

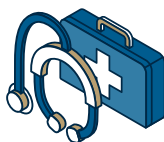
Mississippi Physician Shortage Facts

THE PROBLEM

Physician supply lags patient demand nationally and across Mississippi. 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.¹⁻³



- ▶ **Nearly 40% of American physicians** will reach retirement age.
- ▶ **32.97% of Mississippi physicians** are within retirement range right now.

Mississippi is projected to be **short 3,709 doctors.**⁴⁻⁶



- ▶ Primary care alone is projected to be short **364 providers.**
- ▶ There are only **186 residency slots** in Mississippi for primary care each year.
- ▶ **45.2%** of those residents will practice out of state.

Overall, Mississippi ranks in the **bottom half** of states for primary care and physician supply availability.⁷

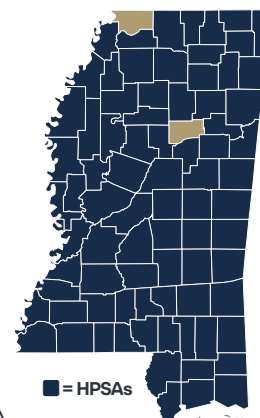
49th in total physician supply

49th in primary physicians

39th in general surgeons

80 of Mississippi's 82 counties are health professional shortage areas (HPSA).⁸⁻⁹

- ▶ **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.**
- ▶ **1,379,002 Mississippi residents** live in a HPSA.



Mississippi's physician-to-patient ratio is 48 percent worse than the national average.

62% worse
in
anesthesiology

74% worse
in
critical care

120% worse
in
infectious disease medicine

67% worse
in
internal medicine

120% worse
in
psychiatry

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