

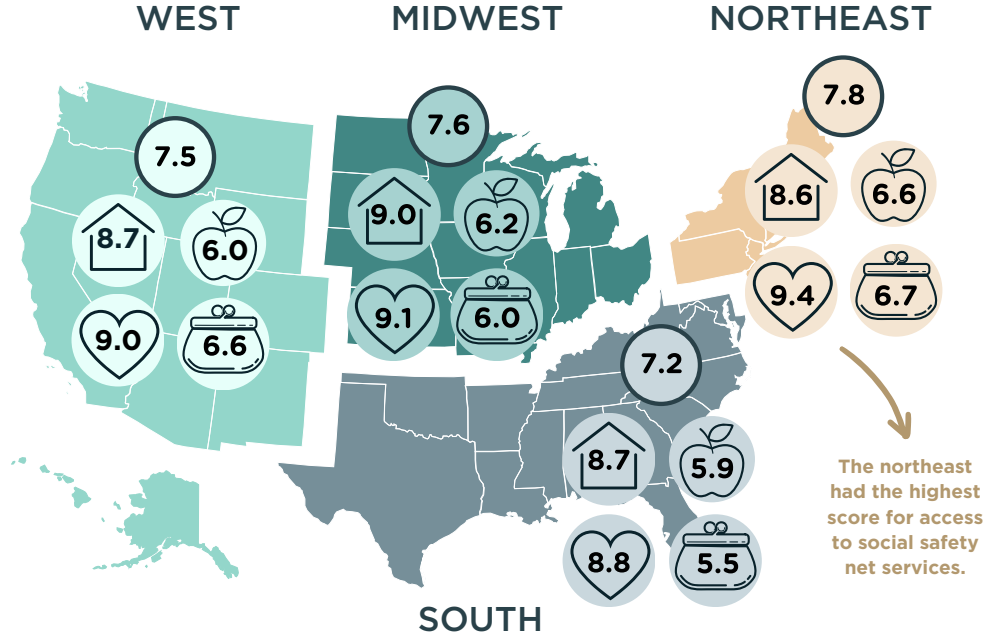


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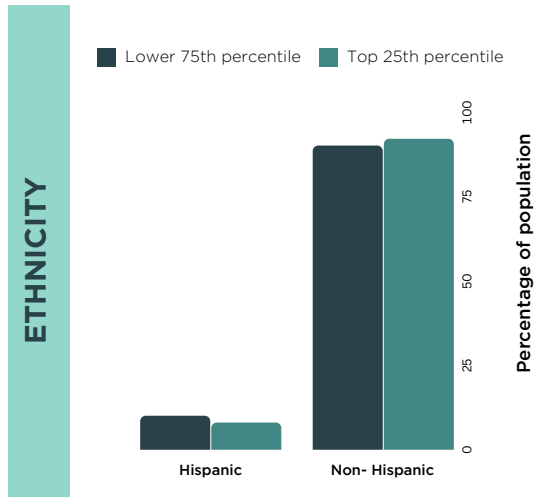
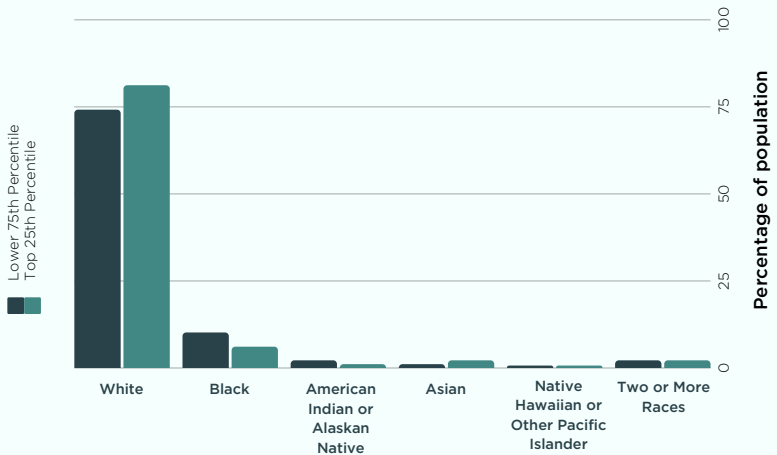
## DIFFERENCES IN COUNTY-LEVEL ACCESS TO SOCIAL SAFETY NET SERVICES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES

### REGIONAL DIFFERENCES IN ACCESS SCORES

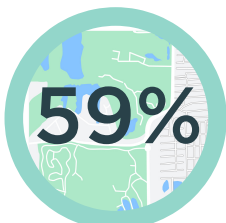


#### RACE AND THE SOCIAL SAFETY NET

Demographic characteristics of U.S. counties, comparing lower scoring and higher scoring counties within their state for access to social safety net services



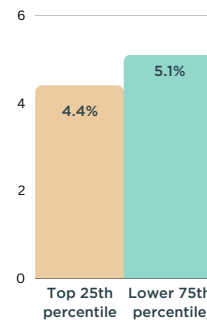
Counties with worse access to safety net services had higher proportions of Black and Hispanic residents.



of lower scoring counties were rural and smaller urban areas, compared to 35% of higher scoring counties.

Local access to social safety net services can help mitigate the health impacts of food insecurity, unemployment, lack of health insurance, and inadequate housing.

#### Unemployment Rate Percentage of Population



Unemployment rates were 16% higher in lower scoring counties for access to social safety net services. Better access to broadband internet service has been shown to improve employment rates and access to unemployment benefits.