



## Ada County Environmental Justice Plan Strategy

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Ada County will consider whether any County decision, service, program or benefit (hereafter “decision”) results in a potential disproportionate adverse human health and environmental impact, including social and economic effects on minority and low-income communities. No group of people should bear a disproportionate share of the negative environmental consequences resulting from the execution of governmental policies and programs.

### **Decision Analysis**

Any decision of a county office or department may raise an environmental justice issue depending on the circumstances of a particular community or population, the particular type of environmental or human health impact, and/or the nature of the proposed action itself. Ada County will consider who lives and works in the area directly affected by the decision, and who may be indirectly impacted, to determine if low income or minority populations are disproportionately exposed to adverse effects.

For each review, we will strive to recognize the cultural, social, occupational, historical or economic facts that may increase the impacts of the proposed action. We will clearly state the problem and possible solutions and consider the following factors in each decision:

- Does the proposed decision solve a problem, provide a benefit and/or improve economic and social inequity?
- What are the possible disruptions to community structure, economic stability and the environment?
- Do the impacts disproportionately burden or benefit a community?
- Does the decision increase, compound or exacerbate exposure to human health hazards?
- Is there the potential for cumulative effects based on prior environmental hazards in the impact area?
- Does the decision increase, compound or exacerbate decline of a community?
- Can these disruptions be minimized? Consider any additional possibilities such as mitigation, environmental assessment, and supplemental benefits that support the decision.
- Is the decision supported by the affected community?

We will consider relevant public health and industry data, as available, when evaluating possible human health and environmental hazards. A detailed summary of why decisions were made and the analysis of impact on the community will be documented in an Environmental Justice Plan.

### **Public Involvement**

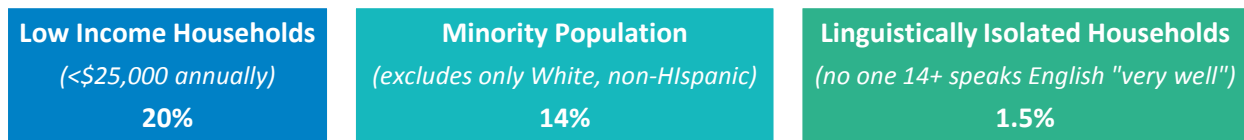
All stakeholders will have an opportunity for meaningful involvement in decisions that may affect their immediate lives. Ada County will engage affected communities as early in the planning process as reasonable when addressing environmental justice concerns. The County will provide appropriate public

participation processes, encourage involvement from all residents, and strive to provide more than the required minimum notice and comment period.

### Areas of Special Consideration

Ada County's population was estimated at 409,239 residents and 154,408 households by the American Community Survey 2010-2014. Areas with a high proportion of low income, minority and/or linguistically isolated populations will receive special consideration during analysis of decision impacts (see maps).

#### Ada County Households/Populations of Special Consideration



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Ada County EJ Map Source - *EJSCREEN: Environment Justice Screening and Mapping Tool (version 2016)*, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Available at <https://ejscreen.epa.gov/mapper/>.

Search for Ada County, Idaho

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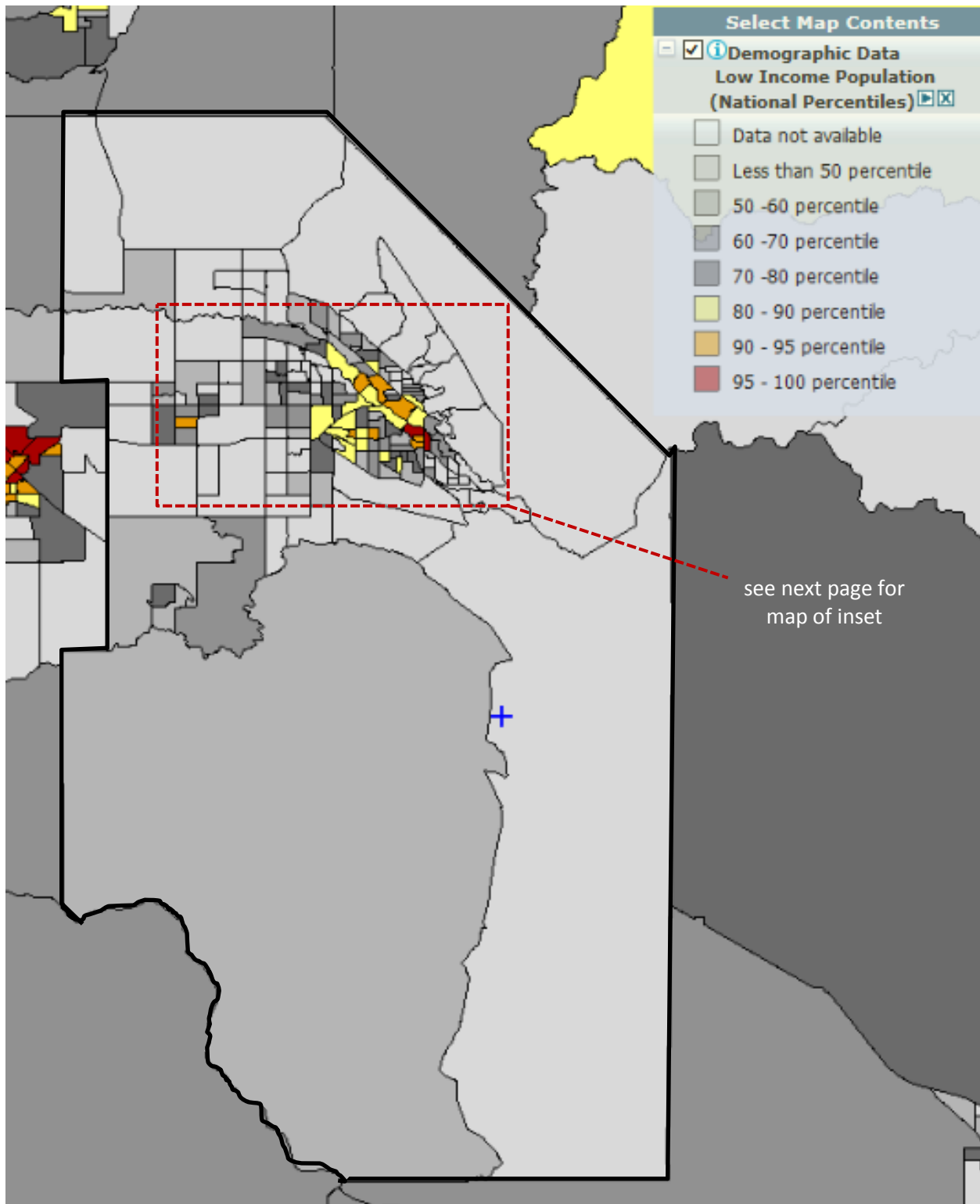
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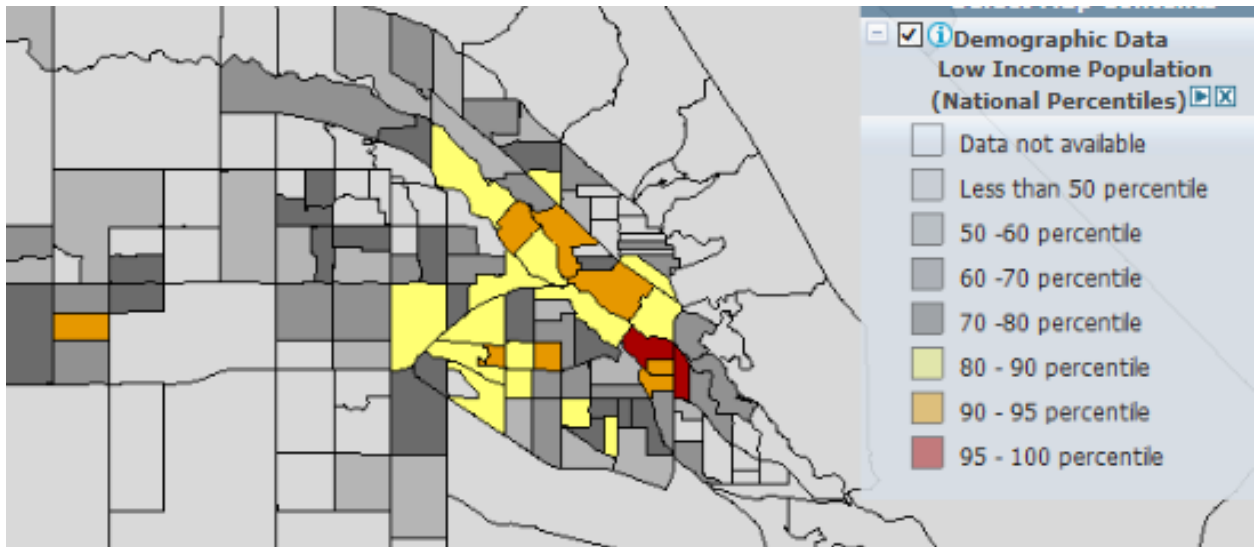
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See also attached pdf of Ada County Environmental Justice Special Consideration Areas for additional detail by census tract and block.

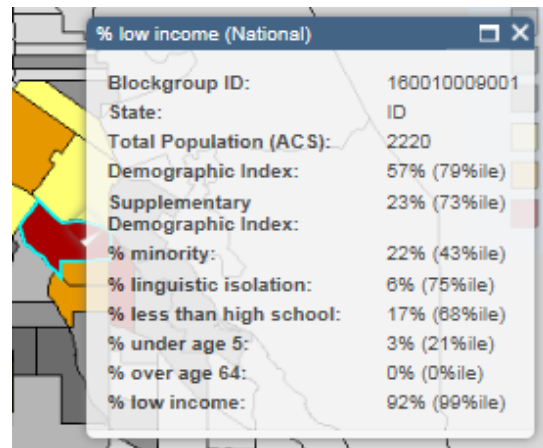
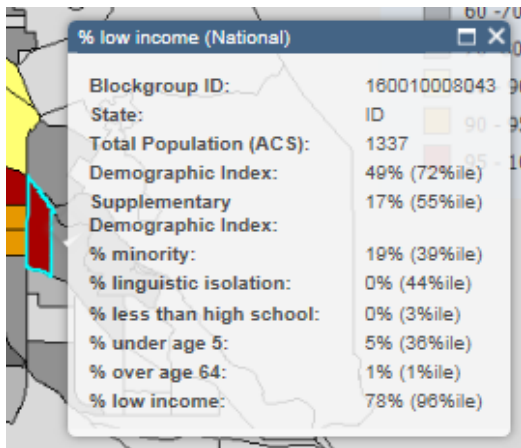
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# Ada County Low Income Population by Census Tract

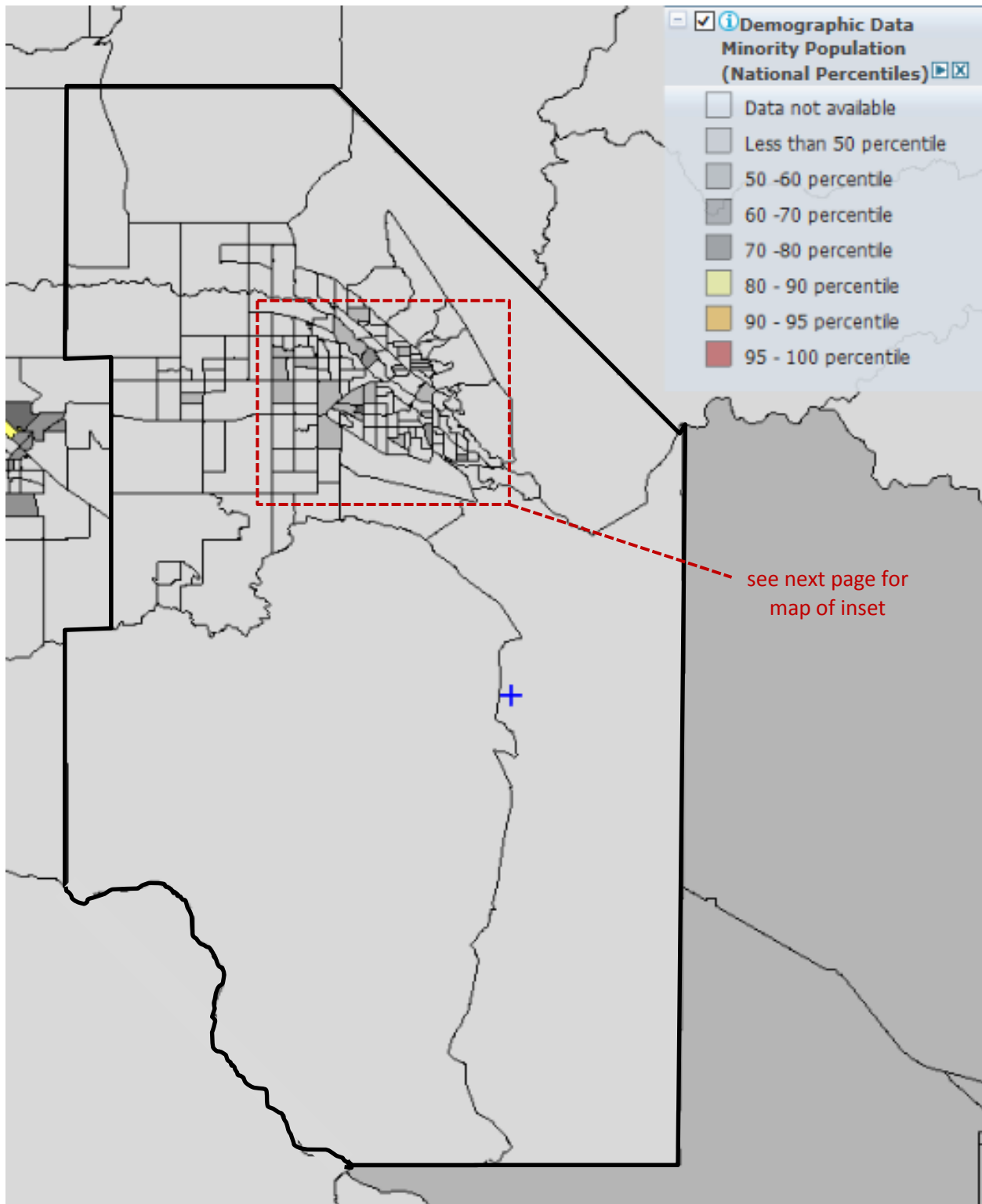




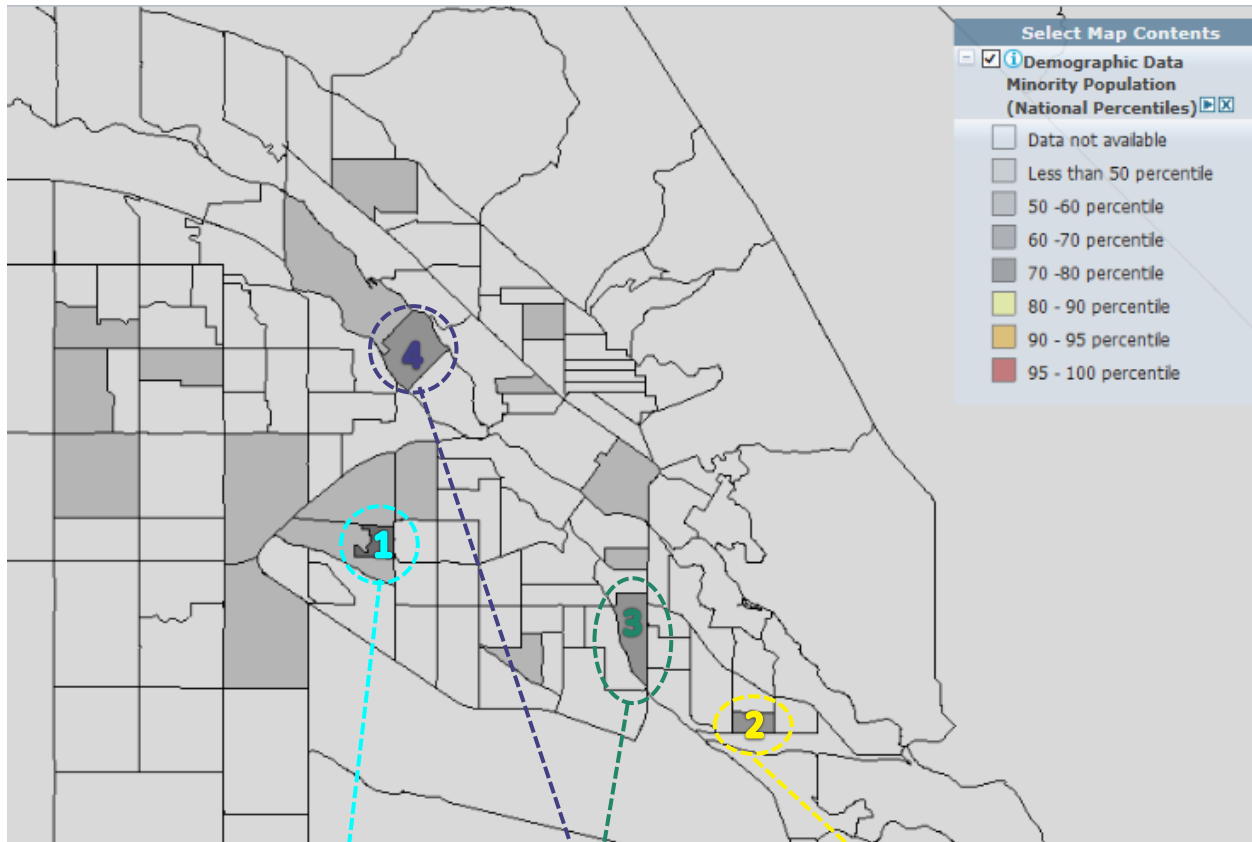
Two Ada County census tracts have low income populations at or above the 95 percentile compared to the U.S, another eight are in the 90-95 percentile and fifteen in the 80-90 range.



# Ada County Minority Population by Census Tract



Four Ada County census tracts have minority populations at or above the 40 percentile compared to the U.S. are highlighted below.



**% minority (National)**

Blockgroup ID:	160010020004
State:	ID
Total Population (ACS):	1028
Demographic Index:	64% (84%ile)
Supplementary Demographic Index:	34% (90%ile)
% low income:	74% (94%ile)
% linguistic isolation:	21% (93%ile)
% less than high school:	26% (84%ile)
% under age 5:	8% (70%ile)
% over age 64:	19% (80%ile)
% minority:	54% (71%ile)

**% minority (National)**

Blockgroup ID:	160010008032
State:	ID
Total Population (ACS):	1086
Demographic Index:	33% (54%ile)
Supplementary Demographic Index:	15% (47%ile)
% low income:	15% (21%ile)
% linguistic isolation:	0% (44%ile)
% less than high school:	9% (42%ile)
% under age 5:	12% (91%ile)
% over age 64:	6% (14%ile)
% minority:	50% (68%ile)

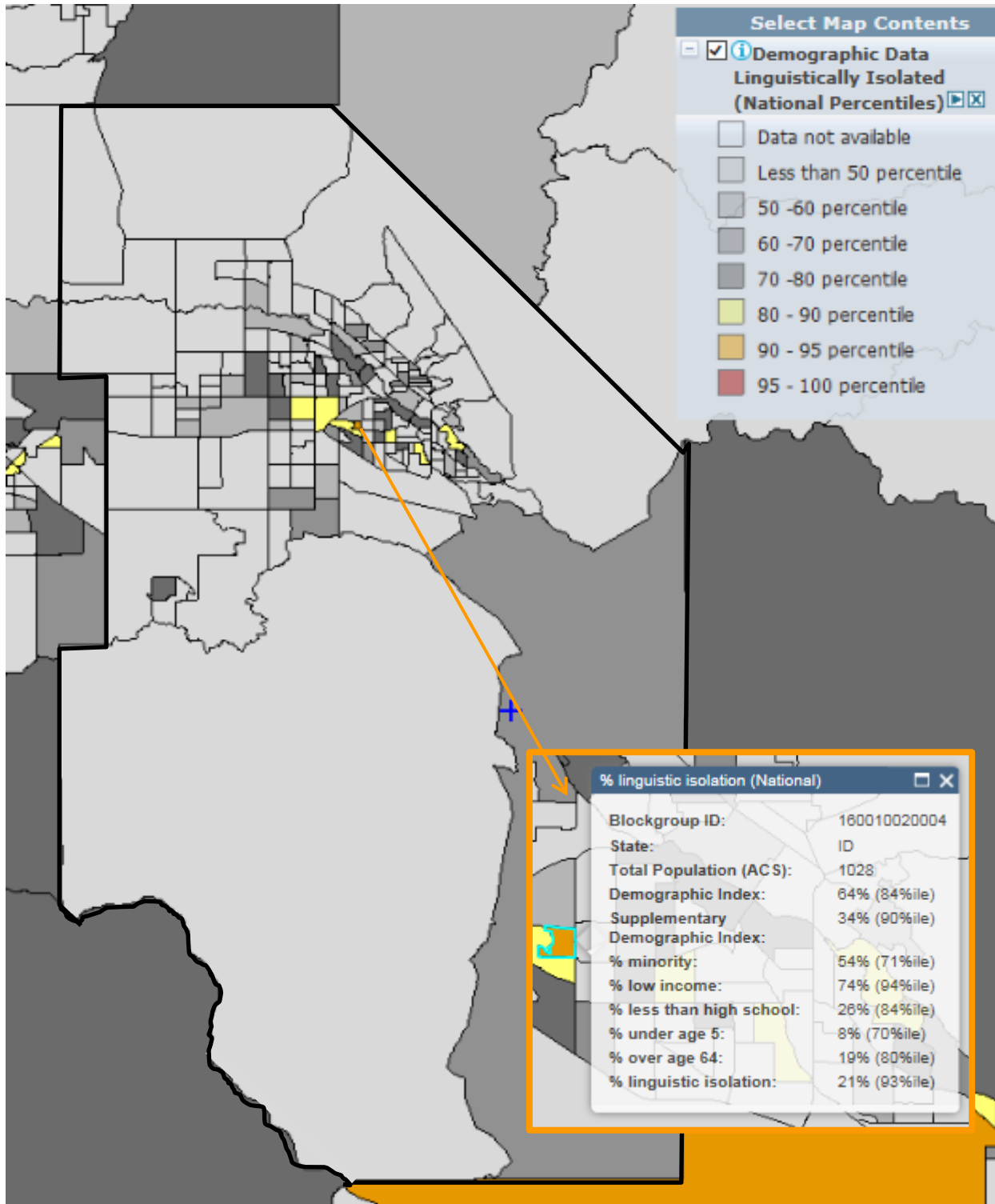
**% minority (National)**

Blockgroup ID:	160010009004
State:	ID
Total Population (ACS):	1640
Demographic Index:	44% (67%ile)
Supplementary Demographic Index:	18% (58%ile)
% low income:	44% (68%ile)
% linguistic isolation:	0% (44%ile)
% less than high school:	3% (18%ile)
% under age 5:	13% (94%ile)
% over age 64:	5% (10%ile)
% minority:	43% (63%ile)

**% minority (National)**

Blockgroup ID:	160010011002
State:	ID
Total Population (ACS):	1559
Demographic Index:	56% (78%ile)
Supplementary Demographic Index:	26% (77%ile)
% low income:	71% (93%ile)
% linguistic isolation:	6% (76%ile)
% less than high school:	18% (72%ile)
% under age 5:	10% (82%ile)
% over age 64:	8% (27%ile)
% minority:	40% (61%ile)

# Ada County Linguistic Isolation by Census Tract



One Ada County census tract has a linguistically isolated population above the 90 percentile compared to the U.S and another six are in the 80-90 percentile.



# EJSCREEN ACS Summary Report



Location: Ada County  
 Ring (buffer): 0-mile radius  
 Description: Ada County

Summary of ACS Estimates		2010 - 2014		
Population		409,239		
Population Density (per sq. mile)		389		
Minority Population		57,854		
% Minority		14%		
Households		154,408		
Housing Units		162,766		
Housing Units Built Before 1950		13,020		
Per Capita Income		28,318		
Land Area (sq. miles) (Source: SF1)		1,052.58		
% Land Area		100%		
Water Area (sq. miles) (Source: SF1)		0.00		
% Water Area		0%		
		<b>2010 - 2014</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>MOE (±)</b>
		<b>ACS Estimates</b>		
<b>Population by Race</b>				
Total		409,239	100%	0
Population Reporting One Race		398,513	97%	3,805
White		374,848	92%	1,114
Black		4,336	1%	450
American Indian		2,313	1%	464
Asian		11,089	3%	657
Pacific Islander		832	0%	239
Some Other Race		5,115	1%	881
Population Reporting Two or More Races		10,726	3%	875
Total Hispanic Population		30,412	7%	0
Total Non-Hispanic Population		378,827		
White Alone		351,385	86%	403
Black Alone		4,165	1%	403
American Indian Alone		1,938	0%	358
Non-Hispanic Asian Alone		10,787	3%	606
Pacific Islander Alone		790	0%	211
Other Race Alone		736	0%	412
Two or More Races Alone		9,026	2%	781
<b>Population by Sex</b>				
Male		204,850	50%	166
Female		204,389	50%	166
<b>Population by Age</b>				
Age 0-4		27,143	7%	69
Age 0-17		105,326	26%	1,593
Age 18+		303,913	74%	2,642
Age 65+		47,102	12%	1,319

**Data Note:** Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Hispanic population can be of any race. N/A means not available.  
 Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) 2010 - 2014.





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Location: Ada County  
 Ring (buffer): 0-mile radius  
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	2010 - 2014 ACS Estimates	Percent	MOE (±)
<b>Population 25+ by Educational Attainment</b>			
Total	267,372	100%	174
Less than 9th Grade	5,189	2%	575
9th - 12th Grade, No Diploma	11,397	4%	958
High School Graduate	57,636	22%	1,815
Some College, No Degree	95,845	36%	2,420
Associate Degree	22,940	9%	1,229
Bachelor's Degree or more	97,305	36%	2,353
<b>Population Age 5+ Years by Ability to Speak English</b>			
Total	382,096	100%	45
Speak only English	350,167	92%	1,536
Non-English at Home <sup>1+2+3+4</sup>	31,929	8%	1,586
<sup>1</sup> Speak English "very well"	20,278	5%	1,252
<sup>2</sup> Speak English "well"	6,208	2%	684
<sup>3</sup> Speak English "not well"	4,543	1%	671
<sup>4</sup> Speak English "not at all"	900	0%	248
<sup>3+4</sup> Speak English "less than well"	5,443	1%	715
<sup>2+3+4</sup> Speak English "less than very well"	11,651	3%	990
<b>Linguistically Isolated Households*</b>			
Total	2,341	100%	401
Speak Spanish	957	41%	298
Speak Other Indo-European Languages	349	15%	113
Speak Asian-Pacific Island Languages	740	32%	213
Speak Other Languages	295	13%	119
<b>Households by Household Income</b>			
Household Income Base	154,408	100%	937
< \$15,000	15,943	10%	1,064
\$15,000 - \$25,000	14,670	10%	890
\$25,000 - \$50,000	38,205	25%	1,663
\$50,000 - \$75,000	30,987	20%	1,469
\$75,000 +	54,603	35%	1,645
<b>Occupied Housing Units by Tenure</b>			
Total	154,408	100%	937
Owner Occupied	103,945	67%	1,345
Renter Occupied	50,463	33%	1,327
<b>Employed Population Age 16+ Years</b>			
Total	315,039	100%	578
In Labor Force	211,119	67%	1,600
Civilian Unemployed in Labor Force	15,437	5%	1,095
Not In Labor Force	103,920	33%	1,654

Data Note: Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Hispanic population can be of any race. N/A means not available. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) 2010 - 2014.

\*Households in which no one 14 and over speaks English "very well" or speaks English only.



## EJSCREEN ACS Summary Report



Location: Ada County  
 Ring (buffer): 0-mile radius  
 Description: Ada County

	2010 - 2014 ACS Estimates	Percent	MOE (±)
<b>Population by Language Spoken at Home*</b>			
Total (persons age 5 and above)	382,098	100%	45
English	350,167	92%	1,693
Spanish	14,925	4%	1,193
French	1,304	0%	448
French Creole	12	0%	22
Italian	168	0%	82
Portuguese	284	0%	217
German	1,398	0%	369
Yiddish	0	0%	27
Other West Germanic	98	0%	71
Scandinavian	183	0%	90
Greek	45	0%	42
Russian	741	0%	310
Polish	66	0%	53
Serbo-Croatian	1,849	0%	600
Other Slavic	440	0%	411
Armenian	0	0%	27
Persian	355	0%	319
Gujarathi	142	0%	148
Hindi	200	0%	117
Urdu	98	0%	139
Other Indic	201	0%	156
Other Indo-European	337	0%	170
Chinese	1,727	0%	491
Japanese	649	0%	261
Korean	867	0%	352
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	27	0%	46
Hmong	0	0%	27
Thai	83	0%	76
Laotian	391	0%	253
Vietnamese	675	0%	278
Other Asian	1,355	0%	492
Tagalog	857	0%	312
Other Pacific Island	567	0%	212
Navajo	20	0%	29
Other Native American	238	0%	130
Hungarian	50	0%	46
Arabic	490	0%	334
Hebrew	0	0%	27
African	711	0%	359
Other and non-specified	378	0%	154
Total Non-English	31,929	8%	1,694

Data Note: Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Hispanic population can be of any race. N/A means not available. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) 2010 - 2014.

\*Population by Language Spoken at Home is available at the census tract summary level and up.

## Ada County Environmental Justice Special Consideration Areas

*The highlighted tract/block groups have one of the following:*

*>30% minority population, >50% households with less than \$25,000 household income,  
>25% disabled population, or >50% households with at least one person who is 60 or older*

Census Tract	Block Group	% minority	% low income	% disabled	% elderly
CT 1	BG 1	19%	48%	20%	23%
	BG 2	30%	49%	33%	18%
	BG 3	14%	58%	26%	22%
CT 2.01	BG 1	4%	21%	7%	26%
	BG 2	8%	17%	1%	29%
	BG 3	3%	35%	3%	35%
CT 2.02	BG 1	14%	7%	1%	27%
	BG 2	16%	7%	10%	43%
	BG 3	2%	13%	0%	44%
	BG 4	16%	4%	3%	34%
CT 3.02	BG 1	6%	17%	6%	41%
	BG 2	19%	29%	12%	48%
CT 3.03	BG 1	18%	30%	14%	41%
CT 3.04	BG 1	10%	26%	5%	52%
	BG 2	29%	20%	10%	35%
	BG 3	6%	0%	5%	27%
CT 4	BG 1	25%	32%	4%	29%
	BG 2	13%	39%	14%	26%
	BG 3	32%	22%	6%	9%
	BG 4	9%	29%	4%	21%
	BG 5	14%	32%	14%	11%
CT 5	BG 1	16%	18%	11%	27%
	BG 2	8%	28%	8%	25%
	BG 3	18%	26%	4%	36%
	BG 4	7%	24%	2%	33%
	BG 5	11%	32%	10%	23%
CT 6	BG 1	34%	16%	3%	26%
	BG 2	13%	20%	3%	28%
	BG 3	4%	28%	4%	27%
	BG 4	24%	29%	1%	27%
	BG 5	1%	16%	8%	25%
	BG 6	13%	39%	2%	22%
CT 7.01	BG 1	3%	22%	2%	43%
	BG 2	10%	12%	8%	28%
	BG 3	11%	38%	5%	24%
CT 7.02	BG 1	12%	5%	11%	37%
CT 8.02	BG 1	0%	20%	3%	27%
	BG 2	4%	20%	3%	26%

Census Tract	Block Group	% minority	% low income	% disabled	% elderly
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CT 8.02	BG 3	4%	22%	8%	34%
	BG 4	18%	13%	9%	32%
CT 8.03	BG 1	4%	25%	8%	35%
	BG 2	38%	4%	3%	26%
	BG 3	16%	20%	5%	34%
	BG 4	4%	6%	8%	43%
CT 8.04	BG 1	20%	26%	6%	12%
	BG 2	13%	32%	5%	46%
	BG 3	19%	27%	8%	11%
CT 8.05	BG 1	13%	6%	5%	41%
	BG 2	4%	1%	13%	42%
CT 9	BG 1	17%	73%	8%	8%
	BG 2	24%	69%	8%	4%
	BG 3	17%	47%	16%	15%
	BG 4	43%	20%	8%	21%
CT 10	BG 1	11%	57%	10%	25%
	BG 2	14%	32%	11%	20%
	BG 3	32%	34%	10%	20%
	BG 4	5%	21%	3%	32%
CT 11	BG 1	32%	58%	19%	32%
	BG 2	47%	63%	31%	21%
	BG 3	17%	35%	2%	44%
CT 12.01	BG 1	12%	21%	7%	40%
	BG 2	14%	34%	6%	38%
CT 12.02	BG 1	10%	31%	9%	62%
	BG 2	15%	29%	10%	31%
	BG 3	27%	42%	17%	37%
CT 14	BG 1	19%	48%	29%	21%
	BG 2	35%	37%	16%	28%
	BG 3	23%	36%	6%	19%
	BG 4	21%	59%	31%	41%
CT 15	BG 1	9%	23%	11%	34%
	BG 2	3%	39%	10%	33%
	BG 3	18%	40%	8%	48%
CT 16	BG 1	7%	24%	22%	31%
	BG 2	17%	27%	9%	33%
	BG 3	7%	35%	3%	9%

Census Tract	Block Group	% minority	% low income	% disabled	% elderly
CT 17	BG 1	7%	36%	8%	27%
	BG 2	29%	37%	12%	10%
	BG 3	7%	39%	10%	11%
	BG 4	32%	24%	6%	25%
CT 18	BG 1	5%	24%	5%	42%
	BG 2	5%	25%	13%	48%
	BG 3	20%	23%	14%	34%
CT 19	BG 1	20%	27%	13%	43%
	BG 2	9%	5%	7%	32%
	BG 3	12%	25%	19%	26%
CT 20	BG 1	27%	27%	20%	11%
	BG 2	36%	36%	15%	15%
	BG 3	17%	24%	6%	22%
	BG 4	43%	61%	28%	41%
CT 21	BG 1	3%	36%	11%	47%
	BG 2	15%	11%	4%	49%
CT 22.21	BG 1	3%	6%	3%	31%
	BG 2	9%	10%	7%	35%
	BG 3	18%	18%	10%	42%
CT 22.22	BG 1	20%	10%	5%	25%
CT 22.23	BG 1	7%	4%	10%	29%
CT 22.24	BG 1	34%	20%	21%	45%
	BG 2	16%	5%	10%	26%
	BG 3	1%	13%	6%	33%
CT 23.02	BG 1	17%	2%	7%	13%
	BG 2	38%	27%	4%	21%
	BG 3	1%	17%	5%	52%
	BG 4	27%	23%	21%	25%
CT 23.10	BG 1	7%	7%	6%	48%
	BG 2	30%	15%	10%	37%
	BG 3	30%	10%	11%	43%
	BG 4	23%	29%	16%	29%
CT 23.12	BG 1	12%	30%	12%	42%
	BG 2	35%	33%	8%	34%
CT 23.13	BG 1	25%	28%	12%	19%
	BG 2	15%	16%	12%	43%
CT 24.10	BG 1	8%	6%	5%	53%
	BG 2	12%	8%	6%	42%
	BG 3	21%	4%	14%	26%
	BG 4	8%	26%	9%	60%

Census Tract	Block Group	% minority	% low income	% disabled	% elderly
CT 24.11	BG 1	18%	12%	3%	49%
	BG 2	12%	28%	4%	20%
	BG 3	11%	11%	13%	49%
CT 24.12	BG 1	3%	18%	6%	38%
	BG 2	8%	30%	12%	56%
CT 24.13	BG 1	27%	22%	7%	40%
	BG 2	6%	18%	8%	46%
	BG 3	7%	29%	9%	41%
	BG 4	28%	0%	4%	33%
CT 101	BG 1	8%	10%	6%	30%
CT 102.01	BG 1	0%	14%	8%	60%
	BG 2	9%	14%	8%	26%
	BG 3	16%	9%	2%	29%
CT 102.21	BG 1	12%	5%	6%	39%
	BG 2	0%	15%	0%	39%
CT 102.23	BG 1	8%	21%	8%	38%
	BG 2	7%	16%	8%	44%
CT 102.24	BG 1	5%	7%	3%	35%
CT 102.25	BG 1	7%	20%	3%	37%
	BG 2	12%	25%	6%	36%
	BG 3	10%	26%	8%	52%
CT 103.13	BG 1	13%	8%	7%	44%
	BG 2	19%	8%	12%	37%
	BG 3	4%	11%	5%	33%
CT 103.21	BG 1	20%	31%	8%	34%
	BG 2	12%	27%	7%	28%
CT 103.22	BG 1	19%	20%	18%	39%
	BG 2	17%	51%	27%	38%
	BG 3	16%	24%	2%	25%
CT 103.31	BG 1	8%	6%	5%	30%
	BG 2	8%	3%	3%	17%
	BG 3	13%	21%	6%	39%
CT 103.32	BG 1	14%	8%	5%	22%
	BG 2	12%	36%	14%	54%
CT 103.33	BG 1	14%	39%	15%	38%
	BG 2	23%	13%	0%	27%
	BG 3	11%	10%	6%	22%
	BG 4	8%	11%	2%	28%

Census Tract	Block Group	% minority	% low income	% disabled	% elderly
CT 103.34	BG 1	13%	4%	7%	22%
	BG 2	10%	20%	12%	28%
CT 103.35	BG 1	13%	14%	4%	20%
	BG 2	0%	2%	6%	18%
	BG 3	17%	15%	4%	52%
	BG 4	3%	20%	6%	50%
CT 104.01	BG 1	4%	9%	3%	29%
	BG 2	9%	9%	5%	13%
	BG 3	14%	13%	6%	26%
	BG 4	8%	33%	7%	21%
CT 104.02	BG 1	17%	16%	6%	19%
	BG 2	7%	4%	1%	23%
CT 105.01	BG 1	25%	17%	28%	35%
CT 105.03	BG 1	20%	10%	7%	23%
CT 105.04	BG 1	17%	8%	4%	16%
	BG 2	22%	15%	4%	23%

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau  
American Fact Finder Guided Search

2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates  
(except for data on disabled which is from 2009-2013)

**% minority** from Table B03002: HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN BY RACE - Universe: Total population  
minority = all individuals except Non Hispanic or Latino, White only

**% low income** from Table B19001: HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (IN 2015 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS) - Universe: Households  
low income = households with <\$25,000 annual income

**% disabled** from Table C23023: SEX BY DISABILITY STATUS BY FULL-TIME WORK STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS FOR THE POPULATION 16 TO 64 - Universe: Population 16 to 64 years  
disabled = "With a disability"

**% elderly** from Table B11006: HOUSEHOLDS BY PRESENCE OF PEOPLE 60 YEARS AND OVER BY HOUSEHOLD TYPE - Universe: Households  
elderly = "Households with one or more people 60 years and over"