

Income and Poverty Information for Census Tracts with Potentially Affected Grocery Locations

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) defines communities with limited food accessⁱ as low-income census tracts in which a substantial number or proportion of the population has low access to supermarkets or large grocery stores.ⁱⁱ The USDA characterizes low-income census tracts as those that have either:

- A poverty rate equal to or greater than 20 percent, or
- A median family income that is 80 percent or less of the metropolitan area’s median family income.

The table below lists each of the grocery business locations that could potentially be affected by Proposed Ordinance 2021-0093 and summarizes the USDA 2015ⁱⁱⁱ poverty rate and median household income for the census tract in which that grocery store is located.

Store	Address	Census Tract ^{iv}	Poverty Rate (2015) ^v	Median Family Income (2015) ^{vi}	Percent of Area Median Income (2015) ^{vii}
Grocery Outlet Skyway	11656 68 th Ave S	53033026100	16.4%	\$54,673	61%
QFC Redmond Ridge	23475 Novelty Hill Rd	53033032329	1.7%	\$163,864	182.8%
Safeway NE Woodinville	19150 NE Woodinville-Duvall Rd	53033032307	3.1%	\$130,403	145.5%
Albertsons Steilacoom	3925 236 th Ave NE	53033032328	3.1%	\$135,521	151.3%
Safeway 28 th Ave SW	9620 28 th Ave SW	53033026600	18.9%	\$53,813	60.1%
Thriftway Vashon	9840 SW Bank Rd	53033027701	8.5%	\$91,261	101.9%
Vashon Market IGA	19639 100 th Ave SW	53033027701	8.5%	\$91,261	101.9%
Saar’s Super Saver Seattle	10616 16 th Ave SW	53033026801	20.5%	\$44,844	50%
Red Apple Dominics	9627 Des Moines Memorial Dr	53033026400	28.1%	\$42,500	47.4%
Safeway 140 th Ave SE	17230 140 th Ave SE	53033031908	7.0%	\$76,250	85.1%

Notes:

ⁱ Communities with limited food access are colloquially referred to as “food deserts”

ⁱⁱ USDA Economic Research Service, “Characteristics and Influential Factors of Food Deserts,” Paula Dutko, Michele Ver Ploeg, Tracey Farrigan, August 2012 (https://www.ers.usda.gov/webdocs/publications/45014/30940_err140.pdf)

ⁱⁱⁱ Information is from the USDA Economic Research Service “Food Access Research Atlas,” Data Download 2015 (<https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/food-access-research-atlas/download-the-data/>). 2015 is the most recent year for which information is available. Information is also available for 2010.

^{iv} Source: King County Census Viewer (<https://www.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=70a97e804e9b4991846cda2242985272>)

^v USDA Economic Research Service “Food Access Research Atlas,” Data Download 2015 (<https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/food-access-research-atlas/download-the-data/>)

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^{vii} Per US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), HUD User Washington State Section 8 Income Limits and area family median income (2015) (https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il/il15/FY2015_IL_wa.pdf) the family median income for the Seattle-Bellevue area was \$89,600 in 2015.