Profile of Low Supermarket Access Communities

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Cleveland Metro Area

City of Cleveland

Communities with low access to supermarkets outlined in blue

	Cleveland metro area		All 10 metro areas	
Low Access Area (LAA) Characteristics	Total	%	Total	%
Population	236,085	11.3 (% of metro)	1,735,018	4.8 (% of metro)
Black/African American	92,676	39.3 (% of LAA pop)	510,188	29.4 (% of LAA pop)
Hispanic	29,794	12.6 (% of LAA pop)	546,233	31.5 (% of LAA pop)
Asian	2,343	1.0 (% of LAA pop)	87,333	5.0 (% of LAA pop)
Population outside central city	96,407	40.8 (% of LAA pop)	865,287	49.9 (% of LAA pop)
Estimated grocery demand (\$M)	\$542		\$3,039	
Estimated grocery expenditure leakage (\$M)	\$508	93.7 (% of demand)	\$2,703	89.0 (% of demand)
Large low-access clusters	13		62	
Estimated grocery expenditure leakage	\$446	87.8 (% of all LAA leakage)	\$1,924	71.2 (% of all LAA leakage)
Average supermarkets supported	25		108	

Notes: Low Access Areas are identified as low- and moderate-income census block groups located considerably farther from the nearest supermarket than middle- and higher-income block groups with similar level of population density and rate of car ownership. Large low-access clusters have estimated grocery expenditure leakage of at least \$13.7 million annually. See www.trfund.com/resource/policypubs.html#LAA for more details on methodology. Metropolitan areas studied include: Atlanta, Baltimore, Cleveland, Jackson (MS), Las Vegas, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Louisville, Phoenix, and San Francisco/Oakland.