

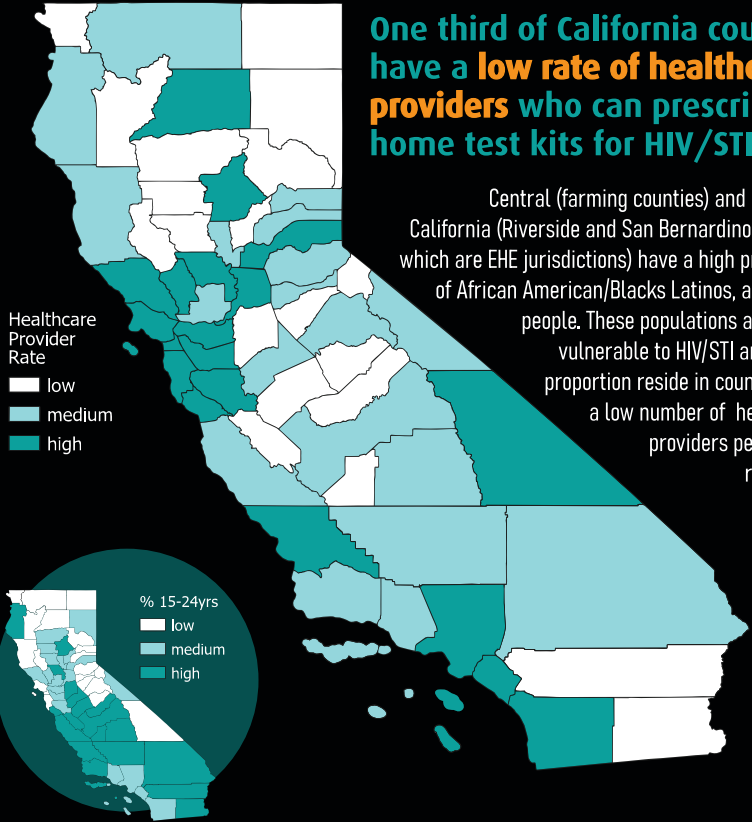
# HEALTHCARE DESERTS

ON JANUARY 1ST, 2022 CALIFORNIA BECAME THE FIRST STATE TO REQUIRE HEALTHCARE PLANS AND INSURERS COVER THE COSTS OF HIV/STI HOME TEST KITS. SENATE BILL 306 AIMS TO REDUCE BARRIERS TO HIV AND STI TESTING. HOWEVER, SB 306 REQUIRES A CLINICIAN'S PRESCRIPTION OR STANDING ORDER FOR HOME TEST KITS TO BE COVERED BY A HEALTHCARE PLAN.

## SB 306: STD COVERAGE AND CARE ACT

One third of California counties have a **low rate of healthcare providers** who can prescribe home test kits for HIV/STI.

Central (farming counties) and Southern California (Riverside and San Bernardino counties which are EHE jurisdictions) have a high proportion of African American/Blacks Latinos, and young people. These populations are highly vulnerable to HIV/STI and a high proportion reside in counties with a low number of healthcare providers per 100,000 residents.



### HIV/STI RATES AND % UNINSURED

Many of the counties in Central and Southern CA have a positive association between HIV/STI and % uninsured. As **proportion of uninsured residents increases, HIV/STI rates increase.**

#### HIV



#### GONORRHEA



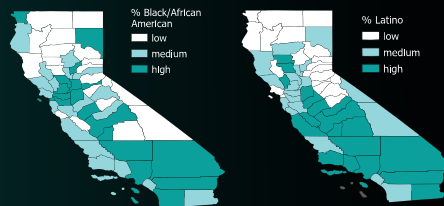
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### Association with % uninsured

white negative      dark blue positive

**YOUNG, BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN, AND LATINO COMMUNITIES ARE LEFT BEHIND** DESPITE LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS IN CALIFORNIA TO REDUCE HIV/STI DISPARITIES



Potential Impact and Equitable Reach of SB 306, STD Coverage and Care Act  
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