

2018 QAP – Community Economic Integration Methodology

Community economic integration is defined by Minnesota Housing in two tiers based on median family income and access to jobs.

Communities are eligible for these points in the 7-county Twin Cities metropolitan area and areas in and around Duluth, St. Cloud, and Rochester. For applicants to be awarded 7 or 9 points for community economic integration, the proposed housing needs to be located in a community (census tract) with the median family income meeting or exceeding the region's¹ 40th percentile for 7 points and 80th percentile for 9 points, based on data published in the American Community Survey (ACS) for 2014. For each region, the 40 percent of census tracts with the lowest incomes are excluded from receiving points. The census tract must also meet or exceed a regional threshold for low and moderate wage jobs² within five miles of the Census tract based on data published by the Local Employment Dynamics program of the US Census Bureau for 2013. In the Twin Cities metro, the 10 percent of census tracts with the fewest low and moderate wage jobs within five miles of the tract are excluded, and in Greater Minnesota, the 20 percent of census tracts with the fewest low and moderate wage jobs are excluded³. To promote economic integration, the criteria identify higher income communities that are close to low and moderate wage job centers.

This document includes maps of the census tracts that meet the two tiers of community economic integration as well as a list of census tracts by county for each tier. Maps 1 and 2 display the Census tracts that meet these criteria, and the corresponding tables show the total number of jobs and median incomes needed to achieve the thresholds by region. In the maps we have identified racially/ethnically-concentrated areas of poverty (R/ECAPs), which are a Census tract-based concept developed by HUD⁴. R/ECAPs are not located in tracts eligible for economic integration points. Interactive tools will be made available for applicants and staff to map project locations and determine economic integration points through the community profiles at www.mnhousing.gov > Policy & Research > Community Profiles.

Areas outside the 7-county Twin Cities metropolitan area, Duluth, Rochester, and St. Cloud are not eligible for economic integration or school performance points, but they are eligible for 10 points under the Rural/Tribal Designated Areas.

¹ For the purpose of assessing income and access to jobs by region, Minnesota Housing used three regional categories: 1) Twin Cities 7 County Metropolitan Area, 2) Counties making up Greater Minnesota MSAs, including: Duluth, St. Cloud, Rochester, Mankato/North Mankato, Grand Forks, and La Crosse, and four Twin Cities MSA counties outside of the 7 county metro, and 3) Balance of Greater Minnesota. The purpose of the regional split is to acknowledge that incomes and access to jobs varies by region. A higher income community close to jobs in the metro is very different than a higher income community close to jobs in rural Greater Minnesota.

² Low and moderate wage jobs are those with a monthly earning less than or equal to \$3,333, using LED data from the US Census (2013).

³ In the case where an urban-sized Census tract (less than 25 square miles) is completely surrounded by a census tract that meets this eligibility, it is also identified as having access to jobs.

⁴ R/ECAPs must have a non-white population of 50 percent or more and has a poverty rate that exceeds 40 percent or is three or more times the average tract poverty rate for the metropolitan/micropolitan area, whichever threshold is lower (http://egis.hud.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/320b8ab5d0304daaa7f1b8c03ff01256_0).

First Tier Community Economic Integration – 9 Points

Meet or exceed the 80th percentile of median family income and meet or exceed the 20th percentile of low and moderate wage jobs within 5 miles of the Census tract in Greater Minnesota and the 10th percentile of low and moderate wage jobs within 5 miles in the Twin Cities Metro.

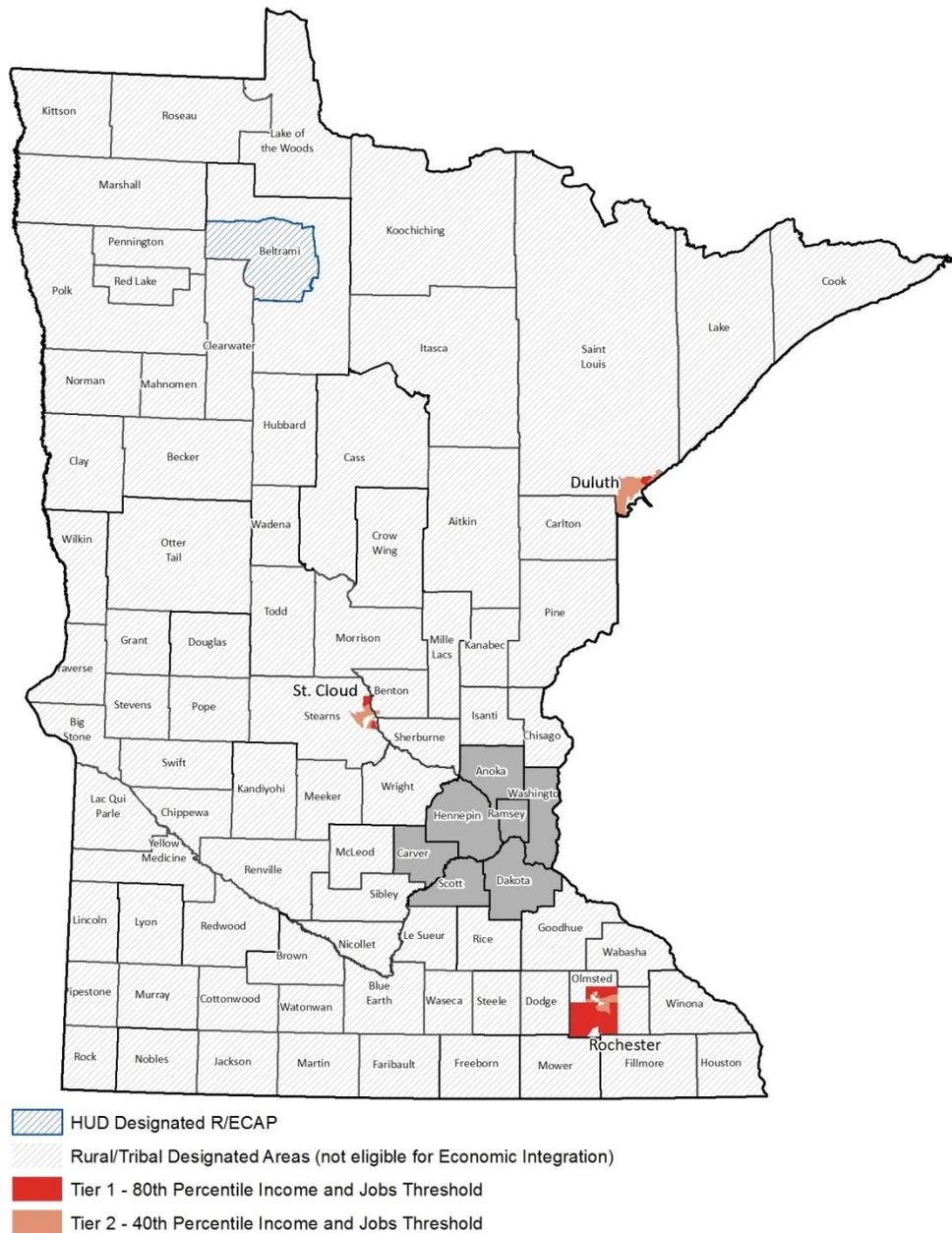
Second Tier Community Economic Integration – 7 Points

Meet or exceed the 40th percentile of median family income (but less than the 80th percentile) and meet or exceed the 20th percentile of low and moderate wage jobs within 5 miles of the Census tract in Greater Minnesota and the 10th percentile of low and moderate wage jobs within 5 miles in the Twin Cities Metro.

Table 1 – Jobs and Median Family Income Thresholds by Region.

Community Economic Integration <i>(Twin Cities Metro on next page)</i>	Non Metro MSAs
Jobs within 5 miles / 20 th percentile	3,713
Med Family Income / 40 th percentile	\$62,083
Med Family Income / 80 th percentile	\$88,397

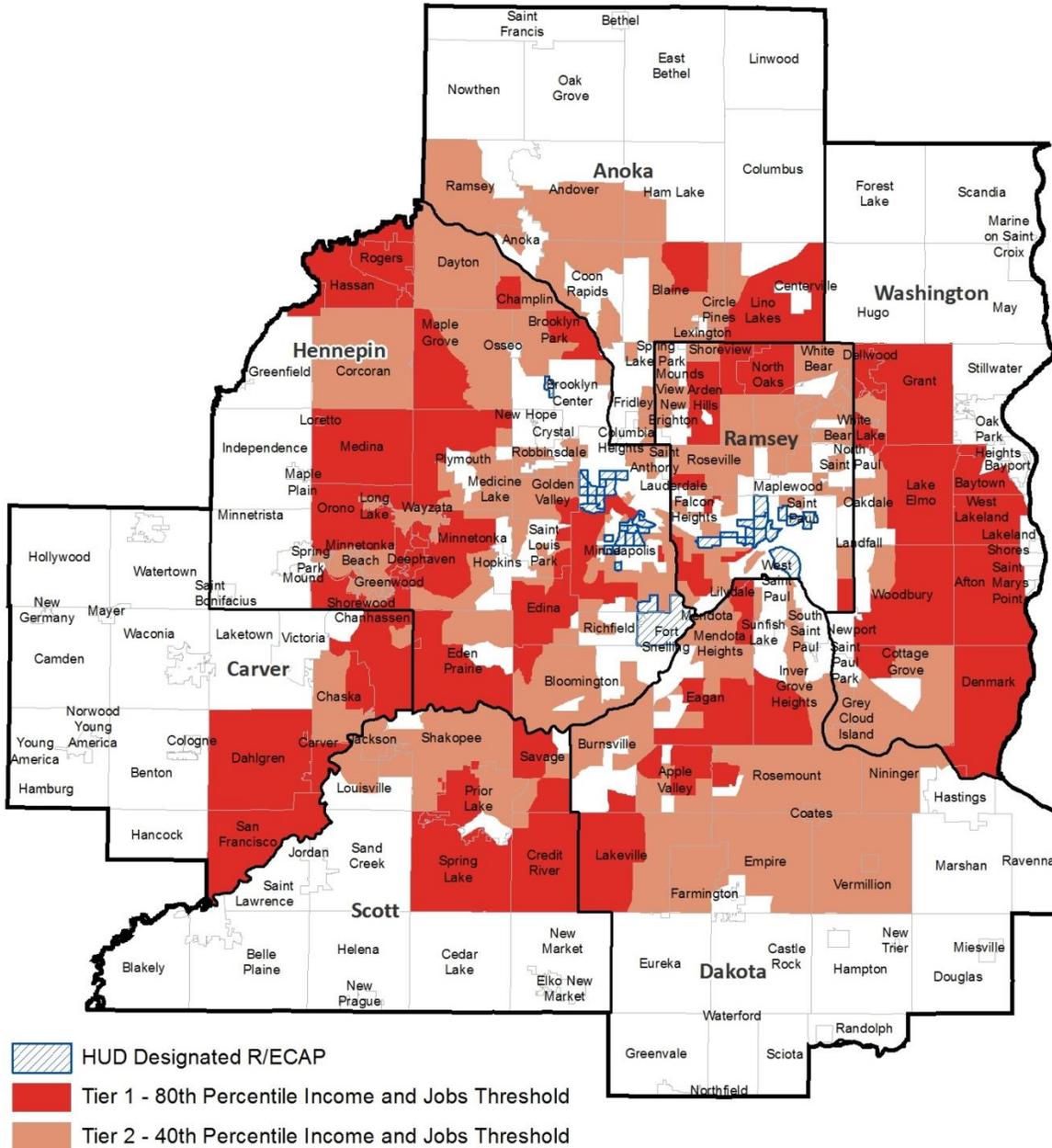
MAP 1 – CENSUS TRACTS MEETING REGION’S 40TH AND 80TH PERCENTILE THRESHOLDS FOR MEDIAN INCOME & 20TH PERCENTILE FOR LOW AND MODERATE WAGE JOBS WITHIN 5 MILES (OUTSIDE OF RURAL/TRIBAL AREAS)



MAP 2 – TWIN CITIES 7 COUNTY METRO DETAIL - CENSUS TRACTS MEETING REGION'S 40TH AND 80TH PERCENTILE THRESHOLDS FOR MEDIAN INCOME & 10TH PERCENTILE FOR LOW AND MODERATE WAGE JOBS WITHIN 5 MILES

Twin Cities 7 County Metro

Jobs within 5 miles / 10 th percentile	18,156
Med Family Income / 40 th percentile	\$73,403
Med Family Income / 80 th percentile	\$109,718



Census Tract Listing by County for Economic Integration

(* denotes tract achieves second tier)

Anoka		Carver		607.38	*	107	
502.08	*	905.02		607.42		110	*
502.15	*	905.03		607.44		117.03	
502.19	*	906.01	*	607.47	*	117.04	*
502.2	*	906.02		607.48	*	118	*
502.21	*	907.01		607.49	*	119.98	*
502.22	*	907.02		608.06		120.01	*
502.23	*	908	*	608.11	*	121.02	*
502.24	*	909		608.12	*	201.01	*
502.26	*	910	*	608.13		209.02	*
502.27	*	911		608.14		210.02	*
502.28	*	Dakota		608.15		212	*
502.29	*	601.03	*	608.16		214	*
502.3		602.01	*	608.17	*	215.04	*
502.36		603.02	*	608.18	*	215.05	*
502.37		605.06	*	608.19	*	216.01	*
504.01	*	605.07	*	608.2		216.02	*
506.05	*	605.08		608.21	*	217	*
506.09	*	605.09	*	608.22		218	
506.1	*	606.03		608.23		219	*
507.07	*	606.04	*	608.24	*	222	*
507.09	*	606.05	*	608.25		223.01	*
507.1	*	606.06		608.26	*	228.01	
507.11	*	607.09	*	608.29	*	228.02	*
507.12	*	607.1	*	609.02	*	229.01	
508.05	*	607.13	*	609.06	*	229.02	
508.13	*	607.14	*	609.07	*	230	*
508.16	*	607.16		610.01	*	231	
508.18		607.17	*	610.03	*	235.01	*
508.19		607.21	*	610.04		235.02	
508.2	*	607.26	*	610.07	*	236	
508.21	*	607.27	*	610.09	*	237	
509.02	*	607.28		Hennepin		238.01	
510.02	*	607.29		3	*	238.02	
512.03	*	607.3		6.01	*	239.01	
513.02	*	607.31		6.03	*	239.02	
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Benton		607.33	*	81	*	240.03	*
211.02	*	607.34		106		240.04	*

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