

# Local Food Trends Snapshot Report

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- Provide overview of existing conditions and trends
- Report on implementation progress towards GO TO 2040 goals for local food production and food access
- Establish understanding of region's farms and agricultural products

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- A diversified agricultural economy and the availability of healthful food are critical components of a resilient region
- Understanding agriculture's relationship to the region's economy and food system security is important when making land use decisions.
- Developing an understanding of the geographic relationship between food access, demographics, transportation, and community vulnerability is important for local planners.

## GO TO 2040

### Goals:

- Promote sustainable local food
  - Facilitate local food production
  - Increase access to healthy food
  - Raise understanding and awareness of nutrition and food policy

### Indicators:

- Acreage of land in the region being used to harvest food for human consumption
- Value/percentage value of agricultural products sold directly to individuals for human consumption in the region
- Percentage of population living in food deserts

## CMAP Activities

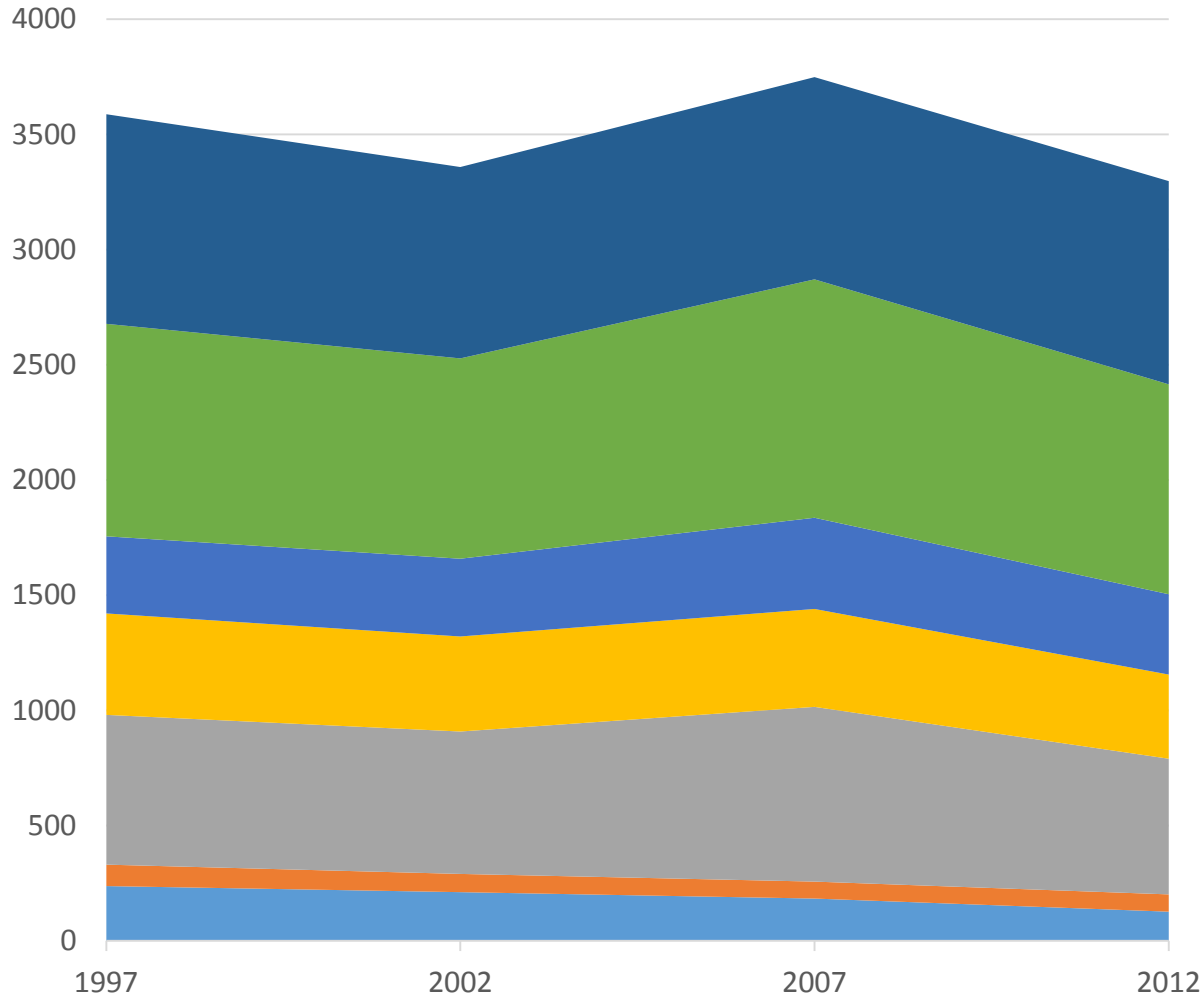
- Indicator tracking
  - Local food model comprehensive plan chapter
  - Urban agriculture ordinance toolkit
  - Local technical assistance
- 30** plans address food **production** | **26** plans address food **access**

## Partner Activities

- Chicago Community Trust – Food:Land:Opportunity
- Openlands and Liberty Prairie Foundation – *Breaking Ground*
- Liberty Prairie Foundation – Farm Business Development Center
- Kane County – *Growing for Kane*

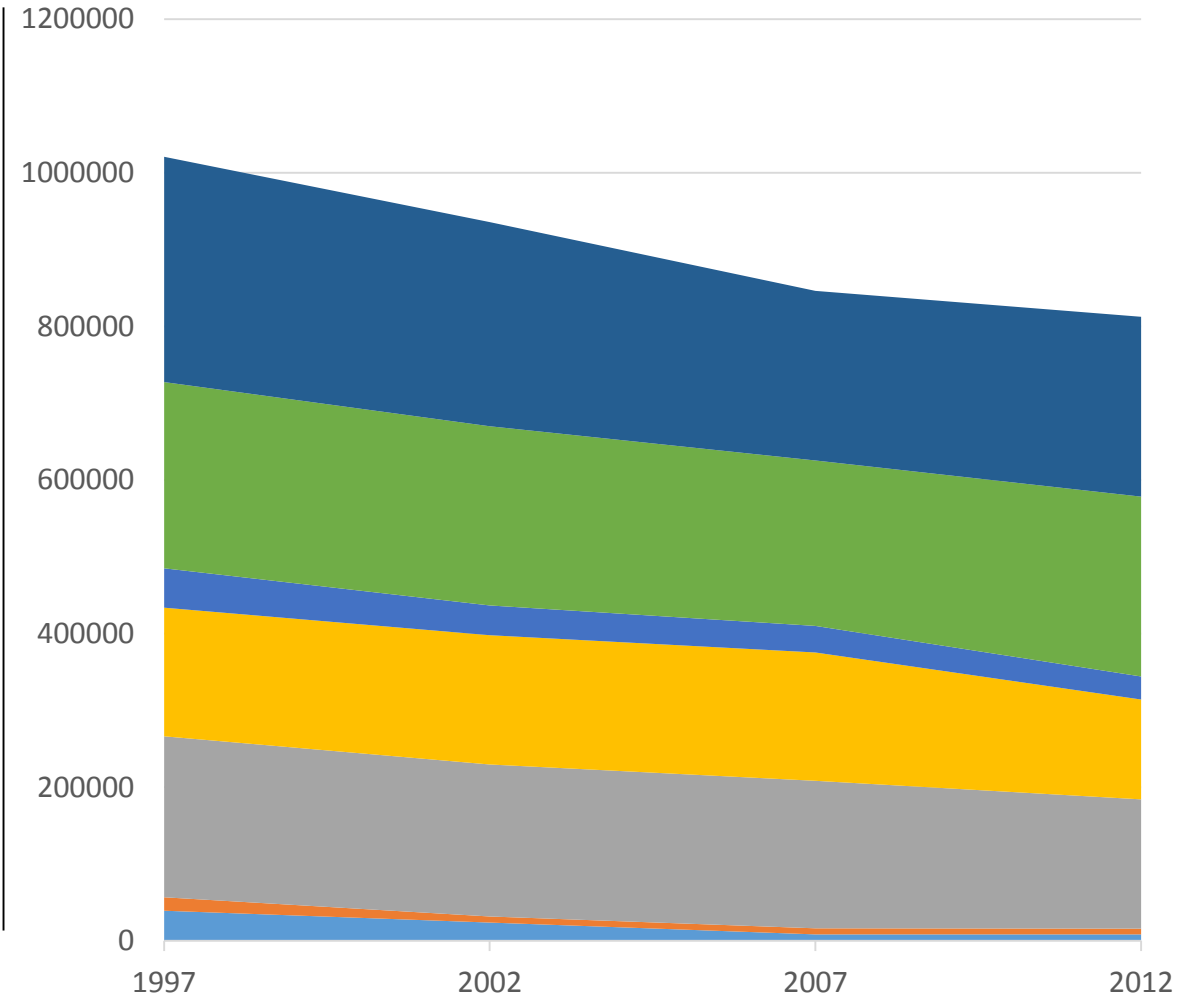
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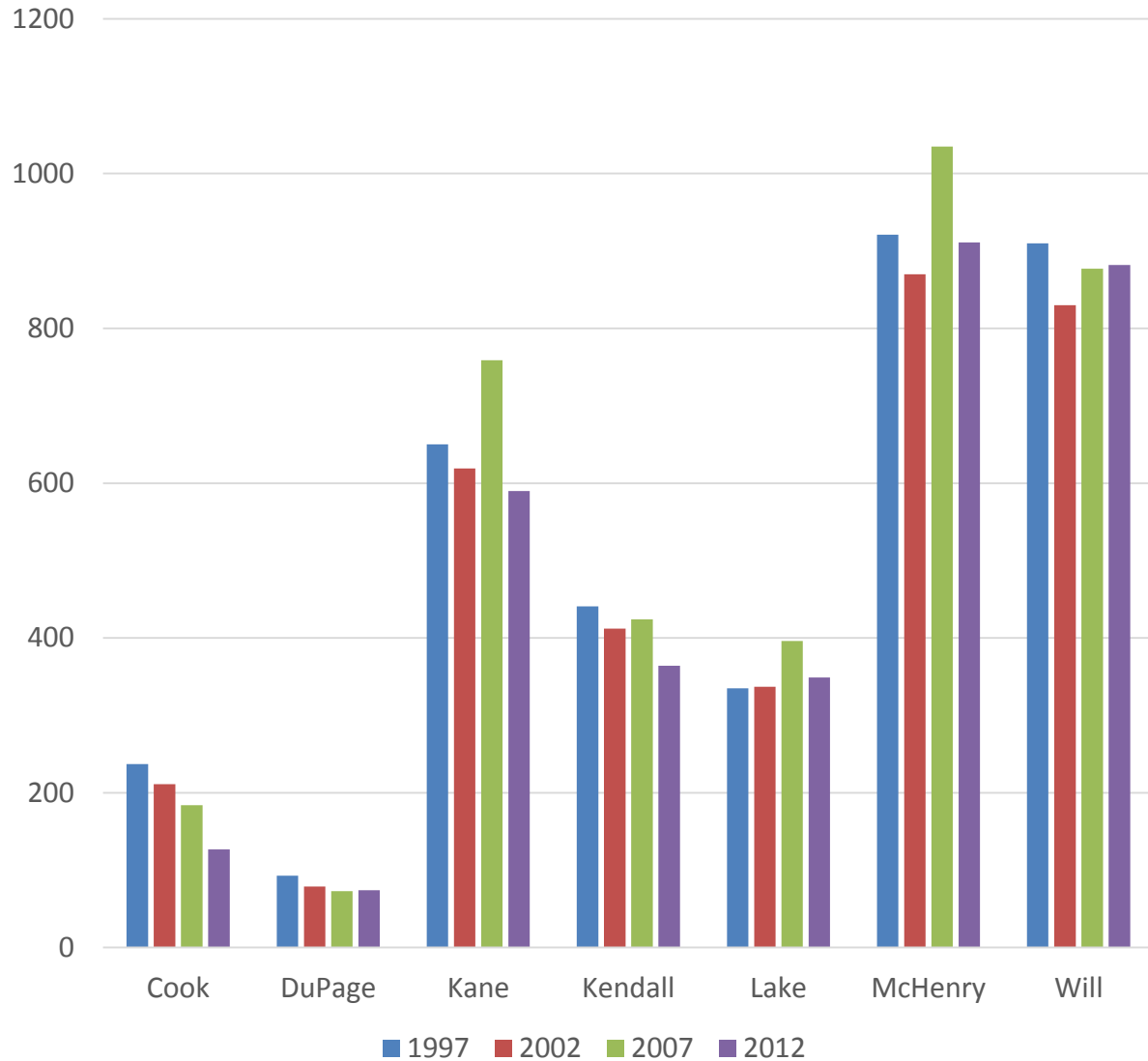
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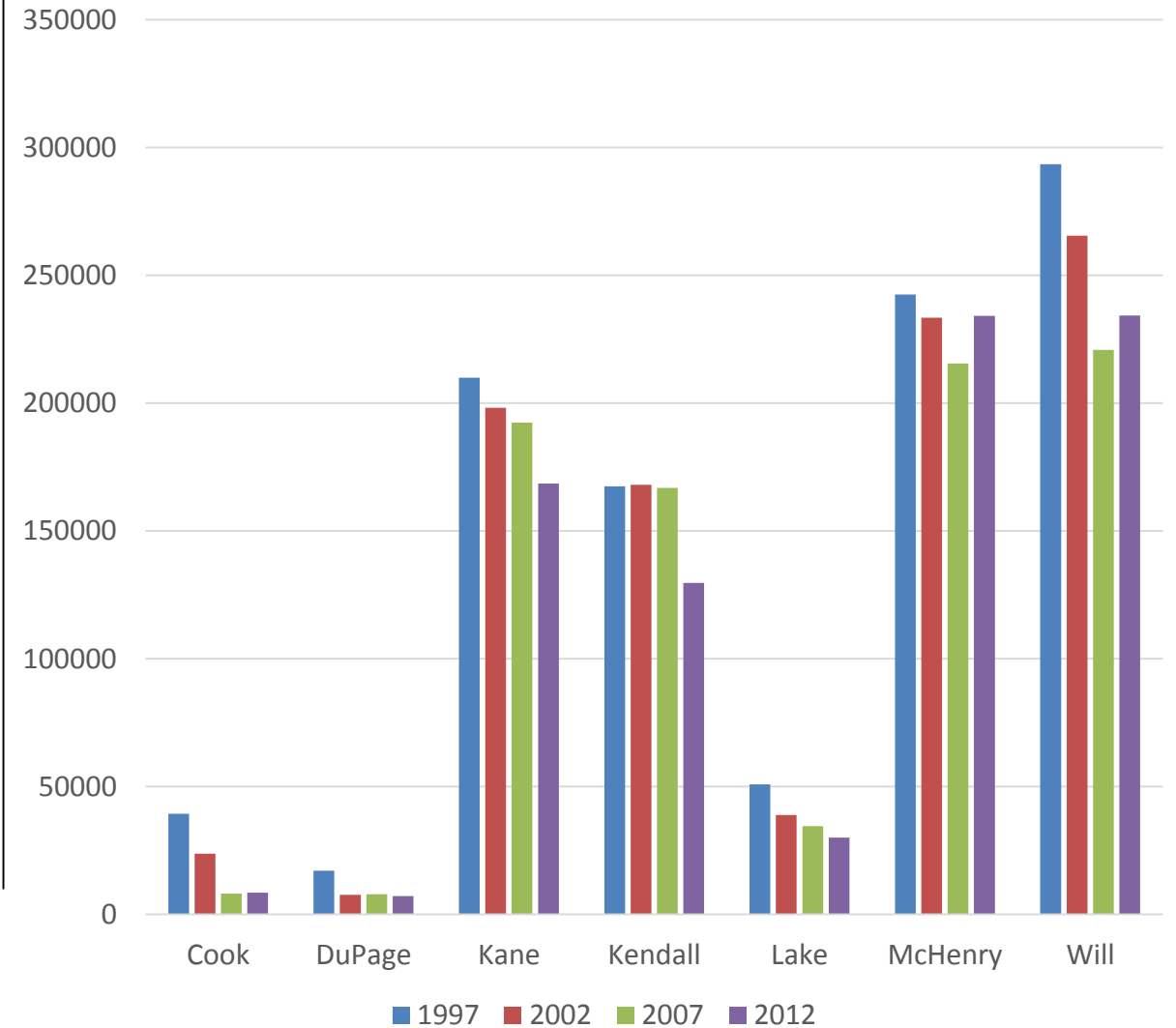
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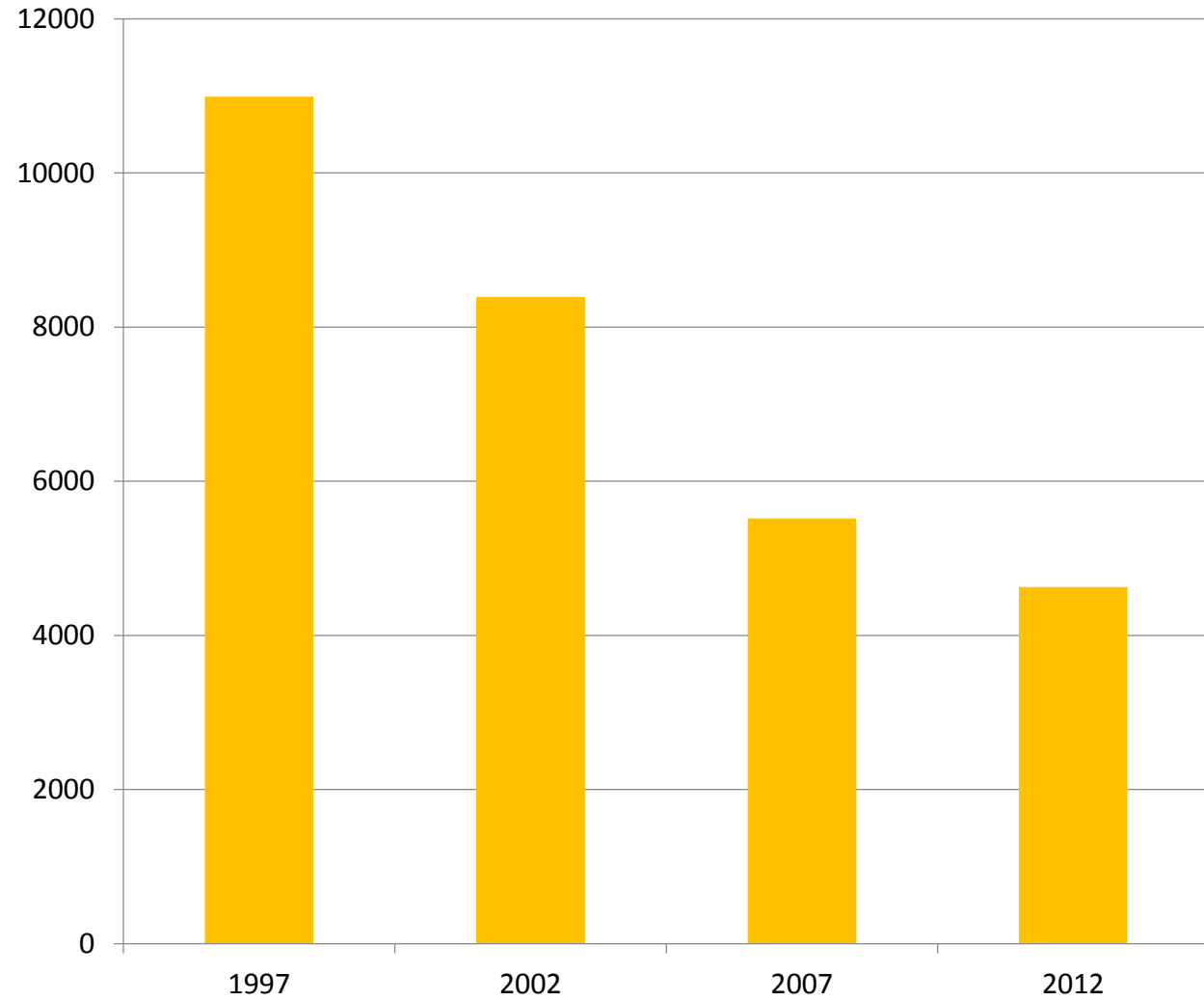
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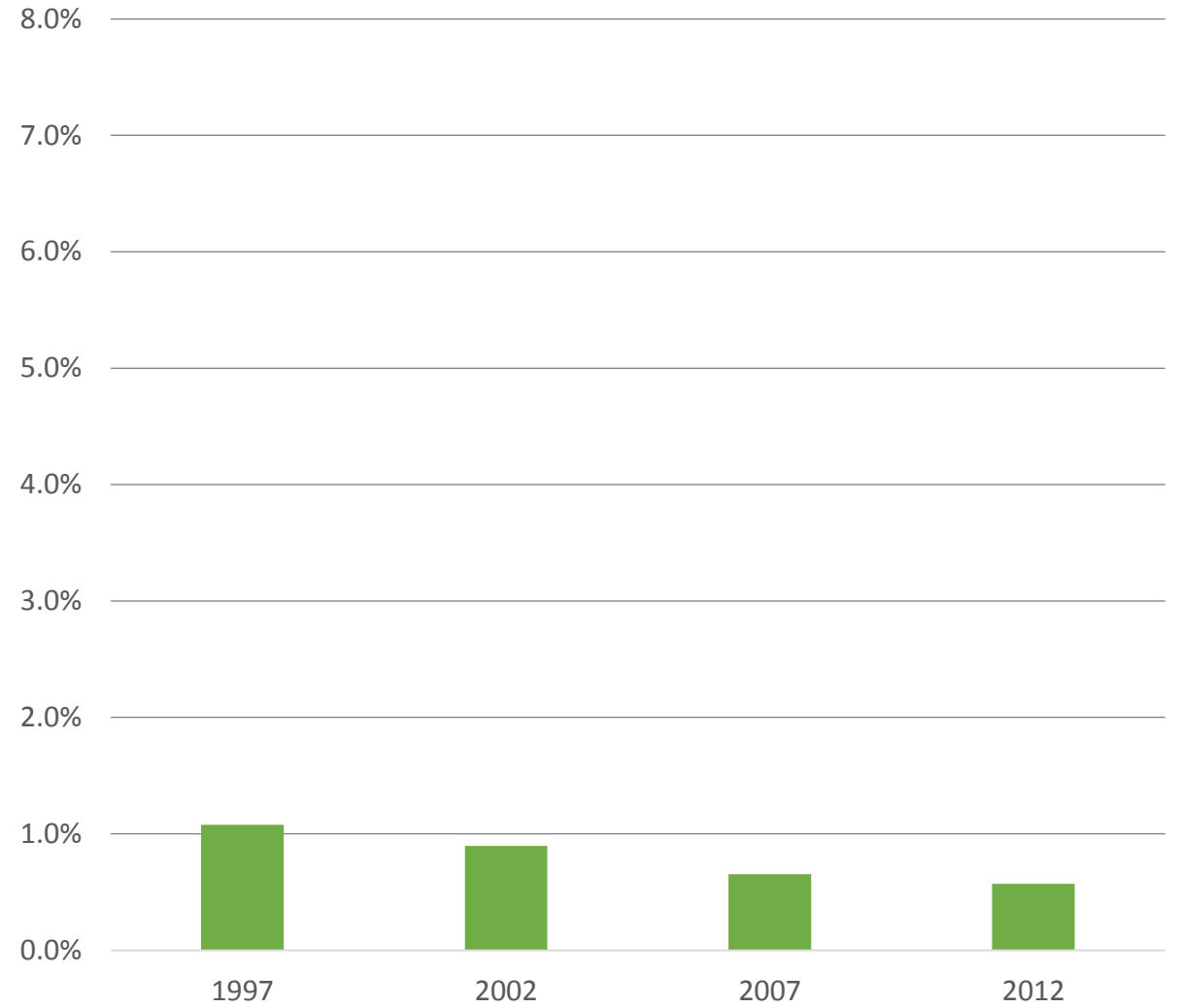


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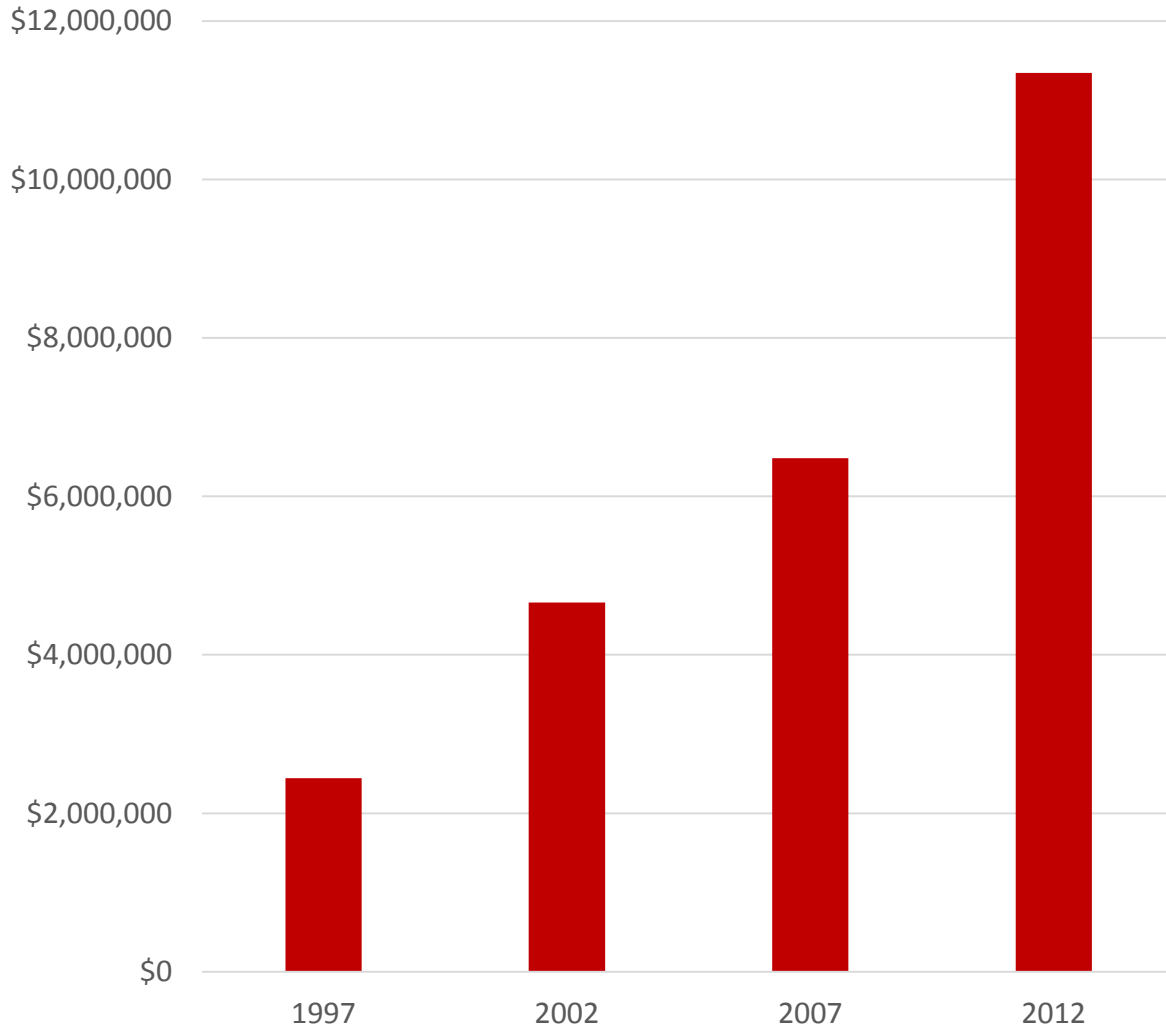


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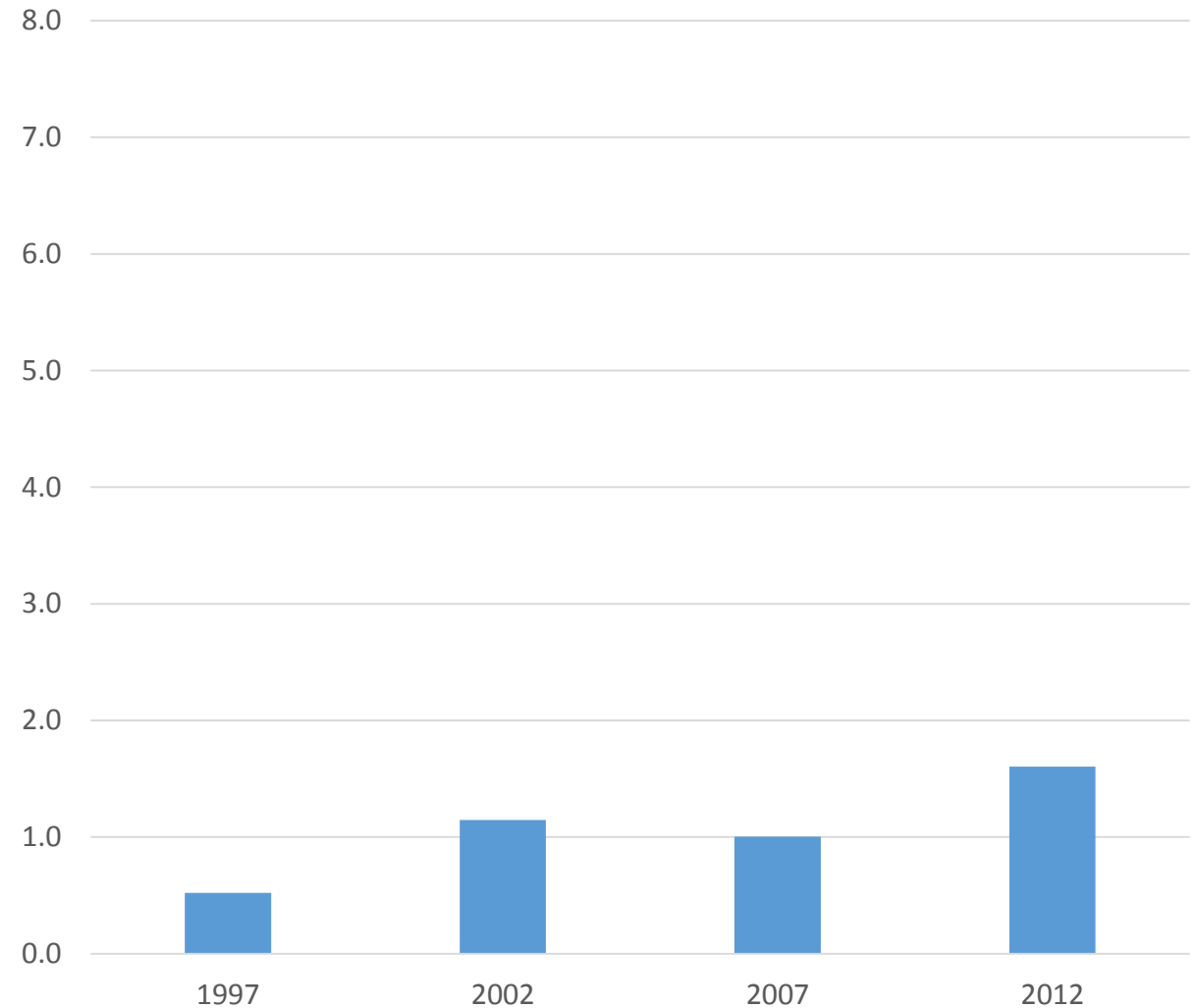


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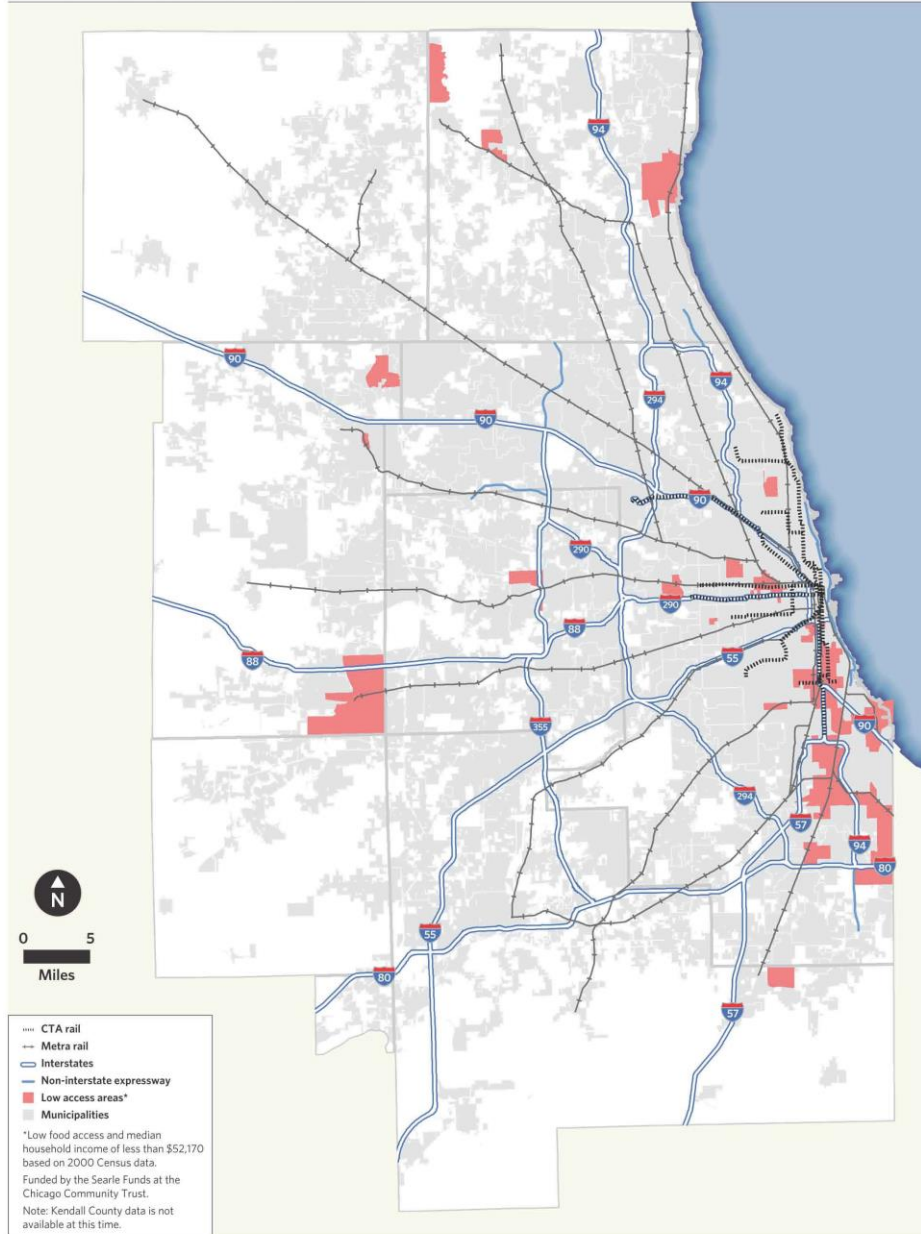


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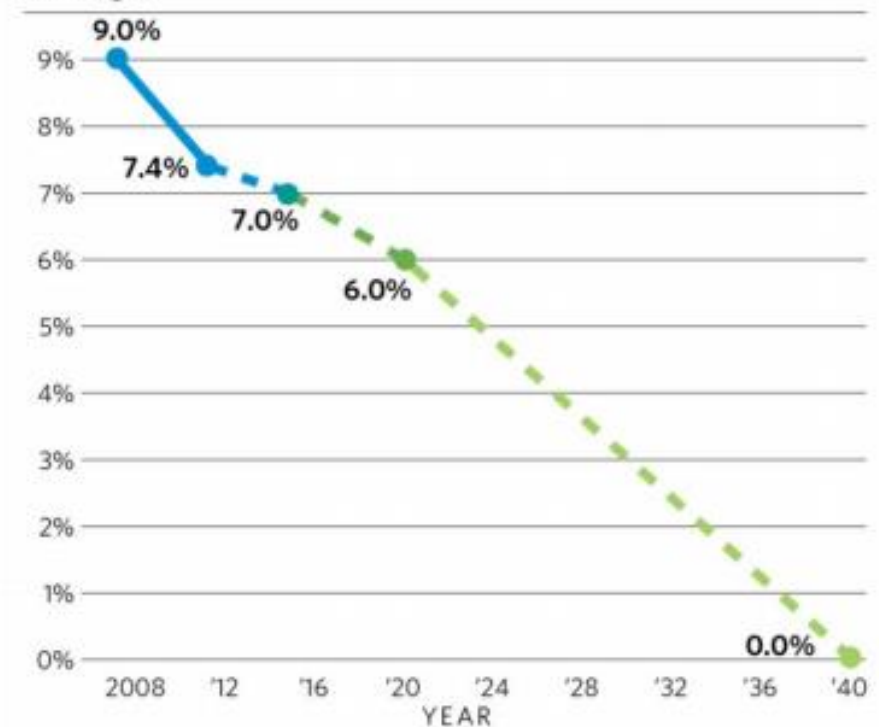
Areas with low access to large supermarkets



## Food Access

- Awaiting current data

Percentage of the population living in food deserts, 2007-40, with targets



Source: Chicago State University.

# Local Food Snapshot – Moving Forward

- A strong, diversified food system remains an important goal for regional stakeholders
- Recognize important – but limited – role of local food production in regional agricultural economy
- Encourage sustainable and climate resilient food and agriculture systems

ON TO 2050

**Feedback**