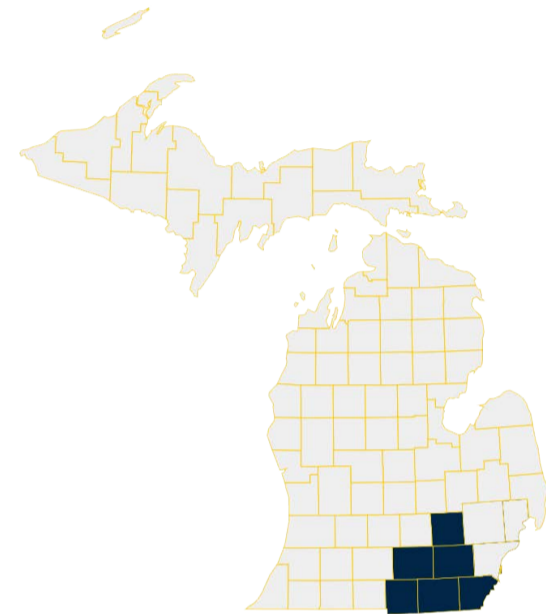


Michigan Poverty & Well-being Map: Southeast

*The Southeast region includes: Hillsdale, Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe, and Washtenaw counties.
Learn more about the map at poverty.umich.edu.*

Wide Disparities in Median Income and Access to Health Care

The regional totals for Southeast Michigan obscure the wide variation in county-level measures, especially with respect to median income. Livingston and Washtenaw counties have median incomes that are more than \$15,000 higher than the median for the state, whereas Hillsdale, Jackson, and Lenawee counties have median incomes that fall slightly below the state median. Consequently, many needs are not uniform across this region. However, access and affordability of health care is a challenge for all counties in this region, especially for people with low incomes. The region generally has a low rate of uninsured residents (4.3%), but these rates are higher in Hillsdale, Jackson, and Lenawee counties, where over 8% of working-age adults lack health insurance and the proportion of insured residents with public health insurance is around 40%. Additionally, while health care is more accessible and affordable with health insurance, it is still challenging to access in areas where patient to doctor ratios are high, as in Lenawee (4,680:1), Hillsdale (3,810:1), and Monroe counties (3,010:1).¹



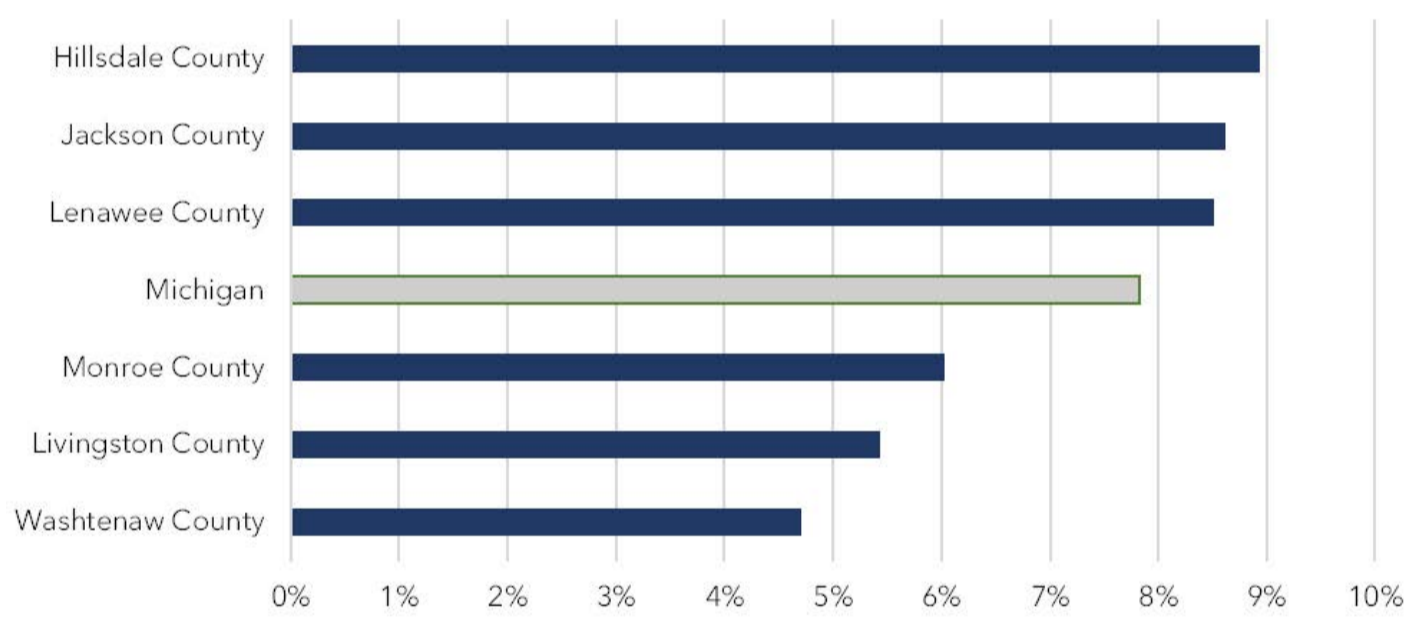
Improving access to basic care in these counties requires addressing health professional shortages. Efforts to attract primary care providers to the area and shift to different modes of care – such as telehealth and mobile clinics – could improve access to primary care in these rural areas. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding is available to improve access to health care through investments in public health and general health care. Additionally, the areas that have been federally designated as a medically underserved area, such as Hillsdale County, are eligible for federal assistance to help close care gaps.²

Southeast: Ratio of Patients to Primary Care Physicians³

County	Patients to Primary Care Physician Ratio
Lenawee	4,680:1
Hillsdale	3,810:1
Monroe	3,010:1
Jackson	2,270:1
Livingston	1,970:1
Michigan	1,270:1
Washtenaw	570:1

Southeast: Percentage of Population Aged 19-64 Who Do Not Have Health Insurance⁴

Percentage of Population Aged 19 to 64 Who Do Not Have Health Insurance



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