

# MAPPING CENSUS DATA FOR YOUR TOWN

## Worksheet

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

What town and county did you map? \_\_\_\_\_

Map #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Description: Minimum \_\_\_\_\_ Maximum \_\_\_\_\_

Map #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Description: Minimum \_\_\_\_\_ Maximum \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Map #3: \_\_\_\_\_

Description: Minimum \_\_\_\_\_ Maximum \_\_\_\_\_

Map #4: \_\_\_\_\_

Description: Minimum \_\_\_\_\_ Maximum \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Map #5: \_\_\_\_\_

Description: Minimum \_\_\_\_\_ Maximum \_\_\_\_\_

# CENSUS DATA MAPPING ASSIGNMENT

## Sample Worksheet

What town and county did you map? Bloomington-Normal, IL; McLean County

Map #1: Percent Poor

Description: Minimum 0 Maximum 90

Most of McLean County has a relatively low percent of poor people (between 0 and 22.4 percent). Several mobile home parks exist in Bloomington; Normal, however, has areas of considerably higher poverty levels. There are several small areas that are between 67 and 89 percent poor. Based on my knowledge of the city, the darker squares on the northern side (Normal) of the city are a surprise. I thought that Normal had less concentrated poverty than Bloomington. However, there are low-income housing units in the general area of the dark squares on the top half of this map. The idea that Bloomington is a poorer city and a less-desirable place to live than Normal must not be as true as people in the area believe. It is also interesting that the rural areas of the county have such low percent poor. I used to think that farmers might be less well off than city dwellers. While there are certainly some areas that have highly concentrated poverty, the county as a whole is not extremely poor. Bloomington-Normal is a growing town with mostly white-collar jobs, a strong economy, and a very low unemployment rate – all accounting for the fairly low levels of poverty.

