

# Ohio Physician Shortage Facts

## THE PROBLEM

Physician supply lags patient demand nationally and across Ohio. As supply falls, patients wait longer to see a doctor, and doctors burn out.

### BY 2030

The U.S. is projected to have **120,000 too few** doctors nationally.<sup>1-3</sup>



- ▶ **Nearly 40% of American physicians** will reach retirement age.
- ▶ The United States will face a **shortage of over 120,000 physicians.**
- ▶ **30.5% of Ohio physicians** are within retirement range right now.

Ohio is projected to be **short 681 primary care doctors.**<sup>4-5</sup>



**57 of Ohio's 88 counties** are health professional shortage areas (HPSA).<sup>6-7</sup>

- ▶ **Low-income citizens** are disproportionately affected by these shortages.
- ▶ HPSA designations indicate areas where there are **3,500 or more patients for every one provider.**
- ▶ **2,401,969 Ohio residents** live in an HPSA.



The rural and Appalachian regions of Ohio are **most impacted** by this shortage.<sup>5</sup>

- ▶ **71.3%** of rural and Appalachian residents report inadequate access to health care services as opposed to only **44.9%** of nonrural residents.
- ▶ More than **20%** of rural and Appalachian residents travel at **least 20 miles or 50 minutes** for healthcare services.

Ranked against other states, Ohio's doctor-to-patient ratio is:

**14% worse** for dermatology

**17% worse** in geriatric medicine

**11% worse** in preventative medicine

**20% worse** in psychology

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