

Primary Care Office/State Office of Rural Health Collaboration

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Today's Presentation

- **Background on the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP)**
- **Divisions within FORHP**
- **Overview of the State Offices of Rural Health (SORH) Program**



The Federal Office of Rural Health Policy

Authorizing Legislation

Sec. 711. [42 U.S.C. 912] (a) There shall be established in the Department of Health and Human Services (in this section referred to as the “Department”) an Office of Rural Health Policy (in this section referred to as the “Office”). The Office shall be headed by a Director, who shall advise the Secretary on the effects of current policies and proposed statutory, regulatory, administrative, and budgetary changes in the programs established under titles XVIII and XIX on the financial viability of small rural hospitals, the ability of rural areas (and rural hospitals in particular) to attract and retain physicians and other health professionals, and access to (and the quality of) health care in rural areas.



The Federal Office of Rural Health Policy

Building Healthy Rural Communities

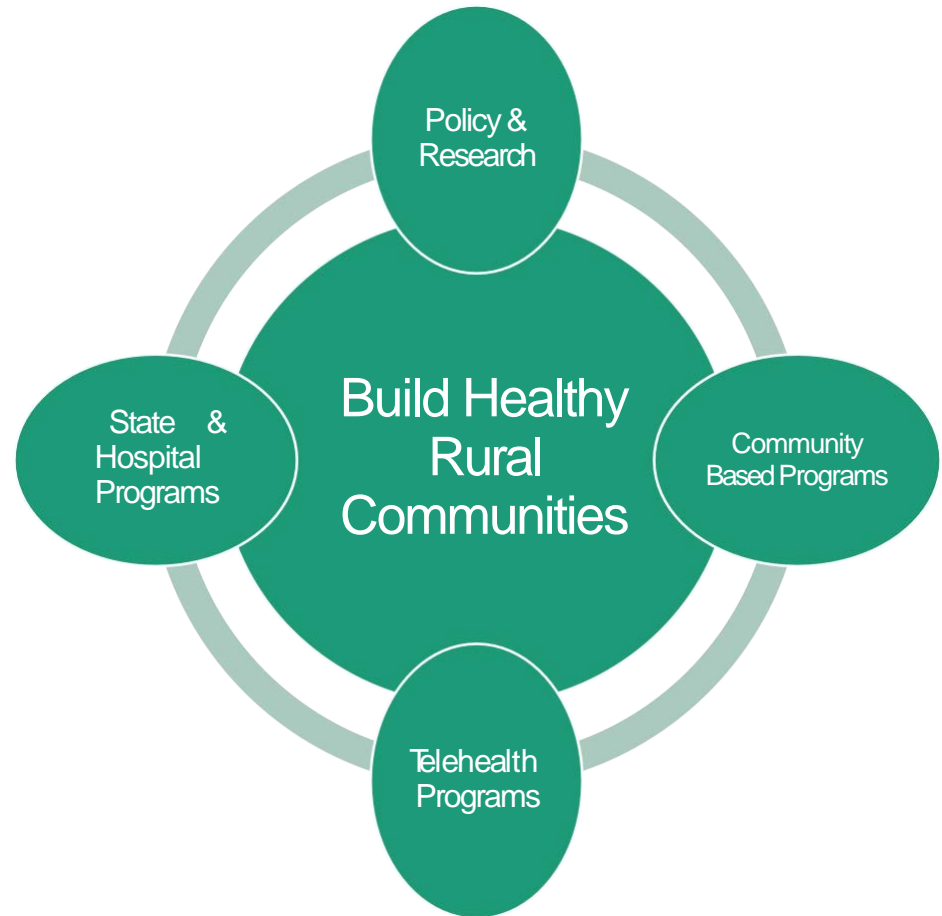
Mission

FORHP collaborates with rural communities and partners to support programs and shape policy that will improve health in rural America.

Values

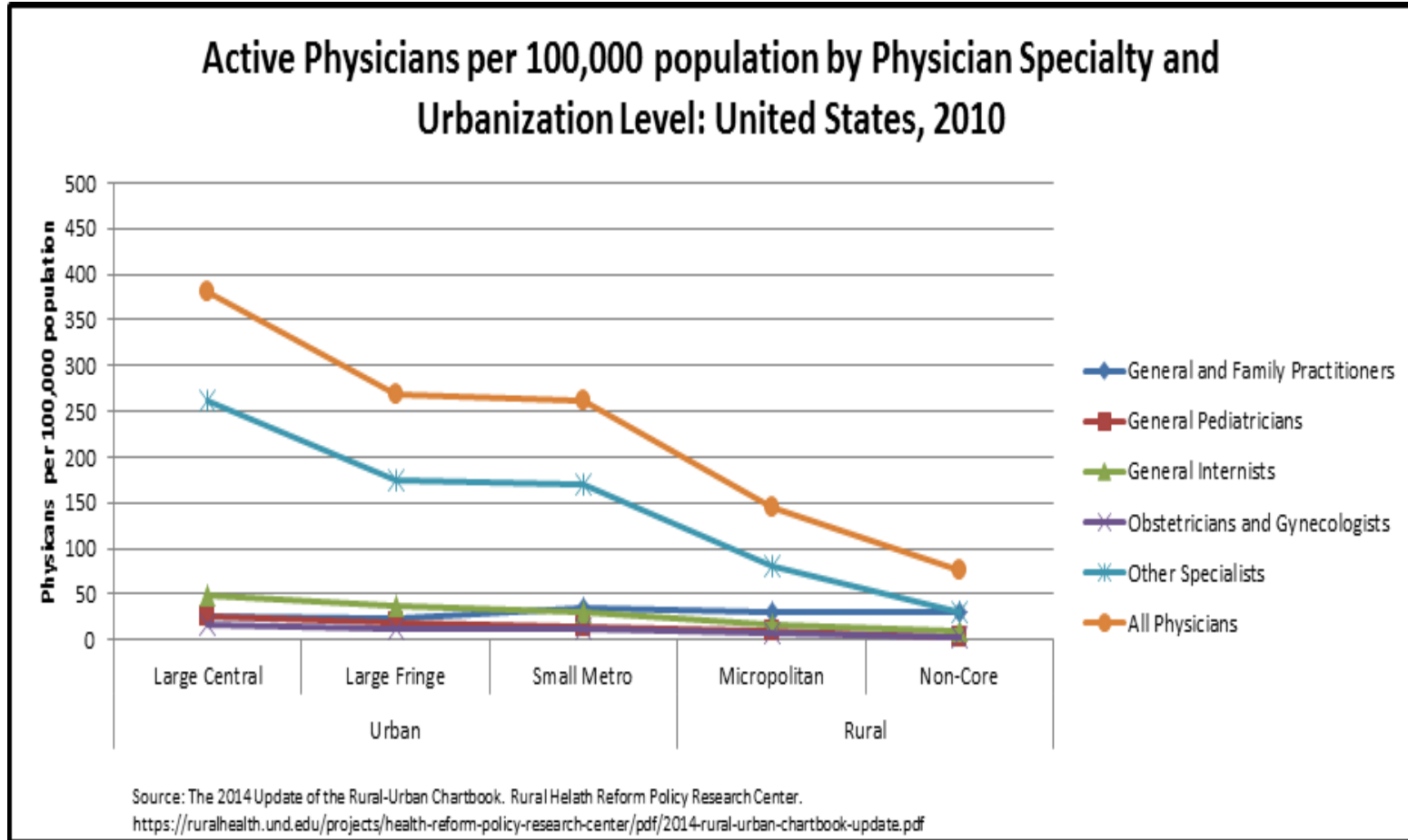
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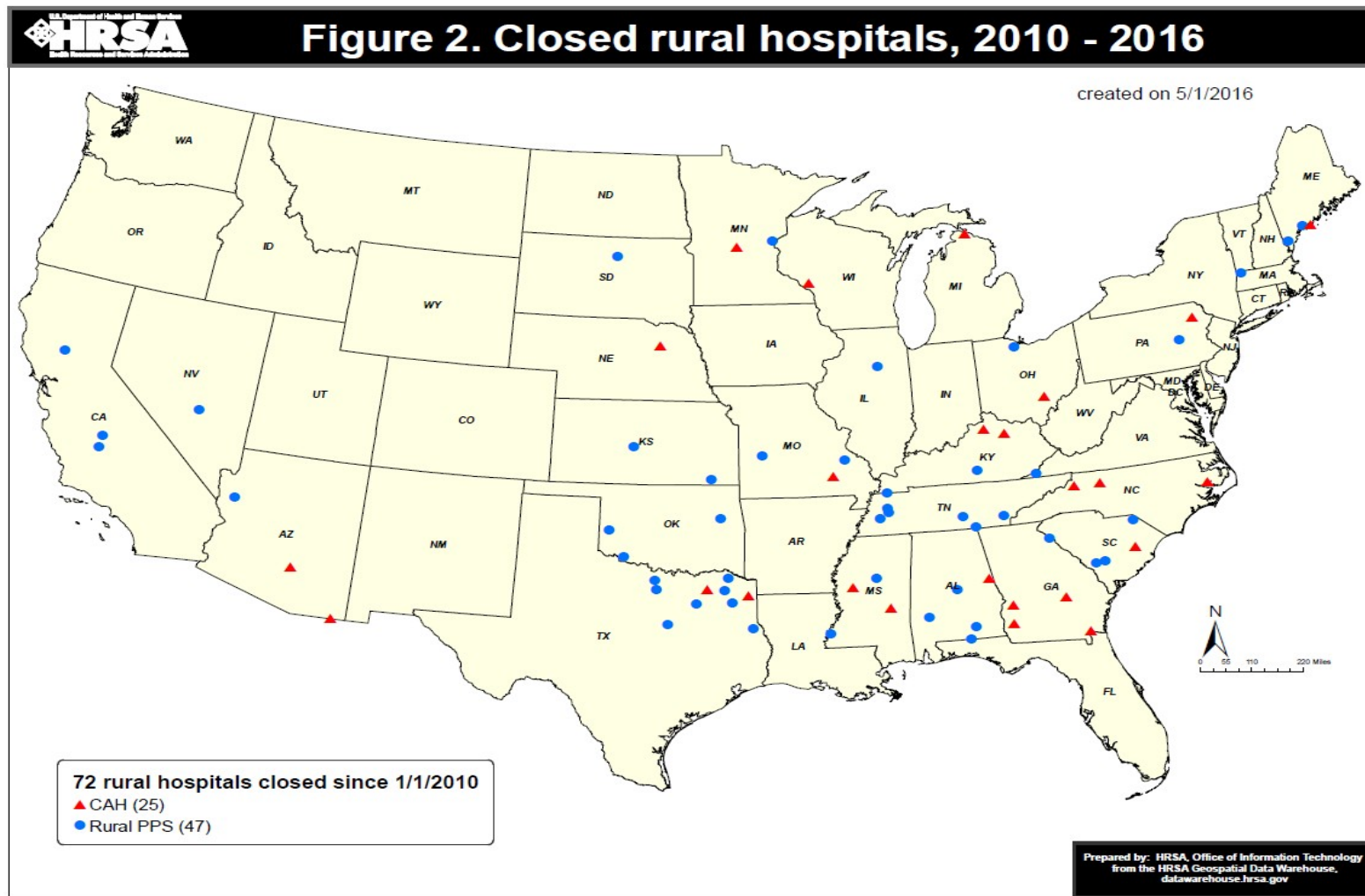
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Monitoring Workforce Data



Rural Considerations

Hospital Closures



State Offices of Rural Health (SORH) Grant Program



SORH Grant Background

- **Authorized by Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254r) as amended, 1990**
- **Reauthorized by Congress 1998**
- **Funds appropriated by Congress since FY1991**
- **Primary goal - to assist States in strengthening rural health care delivery systems by creating a *focal point* for rural health in each State**



SORH Authorizing Legislation

- 1. Establish and maintain clearinghouse for collection and disseminating information on:**
 - rural healthcare issues
 - research findings related to rural healthcare
 - innovative approaches to the delivery of care in rural areas
- 2. Coordinate activities within state to avoid duplication.**
- 3. Identifying Federal and state programs regarding rural health, and providing technical assistance regarding application and participation.**

SORHS may also: conduct activities pertaining to the recruitment and retention of health care professionals to serve in rural areas; and provide sub-awards and contracts to public and non-profit organizations to carry out SORH activities.



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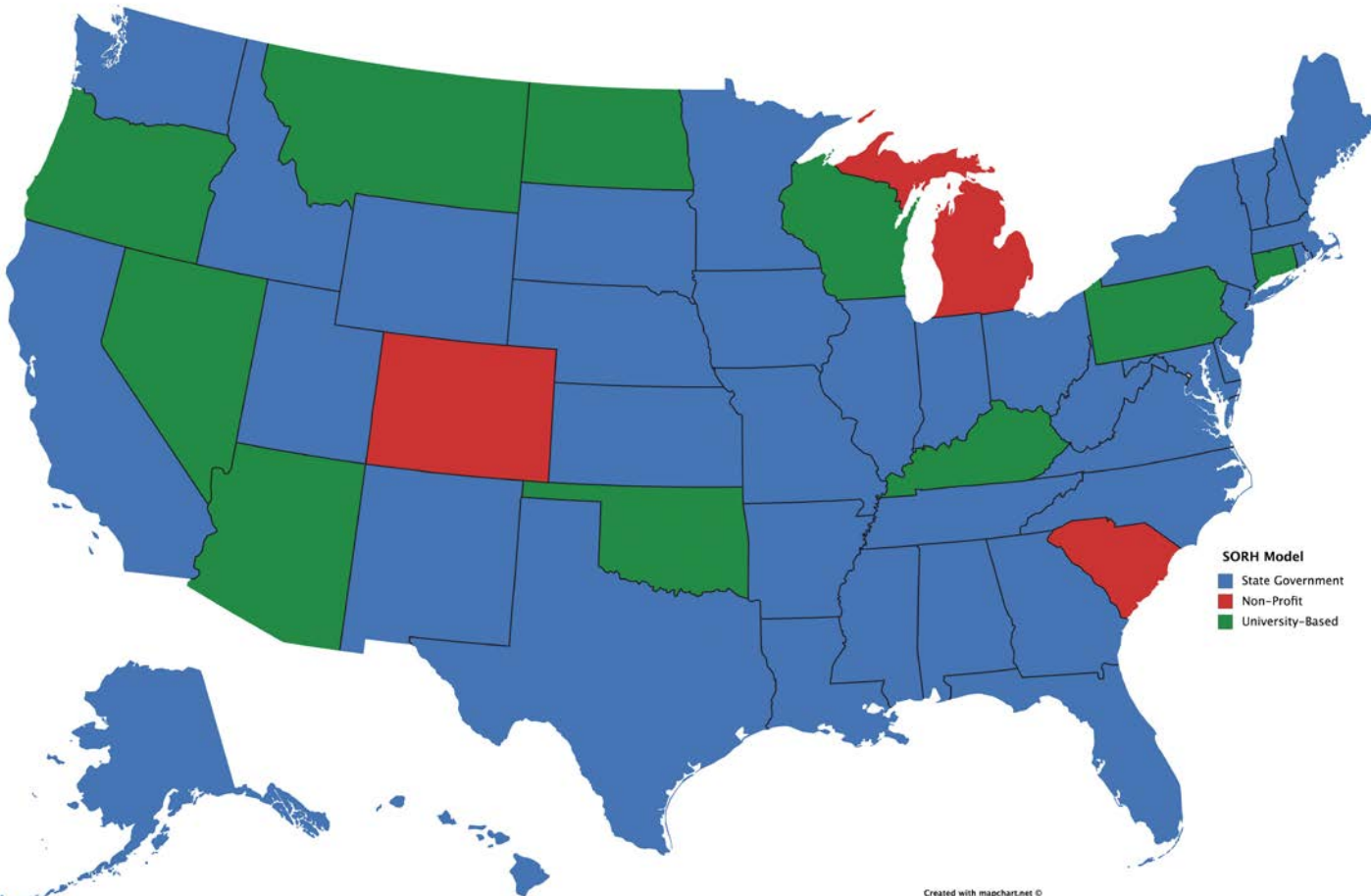
National Organization of **State Offices of Rural Health**

Who is NOSORH?



- *Mission: NOSORH promotes the capacity of state offices of rural health to improve health care in rural America through leadership development, advocacy, education, & partnerships.*
- Webinars
- Fact Sheets
- Learning Communities
- Institutes
- Toolkits
- Meetings
- Legislative Activities

SORH State Models



How can we collaborate?



- Recruitment and Retention
- Shortage Designations
- Reporting
- Other Opportunities

Recruitment and Retention



- Majority of SORH are also the 3RNet member
- Assist with recruiting sites for loan repayment programs
- Assist with linkage of community facilities to J-1 and other PCO programs

Shortage Designations



- Site visits
- Population insights
- Direct linkages
- NOTE: HPSA score can impact: loan repayment, reimbursement rates, etc.

Reporting



- PCO can be that link between urban underserved and rural
- State Rural Health Plans
- Grant Applications
- Policy/Issue Briefs on Rural Needs
- Strategic Planning
- Joint Health Professions Workforce Plan (DOL Initiative)



Other Opportunities

- PCO can be the link between urban under-served and rural
- Public Health Accreditation
- Consider HHS Priorities:
 - Opioid Use
 - Childhood obesity
 - Behavioral health care
 - Reducing regulatory burdens



NOSORH Services

Available to PCO for capacity building

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TruServe



- Web-based performance tracking tool
- Customizable reports and inputs
- Currently used by 3 PCO offices (not including joint offices)

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NOSORH Institutes



Grant Writing Institute

- 9 session over 18 weeks
- Complete grant writing process
- Final project – project narrative

Data Institute

- 8 sessions over 16 weeks
- Data use process
- Final project – data-driven fact sheet

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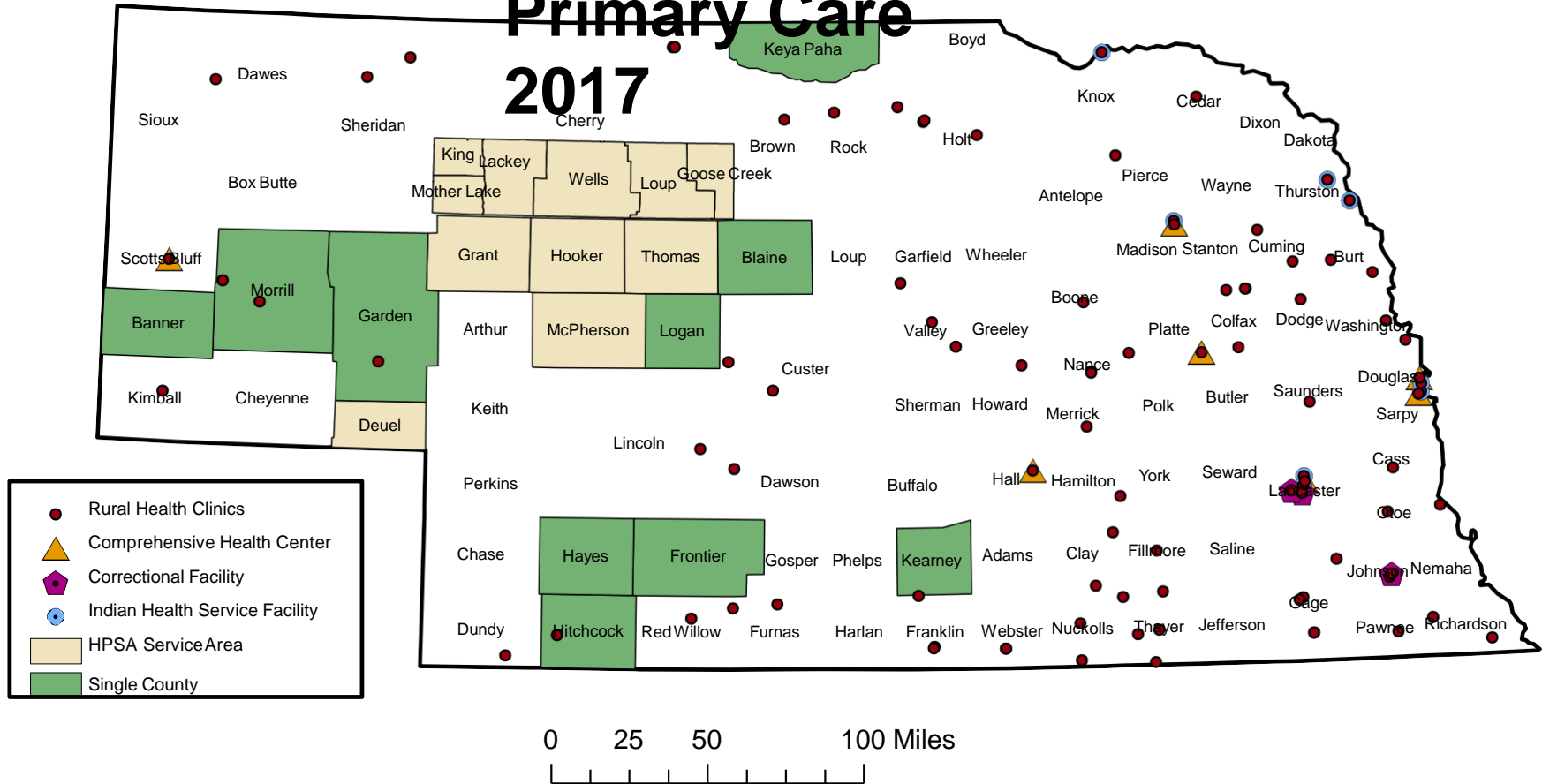
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Health Provider Access Nebraska PCO Perspective

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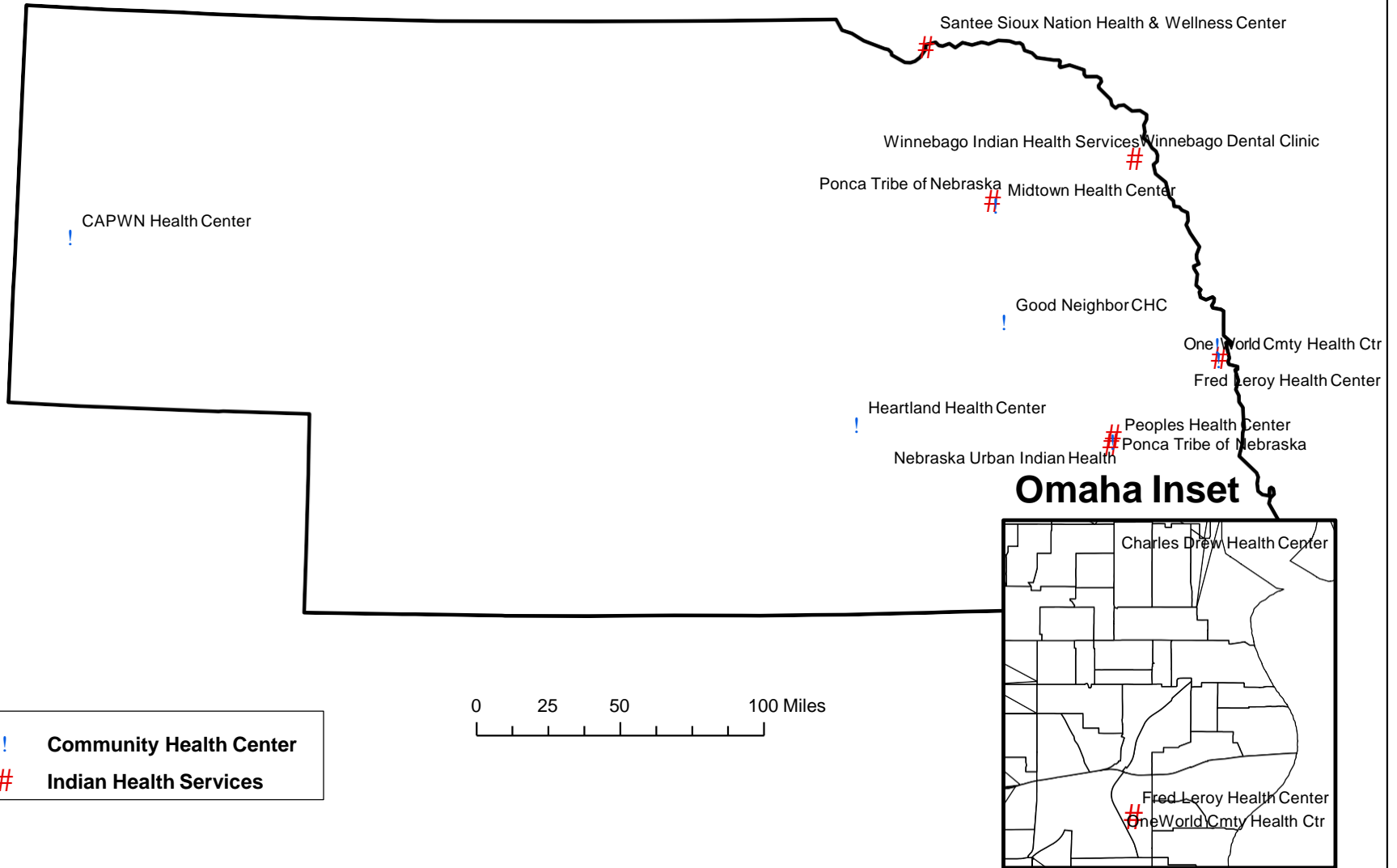
Health Professional Shortage Areas Primary Care 2017



Source: Health Professions Tracking Service
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Nebraska Community Health Centers and Indian Health Services Facilities



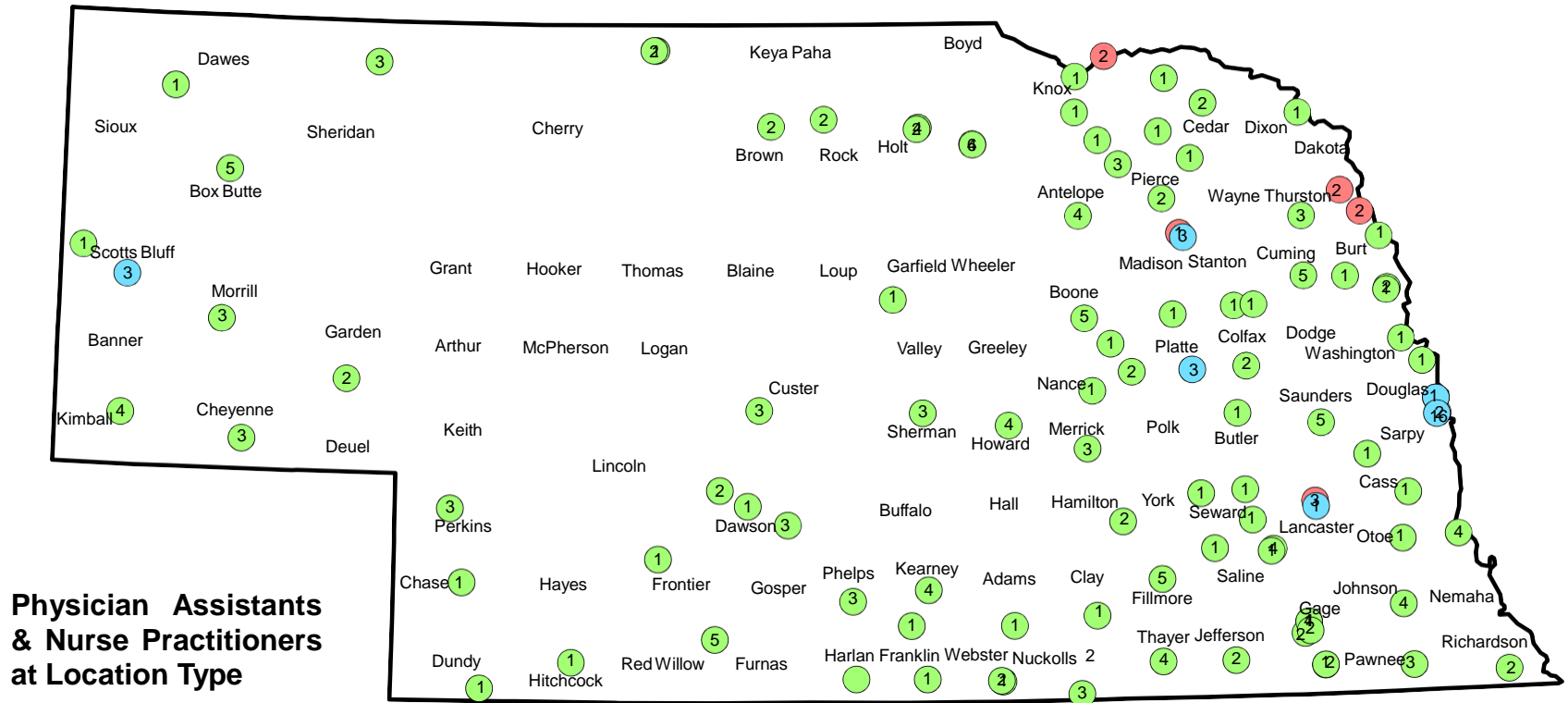
! Community Health Center
Indian Health Services

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Physician Assistants & Nurse Practitioners as of April 2017 by Safety Net Sites

Federally funded Community Health Centers, Indian Health Service/Tribal Clinics, and Medicare certified Rural Health Clinics



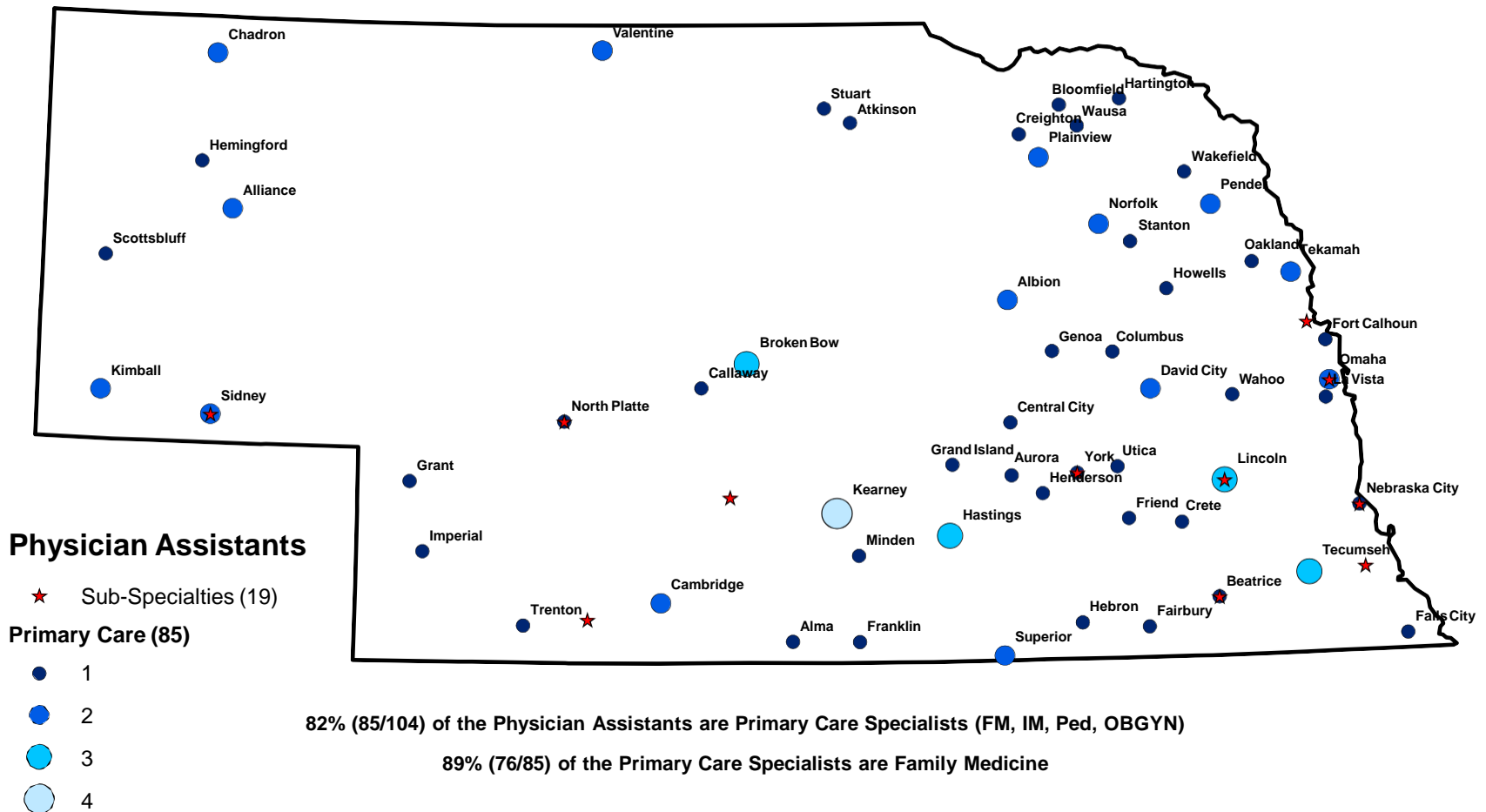
- 27 ● Federally funded Community Health Centers
- 13 ● Indian Health Services/Tribal Clinics
- 199 ● Medicare certified Rural Health Clinics

There are 905 physician assistants and 1,151 nurse practitioner listed by community and primary practice location.

239 of 2,056 (11.6%) of physician assistants and nurse practitioners work at safety net sites.

Physician Assistants who are or have served a loan obligation to an underserved area (1991-Present)

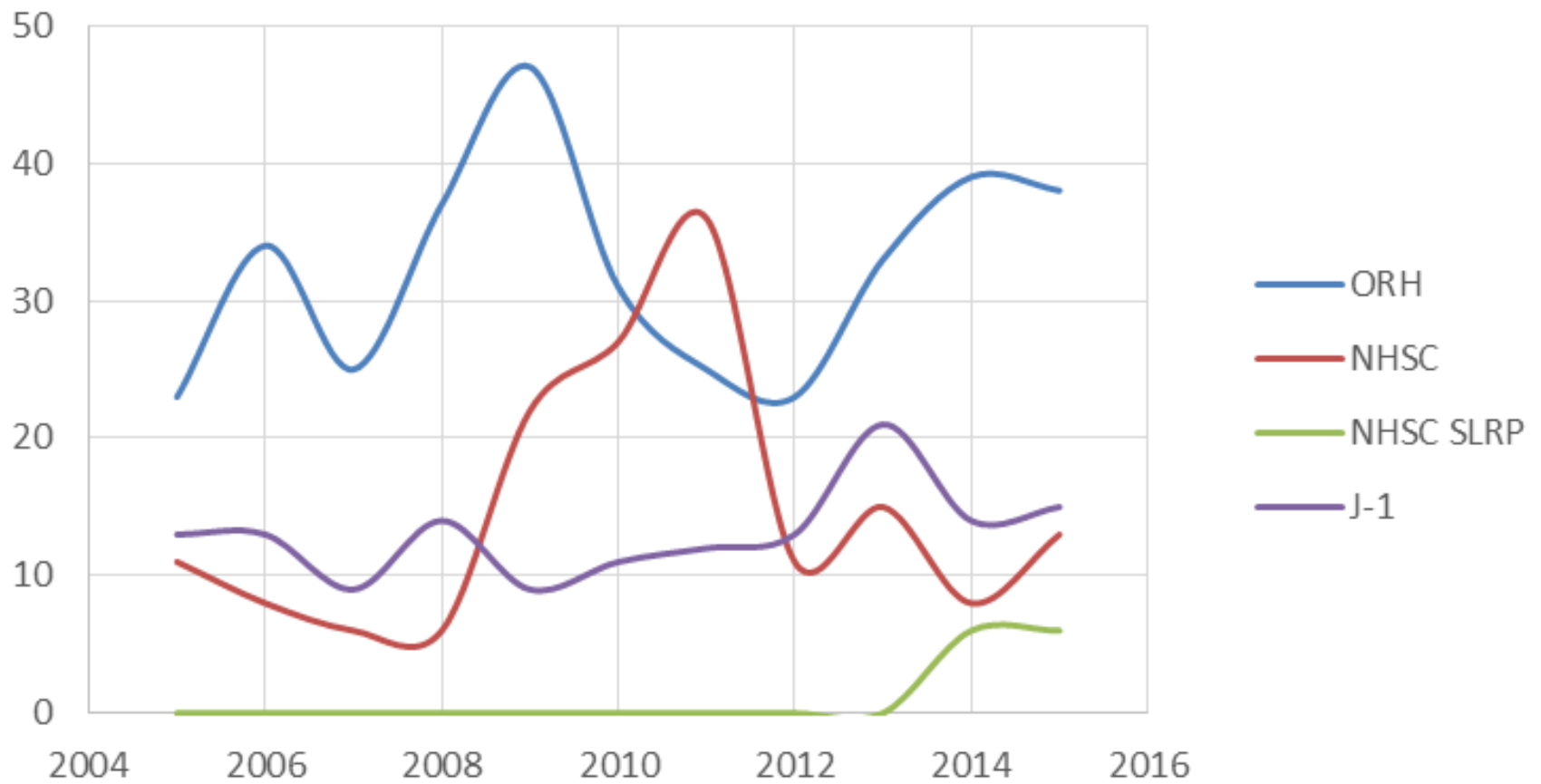
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Obligated Placements by Year and Program



BHECN Webinar

Psychiatric Providers in Nebraska

Where are they in Nebraska

MD/DO; APRN; PA
Types of practice locations

Where are they coming from

Training programs

What changes are taking place

Transitions in practices

Retention associated factors

Multistate Study 2012 - 2016

Health Policy Reports

**Published in conjunction with the University of Nebraska,
College of Public Health, Health Policy Center**

January 2014 - [The Cancer Care Workforce in Nebraska, 2008-2012](#)

October 2013 - [Trends in Retail and Urgent Care Clinics in Nebraska](#)

April 2013 - [Access to Oral Health Care in Nebraska](#)

January 2013 - [Primary Care Nurse Practitioners in Nebraska](#)

January 2013 - [Primary Care Physician Assistants in Nebraska](#)□

August 2012 - [Active Primary Care Physicians in Nebraska: Data Comparison, Supply, and Characteristics](#)□↑

August 2011 - [Nebraska Behavioral Health Workforce 2000 - 2010](#)

September 2009 - ["A Critical Match" Nebraska Health Workforce Planning Project Final Report](#)□

Nebraska Family Physician Survey Report 2009 **

•<https://www.unmc.edu/publichealth/hpts/news/reports-publications.html>

** http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/orh/docs/FP_SurveyReport2009.pdf



The [Nebraska Healthy People 2020](#) presents a comprehensive review of the state of health and well-being for Nebraskans within 24 focus areas, and includes current data as well as goals for 2020. While these target values represent our desired population health levels to achieve, the Healthy People 2020 is not an action plan that identifies specific strategies towards each focus area. Nonetheless, the performance of activities statewide by the state and local health departments and community partners is anticipated to improve population health in these areas.

 [Nebraska Healthy People 2020 Final Report](#)

HP2020 Focus Area Dashboards

 [Access to Health Services](#)

 [Adolescent Health](#)

 [Arthritis](#)

 [Cancer](#)

 [Diabetes](#)

 [Disability and Health](#)

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