

Medically Underserved Areas and Populations in Maine 2008

This map shows Medically Underserved Areas and Populations in Maine in 2008. According to the Health Resources and Services Administration Shortage Designation Branch of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Medically Underserved Areas (MUA) may be a whole county or a group of contiguous counties, a group of county or civil divisions or a group of urban census tracts in which residents have a shortage of personal health services. Medically Underserved Populations (MUPs) may include groups of persons who face economic, cultural or linguistic barriers to health care. These federal designations are supplemented by state designations which cover areas or populations that do not meet the federal designation criteria. The Health Resources and Services Administration Shortage Branch also designates Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs, not shown on this map) in the categories of primary care, mental and dental health.

Medically Underserved Areas and Populations data is available from the Maine Office of GIS (<http://megis.maine.gov>) and was compiled by the Maine Office of Rural Health and Primary Care in 2008. Data for counties and major roads were also provided by the Maine Office of GIS. North American Datum 1983 coordinate system. Universal Transverse Mercator Zone 19.

