

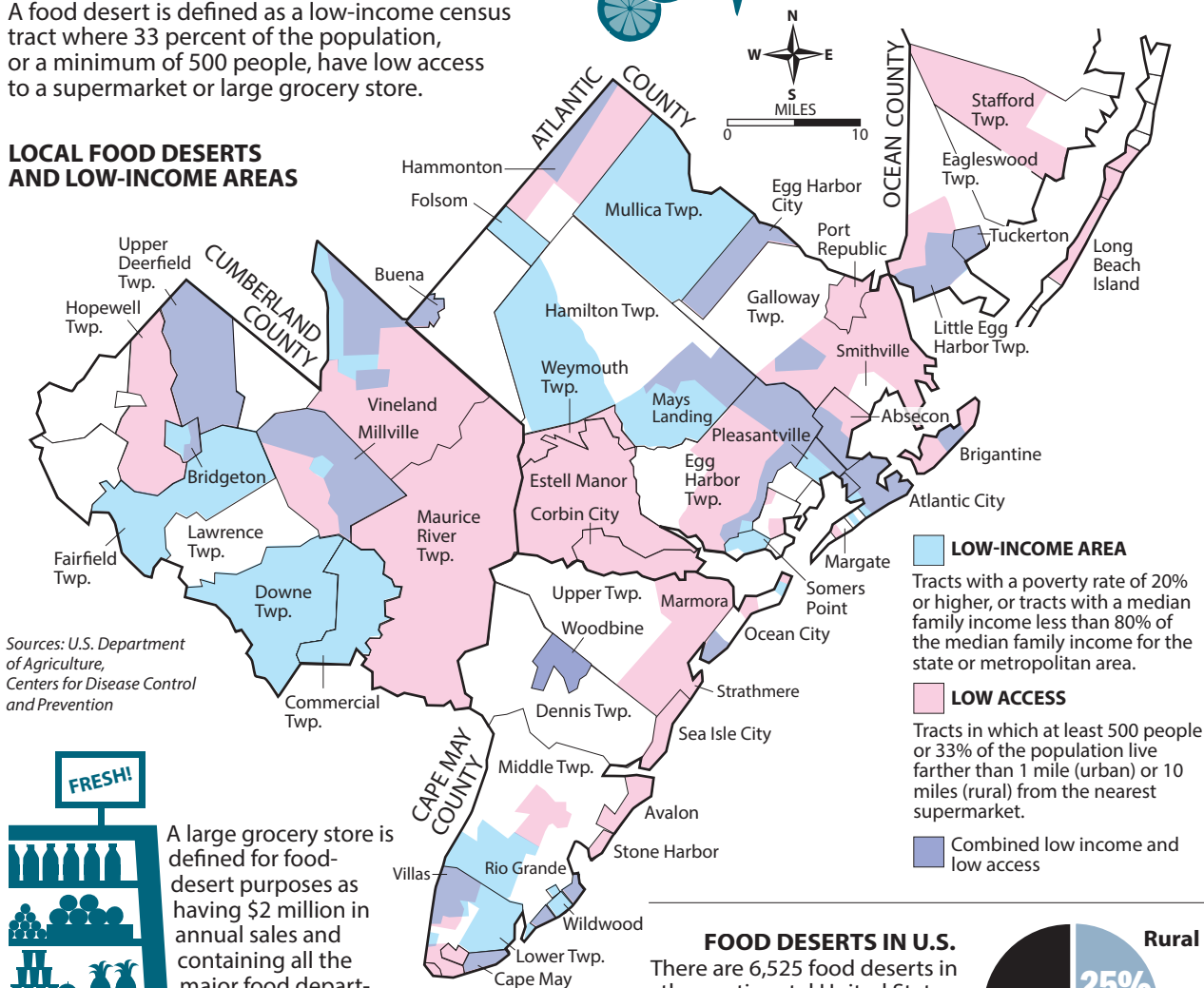
FOOD DESERTS IN SOUTH JERSEY

Food deserts are areas that lack access to affordable fruits, vegetables, whole grains, low-fat milk and other foods that make up the other ingredients of a full and healthy diet.

WHAT DEFINES A FOOD DESERT?

A food desert is defined as a low-income census tract where 33 percent of the population, or a minimum of 500 people, have low access to a supermarket or large grocery store.

LOCAL FOOD DESERTS AND LOW-INCOME AREAS

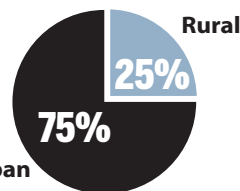


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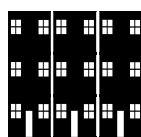


A large grocery store is defined for food-desert purposes as having \$2 million in annual sales and containing all the major food departments found in a traditional supermarket.

FOOD DESERTS IN U.S.
There are 6,525 food deserts in the continental United States. Food deserts are as yet undefined in Alaska and Hawaii.



HEALTHY FOOD RETAIL OUTLET Low access to a healthy food retail outlet is defined as:



More than 1 mile from a supermarket or large grocery store in **urban areas**



1 mile



More than 10 miles from a supermarket or large grocery store in **rural areas**

10 miles

