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# Most prosperous states

Connecticut

Alaska

Massachusetts

New Hampshire

New Jersey

Washington

Maryland

Illinois

New York

California

Wyoming

Minnesota

Virginia

Colorado

Rhode Island

# Traits of prosperous states

- High proportion of wages from knowledge industries
- High proportion of college grads
- Big metro with higher per cap income than state
- Largest city in that metro has high proportion of college grads

# Our conclusion:

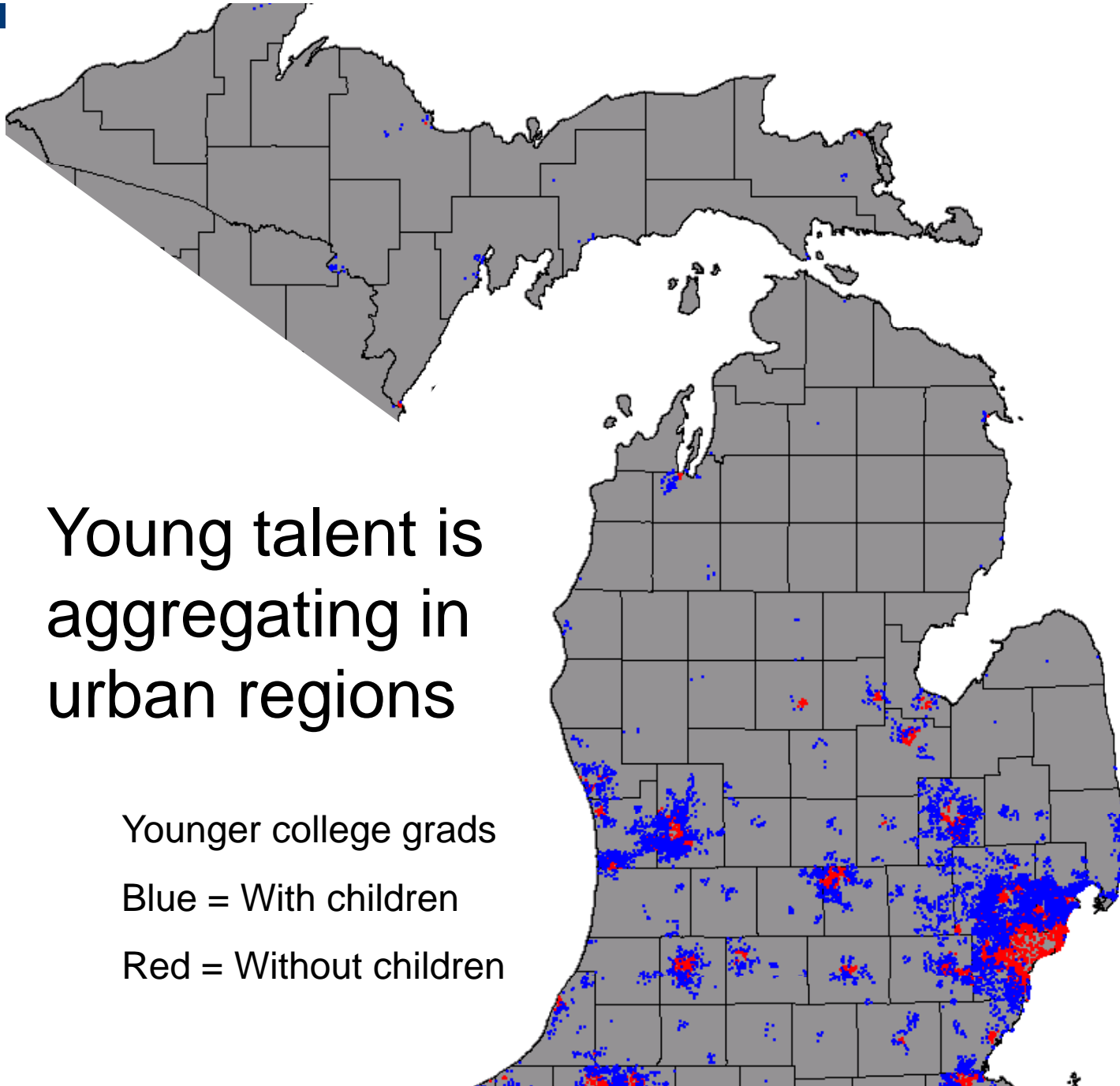
The places with the greatest concentration of talent win!

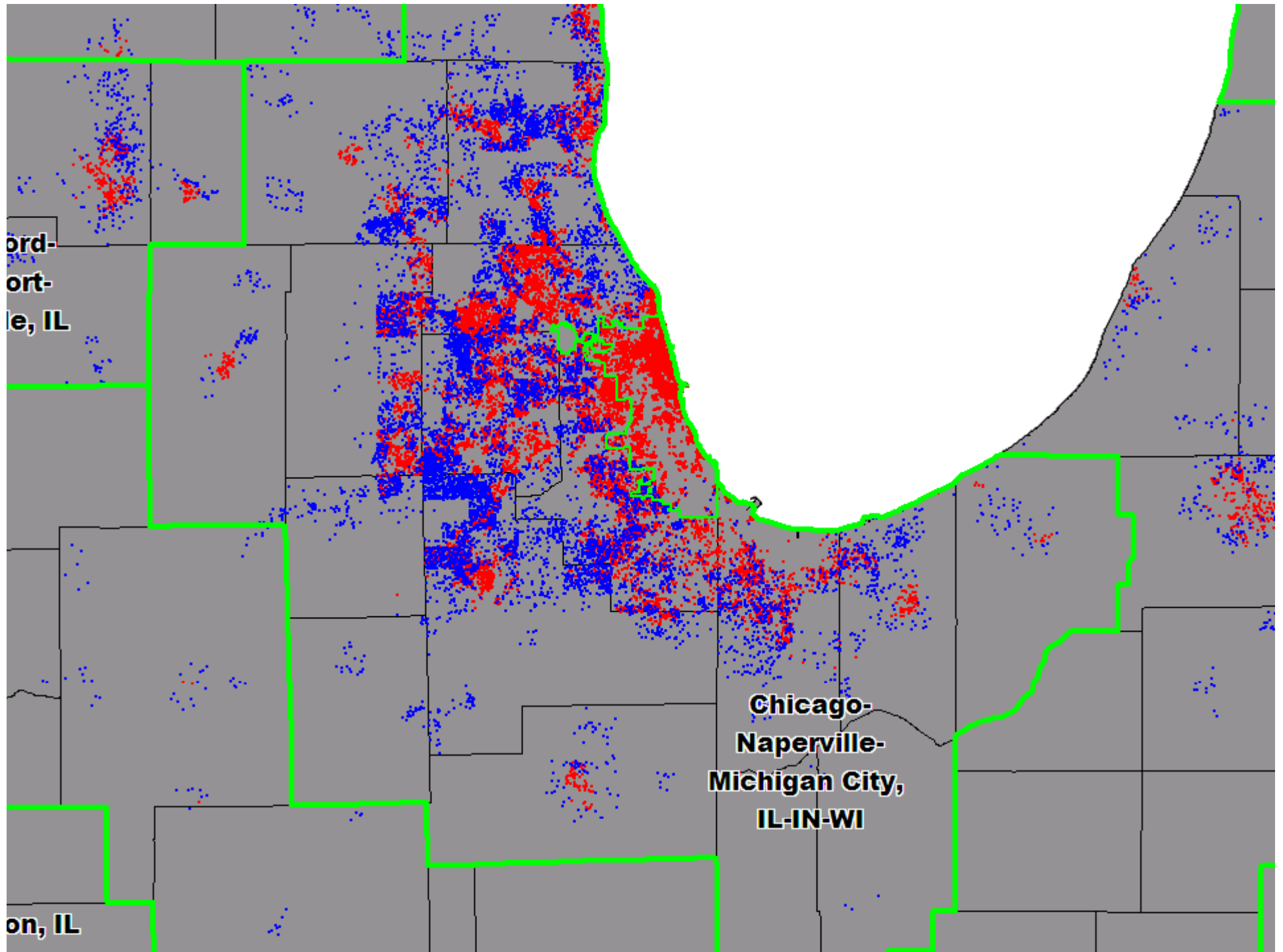
# Young talent is aggregating in urban regions

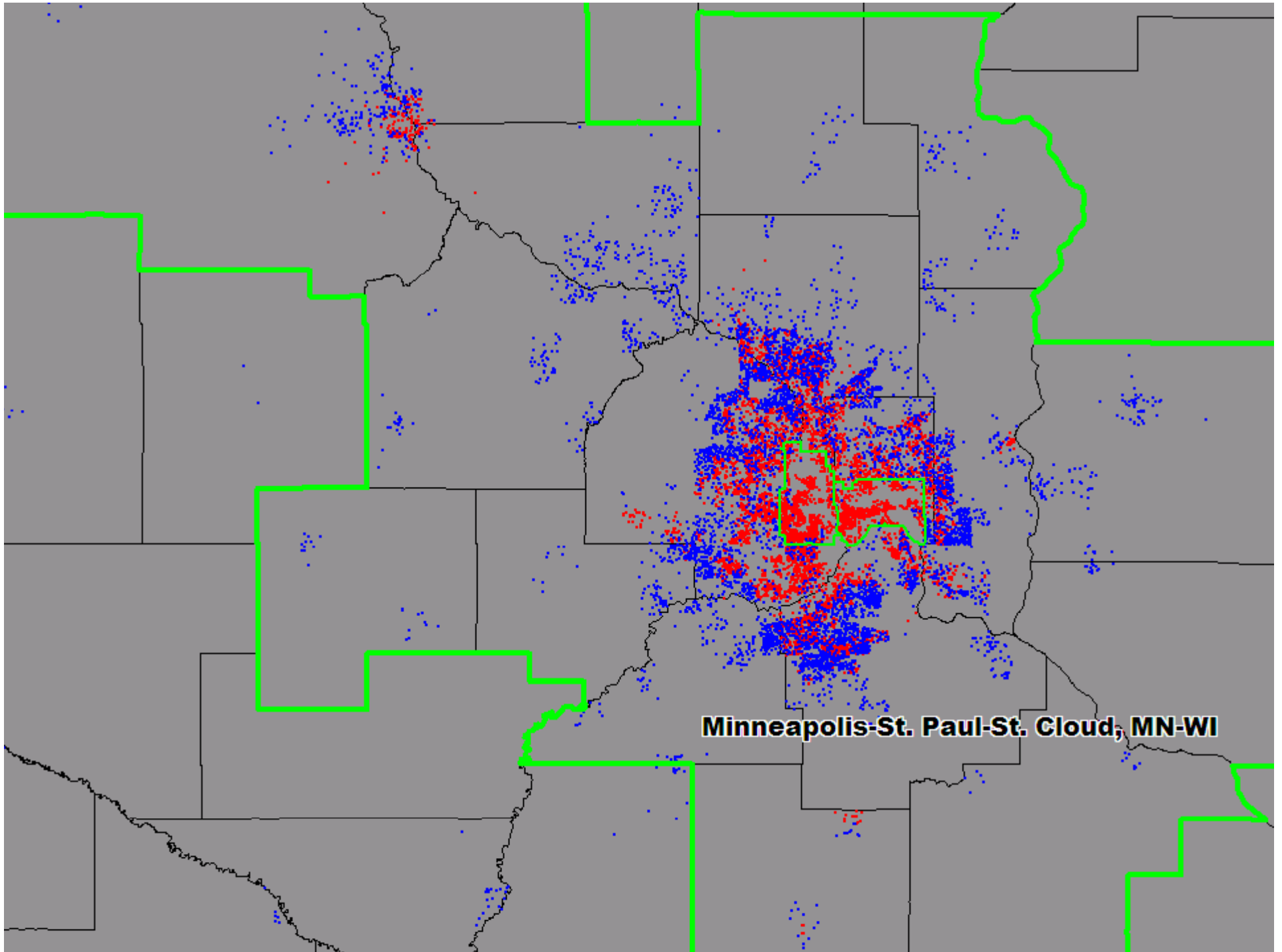
Younger college grads

Blue = With children

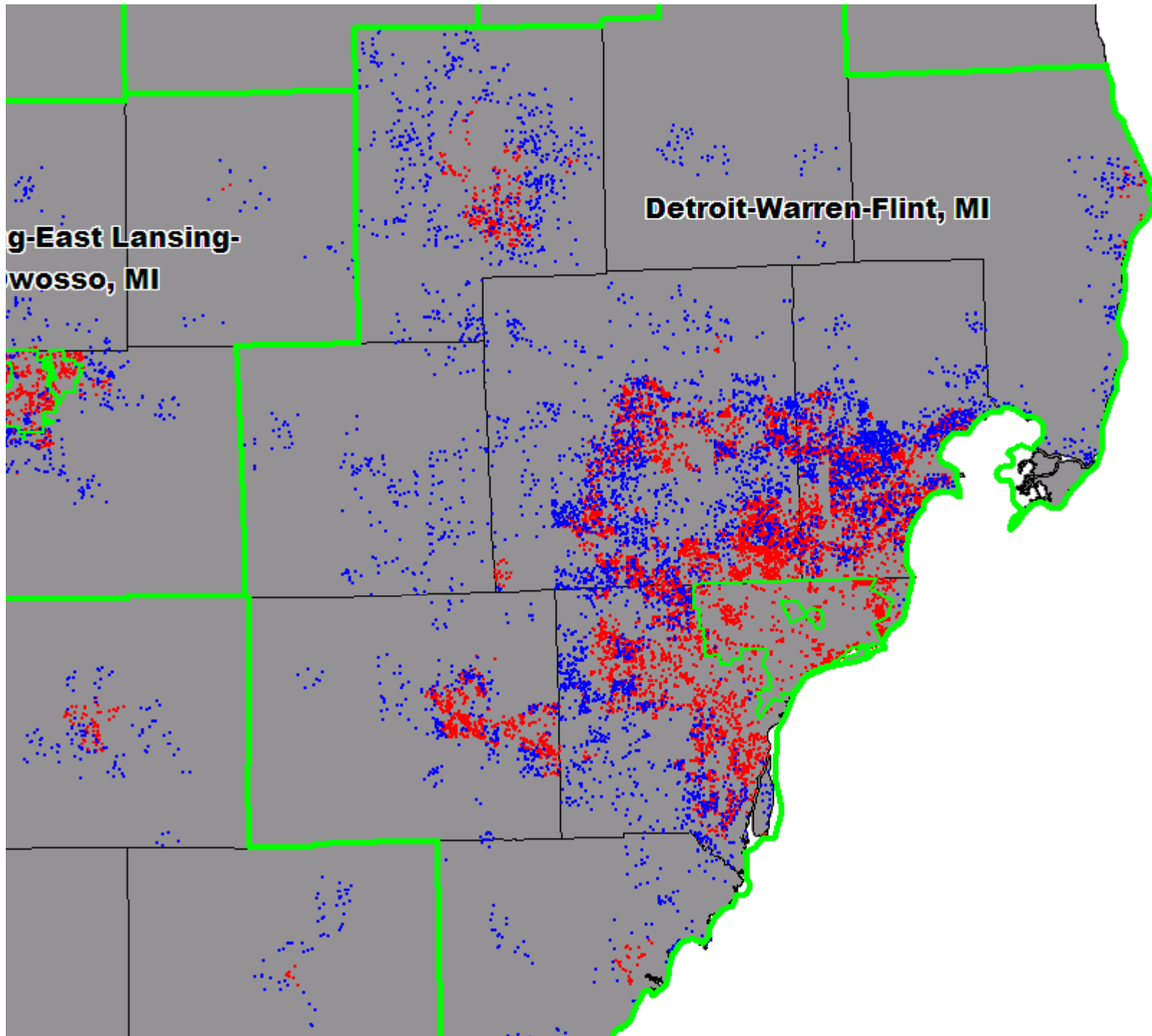
Red = Without children



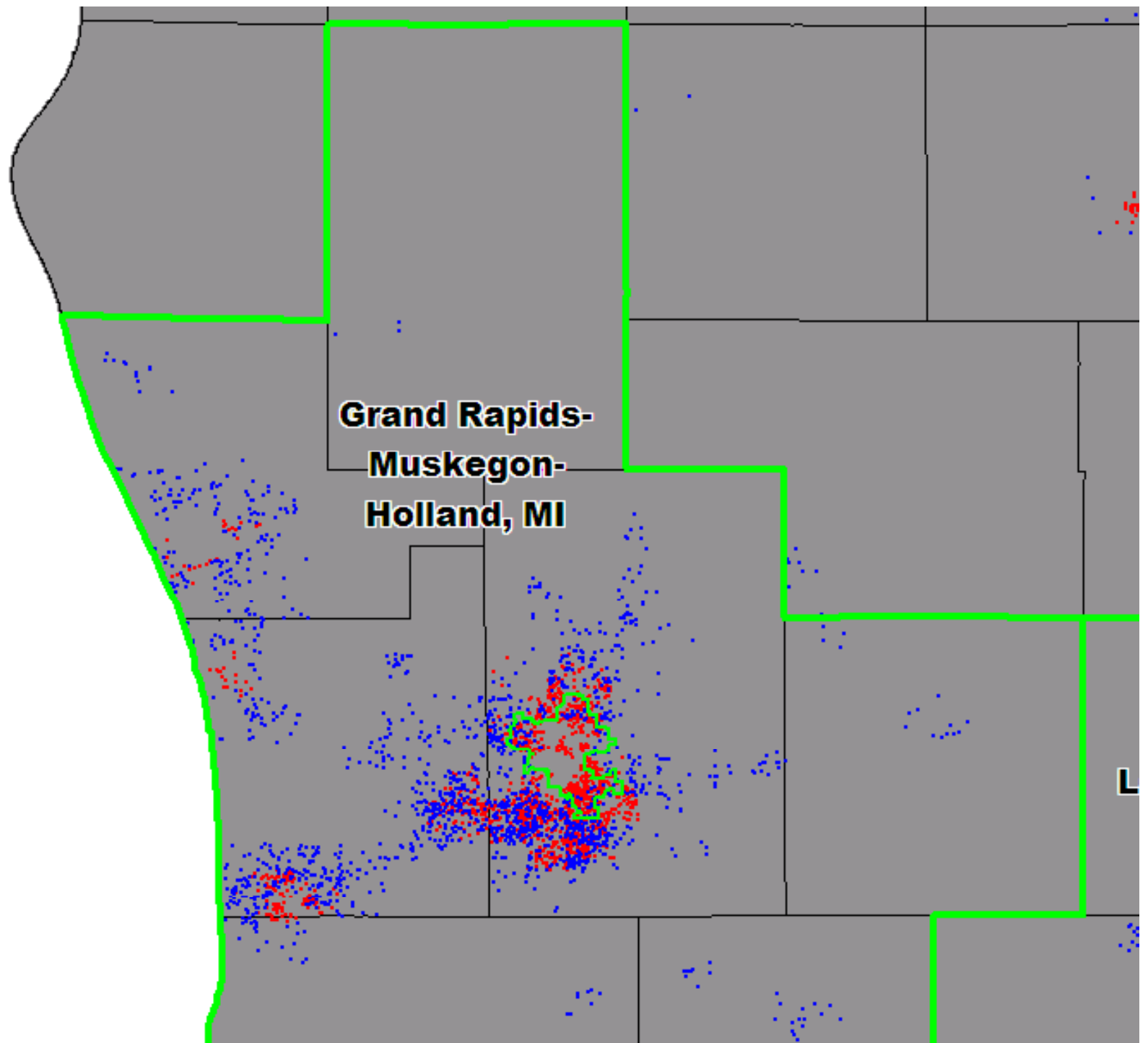


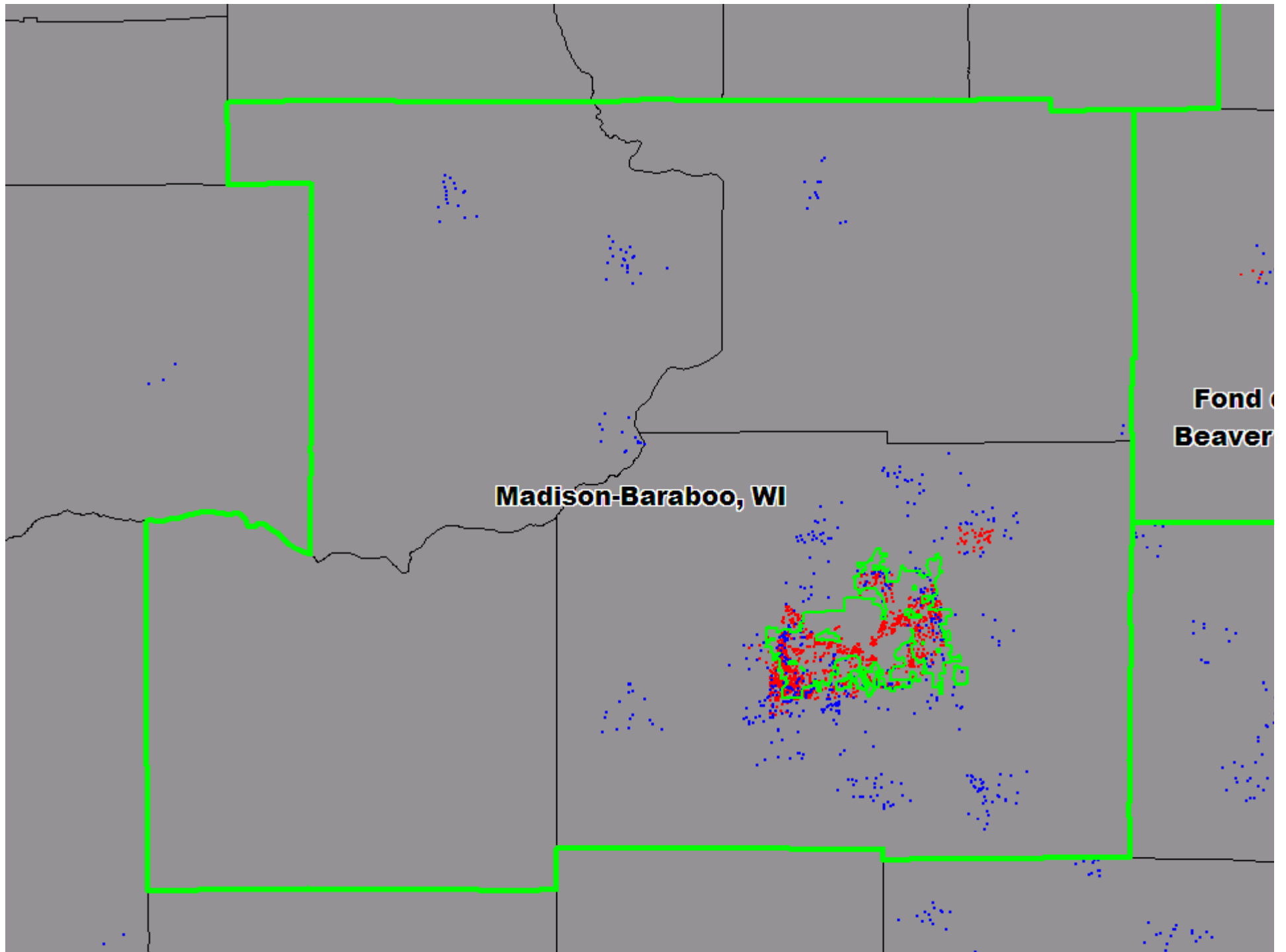


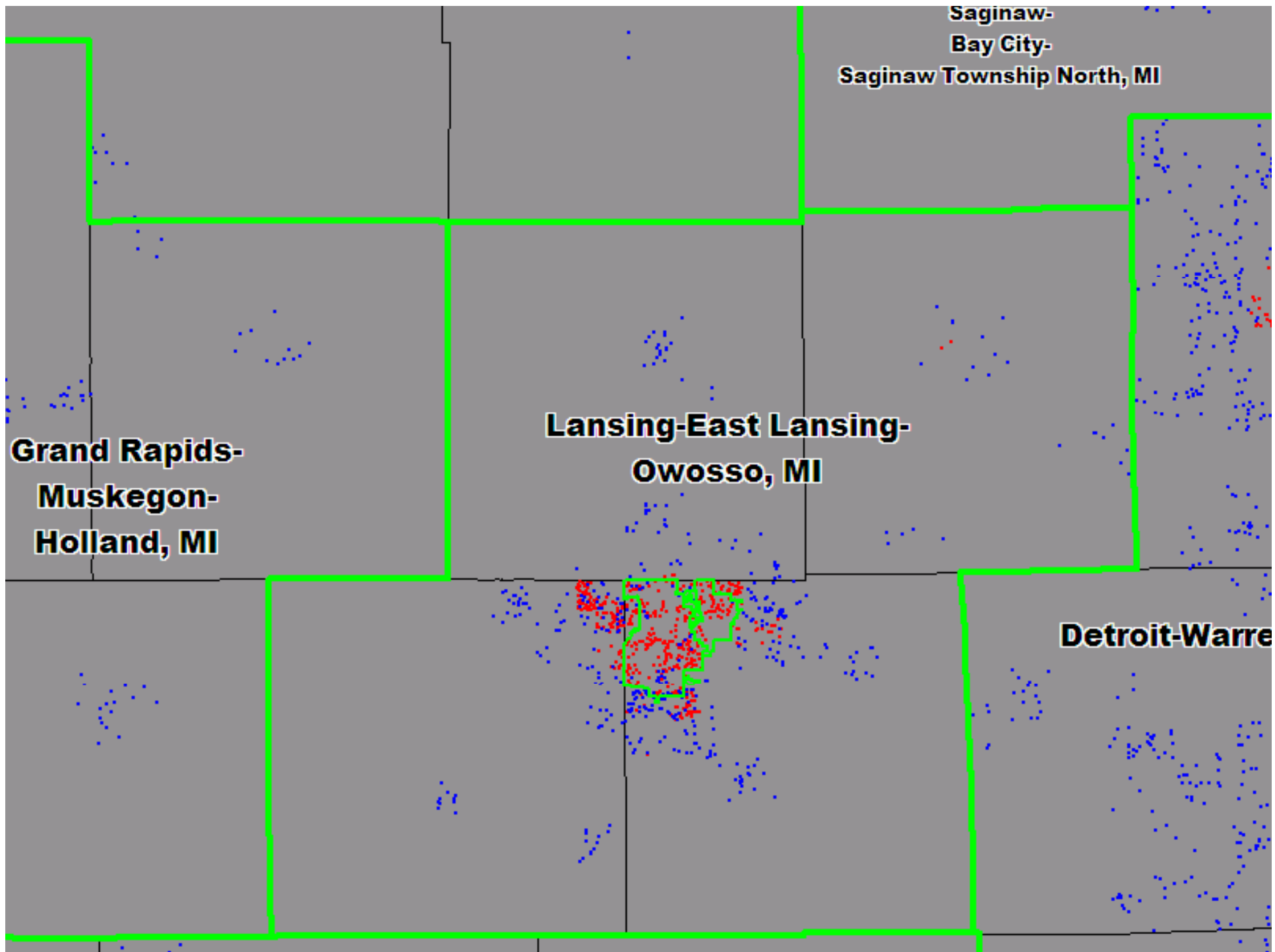
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# Bottom line

We must get younger  
and better educated  
or  
we will get poorer