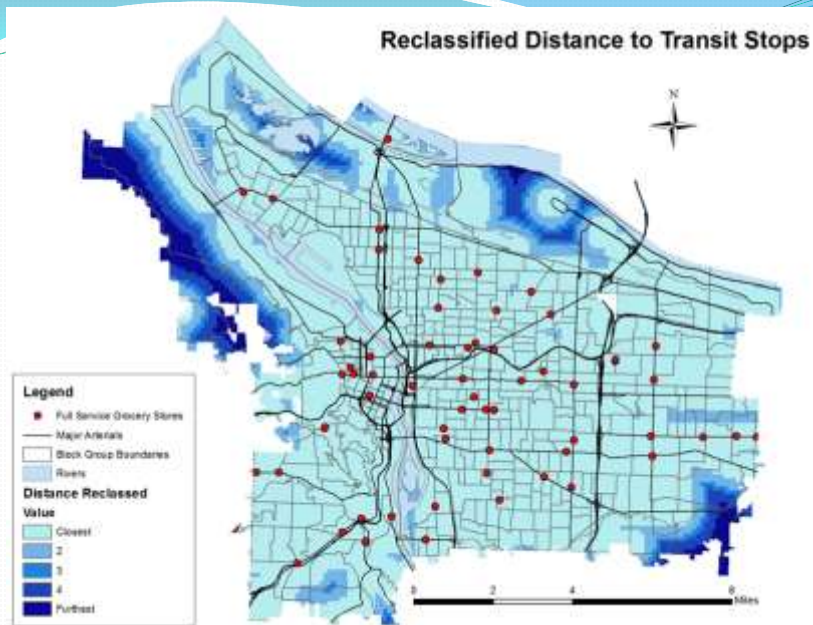
- Why is this a factor?
- Methods
 - Maps
 - Euclidean Distance (distance from stores)
 - Kernel Density (concentration of stores)





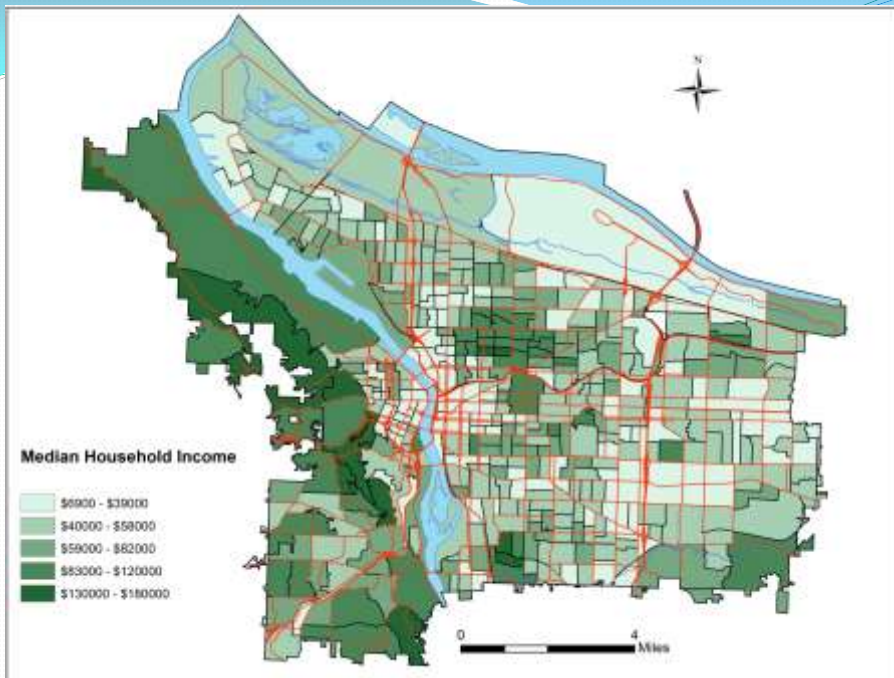
Access to Transit

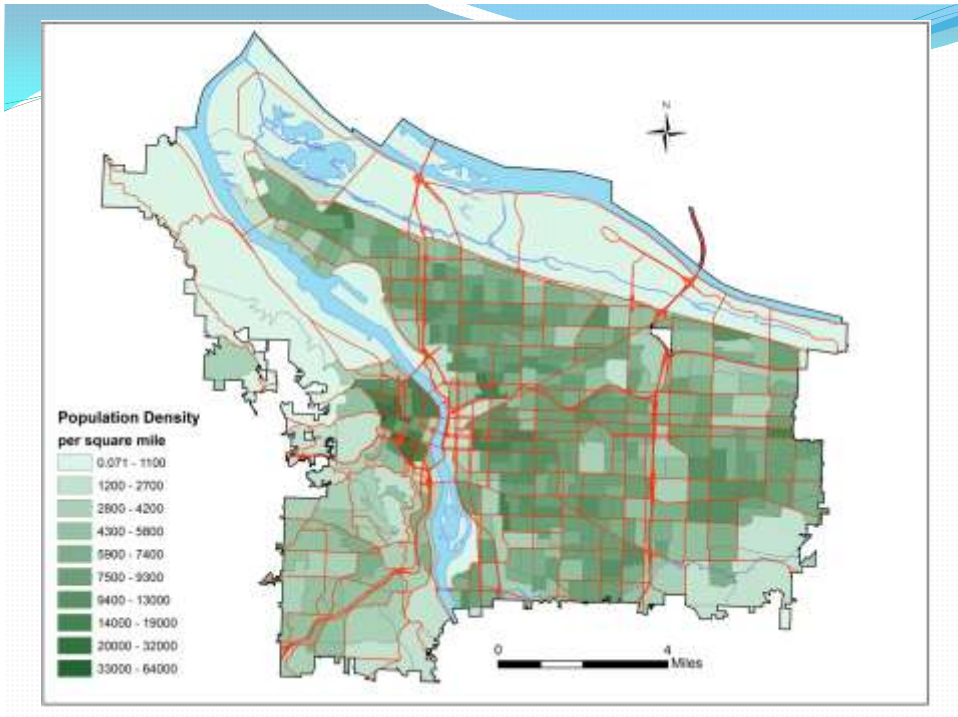
- Why is this a factor?
 - Carless households or unreliable transportation
 - Density = choices
- Methods
 - Euclidean Distance
 - Kernel Density
 - Reclassify
- Maps



Household Income

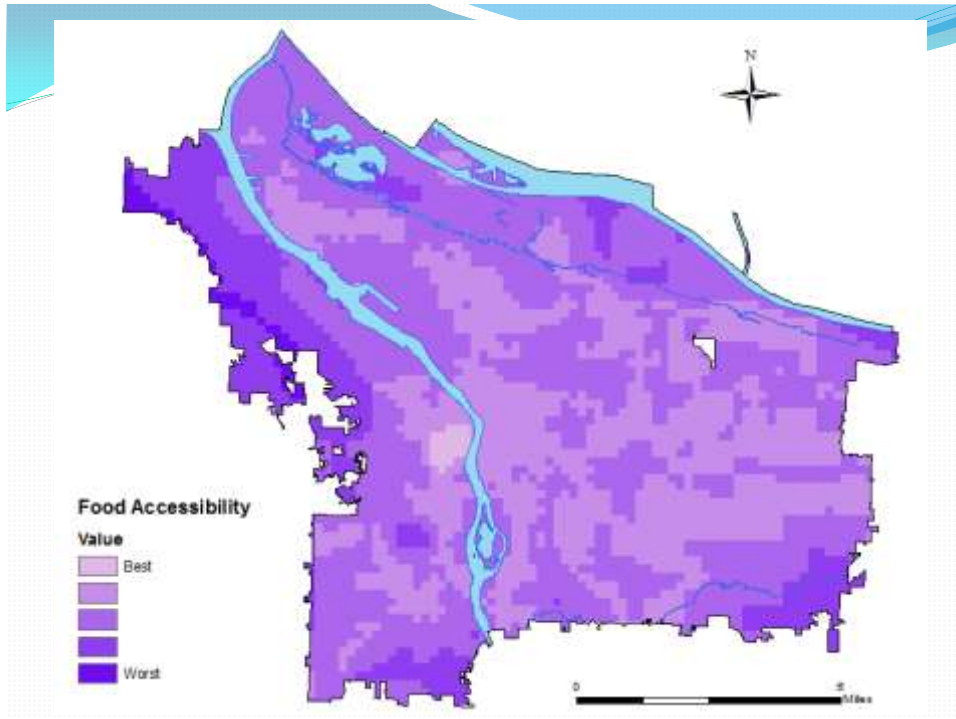
- Why is this a factor?
- Methods (how map was made)
- Map





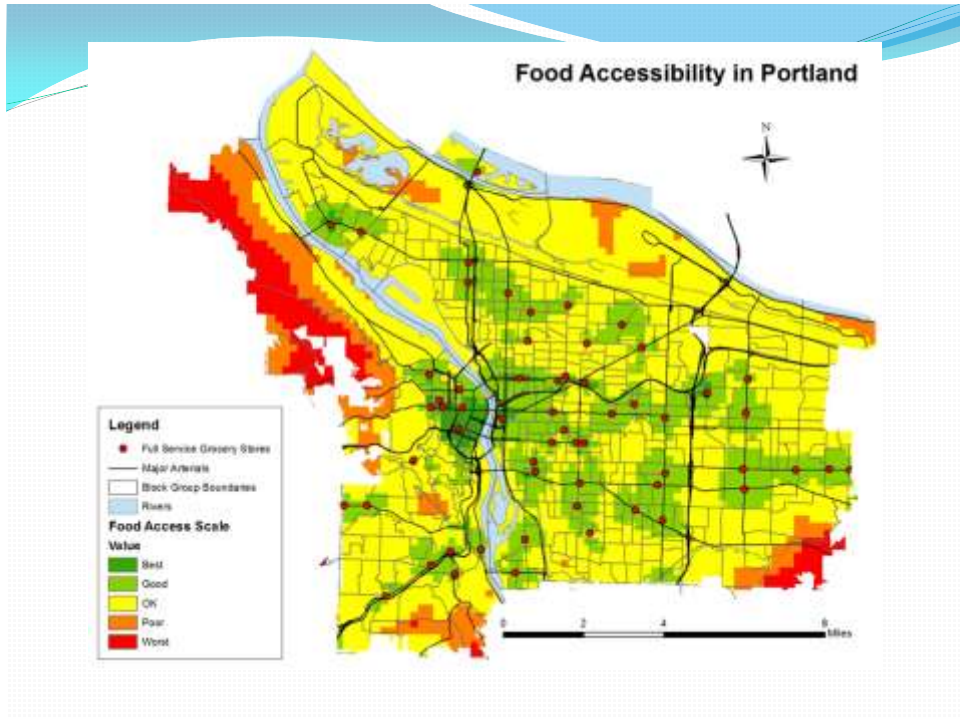
Weighted Overlay

- Weighted Factors
 - Income Levels (35%)
 - Distance to Stores (35%)
 - Access to Transit (20%)
 - Density of Transit (10%)
- Justifications for these weighted values



Final Food Access Map

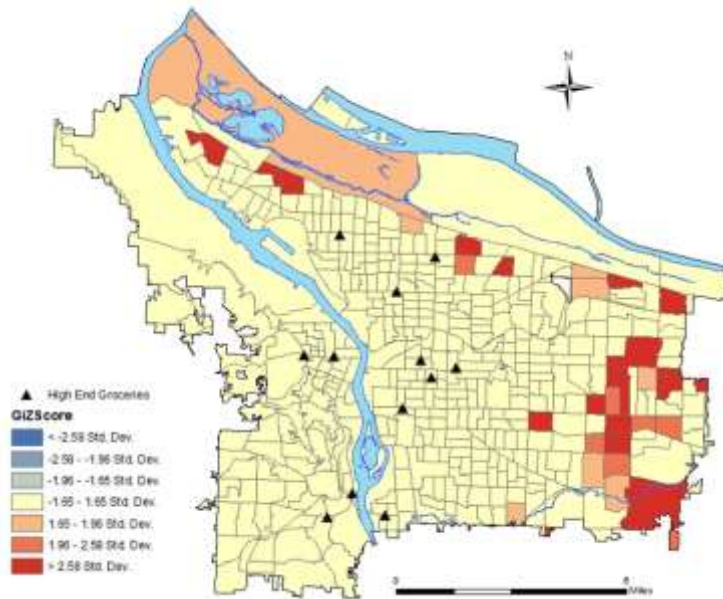
- Methods
 - Raster Calculator
 - Reclassify
 - Result
 - Comparison to Population disbursement



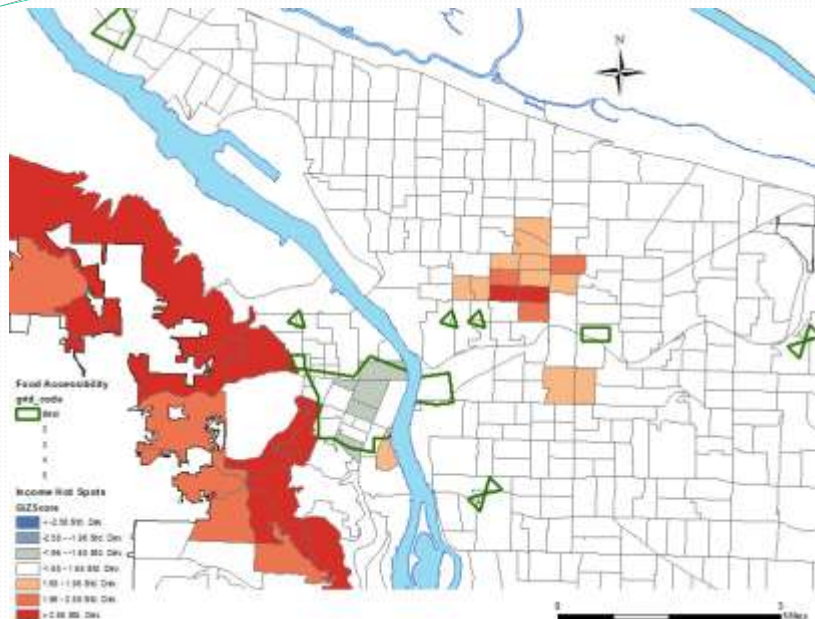
Finding Relationships/Patterns

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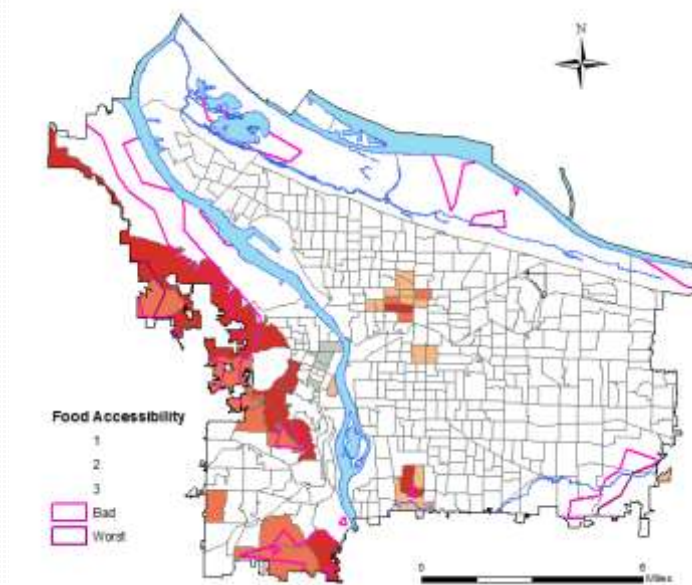
Hot Spot Analysis of Non-White Population Density



Income Hot Spots with High Food Accessibility



Income Hot Spots and Poor Food Accessibility



Results and Implications

- Food access has more to do with affluent areas, not poor.
- Portland has relatively good food access
- High end groceries and non-white populations

Limitations/Considerations

- Vehicle ownership
- Store quality and size and general pricing
- Only full-service grocery stores were considered (convenience stores with produce etc)
- Poor access places can be affluent areas, least populated or rural communities
- More data
- Assumptions: closest grocery, take bus/walk

Data Sources:

- **US Census Bureau**
 - Block Group Boundaries
 - 2010 census income statistics
 - 2010 census population statistics
- **RLIS**
 - Streets, Highways, City Fill, Rivers, Block Groups, Transit: Bus stops, Bus routes
- **David Banis/PSU Geography Department**
 - Grocery Stores
 - Convenience Stores
- **All maps created by Jon Ferguson and Jesse Guiterrez, Larissa Butler**



Questions?