



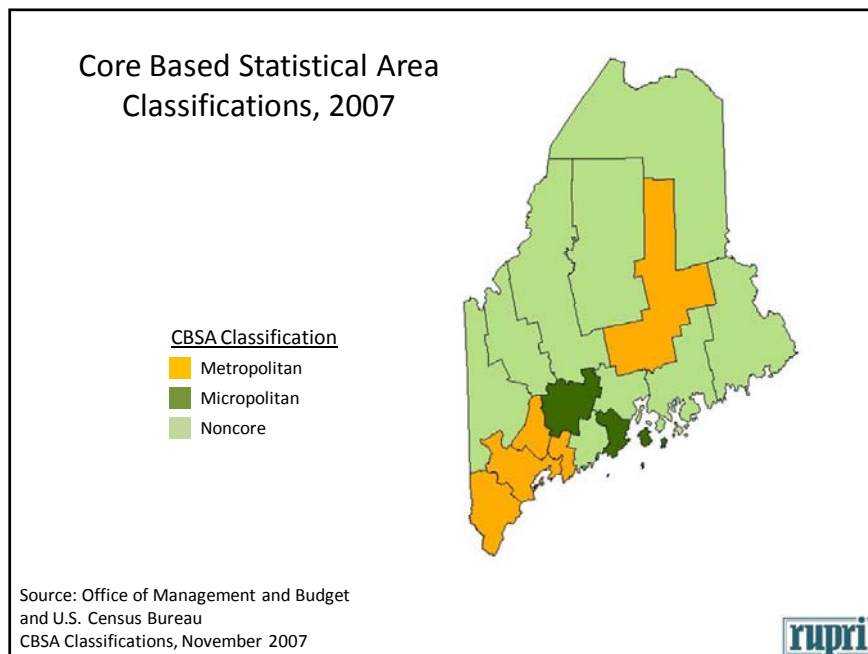
Maine

Introduction

This profile report provides updated statistics and trends for Maine. 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 (2005), 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 5 metropolitan counties in Maine, 2 micropolitan counties, and 9 noncore counties. Based on population estimates for 2007, 58 percent of Maine residents live in metropolitan areas, 12 percent live in micropolitan areas, and 30 percent live in noncore areas.



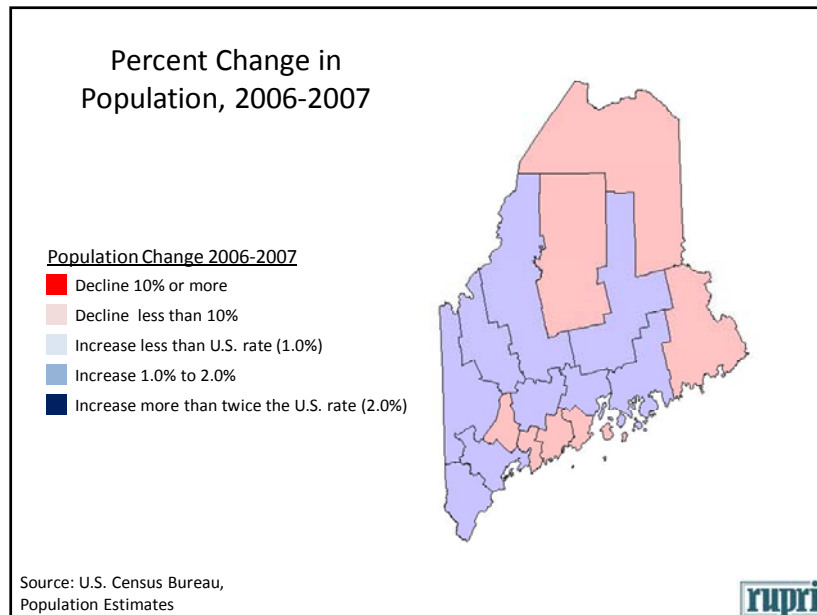
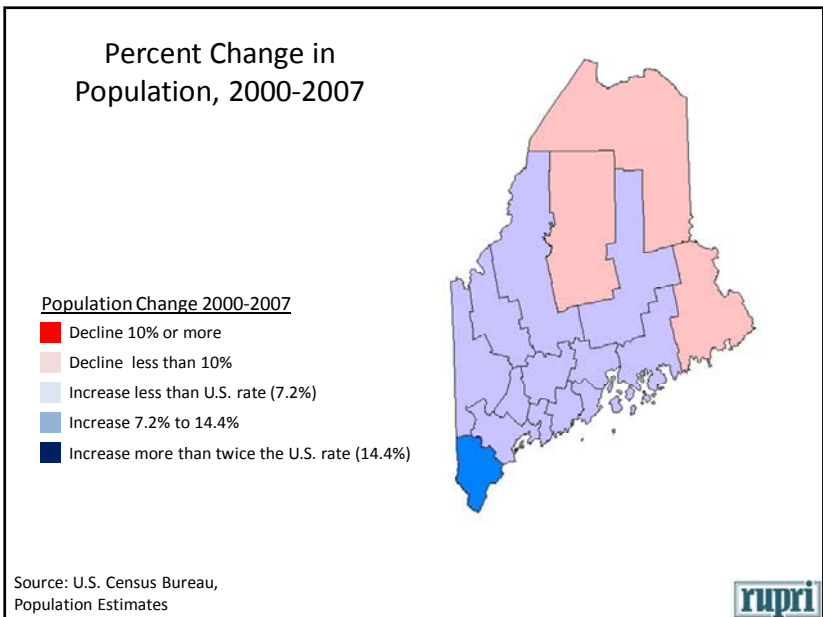
Population Change

Since the 2000 Census, population increased 7.2 percent in the U.S., and 3.3 percent in Maine. Within Maine, the fastest growth was in the metropolitan areas, and noncore areas experienced the slowest rate of growth. From 2006 to 2007, the U.S. population grew by one percent, while the Maine population increased by 0.2 percent.

Percent Change in Population		
	<u>2000-2007</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>
U.S.	7.2%	1.0%
Maine	3.3%	0.2%
Metropolitan	4.4%	0.2%
Micropolitan	3.1%	0.1%
Noncore	1.3%	0.1%

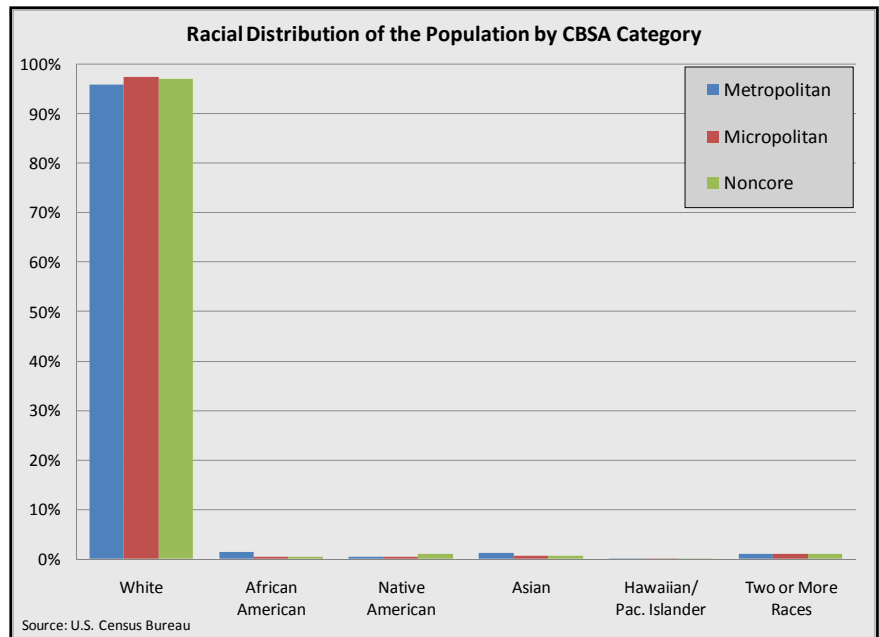
source: U.S. Census Bureau

From 2000 to 2007, 3 counties in Maine lost population, all of them noncore counties. From 2006 to 2007, 7 Maine counties lost population, 2 metropolitan, 1 micropolitan, and 4 noncore counties. The fastest growth from 2000 to 2007 was in York County, and from 2006-2007 was in Penobscot County. Both counties are metropolitan.



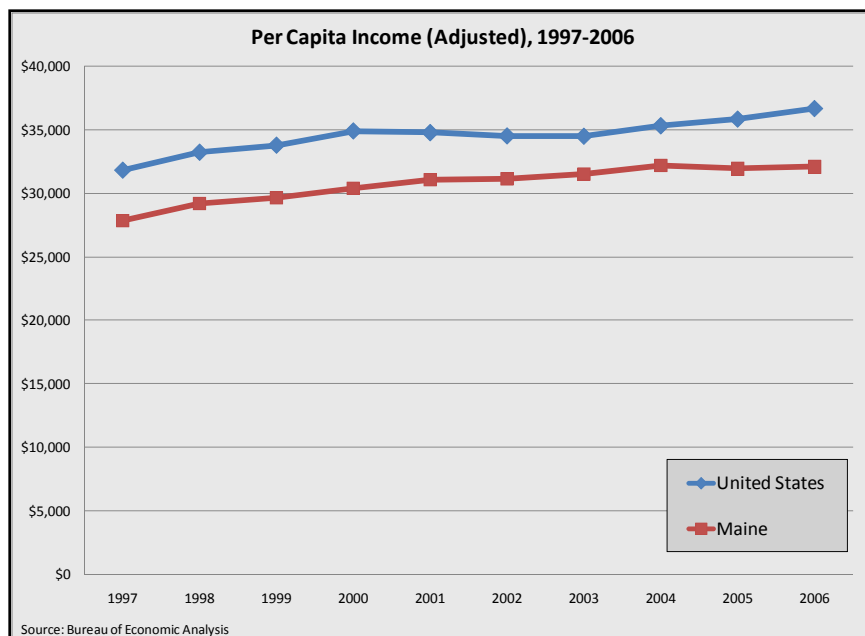
Racial and Ethnic Composition of the Population

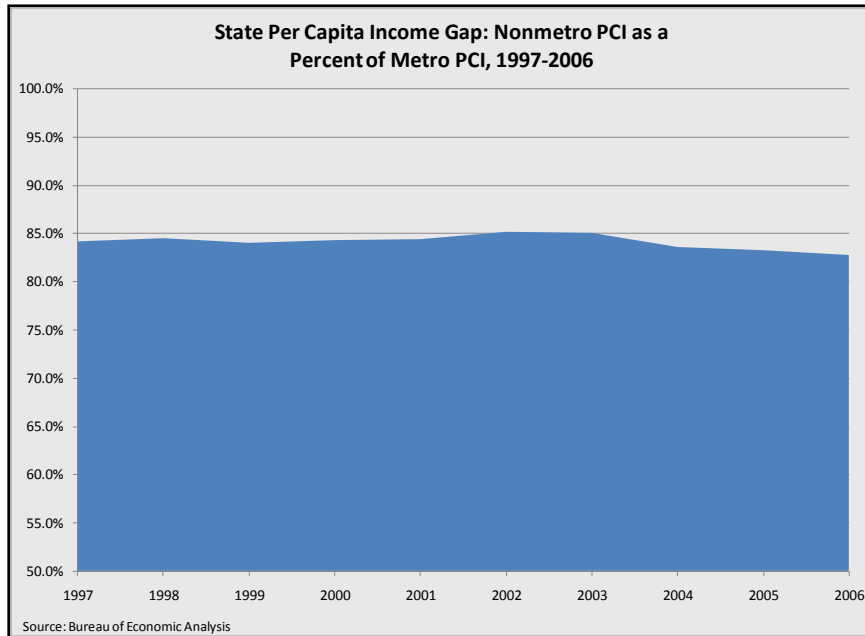
The racial composition of the population is shown in the bar chart to the right. It is important to note that the population of any given race includes those of Hispanic ethnicity. Each racial category presented in the chart includes both Hispanics and non Hispanics of that race. The population of Maine is 96.5 percent white, and is also 1.2 percent Hispanic.



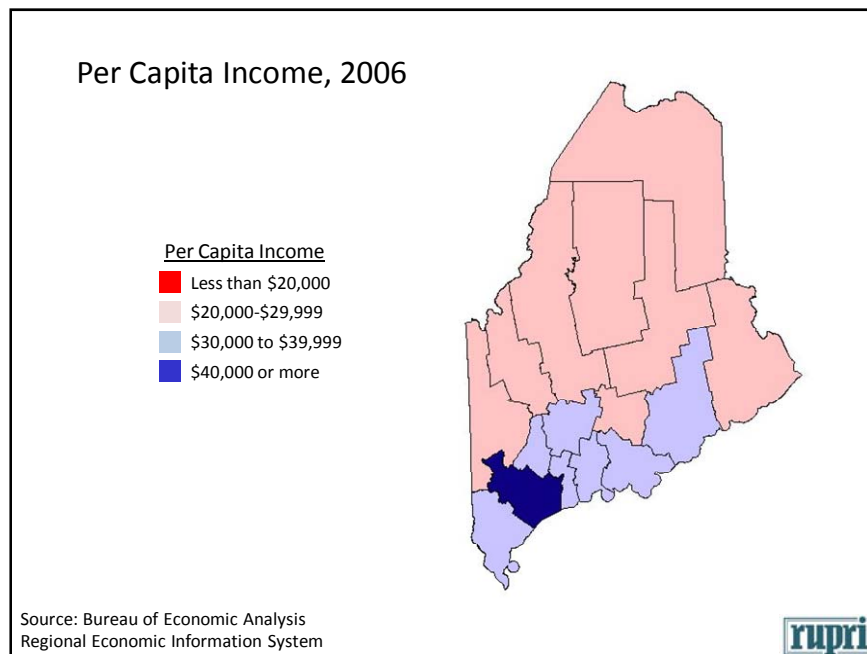
Per Capita Income

Per capita income in Maine has followed a similar trend as the nation over the past 10 years, with Maine's income lagging slightly behind the U.S. income. In 2006 per capita income was \$36,714 in the U.S. and \$32,095 in Maine. The per capita income gap in Maine has also persisted over the past 10 years. In 2006, nonmetropolitan per capita income was 82.8 percent of metro per capita income in Maine. The per capita income in nonmetro areas was about \$6,000 less than in metro areas (\$28,618 compared to \$34,580).



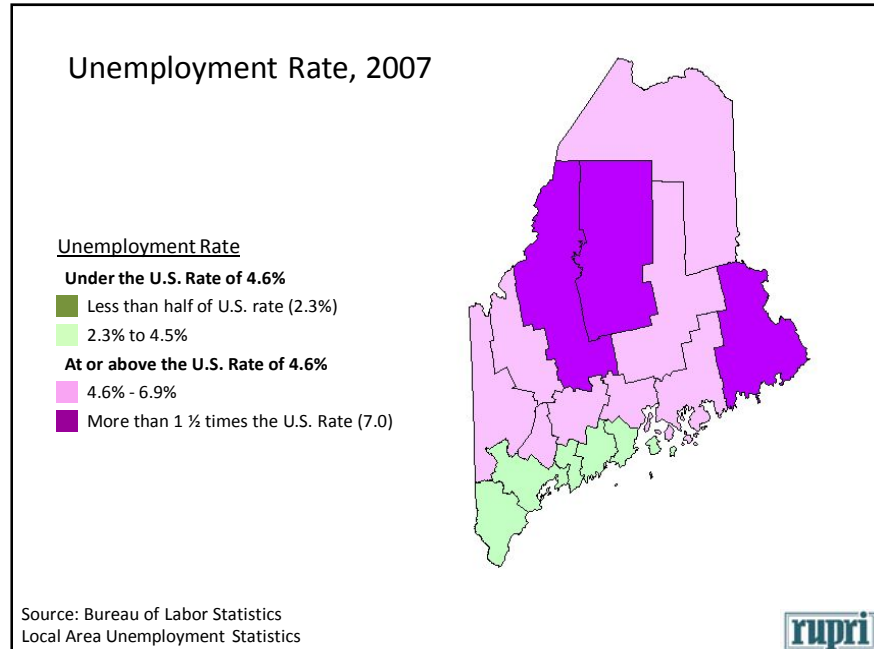


Within Maine, per capita income ranged from \$25,393 in Oxford County to \$40,423 in Cumberland County.



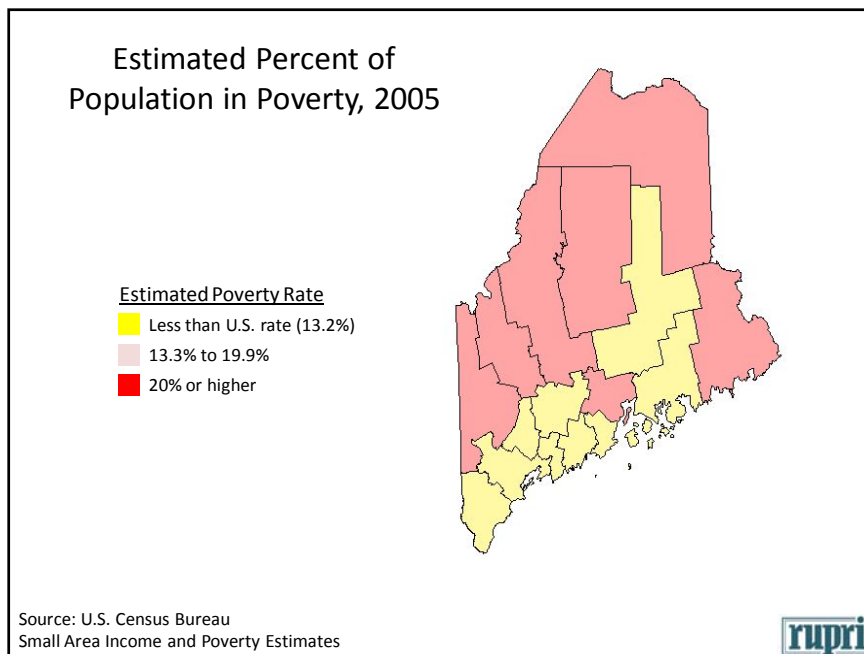
Unemployment

The 2007 unemployment rate was 4.6 percent in the U.S. and 4.7 percent in Maine. 10 counties in Maine had unemployment rates higher than the U.S. average, and the 8 of these counties were nonmetropolitan. Three counties, all nonmetro, experienced unemployment rates over 1 ½ times the U.S. rate.



Poverty

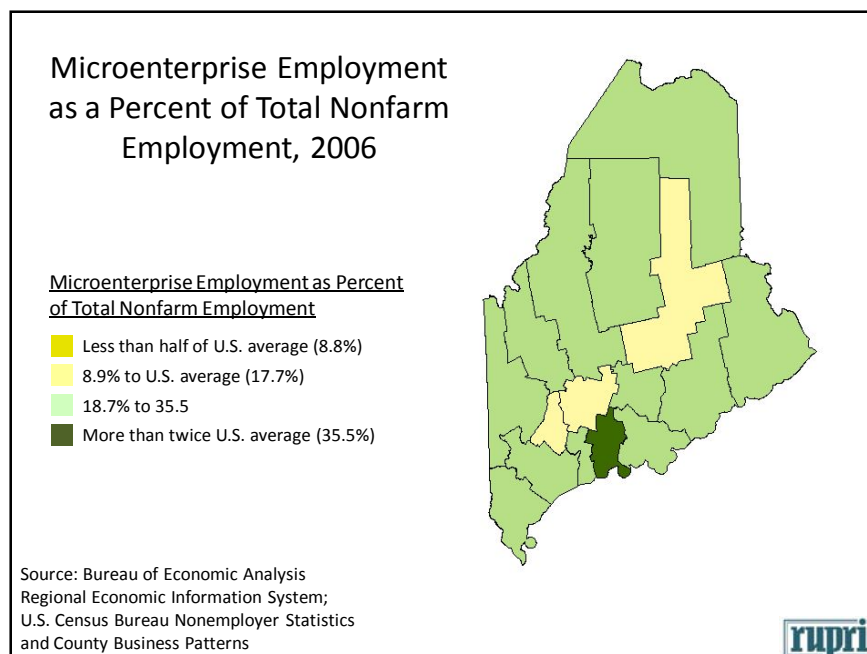
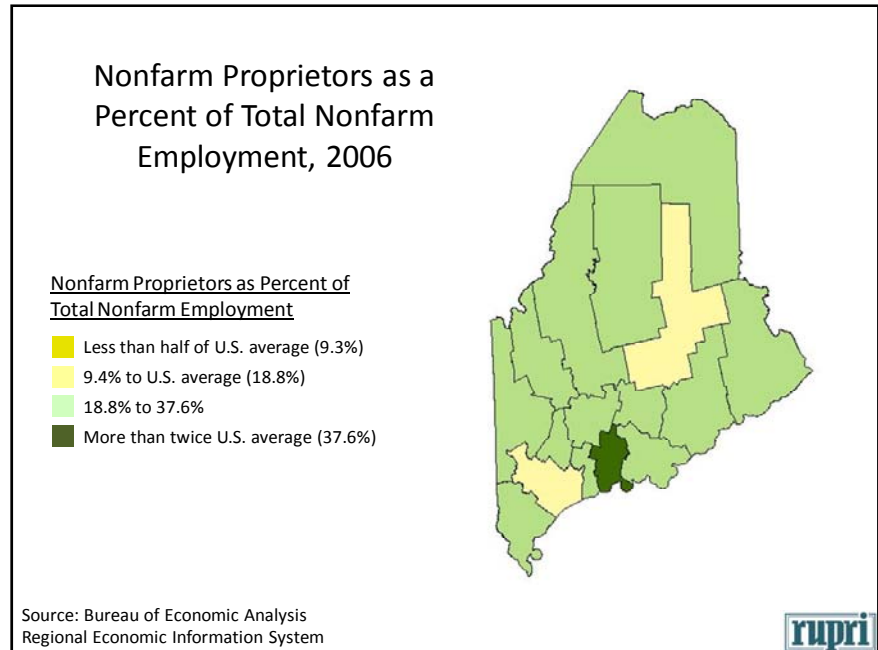
Poverty estimates for 2005 show that the poverty rate in the U.S. in 2005 was 13.3 percent, compared to 12.3 percent in Maine. Within Maine, poverty rates ranged from 9 percent to 19 percent.



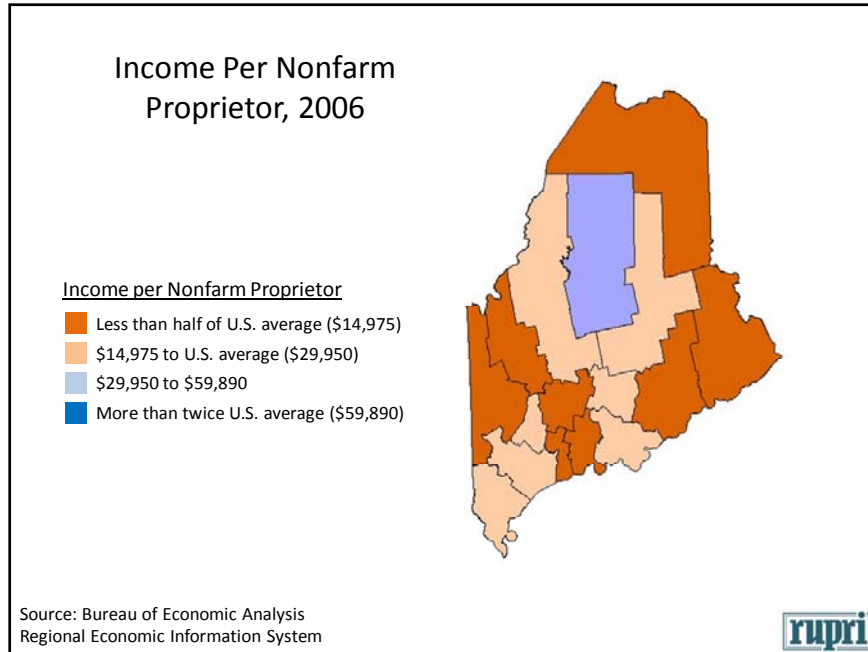
Entrepreneurship Indicators

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.

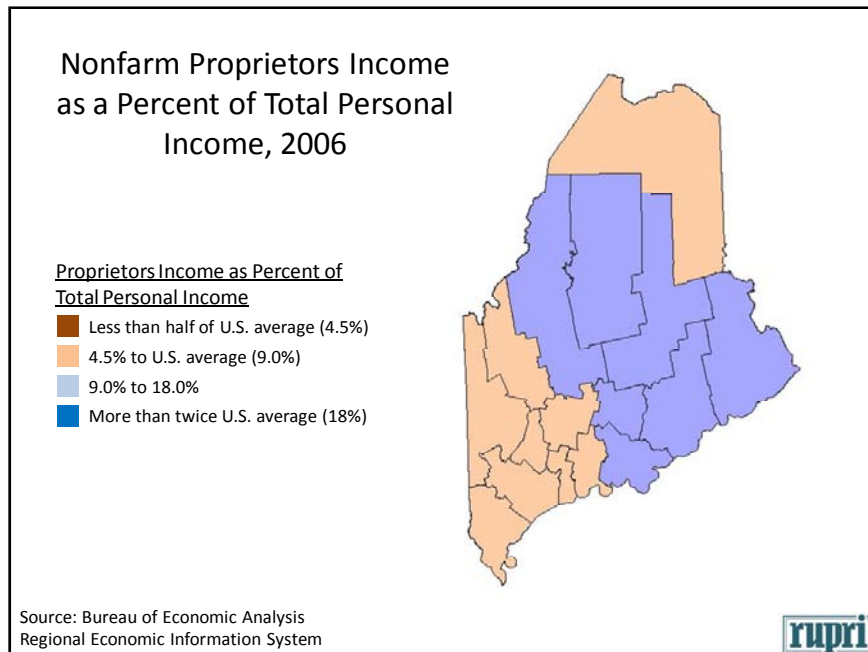
Nationally, nonfarm proprietor employment accounts for 18.8 percent of total nonfarm employment. In Maine, this figure is 23.4 percent, and within Maine, this figure ranges from 18 percent to 40 percent. Microenterprise employment represents 17.7 percent of U.S. nonfarm employment and 20.9 percent of Maine nonfarm employment. Within Maine, this ranges from 15.5 percent to 37.6 percent.



Average income per proprietor in the U.S was \$29,950, compared to \$17,371 in Maine. Within Maine, this ranged from \$11,143 per proprietor to \$31,967 per proprietor.



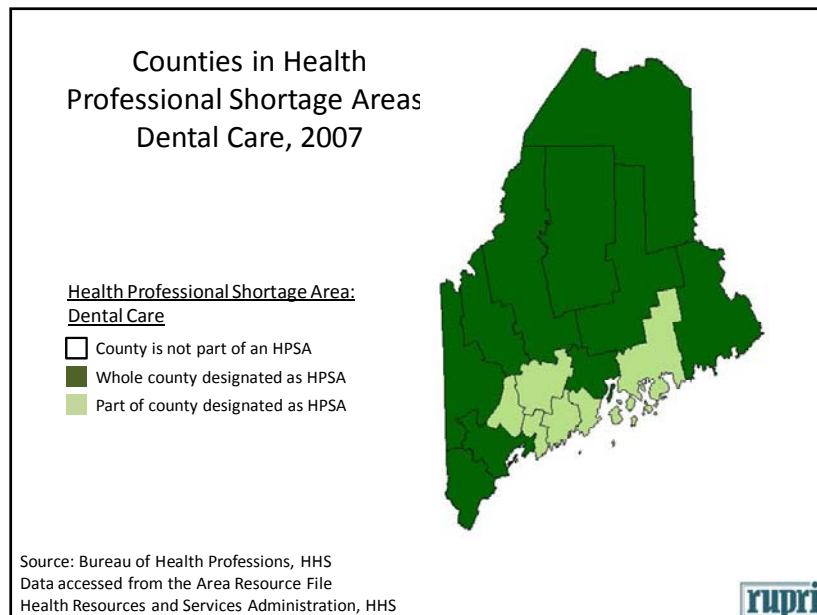
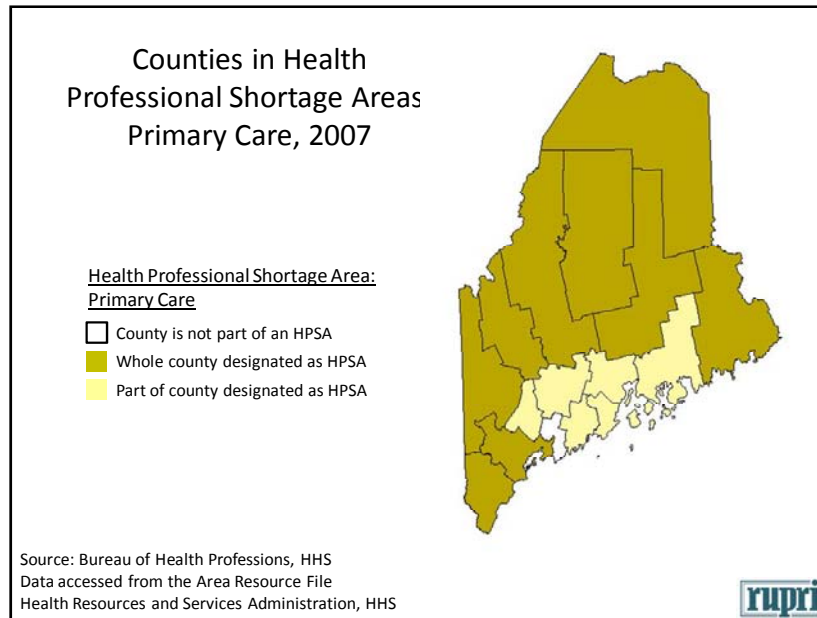
Nationally, nonfarm proprietors income accounted for 9 percent of total personal income. In Maine, this figure was 8 percent, and ranged from 5 percent to 17 percent in Maine counties.

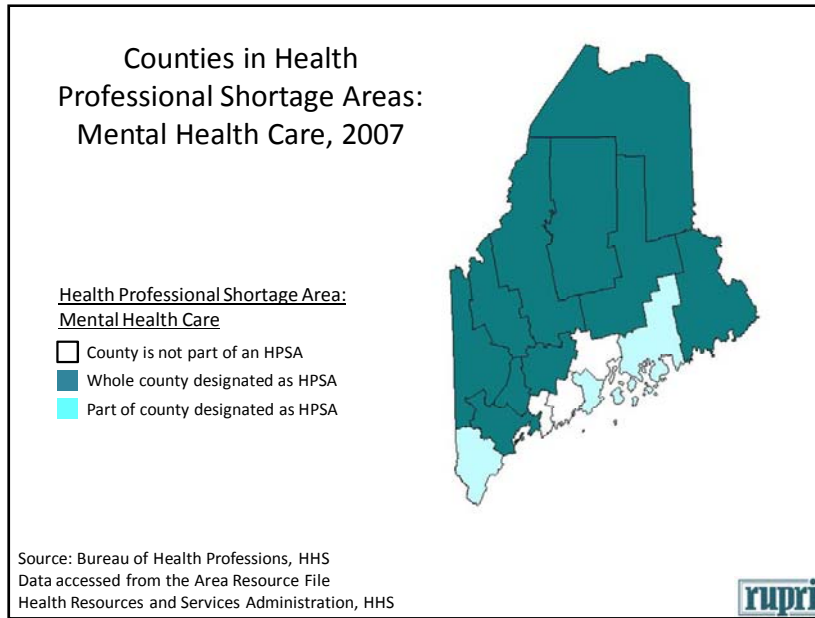


Health Professional Shortage Areas

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 not in, or whole or in part designated as part of an HPSA.

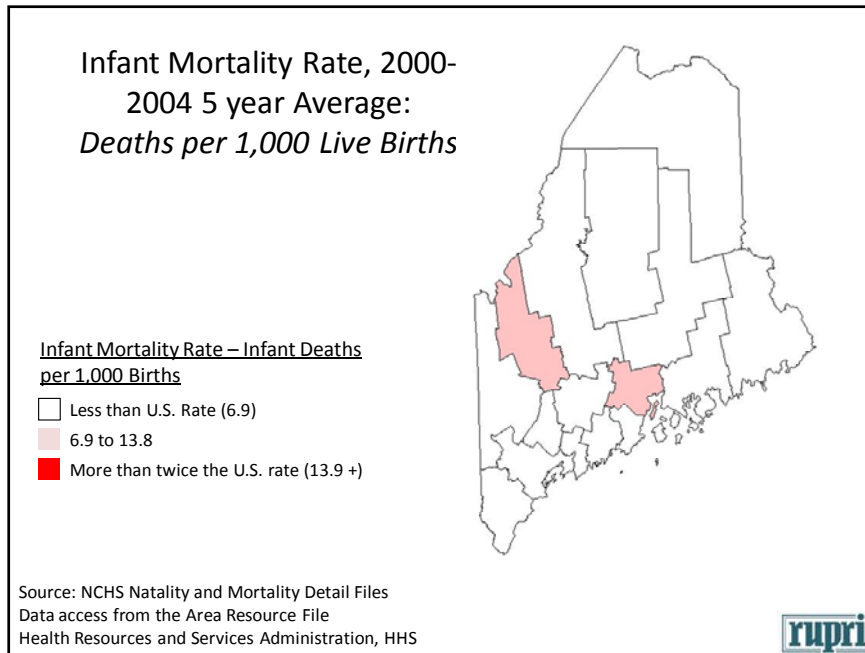
Within Maine, 15 counties were either whole or in part designated as a primary care HPSA; 16 counties were designated whole or part of a dental care HPSA, and 13 counties were designated whole or in part of a mental health care HPSA. Within each of these categories, the majority of counties designated were nonmetropolitan..





Infant Mortality

The infant mortality rates are a 5 year average of infant deaths per 1,000 live births. The infant mortality rate is 6.9 for the U.S. and 5.2 for Maine. Only 2 counties in Maine had an infant mortality rate higher 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/Mainelist.asp>

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

Step 1: In the first step, select your Maine 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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