

# GIS Quick Tips

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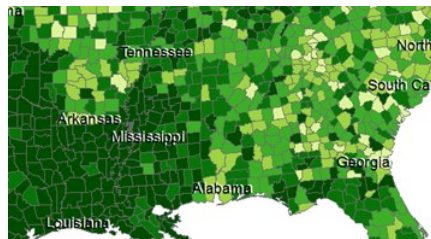
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Labeling a choropleth map can be tricky due to the variation in the color hue. The dark colors of some polygons can make it difficult to read a label that is easily read on the lighter colored polygons.

There are two good strategies to employ to solve this issue:

Use the Drop Shadow effect with a .5 offset on both the X and Y axis.



Use a halo that is large enough to make the label readable, but small enough so that the label doesn't dominate the map data.

