

# GIS for Justice: Using a Tool from Outside the Lawyer's Toolbox

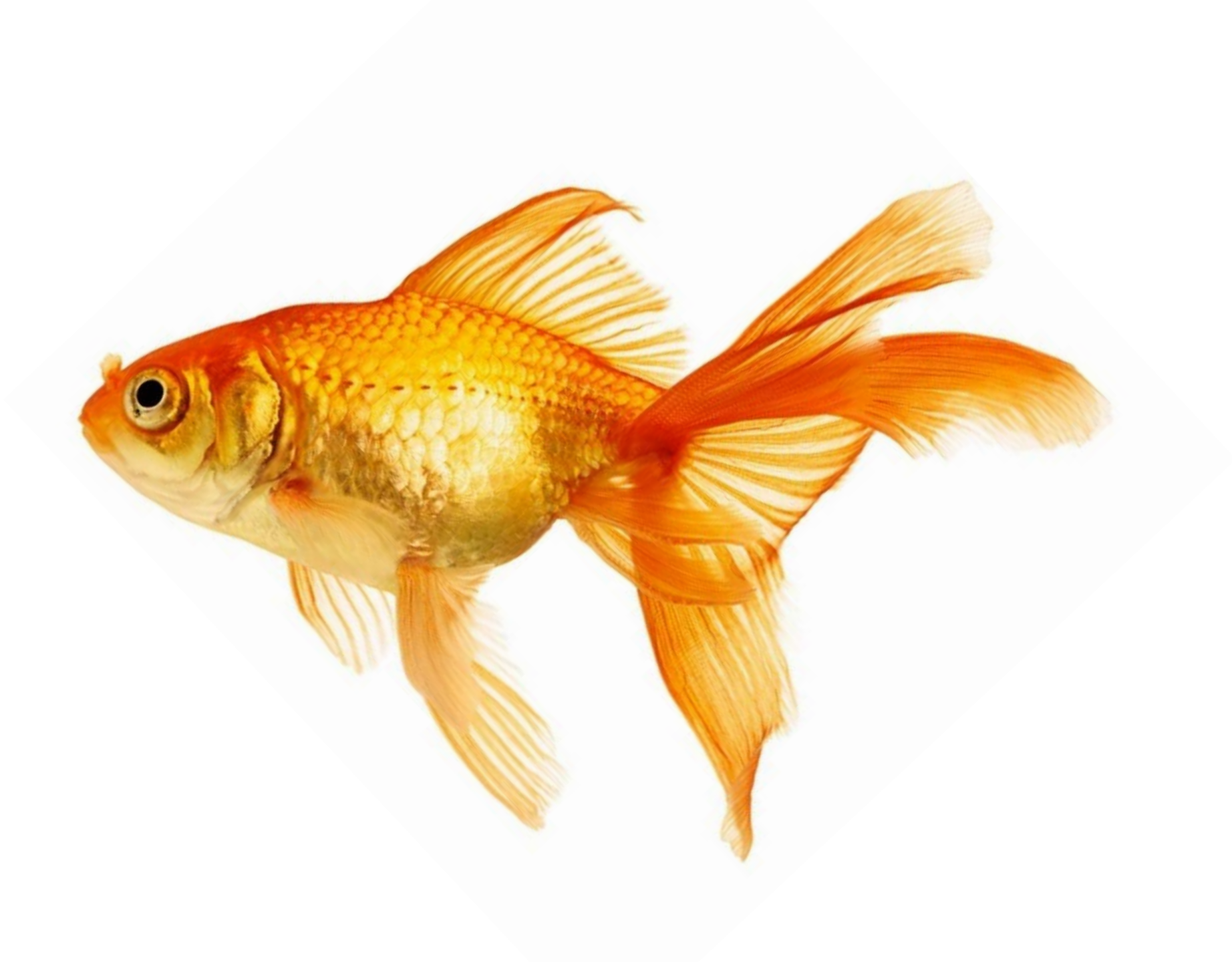
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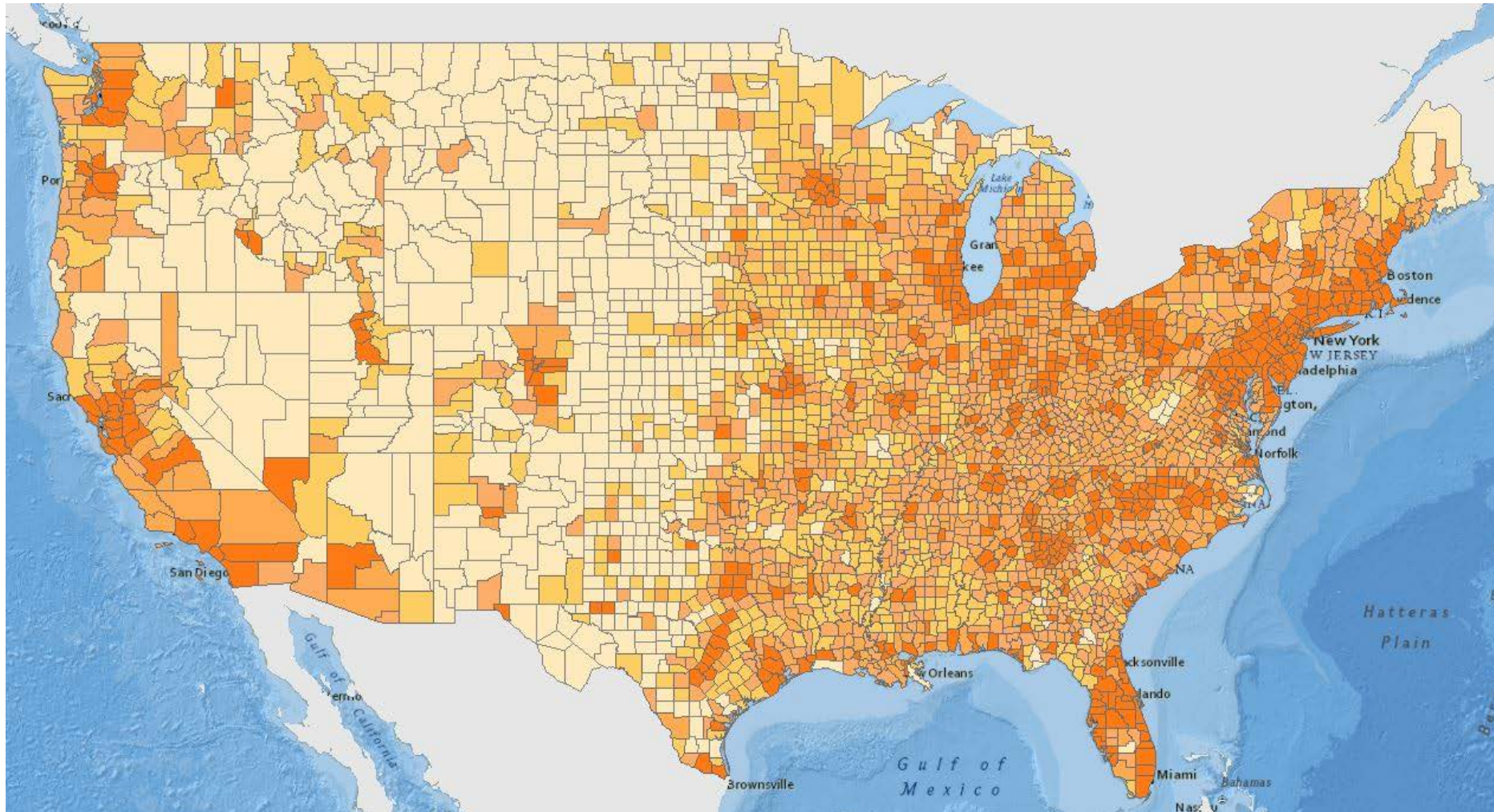
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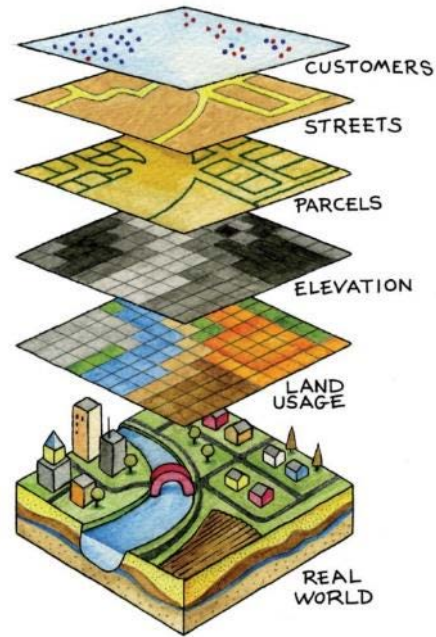
# Same Data - Now on a Map

Population per square mile

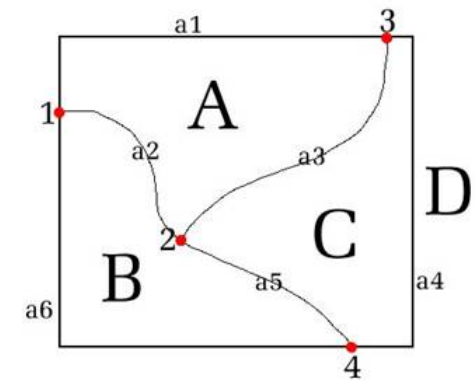


# GIS is a Thinking Map

Connects map features to data and uses topology to analyze space



	A	B	C
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			



Map features

+

Data

+

Geometry/Topology

# How GIS Works...

## Map Features Linked to Data

- Points



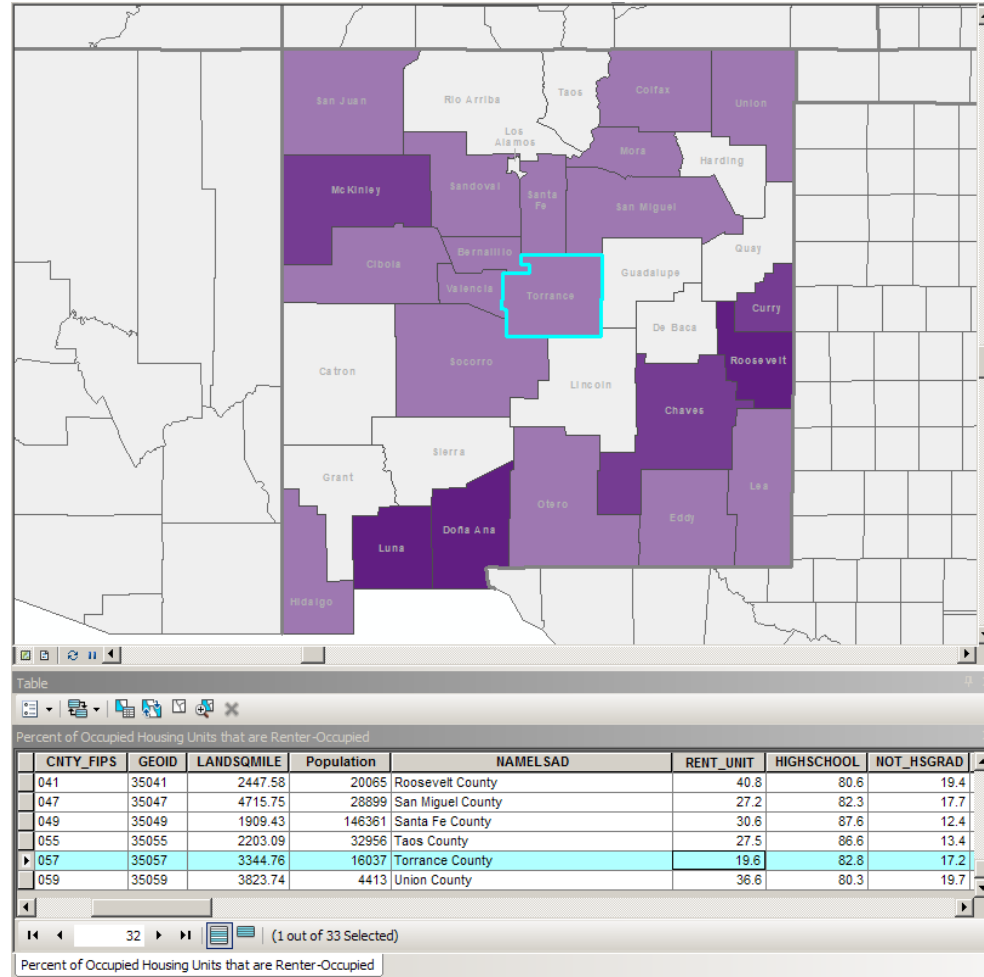
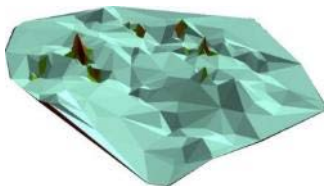
- Lines



- Polygons



- Surfaces



# Benefits of Using GIS & Maps for ATJ

## Accessible

“Clear to everyone from students to senior decision makers.”

## Concise

“We were able to distill large quantities of complex data into a simplified image that can be quickly interpreted.”

## Engaging

“These maps prompted discussion and critical thinking and allowed us to compare local jurisdictions to state trends.”

## Authoritative

“Provide accurate data across geography and time.”


## Informative

“Help provide context for why access to justice is so necessary by broadening our scope of focus onto statewide demographics.”

## Strategic

“By understanding the people in the community we are able to more effectively plan for meeting their needs.”



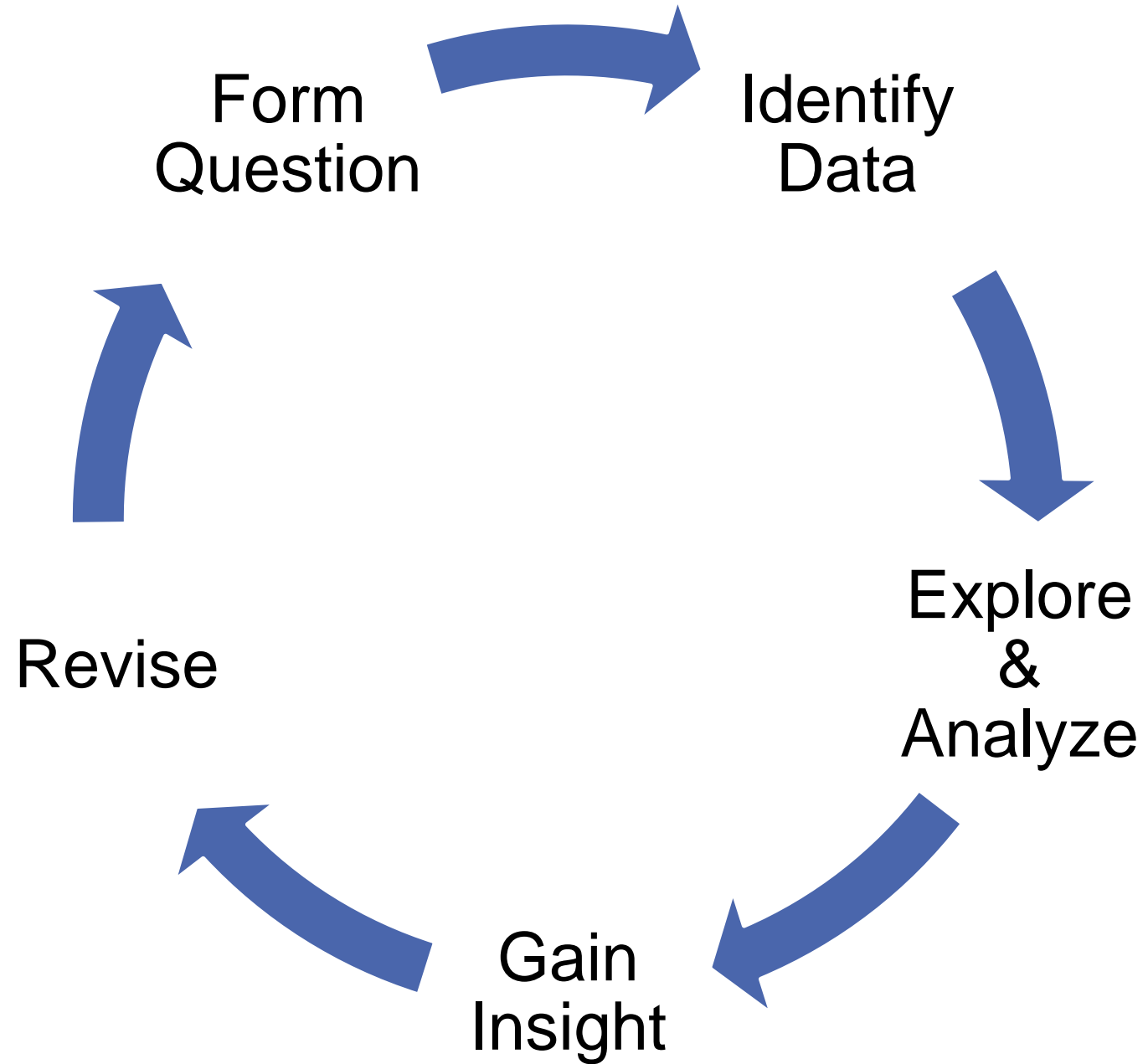
The background features a detailed architectural blueprint with various room labels such as 'CORRIDOR', 'EXIST. WOMEN', and 'JANIT'. A yellow pencil with a green and pink eraser lies diagonally across the blueprints. A wooden ruler is also visible, partially overlapping the pencil and the blueprint. The quote is centered in a decorative, black-outlined frame.

“A GOAL  
WITHOUT A PLAN  
IS JUST A  
WISH.”  
- ANTOINE DE  
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## Questions to Consider

- What story are we trying to tell?
- Who do we need to reach?
- What will be compelling/convincing to them?



# Applications of GIS in the Justice Community

Collaboration

Partnerships

Decision  
Making

Opportunity

Evaluation

Advocacy

Strategic  
Planning



# Florida's Legal Services Corporation Funding

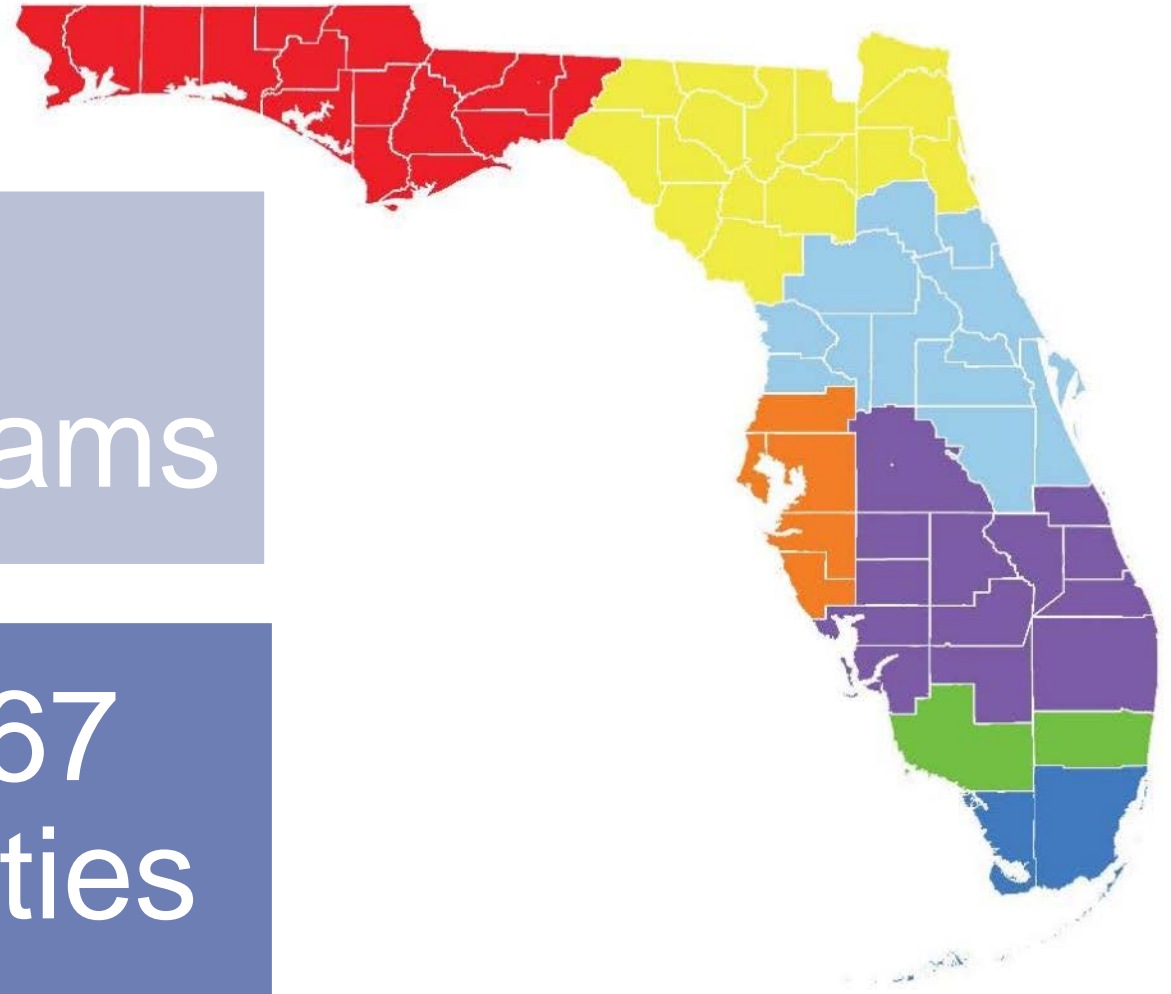
*Federal funding for civil legal aid*

\$21.5  
million

7  
programs

27%  
of Florida's  
legal aid  
funding

All 67  
counties



# ABA Days in Washington, April 26-27, 2017



How do these leaders show Florida's congressional delegation the impact of LSC funding on Florida?



# Florida Bar Foundation Data

*Cases closed by 30 Florida civil legal aid organizations in 2015, including:*

Organization  
Name

Client  
Demographics

Client Zip  
Code

Case Type

LSC/Non-LSC  
7/23



# Where did people benefit from LSC-funded organizations?

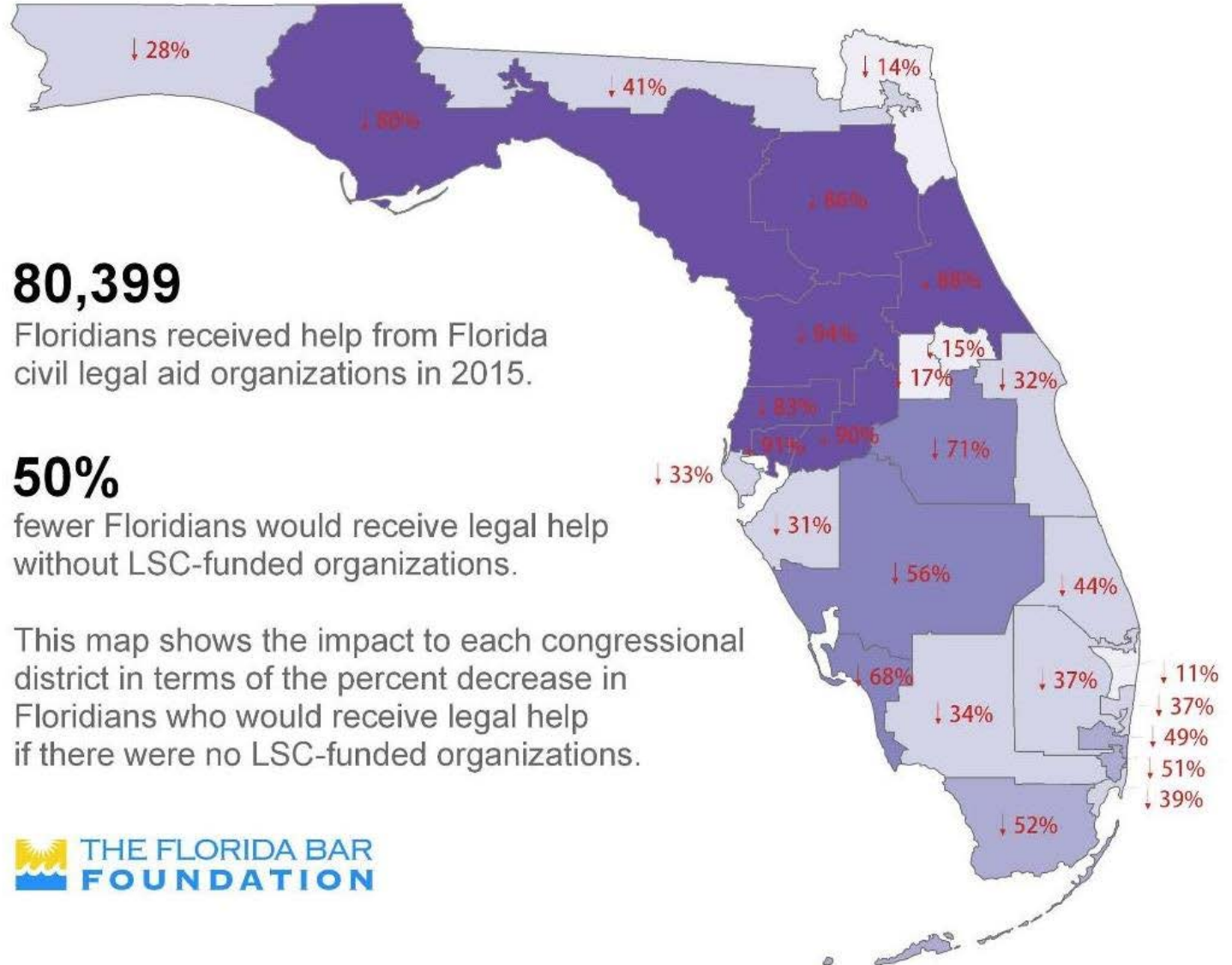
Map distribution by ZIP  
-> not so relevant



# Where did people benefit from LSC-funded organizations?

Maps by congressional district show each member of Congress the impact on his or her district.

## Civil Legal Aid Floridians Would Lose Without Legal Services Corporation-Funded Organizations



**80,399**

Floridians received help from Florida civil legal aid organizations in 2015.

**50%**

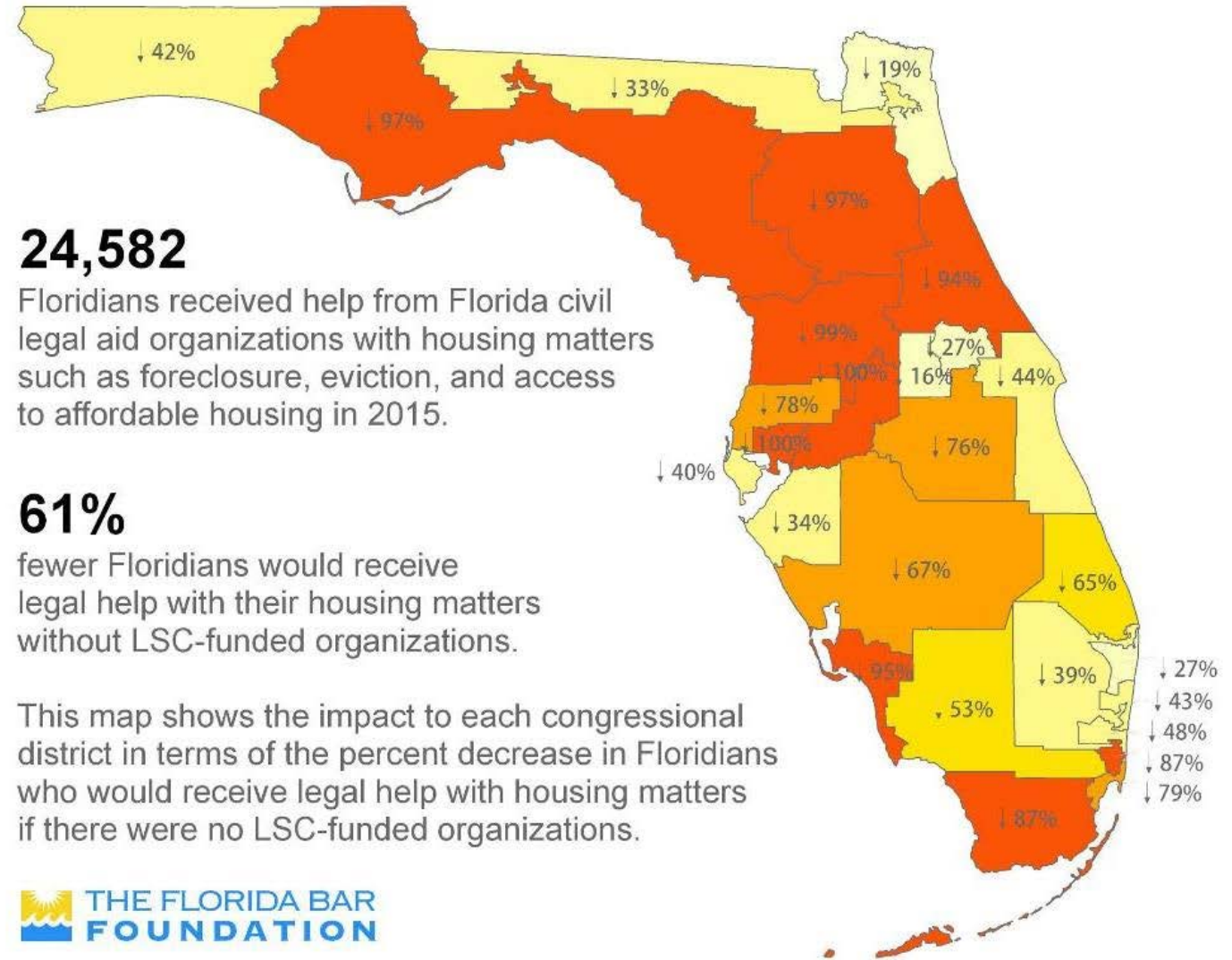
fewer Floridians would receive legal help without LSC-funded organizations.

This map shows the impact to each congressional district in terms of the percent decrease in Floridians who would receive legal help if there were no LSC-funded organizations.

# Maps Showing Impact by District for Specific Population Groups

People facing housing insecurity

## Housing-Related Legal Aid Floridians Would Lose Without Legal Services Corporation-Funded Organizations



**24,582**

Floridians received help from Florida civil legal aid organizations with housing matters such as foreclosure, eviction, and access to affordable housing in 2015.

**61%**

fewer Floridians would receive legal help with their housing matters without LSC-funded organizations.

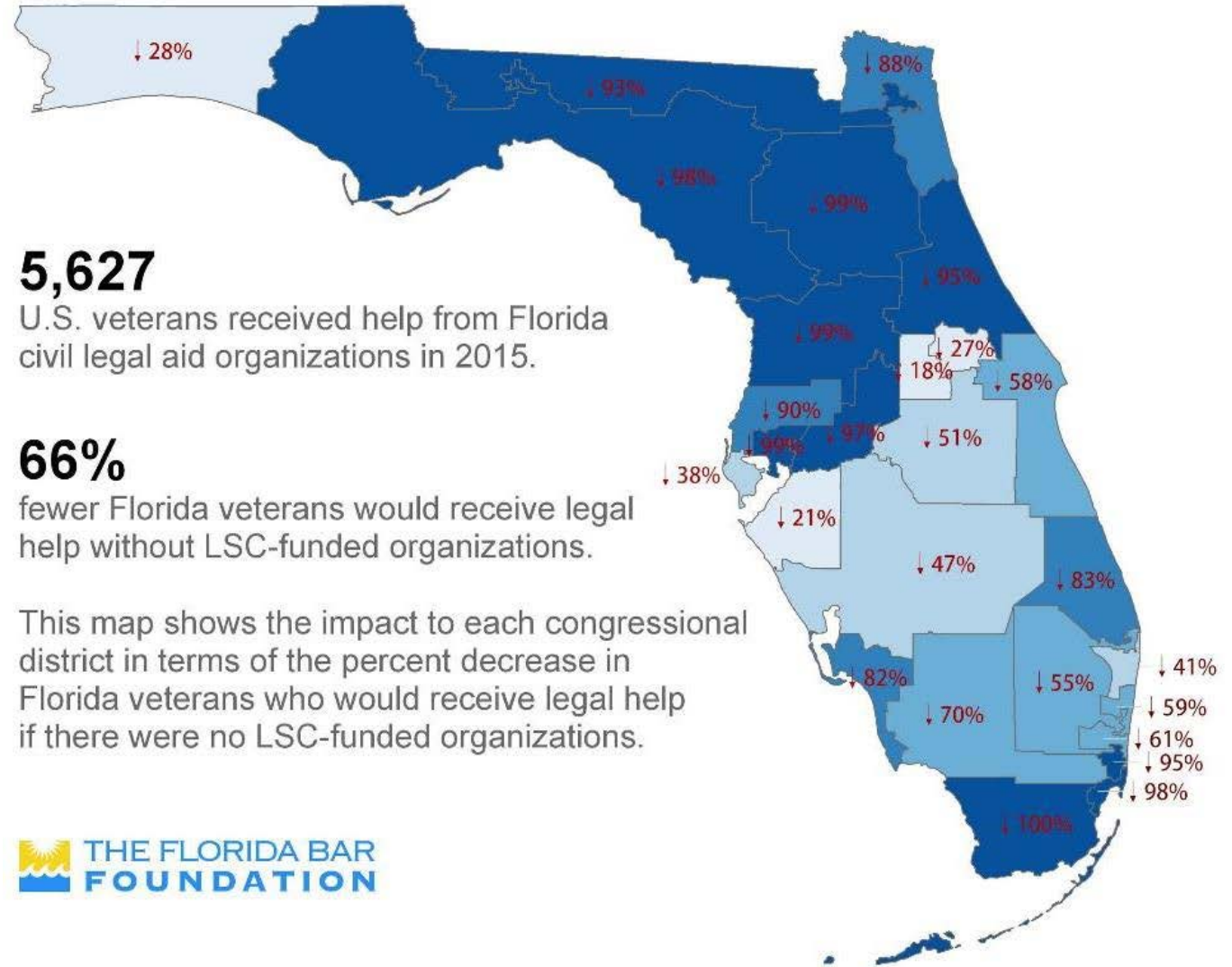
This map shows the impact to each congressional district in terms of the percent decrease in Floridians who would receive legal help with housing matters if there were no LSC-funded organizations.



# Maps Showing Impact by District for Specific Population Groups

Veterans

## Civil Legal Aid Florida Veterans Would Lose Without Legal Services Corporation-Funded Organizations



**5,627**

U.S. veterans received help from Florida civil legal aid organizations in 2015.

**66%**

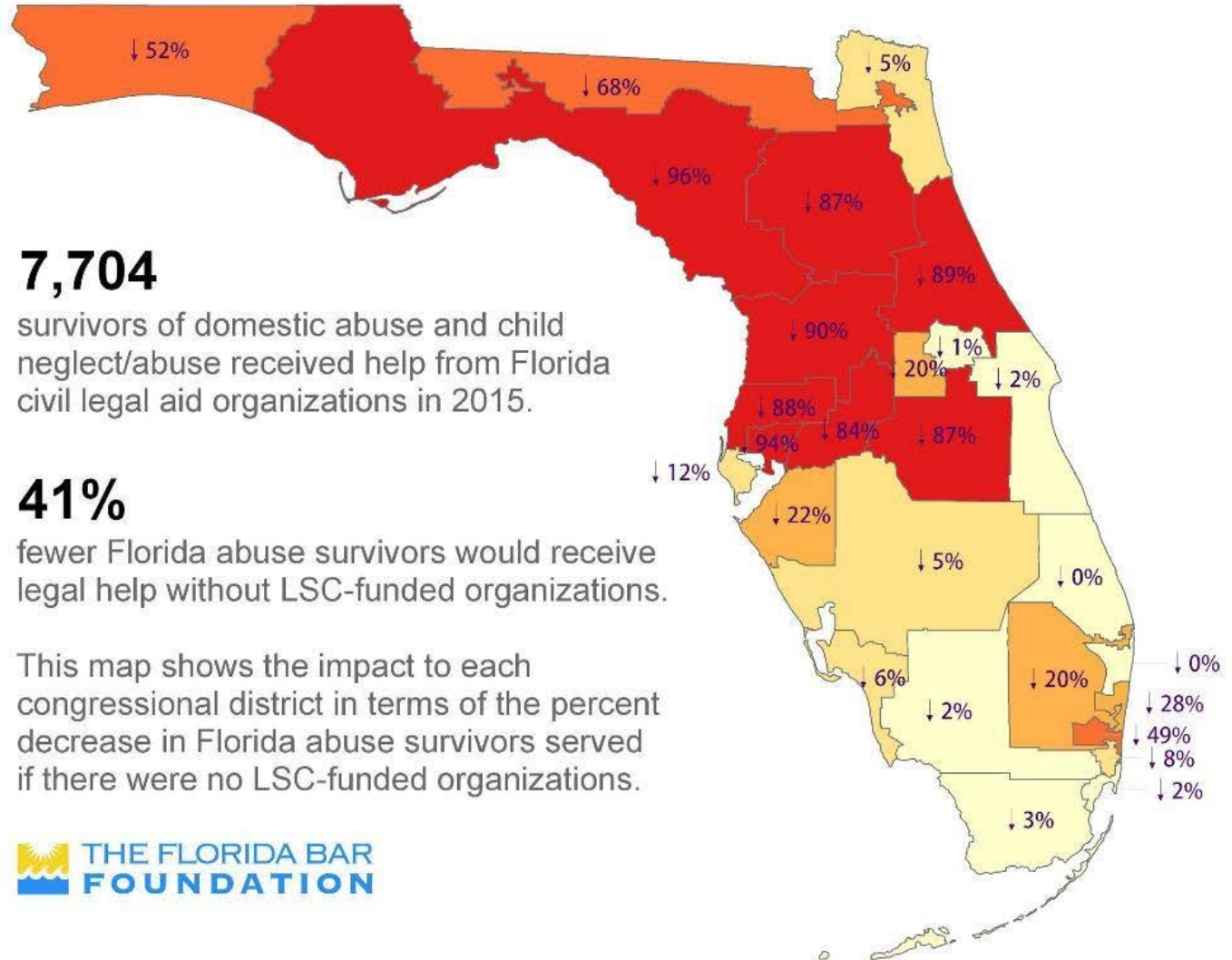
fewer Florida veterans would receive legal help without LSC-funded organizations.

This map shows the impact to each congressional district in terms of the percent decrease in Florida veterans who would receive legal help if there were no LSC-funded organizations.

# Maps Showing Impact by District for Specific Population Groups

Abuse survivors

## Civil Legal Aid Florida Abuse Survivors Would Lose Without Legal Services Corporation-Funded Organizations



**7,704**

survivors of domestic abuse and child neglect/abuse received help from Florida civil legal aid organizations in 2015.

**41%**

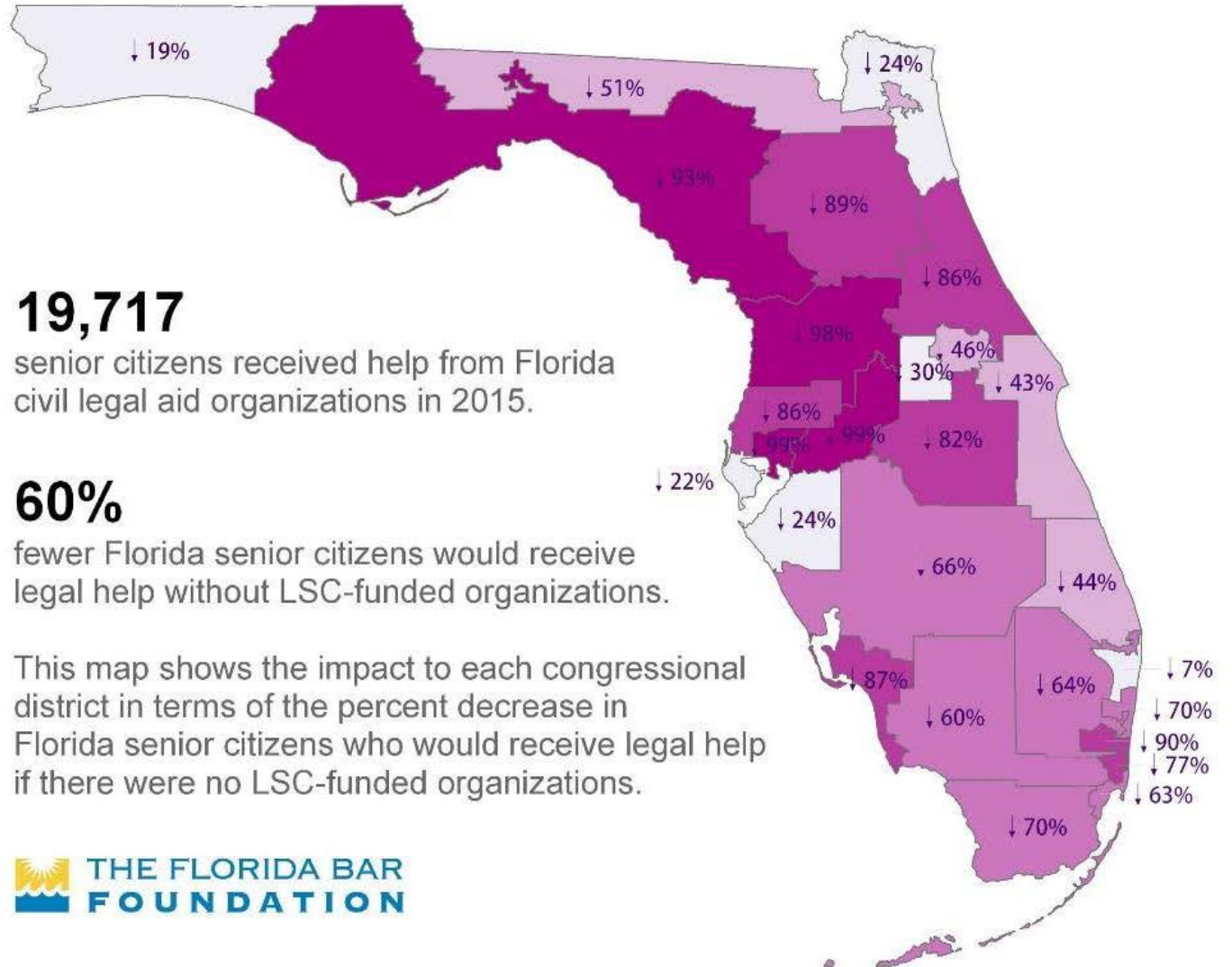
fewer Florida abuse survivors would receive legal help without LSC-funded organizations.

This map shows the impact to each congressional district in terms of the percent decrease in Florida abuse survivors served if there were no LSC-funded organizations.

# Maps Showing Impact by District for Specific Population Groups

Seniors

## Civil Legal Aid Florida Senior Citizens Would Lose Without Legal Services Corporation-Funded Organizations



**19,717**

senior citizens received help from Florida civil legal aid organizations in 2015.

**60%**

fewer Florida senior citizens would receive legal help without LSC-funded organizations.

This map shows the impact to each congressional district in terms of the percent decrease in Florida senior citizens who would receive legal help if there were no LSC-funded organizations.



# 27 Congressional District Profiles

Percentage and raw numbers of constituent services that would be lost without LSC organizations

- Overall
- U.S. veterans
- Abuse survivors
- Seniors
- Housing matters

## Services Florida District 15 Would **LOSE** Without Legal Services Corporation-Funded Organizations

prepared for U.S. Rep. Dennis Ross

In 2015, civil legal aid organizations addressed the legal needs of 2,681 Florida District 15 constituents.

**2,419** constituents were helped by organizations funded by the Legal Services Corporation.


**175,018** people are eligible for civil legal aid in Florida District 15 based on household income.

Without LSC-funded organizations, civil legal needs addressed in Florida District 15 by legal aid would **FALL** by:

 **97%** for U.S. veterans leaving **218** veterans without legal help

 **84%** for domestic abuse survivors leaving **138** victims without legal help

 **99%** for seniors leaving **552** seniors without legal help

 **100%** for those facing foreclosure or eviction, or with other housing needs leaving **844** constituents without legal help to address their housing needs

**90%**

**fewer constituents would get civil legal help without LSC-funded organizations in Florida District 15**



**Florida's LSC-funded programs helped stabilize the lives of 35,196 children in 2015**

LSC-funded organizations provide low-income Americans the civil legal help they need to ensure their safety, stability and livelihoods. They keep families in their homes, protect the vulnerable from abuse, aid survivors recovering from natural disasters, and secure people's access to education and health services.



Case closure data are from The Florida Bar Foundation for 2015. Location is based on the client's ZIP code and county of residence and tied to Census Bureau's ZIP Code Tabulation Areas, then to Congressional districts.



[thefloridabarfoundation.org/materials-aba-days/](http://thefloridabarfoundation.org/materials-aba-days/)

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# Florida Civil Legal Aid

The Critical Second Responders Helping Floridians Recover from Hurricane Irma



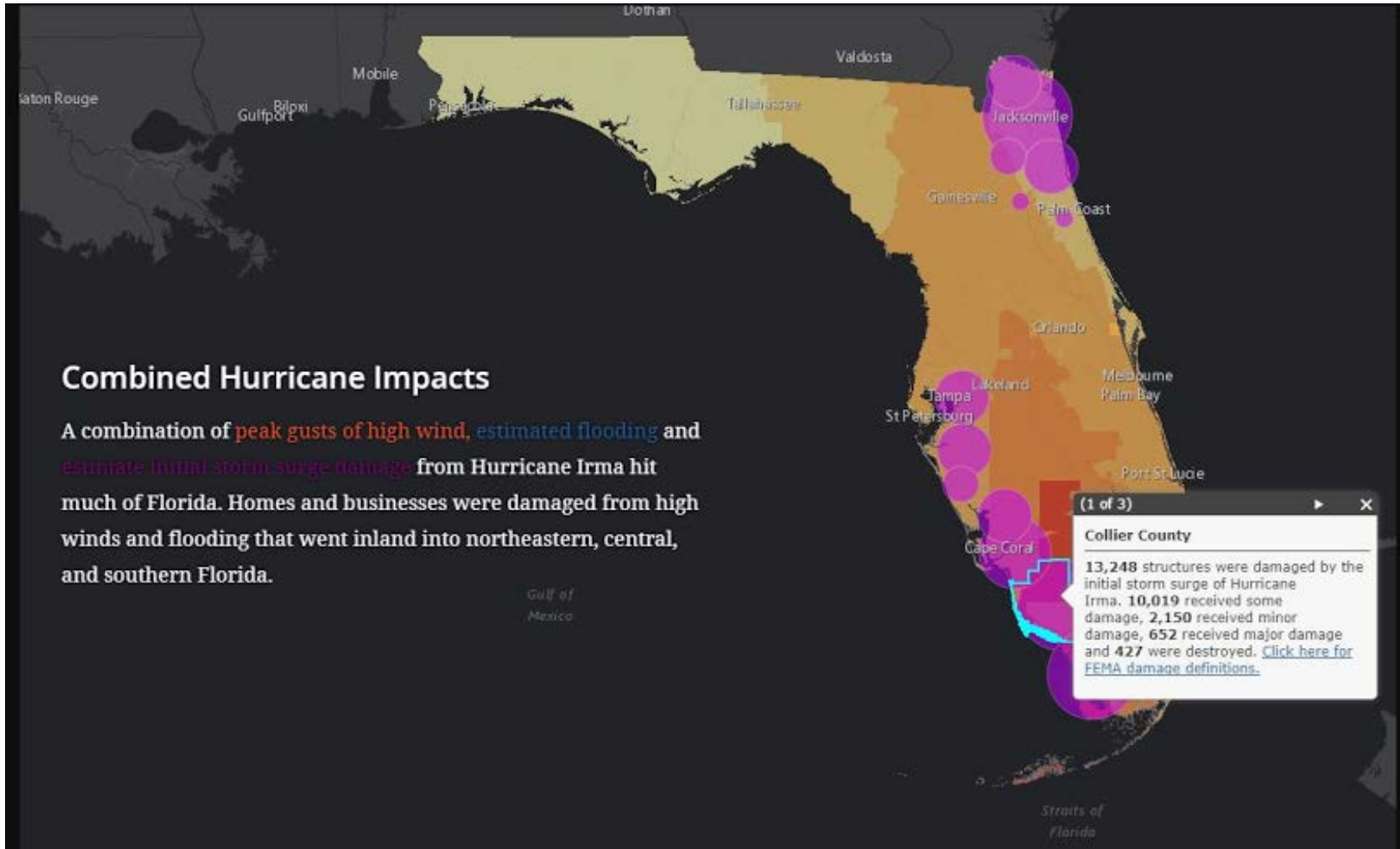
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Story Map:  
<https://arcg.is/CCDzi>



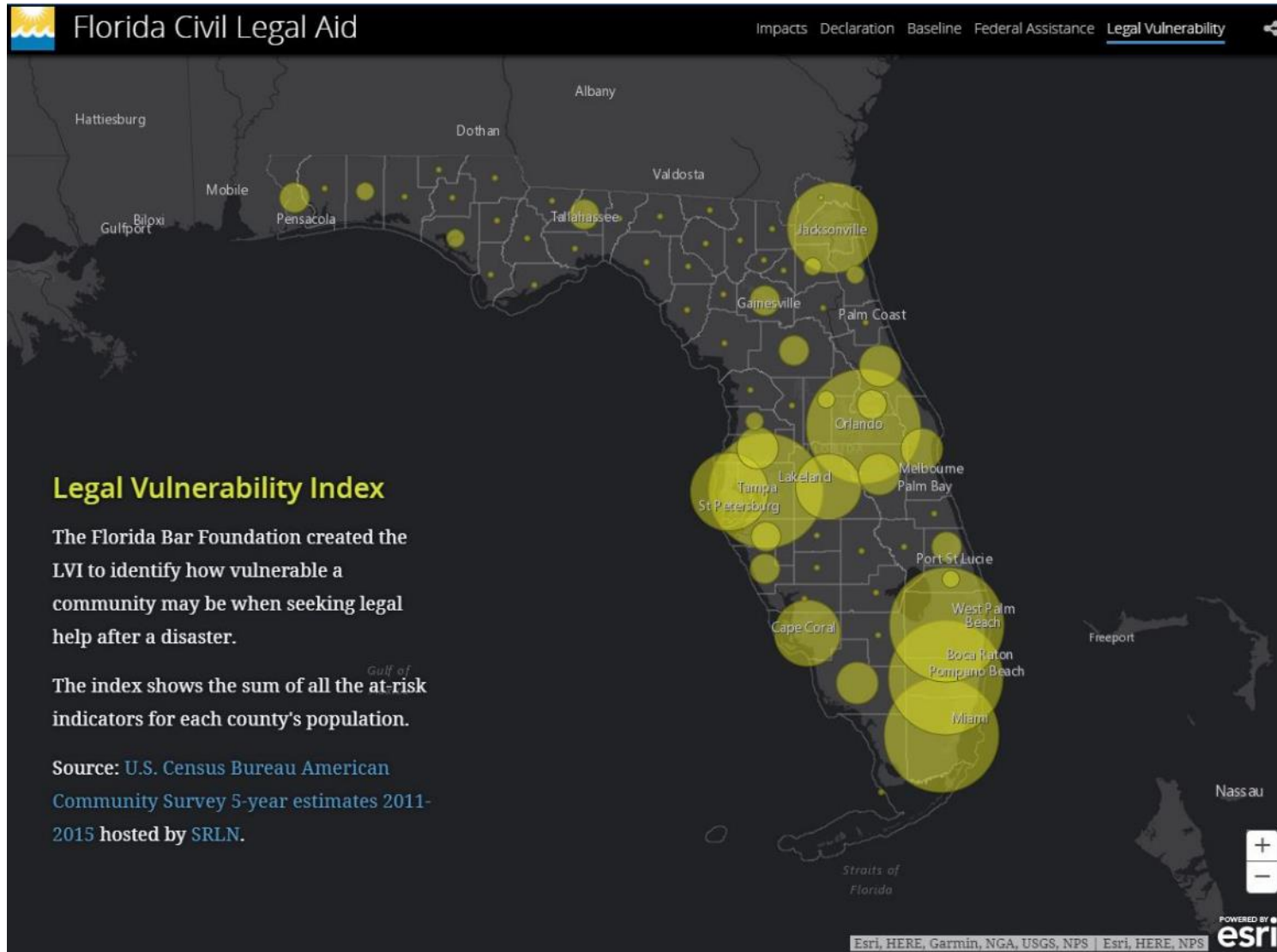
# Hurricane Irma Story Map



Data resource for Florida Bar Foundation grantees and others

- hurricane impacts
- social vulnerability
- housing/location affordability
- FEMA applications
- D-SNAP applications
- Legal Vulnerability

# Legal Vulnerability Index



Displays the sum of multiple at-risk indicators for each county's population.

- Income below 125% (poverty)
- Renters
- Uninsured (health)
- Immigrants
- Limited English Proficiency



# Future Plans: Mapping Data on Services Provided



- FEMA Denials
- Consumer Fraud
- Domestic Violence
- Landlord/Tenant Issues
- Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention
- Problems Faced by Marginalized Communities



# Applications of GIS in the Justice Community

We can use these tools to show:

Need

Impact

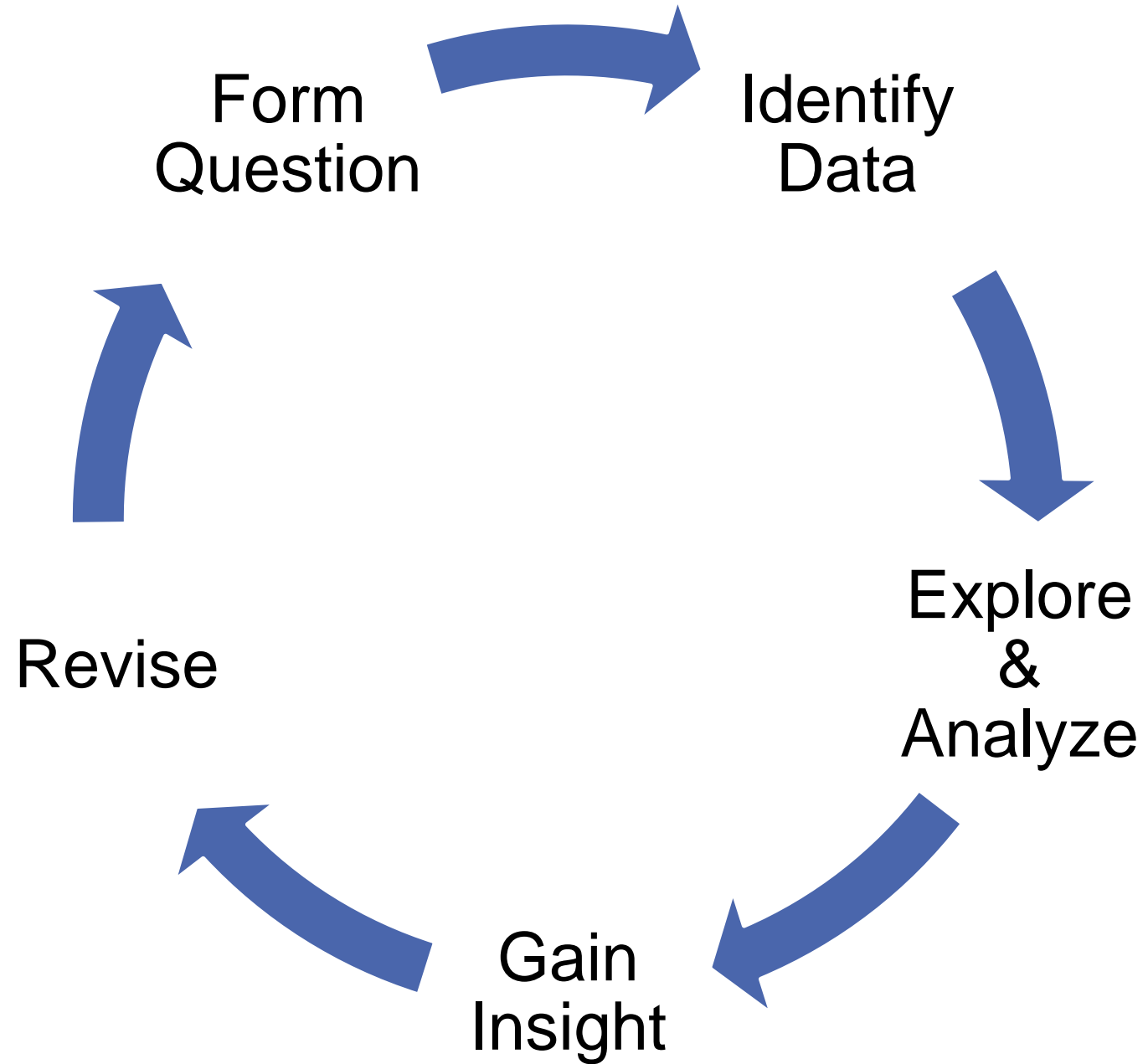
Service  
Gaps

They can help us do a better job with our:

Evaluation

Advocacy

Strategic  
Planning



## YOUR TURN

Now, we want you to consider a problem or challenge you are confronting in your own work.

Work in pairs and use the handout to brainstorm:

- What story you want/need to tell about your challenge
- How you might begin to tell it through GIS



## YOUR TURN

Work in pairs and use the handout to brainstorm:

What story do you want/need to tell about your challenge?

- Whom do you need to reach?

What will convince them?

How might you begin to tell your story through GIS?

- What data would you need?

What data you already have access to?

# Identify Open Source Data

[data.gov](https://data.gov)

ArcGIS Online - [www.arcgis.com/home/index.html](http://www.arcgis.com/home/index.html)

[factfinder.census.gov](https://factfinder.census.gov)

Wikipedia listing of GIS data sources



[srln.org/GISDataResources](http://srln.org/GISDataResources)

[srln.org/GISforJustice](http://srln.org/GISforJustice) to join listserv & connect with others

## America's Civil Courts: Whom Do We Serve?

Every year in America, tens of millions of people find themselves in court, without a lawyer, lost in a system built for lawyers.

The Justice for All Project has called on Access to Justice Commissions and coalitions around the country to develop consumer-oriented, comprehensive strategic plans. These plans will support 100% access to effective assistance for essential civil legal needs through court simplification and offering a continuum of services to include information, advice and appropriate levels of representation.

Consumer-oriented solutions require a deep and accurate understanding of the people being served. Each county is different, with unique communities of people, needs, resources and service networks.

This tool showcases publicly available data to help inform service design and identify collaborative opportunities that best meet the needs of individual counties, while also laying the foundation of future research and evaluation.

SCROLL DOWN TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY.



[srln.org/whom-do-we-serve](https://srln.org/whom-do-we-serve)

# Tips for Generating Media Interest

- Plan Ahead
- Consider Timing
- Have Strong Supporting Materials
- Loop Us in



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