

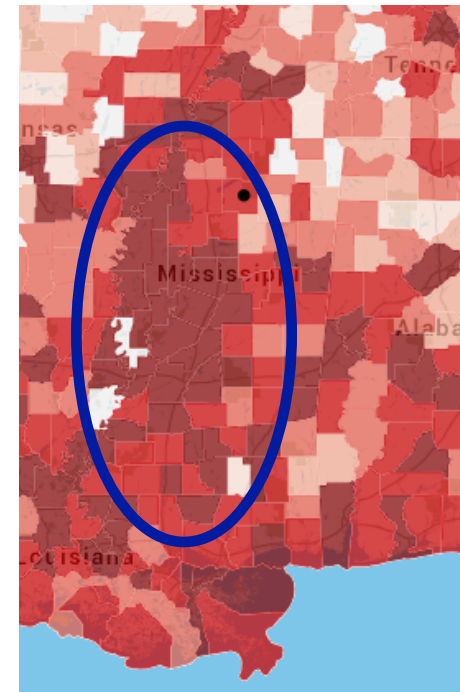
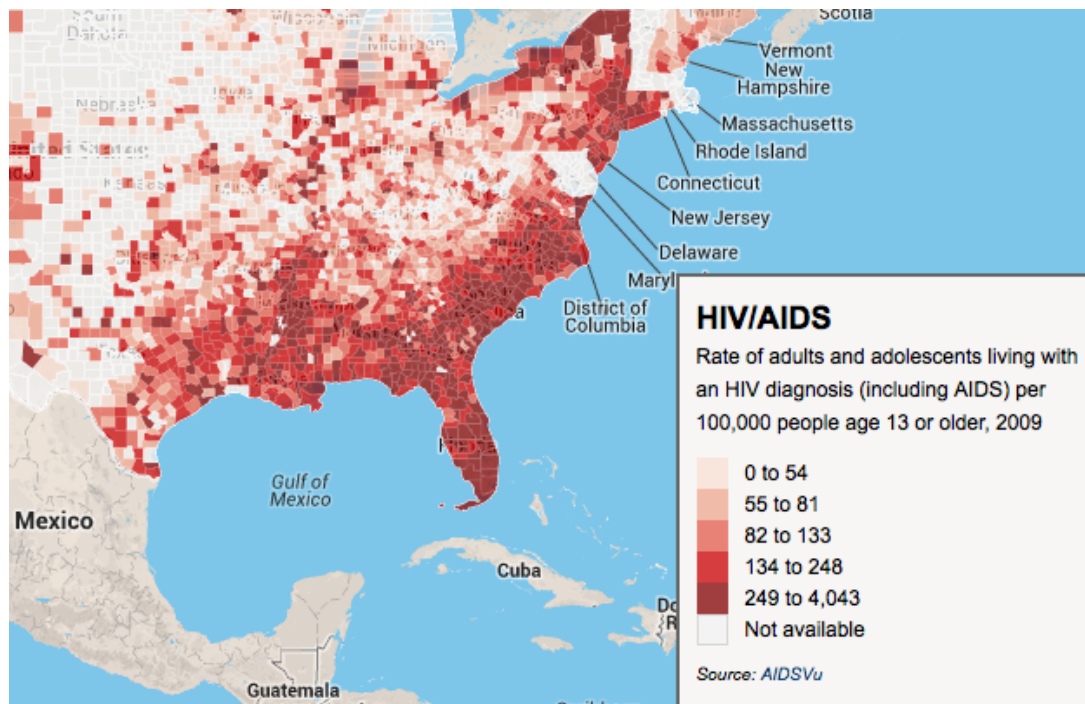
# Mississippi Profile



- Population 2.98 mil
- 51% live in rural areas
- Poverty rate highest of all US states (25%)
- African American poverty rate in Mississippi is 42%
- **Delta** region highest poverty rates in state
- Ranks last of all states in health outcomes
- In 2013, Mississippi was
  - **First in the United States in death rates (per 100k) for heart disease and hypertension/renal failure**
  - **Second in the U.S. in death rates for cancer, diabetes, kidney disease and blood poisoning**
  - **Third in the U.S. in death rates for stroke and homicide**
- Mississippi also led the United States in the motor vehicle death rate and child death rate, ages 1-14

Sources: Kaiser State Health Facts, CDC, MS DPH

# HIV/AIDS in the South & Mississippi



- Mississippi is 32nd in population, in 2010 it ranked 7th in the nation for HIV/AIDS prevalence
- Estimates of “unmet need” at least 50 percent, significantly higher than the national average of 33 percent
- Percentage of people in Mississippi with HIV not receiving care or support services is comparable to that in Botswana, Ethiopia, and Rwanda

Sources:  
US Health Research and Services Administration  
Human Rights Watch

# Mississippi Delta – 1967/2010

## Mississippi Delta 1967

A Tufts-Delta Health Center nurse makes a home visit to a stroke-disabled patient living in a plantation shack near Shelby in Bolivar County, Mississippi, in 1967.

Photo: Daniel Bernstein



## Mississippi Delta 2010

*"I ain't never heard of Iran, but we could sure use somebody's help."*

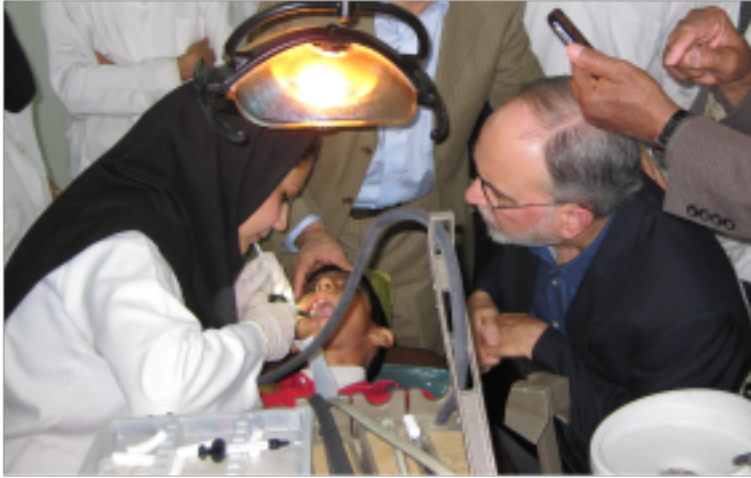
*Erlene Smith*

*Los Angeles Times, January 24, 2010*

Erlene Smith, 80, lives in a shotgun house in Baptist Town, a neighborhood in Greenwood, Miss. She once picked cotton -- work that has led to arthritis in her hands and legs. She is unable to get out of the house much and puts blankets over the windows and doors to fight off the cold. Photo: Carolyn Cole, Los Angeles Times



# Visits to Iran Health Houses 2009/2012



# Media 2009-2013

## Iran/Mississippi Rural Health Project

Christian Science Monitor  
NY Times Sunday Magazine  
NIH Fogarty International  
Center Newsletter, "Global  
Health Matters"  
Sunday London Times  
Los Angeles Times  
(col. 1 cover story)  
Lancet Journal (UK)  
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major US and international  
papers including Washington  
Post)  
NBC Nightly News television  
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