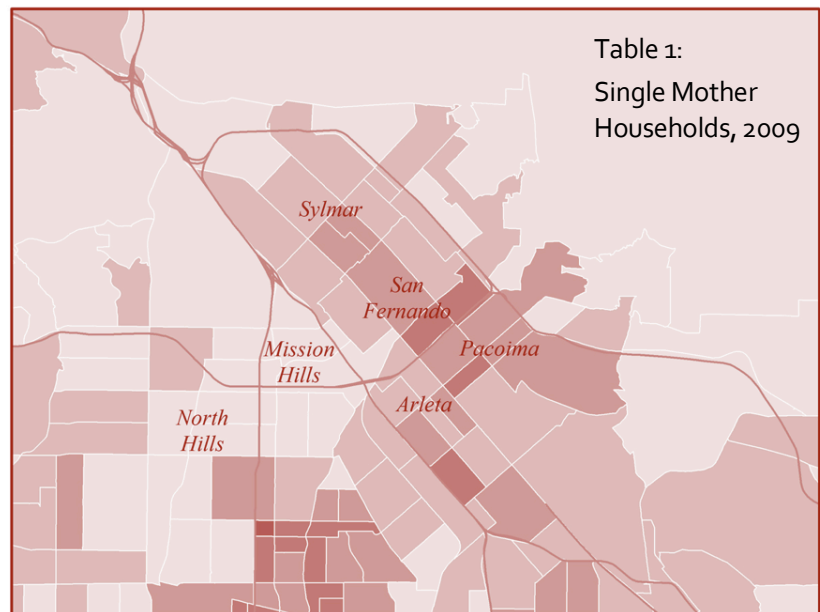
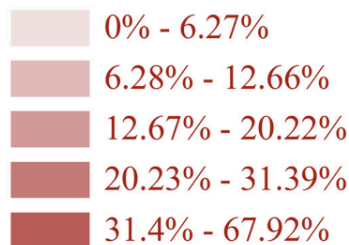


The Northeastern San Fernando Valley: A Snapshot of Poverty Indicators, 1990-2009

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A close analysis of the American Community Survey data from 2009, complete Census data from 2000, and the preliminary Census data from 2010, reveals significant demographic and economic shifts in the Northeastern San Fernando Valley section of Los Angeles County. Understanding these shifts is of paramount importance to nonprofit service-providers in the region.

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Single Mother Households as Percentage of All Households

Region	1990	2000	2009
Arleta	6.86%	6.91%	10.55%
Sylmar	7.45%	10.32%	12.62%
San Fernando	8.20%	10.30%	11.53%
Pacoima	10.58%	12.18%	12.56%

SINGLE MOTHER HOUSEHOLDS:

One of the most striking trends has been the steady increase, in the region, of single-mother households. The increase was most dramatic in the community of Arleta, where the percentages of households that were headed by single mothers with a child under 18 years of age increased by approximately 53% between 2000 and 2009. Because single-parent householdership often correlates strongly with poverty, this is a potentially troublesome trend.

Families Living at or Below Poverty Level

Region	1990	2000	2009
Arleta	5.01%	9.18%	9.28%
Sylmar	5.40%	10.44%	8.71%
San Fernando	13.76%	15.30%	15.80%
Pacoima	17.06%	20.93%	16.98%

FAMILIES IN POVERTY:

The proportion of families living at or below the poverty level remains extremely high in the Northeast San Fernando Valley. During the 2000s both Sylmar and Pacoima experienced a decline in the proportion of families in poverty, while San Fernando and Arleta saw slight increases. The proportion of families in poverty in both Pacoima and San Fernando greatly exceeded the Countywide averages.

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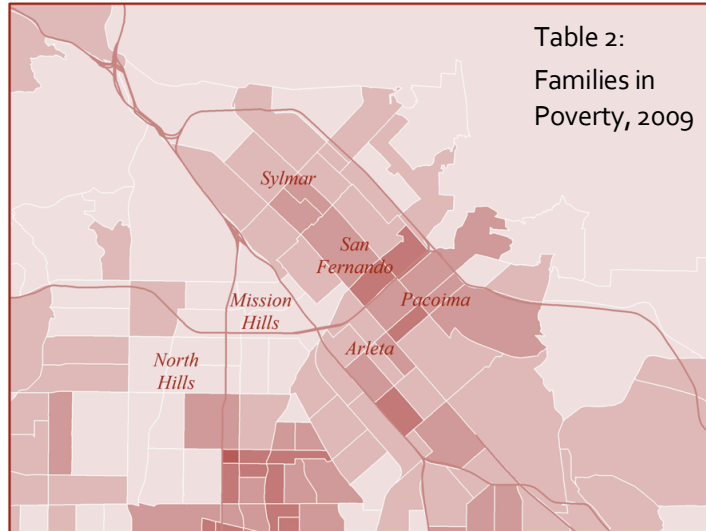
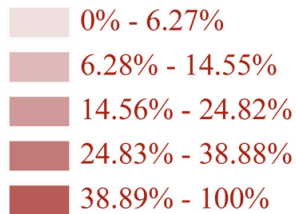


Table 2:
Families in Poverty, 2009

UNEMPLOYMENT: One of the most telling indicators about the population of the Northeast San Fernando Valley is the relatively high rate of employment across the previous two decades. The 2009 ACS data likely understates unemployment, and the rates in San Fernando and Pacoima currently exceed the Countywide average. But even with these caveats, the data clearly suggests that the poverty of the region is not primarily a function of low labor force participation. The poor of the region are working poor, and not the indigent.

Unemployed

Region	1990	2000	2009
Arleta	6.5%	7.9%	6.2%
Sylmar	6.8%	8.1%	6.7%
San Fernando	9.7%	8.00%	11.8%
Pacoima	10.8%	10.6%	10.3%

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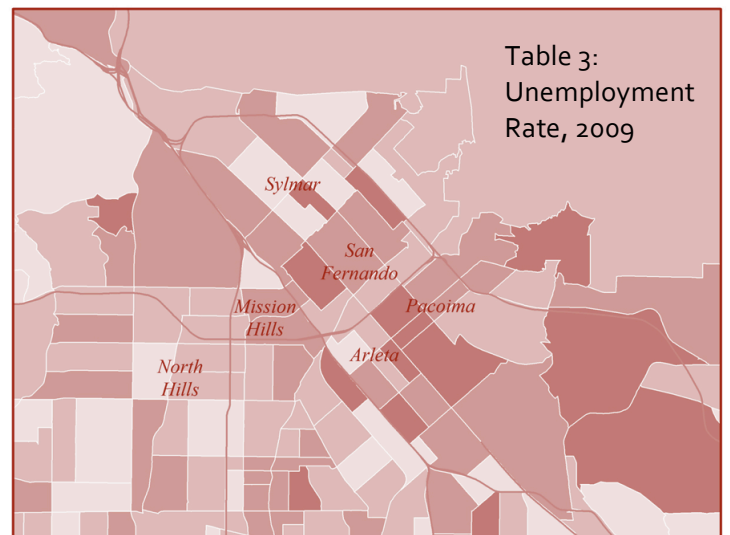
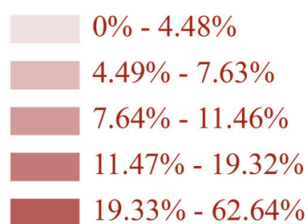


Table 3:
Unemployment Rate, 2009