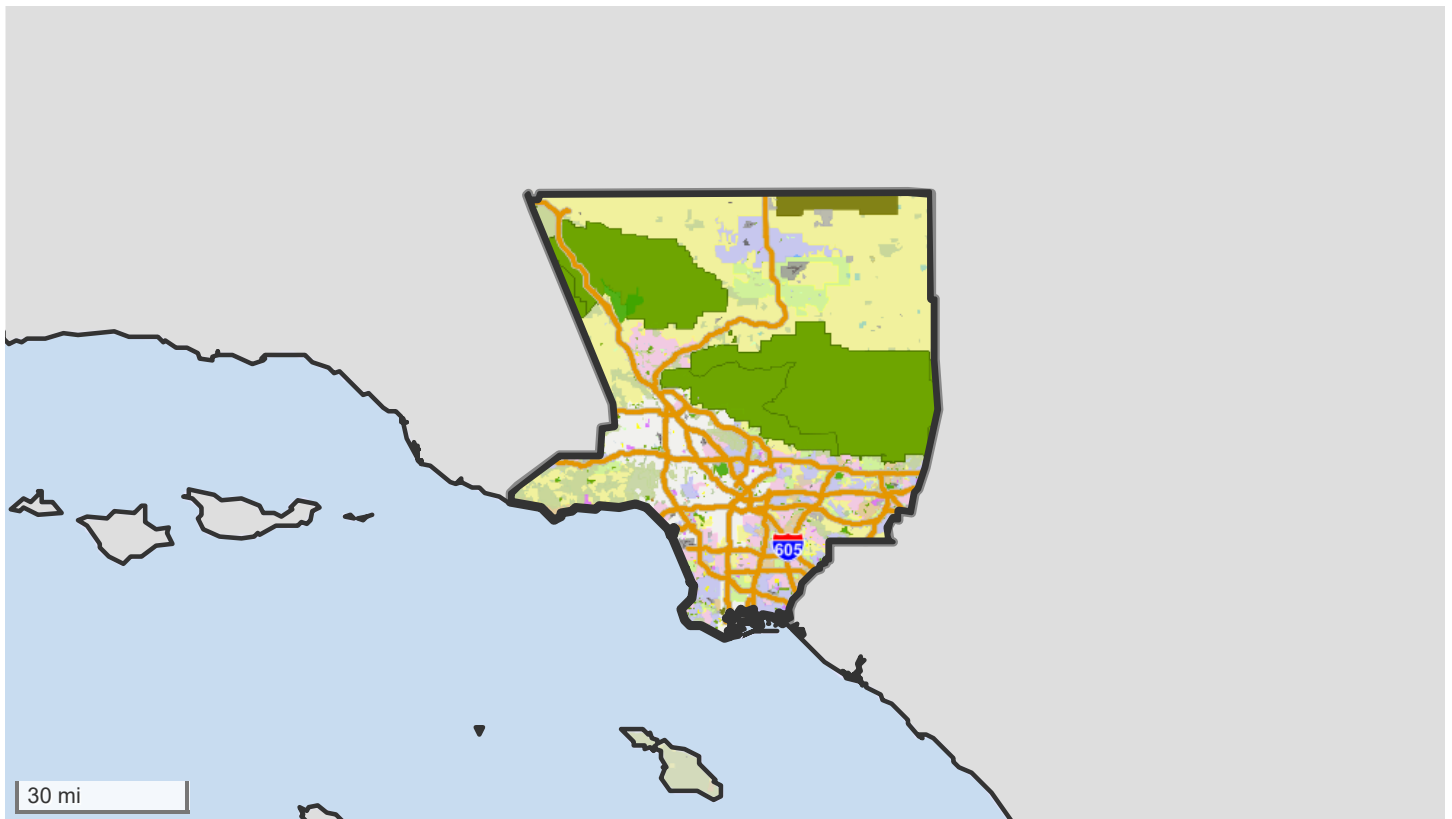




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County of Los Angeles



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Healthcare Access



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While the [Los Angeles County Department of Public Health](#) (Public Health) is not primarily responsible for providing direct healthcare services, it remains an important safety-net provider for immunizations as well as testing and treatment for tuberculosis and sexually transmitted infections. These services are administered through Public Health's 14 [Public Health Centers](#), which are located throughout Los Angeles County. For more information, please visit the [Public Health Centers' website](#).

[Public Health](#) also collaborates with the [Department of Healthcare Services](#) and the [Department of Mental Health](#) as well as with non-profit hospitals and health insurance plans in Los Angeles County on various initiatives to improve the health and wellbeing of county residents. For more information, please visit the [Department of Healthcare Services's website](#) and the [Department of Mental Health's website](#).

Indicators included in this section:

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- [Uninsured Children](#)

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- [Adults with Difficulty Obtaining Needed Medical Care](#)

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- [Children with Medi-Cal](#)

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- [Medically Underserved Areas/Populations](#)

This indicator provides information about [medically underserved areas and/or populations \(MUA/Ps\)](#), as determined by the federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Each designated area includes multiple census tracts.

State Primary Care Offices submit applications to HRSA to designate specific areas within counties as MUA/Ps. The MUA/P designation is made using the Index of Medical Underservice (IMU) score, which ranges from 0-100. Lower scores indicate higher needs. An IMU score of 62 or below qualifies for designation as an MUA/P. MUA/P designations help establish health maintenance organizations or community health centers in high-need areas. Note: if an area is not designated as an MUA/P, it does not mean it is not underserved, only that an application has not been filed for the area and that official designation has not been given.

- [Health Professional Shortage Area: Primary Care](#)

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State Primary Care Offices submit applications to HRSA to designate certain areas within counties as HPSAs for primary care, dental, and mental health services. HRSA's [National Health Service Corps](#) calculates HPSA scores to determine priorities for assignment of clinicians. The scores range from 0 to 25 for primary care, where higher scores indicate greater priority. HPSA designations help distribute participating health care providers and resources to high-need communities. Note: if an area is not designated as an HPSA, it does not mean it is not underserved, only that an application has not been filed for the area and that an official designation has not been given.

- [Health Professional Shortage Area: Dental Health](#)

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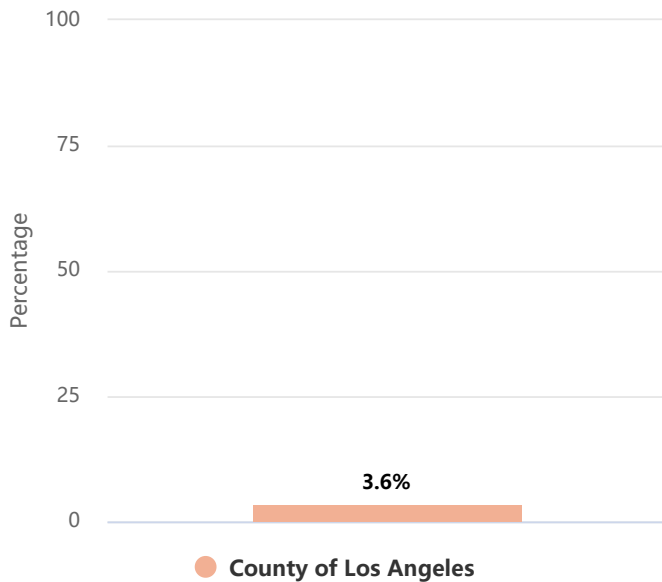
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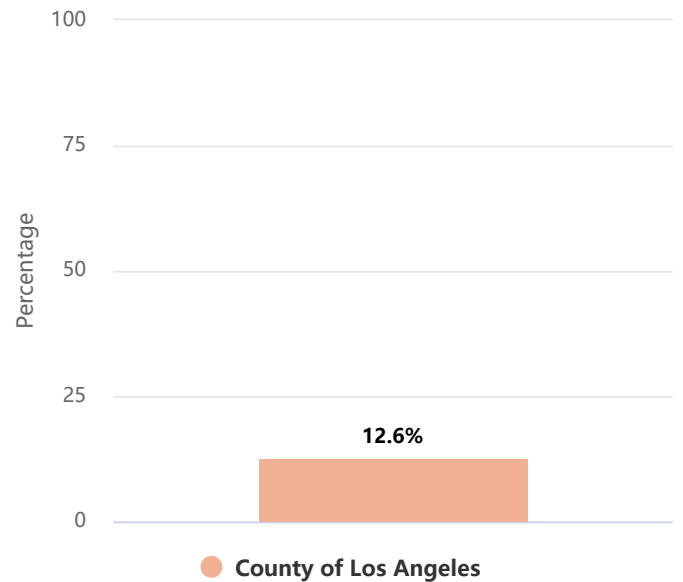
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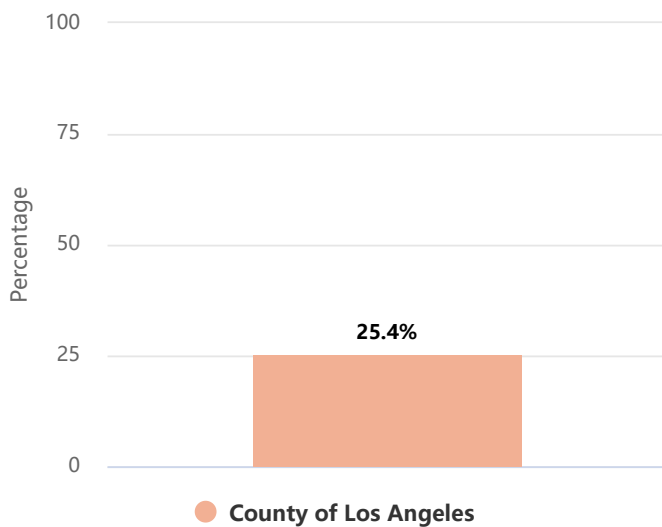
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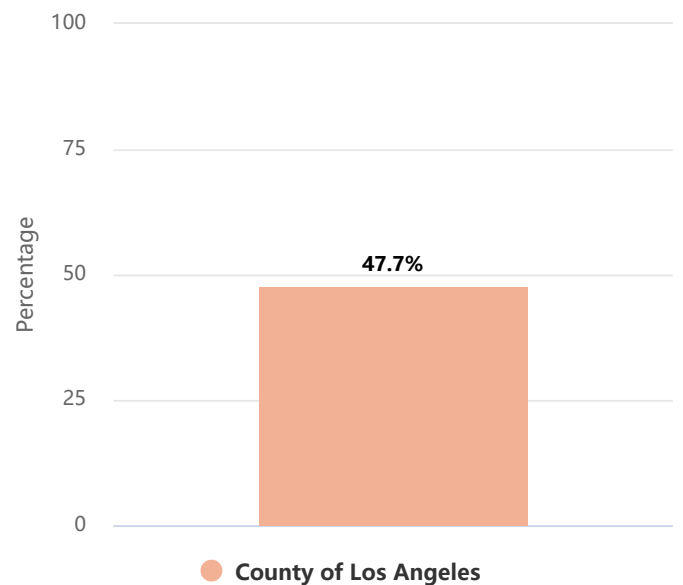
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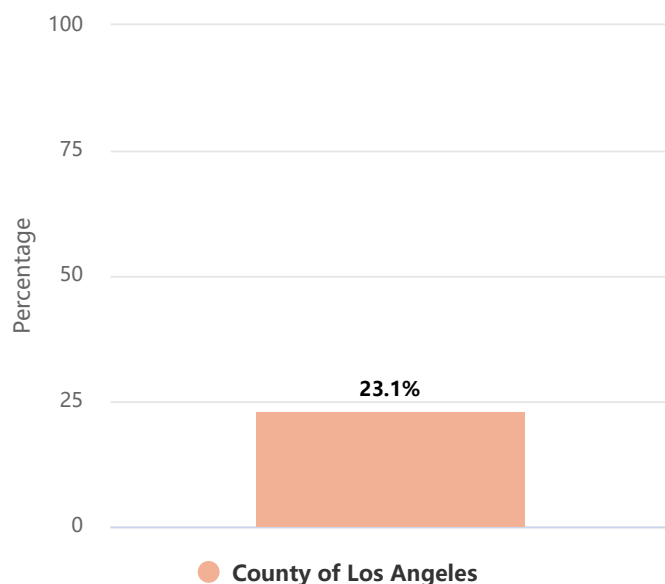
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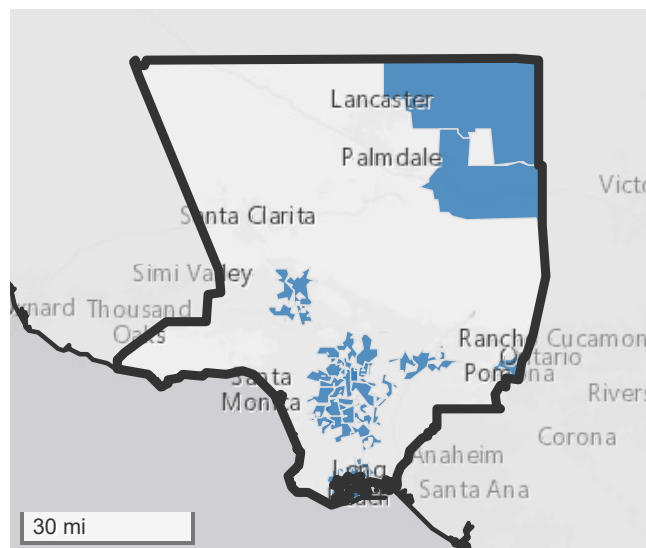
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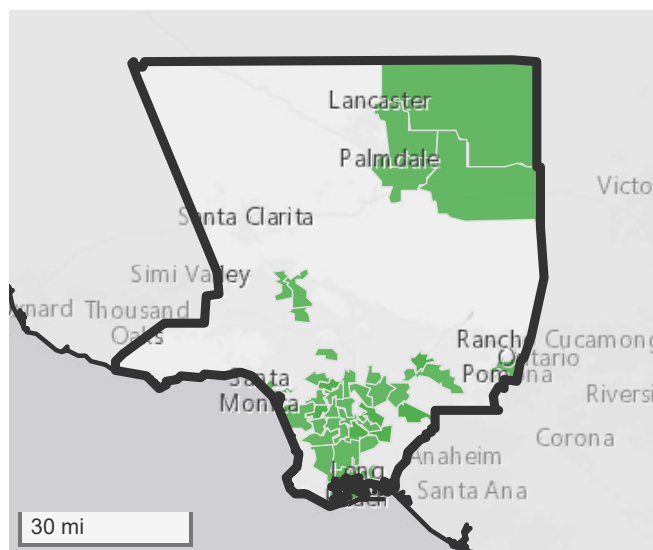
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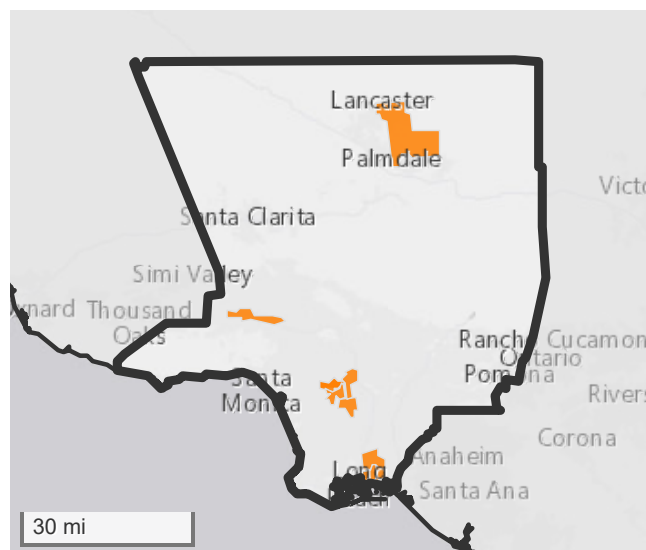
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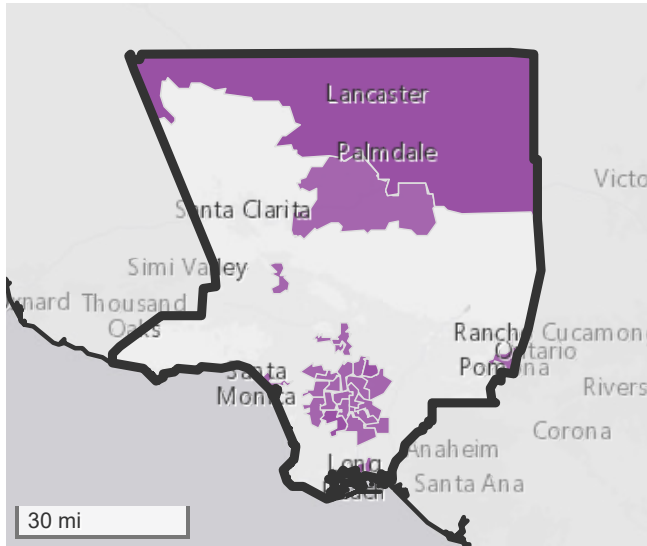
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