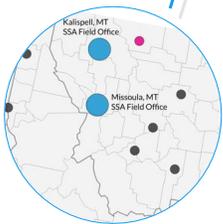
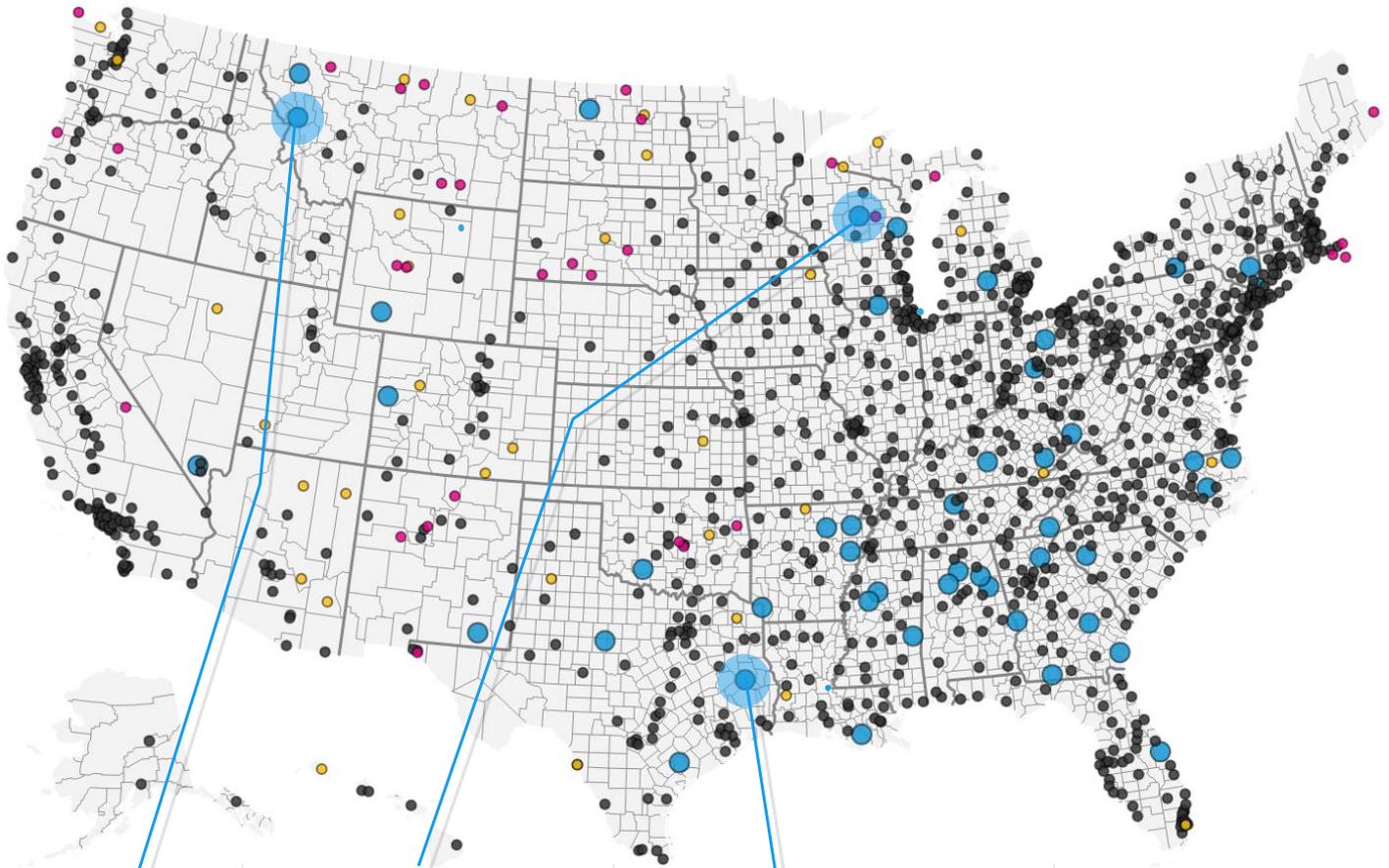


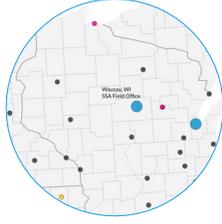
# Social Security Office Closures Will Hurt Rural and Tribal Communities

Reductions to the Social Security Administration workforce and proposed office closures are more likely to decrease access to Social Security benefits in rural and tribal communities because people in those areas live farther from SSA offices and have more-limited internet access.

● DOGE closures (47) ● Field offices (1,124) ● Resident stations (34) ● Video service delivery stations(33)



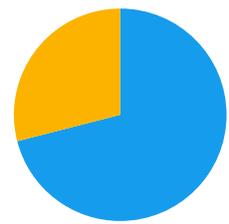
The nearest office to the Missoula, MT office slated for closure is about 126 miles, or a 3.5 hour drive away.



The closure of the office in Wausau, Wisconsin, would leave the 140,000 people in the county without easy access, as the next closest office is in Bowler, Wisconsin, about 40 miles away.



The closure of the office in Lufkin, Texas, would leave Angelina County and the adjacent eight counties home to nearly 360,000 residents without a nearby SSA office. The next closest office to the one in Lufkin is about 70 miles away.



2,226 of the 3,144 counties in the US (71 percent) have no SSA office or access to other options (such as Video Service Delivery and resident stations) that SSA created to better serve people living in remote areas.