

## Supplemental Online Content

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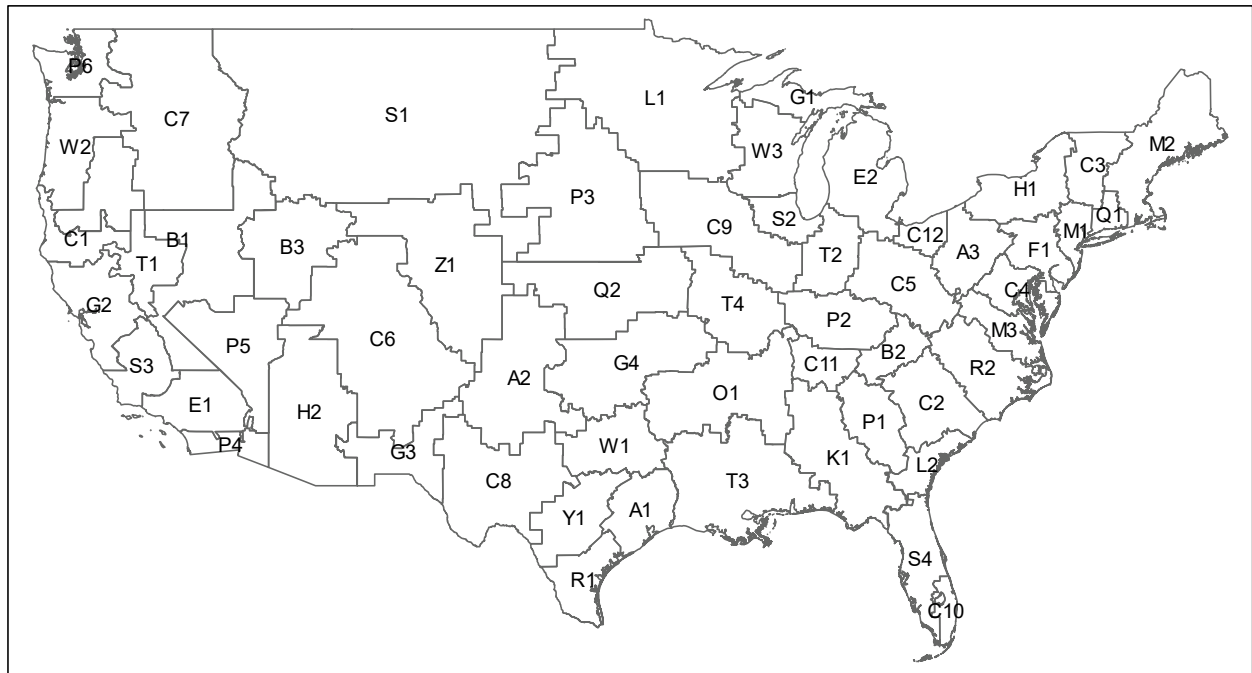
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**eFigure. Map of commuter regions from Nelson & Ray (2016).<sup>21</sup>**



**eTable 1. Table of travel time thresholds by region and RUCA class derived from supermarket analysis**

	Urban	Suburban	Large Rural	Small Rural		Urban	Suburban	Large Rural	Small Rural
<b>A1</b>	4.84	16.7	14.44	19.13	<b>L2</b>	6.36	17.89	14.35	16.34
<b>A2</b>	4.72	17.85	5.66	19.77	<b>M1</b>	3.33	13.03	11.12	13.87
<b>A3</b>	6.78	17.14	13.3	16.53	<b>M2</b>	5.83	15.3	14.58	16.78
<b>B1</b>	5.47	18.1	10.83	20.37	<b>M3</b>	5.18	18.55	11.46	18.46
<b>B2</b>	8.22	18.32	16.26	16.61	<b>O1</b>	5.78	18.24	14.82	18.77
<b>B3</b>	4.74	13.98	7.24	16.22	<b>P1</b>	6.49	17.12	13.32	17.38
<b>C1</b>	5.56	18.63	8.34	29.01	<b>P2</b>	5.53	18.43	14.44	17.92
<b>C2</b>	6.85	16.03	13.23	16.63	<b>P3</b>	4.6	18.54	10.05	20.4
<b>C3</b>	5.96	17.12	14.3	17.37	<b>P4</b>	4.4	16.1	4.32	43.08
<b>C4</b>	5	15.5	10.62	12.99	<b>P5</b>	4.39	24.23	12.19	54.62
<b>C5</b>	6.03	17.41	15.54	18.18	<b>P6</b>	5.14	14.95	12.56	19.42
<b>C6</b>	5.16	17.97	13.54	32.05	<b>Q1</b>	5.77	13.99	7.87	17.34
<b>C7</b>	5.27	16.34	11.22	24.23	<b>Q2</b>	5	16.04	12.1	20.93
<b>C8</b>	6.22	22.19	7.61	15.17	<b>R1</b>	5.46	18.4	8.18	16.11
<b>C9</b>	5.21	19.43	13.56	18.44	<b>R2</b>	5.99	16.2	12.01	17.48
<b>C10</b>	4.15	17.21	8.99	18.69	<b>S1</b>	6.98	21.78	9.47	25.46
<b>C11</b>	7.04	16.67	16.44	18.65	<b>S2</b>	4.16	11.33	10.05	16.26
<b>C12</b>	5.1	14.16	10.44	13.3	<b>S3</b>	4.22	12.85	4.44	17.66
<b>E1</b>	3.34	8.12	16.13	16.65	<b>S4</b>	6.15	15.93	14.04	19.98
<b>E2</b>	5.1	15.98	13.59	17.44	<b>T1</b>	6.31	15.25	10.54	32.03
<b>F1</b>	5.21	14.34	9.75	14.02	<b>T2</b>	6.12	18.65	13.1	15.75
<b>G1</b>	NA	NA	14.38	21.25	<b>T3</b>	6.51	19.22	16.46	20.51
<b>G2</b>	3.84	13.18	8.98	15.11	<b>T4</b>	5.9	19.21	15.18	18.29
<b>G3</b>	5.05	16.44	12.23	25.16	<b>W1</b>	4.68	15.92	14.16	17.92
<b>G4</b>	5.6	18.58	14.23	18.81	<b>W2</b>	4.41	14.01	8.15	18.93
<b>H1</b>	5.41	15.35	10.68	17.14	<b>W3</b>	5.29	15.44	12	17.18
<b>H2</b>	4.51	14.81	14.75	29.55	<b>Y1</b>	6.09	18.63	13.2	19.9
<b>K1</b>	6.81	19.18	14.2	17.37	<b>Z1</b>	4.72	20.73	9.33	19.71
<b>L1</b>	5.23	15.78	14.08	21.37					

**eTable 2. Table mapping RUCA secondary codes to urban, suburban, large rural, and small rural classes.**

Level	Secondary RUCA Codes
Urban core	[1.0, 1.1]
Suburban	[ 2.0, 2.1, 3.0]
Large rural	[4.0, 4.1, 4.2, 5.0, 5.1, 5.2, 6.0, 6.1]
Small town/rural	[7.0, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 8.0, 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 9.0, 9.1, 9.2, 10.0, 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, 10.4, 10.5, 10.6]

Scheme 1 from Hailu & Wasserman, 2016.<sup>19</sup>

Urban Core: contiguous built-up areas of 50,000 people or more. These areas correspond to the US Census Bureau’s urbanized areas.

Suburban: areas, often in metropolitan counties, with primary high commuting flows to urban cores (e.g., Eatonville in Pierce County) and all other areas with secondary commuting flows of 30%-49% of the population to urban cores.

Large Town: towns with populations of 10,000-49,999 and surrounding rural areas with 10% or more primary commuting flows to these towns, and towns with secondary commuting flows of 10% or more to Urban Cores.

Small Town/Rural Areas: towns with populations below 10,000 and surrounding commuter areas with more than a one-hour driving distance to the closest city.

**eTable 3: Dispenser Class Distribution of Unique Keystone Pharmacies**

Dispenser Class	Keystones		Total	
Chain	3,047	(54.3%)	36,456	(59.7%)
Independent or Franchise	2,519	(44.9%)	24,288	(39.8%)
Government	44	(0.8%)	302	(0.5%)
Total	5,610	(100%)	61,046	(100%)

Chain pharmacies include pharmacy locations that are part of a group of four or more pharmacies under common ownership.

Independent pharmacies and franchise pharmacies were bundled together as they both represent independently owned pharmacies, with or without franchise agreements.<sup>27</sup>

Government pharmacies include those under the jurisdiction of federal, state, county or city government or the Indian Health Service.<sup>28</sup>

**eTable 4: State Population in Desert and Keystone Census Tracts.**

State Name	Total Population	Population in Pharmacy Deserts		Population in Census Tracts Relying on Keystone Pharmacies	
		n	%	n	%
Alabama	4,892,115	789,381	16.14%	463,102	9.47%
Arizona	7,148,191	1,180,510	16.51%	534,554	7.48%
Arkansas	3,011,391	625,875	20.78%	257,171	8.54%
California	39,234,027	8,642,203	22.03%	4,454,056	11.35%
Colorado	5,668,232	1,046,801	18.47%	617,266	10.89%
Connecticut	3,565,371	617,542	17.32%	242,548	6.80%
Delaware	967,416	115,721	11.96%	72,771	7.52%
District of Columbia	695,846	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Florida	21,180,888	3,407,281	16.09%	1,302,962	6.15%
Georgia	10,511,338	1,617,170	15.39%	775,122	7.37%
Idaho	1,754,367	310,942	17.72%	86,116	4.91%
Illinois	12,715,579	1,995,652	15.69%	1,375,466	10.82%
Indiana	6,684,409	1,369,272	20.48%	580,421	8.68%
Iowa	3,148,731	449,930	14.29%	390,267	12.39%
Kansas	2,912,009	500,772	17.20%	382,929	13.15%
Kentucky	4,456,085	741,741	16.65%	326,305	7.32%
Louisiana	4,661,796	627,203	13.45%	297,135	6.37%
Maine	1,340,825	385,127	28.72%	139,985	10.44%
Maryland	6,023,087	991,893	16.47%	509,478	8.46%
Massachusetts	6,862,913	1,153,462	16.81%	586,195	8.54%
Michigan	9,938,869	1,656,352	16.67%	923,189	9.29%
Minnesota	5,598,276	1,055,019	18.85%	882,265	15.76%
Mississippi	2,981,759	617,221	20.70%	288,138	9.66%
Missouri	6,124,160	947,135	15.47%	693,749	11.33%
Montana	1,061,178	234,654	22.11%	114,612	10.80%
Nebraska	1,922,373	257,850	13.41%	260,712	13.56%
Nevada	3,029,538	438,696	14.48%	276,408	9.12%
New Hampshire	1,355,244	532,993	39.33%	150,916	11.14%
New Jersey	8,873,054	1,830,216	20.63%	757,015	8.53%
New Mexico	2,094,258	475,521	22.71%	203,320	9.71%
New York	19,448,146	2,622,452	13.48%	1,180,554	6.07%
North Carolina	10,377,099	1,901,803	18.33%	883,437	8.51%
North Dakota	760,394	158,450	20.84%	108,176	14.23%
Ohio	11,665,072	1,638,334	14.04%	1,030,037	8.83%

**eTable 4 (continued)**

State Name	Total Population	Population in Pharmacy Deserts		Population in Census Tracts Relying on Keystone Pharmacies	
		n	%	n	%
Oklahoma	3,946,617	580,129	14.70%	327,182	8.29%
Oregon	4,176,346	891,972	21.36%	567,106	13.58%
Pennsylvania	12,765,612	2,167,528	16.98%	1,009,611	7.91%
Rhode Island	1,057,798	112,940	10.68%	55,518	5.25%
South Carolina	5,069,928	1,124,430	22.18%	443,536	8.75%
South Dakota	879,336	280,789	31.93%	98,317	11.18%
Tennessee	6,765,351	989,445	14.63%	505,409	7.47%
Texas	28,571,668	4,345,165	15.21%	1,848,555	6.47%
Utah	3,148,958	462,097	14.67%	274,025	8.70%
Vermont	624,340	157,745	25.27%	102,406	16.40%
Virginia	8,491,738	1,643,744	19.36%	927,764	10.93%
Washington	7,483,162	1,566,743	20.94%	732,268	9.79%
West Virginia	1,807,426	540,254	29.89%	156,894	8.68%
Wisconsin	5,805,738	1,212,857	20.89%	602,406	10.38%
Wyoming	581,348	123,362	21.22%	58,855	10.12%

**eTable 5: Population by Race and RUCA class**

RUCA Class	Black	Hispanic	White	Total
SmallRural	1,568,617 (3.9%)	1,889,636 (3.2%)	18,027,405 (9.2%)	21,485,658 (7.3%)
LargeRural	2,320,215 (5.8%)	3,234,016 (5.5%)	20,329,048 (10.4%)	25,883,279 (8.8%)
Suburban	2,295,288 (5.8%)	3,341,135 (5.7%)	26,648,781 (13.6%)	32,285,204 (11.0%)
Urban	33,609,664 (84.5%)	50,567,485 (85.7%)	130,251,261 (66.7%)	214,428,410 (72.9%)
Total	39,793,784 (100%)	59,032,272 (100%)	195,256,495 (100%)	294,082,551 (100%)

Note: Totals reflect summation of only these three racial/ethnic groups. Hence overall total is less than national population listed in Table 1.



**eTable 6: Top Ten Keystone Pharmacies by Number of Individuals Relying on Them for Access.**

Population	Number of Census Tracts Served	City	State	Dispenser Class
34,346	7	Oxnard	CA	Independent
30,680	6	Columbia	SC	Chain
26,387	6	Tucson	AZ	Chain
25,093	5	Los Angeles	CA	Independent
24,540	4	Portland	OR	Chain
24,245	3	Raleigh	NC	Chain
24,102	4	San Diego	CA	Chain
23,763	5	Bakersfield	CA	Chain
23,604	5	Tracy	CA	Chain
23,084	5	Sacramento	CA	Chain