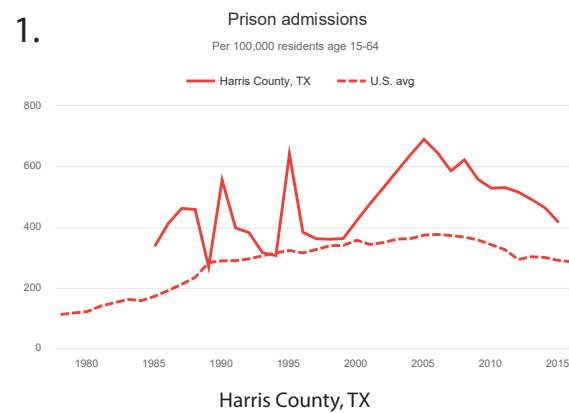


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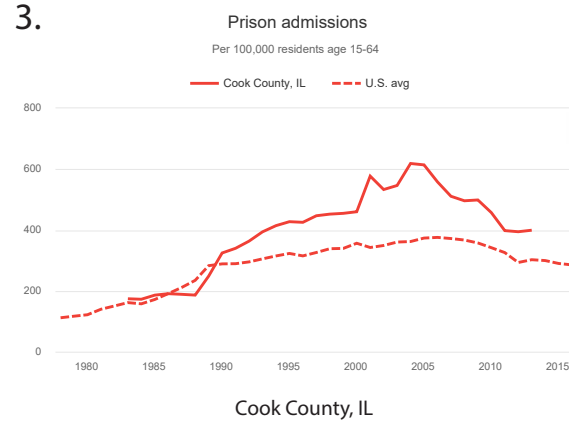
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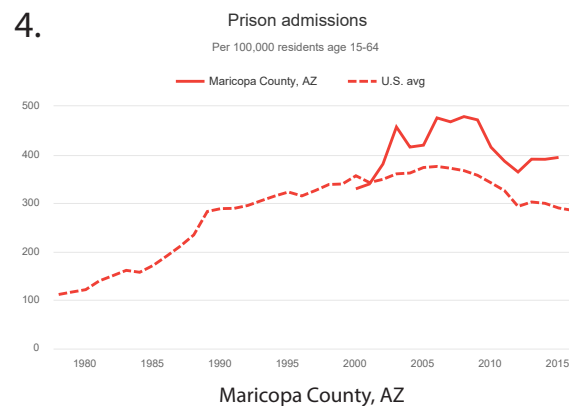
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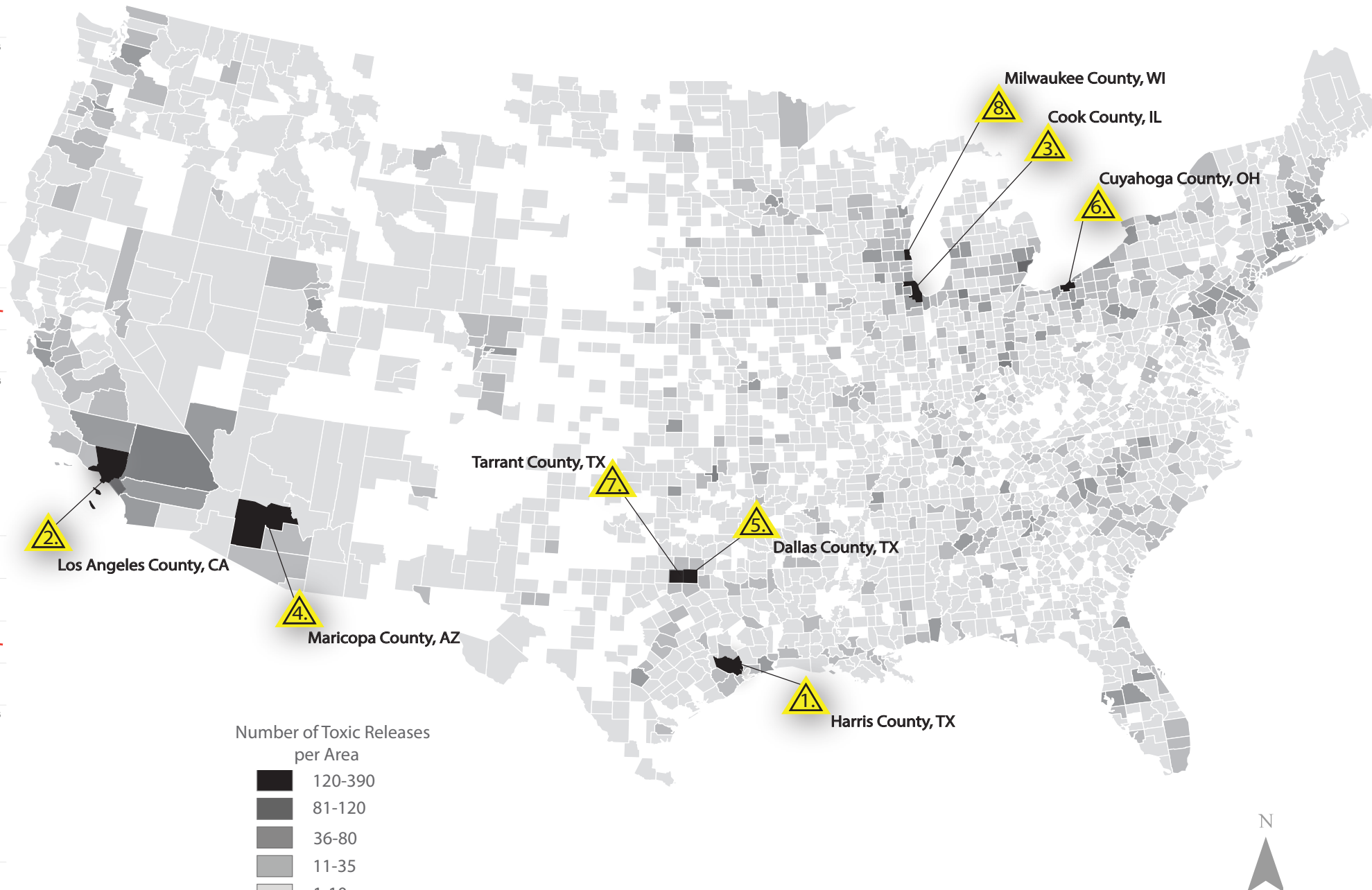
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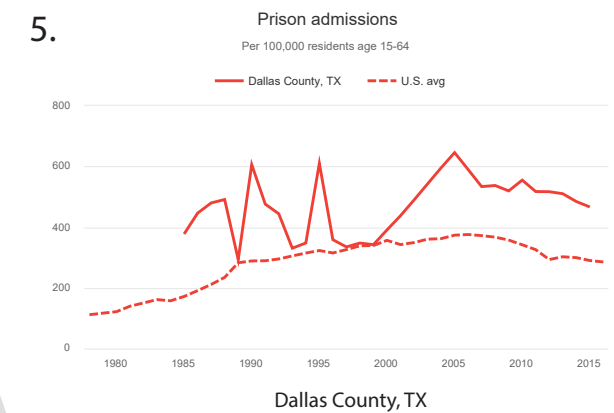
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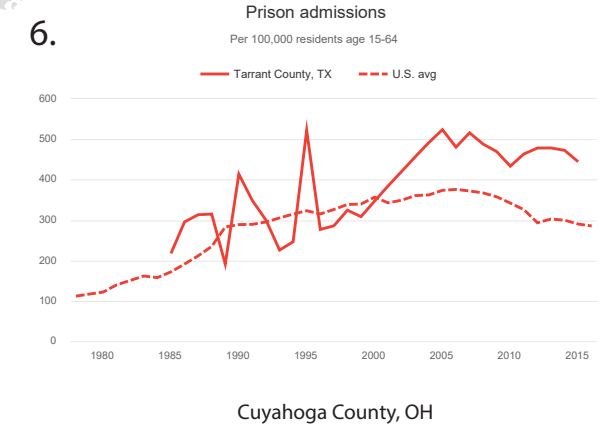
This map represents the number of on-site chemical releases as reported by the EPA under the Toxic Release Inventory. Research by Rick Nevin, has shown that exposure to toxins early in life can have serious nuerological consequences. These consequences include an increase in agressive behavior and rates of violent crime. The prison admission rates of the counties with the most toxic release sites are highlighted. All exceed the average prison admission rate of the United States.*



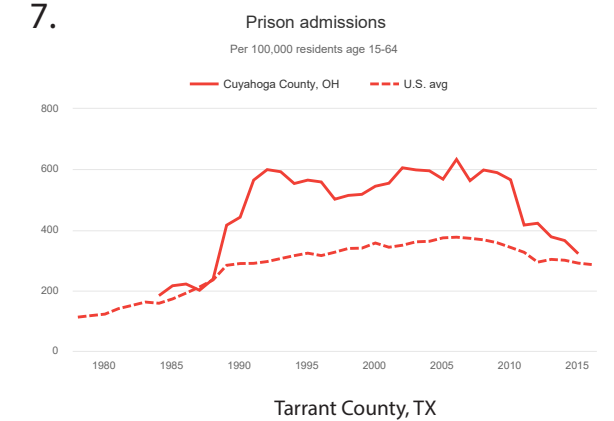
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*California's decriminalization of marijuana in 2010 account for the discrepancy in this relationship as observed in LA County.

Cartographer: Kaitlin Yira Projection: Albers Equal Area Conic Meridian: 95° W Standard Parallels: 32° N, 40° N Data: toxmap.mln.nih.gov, trends.vera.org/incarceration-rate, "Environmental causes of violence." Nevin, Rick. 2010.