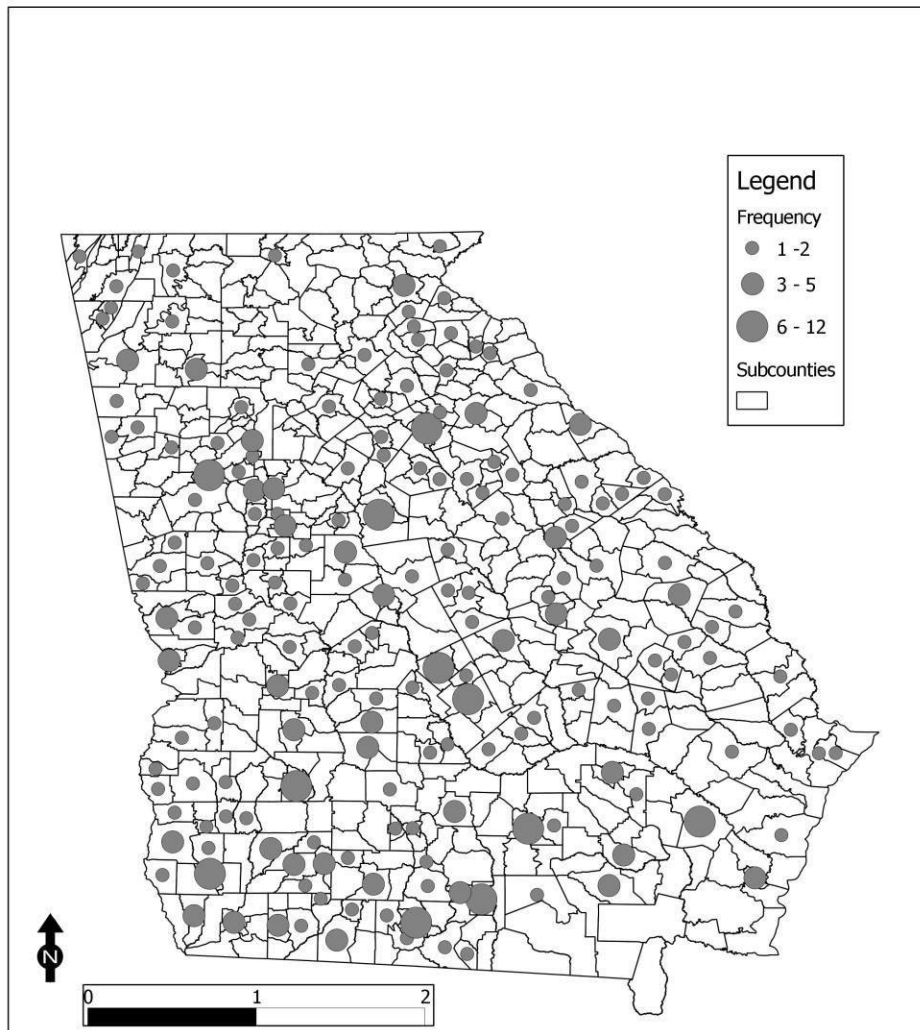How can I construct a proportional symbol map, a map, in other words, where symbols are proportional to the frequency of events (as given in Description or one of the attributes)?

These are the commands:

Add Vector Layer (Directory-Encoding "System"-Type "U.S. Census TIGER/Line")
Vector/Geometry tools/Polygon centroids (Input polygon vector layer "Subcounties" - Output point shapefile "FREQUENCY" [After the creation of the output shapefile you add the new layer to the TOC] Select FREQUENCY LAYER Layer/Property/Style/

Graduated (Column "FREQUENCY OF LYNCHING")

Symbol "Simple marker" [here you have to play with the options and choose the ones you prefer]

Classes "3"

Color ramp "Greys"

Mode "Natural breaks (Jenks)"

Range "1-2;3-5;6-12" Label "1-2;3-5;6-12"

View/Decorations/North arrow (Default values: Angle 0, placement bottom left, enable north arrow, set directions automatically) View/Decorations/Scale bar (Default values) File/Save as image/tiff or jpg or bmp or other formats [tiff is the best] [Indeed, I did not use the simple solution of "Save as" but I used the File/New print composer command, but this means going manually working on the layout and I don't think this is what you need]