



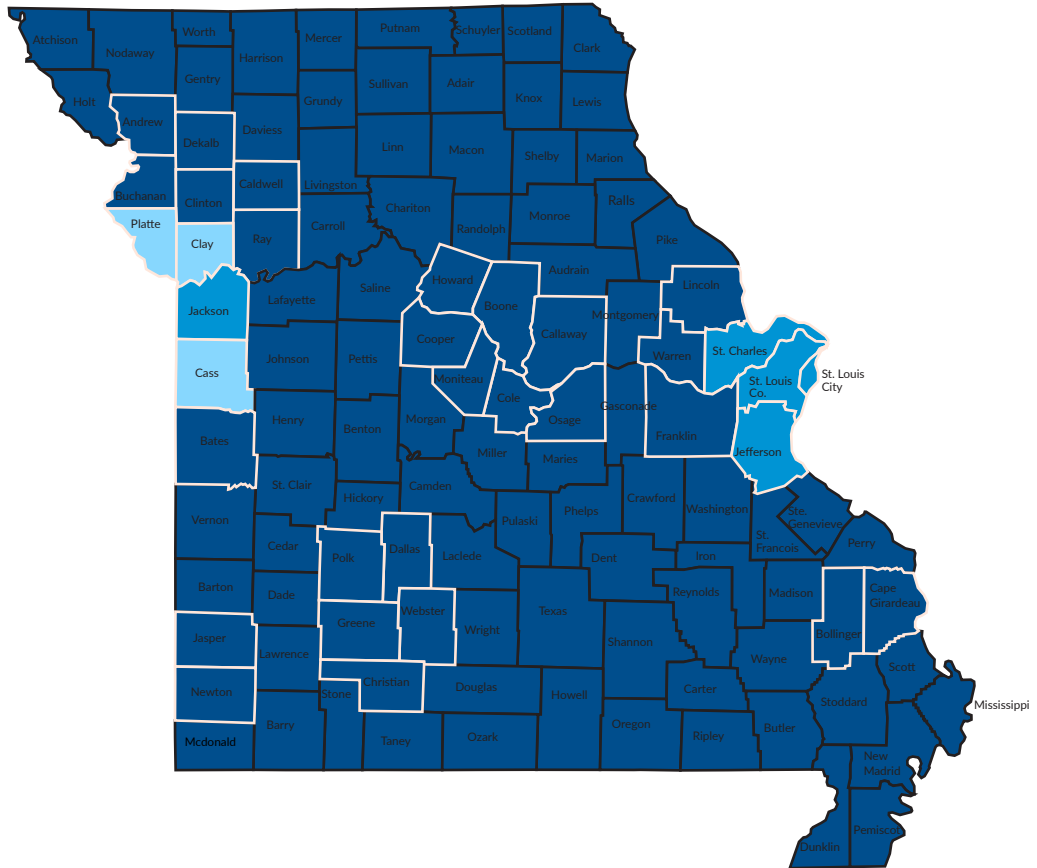


Majority of Missouri counties Health Professional Shortage Areas

Disparities in health care availability exist across the United States, often reflected by metropolitan versus non-metropolitan areas. Rural access is often reduced due to funding and resource shortages. Currently, Missouri has 23 hospitals running with negative deficits and 17 additional hospitals achieving margins within 5%.

-  Whole county is shortage area
-  At least part of county is shortage area
-  None of county is shortage area
-  Metro areas
(50% or more of population in urban area, or have at least one urban area of 50,000 or more inhabitants)



Sources: Rural Health Information Hub, ASPE