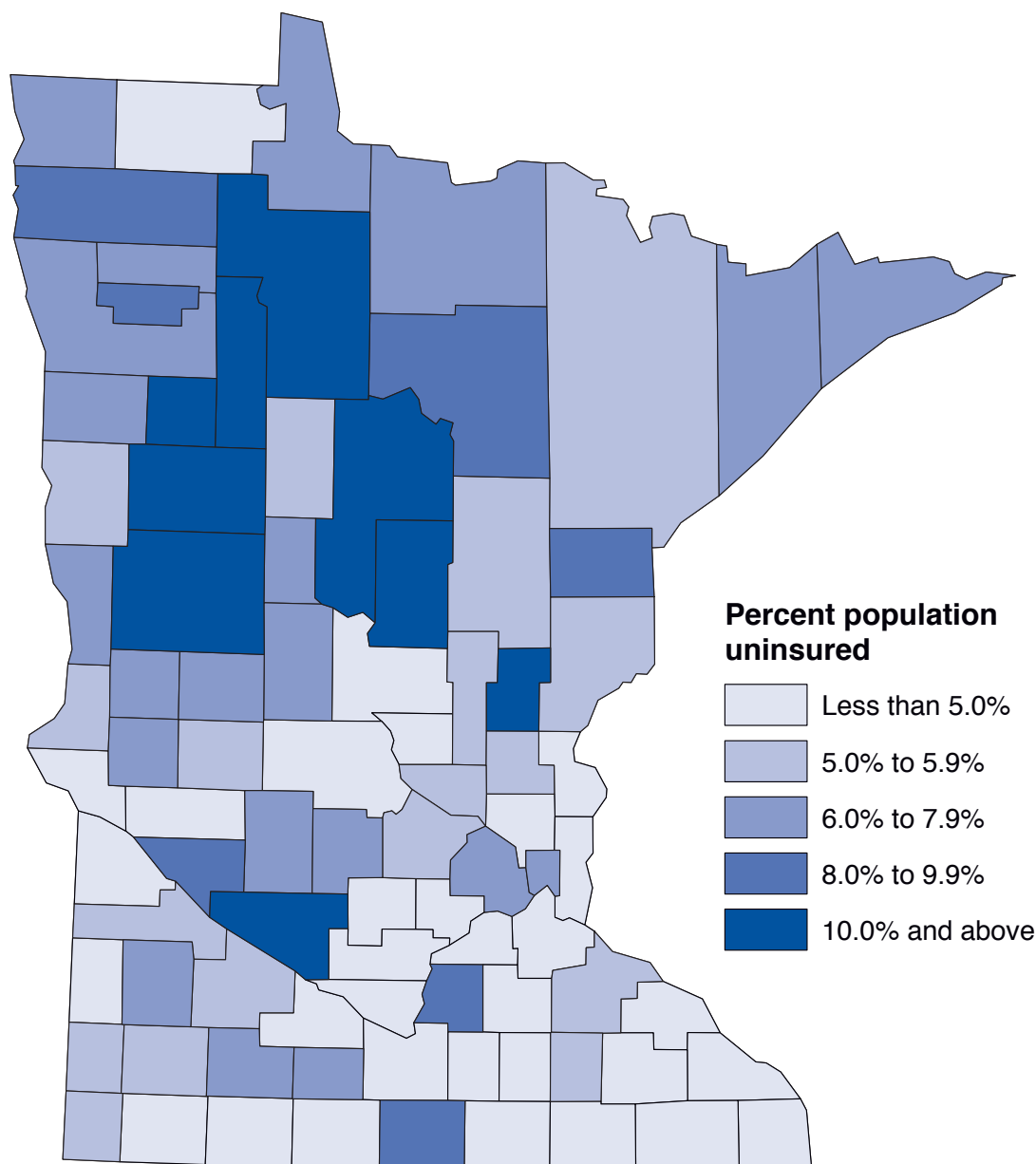


The Uninsured Population, 2002

Access to health insurance is a significant issue in Minnesota, especially in rural areas. While employment is the primary means of accessing health insurance, the cost of health insurance can be unattainably high for small businesses. The Minnesota Department of Health completed a report in 2002 examining the extent of this problem. The findings show that in 2001, the highest rates of uninsured people could be found in northern and western Minnesota.



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