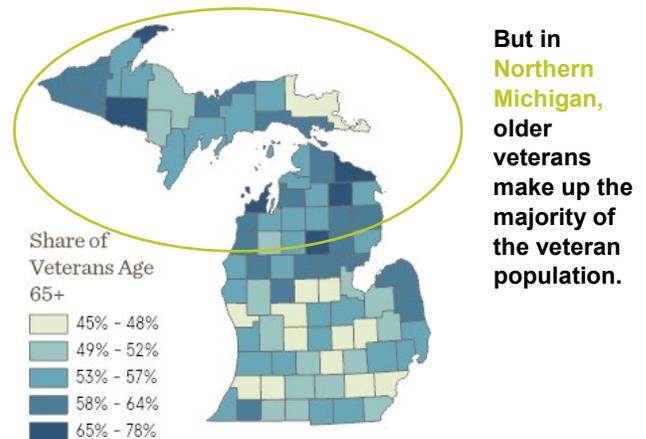
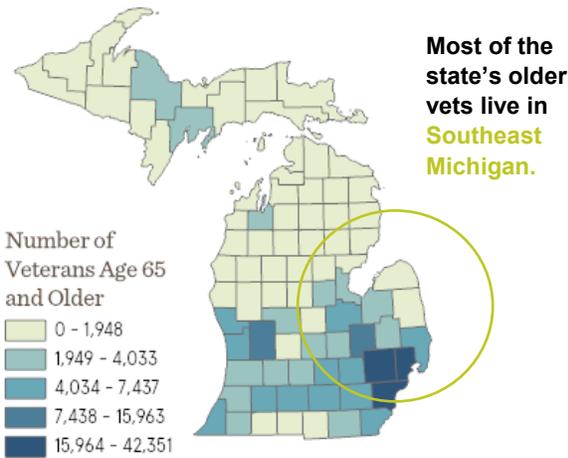


More than half of Michigan's veterans are **65 or older**

6 percent

of Michiganders are veterans



9 in 10 of Michigan's veterans are male

8 in 10 of Michigan's veterans are white

52 percent of Michigan veterans are 65 or older

Older veterans have unique health care needs

compared to their civilian peers including:



■ Under 65 ■ 65 or older

Chronic conditions such as cancer, asthma, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

Mental health conditions including post-traumatic stress disorder

Service-connected conditions including hepatitis C and conditions that result from exposure to hazardous substances and occupational hazards

Conditions related to aging that may require long-term services and supports

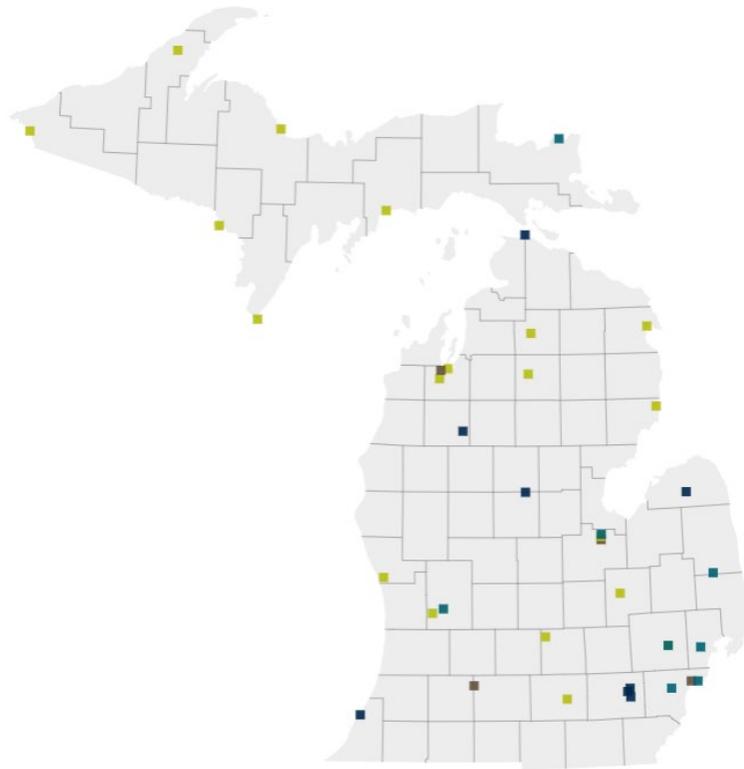
Some older veterans **experience long delays, or are required to travel long distances**, to receive VA care.

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VA Medical Centers

18
VA Community-Based Outpatient

8
VA Outpatient Clinics

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Vet Centers



Many Veterans and community-based health care providers may be unaware of the aging-related resources they can access through the VA. In 2017, VA enrollees 65-plus were surveyed:

Only 9 percent reported that they planned to use their VA prescription benefits in the future.



Only 7 percent reported plans to use VA benefits for hearing aids, prosthetics, orthotics, and other medical devices.



Veterans who are far from a VA provider, or those who are experiencing long wait times, may seek care from community based health care providers. Are community providers ready to serve? **Learn more at chrt.org/publications/ready-to-serve**