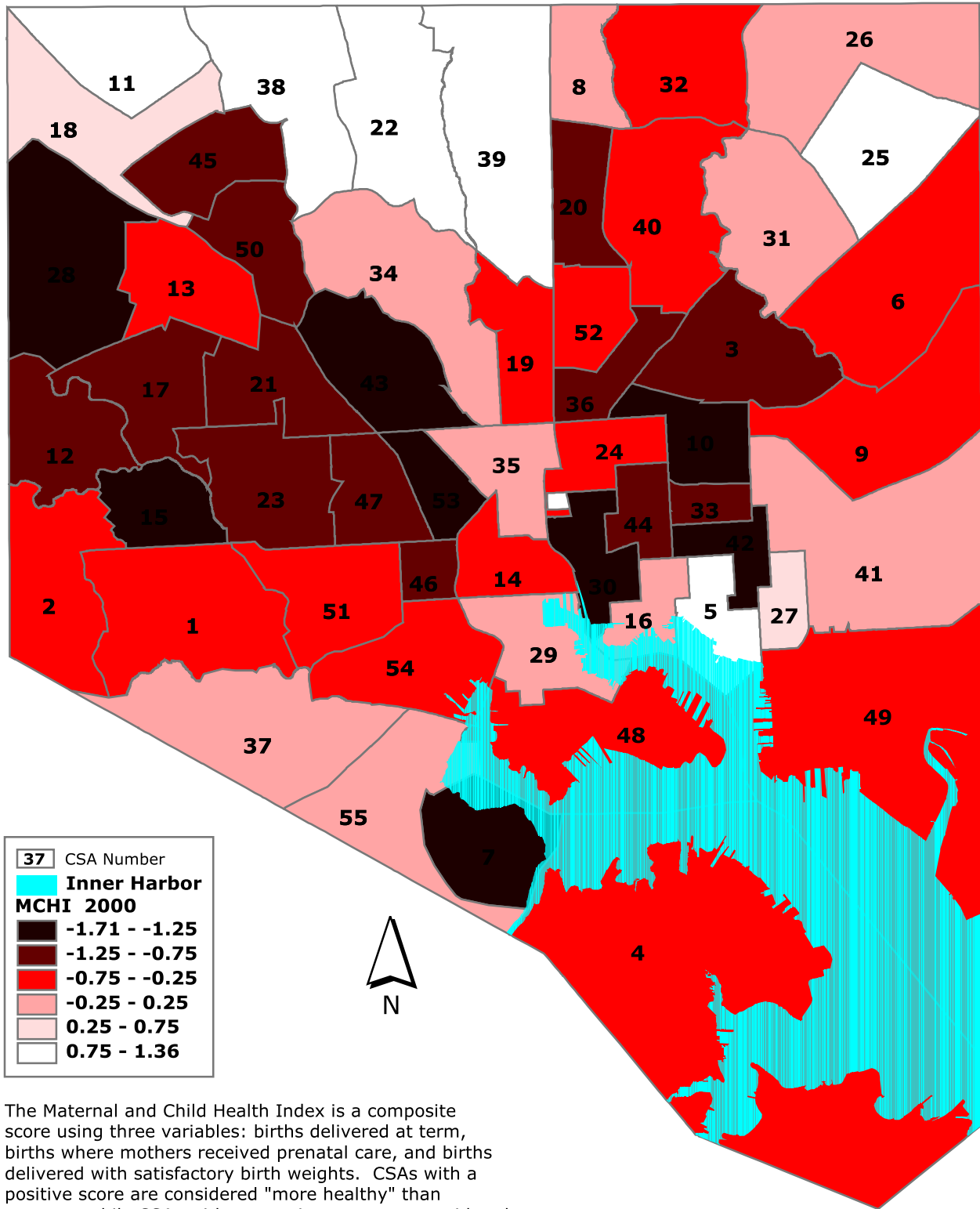


MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH INDEX (MCHI) 2000



The Maternal and Child Health Index is a composite score using three variables: births delivered at term, births where mothers received prenatal care, and births delivered with satisfactory birth weights. CSAs with a positive score are considered "more healthy" than average, while CSAs with a negative score are considered "less healthy" than average.