

ATLANTA

Food Deserts



Food desert (n)

An urban area in which it is difficult to buy affordable or good-quality fresh food:
'many poor people live in food deserts—where they have plenty of food but none of it healthy.'

3rd

worst urban
food desert in
the country



500,000

people (9% of
residents)
live in food
deserts



50%

of food stores
in Vine City/
English Avenue
stock no fresh
produce



30312

a zip code of
18,000 ppl with-
out a single
supermarket



CONCERNS

✘ Social Justice

food deserts are more prevalent in nonwhite neighborhoods

✘ Health

people who live in Atlanta food deserts are more likely to die from nutrition-related sicknesses like diabetes and heart disease

✘ Urban Planning

low pop. density + lack of public transit = limited access to fresh food

✘ Costs

Georgia spends \$2.1 billion annually to treat obesity-related diseases

SOLUTIONS

Urban agriculture

Less spatially clustered supermarkets

Support for independent store owners

Target transit and income inequality



Learn more

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