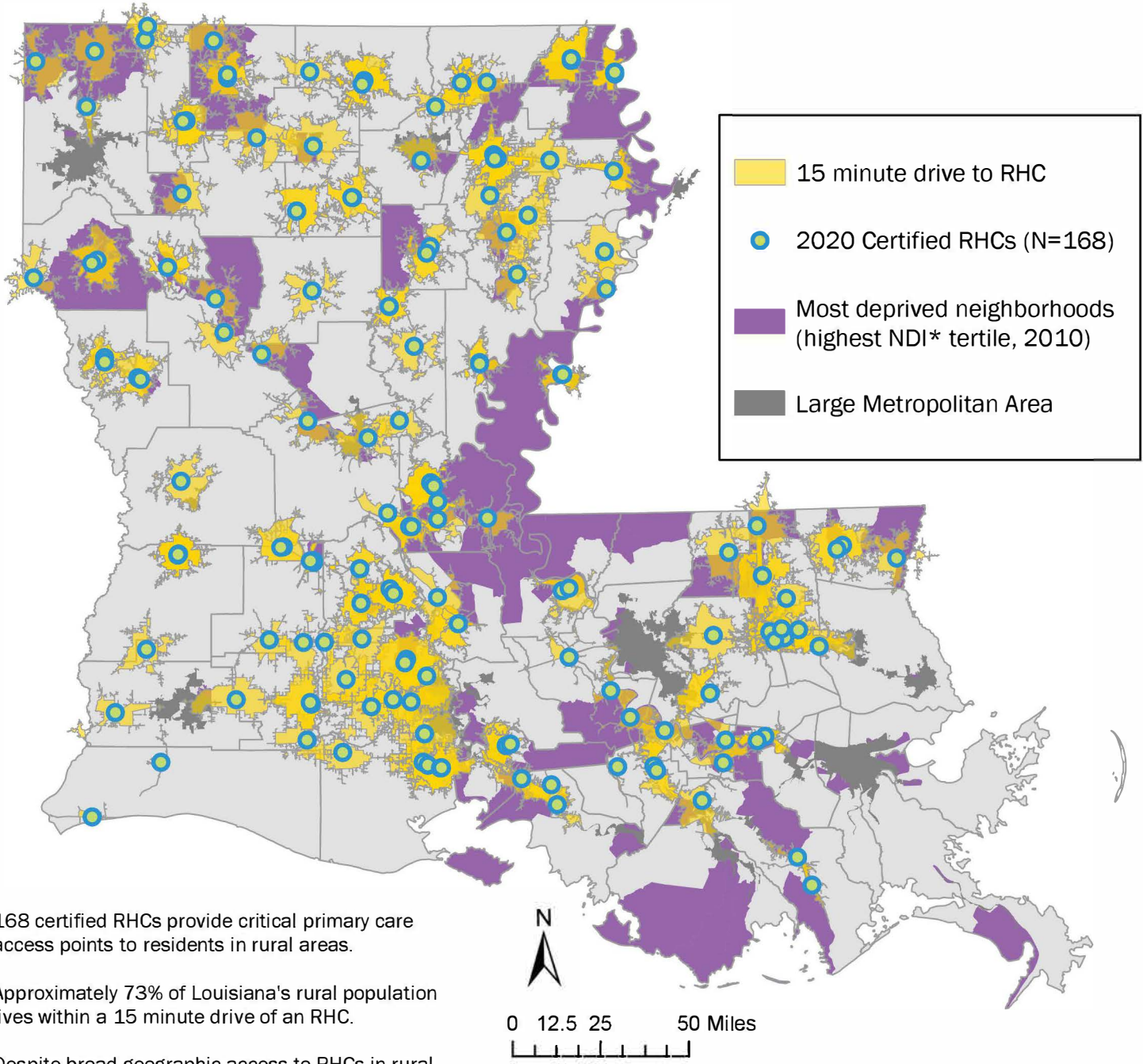


Vulnerable Areas Along Louisiana's Mississippi Delta Lack Geographic Access to Rural Health Clinics (RHC)



168 certified RHCs provide critical primary care access points to residents in rural areas.

Approximately 73% of Louisiana's rural population lives within a 15 minute drive of an RHC.

Despite broad geographic access to RHCs in rural Louisiana, vulnerable neighborhoods along the Mississippi delta still lack proximity to these clinics.

*The Neighborhood Deprivation Index (NDI) is a combined measure of various socioeconomic characteristics of individuals in a census tract. Studies suggest that individuals living in census tracts with high NDI scores are more likely to experience adverse health outcomes (Messer et. al 2006).