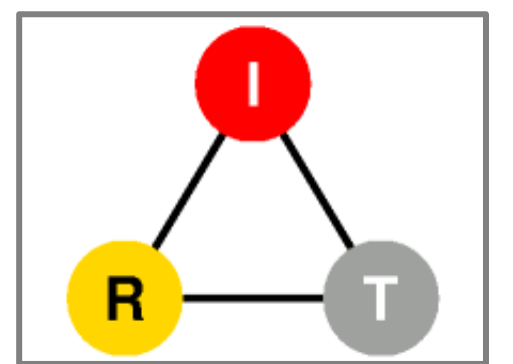




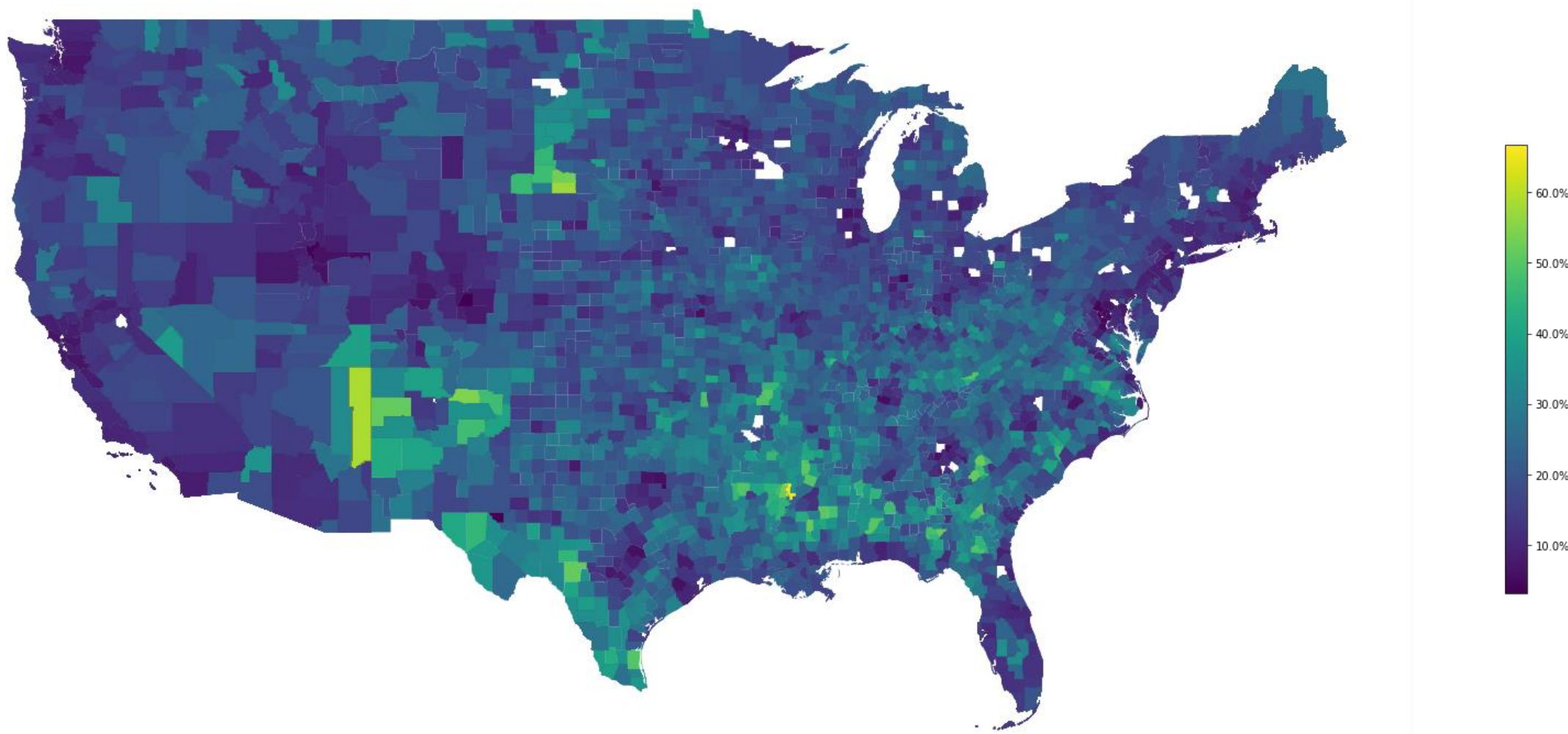
# Broadband Access Inequality on Mental Health Care



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## Percent of Households Without Internet



## Goals And Hypotheses

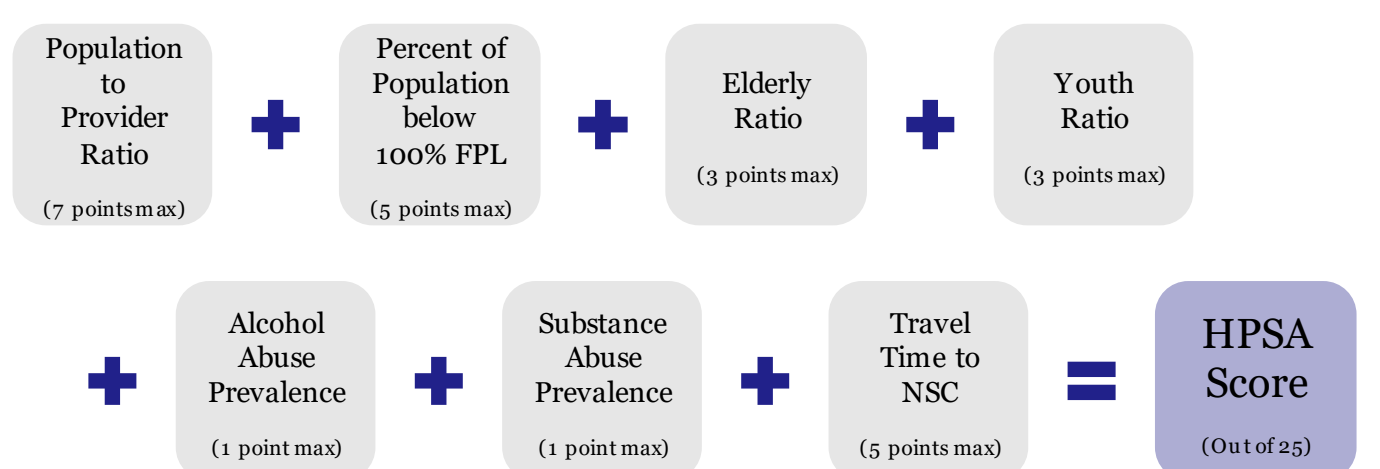
This project aims to determine the relationship between a lack of internet access and a lack of other necessities, specifically mental health care availability.

Mental health care delivered via telehealth is generally

1. Equally as effective as in-person appointments
2. Similar in cost for insurance providers / physicians
3. Effective for many different types of disorders

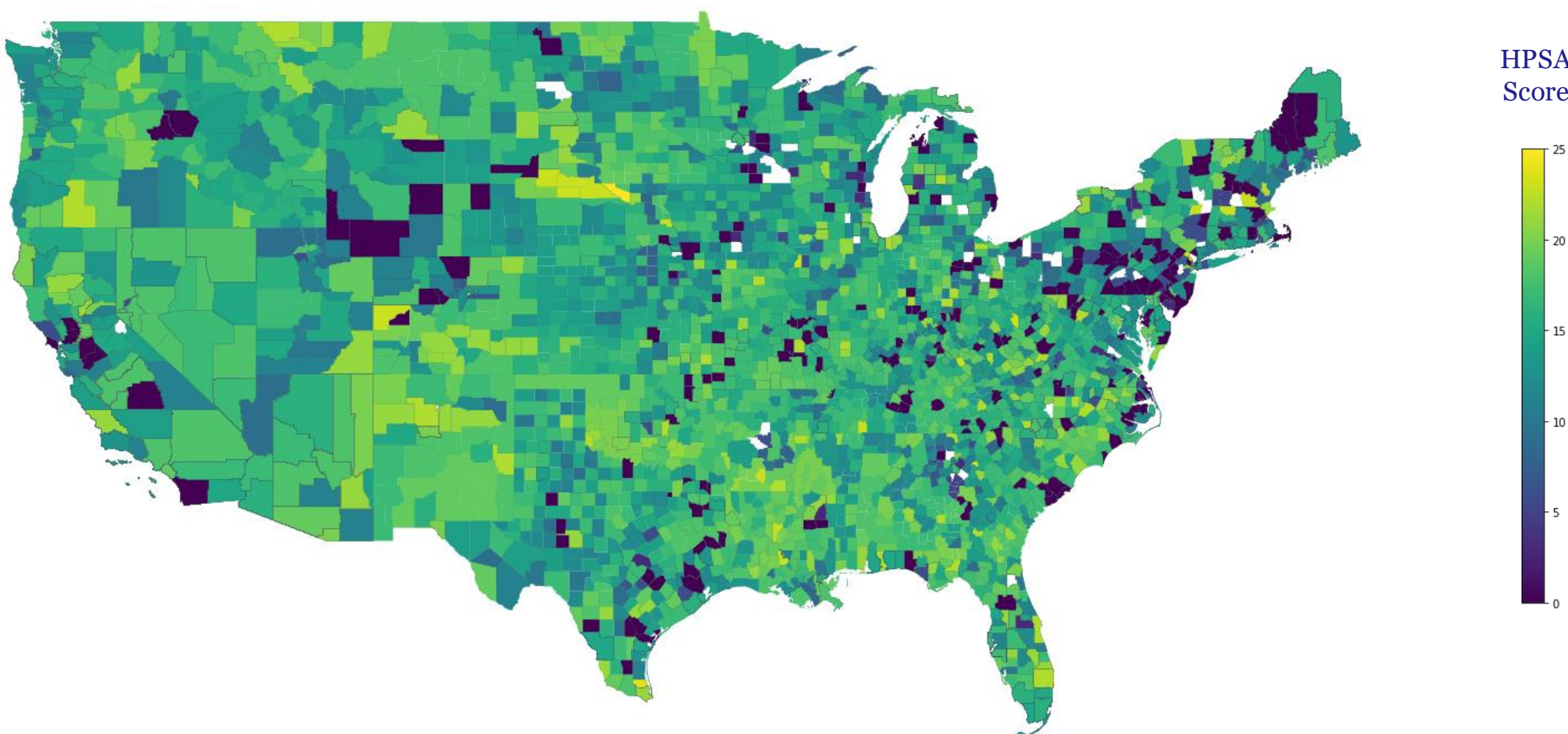


## Determining Mental Health Care Availability



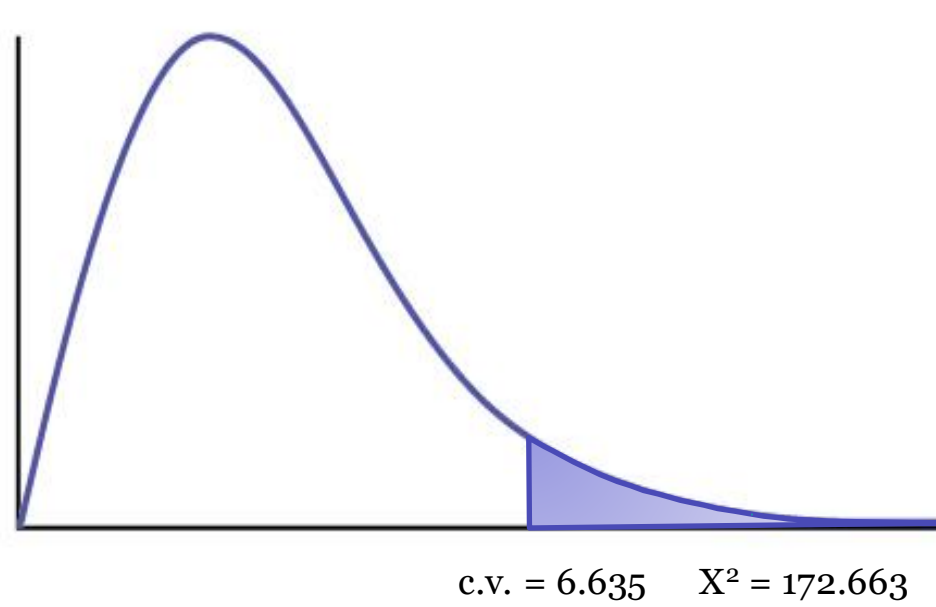
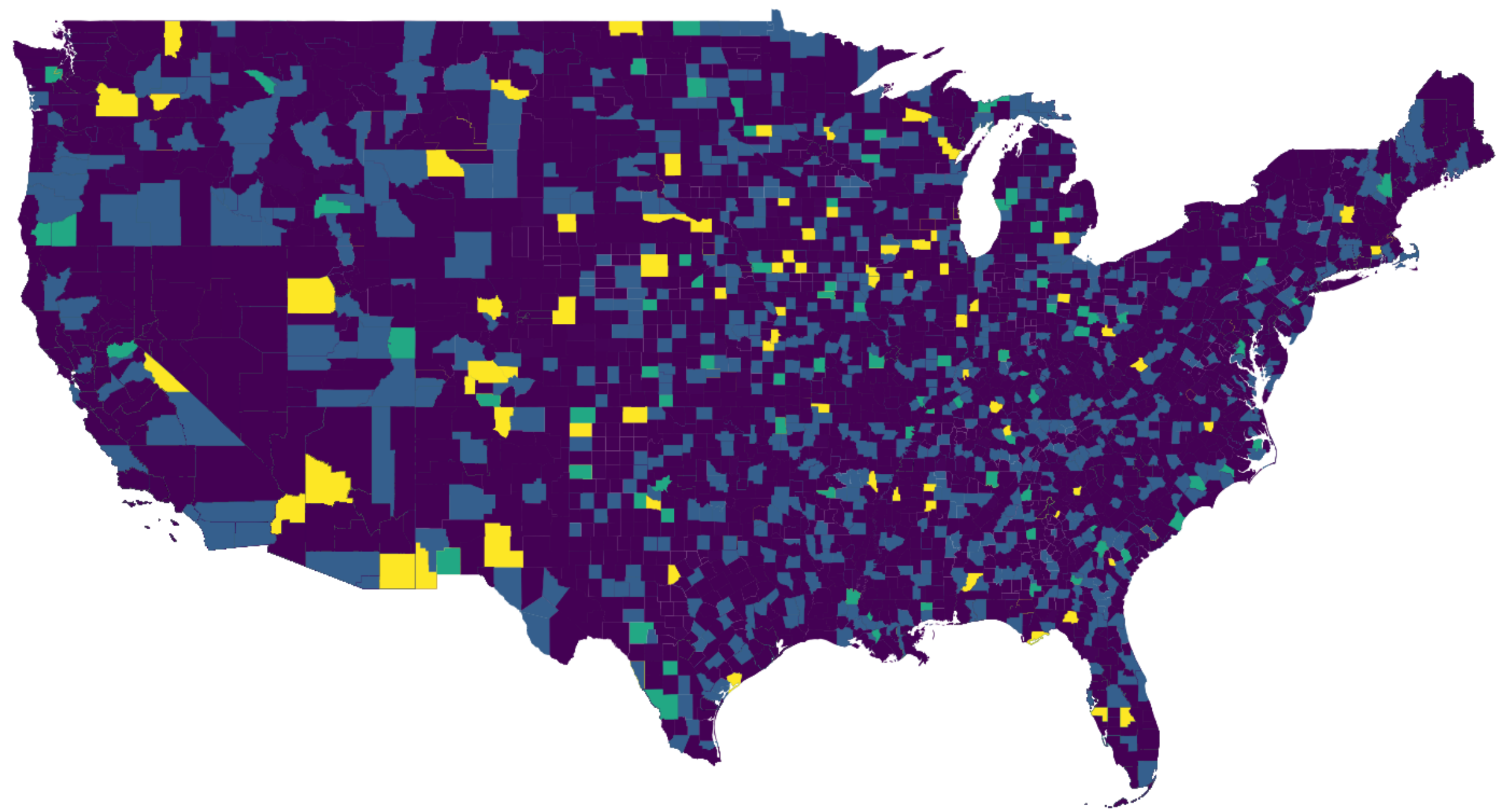
HPSA Scores are developed for use by the National Health Service Corps to determine priorities for the assignment of clinicians. The scores range from 1-25, and the higher the score, the greater the priority.

## Severity of Lack of Mental Health Care



## Intersection Between Mental Health and Broadband Access

- Many Physicians and High Internet Availability
- Many Physicians and Low Internet Availability
- Few Physicians and High Internet Availability
- Few Physicians and Low Internet Availability



## Conclusions and Next Steps

There appears to be an association between broadband access and access to mental health care. However, it is likely due to underlying factors, such as the income levels and rurality of the most affected counties. Regardless, mental health care and internet access go hand in hand. Expansion of broadband into rural areas would allow for greater access to mental health care, as well as many other forms of health care.



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