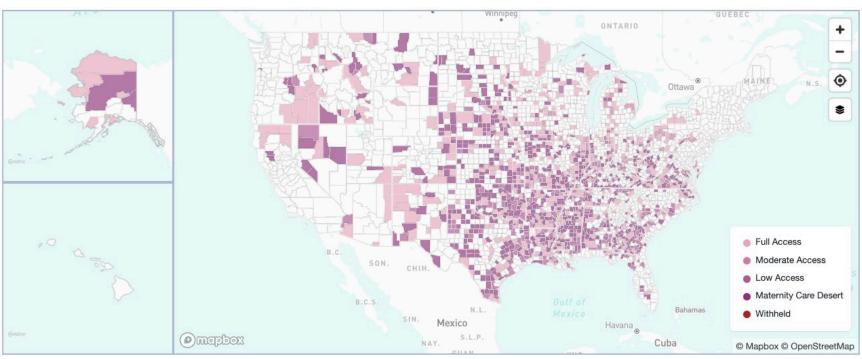
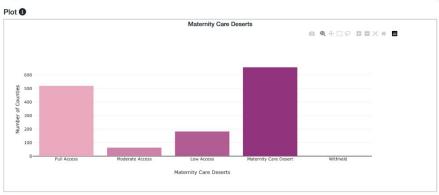


Internet Adoption and Maternity Care Deserts



This map displays the picture of maternity care access in counties with below average (median) Internet adoption, along a color continuum that shows the availability of obstetric care. The darker the color, the worse the availability of obstetric care. (Internet adoption is defined as the number of fixed connections over 200 kbps per 100 households; the national median is 72 connections per 100 households.)

Counties highlighted in *dark purple* have below average (median) Internet adoption and are maternity care deserts, i.e., counties without a hospital, birth center, or provider offering obstetric care or having low access to obstetric care.



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