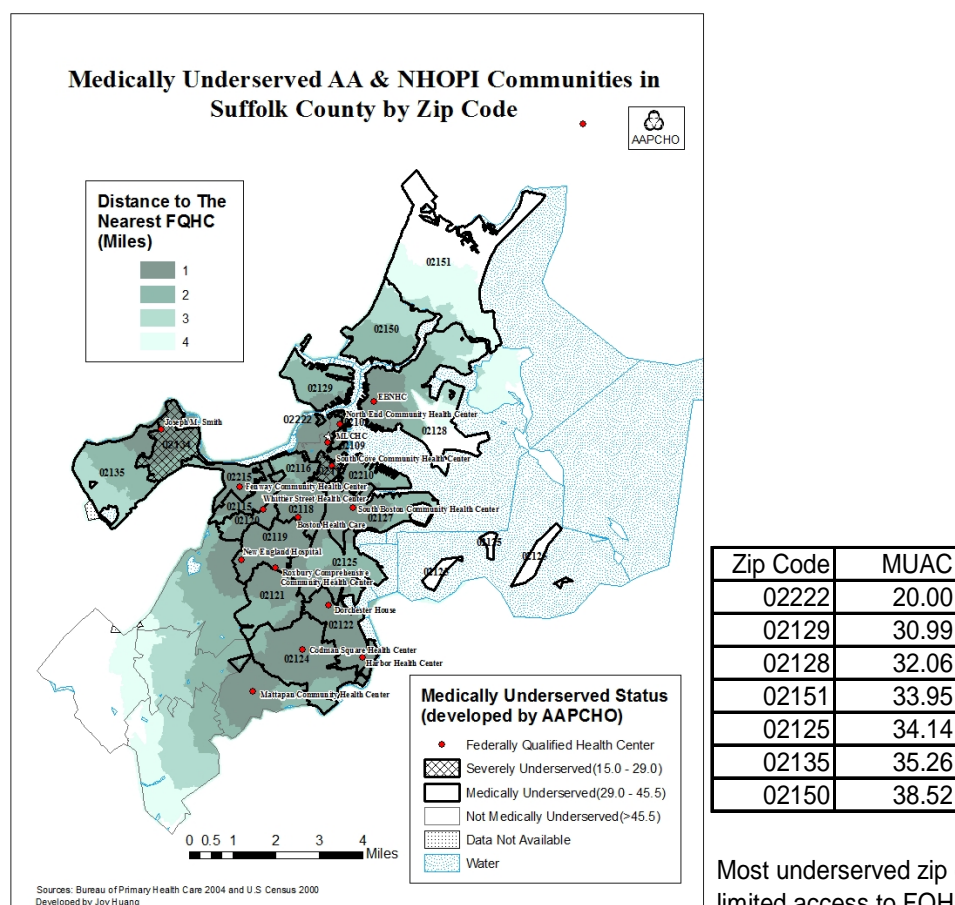


Medically Underserved Asian American and Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander (AA&NHOPI) Communities in Suffolk County, MA

– Access to Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)

The Suffolk County map displays 35 zip code areas, of which 21 are medically underserved. Suffolk County was identified as a medically underserved area for AA&NHOPIs with a MUAC score of 31.0, 1:910 PCP/Patient ratio¹, 7.1% or 48,728 AA&NHOPIs², 30.4% AA&NHOPI poverty rate, and 52.1% AA&NHOPI limited English proficient (LEP) rate². Total population of NHOPIs is less than 100 in Suffolk County. Per capita income for Asian Americans was \$15,218, compared to \$ 30,830 for non-Hispanic Whites. 73.7% of Asian Americans in Suffolk County were foreign-born, which is 62.4% higher than non-Hispanic Whites².

As shown in the map, there are fifteen FQHCs in Suffolk County, which cover most of the medically underserved areas. However, some underserved areas in the northern region and eastern region are geographically isolated from the FQHCs. Based on this assessment, additional or expanded health services need to be considered to ensure health needs are adequately addressed for AA&NHOPI underserved populations.



Most underserved zip codes with limited access to FQHCs

MUAC Definition:

MUAC = AAPI Poverty + AAPI LEP + AAPI Population Size + Physician-to-Patients Ratio

A Medically Underserved AAPI Community (MUAC) is defined as a county in which the AAPI population is underserved in terms of ability to access health care, including facilities and providers. Medical underserved is a function of limited health care resources, financial, language, and cultural barriers, and poor health status.

¹ Bureau of Primary Health Care. Uniform Data System: Calendar Year 2005 Data Report. Washington, DC: Health Resources and Services Administration, 2006.

² U.S. Census Bureau. United States Census 2000. Washington, DC: 2002. Available at: <http://www.census.gov>. Accessed February 22, 2011

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