

The Landscape of Hospital Closings in New Jersey

1987-2009

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Setting the Stage

- It's easy to understand why people are concerned about their local hospital being closed.
- But, is this a just a local issue or should we be concerned at the level of the state health system?
 - How widespread are closings?
 - Does the rate of closings actually change much over time?
 - To what extent are closings felt disproportionately by people with a reduced ability to make the adjustment?
 - What has happened to closed hospitals?
- Describe some of the issues involved in examining hospital closings.



Few data sources for tracking:

- Closings;
- Changes in capacity; and,
- Shifts in service availability.

Some of our sources include:

- New Jersey Dept. of Health and Senior Services;
- New Jersey Hospital Association;
- *Almanac of New Jersey Health Care*, (Avalere Health, LLC);
- Web sources (individual hospital sites, nurses.com, hospital-data.com, etc.); and,
- Local newspapers and print media.

Many Difficulties of Tracking Hospital Closings

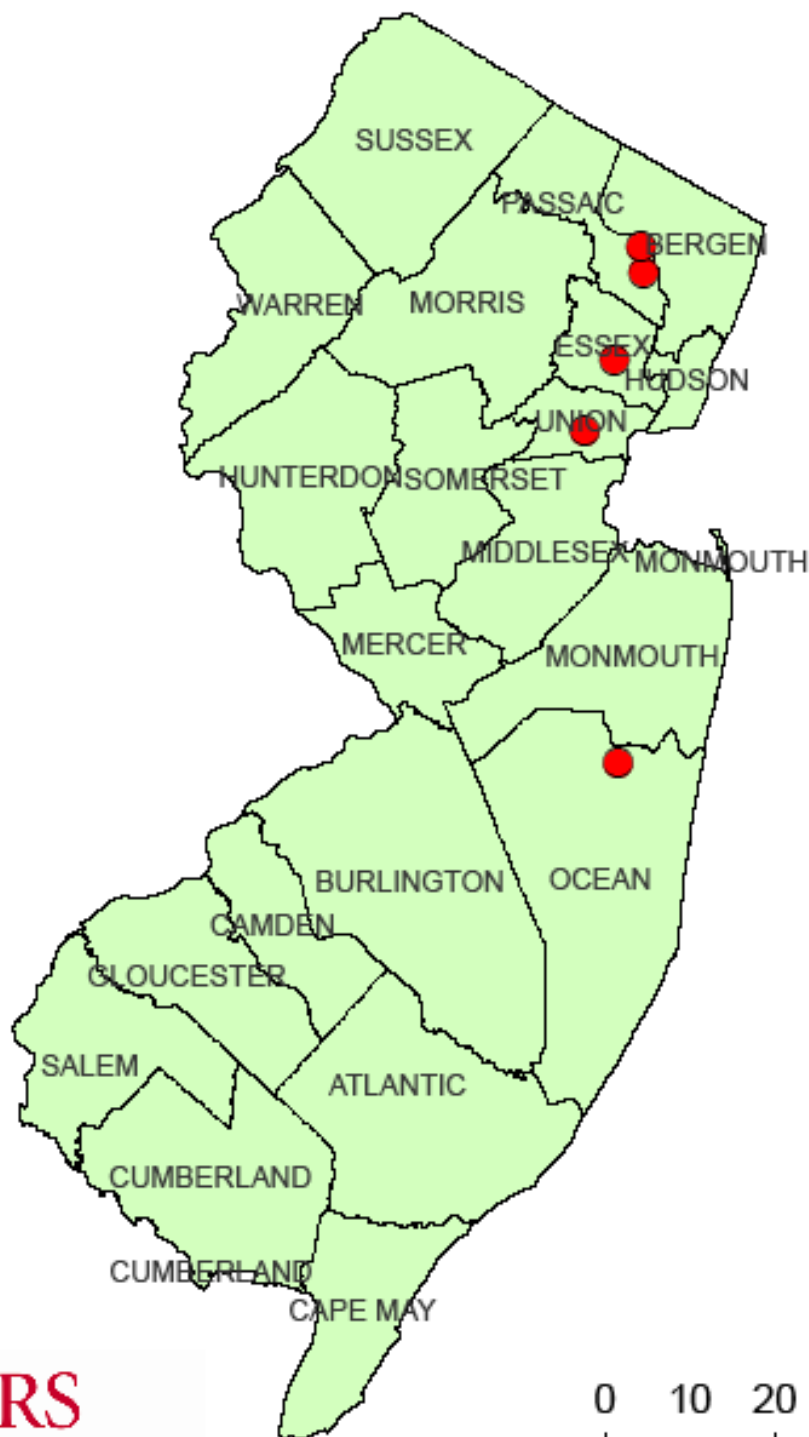
- Hospitals often merge and downsize rather than close completely;
- Hospitals slated to close may hang on for years-neither closing nor operating at full capacity;
- Hospitals may fail to reopen as intended;
- Some hospitals even close more than once; and,
- Does not account for new hospitals that may have opened.



Hospital	City	Year Closed
South Bergen Hospital	Hasbrouck Heights	1987
Livingston Community Hospital	Livingston	1988
St. Mary's Hospital	Orange	1989
Kennedy Memorial Hospital	Saddle Brook	1992
Zurbrugg Hospital	Willingboro	1995
Roosevelt Hospital	Edison	1997
United Hospital	Newark	1997
Marlboro Psychiatric	Marlboro	1998
Montclair Community Hospital	Montclair	1999
South Amboy Memorial Hospital	South Amboy	1999
Boonton Hospital	Boonton	2000
Point Pleasant Hospital	Brick	2000
Elizabeth General	Elizabeth	2000
West Jersey Hospital	Camden	2001
Dover General	Dover	2002
St. Francis Hospital	Jersey City	2002
South Jersey Healthcare	Millville	2002
West Hudson Hospital	Kearny	2003
General Hospital Center	Passaic	2003
Bridgeton Hospital	Bridgeton	2004
Hospital Center at Orange	Orange	2004
Newcomb Hospital	Newcomb	2004
Irvington General Hospital	Irvington	2006
PBI Regional Medical Center	Passaic	2007
Passaic Beth Israel Hospital	Passaic	2007
Health South Specialty Hospital	Union	2007
Union Hospital	Union	2007
Pascack Valley Hospital	Westwood	2007
Care One at Pascack	Westwood	2007
Greenville Hospital	Jersey City	2008
St. James Hospital	Newark	2008
Columbus Hospital	Newark	2008
Barnert Hospital	Paterson	2008
Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center	Plainfield	2008
Kessler Memorial Hospital	Hammonton	2009

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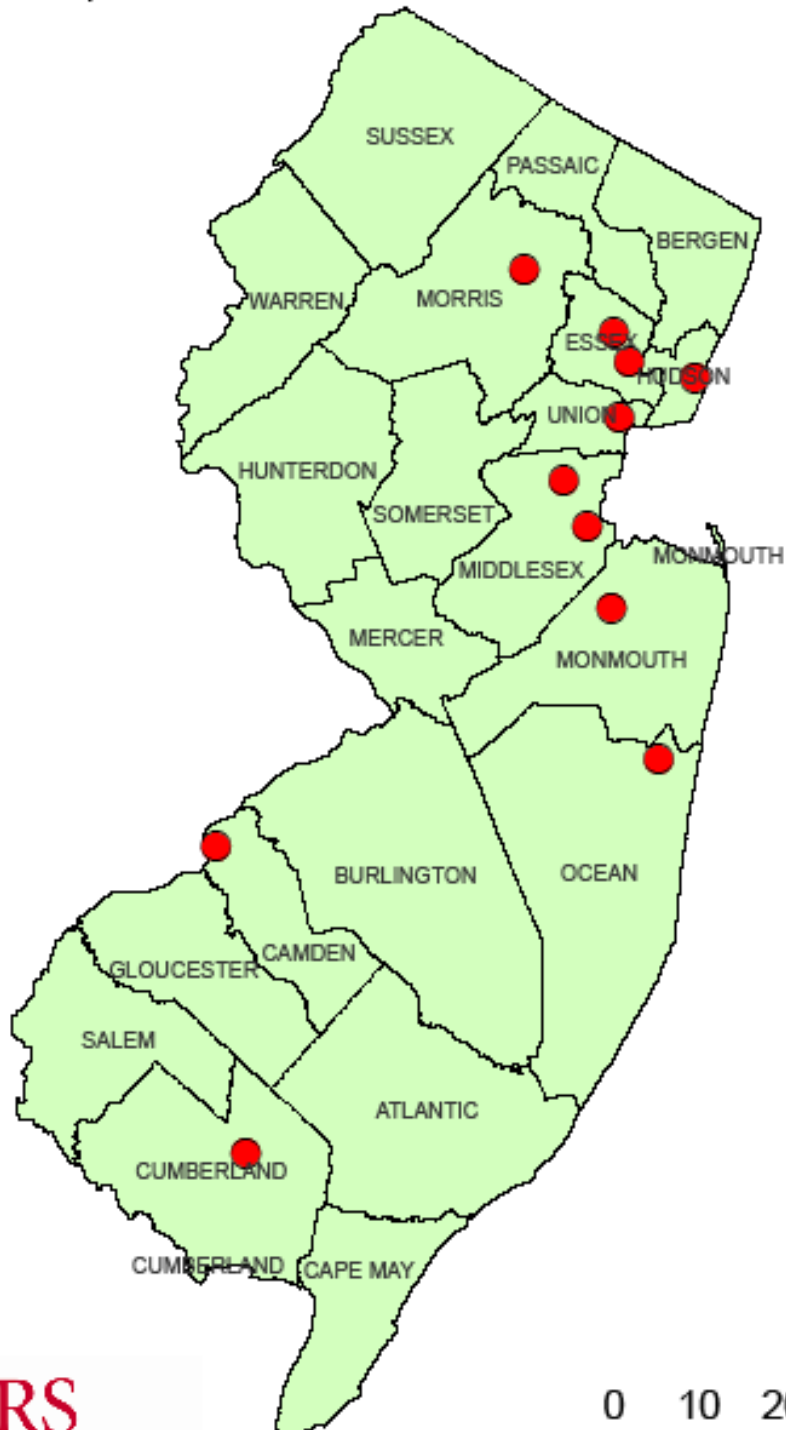
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New Jersey Hospitals Closed 1996-2002

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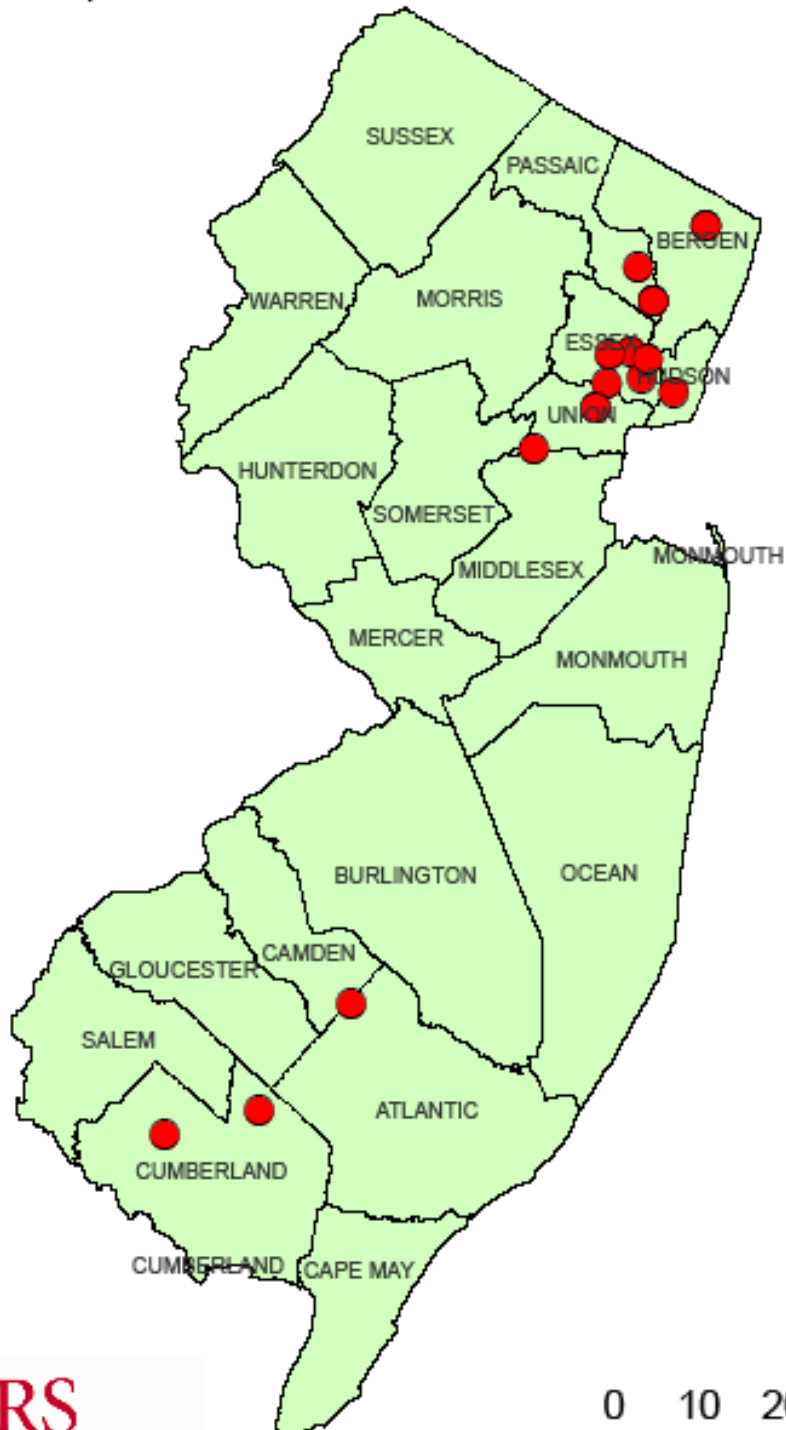
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New Jersey Hospitals Closed 2003-2009

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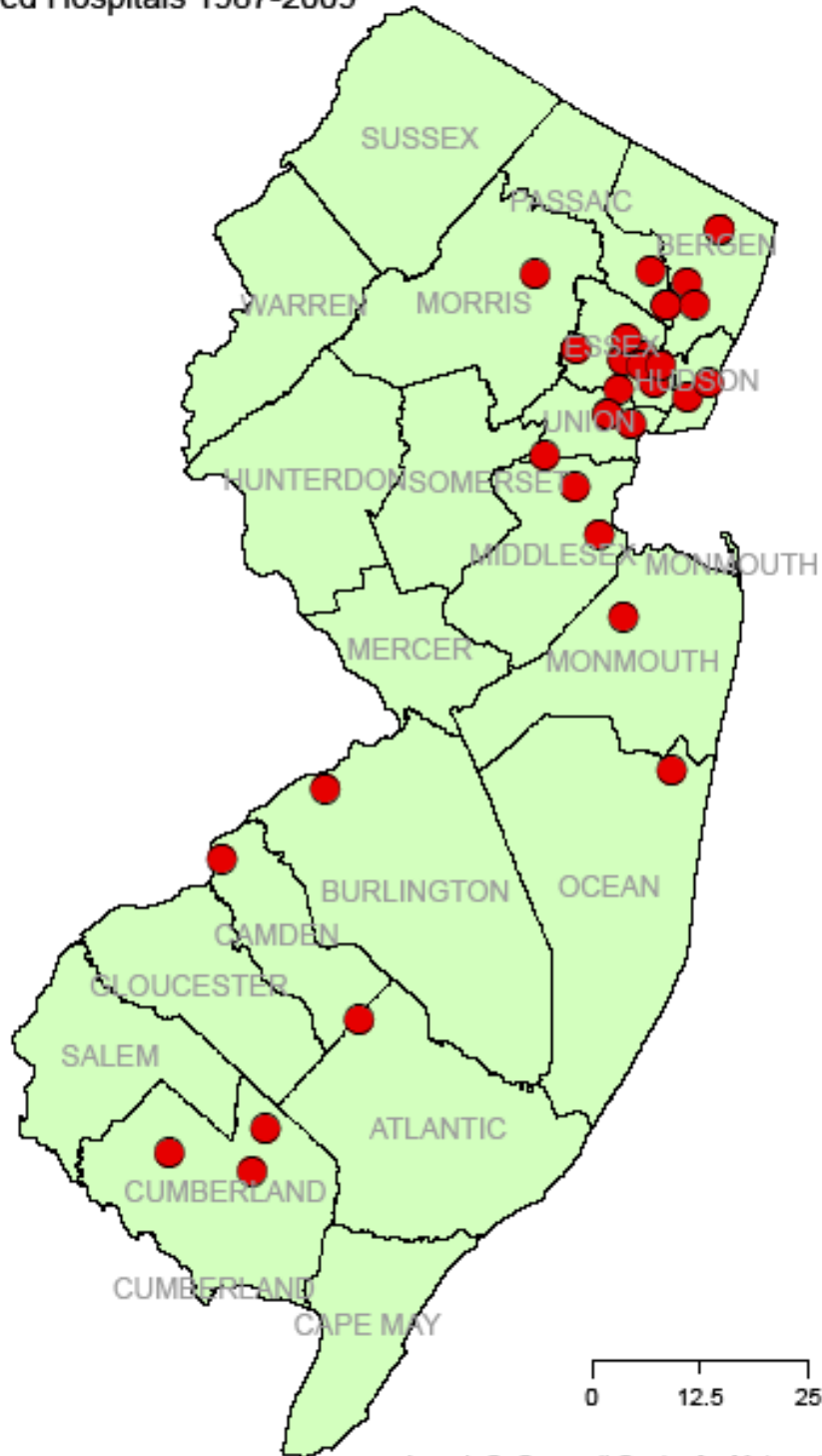
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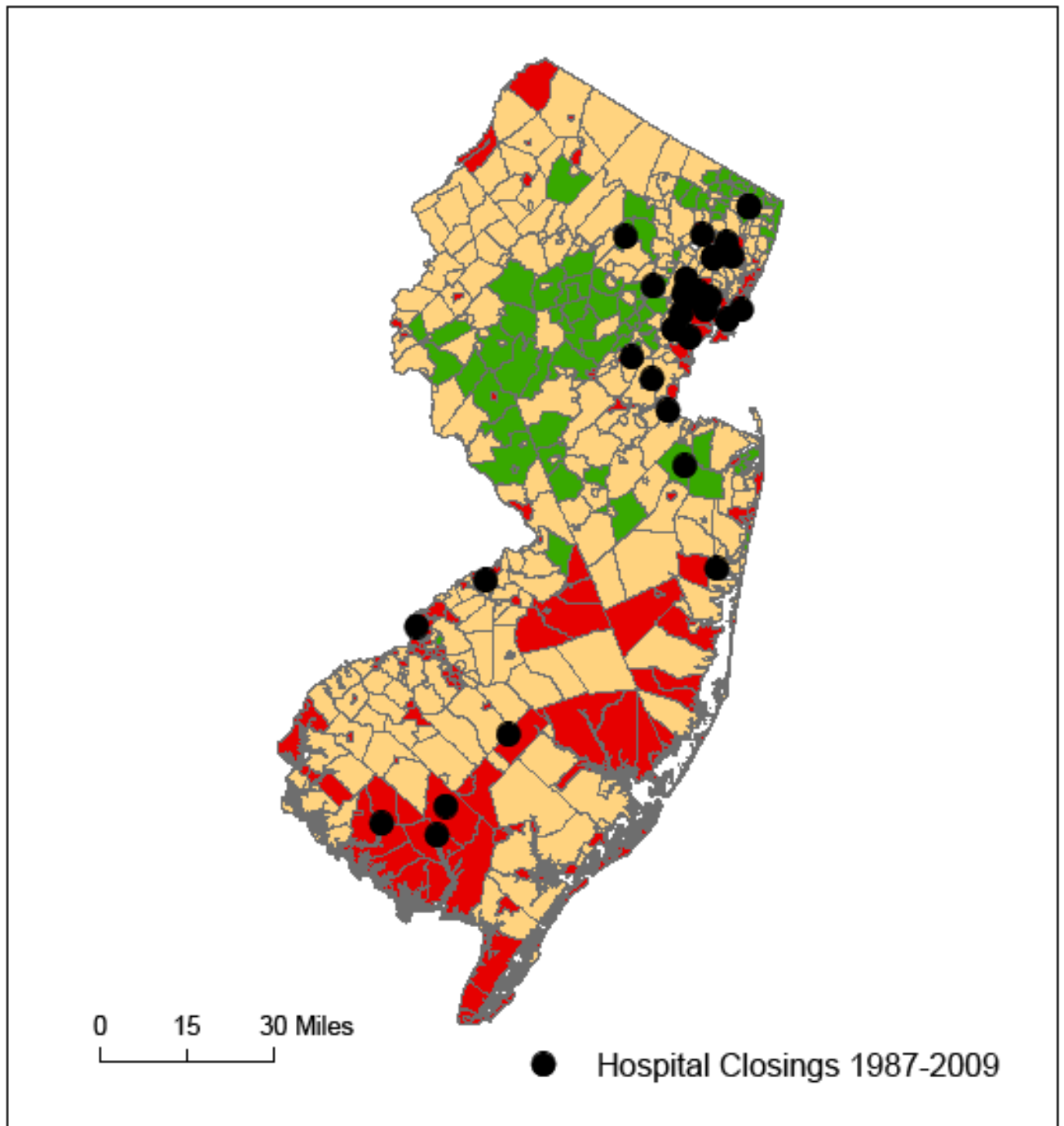
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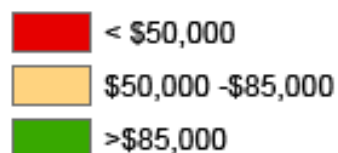
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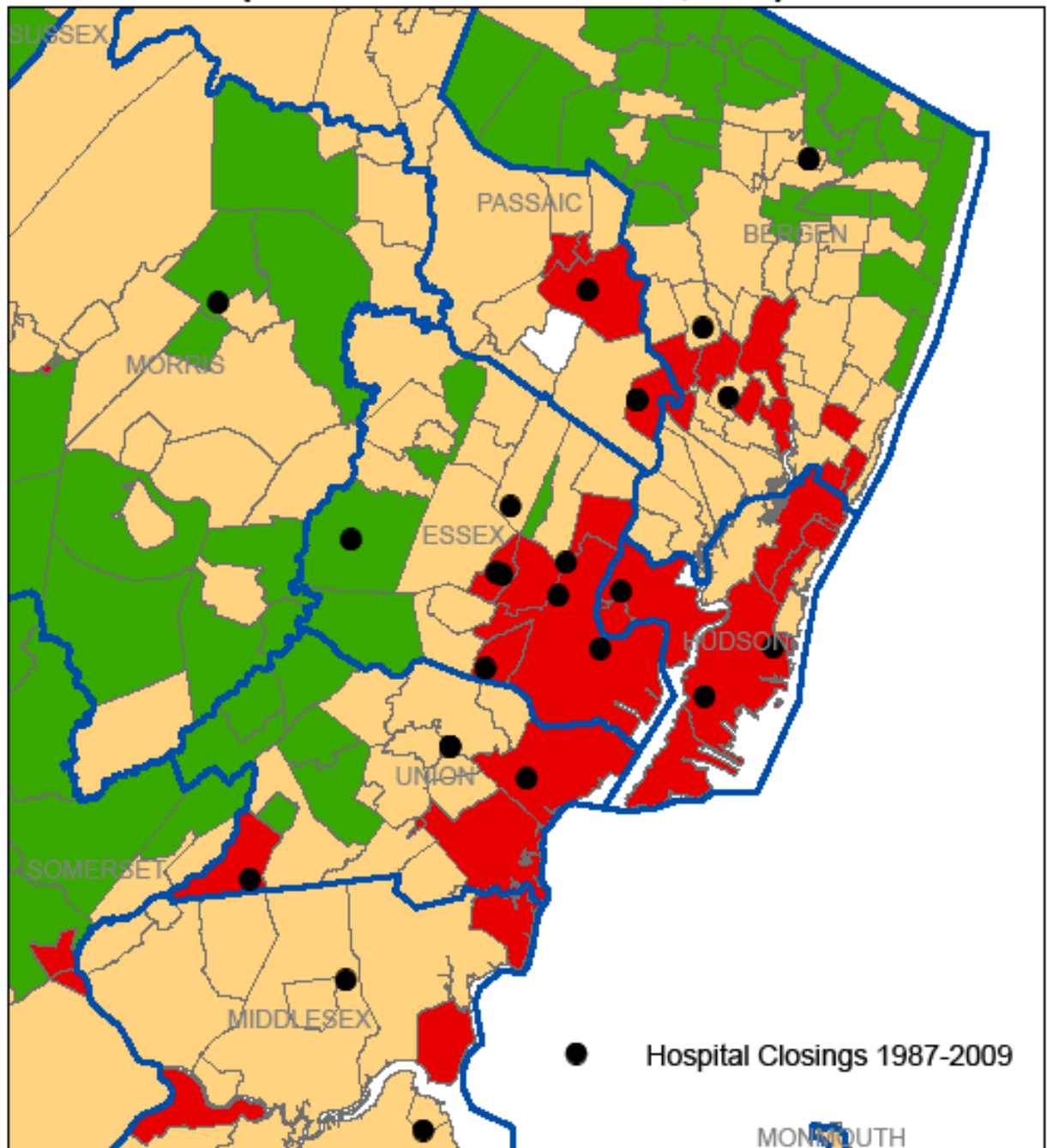
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Median Household Income of Municipality-2000

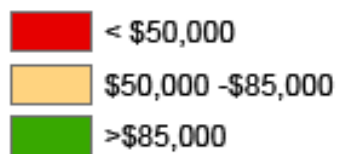


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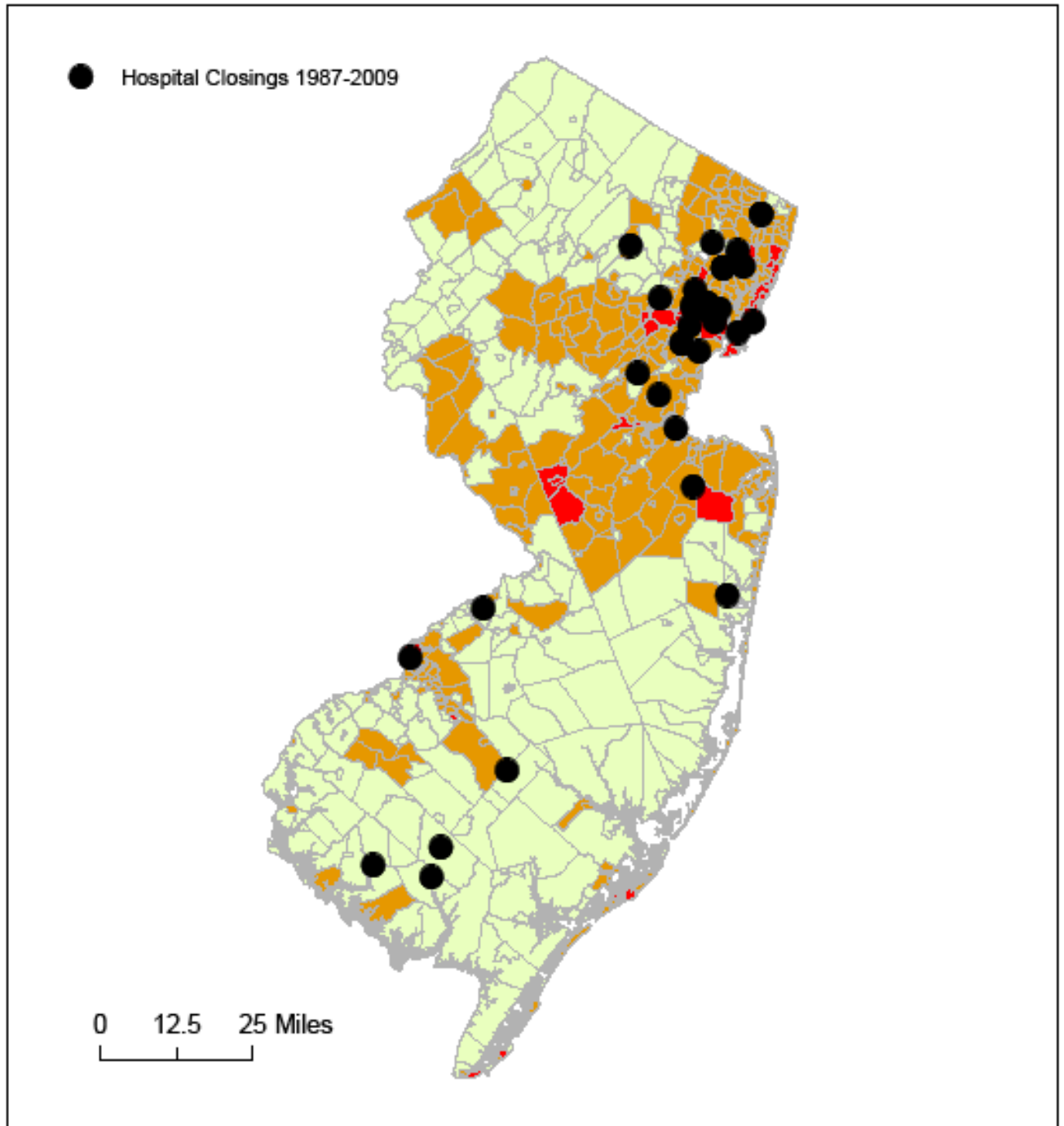
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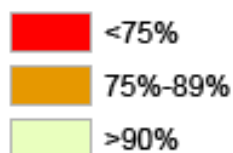
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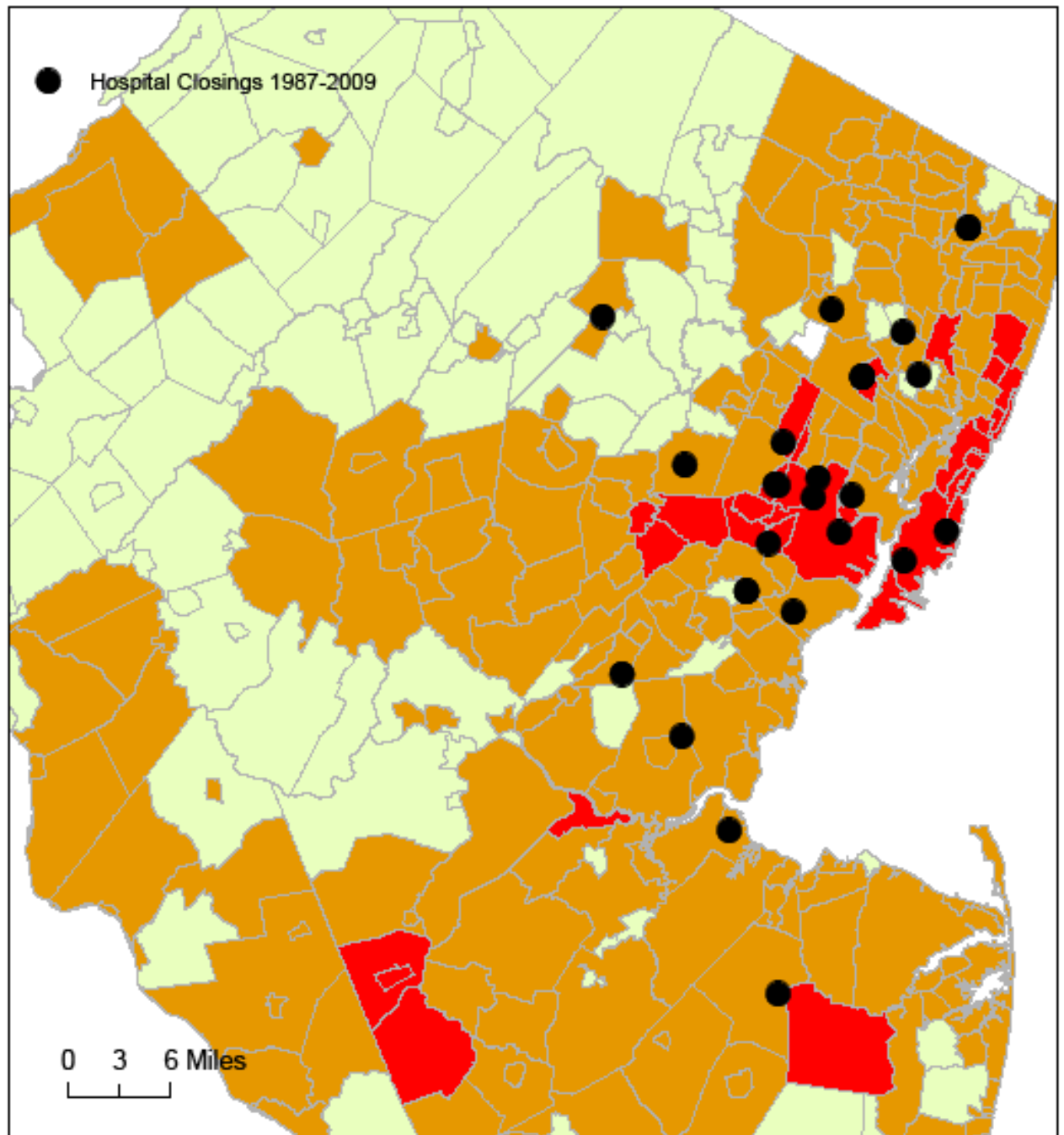
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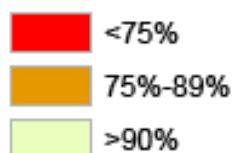
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Disposition of Closed Hospitals in 2009

Disposition	Number of Hospitals
Open as acute care facilities with ED and in-patient care	5
Satellite EDs	7
Skilled nursing, long-term care, rehabilitation, outpatient therapy, etc.	8
No longer open as medical facilities	15



Estimated Capacity Reductions (Completely Closed Facilities Only)

County	Beds Lost from Completely Closed Facilities
Essex	933
Monmouth	670
Bergen	342
Passaic	256
Middlesex	161
Burlington	154
Atlantic	130
Hudson	86
Ocean	49
Union	25
TOTAL	2,806