

# VULNERABLE POPULATIONS ANALYSIS

## WHAT ARE VULNERABLE POPULATIONS?

Vulnerable populations – defined here as people over the age of 65, people with disabilities, and people living below the poverty level – are those who may be disproportionately affected by future land development and who may have difficulty coping with these changes. These groups have limited choices in transportation, and may have limited choices in housing as well.

## HOW MIGHT THESE POPULATIONS BE AFFECTED?

The targeted areas for each of the three populations are the areas identified as containing higher than average percentages of each population, as shown in the maps. Analyses were run separately for these areas both for the 2007 Existing Land Use pattern and for the Concentrated Development scenario.

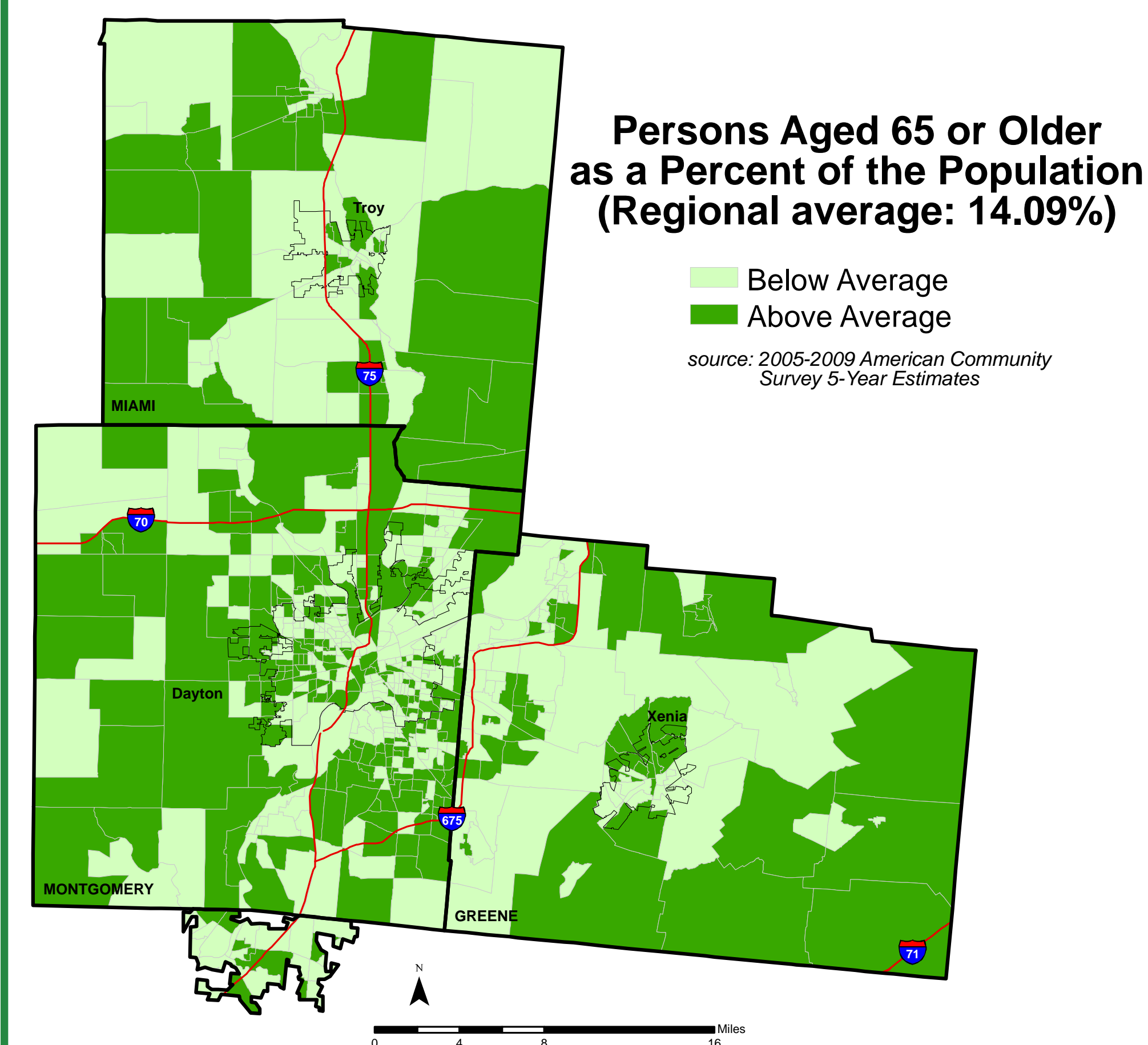
It is almost impossible to predict where these populations will be concentrated, if at all, in the year 2040. These movements are subject to more community-level planning efforts and the construction of new housing, such as new senior or affordable housing complexes

The areas where the elderly population is currently concentrated will have less development density, less accessibility to amenities and less potential for transit ridership. They will have more accessibility to open space, however.

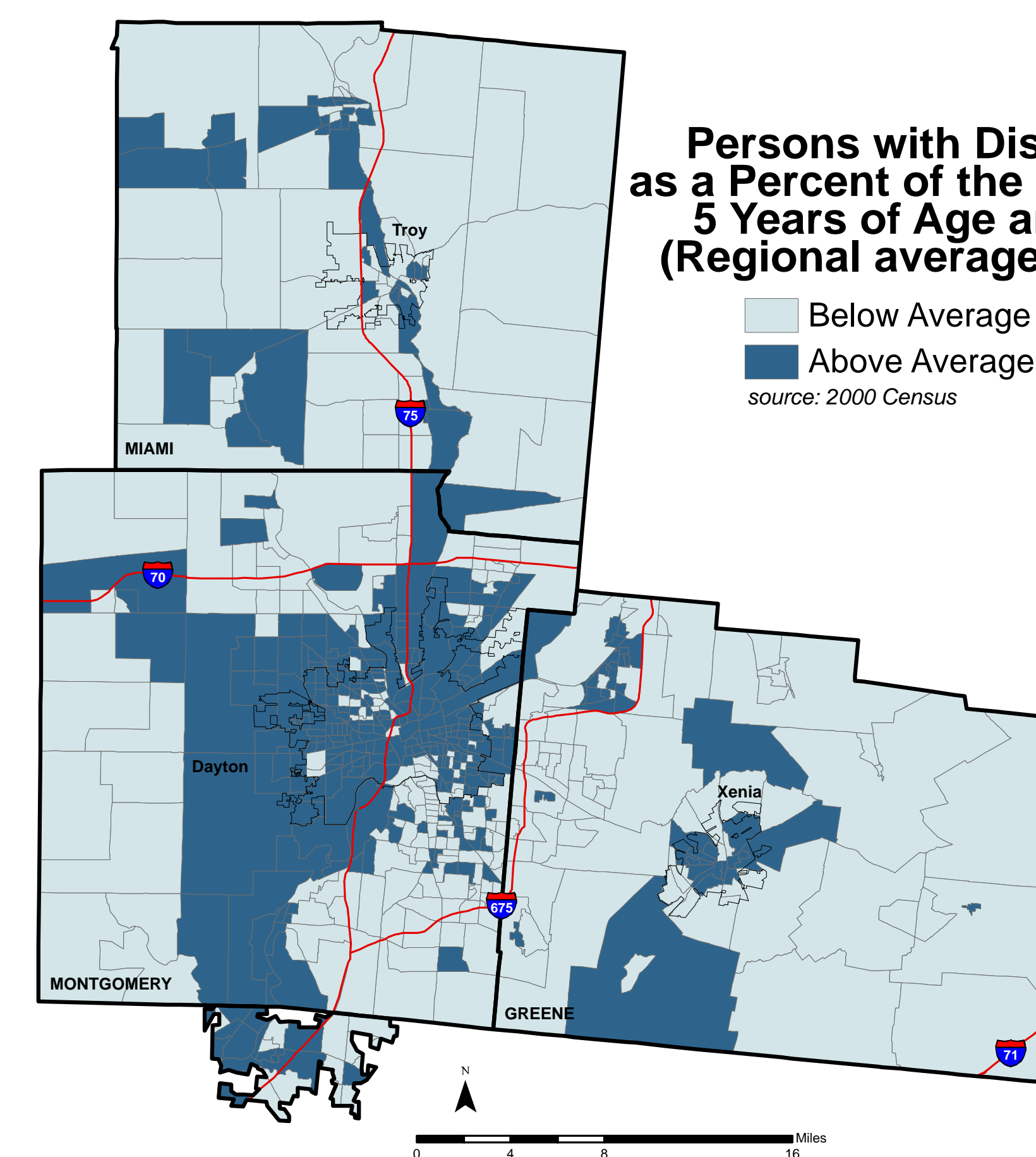
For areas with larger disabled populations, development density will be around the same or higher than it would be for the rest of the Region, although the potential for transit ridership would be lower. There would, however, be more accessibility to amenities and open space.

For areas with more people living below the poverty level, development densities would be higher, as would the accessibility to amenities and open space. The potential for transit ridership, however, would be lower.

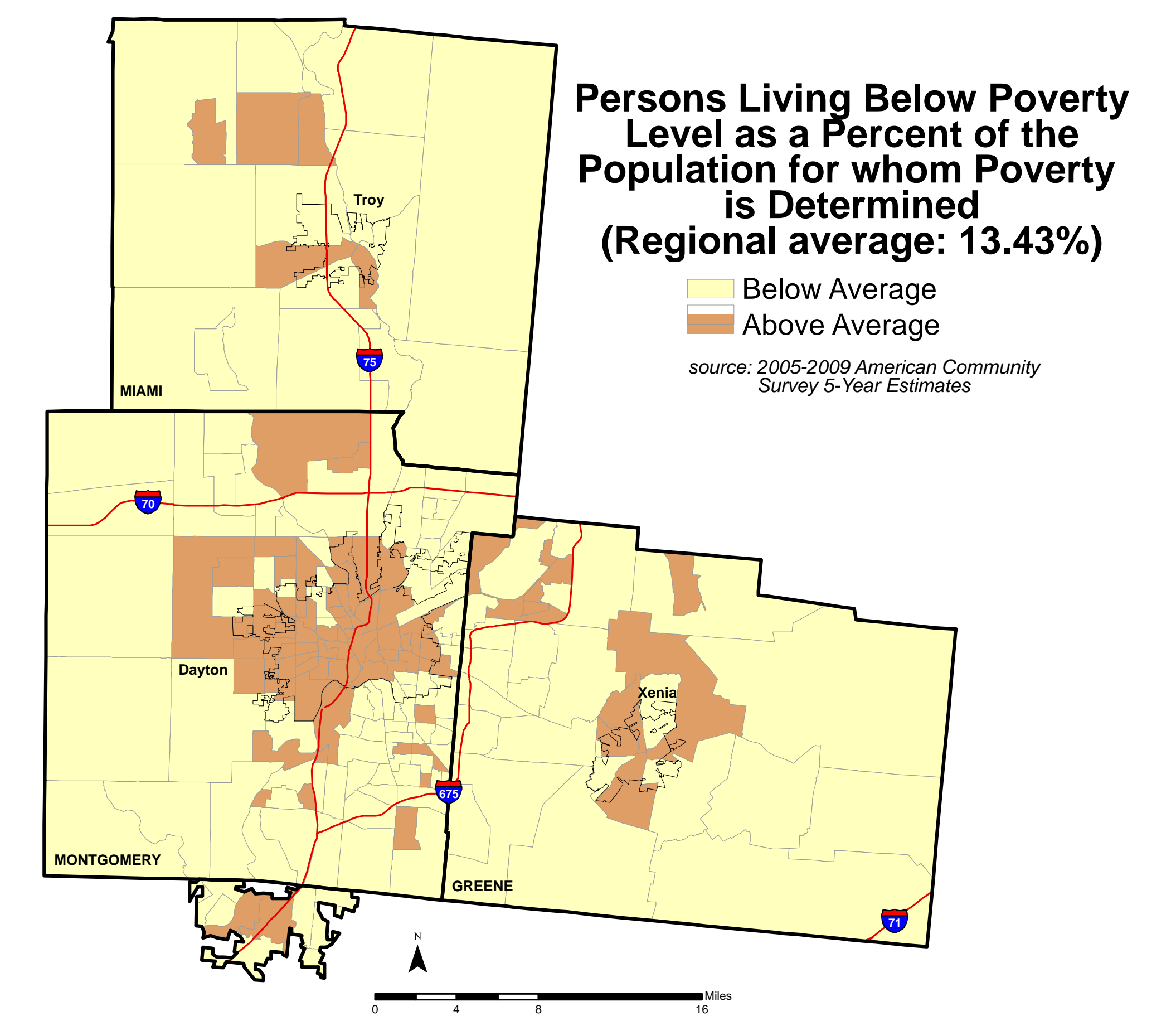
### AGED OVER 65



### DISABLED



### LIVING BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL



The 2005-2009 American Community Survey estimates that 14.1% of the Region's population is over the age of 65. The size of this group is only expected to increase over the next thirty years.

According to the 2000 Census, 18.3% of the Region's population is considered disabled. The size of this group is expected to increase slightly over the next thirty years.

The 2005-2009 American Community Survey estimates that 13.4% of the Region's population is living below the poverty level. The size of this group, unfortunately, is expected to increase over the next thirty years.

