



# Urban Food Security

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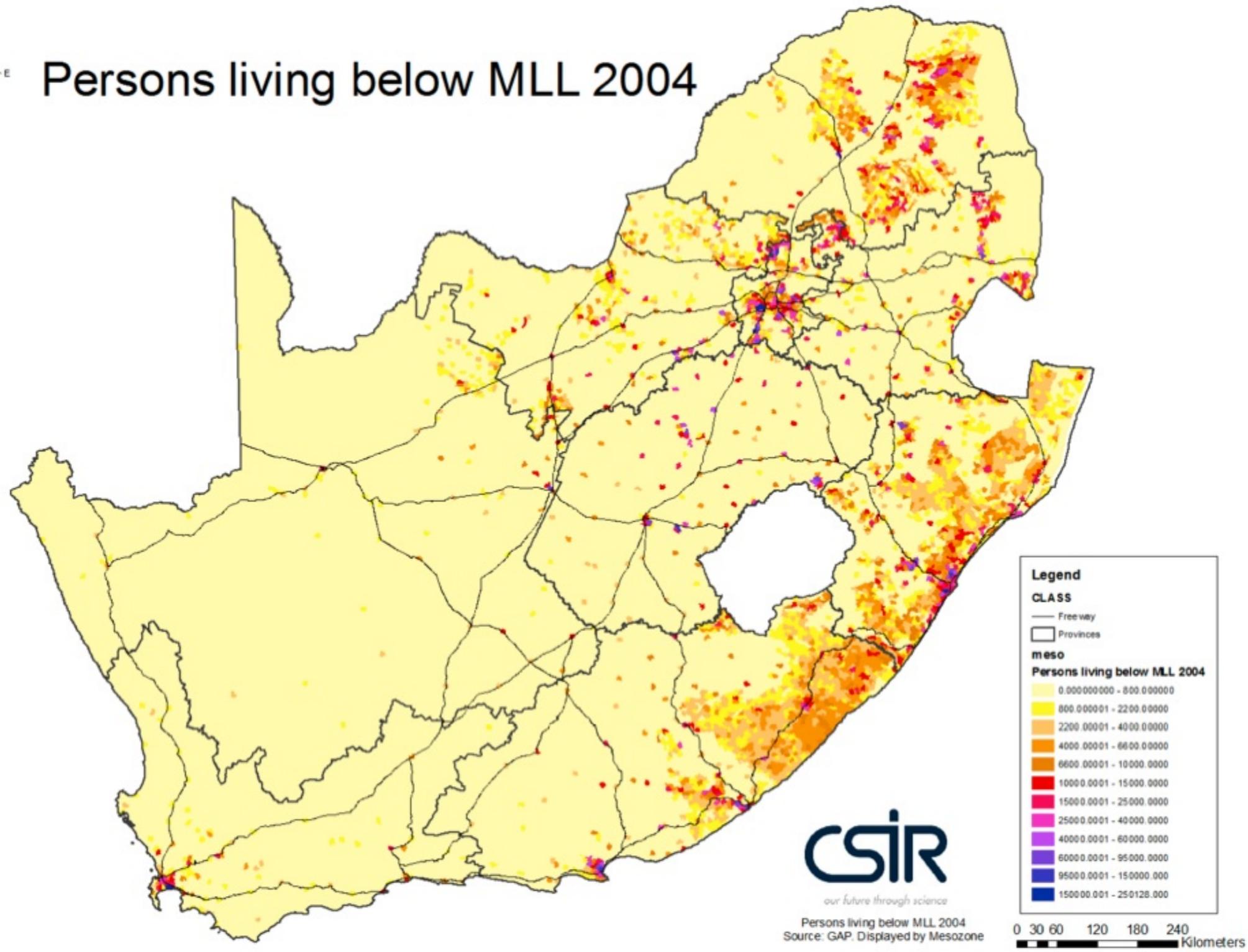
# AFSUN ([www.afsun.org](http://www.afsun.org))

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- ❖ Partnership in 11 cities in 9 countries in the region
- ❖ Research, policy, capacity development mandate
- ❖ Research:
  - ❖ How do urban poor access food?
  - ❖ How are Southern African cities designed and managed so that they either enhance or limit food security?
  - ❖ What are the governance implications in addressing the findings of the first two questions?



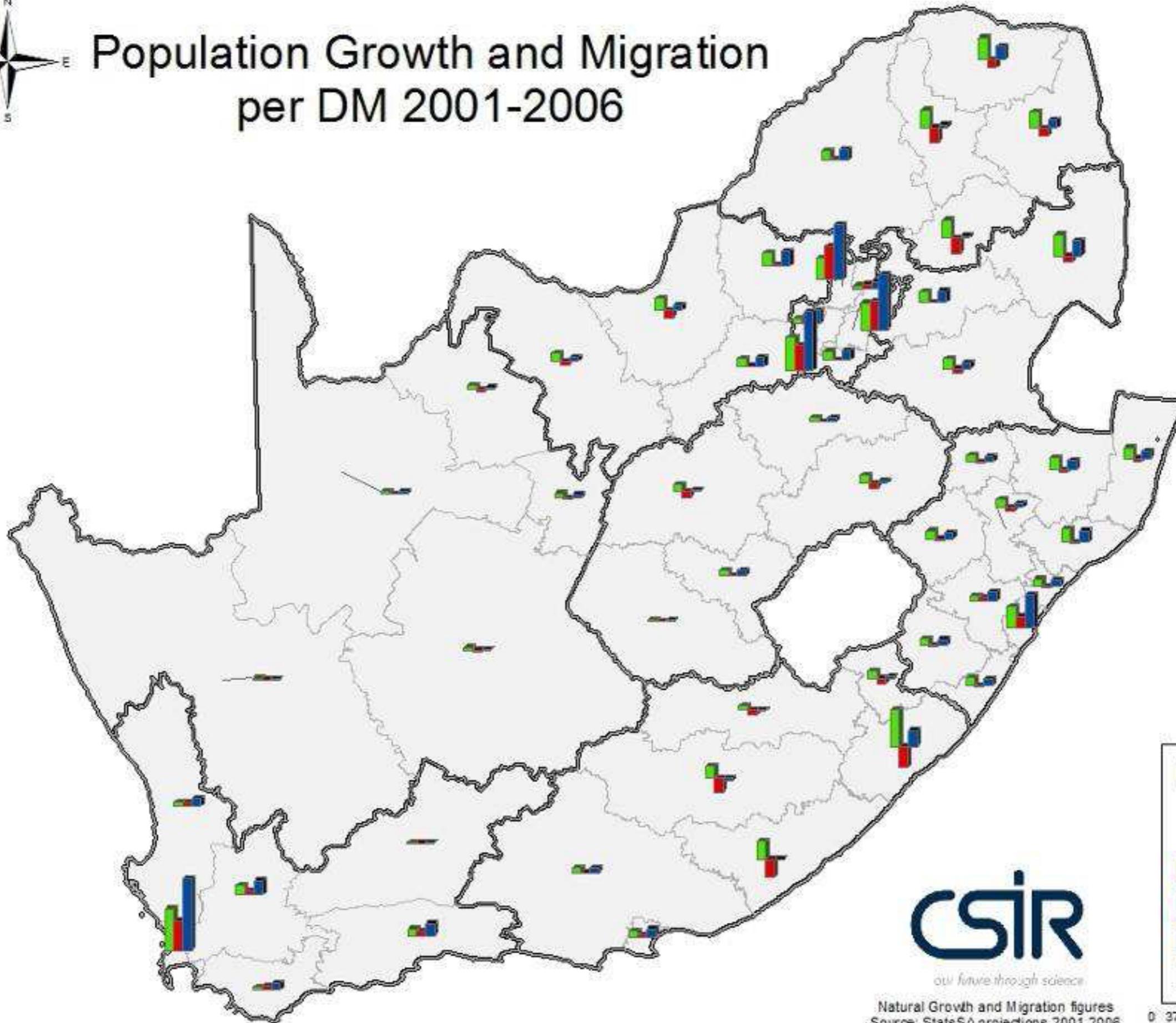
## Persons living below MLL 2004



- ❖ Nationally, nearly 2/3 of those living below the Minimum Living Level live in urban areas



# Population Growth and Migration per DM 2001-2006



**Legend**

- 170,000
- growth.NaturalGrowth
- growth.Migration
- growth.Combined
- Provinces

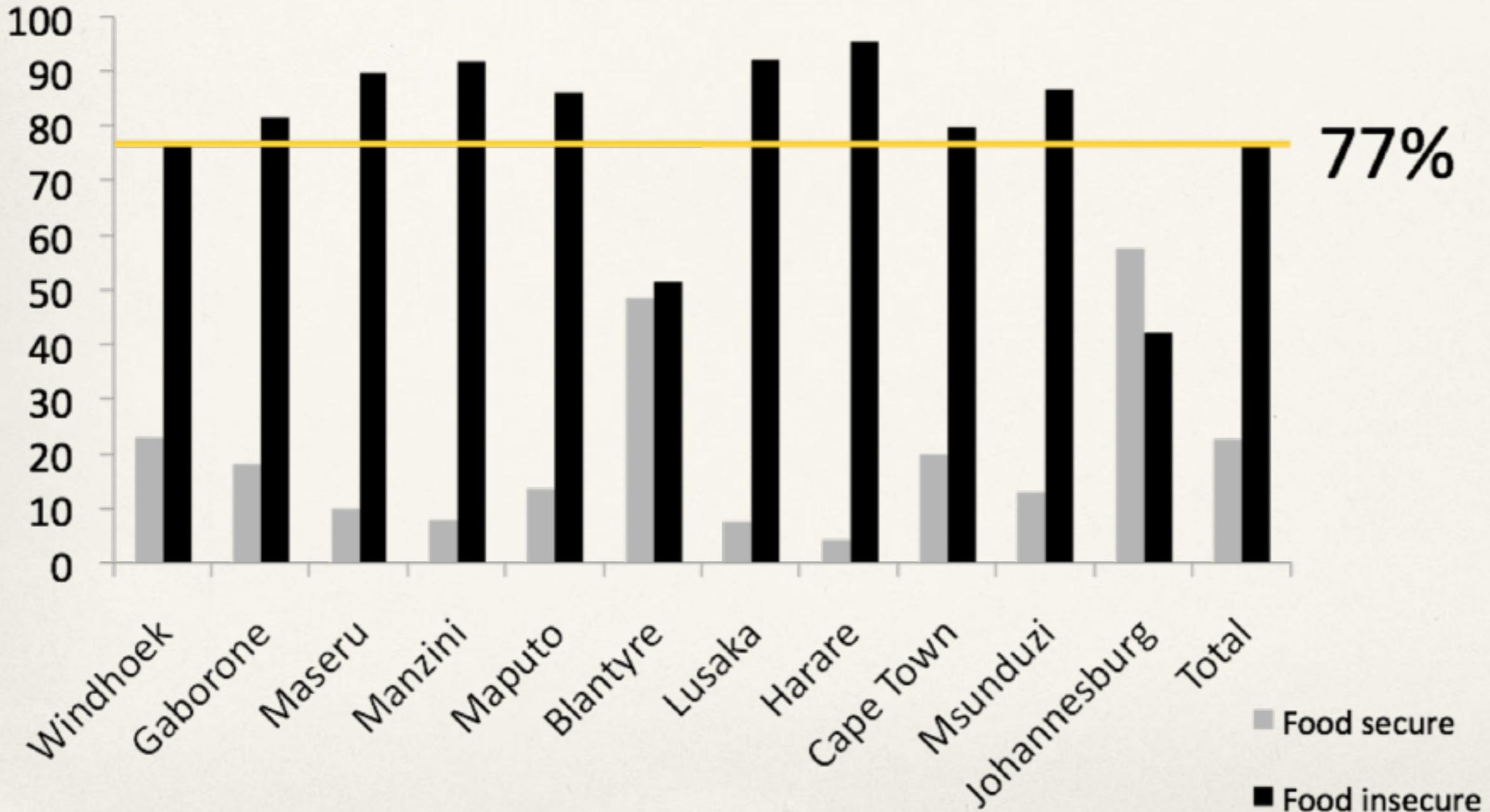


Natural Growth and Migration figures  
Source: StatsSA projections 2001-2006



# AFSUN 11 City Findings

Household Food Security Status for 11 Cities



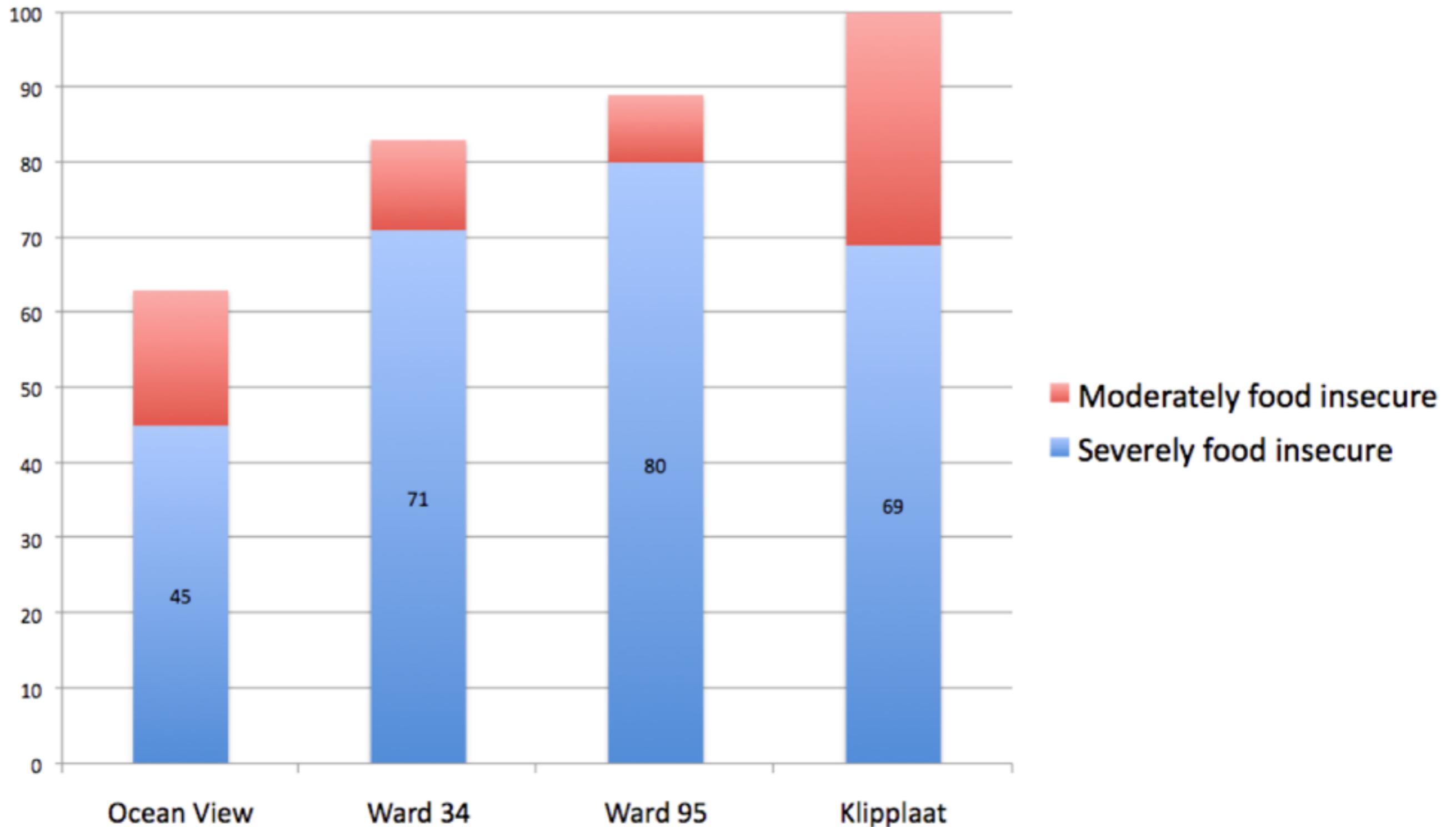


City of Cape Town Municipality

Co-ordinate system : WGS 84 / Mercator 41



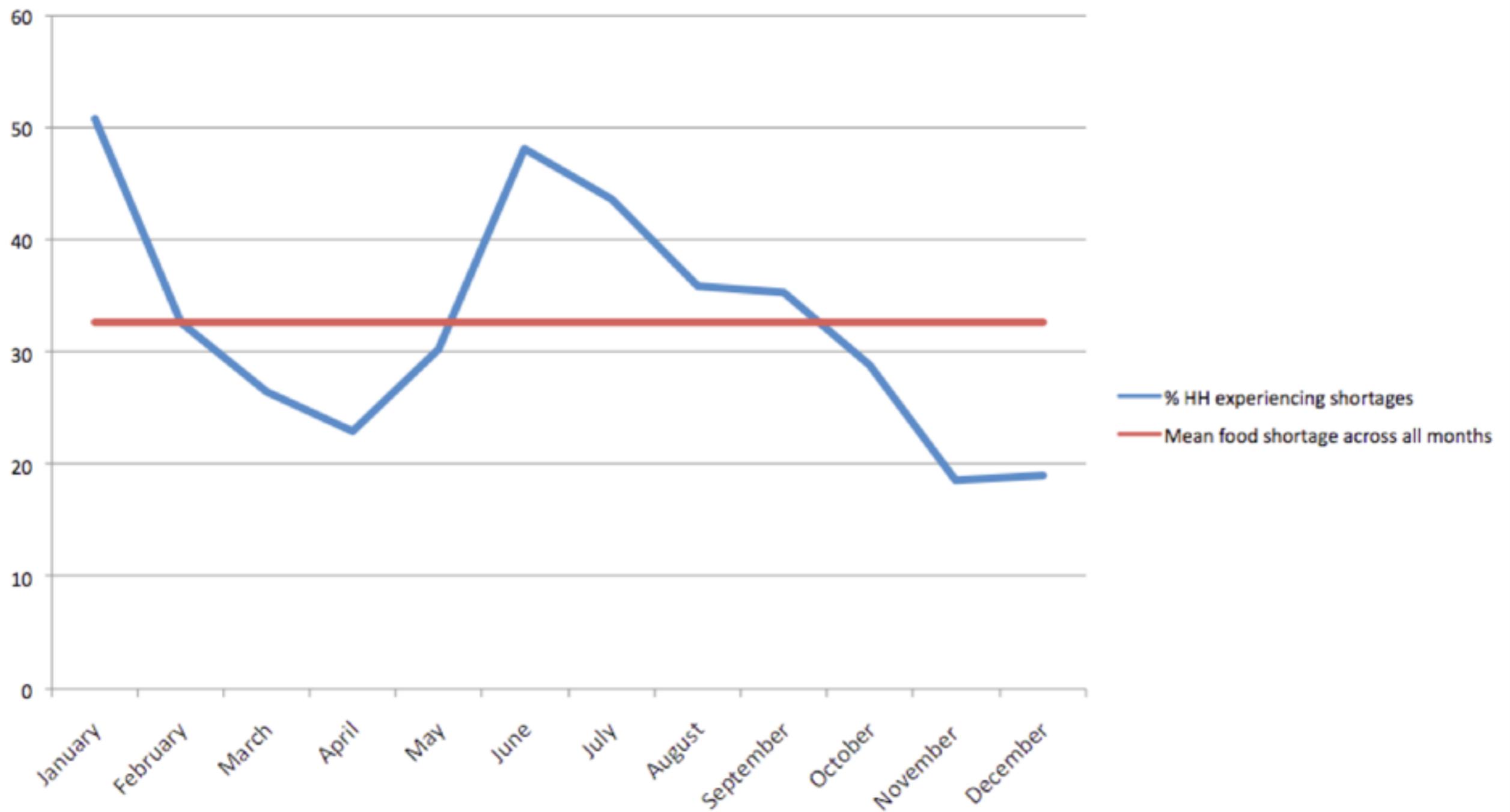
# Comparing urban and rural food security



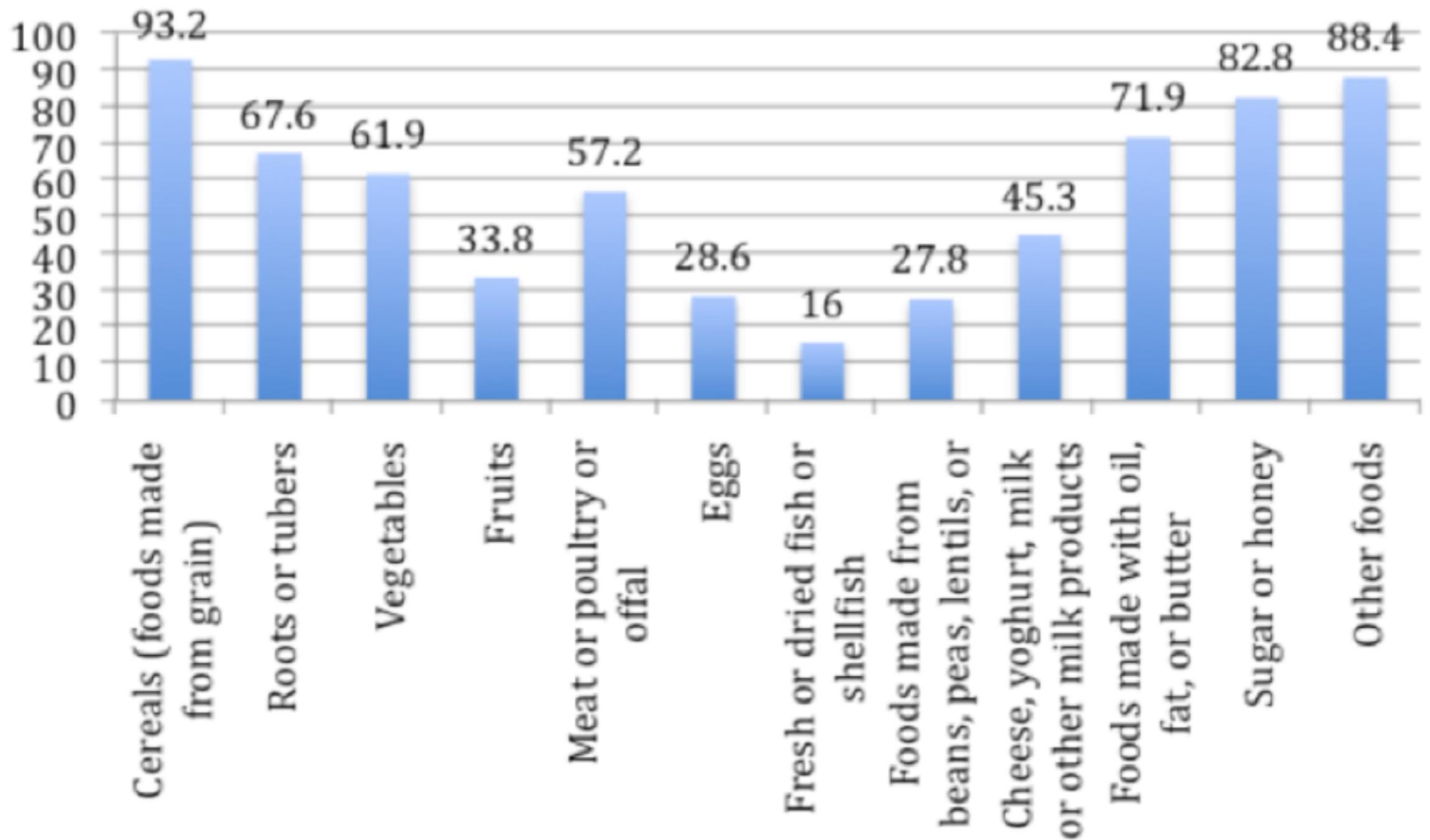
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- ❖ “A moderately food insecure household sacrifices quality more frequently, by eating a monotonous diet or undesirable foods sometimes or often, and/or has started to cut back on quantity by reducing the size of meals or number of meals, rarely or sometimes”.
  - ❖ “A severely food insecure household has graduated to cutting back on meal size or number of meals often, and/or experiences any of the three most severe conditions (running out of food, going to bed hungry, or going a whole day and night without eating), even as infrequently as rarely.”

# Seasonality of food shortages

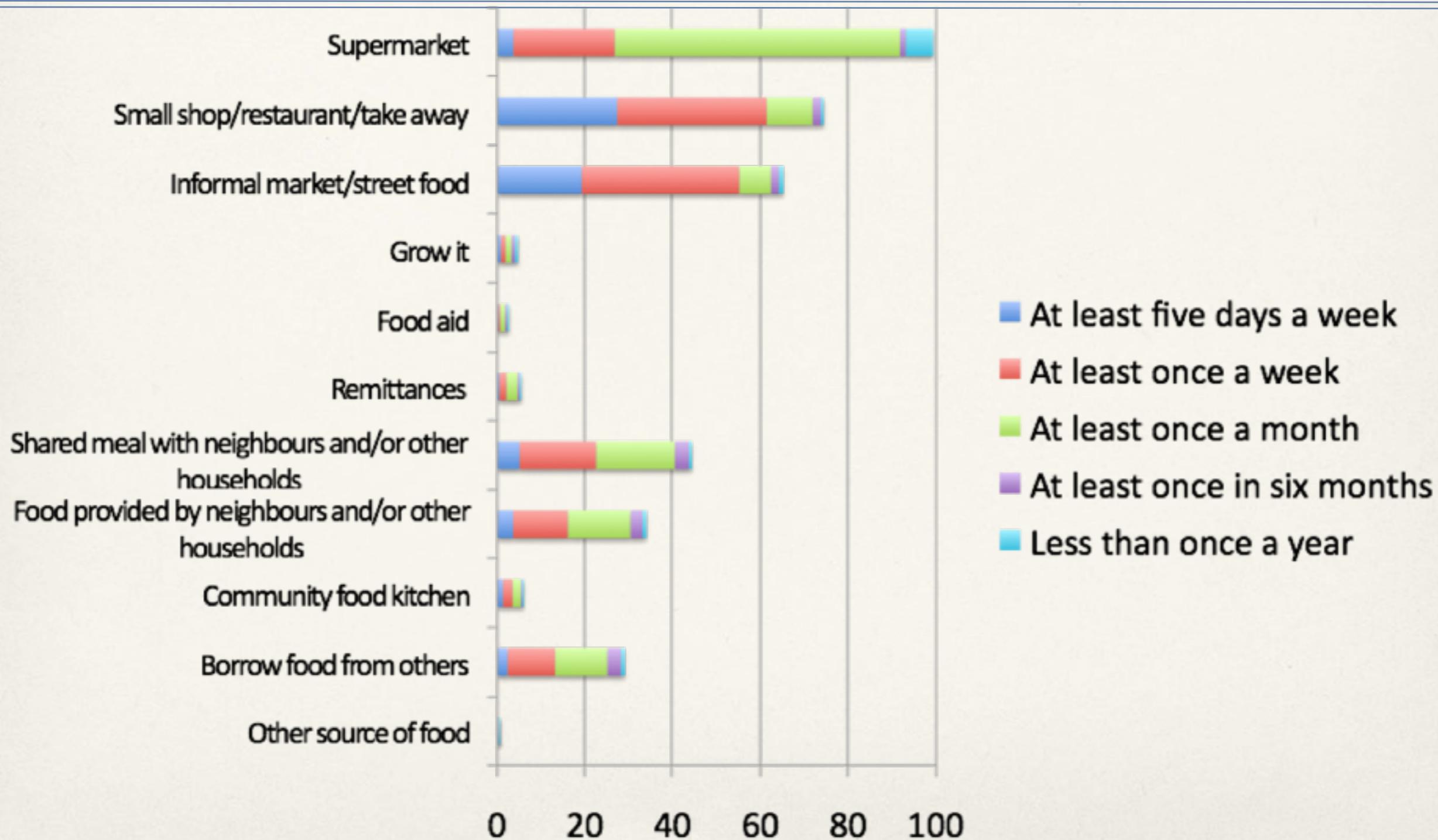
**Cape Town - Months of shortage**



# Limited dietary diversity

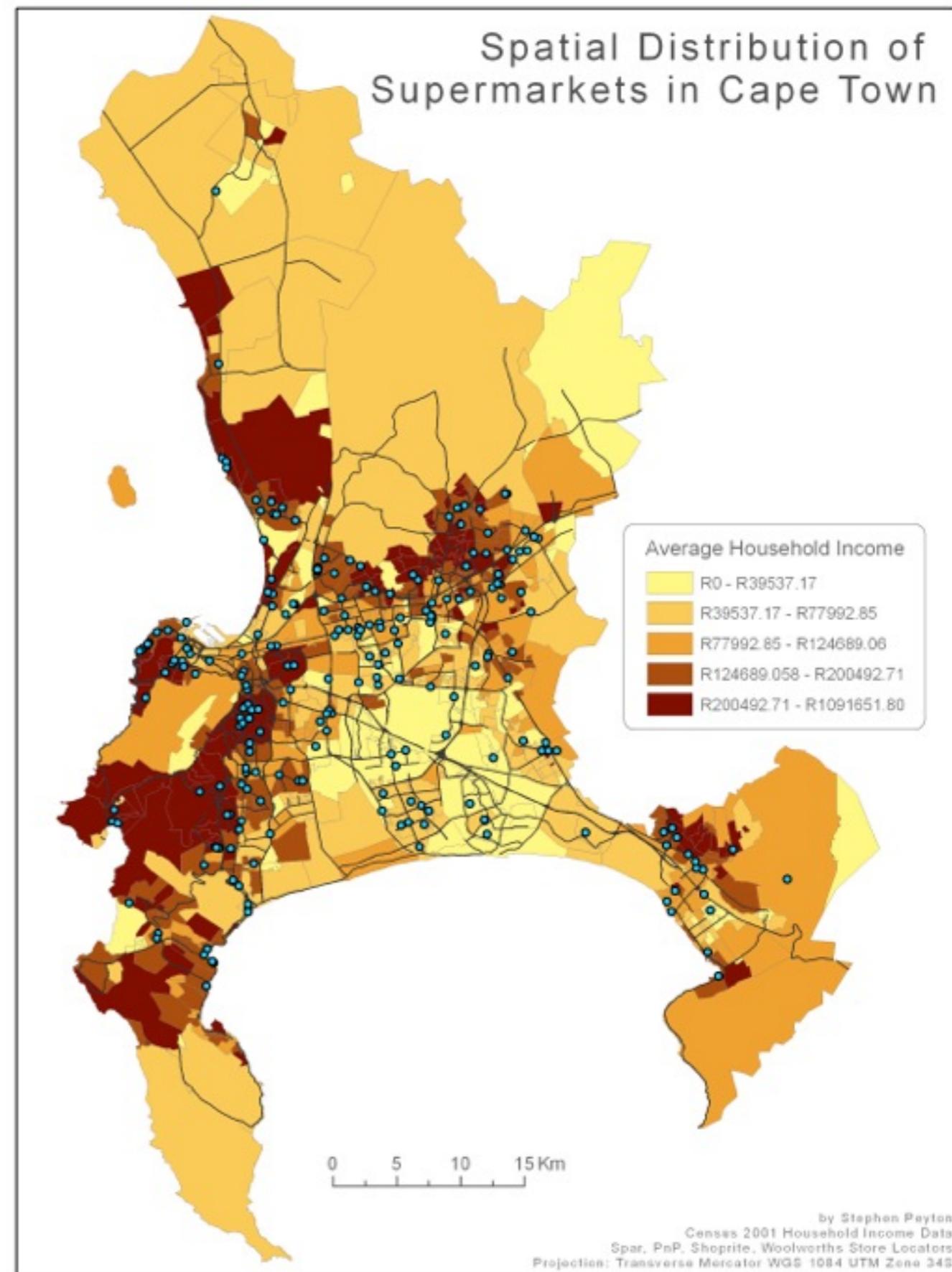
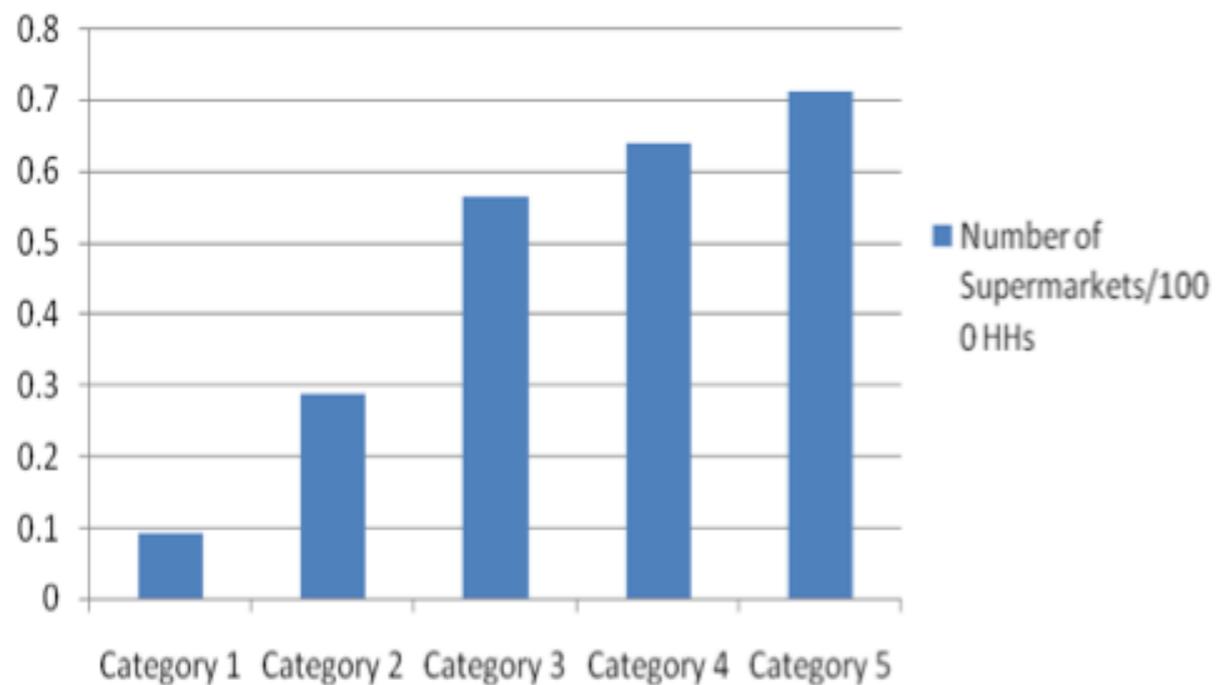


# Sources of food



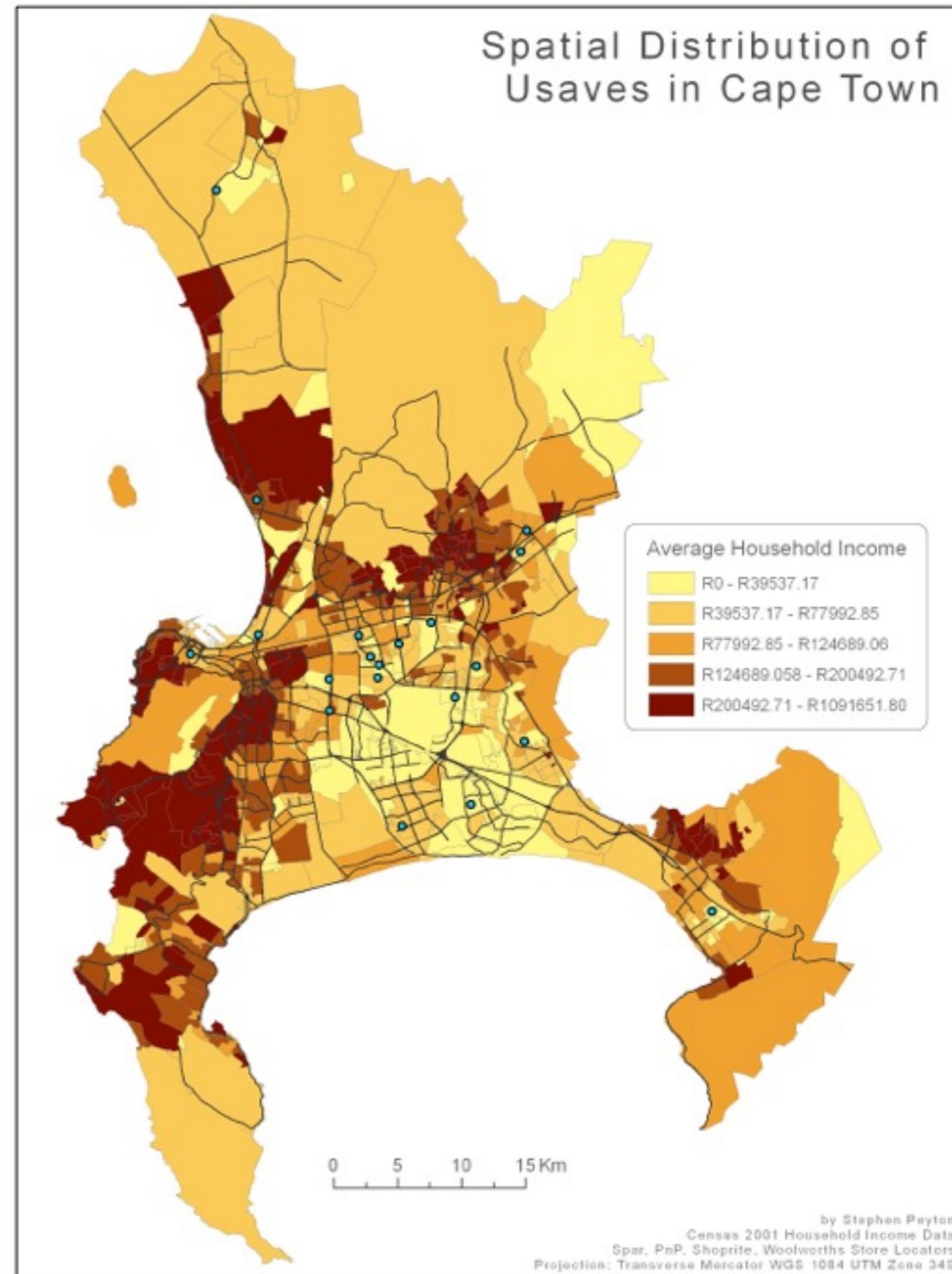
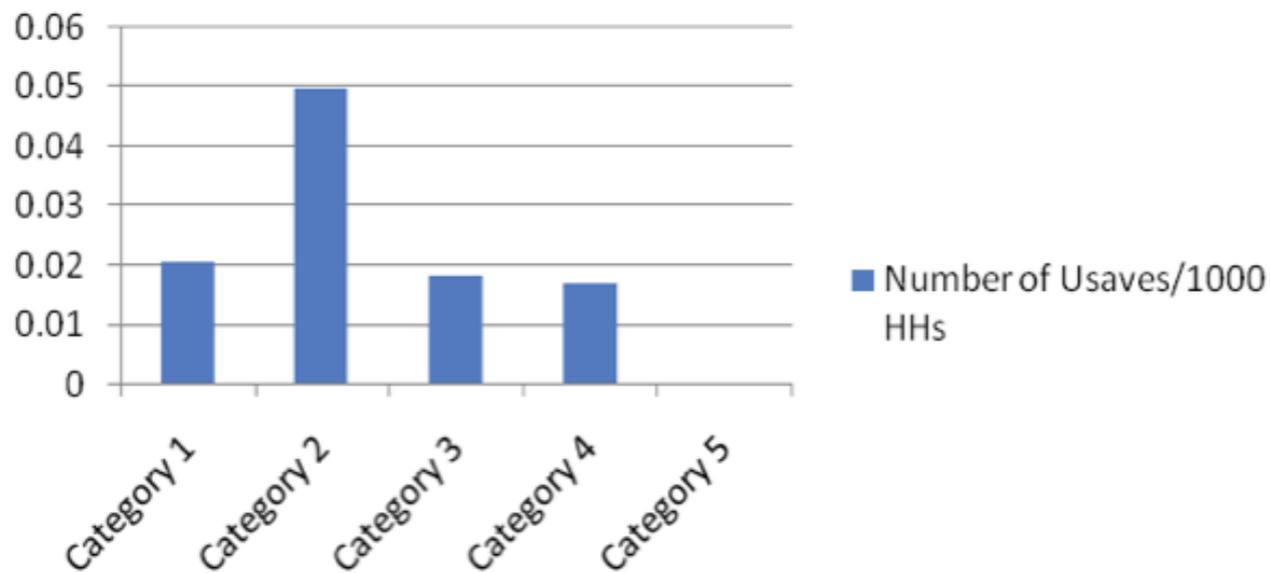
# Supermarket distribution

Number of Supermarkets/1000 Households



# USave chain distribution

Number of Usaves/1000 Households



# Seeking solutions

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- ❖ Need for a specifically urban lens and an urban mandate
- ❖ Beyond simply food gardens or food vouchers approach
- ❖ Needs to recognise complexities of urban food system

# Spatial determination of strategies in Cape Town

