

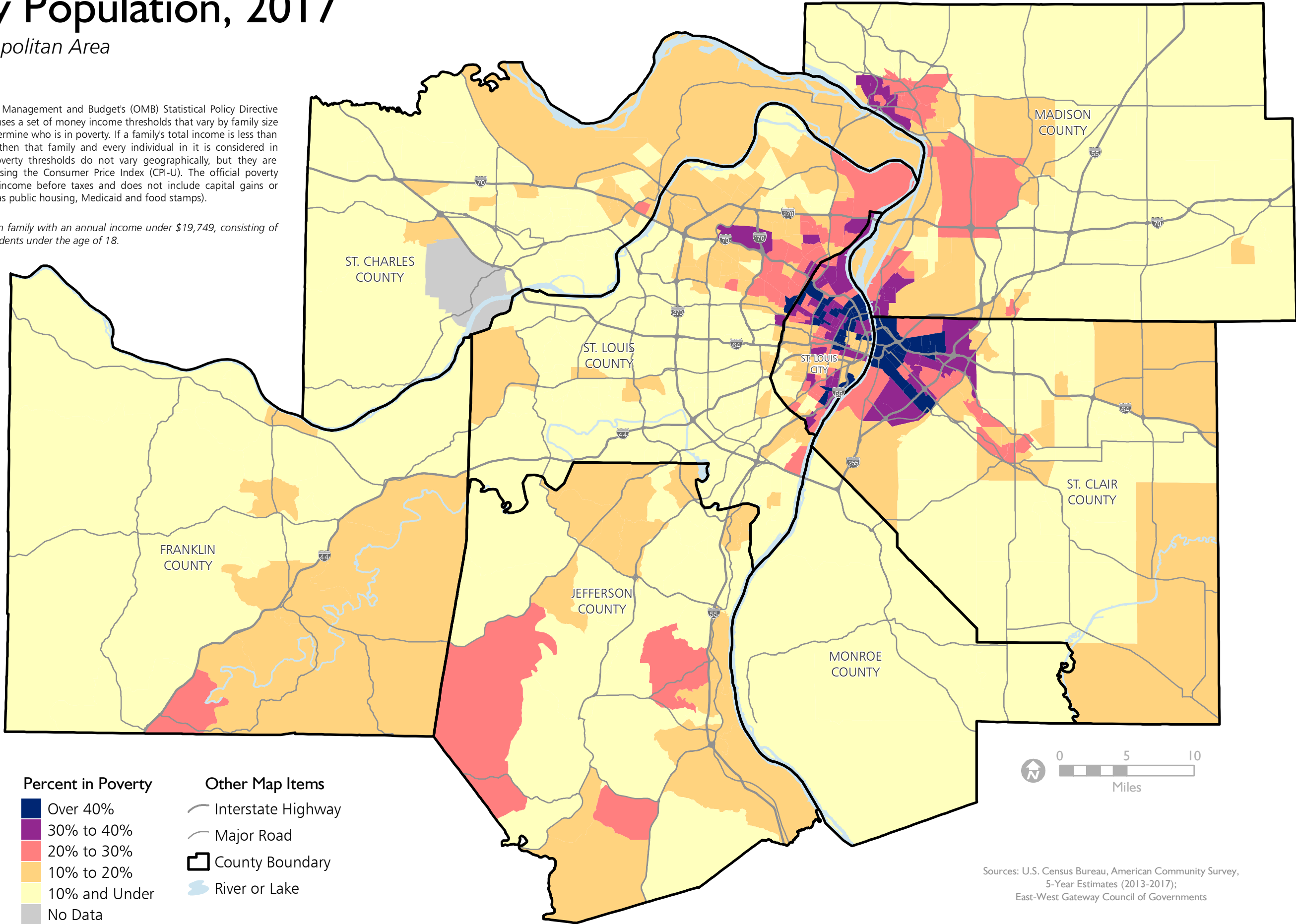
# Poverty Population, 2017

St. Louis Metropolitan Area

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Following the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Statistical Policy Directive 14, the Census Bureau uses a set of money income thresholds that vary by family size and composition to determine who is in poverty. If a family's total income is less than the family's threshold, then that family and every individual in it is considered in poverty. The official poverty thresholds do not vary geographically, but they are updated for inflation using the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U). The official poverty definition uses money income before taxes and does not include capital gains or noncash benefits (such as public housing, Medicaid and food stamps).

Example: A three-person family with an annual income under \$19,749, consisting of an adult and two dependents under the age of 18.



Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates (2013-2017); East-West Gateway Council of Governments

