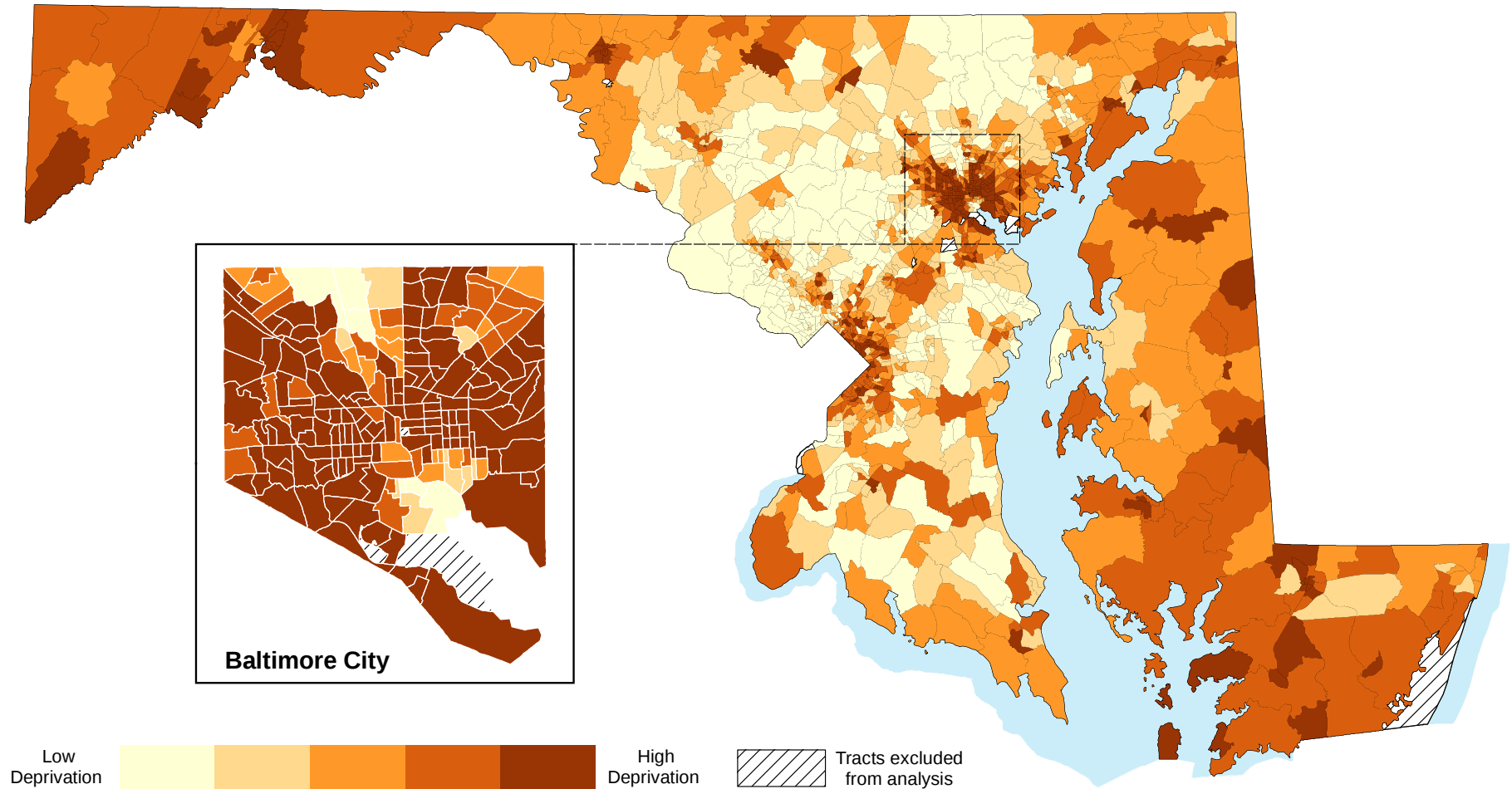


Using the Neighborhood Socioeconomic Status Index (NSES) to Identify Census Tracts in Maryland with High Deprivation



Data Source: 2012 American Community Survey

Neighborhood deprivation in Maryland was assessed using the Neighborhood Socioeconomic Status Index (NSES) (Dubowitz et al., 2011), a validated aggregate of census tract-level indicators. NSES is a composite of six indicators obtained from the American Community Survey for each tract: a) percent of adults 25 years and over with less than a high school education; b) percent of unemployed males; c) percent of households with income below poverty level in the past year; d) percent of households receiving public assistance; e) percent of households with children that are headed by an unmarried female; and f) median household income in the past year.