



THE SYCAMORE INSTITUTE

BUILDING A STRONGER TENNESSEE THROUGH DATA AND RESEARCH

Tennessee Sustainable Transportation Awards and Forum

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WHAT IS THE SYCAMORE INSTITUTE?

An independent, nonpartisan public policy research center for Tennessee.

MISSION

To provide accessible, reliable data and research in pursuit of sound, sustainable policies that improve the lives of all Tennesseans

VISION

A thriving Tennessee whose top priority is the health and well-being of each citizen.

HOW IS THE SYCAMORE INSTITUTE UNIQUE?

- Founded in November 2015
- Purpose is to explain complex public policy issues using data & research
- Audience: policymakers, the media, and the public
- Board and staff represent diverse political perspectives
- Nimble, rapid response



THE RESEARCH PLAN 2016-17

STATE BUDGET

HEALTH POLICY

FOUNDATIONAL
KNOWLEDGE-
BUILDING

PROACTIVE POLICY
ANALYSIS

REACTIVE POLICY
ANALYSIS

STATE BUDGET PRIMER

LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS

TENNESSEE HEALTH & WELL-BEING INDEX

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

PROCESS & DATA
ANALYSIS PRIMERS

POLICY BRIEFS

BLOG POSTS

ACCESSIBLE & RELIABLE

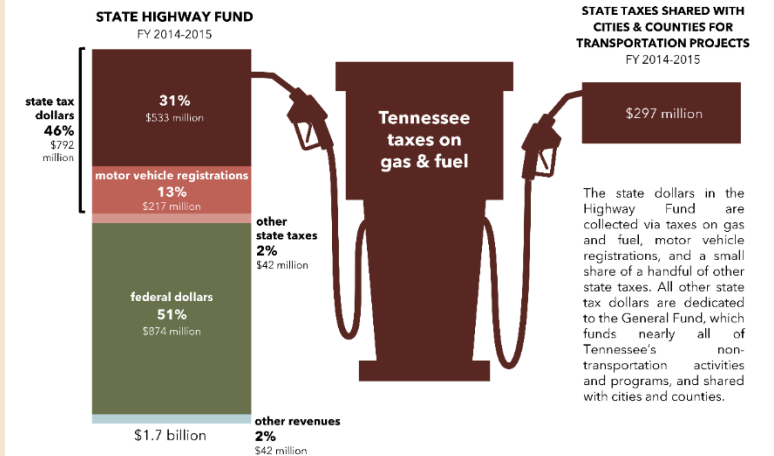


STATE BUDGET & FISCAL POLICY

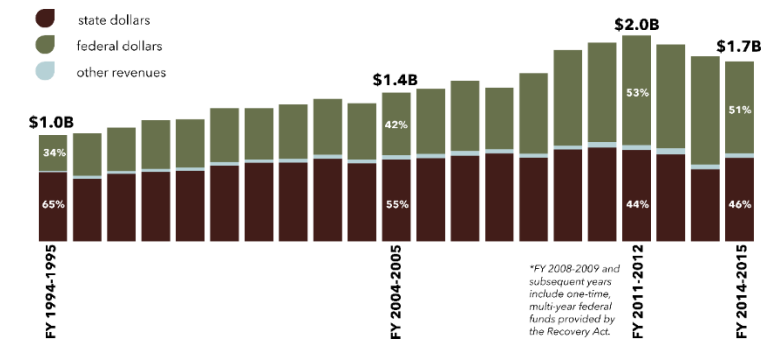
- Tennessee State Budget Primer 12/13/16
- Tennessee Highway Fund Fact Sheet 1/18/17
- How Transportation Impacts Public Health 2/21/17
- Summary and Analysis of the FY 2018 Budget 4/28/17

TENNESSEE STATE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

HOW IS TRANSPORTATION FUNDED IN TENNESSEE'S STATE BUDGET?

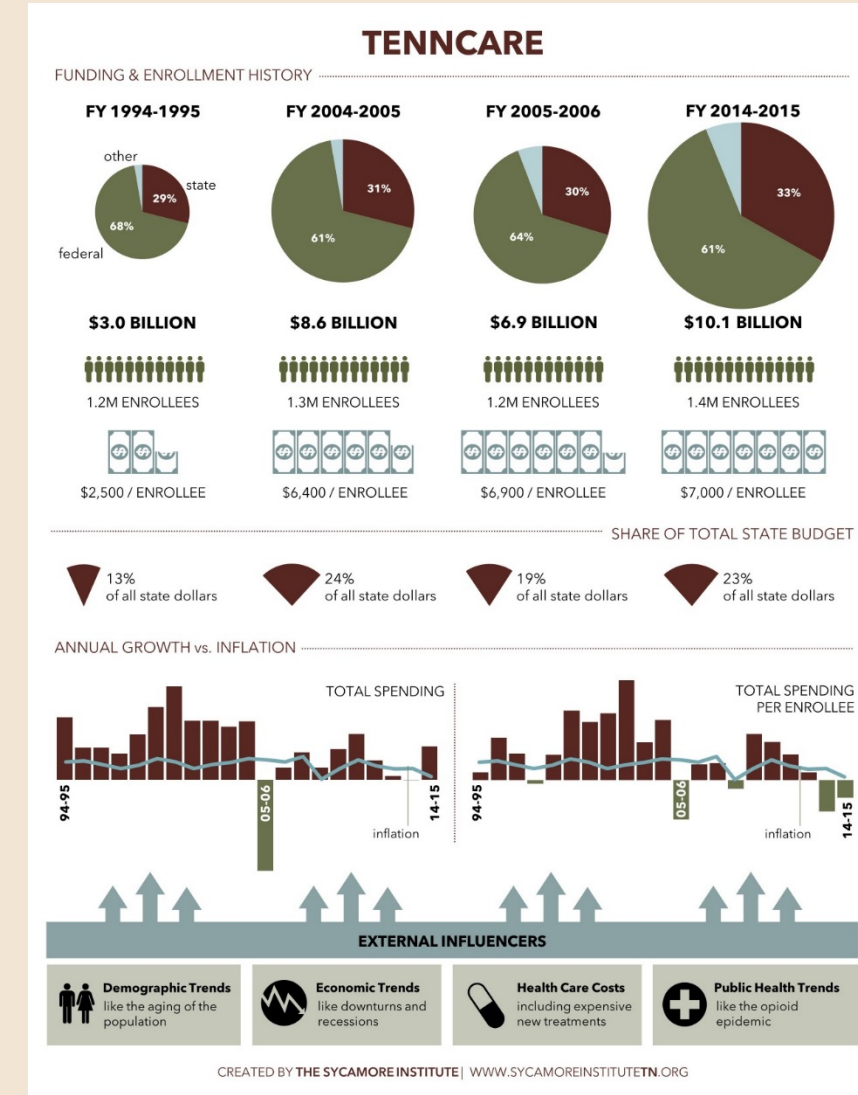


THE HIGHWAY FUND OVER TIME



HEALTH POLICY

- Tennessee Health & Well-Being Index 3/22/17
- The Health and Housing Connection 4/20/2017
- Summary and Analysis of AHCA-Related Issues:
 - Budget Reconciliation
 - Individual Market Reforms
 - Medicaid Financing Reform



HEALTH POLICY

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2017

TRACKING THE DRIVERS OF TENNESSEANS' HEALTH



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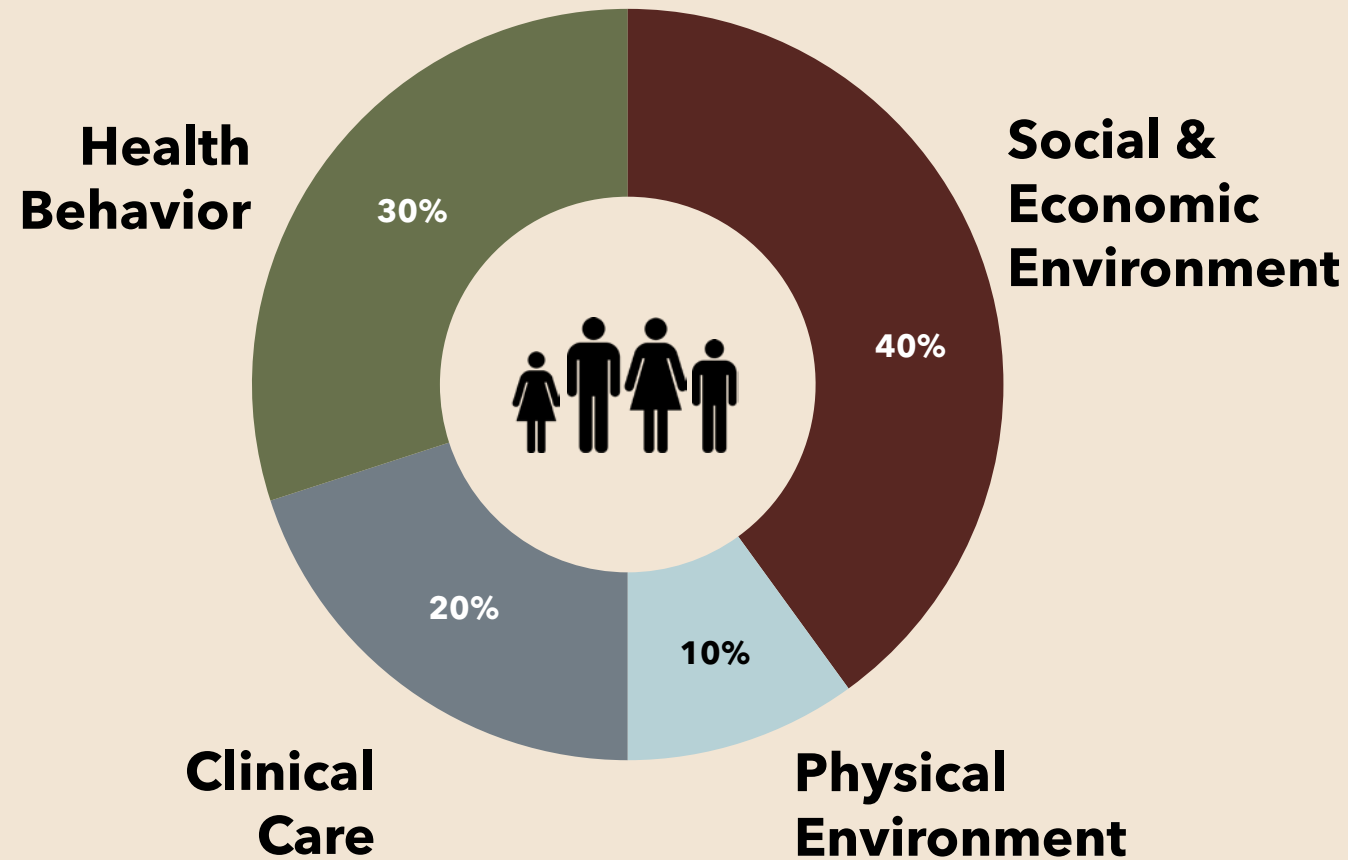
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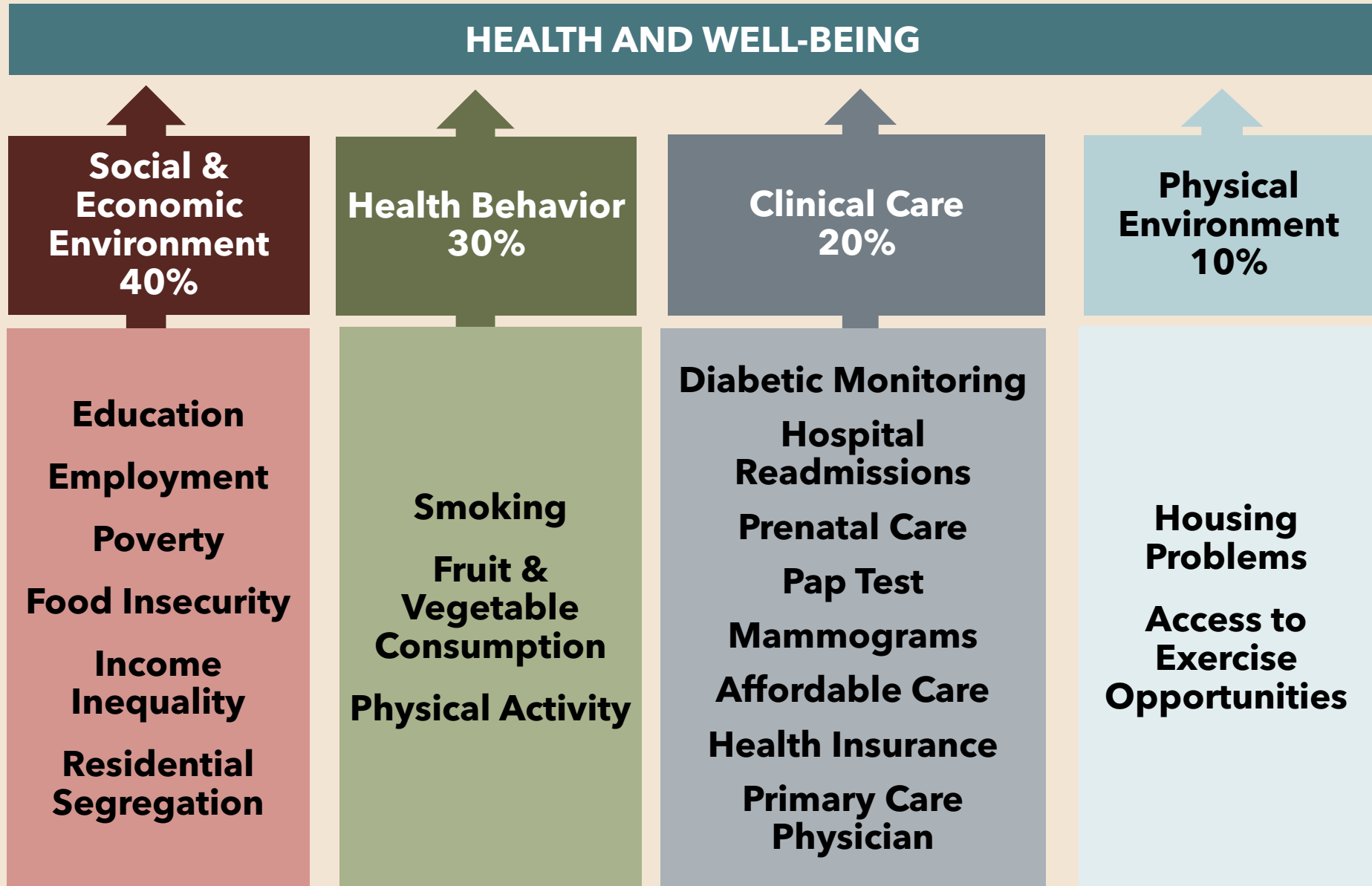


WHAT INFLUENCES THE HEALTH OF INDIVIDUALS & POPULATIONS?

THE DRIVERS OF HEALTH

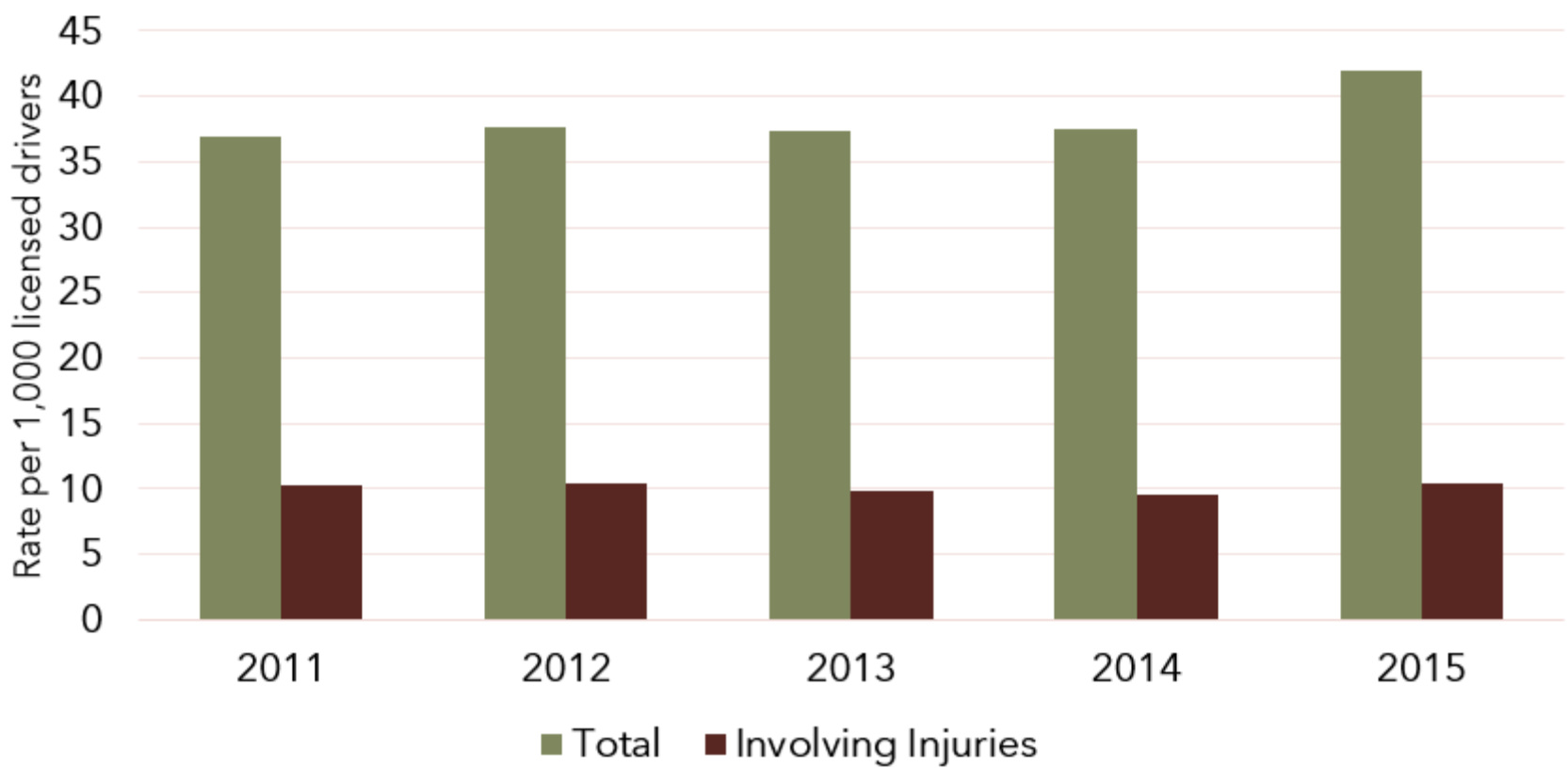


HEALTH & WELL-BEING INDEX FRAMEWORK



MOTOR VEHICLES

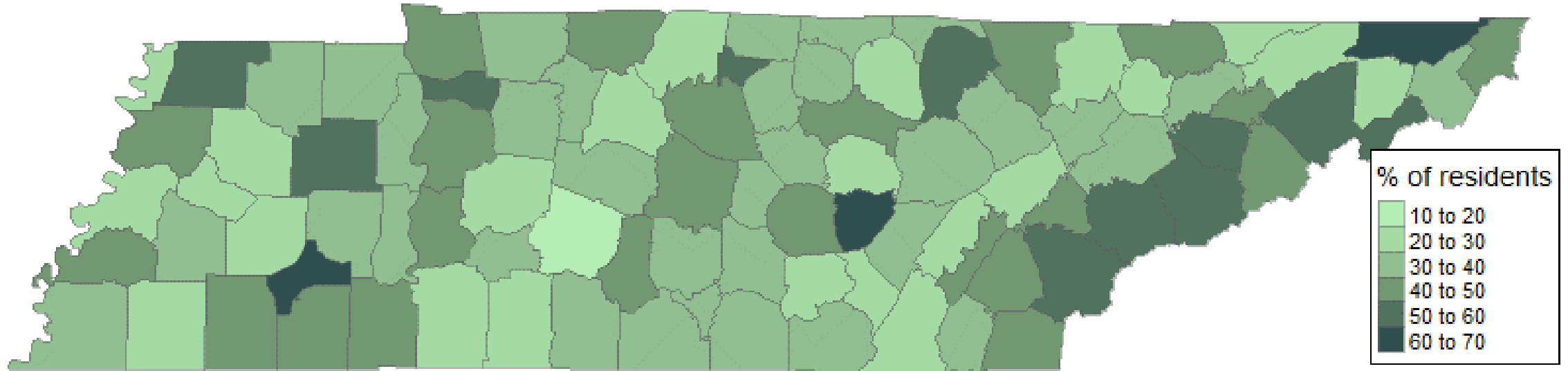
Figure 2. Motor Vehicle Accidents in Tennessee



Source: The Sycamore Institute's analysis of TN Department of Safety & Homeland Security, TITAN Business Unit, March 2016 data



TENNESSEANS WHO DRIVE MORE THAN 30 MINUTES TO WORK DAILY



Every 1 hour spent in a car daily raises your odds of being obese by 6%

33% of Tennesseans drive more than 30 minutes to work each day

AIR POLLUTION

- Increasing even with improvements in emissions standards
- Associated with respiratory diseases - asthma and lung disease
- Data: neighborhoods that are 0.2 to 0.3 miles from a highway are most affected





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