Poverty is often considered the 'cause of causes' and the most powerful predictor of disease and premature death. In 2018, the average poverty rate for the city of Lincoln was 13.1%. This map highlights the census tracts where the percentage of people living in poverty exceeds the community average.

* Poverty is defined as 100% of the federal poverty threshold as determined by the U.S. Census Bureau. In 2018, the poverty threshold for a family with two adults and two children was $25,465.
While the majority of the population identifies as White, Lincoln is becoming an increasingly diverse community. In 2000, the percentage of people who identified as Black, Asian, Native American, Hispanic, or Other was 13.3% of the total population, compared to 18.4% in 2018. This map highlights the census tracts where the percentage of people identifying as a racial minority or Hispanic exceeds the current community average.

* Includes all racial minorities and Hispanic population

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau
Map: Lincoln–Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD)
There is a correlation between census tracts with higher poverty and a higher percentage of people who identify as a minority. Of the 31 census tracts with above average minority population, 80% also have a higher than average poverty rate. Of the 39 census tracts with below average minority population, only 18% have a higher than average poverty rate. The purple census tracts reveal where both factors exceed the average for the city of Lincoln.

* Poverty is defined as 100% of the federal poverty threshold as determined by the U.S. Census Bureau
** Includes all racial minorities and Hispanic population
The highlighted census tracts indicate where both the percentage of people living in poverty and the percentage of people who identify as a member of a racial or ethnic minority group are more than double their average rates for the city of Lincoln. This map identifies the areas of Lincoln where higher rates of poverty and race/ethnicity are most concentrated.

* Poverty is defined as 100% of the federal poverty threshold as determined by the U.S. Census Bureau
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**Poverty* and Minority Population** Concentration

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