About ACPs and ACP50s

The Metropolitan Council defines Areas of Concentrated Poverty (ACPs) as census tracts where 40% or more of the residents have family or individual incomes that are less than 185% of the federal poverty threshold. (In 2016, 185% of the federal poverty threshold was $45,027 for a family with two parents and two related kids, or $23,099 for an individual under 65 living alone.) Some census tracts that meet this poverty threshold have a large share of college or graduate students; the Met Council excludes these census tracts from defined Areas of Concentrated Poverty.

To identify areas where people of color experience the most exposure to concentrated poverty, the Council further differentiates Areas of Concentrated Poverty where 50% or more of the residents are people of color (ACP50s).

The Met Council updates the geography of these areas every year in the late winter. This map shows ACP50 areas. A companion map shows where ACP areas are located. Updated maps are available from the Research & GIS Team in Planning & Economic Development.

ACP50 Areas

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