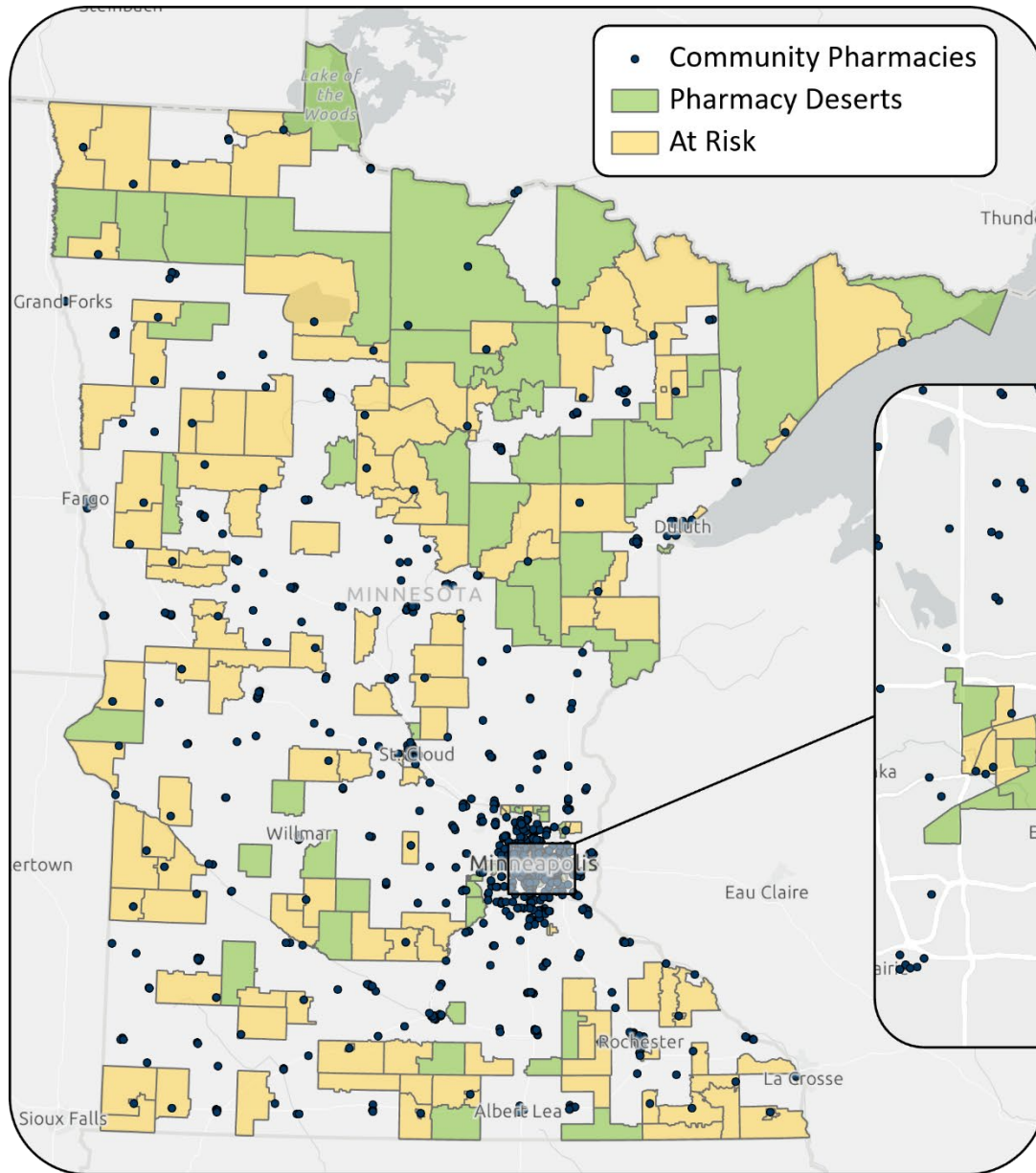
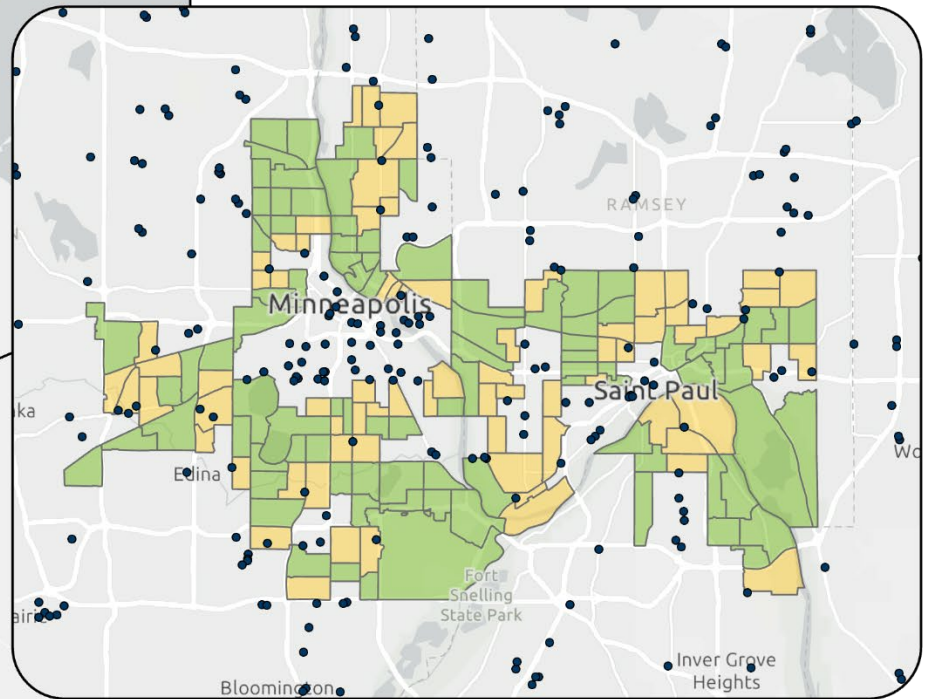




Pharmacy Deserts in Minnesota, 2024



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of becoming pharmacy deserts with the
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Pharmacy deserts 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**

At risk tracts are only being served by a single pharmacy and would become a pharmacy desert if that pharmacy were to close.

Minnesota Population Living in Pharmacy Deserts or Areas at Risk of Becoming Pharmacy Deserts, 2024

Region	Total Population	Population in Pharmacy Desert	Population at Risk
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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