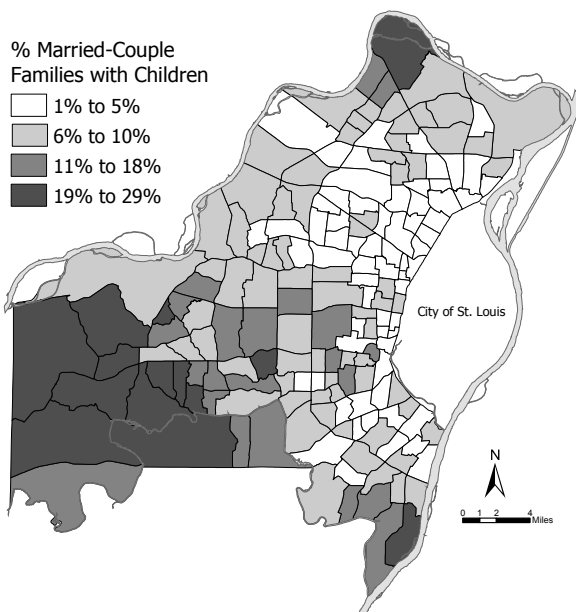


# Families with Children: Spatial Distribution



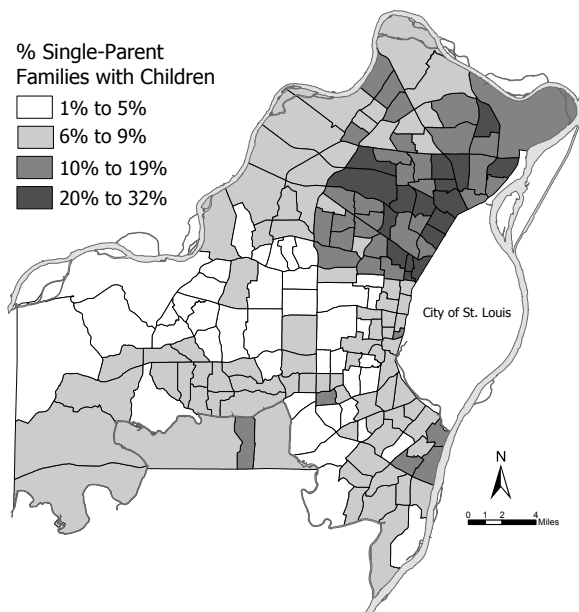
Married-Couple Families with Children as a Percent of All Households

Married-couple and single-parent households with children are unevenly distributed across St. Louis County. Areas of newer housing development have the highest concentrations of “traditional” married-couple families with children. Census tracts in West County areas in Wildwood, Eureka and unincorporated areas in the southwestern portion of the County have the highest percentages of married-couple families with children under age 18.

The Oakville area in South County and areas north of Florissant also show high percentages of this family type, which represents 23 percent of all households countywide. Four Central County census tracts in Brentwood, Ladue, Glendale and Webster Groves have above-average percentages of such families, but most “inner-ring” areas east of Lindbergh Boulevard have below-average

concentrations of married couple families with children. These older areas tend to have more households whose children have grown, the so-called “empty-nesters,” as well as single-person households and one-parent households.

While single-parent households with children comprise 9 percent of all households countywide, the concentration by census tract ranges from 1 percent in a Sunset Hills tract to 32 percent in a North County tract. Single-parent households are geographically concentrated in the northern half of the County, particularly in older communities east of Lindbergh Boulevard. In several tracts in that area single-parent families with children comprise at least 20 percent of all households. Above-average percentages are also found in the Lemay area and in single tracts in Maplewood, Kirkwood and the unincorporated area west of Fenton.



Single-Parent Families with Children as a Percent of All Households

Sources: U.S. Census, 2000 and St. Louis County Department of Planning.