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INDIANA STATE OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH

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OUR MISSION:

**To promote, protect, and improve
the health and safety of all Hoosiers.**

OUR VISION:

**Every Hoosier reaches optimal health
regardless of where they live, learn,
work, or play.**



Demographics

- Indiana covers 35,867 square miles with a 2020 estimated population of 6,785,528 people
- 47 of Indiana's 92 counties are considered rural based on the FORHP definition
- 1,465,950 people residing in rural locations
- State's largest cities are Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, and Evansville
- 2021 U.S. Census Bureau: 84.8% state's population is white, 9.9% is African-American, 2.6% is Asian, 0.4% is American Indian or Alaska native, 0.1% is Native Hawaiian and 7.3% is of Hispanic or Latino origin

**Rural Health Information Hub: <https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/states/indiana>

Rural landscape

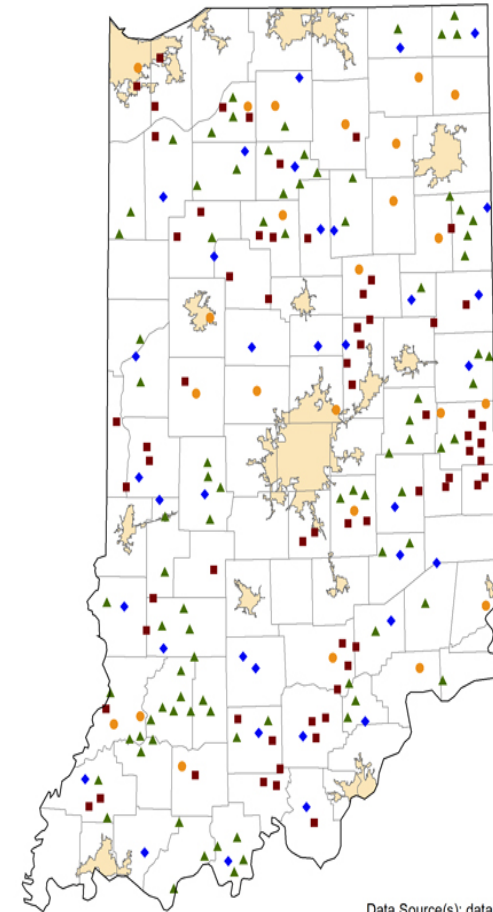
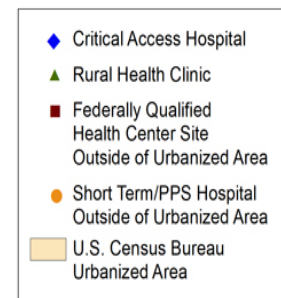
- There are a total of 47 Indiana counties that are defined as 'fully rural,' according to the FOHRP definition.



Access to care

- 35 critical access hospitals
- 24 short-term/PPS hospitals
- 46 hospitals (50 or fewer beds)
- 87 rural health clinics
- 27 federally qualified health centers
- 12 federally qualified health centers
 - Look-alikes

Selected Rural Healthcare Facilities in Indiana

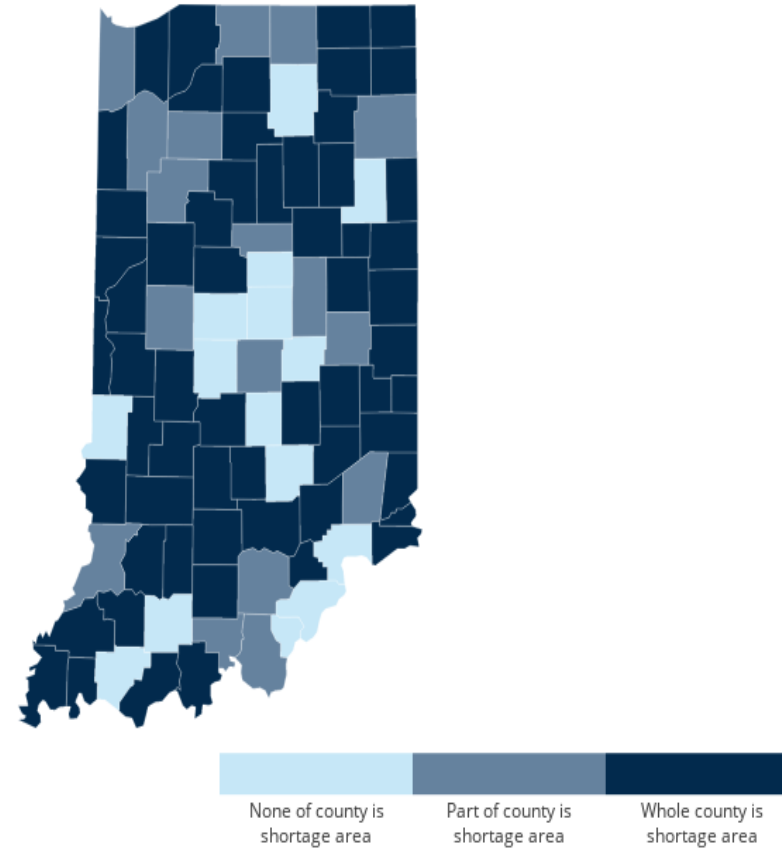


Data Source(s): data.HRSA.gov,
U.S. Department of Health and Human
Services, January 2022

HPSA

60 counties in Indiana are HPSA designated for primary care

Health Professional Shortage Areas: Primary Care, by County, 2022 - Indiana



Source: data.HRSA.gov, January 2022.

Staff

- Ann Alley, Director of Chronic Disease, Primary Care and Rural Health
- Joyce Fillenwarth, State Office of Rural Health Manager and Small Hospital Improvement (SHIP) coordinator
- David Conrad, Rural Hospital Flexibility (FLEX) coordinator

Programs

SHIP

- Indiana Hospital Association partnership:
- Training programs focused in areas of:
 - Patient and family experience
 - Maximizing reimbursement outpatient setting
 - Using simulation to promote patient safety
 - Mental health (focus on zero suicide)
 - Health disparities
 - 42 out of 46 hospitals current participation

Programs

- SHIP COVID Testing and Mitigation
 - SORH and IHA's partnership responsibilities include disbursement of funds, ensuring program integrity, and conducting reporting requirements
- RCORP-Implementation III
 - Expansion of a community paramedicine program from 40 hours/week to 24/7 program
 - Seven-member consortium
- Office Community Rural Affairs (OCRA)
 - Funding and managing of health programs to support community programs

Programs

- CDC COVID-19 and Health Disparities grant (I-HOPE)
 - 11 rural partners supporting 14 different programs within rural communities
- Older Hoosiers and Caregiver Advisory Council
 - Revising of the Long-Term Services and Support program
- Community Paramedicine Advisory Council/Homeland Security
 - Networking of statewide programs

Programs

- Community Paramedicine/Mobile Integrated Healthcare/Homebound Advisory Council/Dept. of Health
 - New initiative
 - Objective is to create a multi-agency collaboration on means to broaden access to care
 - Agencies include with agencies still being added; Department of Health, Homeland Security, FSSA, and DMHA

Programs

- Learning Collaborative
 - Trauma-informed care
 - Expanded audience to include CAHs and rural health clinics
 - Importance of screening for ACEs, impact of trauma on chronic diseases, and providing solutions/resources
 - Partnerships with Mental Health of America and Dr. Bruce Perry (co-author with Oprah Winfrey of “What Happened to You”)

Programs

- FLEX
 - David Conrad - coordinator
 - Swing bed - Approved CMS hospital unit provides post-hospital skilled nursing facility care (in lieu of being transferred to another long-term care or rehabilitation facility)
 - Education focus on establishment, revenue opportunities, and compliance
 - Substance use disorder/human trafficking program
 - Stigma reduction/education within clinical staff
 - Awareness and implementation of processes and resources identification human trafficking

Rural crisis

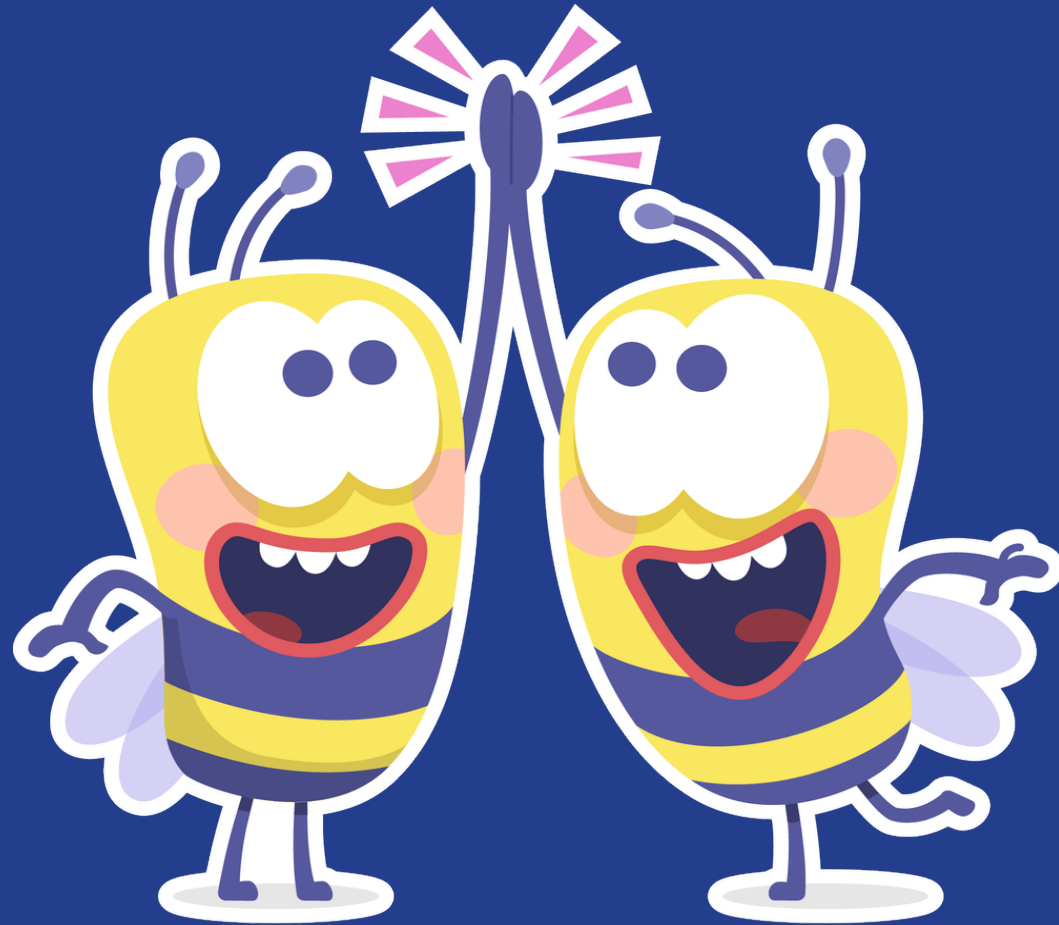
Access to care

- Transportation
 - Behavioral health resources
 - Specialty resources
 - Workforce retention/recruitment
- ...just to name a few



Next step

Keep moving
forward with...
collaboration
and innovation



Questions?

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