

“Suburban Poverty: Assessing Community Need Outside the Central City,” the DHS-published report that proposed a new matrix for understanding and illustrating relative levels of community need in Allegheny County outside of the City of Pittsburgh, utilized data from the 2005–2009 American Community Survey (ACS) five-year estimates. This brief utilizes data from the 2008–2012 ACS five-year estimates to present an update to the analysis in the report.

#### COMMUNITY NEED INDEX INDICATORS

Percentage of population below 100% of the federal poverty line

Percentage of population below 200% of the federal poverty line

Percentage of families headed by single females

Percentage of youth ages 16–19 without a high school diploma or equivalent, and not enrolled in school

Percentage of civilian males ages 16–64 who are unemployed or not in the labor force

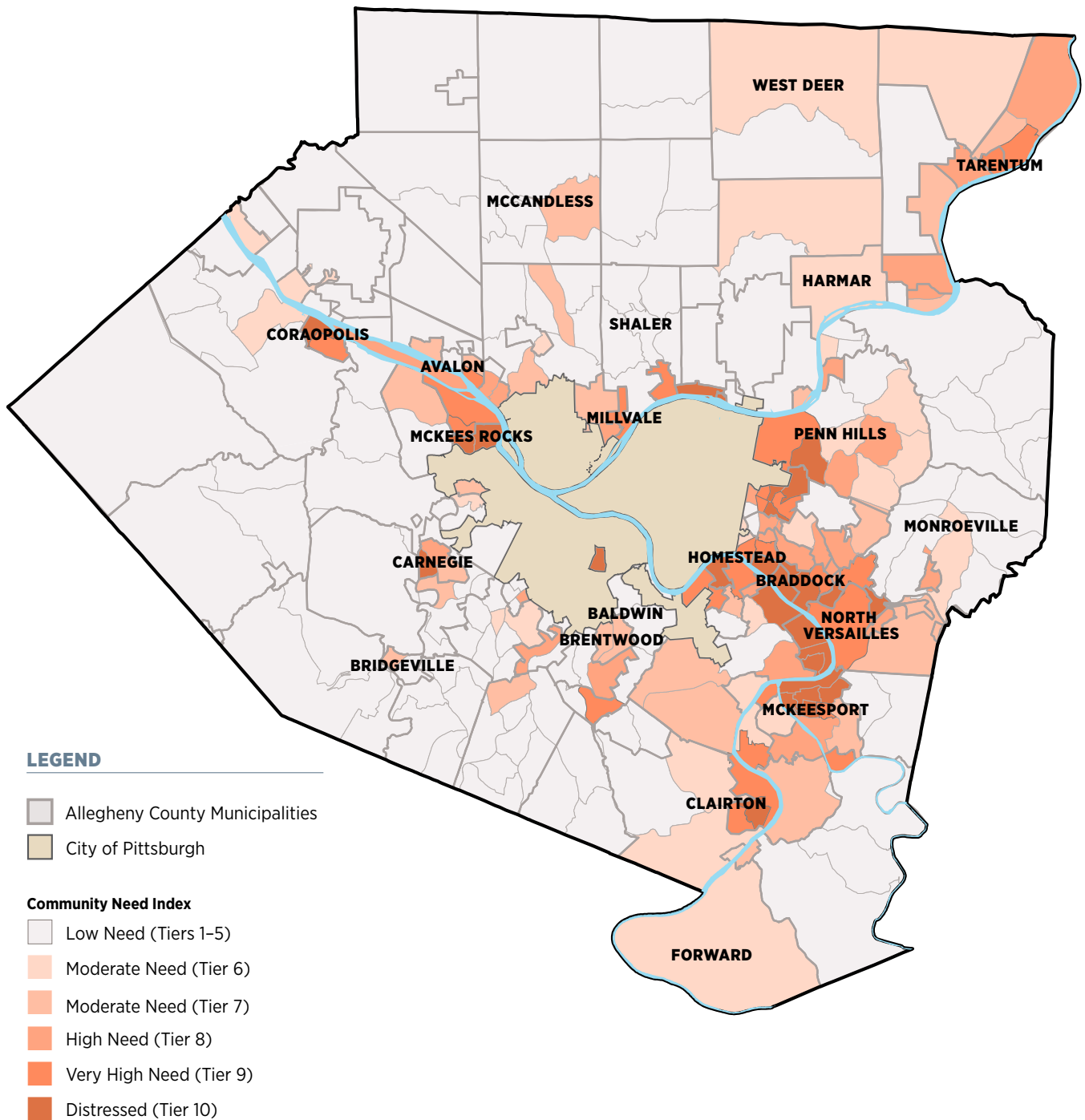
Percentage of houses vacant

Percentage of households with no available vehicle

The Community Need Index was designed to identify suburban communities, within Allegheny County and relative to each other, that are in greater need and/or risk of further economic decline. Most methodologies have relied upon poverty rates to identify community need for purposes of service delivery and economic development planning. However, a community’s level of need is related to more than just the economic status of its residents, and indices that account for this have been designed primarily to address issues specific to urban settings.

The Community Need Index includes indicators relevant to suburban communities and assesses need at the Census tract level. Evaluation at the Census tract level proves to be particularly significant, because examination at the municipality level masks the conditions of the many diverse communities that make up the larger whole. Communities are ranked relative to each other in ten equally-sized tiers based on the seven indicators that make up the Index.

### 2012 Community Need Index: Allegheny County Census Tracts Outside the City of Pittsburgh



**Moderate-Need to Distressed Census Tracts within Allegheny County Suburban Municipalities**

The following municipalities contain Census tracts that rank within Tiers 6 through 10 (moderate need and above) of the Community Need Index. Census tracts are listed for each municipality.

MODERATE NEED (TIER 6)	MODERATE NEED (TIER 7)	HIGH NEED (TIER 8)	VERY HIGH NEED (TIER 9)	DISTRESSED (TIER 10)
Crafton — 4656	Avalon — 4323	Bellevue — 4311, 4315	Avalon — 4324	Braddock — 5138
Dravosburg — 4870	Bethel Park — 4751.01	Braddock Hills — 5170	Baldwin — 4801.01	Carnegie — 4688
Fawn — 4060	Blawnox — 4200	Carnegie — 4687	Brackenridge — 4020	Clairton — 4928
Forest Hills — 5180.01	Brentwood — 4781, 4782	Castle Shannon — 4761	Clairton — 4927, 4929	Coraopolis — 4508
Glassport — 4993	Bridgeville — 4571	Dormont — 4723	Coraopolis — 4507	Duquesne — 4867, 4868, 4869
Harmar — 4190	Carnegie — 4689	East McKeesport — 5070	Etna — 4250	East Pittsburgh — 5100
Indiana — 4150.01	East Deer — 4040	Edgewood — 5162	Glassport — 4994	Homestead — 4838
Jefferson — 4912, 5645	Elizabeth Borough — 4940	Forest Hills — 5639	Harrison — 4012	McKees Rocks — 4639, 4644
Leetsdale — 4480	Emsworth — 4350	Harrison — 4011	McKeesport — 5520, 5522	McKeesport — 5509, 5512, 5519, 5521, 5523
Monroeville — 5213.01	Harrison — 4013	Liberty — 4980	Millvale — 4270	Mount Oliver — 4810
Moon — 4511.02	Ingram — 4643	McKeesport — 5524	Munhall — 4843	North Braddock — 5128, 5129
Mt. Lebanon — 4733, 4732	Kennedy — 4600.01	Neville — 4610	North Braddock — 5120	Penn Hills — 5232
Oakmont — 5252	Lincoln — 4970	Penn Hills — 5234, 5235.01	North Versailles — 5041	Rankin — 5140
Penn Hills — 5233, 5235.02, 5236, 5237.02	McCandless — 4135	Pitcairn — 5220	Penn Hills — 5231	Sharpsburg — 4240
Port Vue — 5003	McKeesport — 5513	Reserve — 4281	Stowe — 4626, 4621	West Mifflin — 4882
Sewickley — 4455	Munhall — 4846	Springdale Boro — 4171	Swissvale — 5151, 5153	Wilkinsburg — 5610, 5611, 5614
Swissvale — 5154.01	North Versailles — 5644	Springdale Township — 4160	Turtle Creek — 5094	Wilmerding — 5080
West Deer — 4070.01	Reserve — 4282	Swissvale — 5152	Versailles — 5010	
West Mifflin — 4881	Ross — 4295, 4297	Tarentum — 4035	West Homestead — 4825	
West View — 4301	Scott — 4706	Verona — 5240	Wilkinsburg — 5606, 5612, 5615	
	Springdale — 4172	West Mifflin — 4884		
	West Mifflin — 4885, 4886	Whitaker — 4850		
	Wilkins — 5200.01	Whitehall — 4773		
		Wilkins — 5200.02		
		Wilkinsburg — 5604		