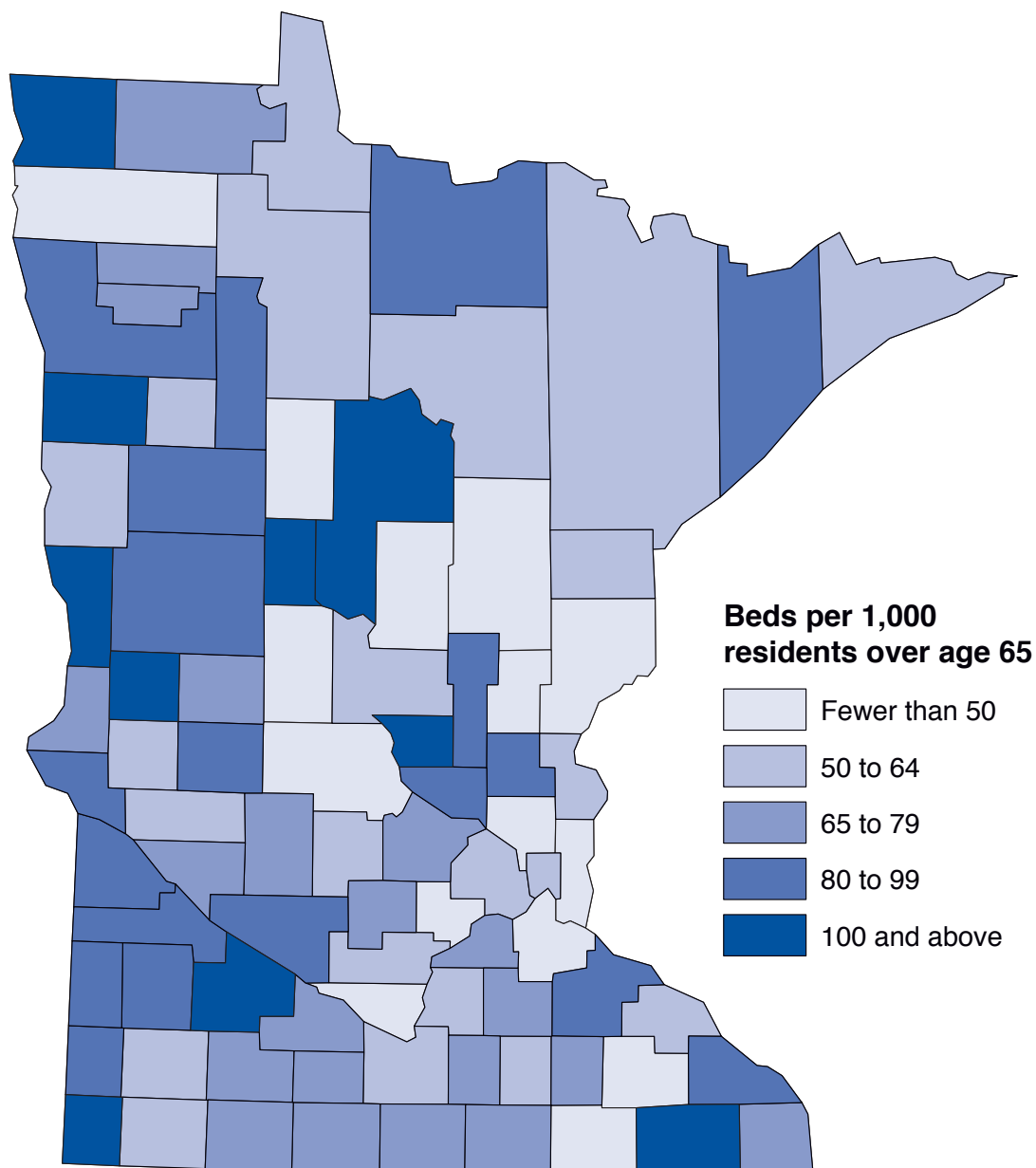


## Nursing Homes, 2003

A shortage of nursing home beds has been an issue for some time in rural Minnesota, where the average age of the population is increasing at a faster rate than in metropolitan Minnesota. Declining population in some counties leads to a higher proportion of nursing home beds there. As younger people leave rural areas, the demand for long-term care facilities for those remaining continues.



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