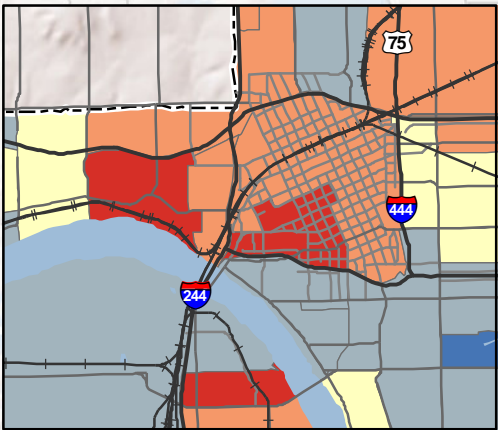


# Economically Distressed Areas\*

**Downtown Tulsa Inset**



\* Development of the economic conditions index compares census block group demographics to the average score for the county. The housing index is the average of 3 variables to measure for substandard environments. The 3 variables included homes built before 1970, housing value for all owner-occupied housing units less than \$90,000, and homes lacking complete plumbing. The housing index was then averaged along with the family poverty index and the unemployment index to create an overall economic conditions index. The higher the index score, the greater the level of distress in a census block.

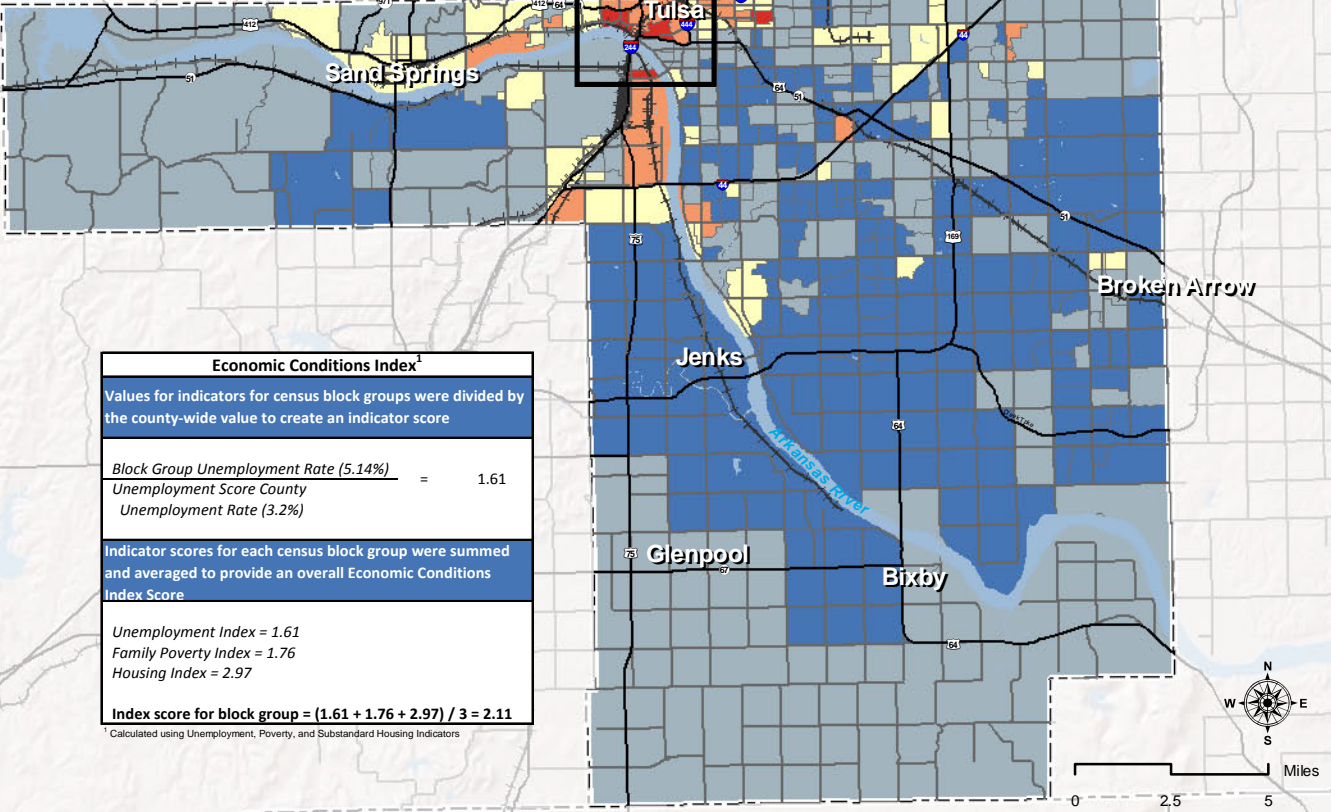
See Economic Conditions Index Table at left for calculation example.

**Legend**

- Expressways and Highways
- Arterial Streets
- Railroads
- Bodies of Water
- County Boundaries

**Index Score Values by Block Group**

- 0.04 - 0.66
- 0.67 - 1.23
- 1.24 - 2.03
- 2.04 - 3.27
- 3.28 - 7.43



Economic Conditions Index <sup>1</sup>	
Values for indicators for census block groups were divided by the county-wide value to create an indicator score	
<i>Block Group Unemployment Rate (5.14%)</i>	= 1.61
<i>Unemployment Score County</i>	
<i>Unemployment Rate (3.2%)</i>	
Indicator scores for each census block group were summed and averaged to provide an overall Economic Conditions Index Score	
<i>Unemployment Index = 1.61</i>	
<i>Family Poverty Index = 1.76</i>	
<i>Housing Index = 2.97</i>	
<b>Index score for block group = (1.61 + 1.76 + 2.97) / 3 = 2.11</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Calculated using Unemployment, Poverty, and Substandard Housing Indicators

