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Definitions:

Food Desert

”A large body of literature has documented that low-income neighborhoods are more likely to be

“food deserts”—that is, areas with low availability or high prices of healthy foods.” (Hunt Allcott, et. al. 2017 and 2019)

“Food deserts have been described as areas, particularly lower-income neighborhoods, with limited access to affordable and nutritious food. In small-town and rural areas, food deserts have been defined as areas more than 10 miles from a supermarket” (Sharkey, 2010)

Based on NCES Definitions

Urban

“Territory inside an urbanized area and inside a principal city with a population between 100,000-250,000 or more” (NCES website)

Suburban

“Territory outside a Principal City and inside an Urbanized Area, with a population between 100 and 250k.

Rural

“Census-defined rural territory that is miles from an Urbanized Area”

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