

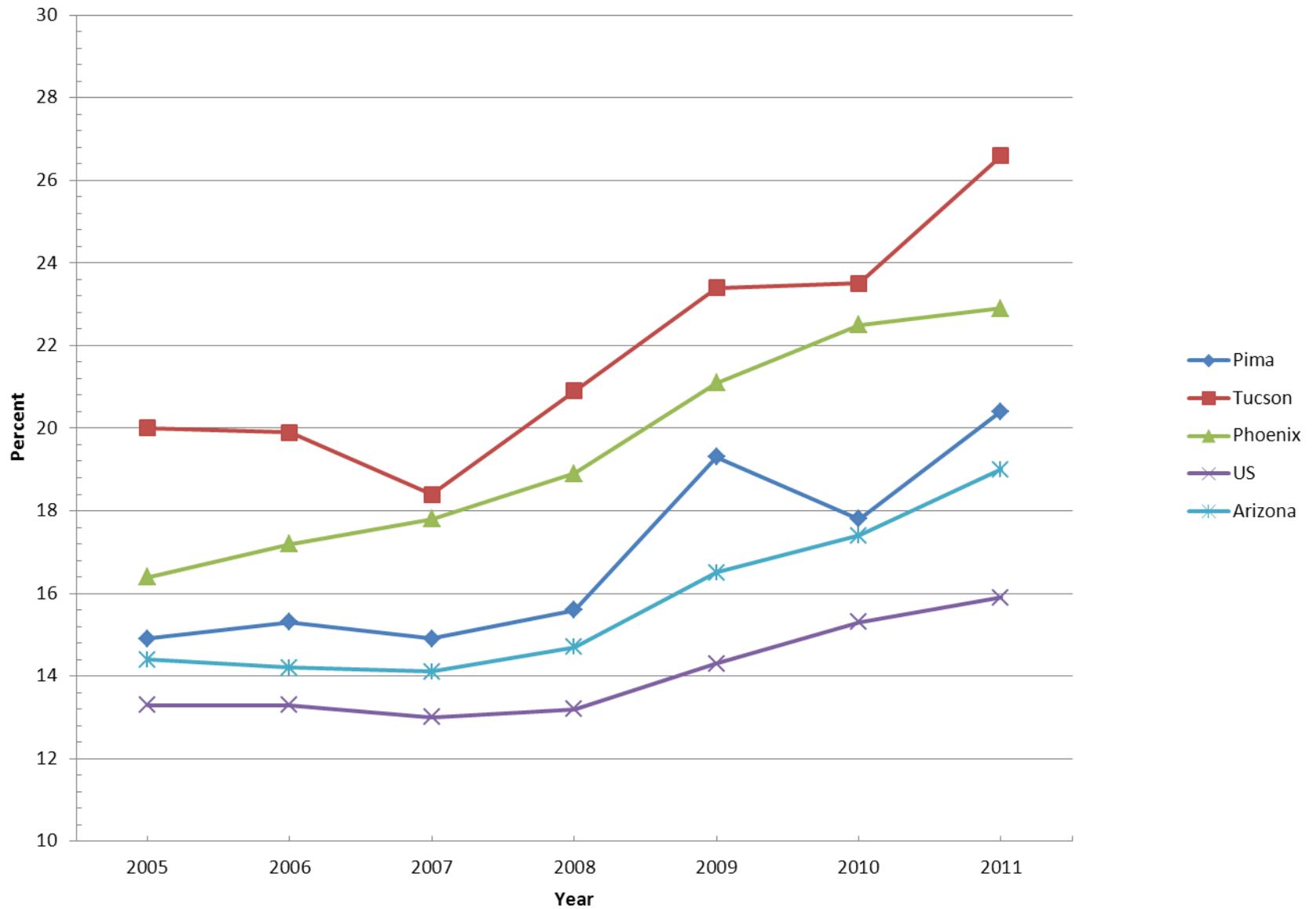


City of Tucson

Poverty and Urban Stress Report: Moving Toward Prosperity

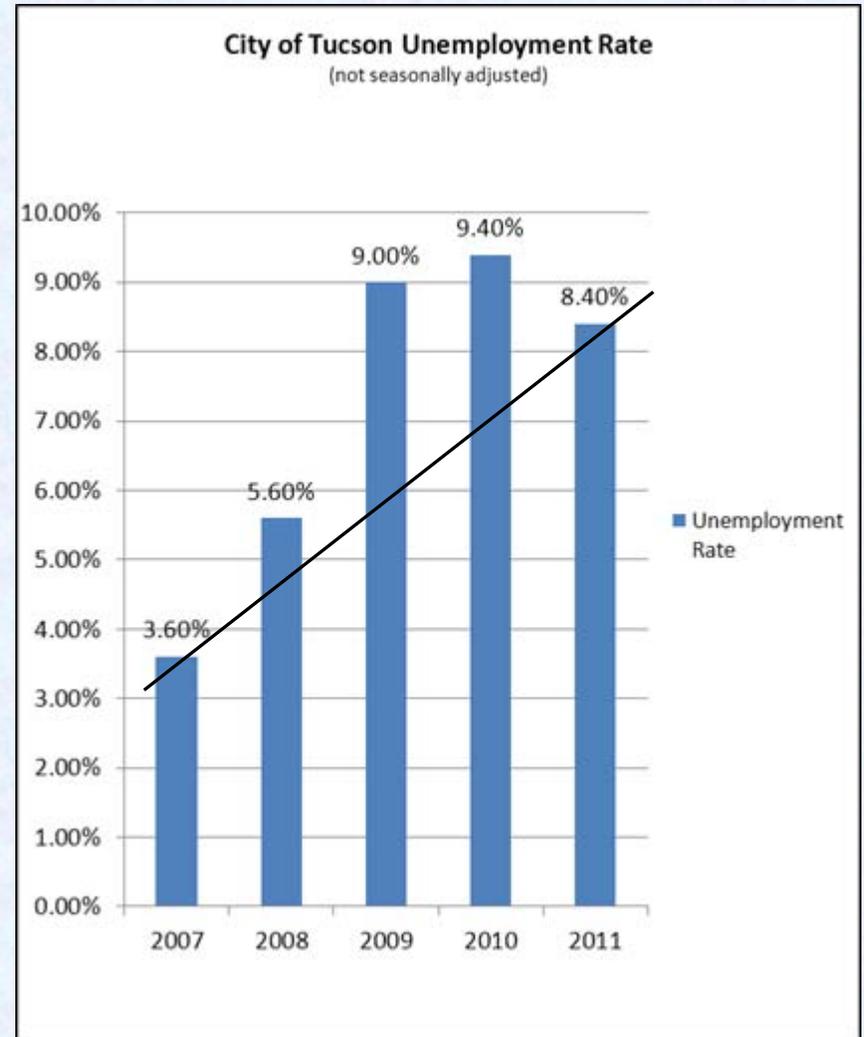
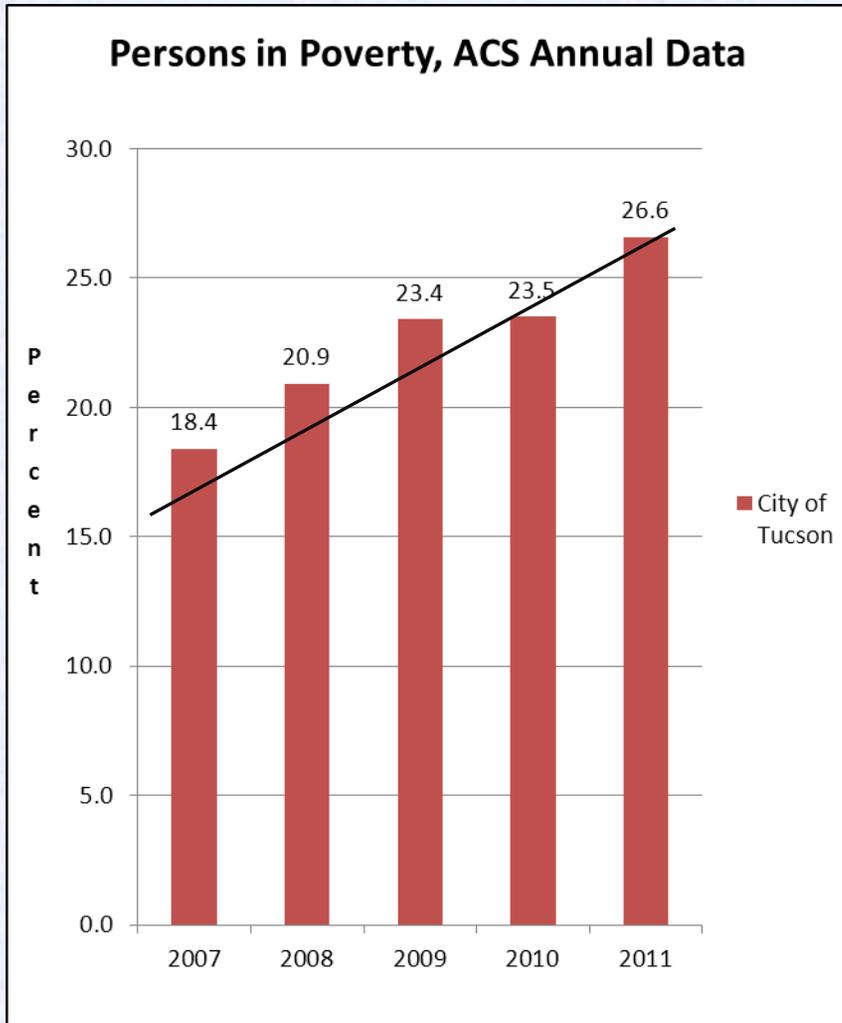
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Persons in Poverty

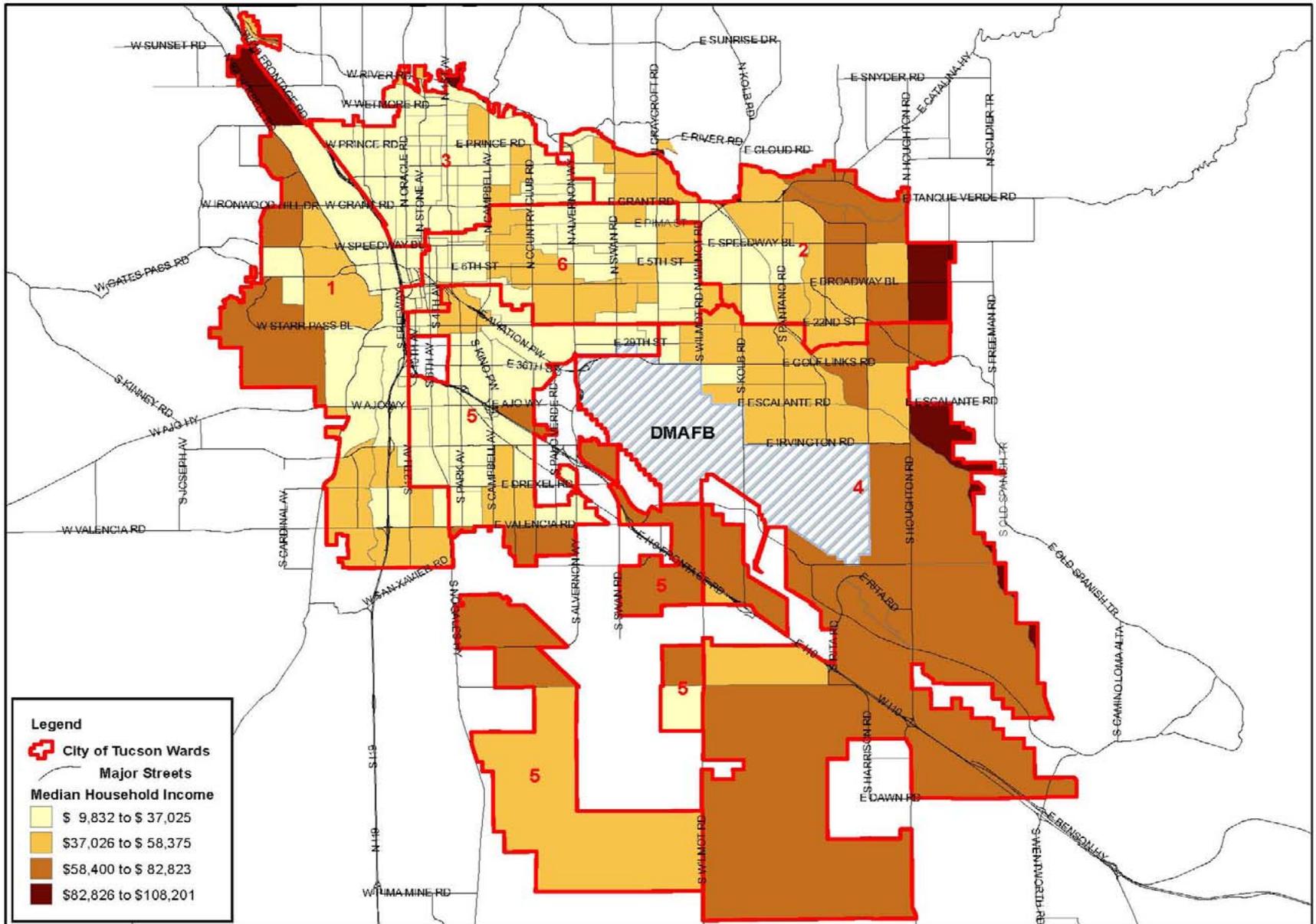


Source: ACS, annual data, 2005-2011

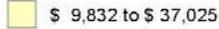
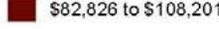
Poverty and Unemployment Connection



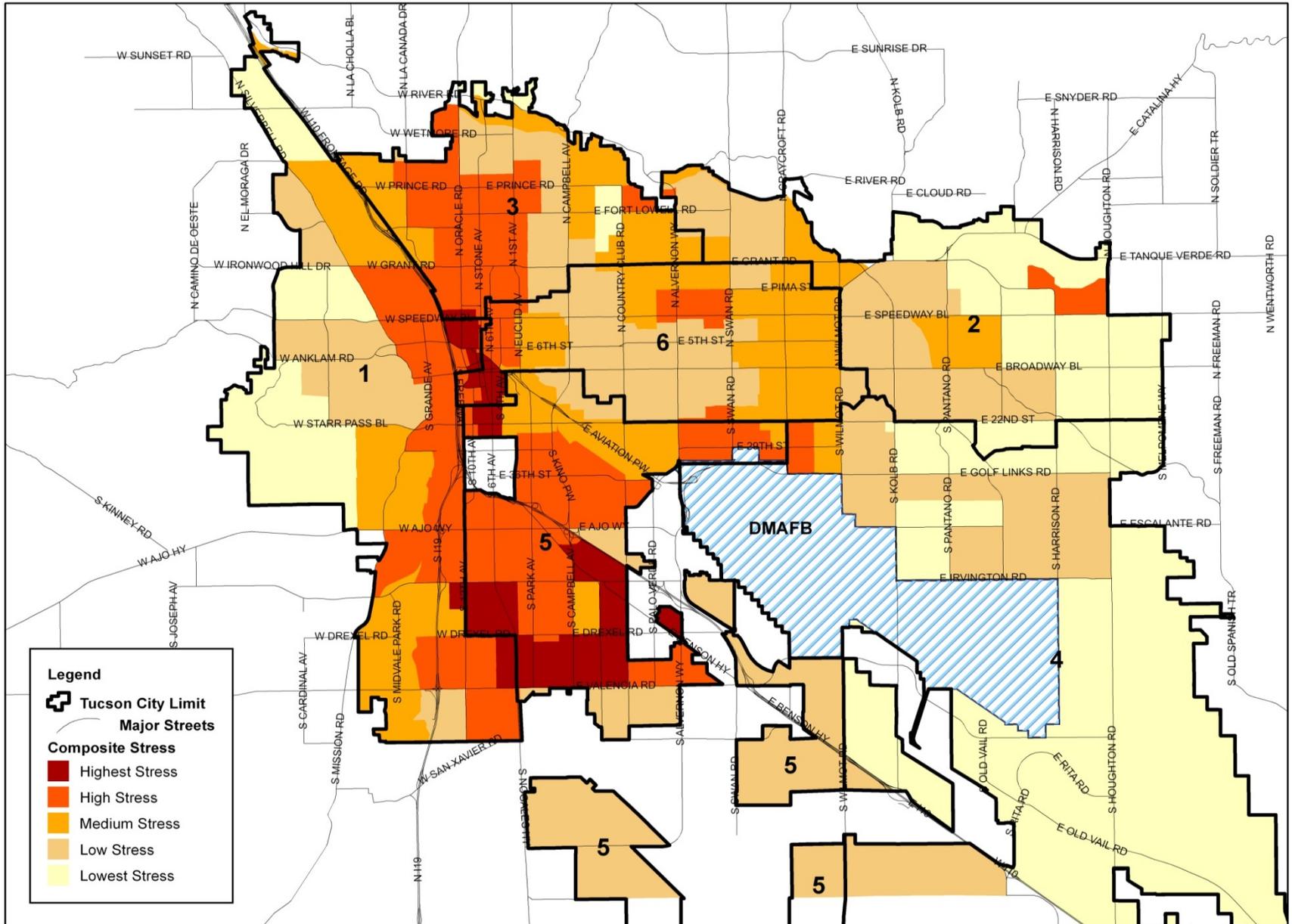
**Median Household Income
Census Tract Data: City of Tucson
American Community Survey 2006-2010**



Legend

-  City of Tucson Wards
-  Major Streets
- Median Household Income**
-  \$ 9,832 to \$ 37,025
-  \$37,026 to \$ 58,375
-  \$58,400 to \$ 82,823
-  \$82,826 to \$108,201

Indicators of Neighborhood Stress
 American Community Survey 2005-2009
 Census Tract Data: City of Tucson



Trends in 2012

Local and statewide unemployment rates continue to decline

State shared income tax revenues up for first time since 2008

Slow but positive growth in economic activity

Moving from Poverty to Prosperity

- Proposed policy goal: “City is committed to seeking prosperity that enables all members of the community to have their basic needs met, with their dignity acknowledged, and with opportunities to enjoy safe and healthy lives”
- Economic circumstances that inhibit prosperity are driven by many layered factors
- Strategies require commitment and action by government and the community members

Strategy: Fund Existing Programs

- Lobby to retain Federal, State and regional funding and programs
- Continue to use CDBG, ESG, HOME, and General Fund to provide services
- Work with area partners to advocate for funding retention

Strategy: Pursue Job Creation & Wage Growth

- Implement City-wide economic development strategic priorities
- Continue to support positive business climate
- Lobby to preserve Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit

Strategy: Housing that is Decent and Affordable

- Continue to effectively manage Federally funded housing programs (by Housing and Community Development Department)
- Implement a coordinated intake system for homeless services
- Monitor rental housing for affordability and livability

Strategy: Provide Transportation Mobility Options

- Continue to invest in transit services
- Promote transit and pedestrian oriented urban development at appropriate locations
- Pursue opportunities for multi-modal connections (pedestrian, bicycling and parking programs and projects)

Strategy: Healthy and Safe Community

- Monitor public safety metrics and adjust resources as needed
- Support services for healthy children and youth (AHCCCS, nutrition assistance, KIDCO)
- Promote healthy outcomes with education and wellness programs

Next Steps

- Staff will coordinate and implement strategies related to Mayor and Council policy direction
- Review prosperity policy direction with existing Boards and Commissions who provide oversight of related programs and projects
- Monitor and report to Mayor and Council annually on the progress of prosperity strategies and City expenditures on related programs/projects