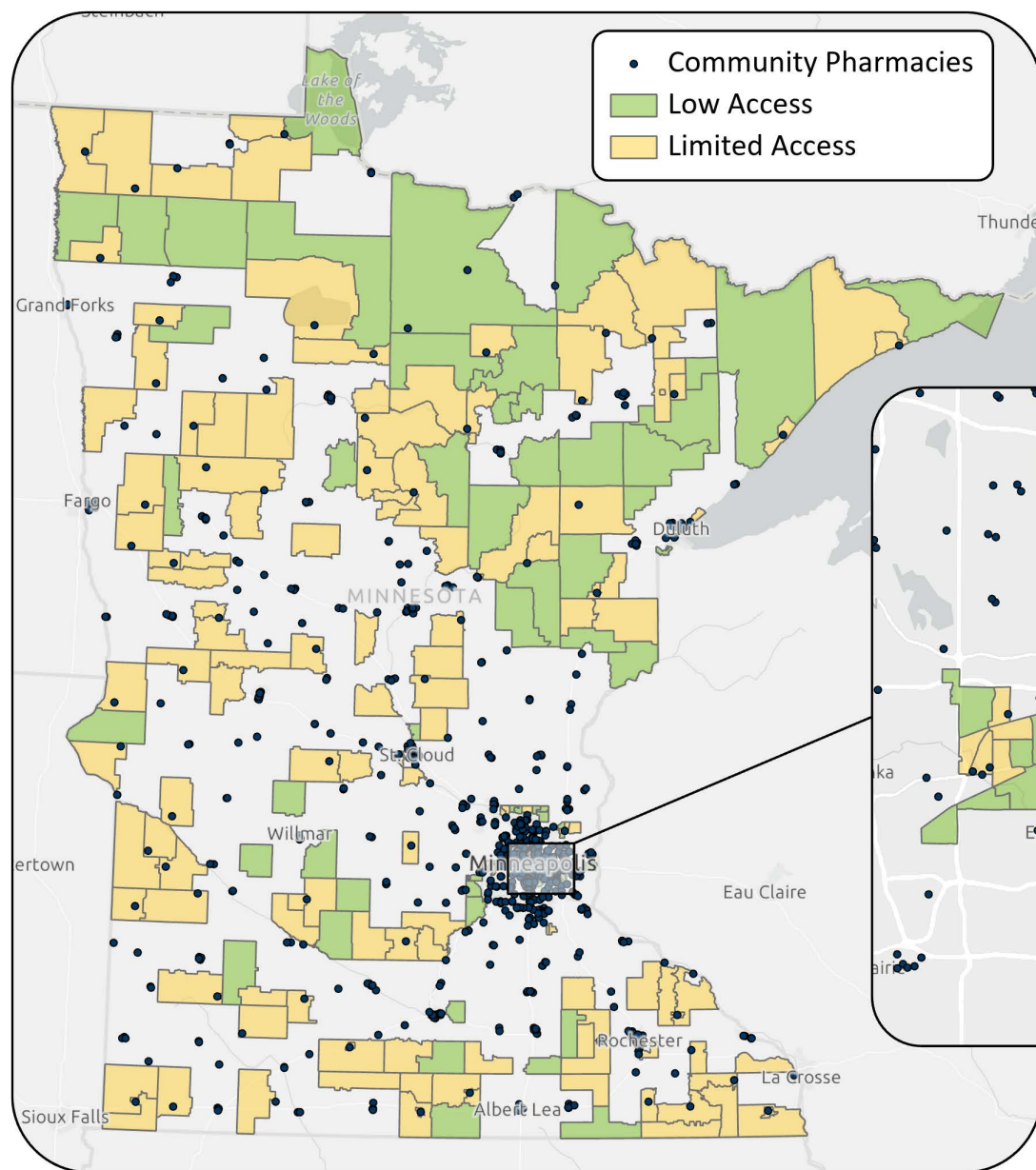
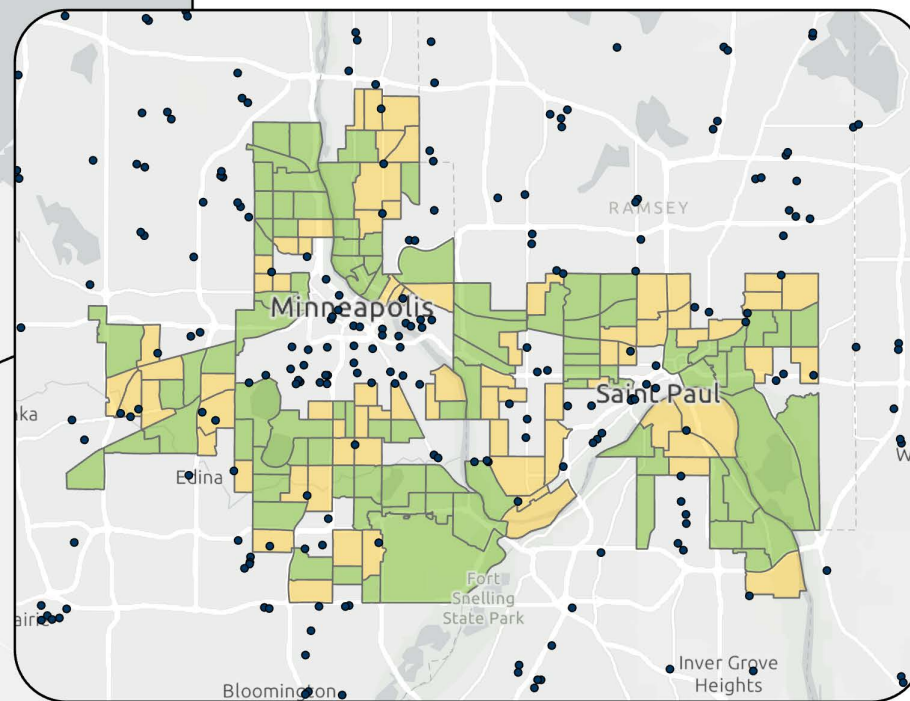


Pharmacy Access Gaps in Minnesota, 2024



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Minnesotans live in areas with low
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Low pharmacy access areas are census tracts where the population center (the point in the census tract around which the population is equally distributed) is more than this distance from the nearest pharmacy:

- Minneapolis/St Paul Urban Core – **1 mile**
 - Including Columbia Heights, Fort Snelling, Hilltop, Hopkins, Minneapolis, Richfield, Robbinsdale, South St. Paul, St. Louis Park, Saint Paul, and West St. Paul ([Thrive MSP 2040 \(https://metro council.org/Planning/Publications-And-Resources/Thrive-MSP-2040-Plan-\(1\)/5_ThriveMSP2040_CommunityDesignations.aspx\)](https://metro council.org/Planning/Publications-And-Resources/Thrive-MSP-2040-Plan-(1)/5_ThriveMSP2040_CommunityDesignations.aspx)).
- Metro Areas (Outer Twin Cities metro, St Cloud, Rochester, Duluth, Moorhead, Mankato) – **5 Miles**
- Non-Metro Areas – **15 Miles**

Limited pharmacy access tracts are only being served by a single pharmacy and would lose access if that pharmacy were to close.

Minnesota Population With Low or Limited Access to Pharmacies, 2024

Region	Total Population	Population with Low Access	Population with Limited Access
Statewide	5,706,494	463,515 (8.1%)	670,091 (11.7%)
Urban Core	926,686	312,761 (33.8%)	267,403 (28.9%)
Metro	2,586,719	64,176 (2.5%)	66,327 (2.6%)
Non-Metro	2,193,089	86,578 (4.0%)	336,361 (15.3%)

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