

Internet User Map Book



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Methodology

The Internet User Map Book presents small area estimates of likely responses to a range of questions derived from the Oxford Internet Survey (OXIS). This is an academic survey of Internet use in Britain, and has been run by the Oxford Internet Institute at the University of Oxford since 2003. The survey data used within this Map Book are from 2013. It is important to reiterate that the presented maps show estimates rather than counts of observed values, such as those that you might otherwise obtain through sources such as a population census.

For the purpose of estimation, the OXIS was profiled at the respondent level, with no aggregation to administrative geography. This retained the largest possible sample for analysis. The aim was to identify relationships in engagement patterns by categories of respondents in the OXIS. These respondent groups were formed by factors that have previously been shown to be good predictors of engagement with the Internet, including; age, rurality and socio-economic status. A decision tree model was applied to the OXIS data to calculate independent rates of engagement by these groups, as well as the statistical significance of these relationships, for any question of interest. The rates were then fitted to OAs by quantifying the structure of each OA by the identified groups, and estimating an overall rate based on this structure.

The predictors used in the models were kept constant and included age (5 categories), social grade (4 categories) and population density (5 categories). As such, this allowed for a theoretical maximum of 100 sub group estimates to be used in the calculation of OA level estimates. Results were validated by external profiling, including analysis by geodemographic classifications, comparisons against survey-derived statistics for more aggregate geography, mapping and visualisation. Estimates were also compared to those produced by a second independent team of researchers at the University of Oxford. Differences in terms of national, regional and local patterns were found to be minimal.

About the team

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To learn more about the work of the Liverpool team, visit geographicdatascience.com, and the CDRC at cdrc.ac.uk. Information about the work of the Oxford team can be found by visiting cii.oii.ox.ac.uk or cii.oii.ox.ac.uk.

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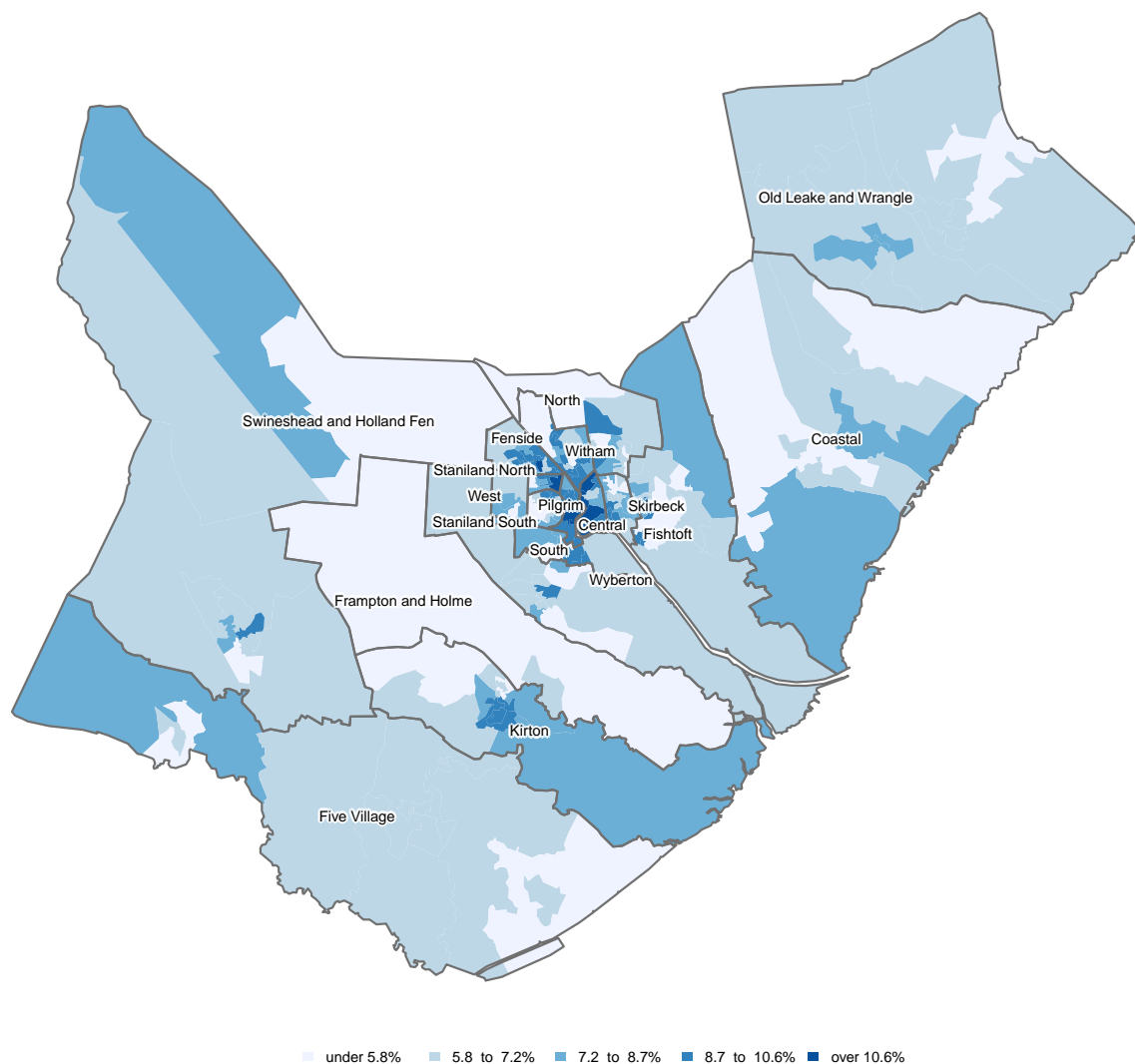


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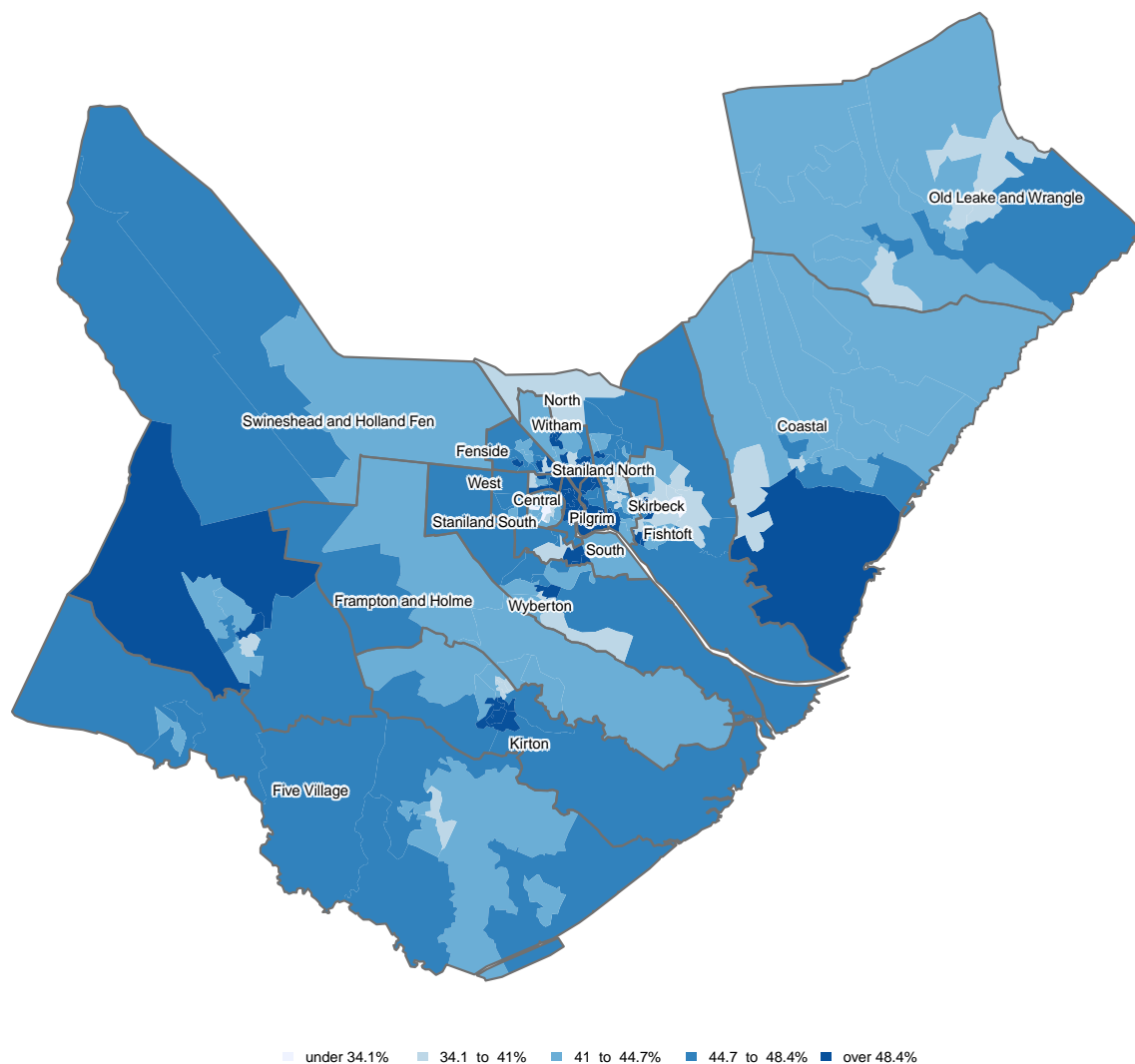


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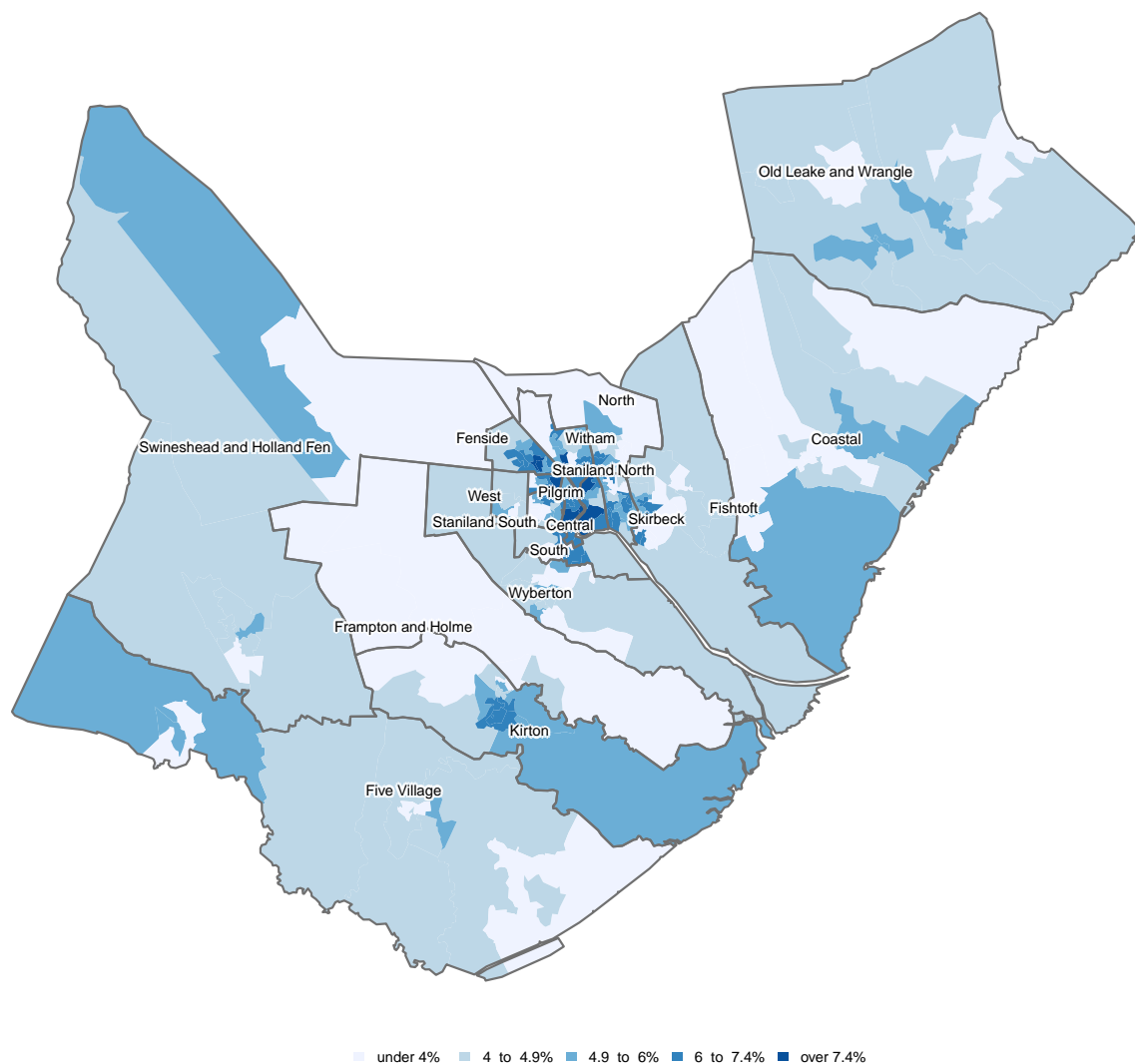


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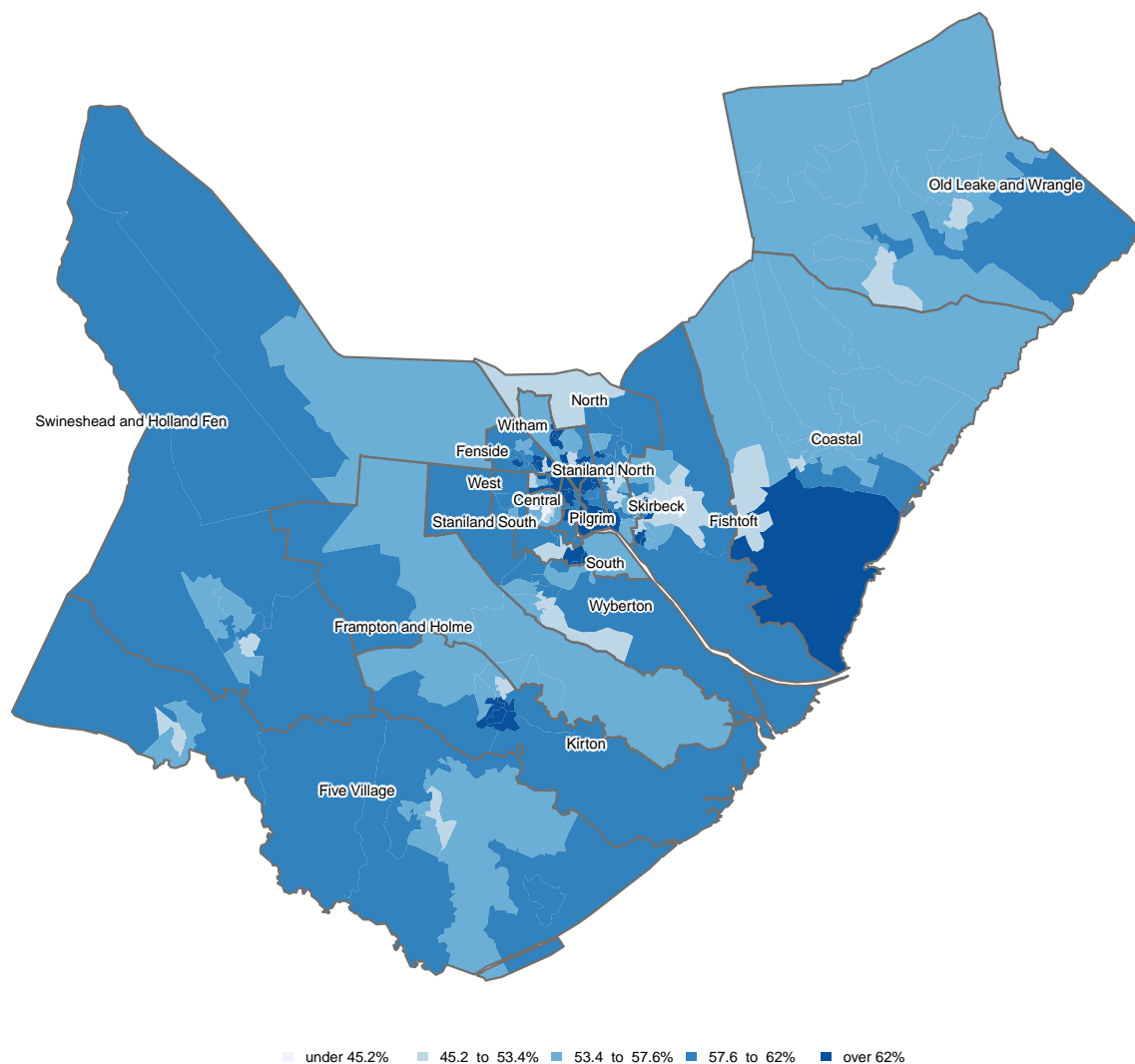


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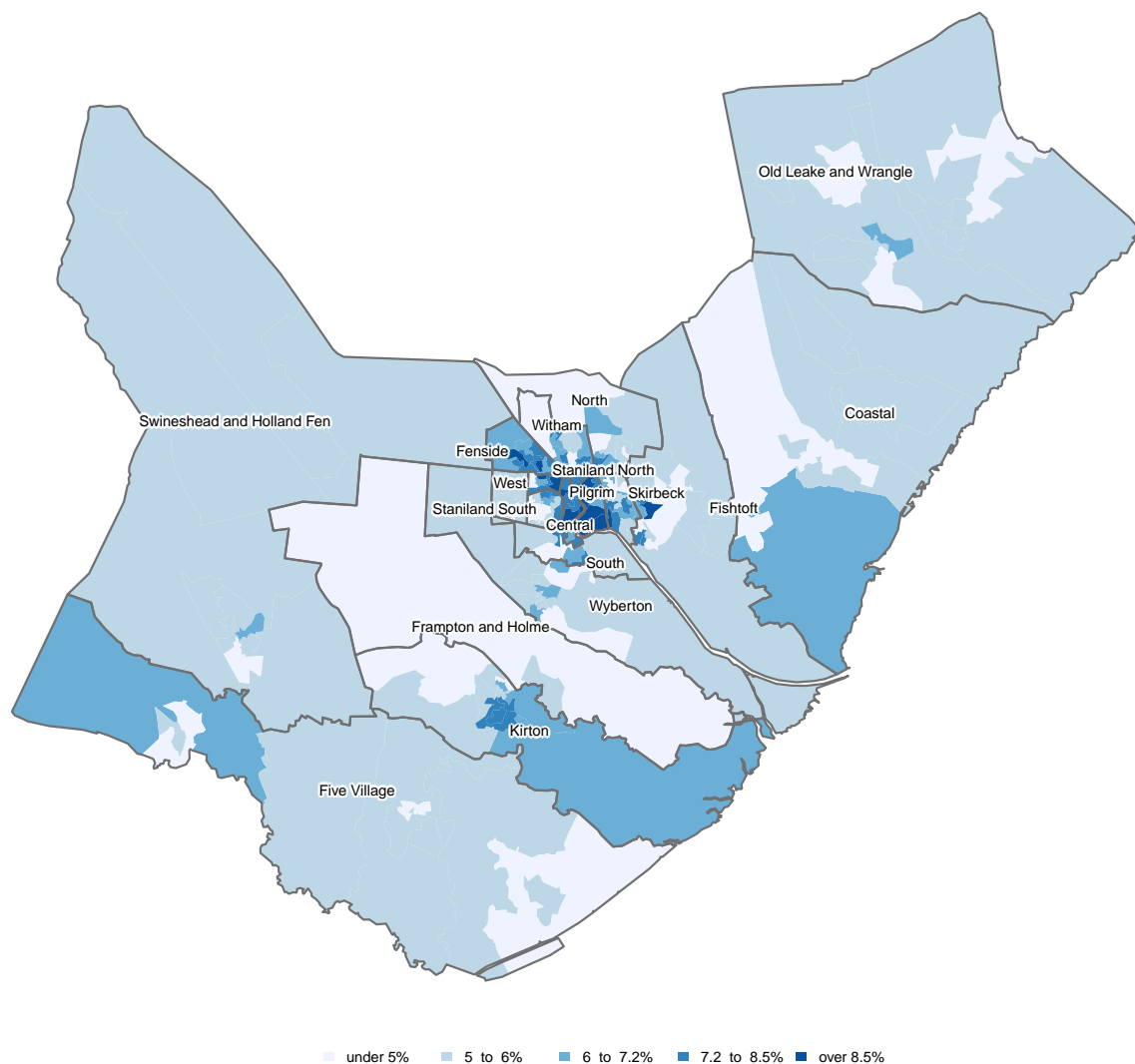


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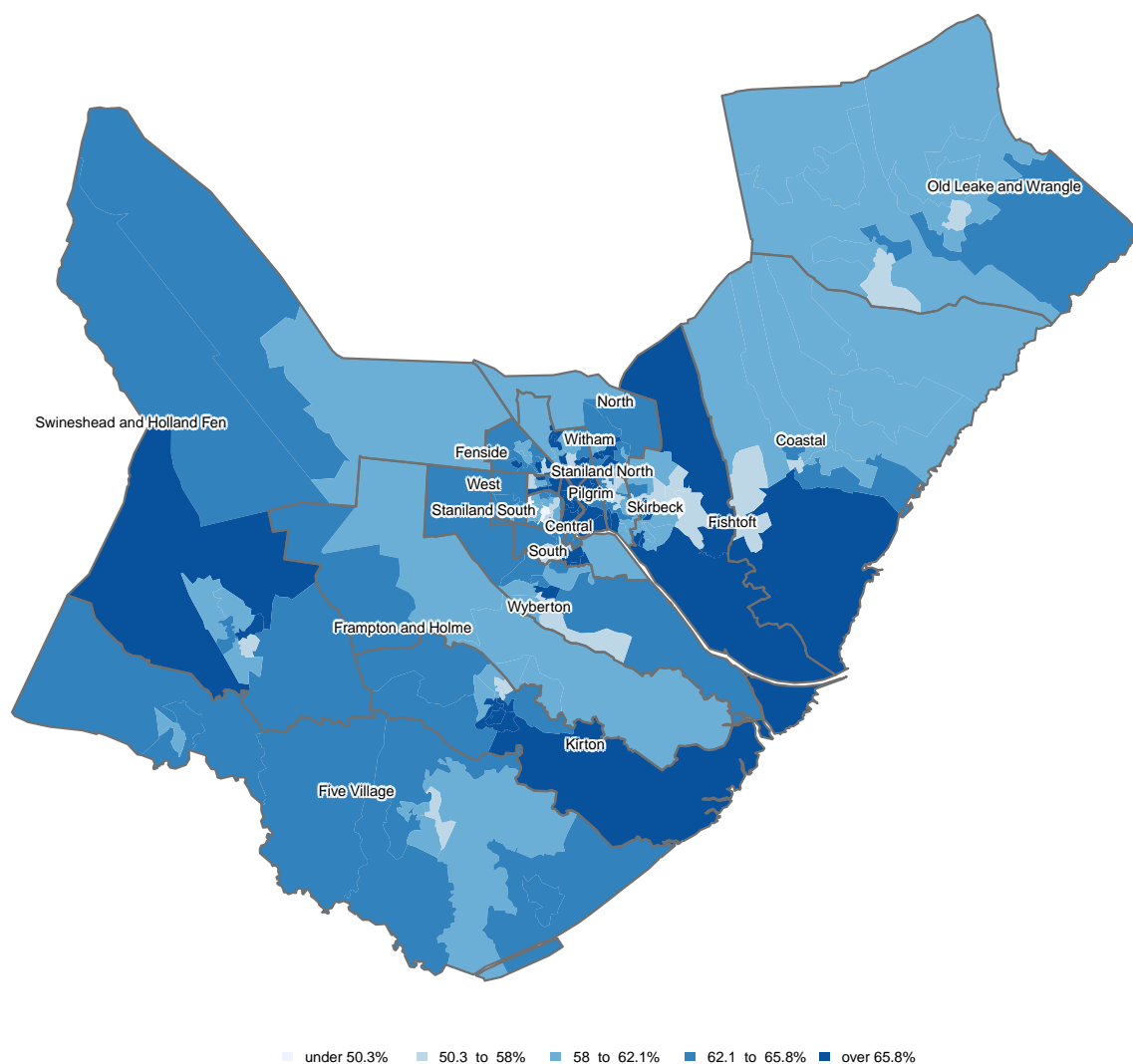


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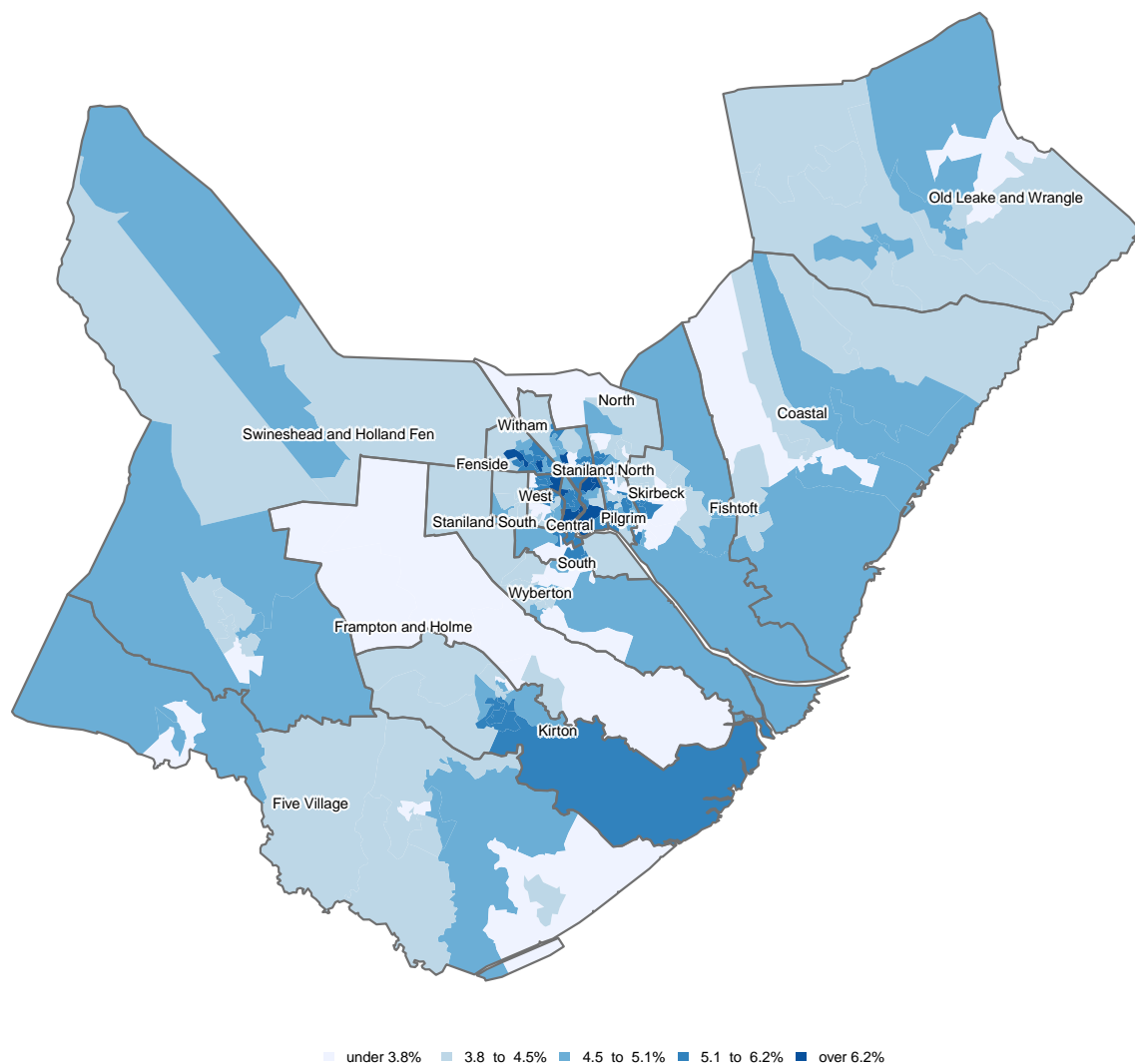


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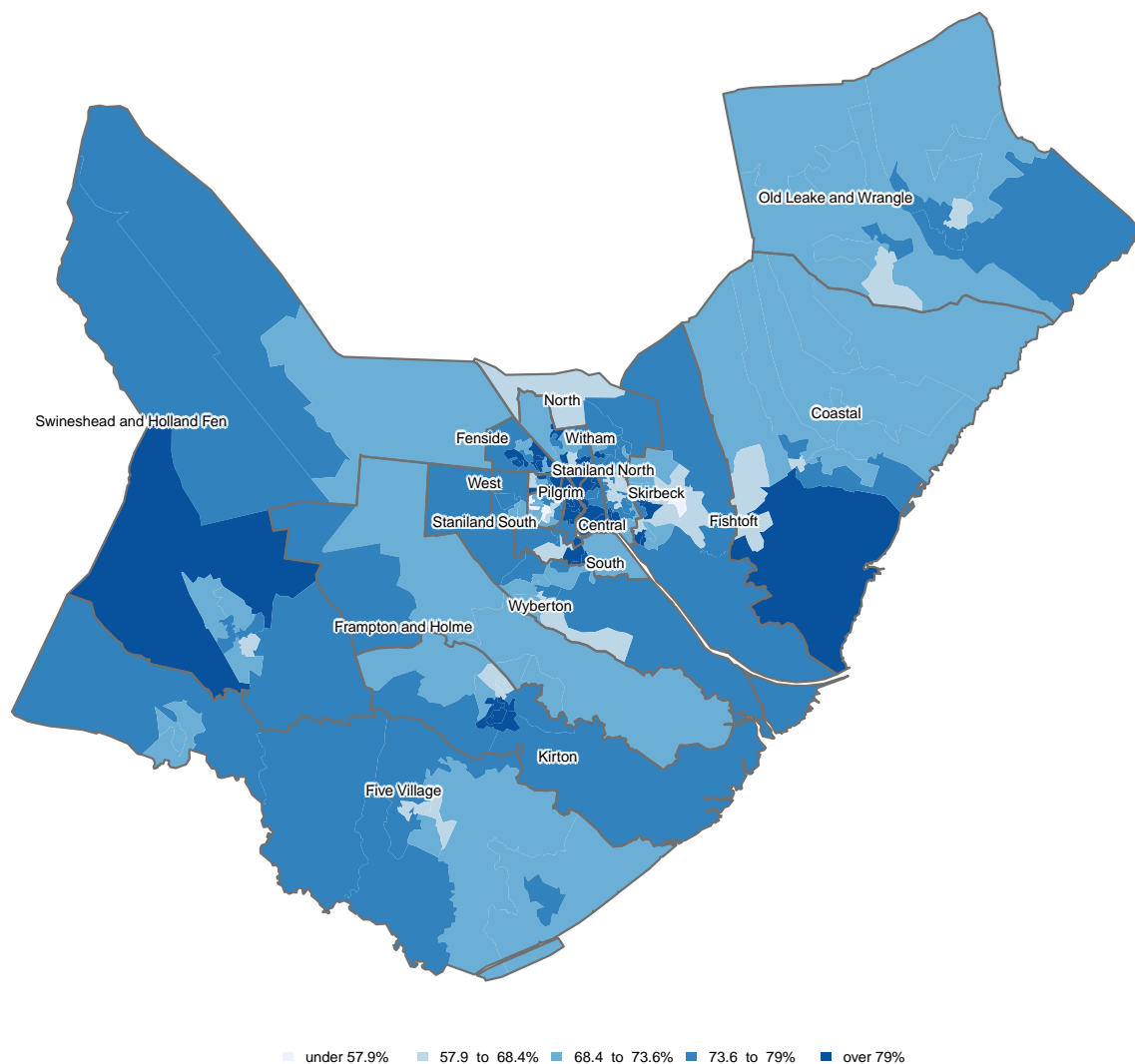


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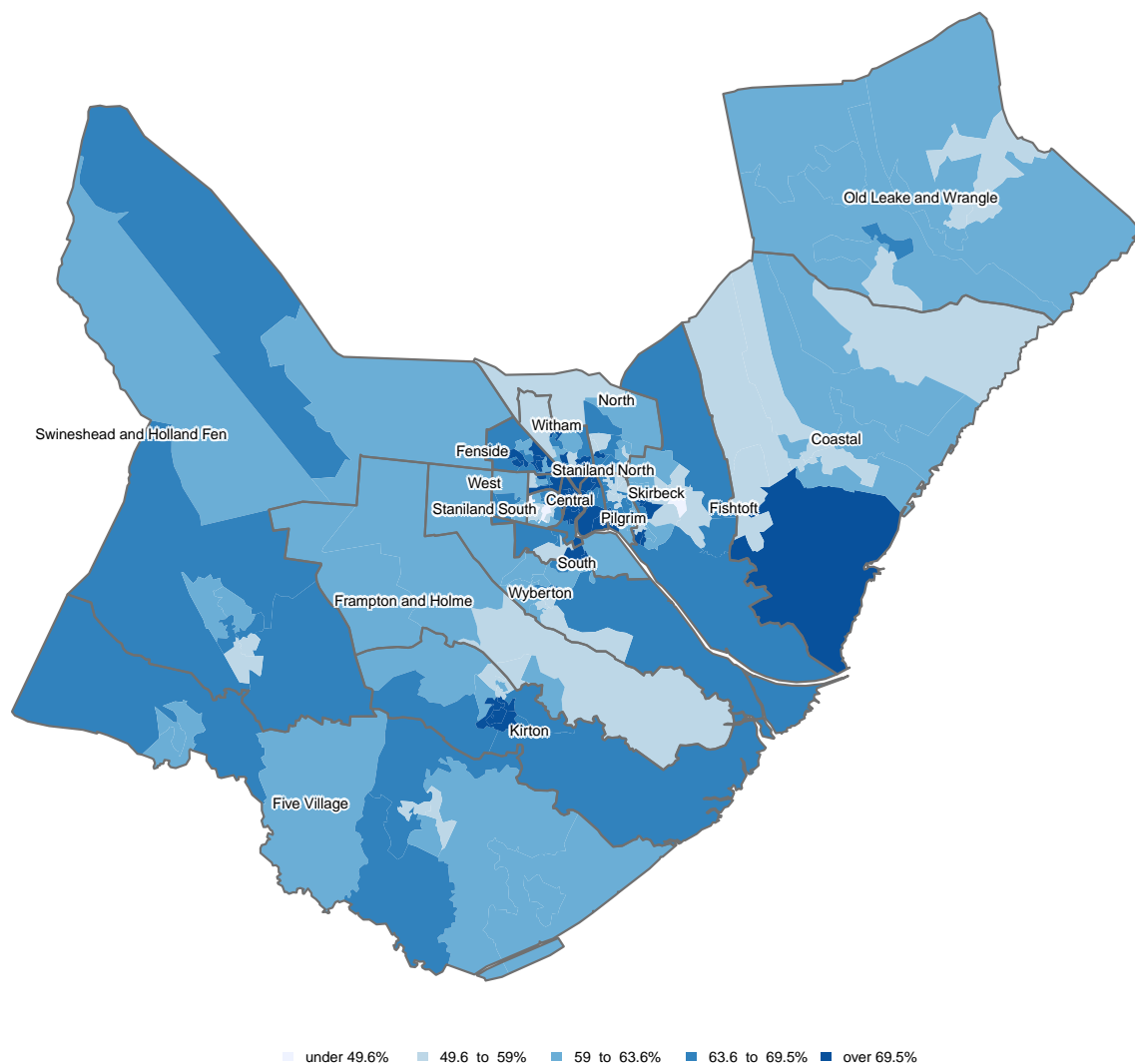


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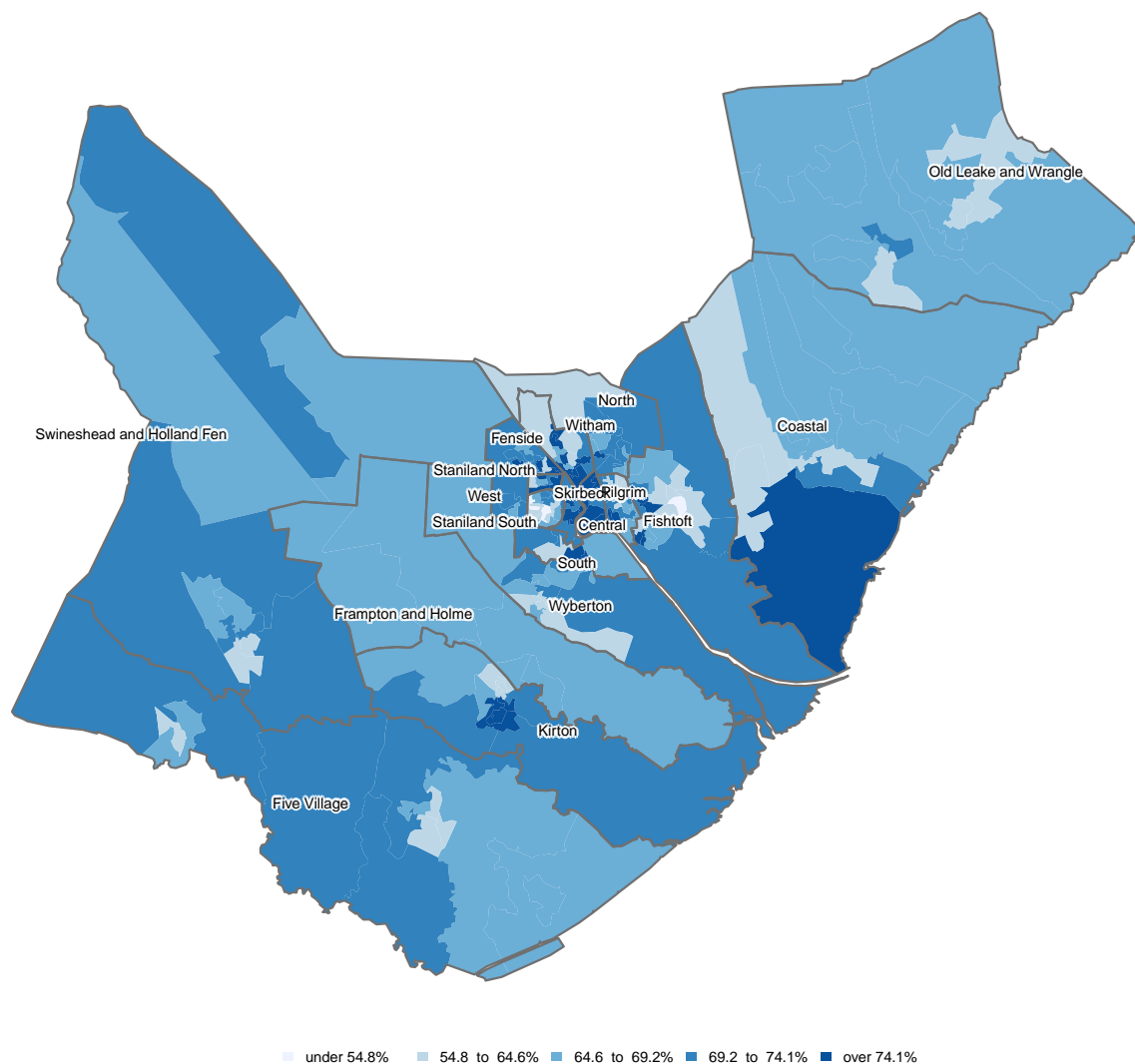


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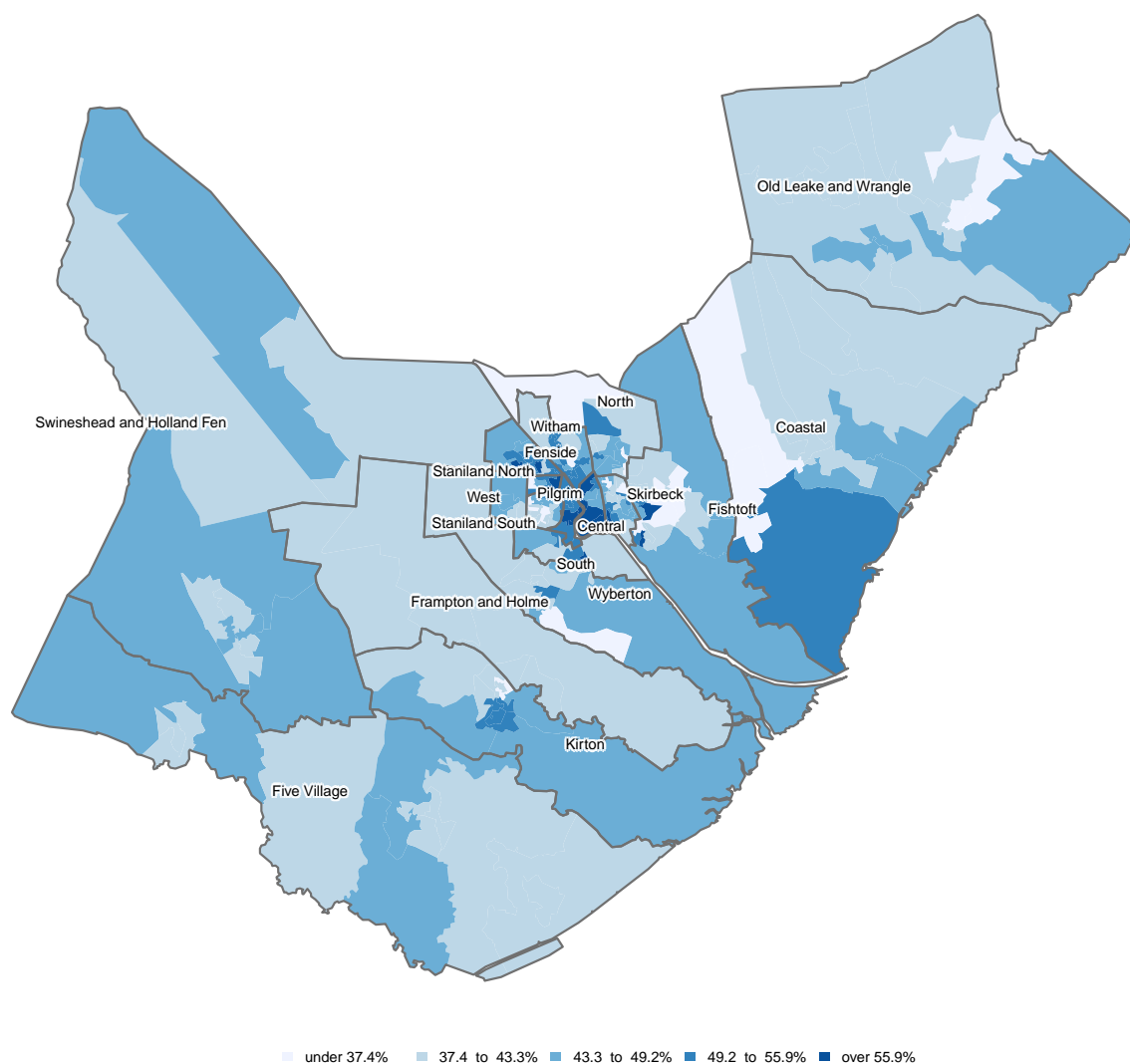


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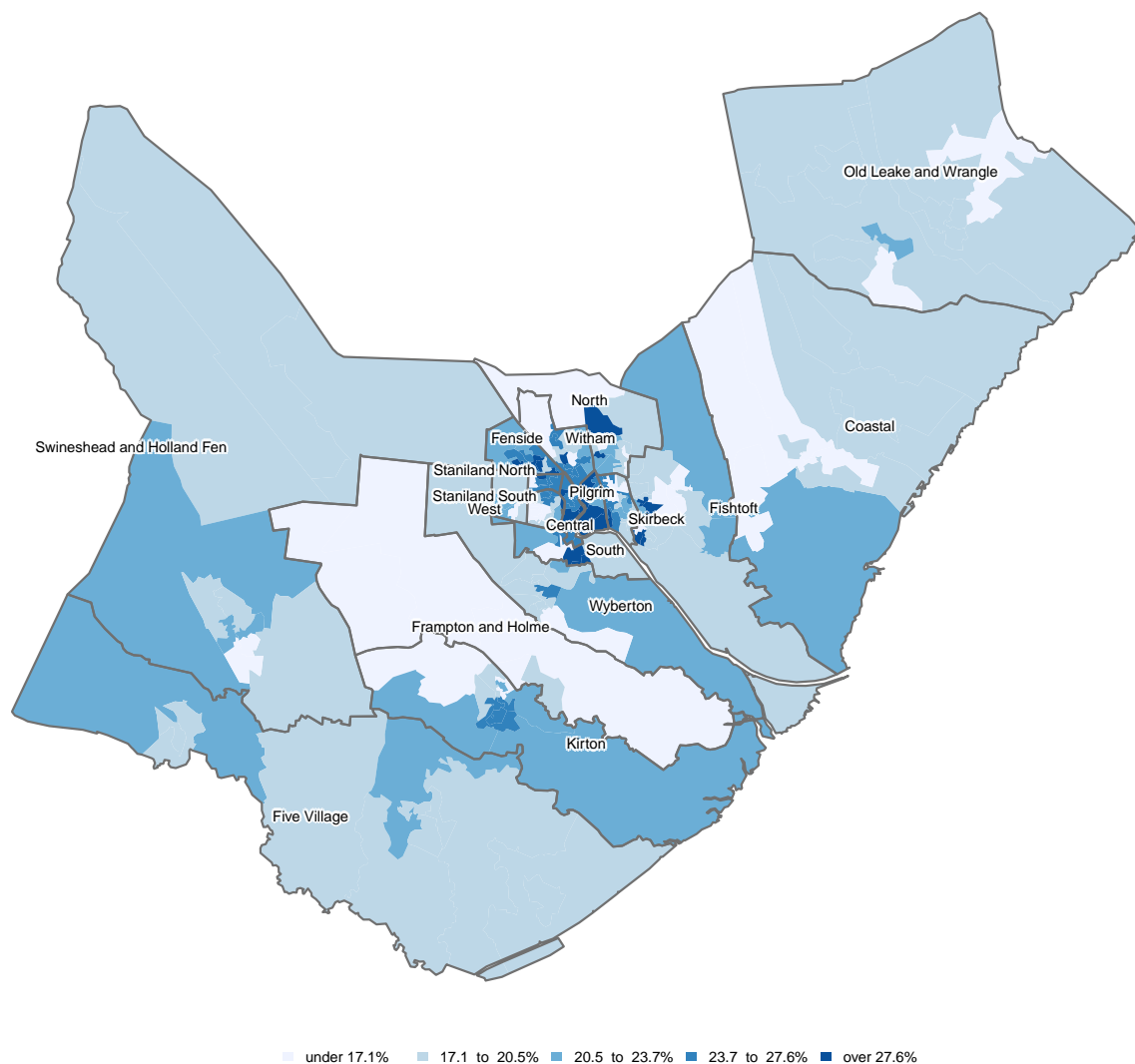


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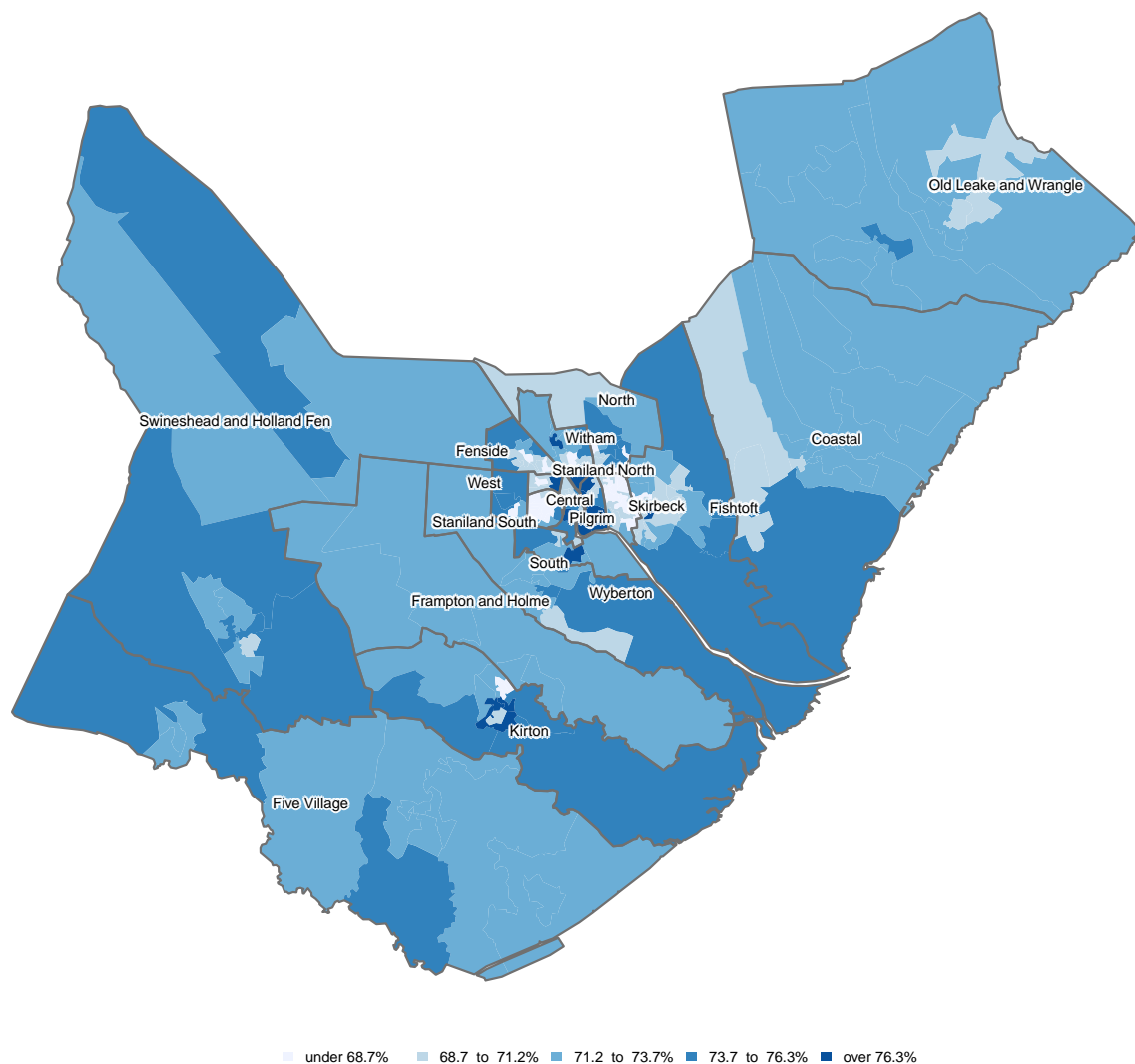


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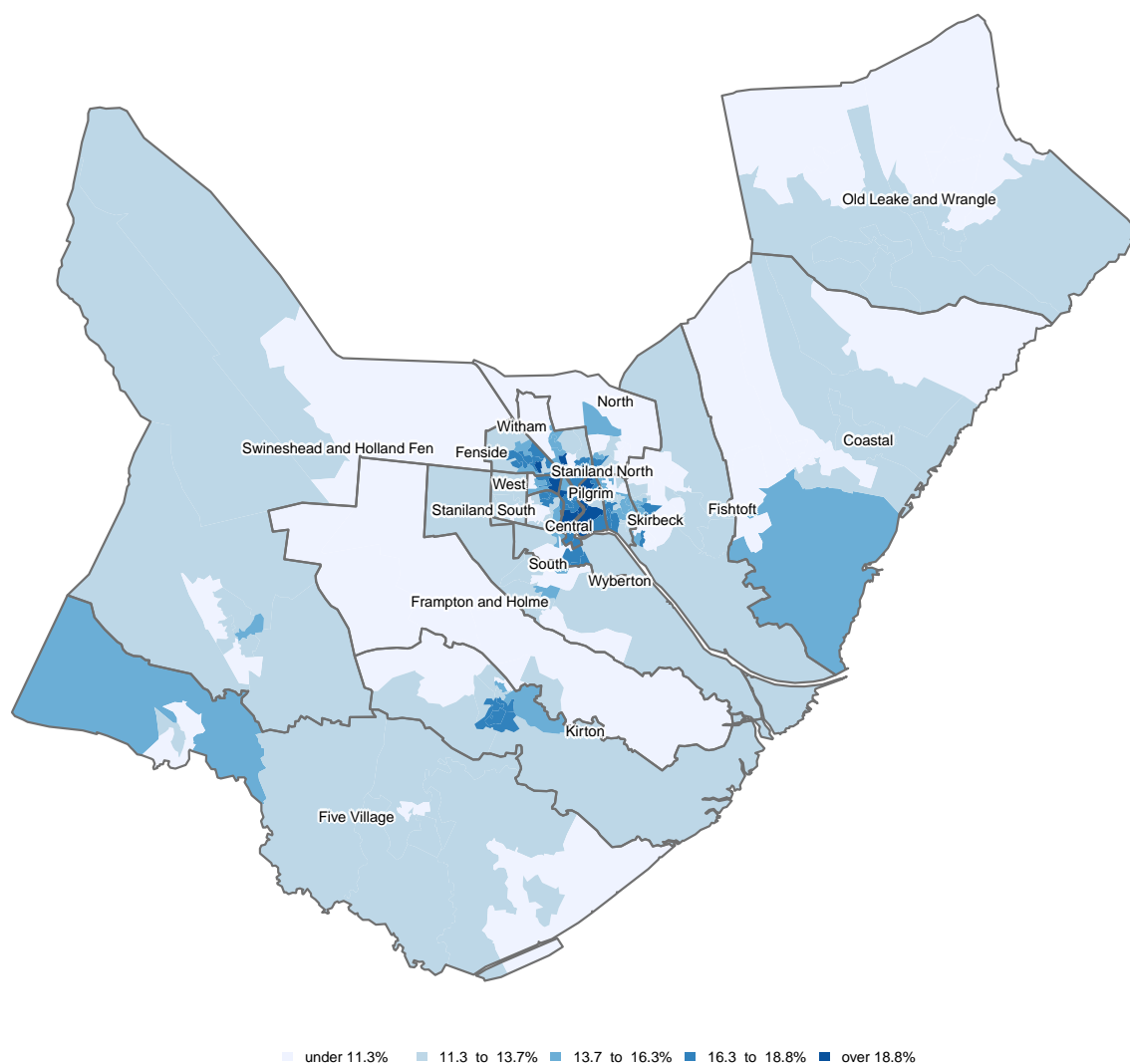


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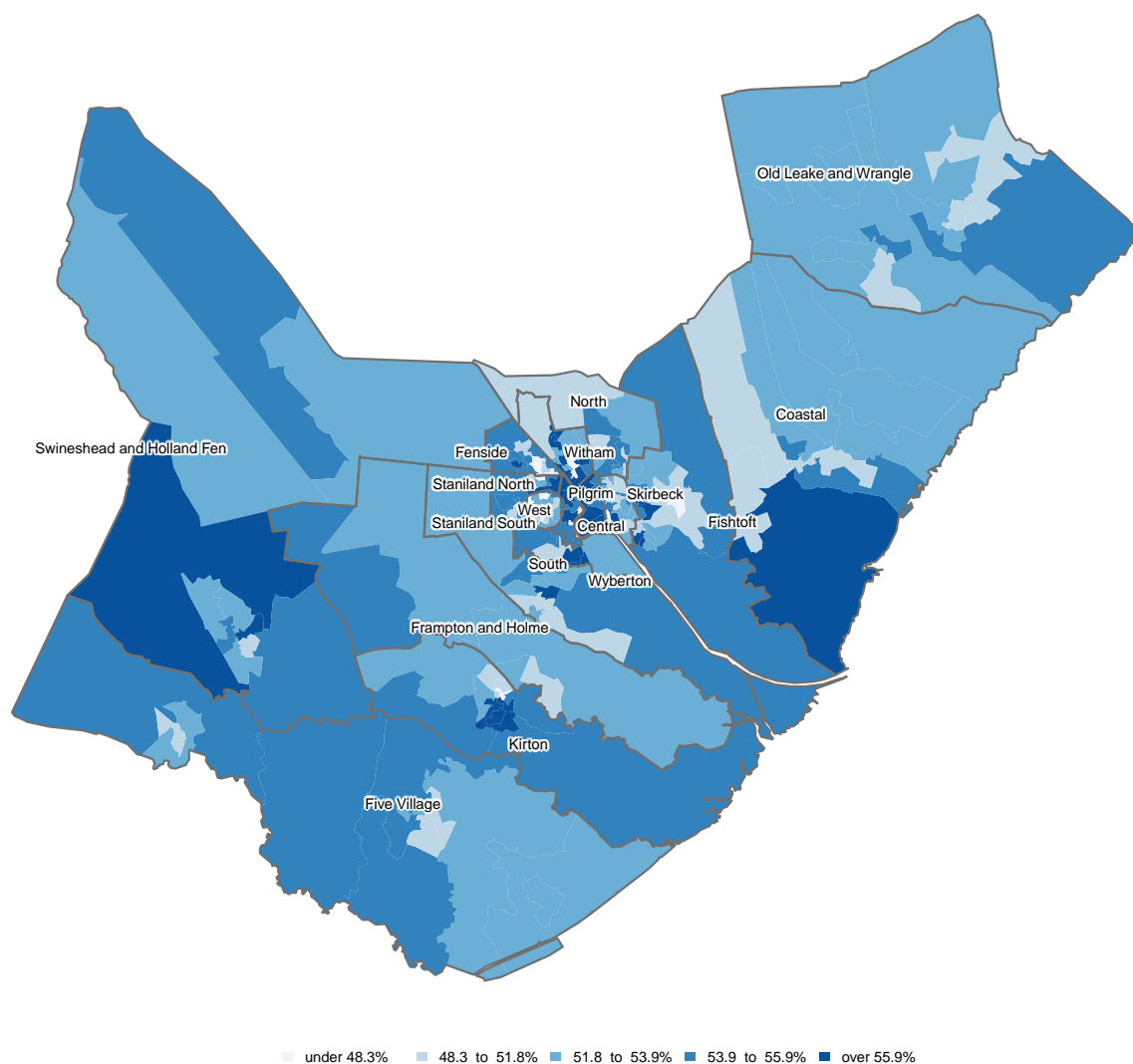


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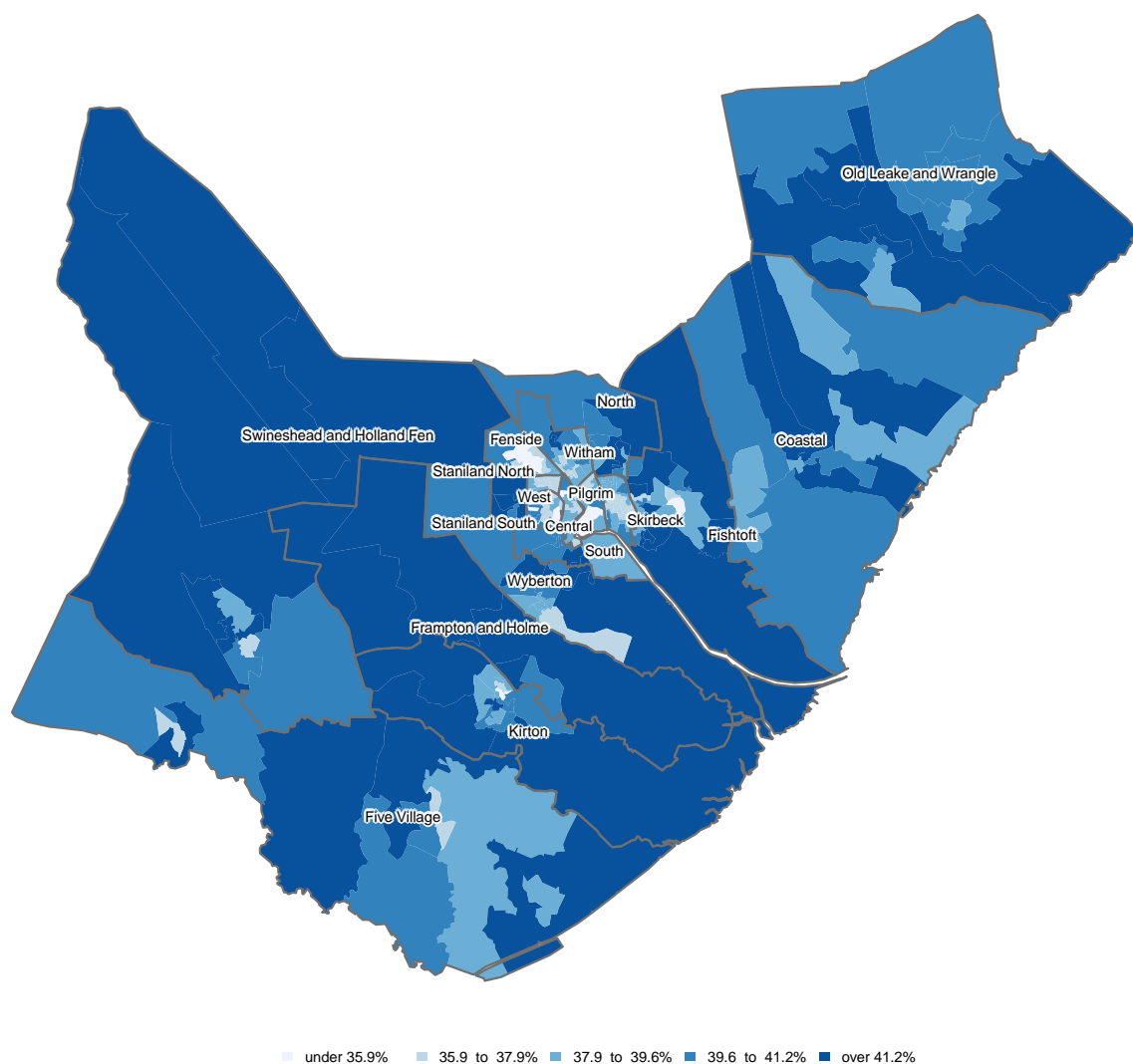


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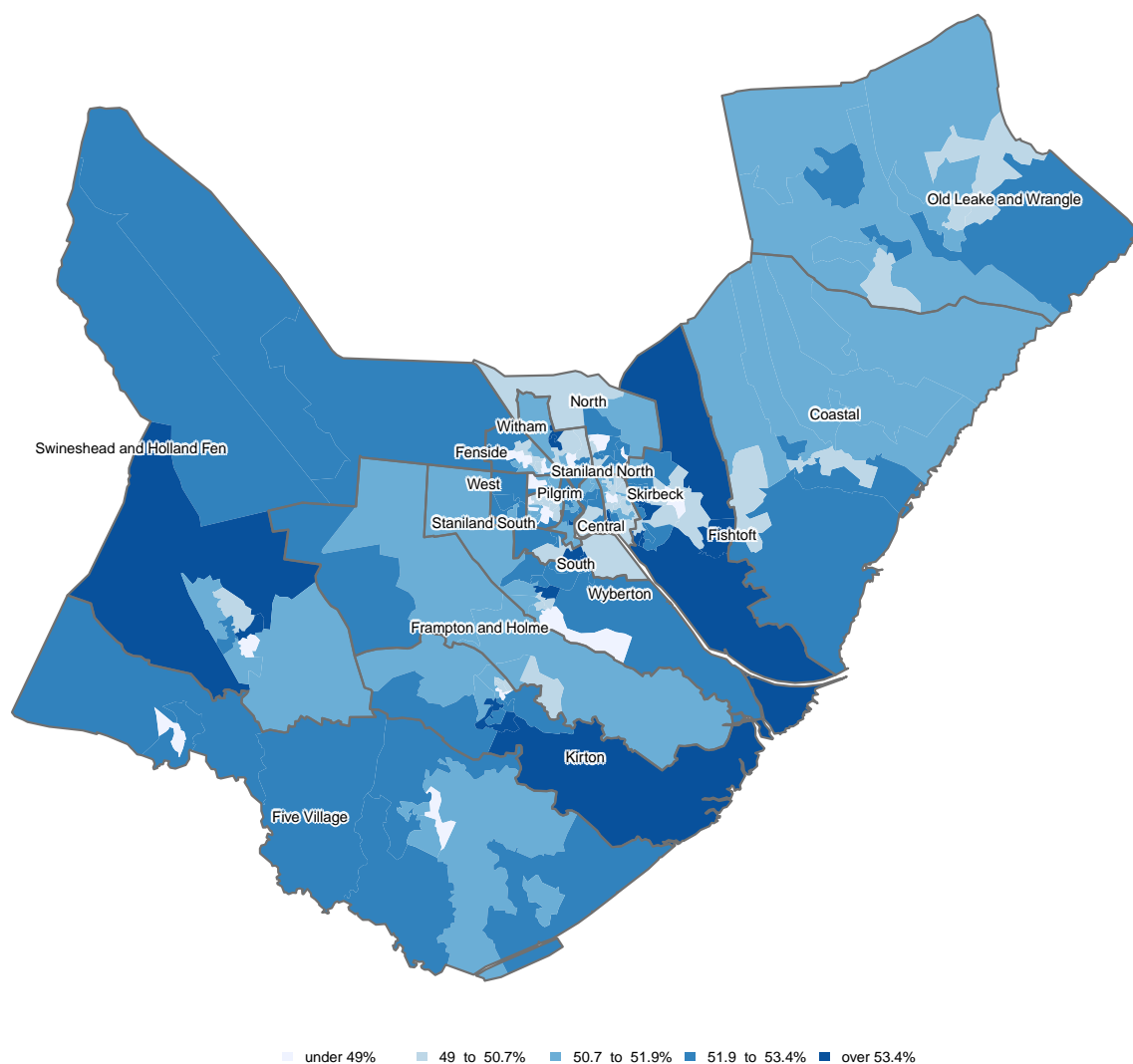


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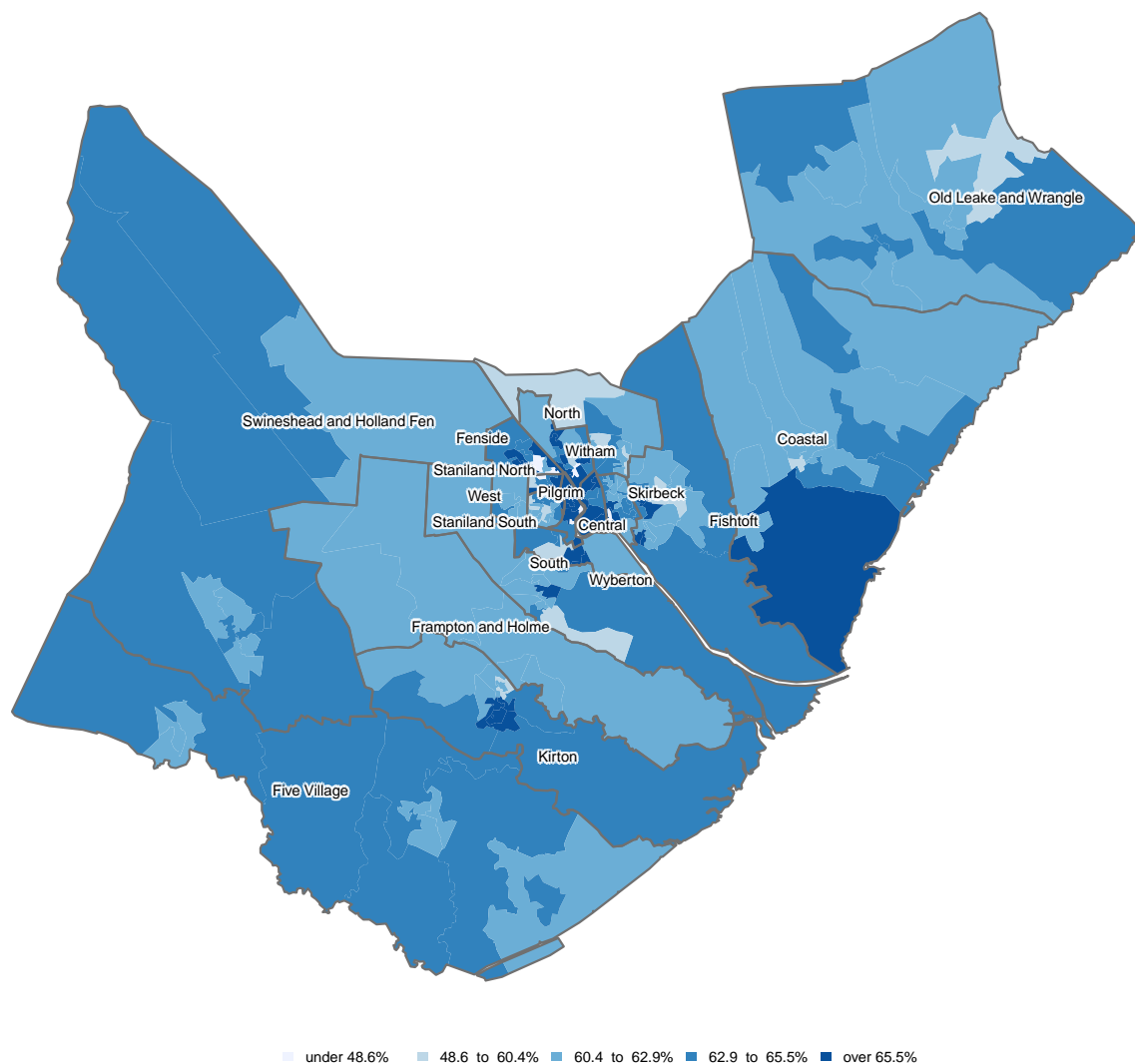


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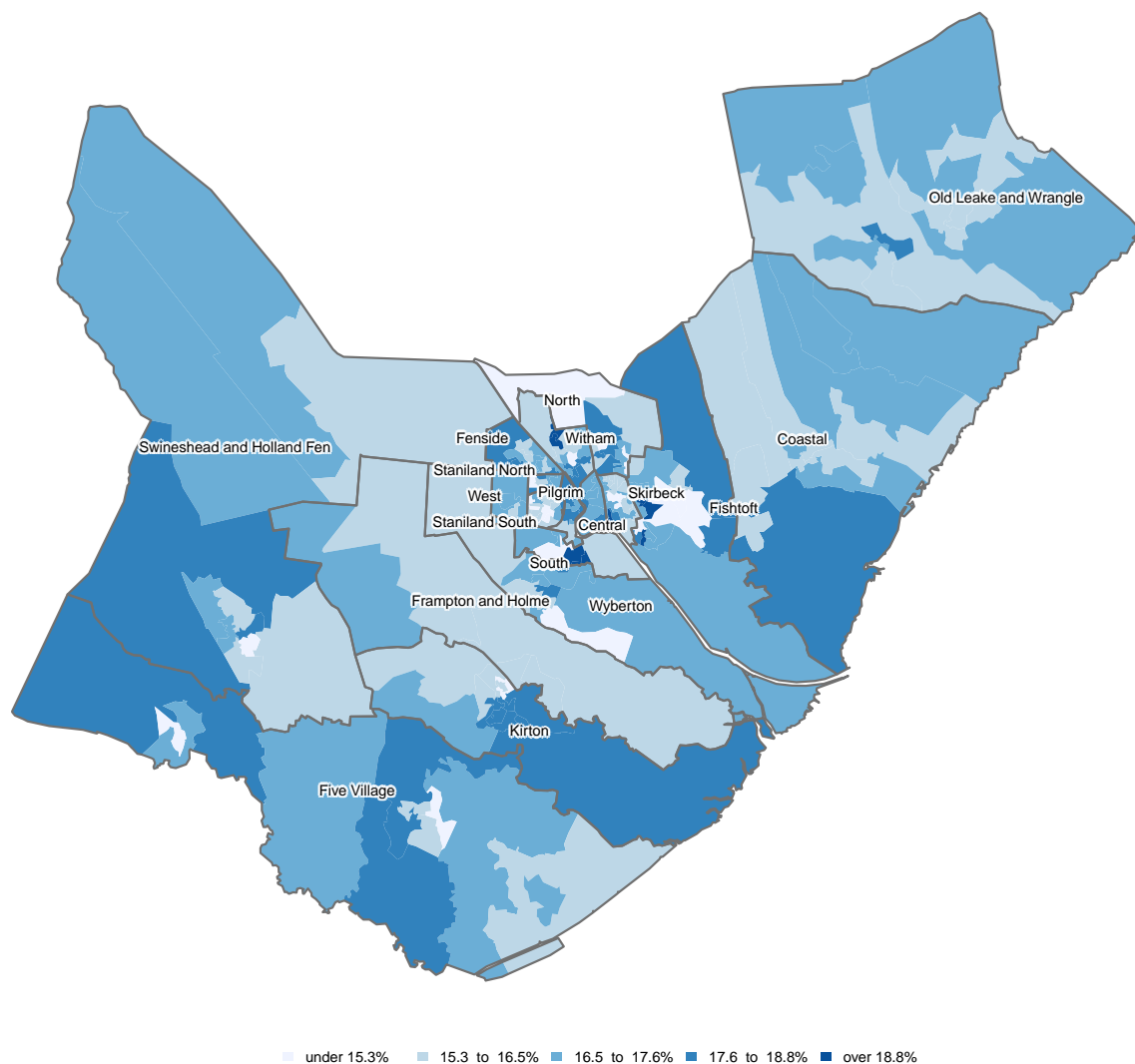


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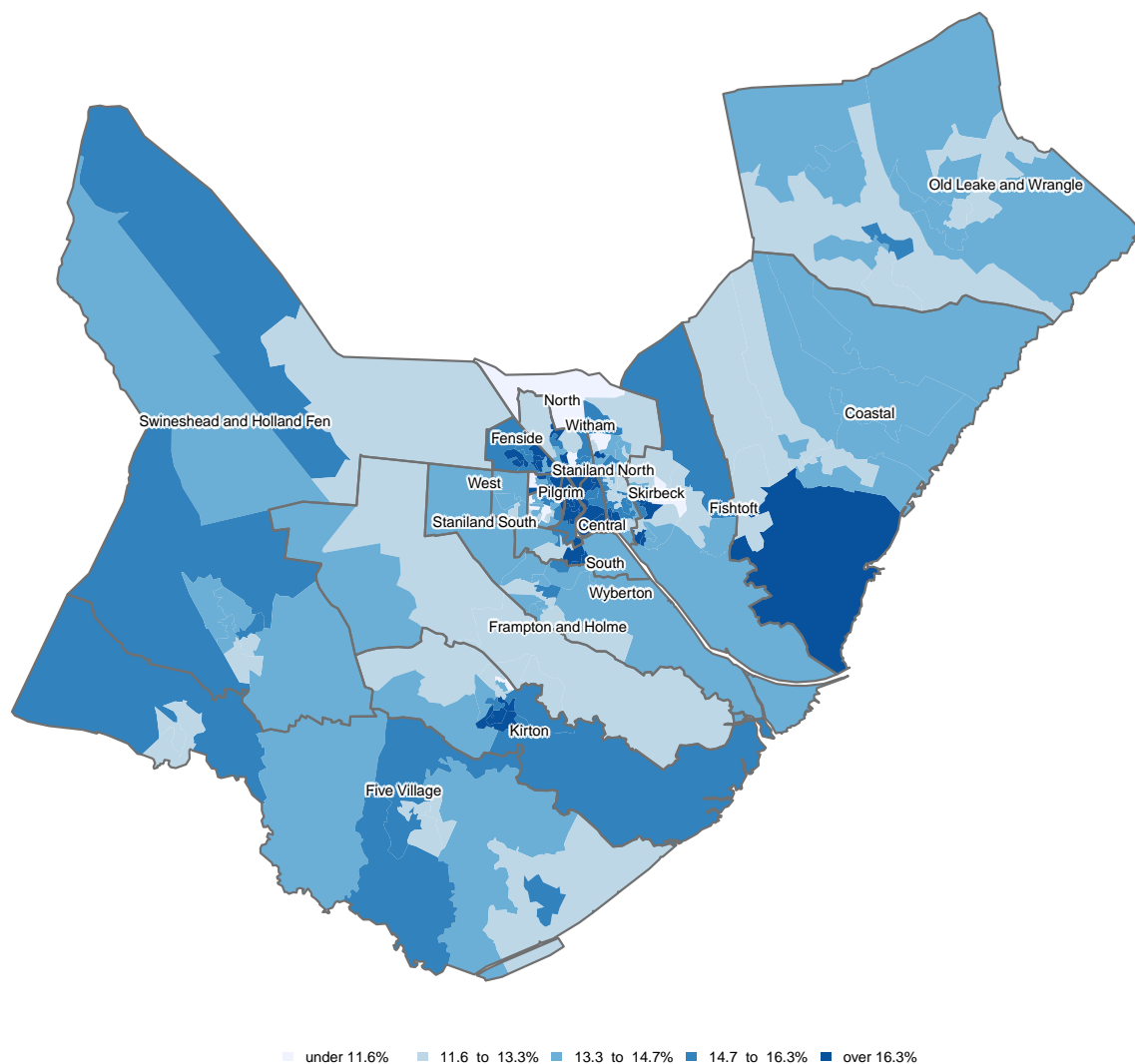


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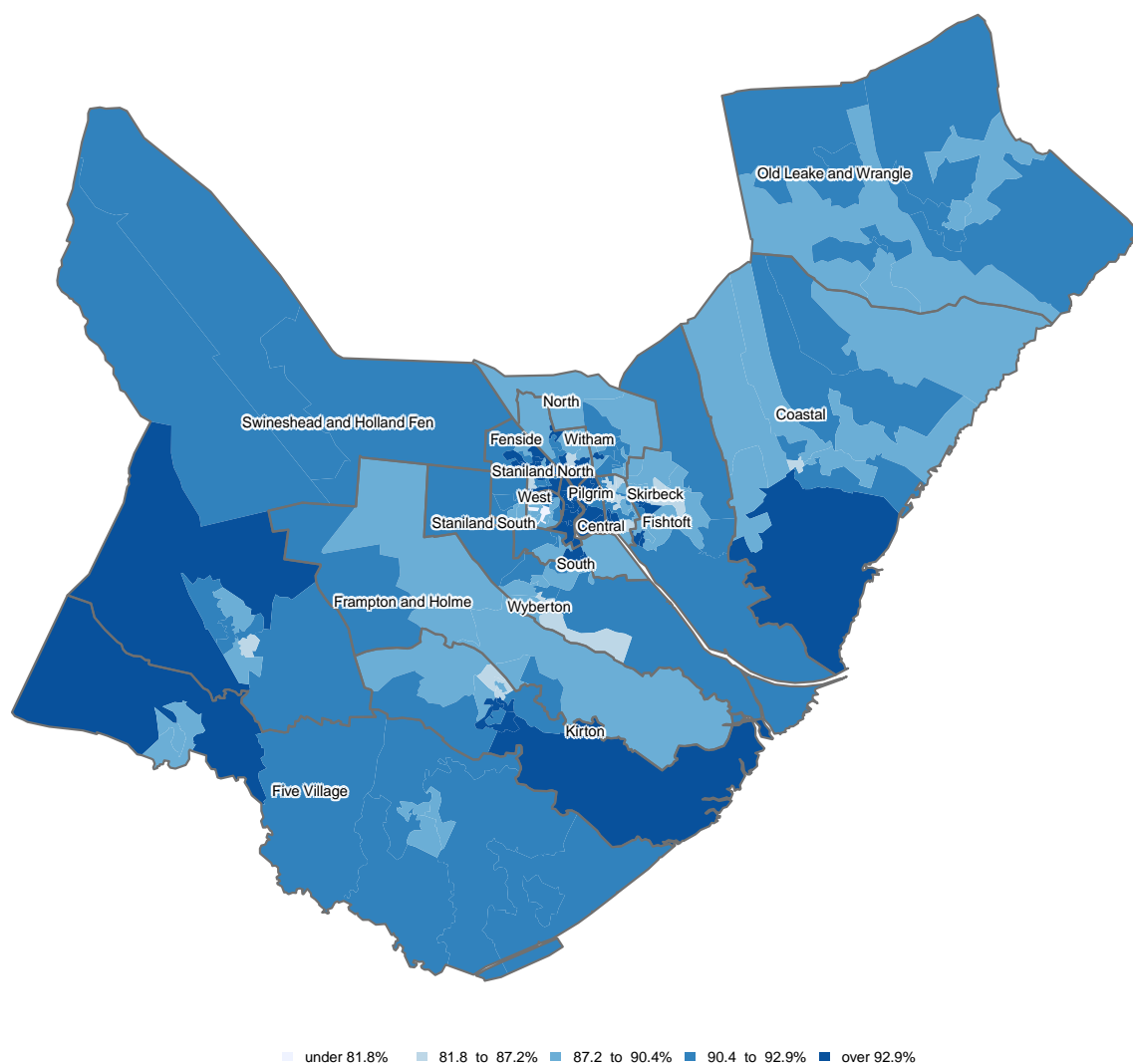


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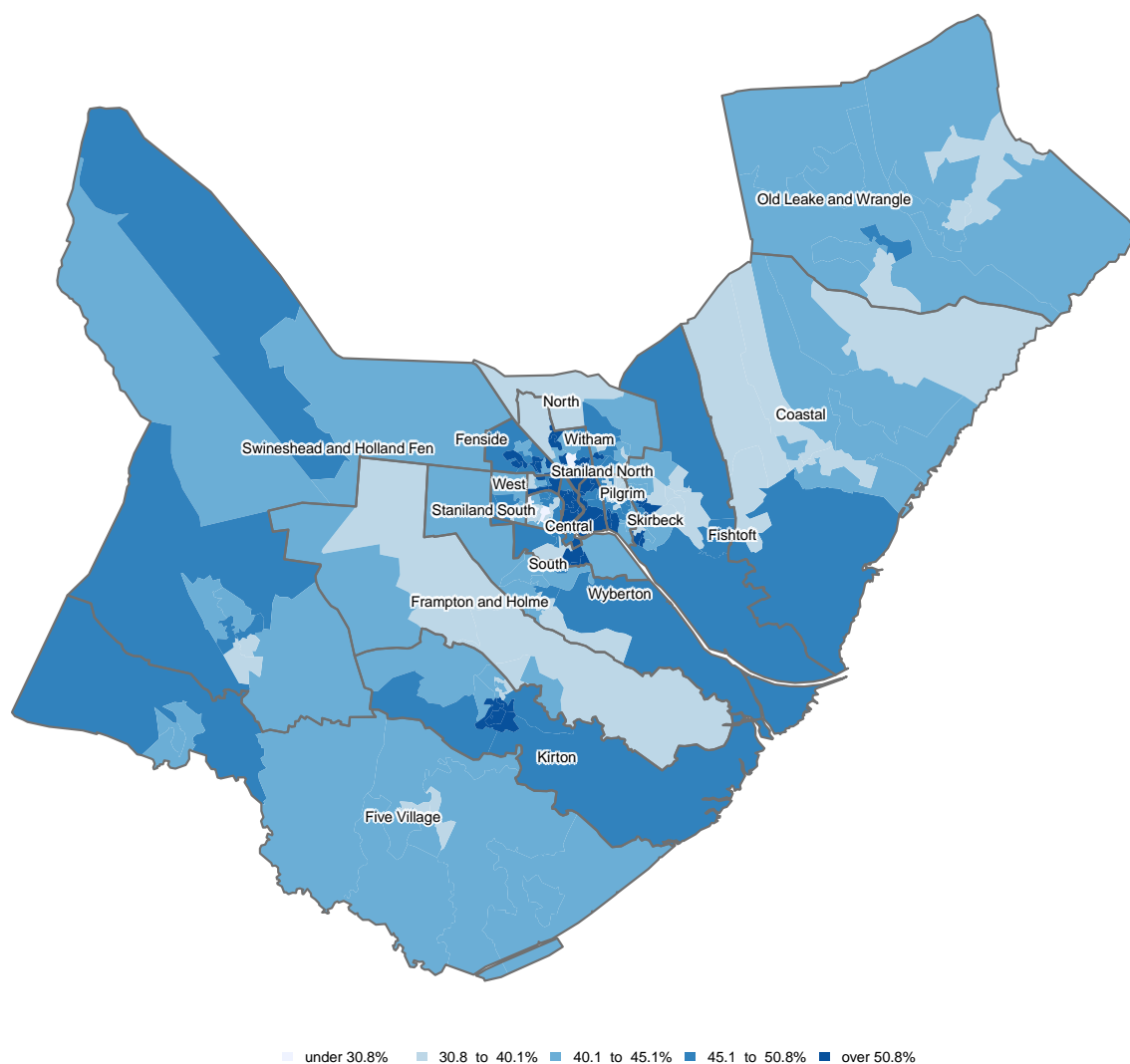


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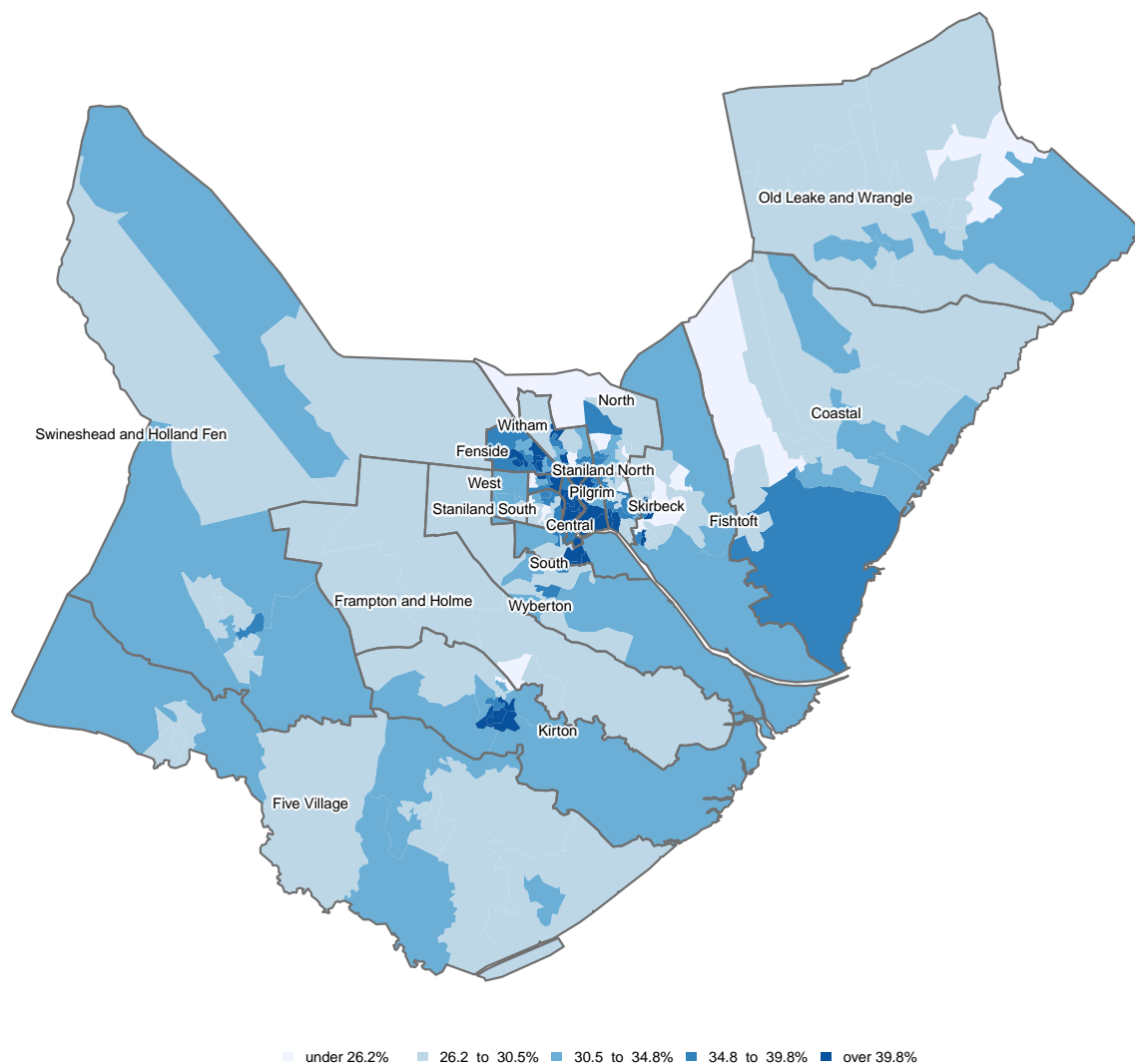


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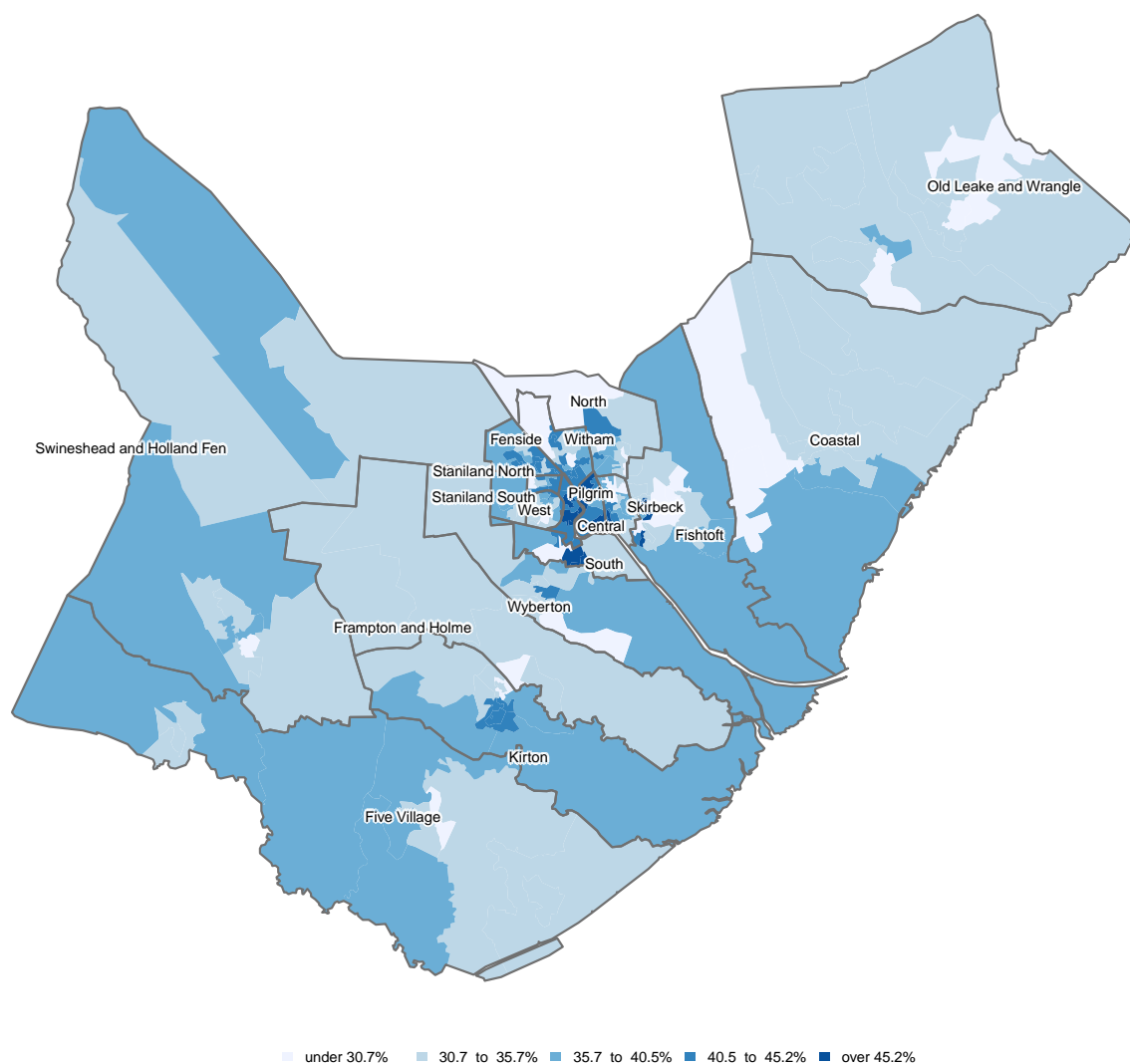


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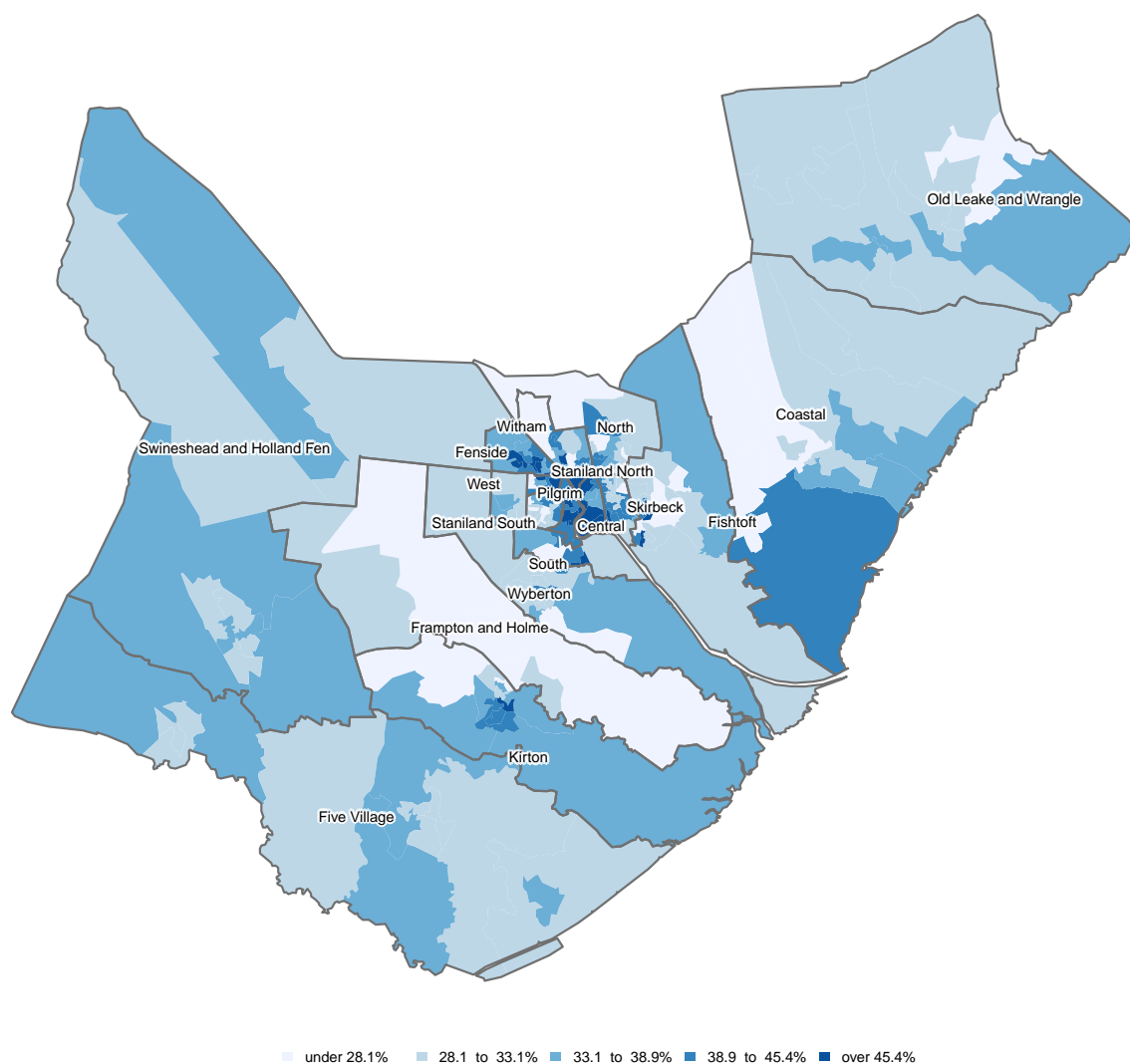


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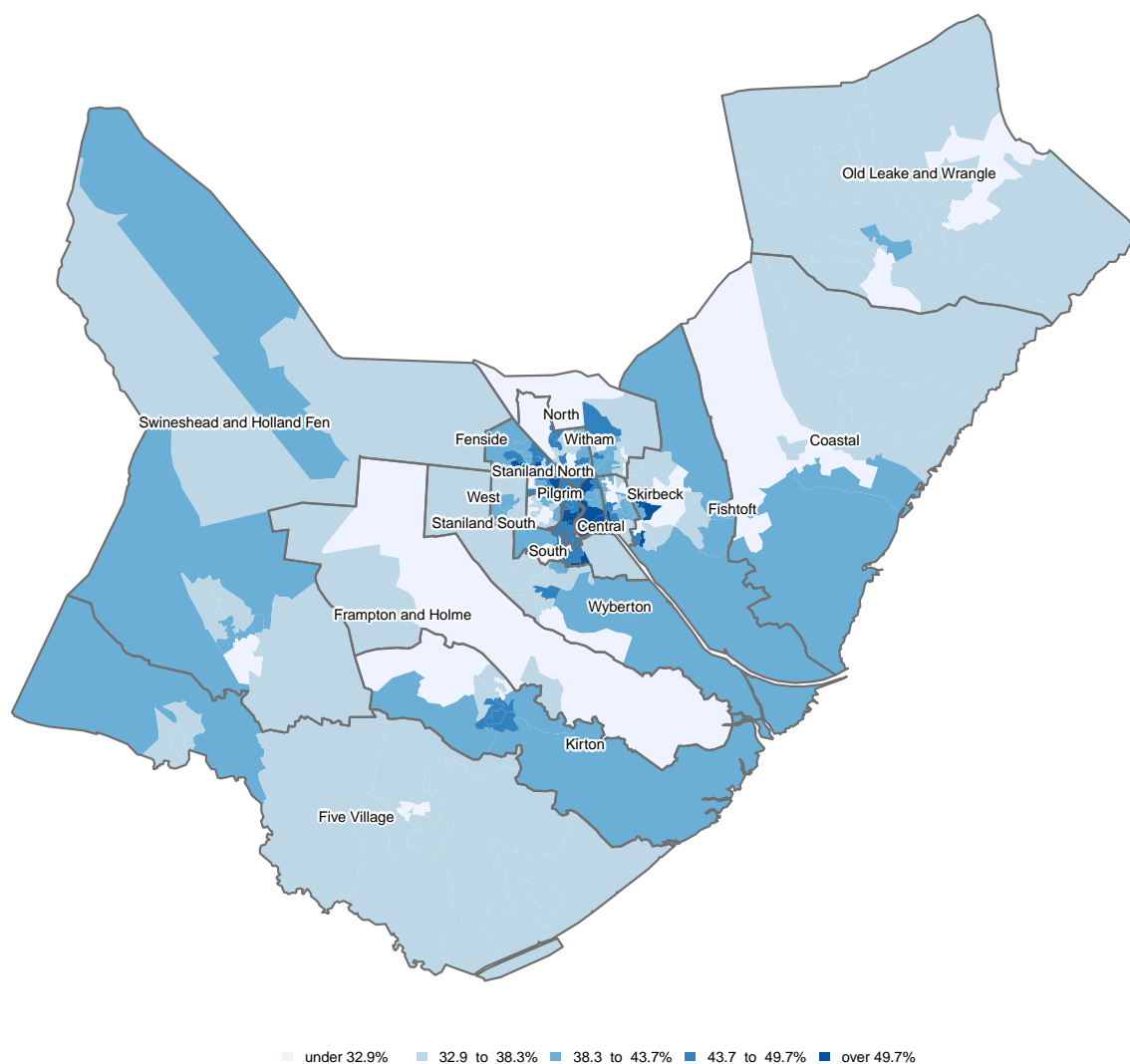


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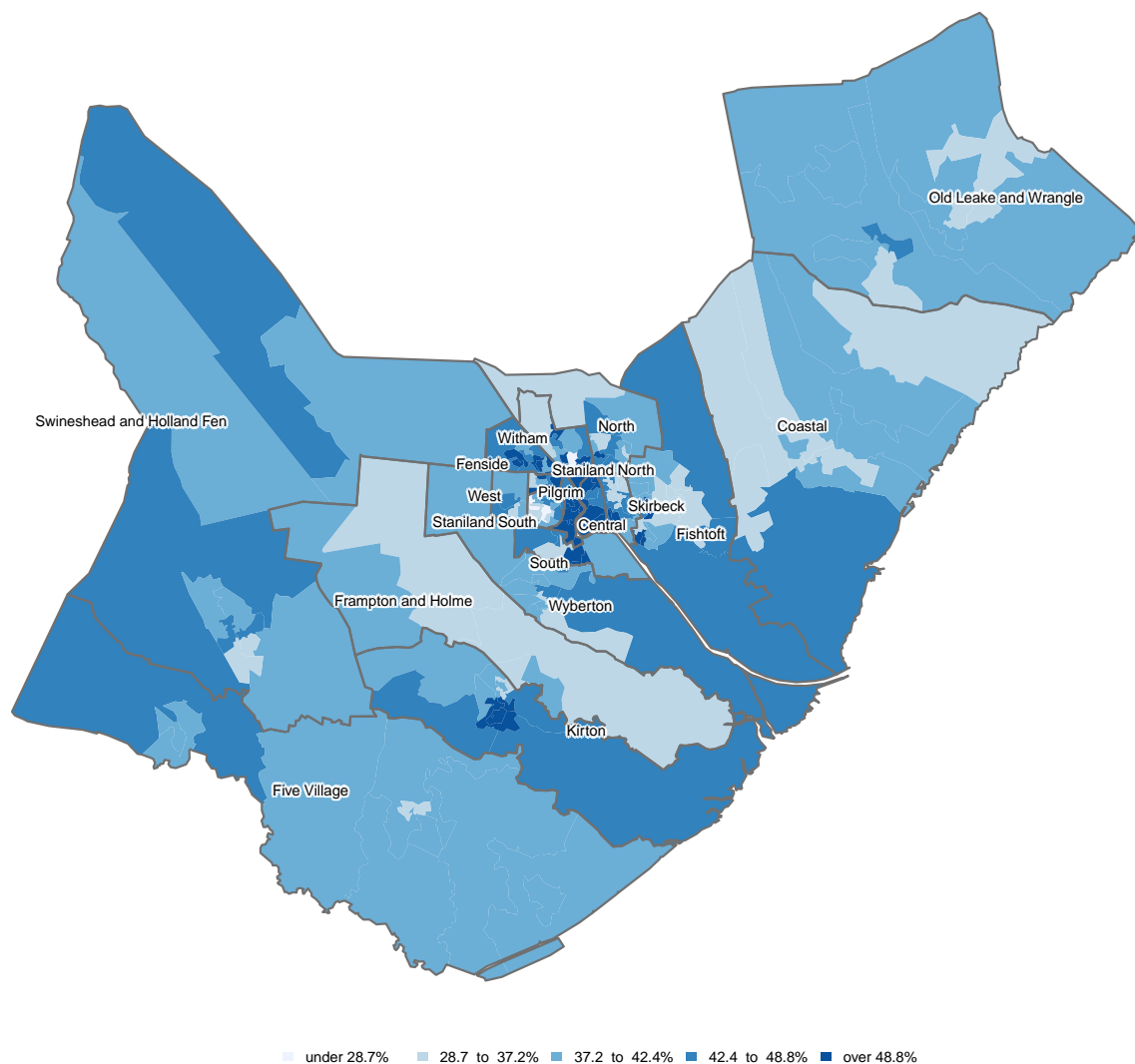


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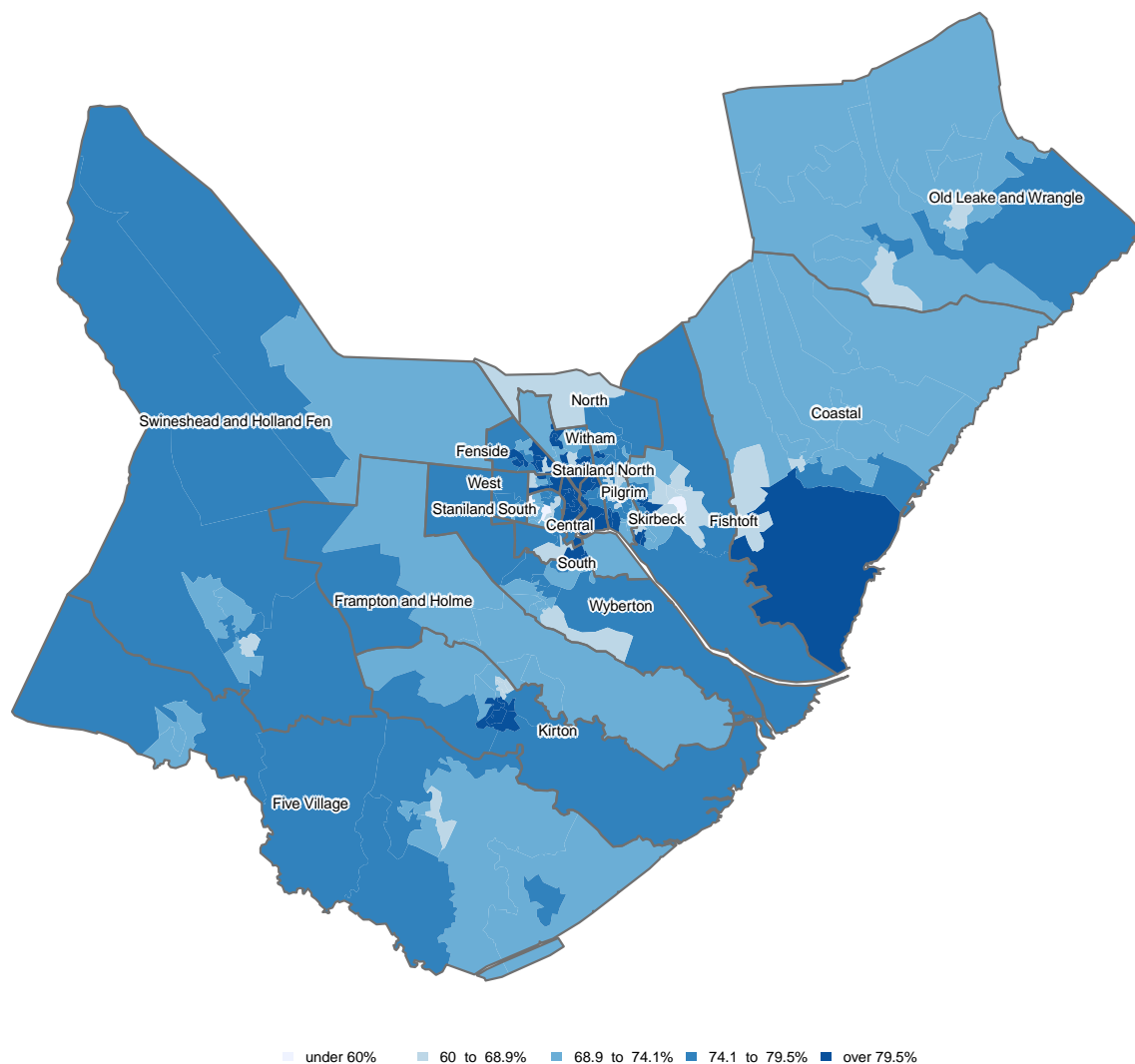


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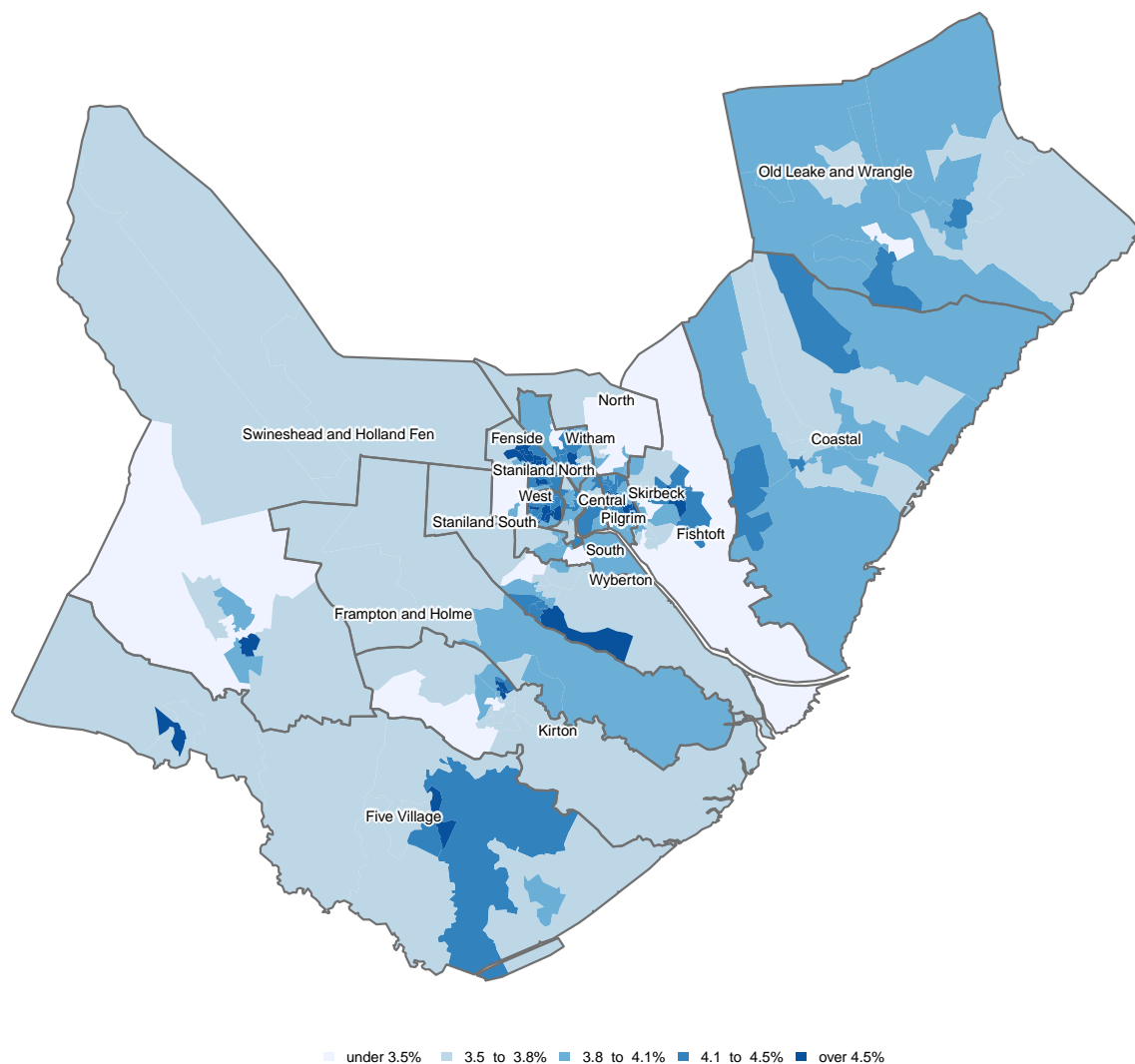


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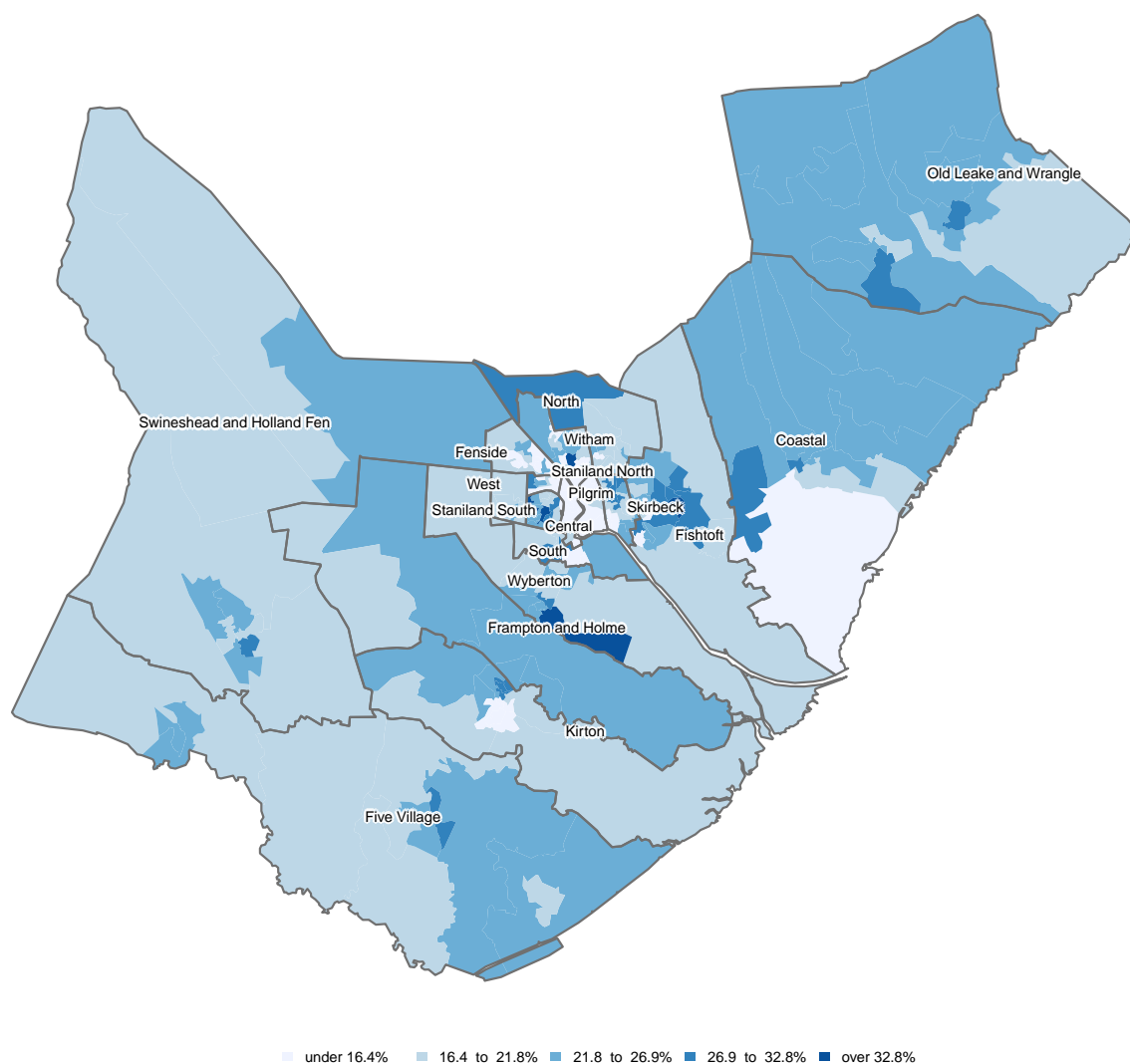


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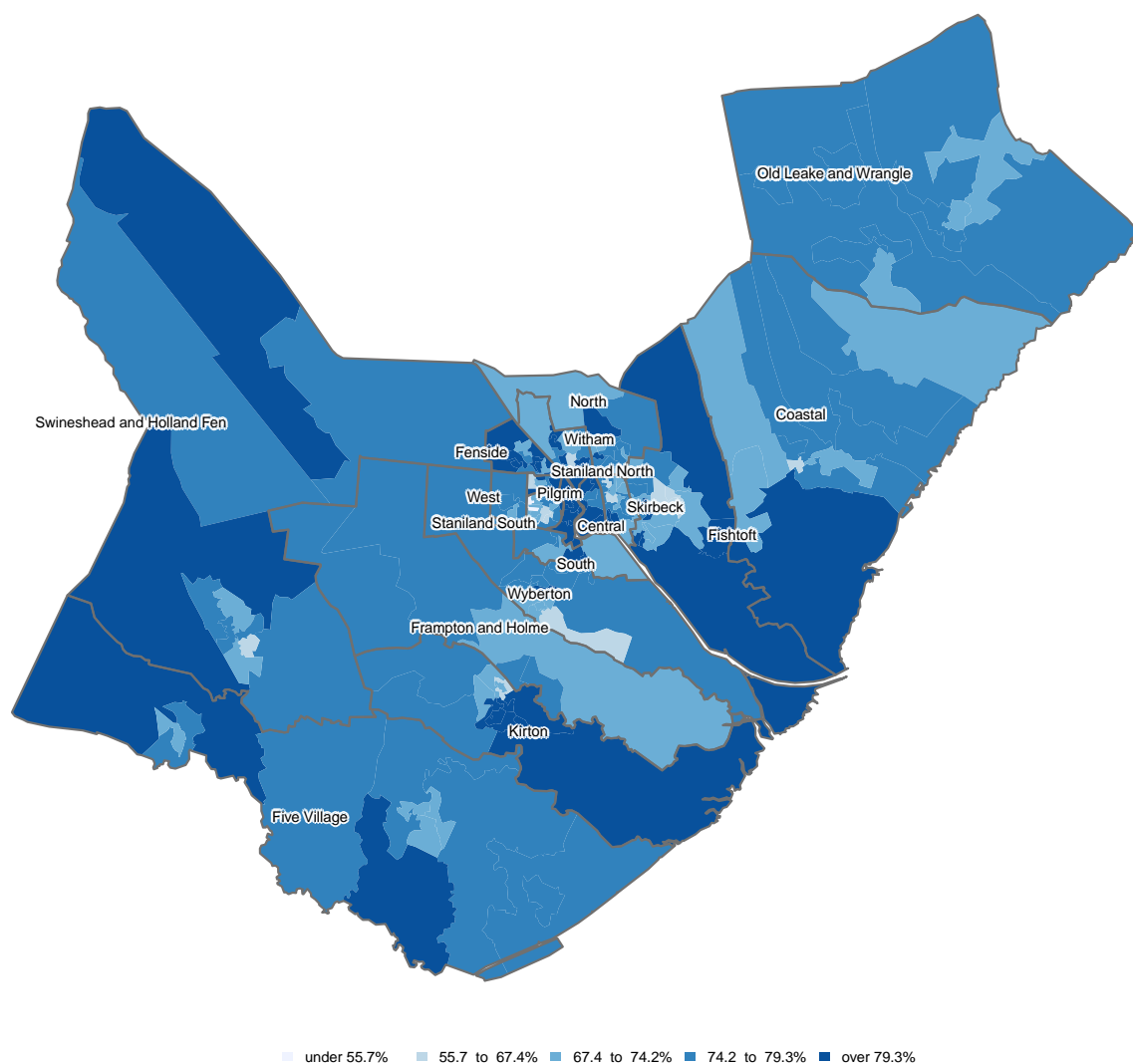


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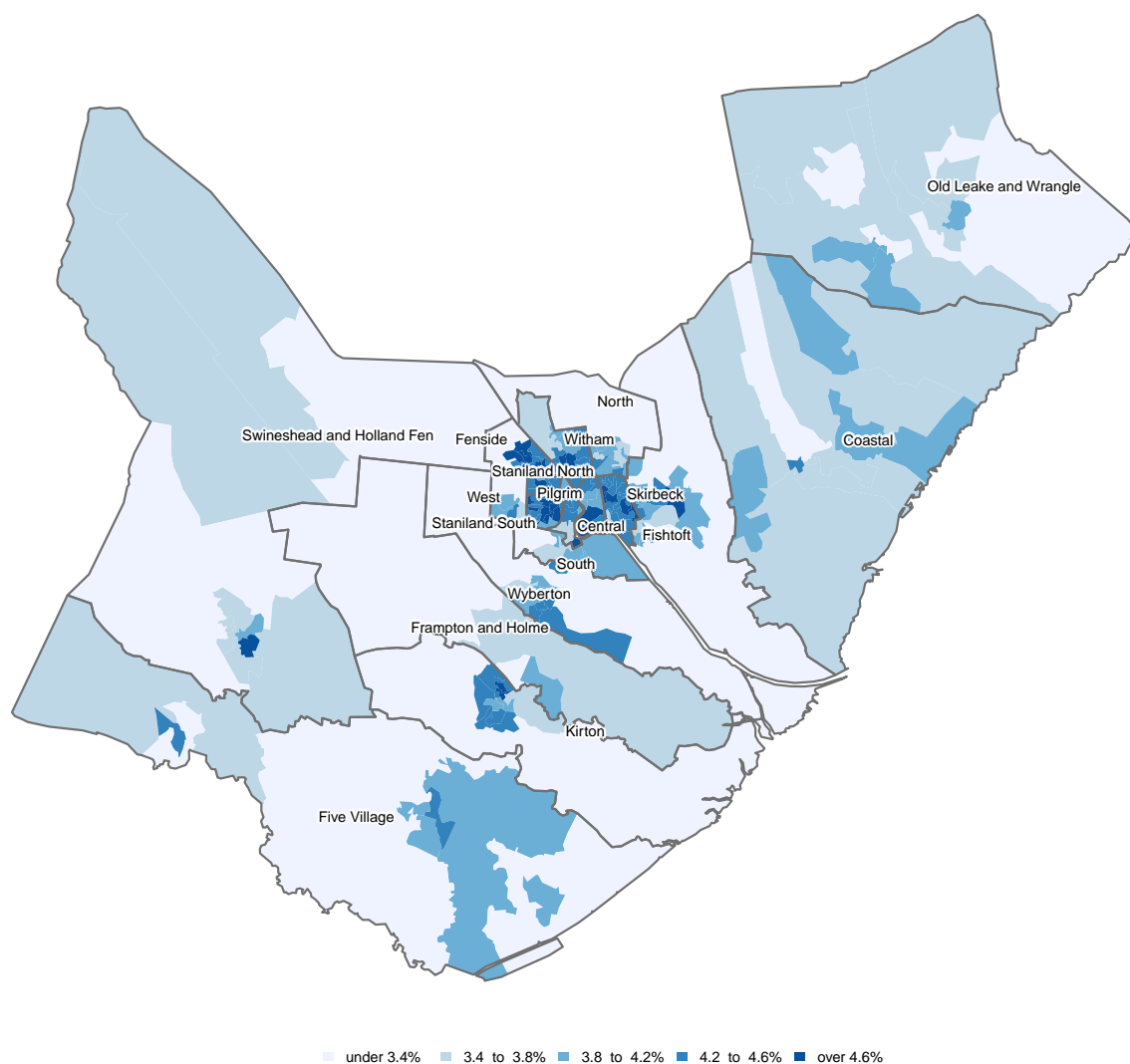


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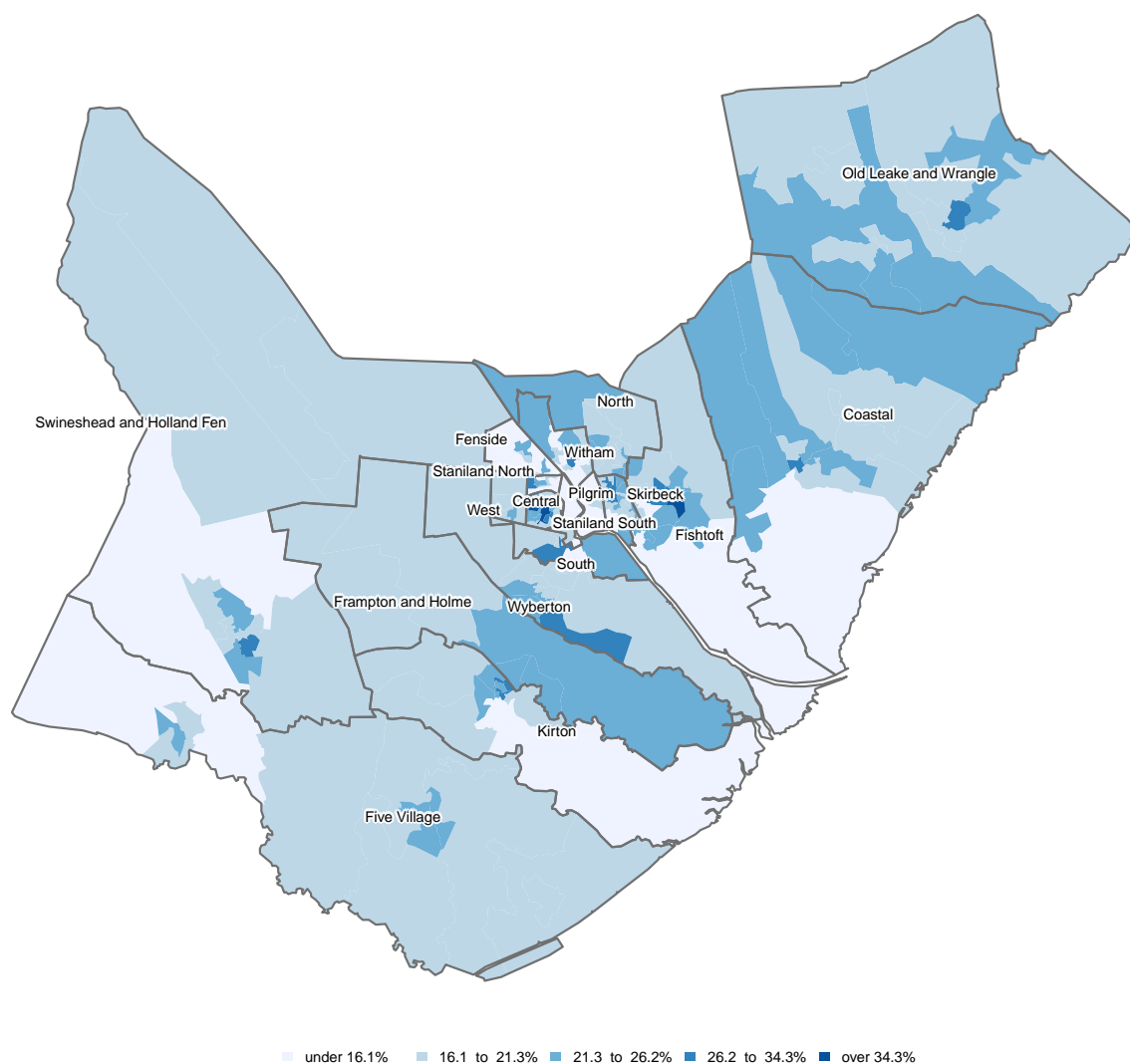


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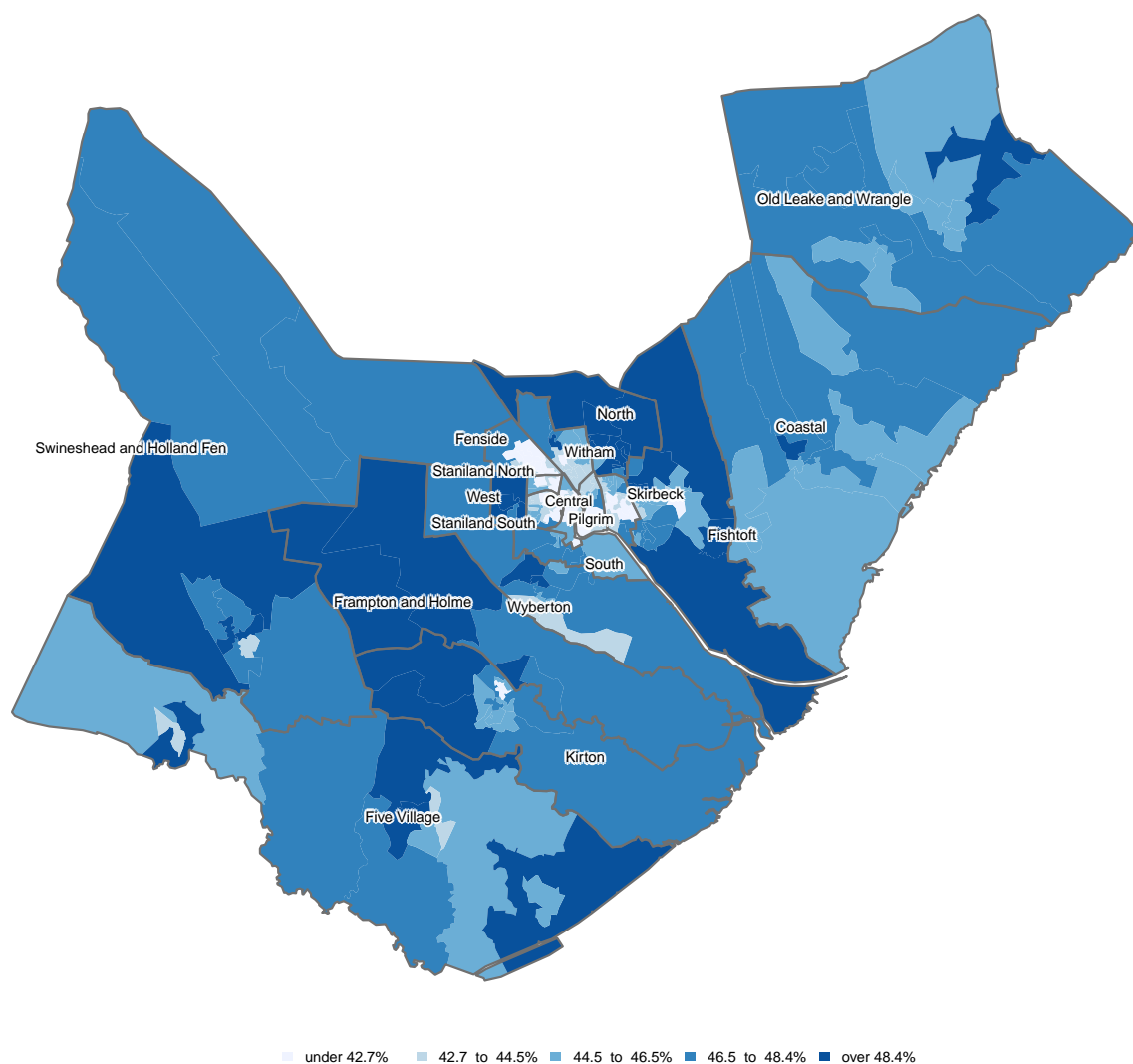


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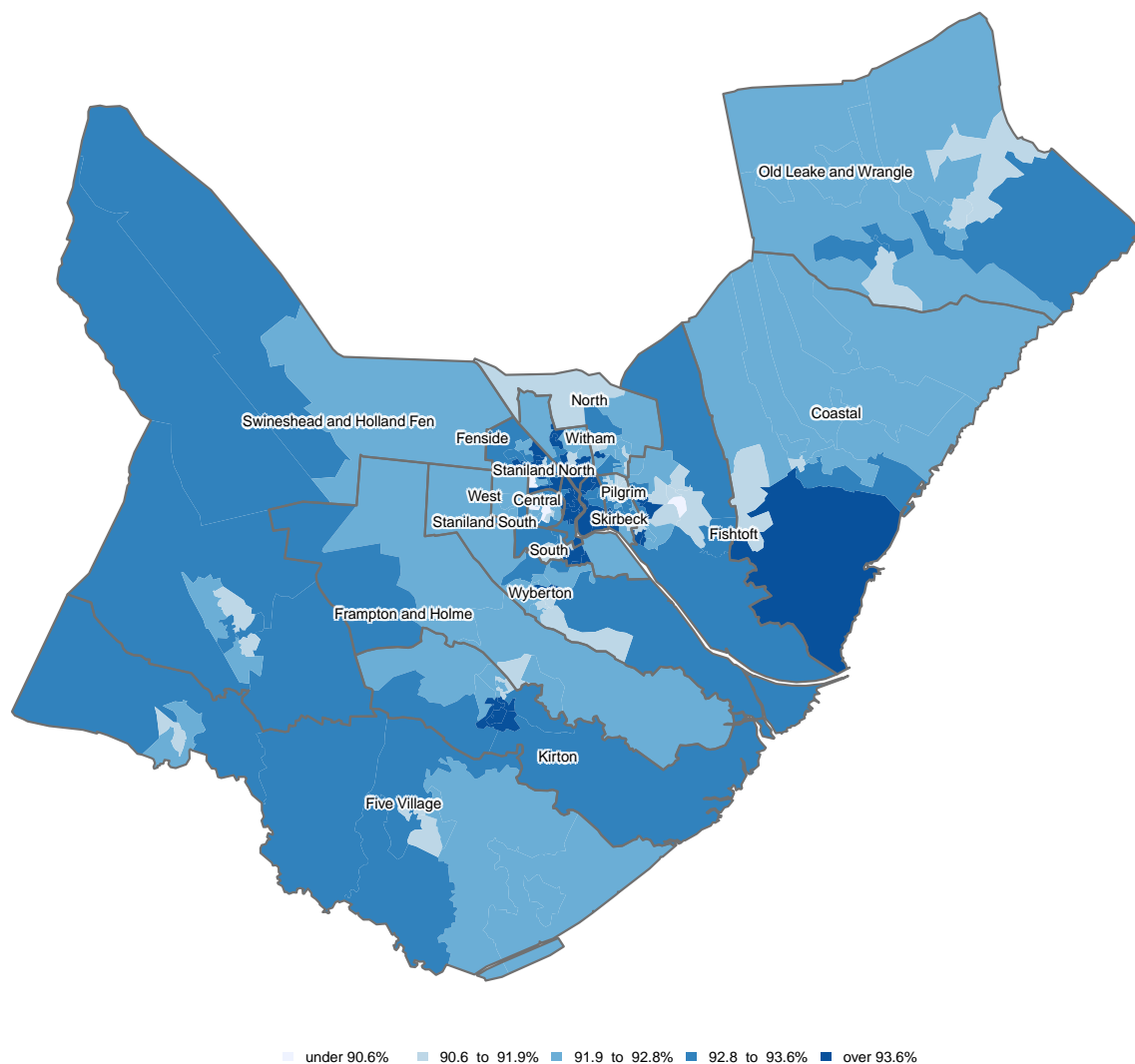


Figure 35: Householuds with in home wireless access through wifi

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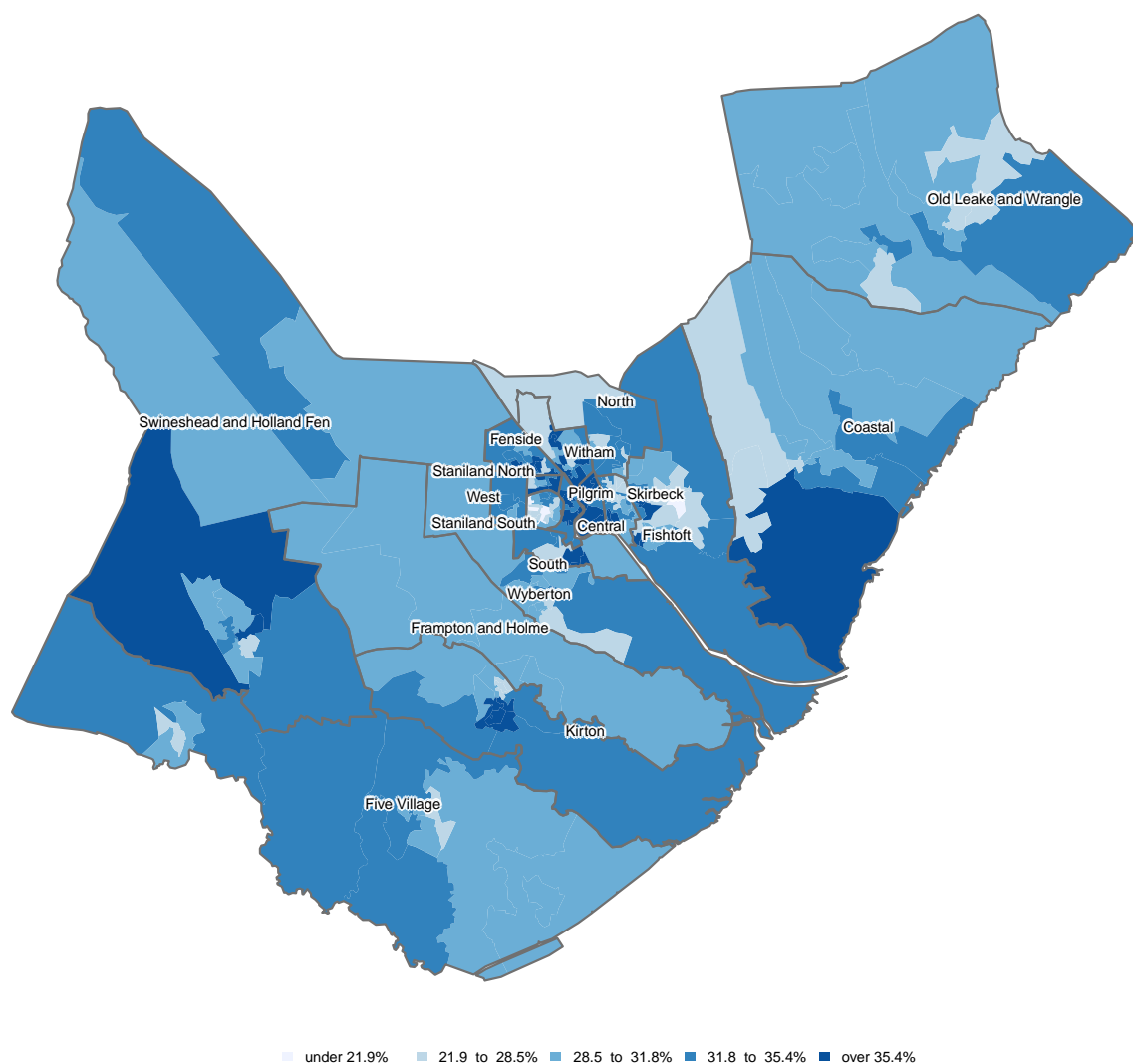


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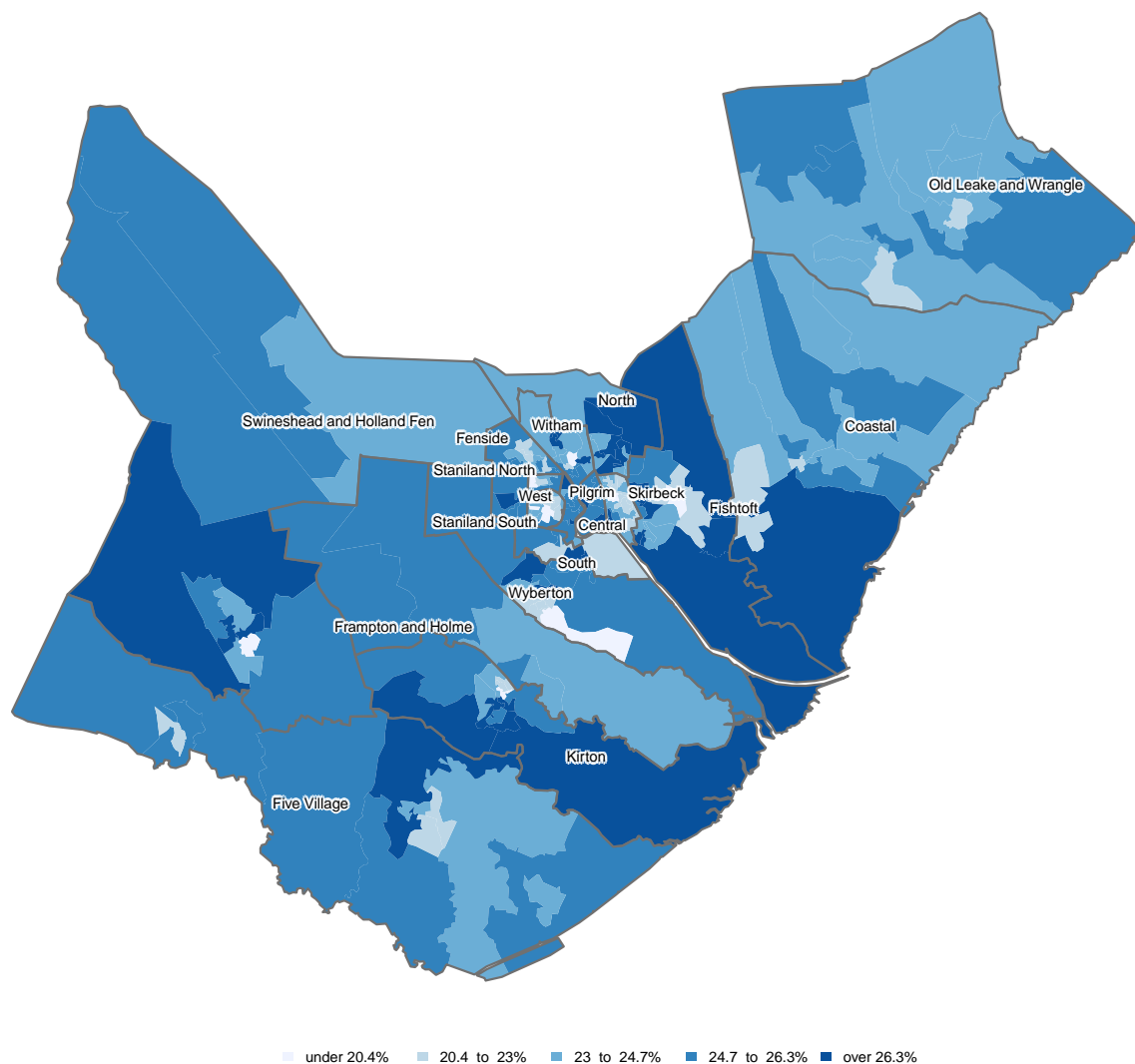


Figure 37: Households with an e reader

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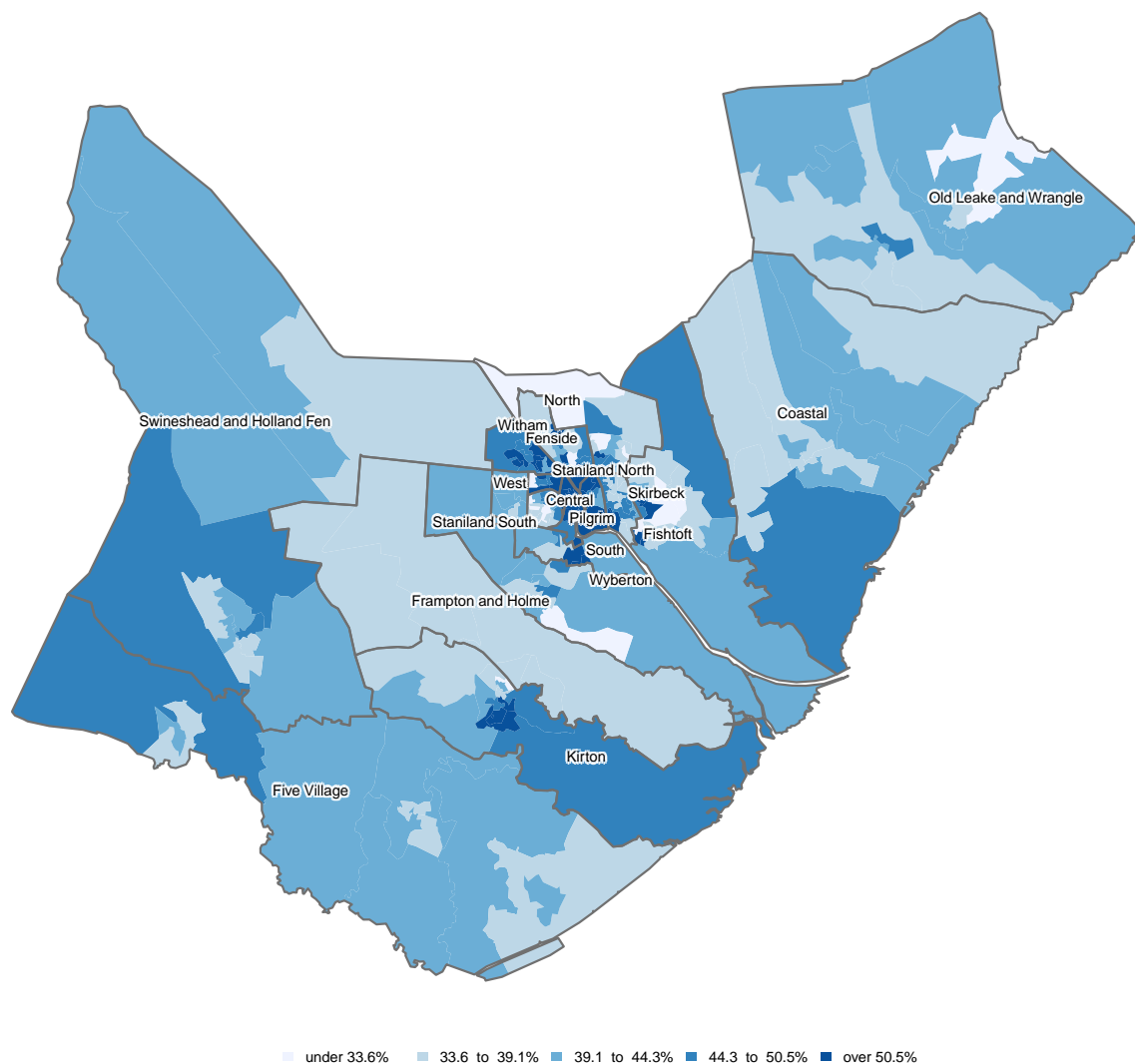


Figure 38: Households with a games console

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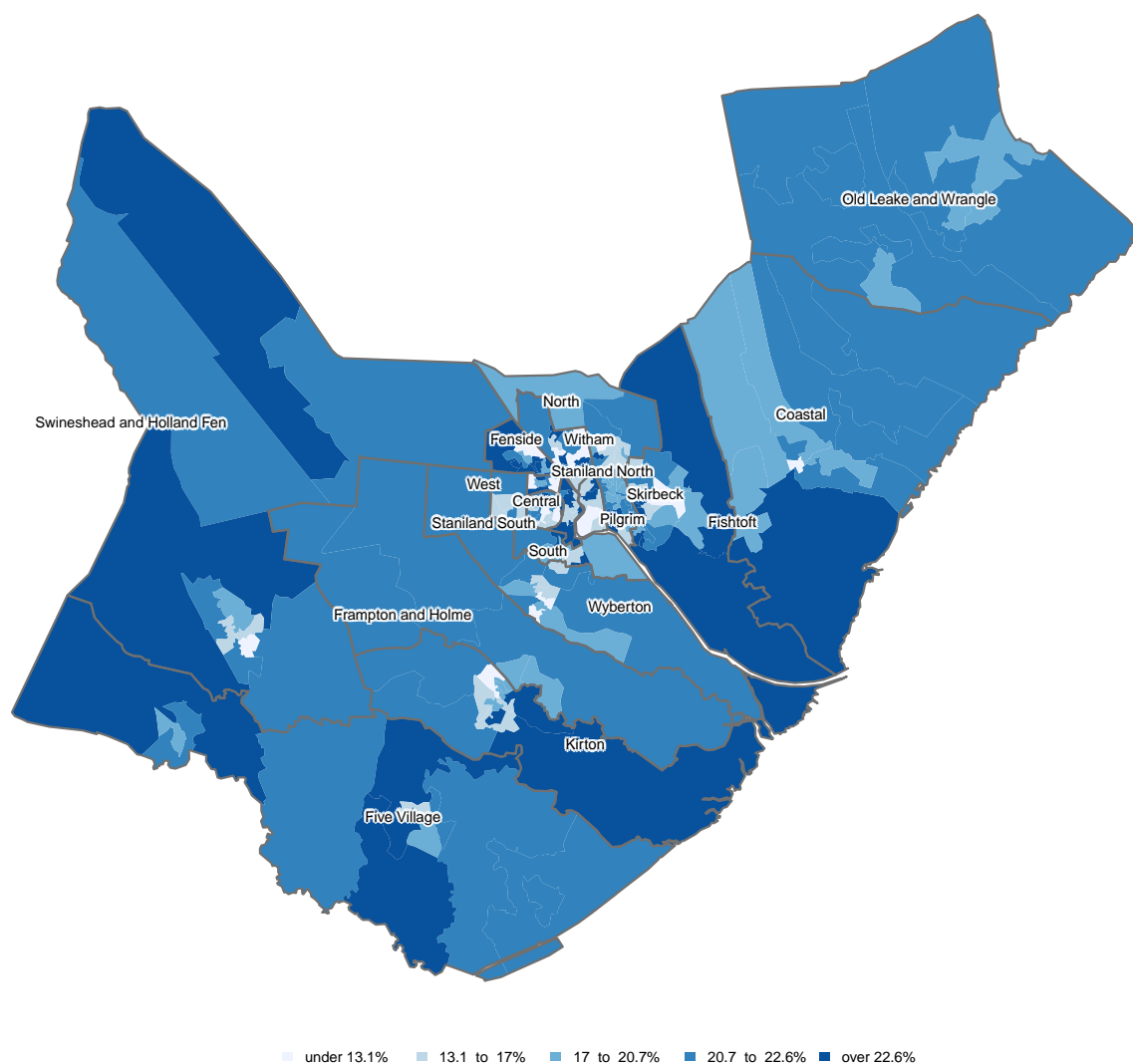


Figure 39: Households with a smart TV

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