



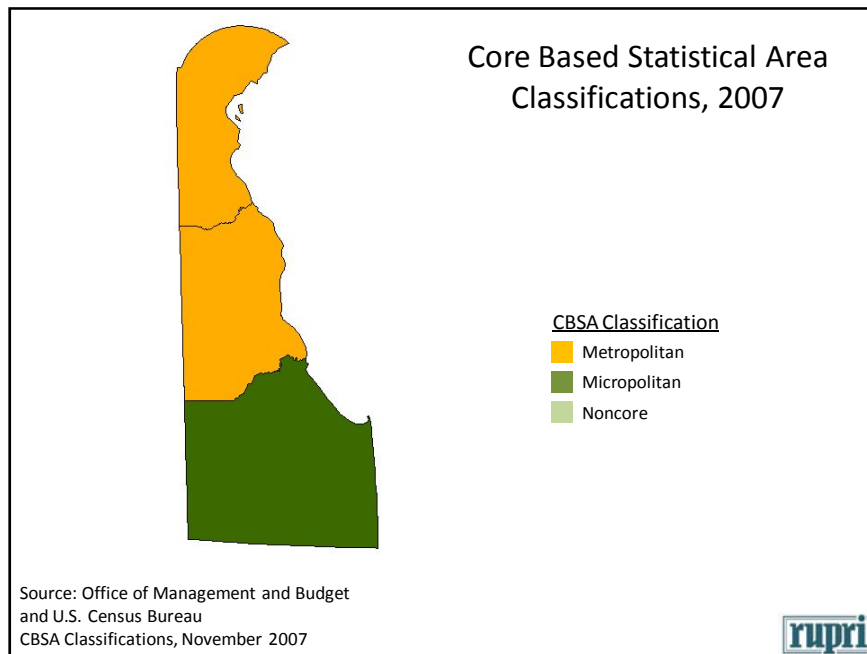
Delaware

Introduction

This profile report provides updated statistics and trends for Delaware. The most recent classifications of core based statistical areas, November 2007, are utilized throughout the report in comparisons of metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas. This report includes updated data on population trends and racial and ethnic composition of the population (2007), updated estimates of county poverty rates (2007), county unemployment rates (2007), and per capita income data (2006). The report also includes some new indicators of entrepreneurship, classifications of health professional shortage areas, and infant mortality rates.

Metro and Nonmetro Counties

Based on county Core Based Statistical Area classifications, there are 2 metropolitan counties in Delaware, and 1 micropolitan county. There are no noncore counties in Delaware. Based on population estimates for 2007, 79 percent of Delaware residents live in metropolitan areas, and 21 percent live in the micropolitan county.



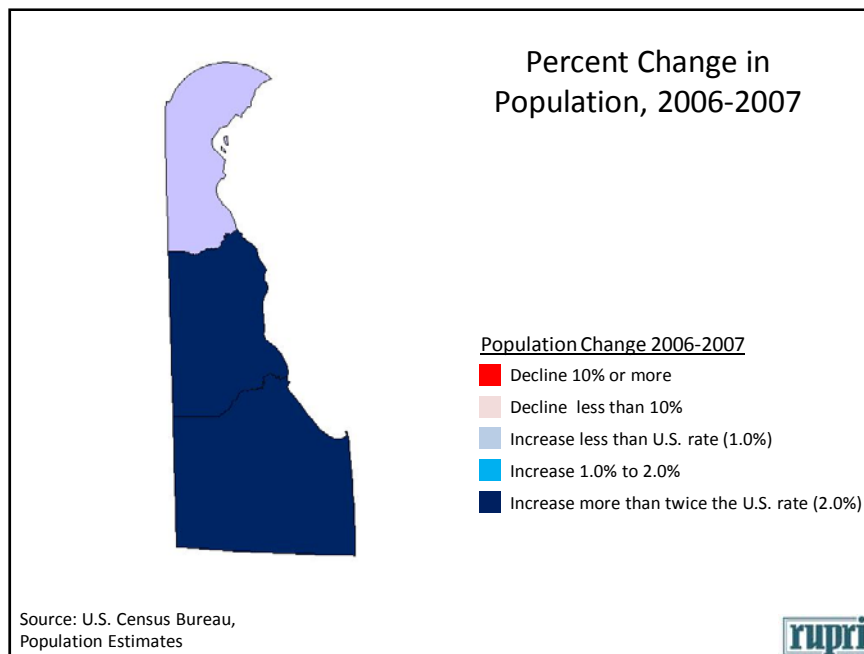
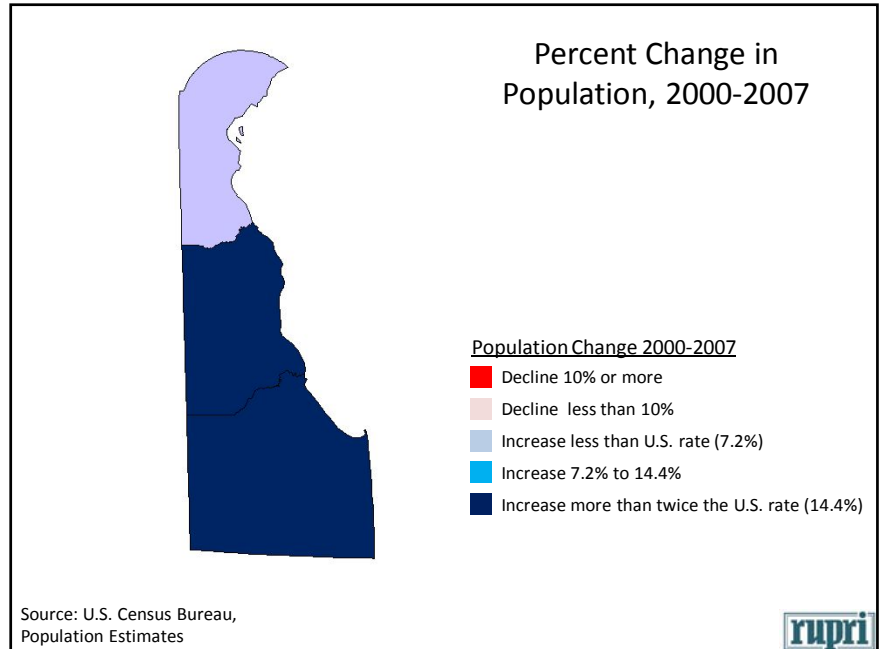
Population Change

Since the 2000 Census, population increased 7.2 percent in the U.S., and 10.4 percent in Delaware. Within Delaware, the fastest growth was in the micropolitan county. From 2006 to 2007, the U.S. population grew by one percent, while the Delaware population increased by 1.4 percent.

	<u>2000-2007</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>
U.S.	7.2%	1.0%
Delaware	10.4%	1.4%
Metropolitan	8.5%	1.2%
Micropolitan	17.7%	2.4%
Noncore	n/a	n/a

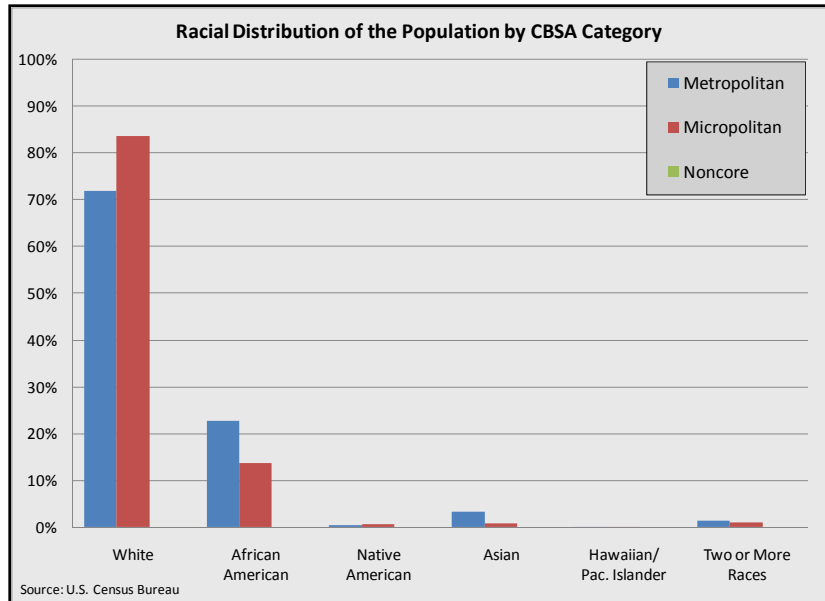
source: U.S. Census Bureau

No counties in Delaware lost population from 2000 to 2007 or from 2006 to 2007. In both time periods, the fastest growth was in Kent County, representing the Dover Metropolitan Area.



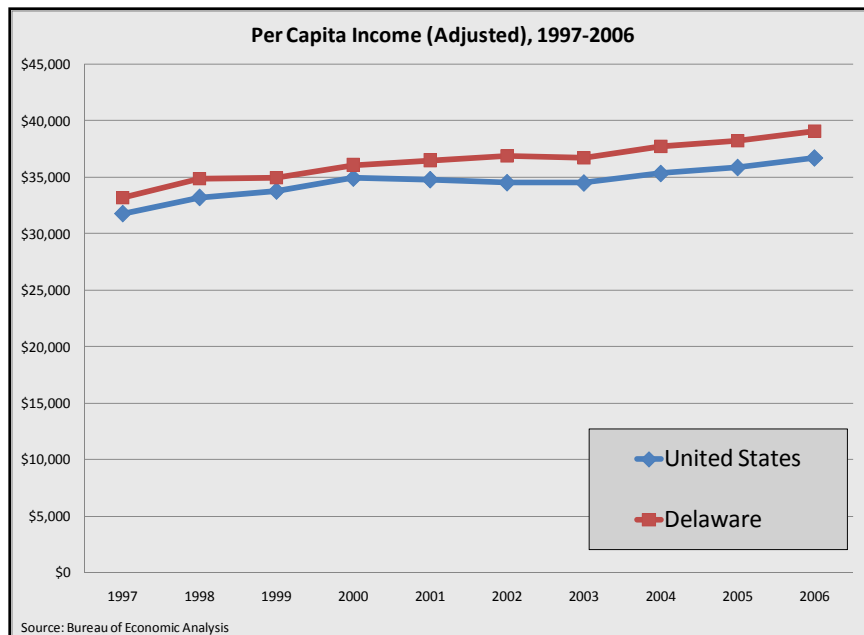
Racial and Ethnic Composition of the Population

The racial composition of the population is shown in the bar chart to the right. It is important to note that the population of any given race includes those of Hispanic ethnicity. Each racial category presented in the chart includes both Hispanics and non Hispanics of that race. The population of Delaware is 74.4 percent white and 20.9 percent African American. People of Hispanic origin make up 6.5 percent of Delaware's population.

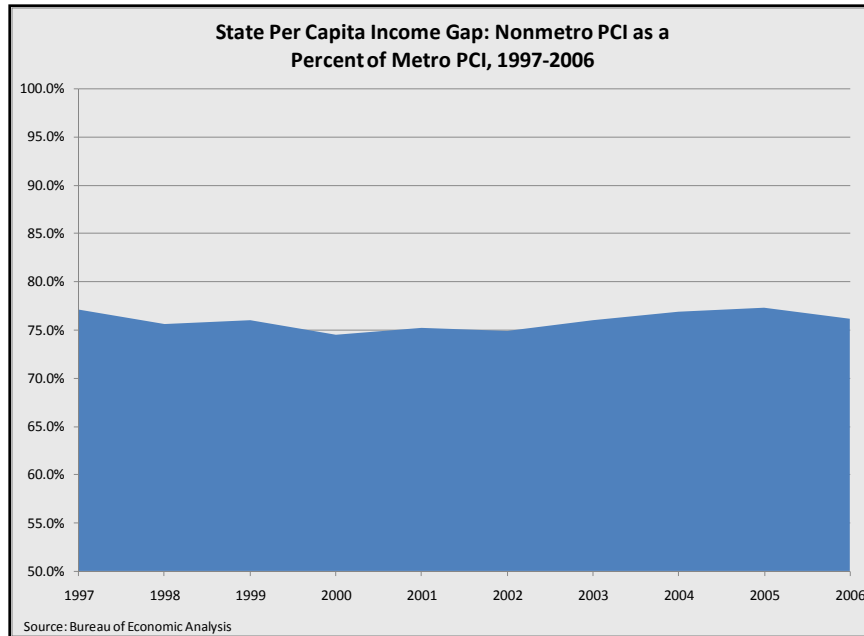


Per Capita Income

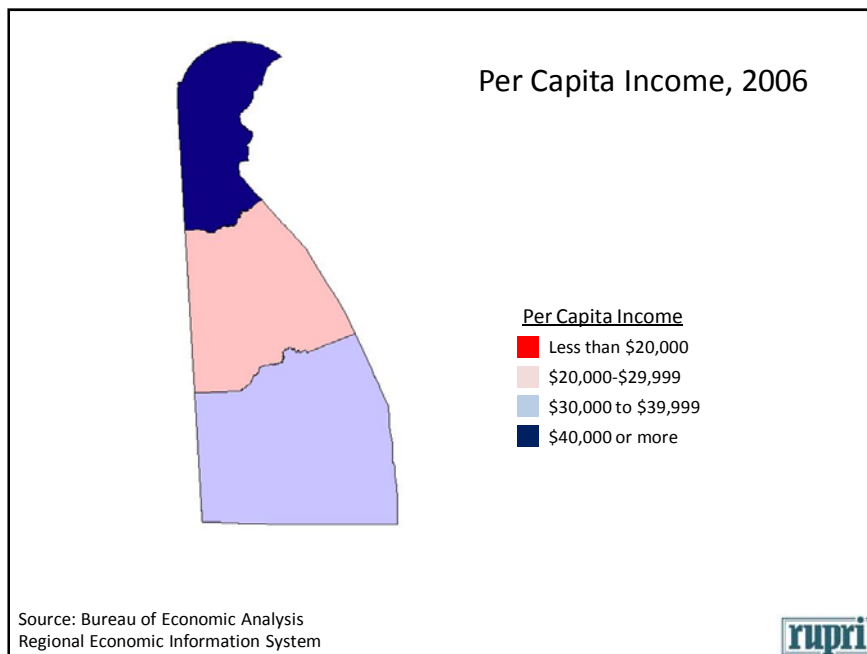
Per capita income in Delaware has followed a similar trend as the nation over the past 10 years, with Delaware's income slightly exceeding the U.S. income. In 2006 per capita income was \$36,714 in the U.S. and \$39,131 in Delaware.



Within Delaware, the overall per capita income in the metro areas exceeds that of the micropolitan area by nearly \$10,000. In 2006, metro per capita income was \$41,204, compared to \$31,385 in the micropolitan area. Within the two metro counties, however, the income in New Castle County (\$44,754) exceeds that of Kent County (\$28,626).

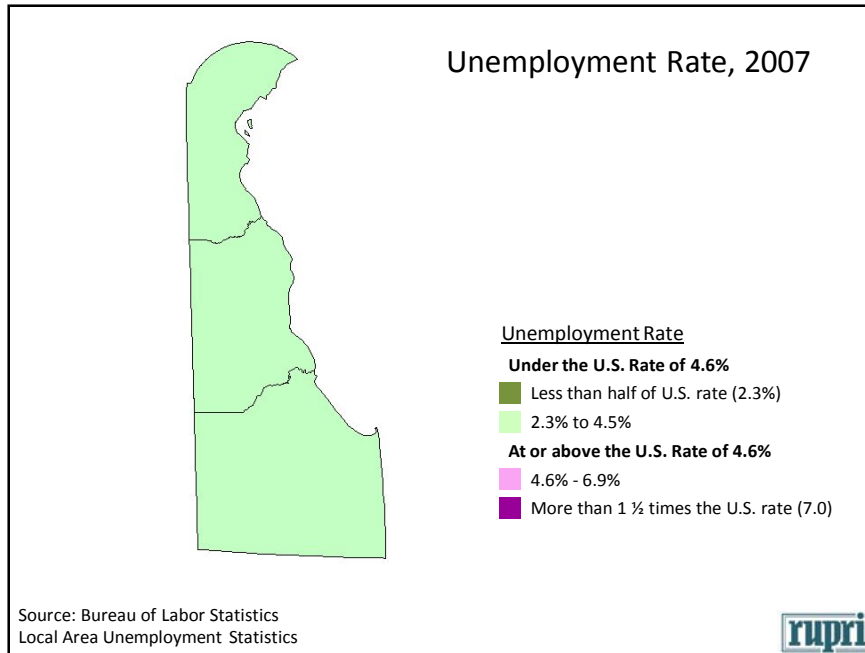


Within Delaware, per capita income ranged from \$28,616 in Kent County to \$44,754 in New Castle County.



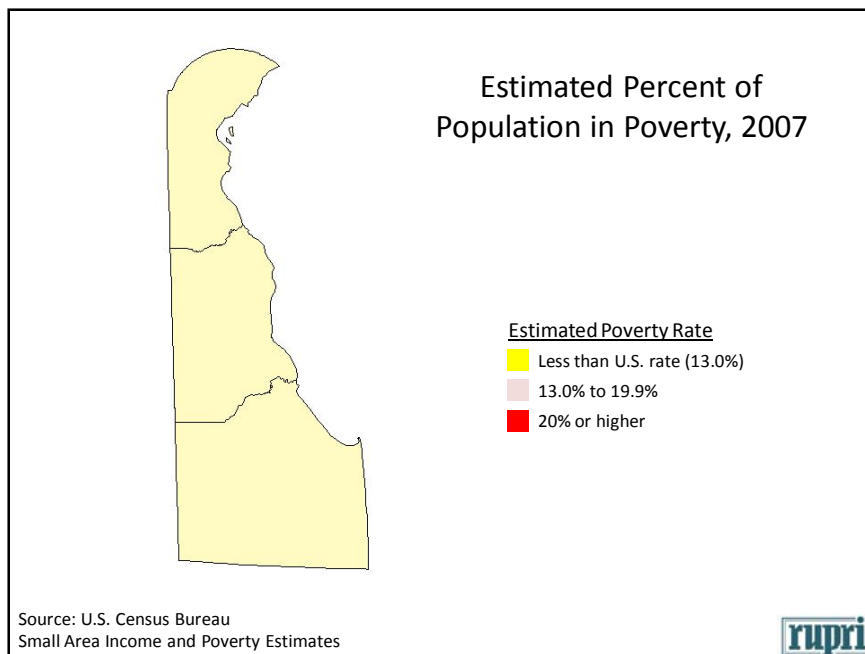
Unemployment

The 2007 unemployment rate was 4.6 percent in the U.S. and 3.4 percent in Delaware. Unemployment was below the U.S. average in each of Delaware's three counties.



Poverty

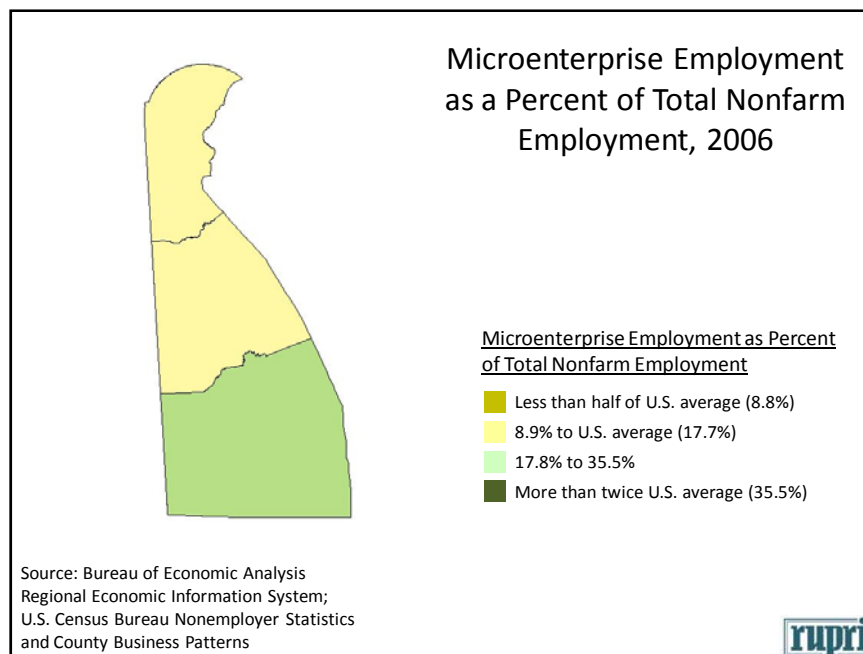
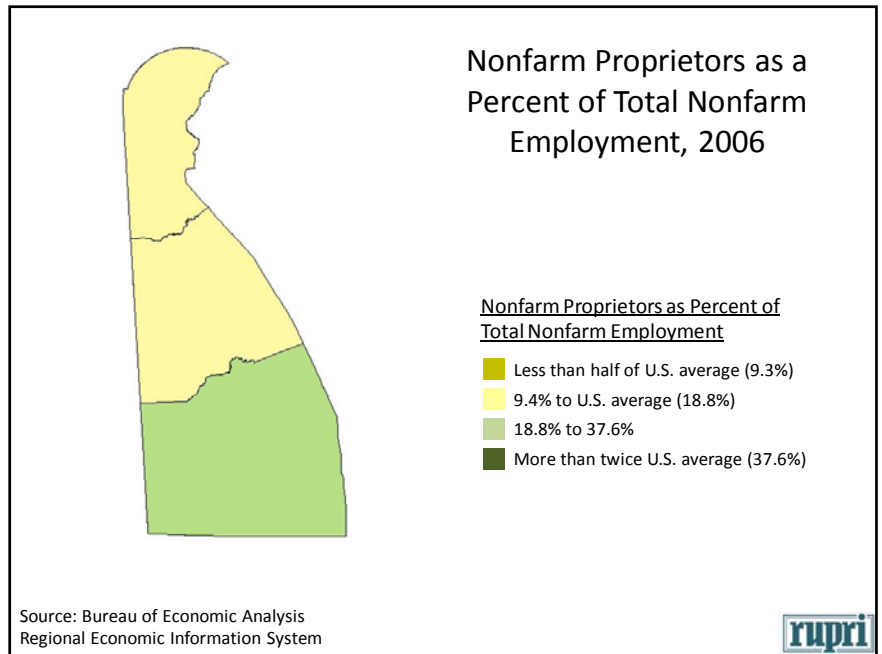
Poverty estimates for 2007 show that the poverty rate in the U.S. was 13 percent, compared to 10.3 percent in Delaware. The poverty rate was lower than the U.S. average in each of Delaware's three counties.



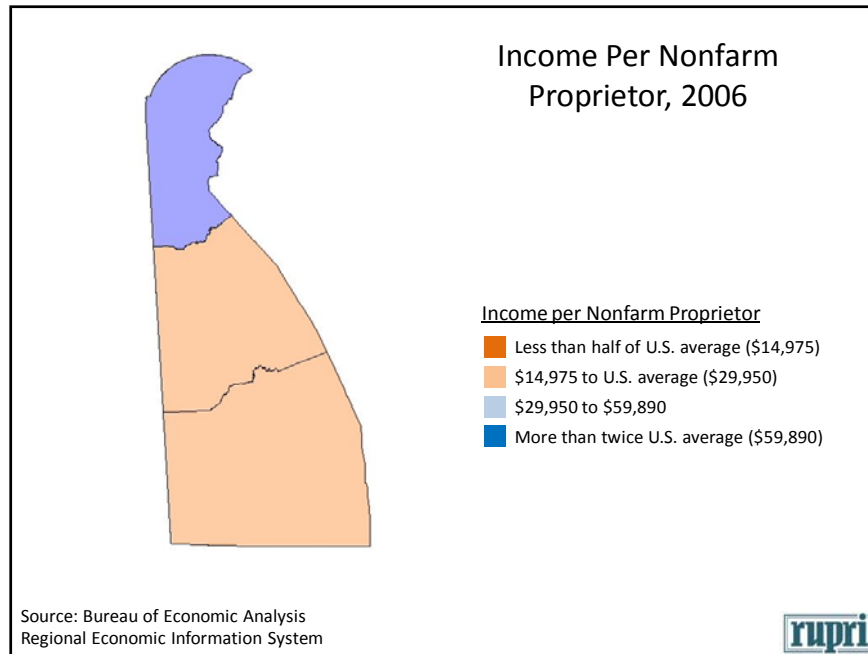
Entrepreneurship Indicators

Entrepreneurship plays a key role in the economic development of communities, but entrepreneurship is a difficult concept to measure. Four indicators of entrepreneurship are presented here: (1) nonfarm proprietors as a proportion of total nonfarm employment and (2) microenterprise employment (calculated as the number of self employed individuals plus the number of employees in establishments with less than 5 employees) as a proportion of total nonfarm employment; (3) income per nonfarm proprietor; and (4) nonfarm proprietors income as a proportion of county total personal income.

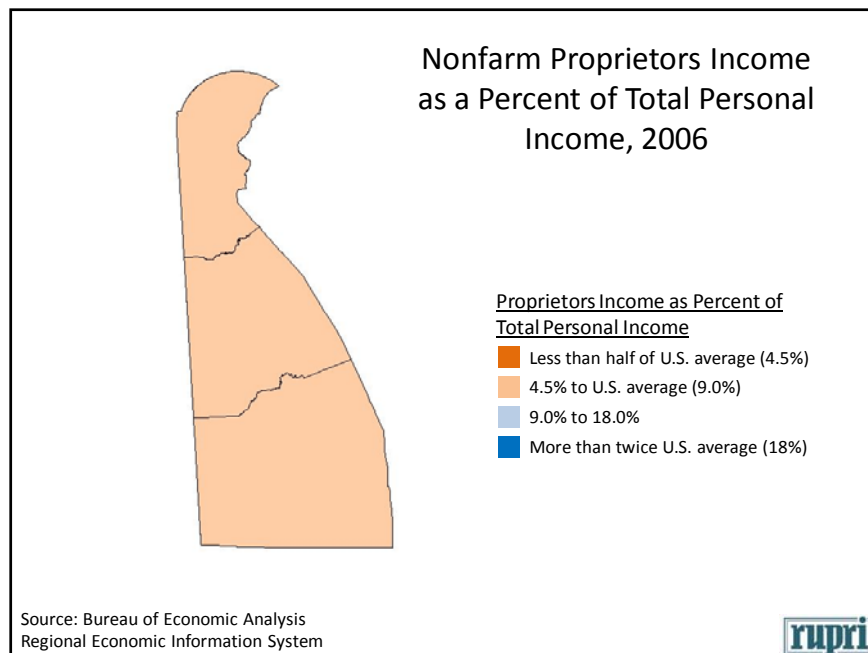
Nationally, nonfarm proprietor employment accounts for 18.8 percent of total nonfarm employment. In Delaware, this figure is 15.9 percent, and within Delaware, this figure ranges from 14.1 percent to 21.2 percent. Microenterprise employment represents 17.7 percent of U.S. nonfarm employment and 16.6 percent of Delaware nonfarm employment. Within Delaware, this ranges from 15.2 percent to 22.0 percent.



Average income per proprietor in the U.S was \$29,950, compared to \$30,384 in Delaware. Within Delaware, this ranged from \$15,019 per proprietor to \$41,154 per proprietor.



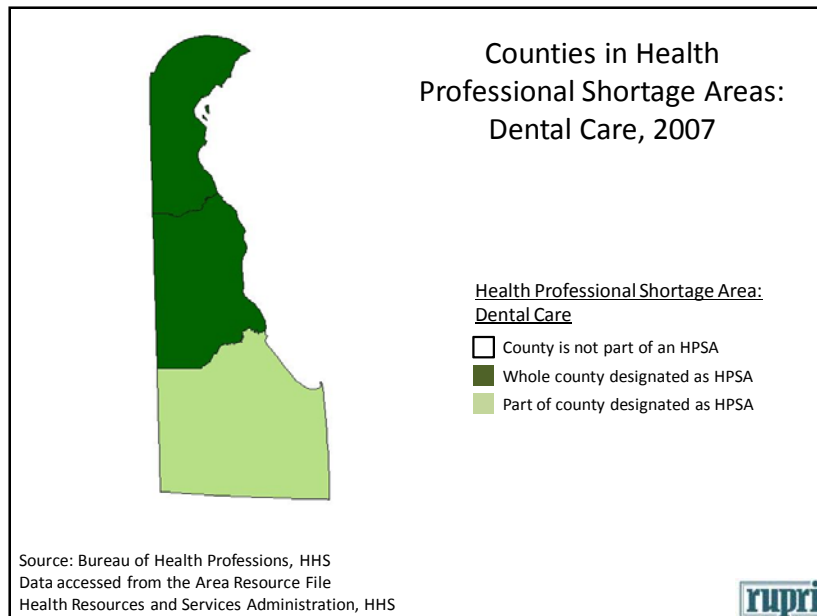
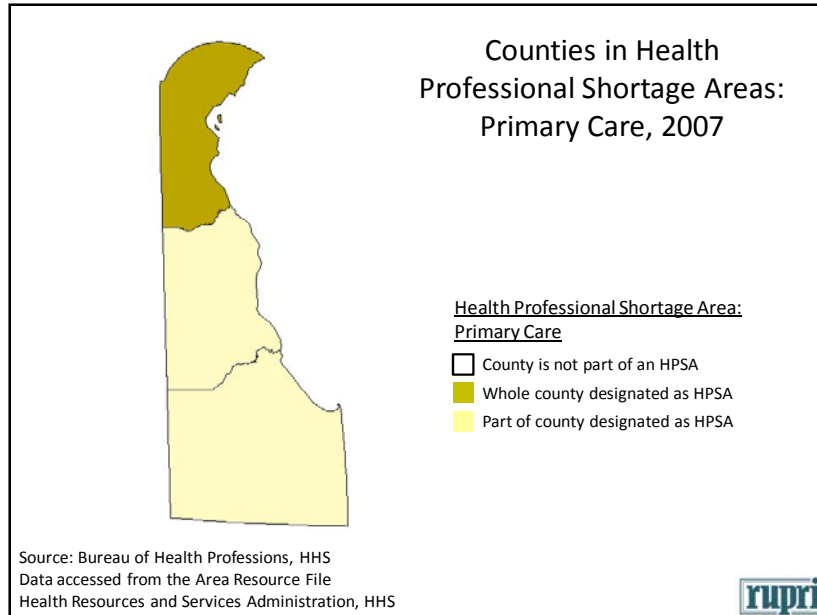
Nationally, nonfarm proprietors income accounted for 9 percent of total personal income. In Delaware, this figure was 7.8 percent, and ranged from 5.2 percent to 8.8 percent in Delaware counties.

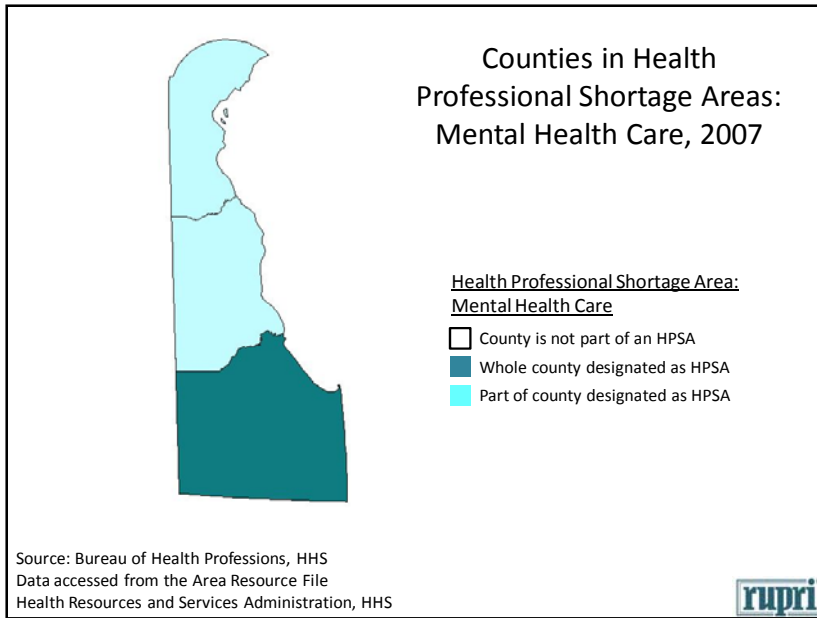


Health Professional Shortage Areas

Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) are designated for primary medical care, dentists, and mental health professionals. The designations are made by the Bureau of Health Professions within the Department of Health and Human Services. The maps below present the status of counties as being whole or in part designated as part of an HPSA.

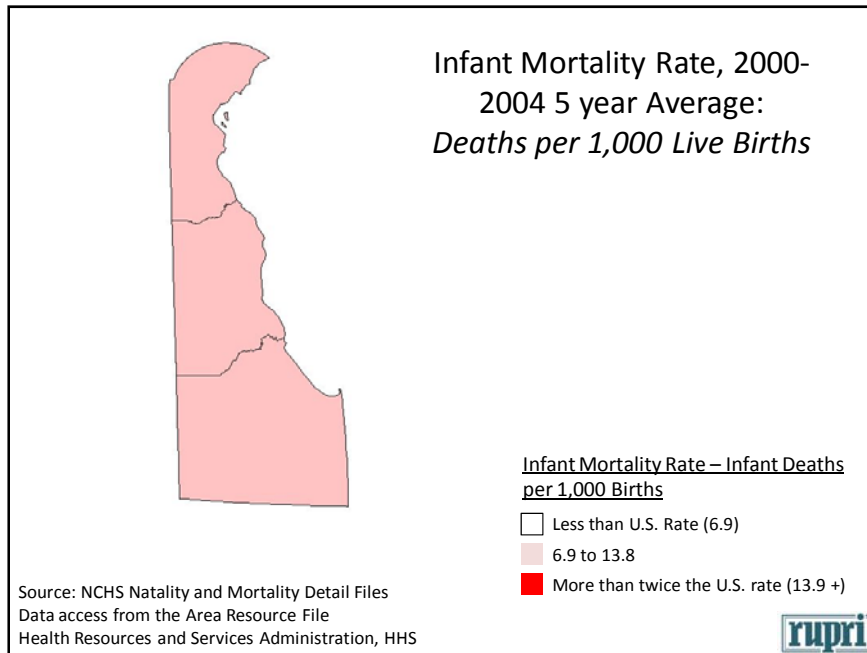
Within Delaware, all 3 counties were either whole or in part designated as HPSAs for primary, dental, and mental health care.





Infant Mortality

The infant mortality rates are a 5 year average of infant deaths per 1,000 live births. The infant mortality rate is 9 for the U.S. and 9.3 for Delaware. All three counties in Delaware had a higher infant mortality rate than the U.S. average.



Data Sources:

Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System

<http://www.bea.gov/beat/regional/reis/>

Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

<http://www.bls.gov/lau/home.htm>

**Department of Health and Human Services , Health Resources and Services Administration
Area Resource File**

<http://www.arfsys.com/>

U.S. Census Bureau

Population Estimates

<http://www.census.gov/popest/estimates.php>

Metropolitan and Micropolitan Area Classifications

<http://www.census.gov/population/www/estimates/metrodef.html>

Nonemployer Statistics

<http://www.census.gov/epcd/nonemployer/>

County Business Patterns

<http://www.census.gov/epcd/cbp/index.html>

Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates

<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/saipe/saipe.html>

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<http://ims2.missouri.edu/step1.AOI/Delawarelist.asp>

This three step map-making process allows you to select from over 500 GIS layers and create custom maps for your Delaware or the whole U.S.

Step 1: In the first step, select your Delaware of interest or the whole U.S.



Step 2: Select the indicators you would like to see mapped. Included are over 500 data layers, including demographic and economic indicators, health and human services indicators, health and education facility locations, emergency preparedness, and many others. We are working constantly to keep these data sets as up to date as possible.

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