



**Health Professional Underserved  
Areas Report**  
**Kansas Primary Care and Rural Health**  
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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides information regarding the State Office of Primary Care and Rural Health (SOPC-RH) efforts to address critical health care workforce shortages in underserved areas of Kansas during 2022. Rural health care access has long been a challenge in the state due to its vast geographical landscape and population distribution. These disparities were made even more apparent with the onset of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

Despite commendable efforts to augment the health care workforce, enduring factors contributing to shortages, coupled with a wave of resignations nationwide triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic, have perpetuated the uneven distribution of essential health care professionals across Kansas. Even under the Public Health Emergency declaration, these disparities continued to widen, making underservice and a shortage of professionals a particular hardship in the state.

The SOPC-RH administers a suite of programs designed to address these challenges. Through state and federal scholarships, loan repayment initiatives, and federal agency sponsorship of international medical graduates, we aim to directly address the immediate needs of our communities. Moreover, programs offered directly by federal agencies include payment enhancements for rural health clinics and Medicare bonus payments designed to ensure the financial viability of health care practice sites in rural communities.

All programs administered by the SOPC-RH adhere to a consistent set of eligibility requirements. A service area, often a county, must meet specific criteria to attain designations such as Health Professional Shortage Area or Medically Underserved Area. The first half of this report is dedicated to defining the various health care shortage designations and the efforts taken by the SOPC-RH to mitigate these shortages. The second half of this report provides comprehensive information, including but not limited to health care facilities, program awards, and shortage designations for all 105 counties in Kansas.

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# Health Professional Shortage Areas

A Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) is a designation that indicates an area that lacks sufficient health care professionals in primary care, dental or mental health to meet the health care needs of the population. These areas can be a group of counties, a single or partial county, or a facility. More than 30 federal programs use HPSA designations to identify areas of greater need and allot resources accordingly. A few of the programs that use HPSA designations include:

- National Health Service Corps (NHSC)
  - NHSC Practice Sites
  - Loan Repayment Program (NHSC LRP)
  - Students-to-Service
  - Nurse Corps Loan Repayment
  - Nurse Corps Scholarship Program
  - Rural Community Loan Repayment
  - Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
  - Medicare Incentive Payment
  - Rural Health Clinic Program
- Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program
- Special consideration and funding priority for Area Health Education Centers (AHEC)
- Kansas State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)

Each HPSA designation is assigned a numeric score from zero to 25 for primary care and mental health, and zero to 26 for dental health, based on population health care needs and access to health care professionals. For some programs, such as the NHSC LRP, which provides educational loan repayment to health care professionals in the highest areas of need in each state, the score is taken into consideration as part of the eligibility criteria for participation. To obtain a HPSA designation, the area must:

- Be a rational area – a partial, single, or group of counties – for the delivery of health care services.
- Have a specific population-to-professional ratio.
- Demonstrate that health care professionals in contiguous areas are excessively distant, over-used, or inaccessible to the population under consideration.



# Federal Programs Using Shortage Designations

Shortage Designation Type	National Health Service Corps (NHSC)	NURSE Corps	Health Center Program	CMS Medicare Incentive Payment	CMS Rural Health Clinic Program	J-1 Visa Waiver Program
Medically Underserved Area			X		X	X
Medically Underserved Population			X			X
State Governor's Certified Shortage Area					X	

## Primary Care

Geographic HPSA	X	X		X	X	X
Population HPSA	X	X			X	X
Facility HPSA	X	X				X

## Dental Health

Geographic HPSA	X					
Population HPSA	X					
Facility HPSA	X					

## Mental Health

Geographic HPSA	X	X		X		X
Population HPSA	X	X				X
Facility HPSA	X	X				X

# Types of HPSA Designations

There are different types of HPSA determinations, the most common being Geographic HPSA and Low-Income Population HPSA, as described below.

## Geographic HPSA

Geographic HPSAs allow health care professionals to participate in the Physician Bonus Program, which pays a 10 percent bonus for outpatient services for Medicare beneficiaries. Primary Care Geographic HPSA designations in Kansas are calculated using the ratio of a county's population compared to the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) professionals providing direct patient care services in that county. Each professional's direct patient care hours are compiled to calculate the FTE; 40 direct patient care hours per week equals one FTE. The minimum population-to-professional ratio for a Primary Care Geographic HPSA is 3,500:1.

## Population HPSA

Population HPSAs reflect the health care needs of specific populations to determine if the area qualifies as a Low-Income Population HPSA or Medicaid-Eligible Population HPSA. More than 30 percent of the area's population must be under 200 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) to qualify for a Low-Income Population HPSA or a Medicaid-Eligible Population HPSA.

## Indian Health Facilities, Other Facility HPSA and Auto-Facility HPSA

Other Facility HPSAs and Auto-Facility HPSAs reflect the specific health care needs of populations served by a correctional facility, county or state mental hospital, and public or non-profit medical facility. Federally qualified health centers (FQHCs), rural health clinics (RHCs) and Indian Health Service clinics are eligible for Auto-Facility HPSA designations. Scores for Indian Health Facilities/Native American Tribal Population HPSAs and Auto-Facility HPSA designations are calculated by the Shortage Designation Branch of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

Direct patient care hours delivered by the following professions are considered when calculating Geographic and Population HPSA ratios.

### Primary Care

- Doctor of Medicine (MD) and Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO)
  - Family Practice
  - Internal Medicine
  - Obstetrics and Gynecology
  - Pediatrics

### Dental Health

- Dentists
- Dental Auxiliaries (defined as any non-dentist staff employed by the dentist to assist in the operation of the practice)

### Mental Health

- Psychiatrists\*

\*For all Mental Health designations, the providers counted in the Population-to-Provider ratio may differ from one state to another, at the discretion of the state's Primary Care Office. The ratio may consist of Psychiatrists only, Core Mental Health providers only, or both Psychiatrists and Core Mental Health providers. The Core Mental Health classification includes psychiatrists, clinical psychologists, clinical social workers, psychiatric nurse specialists, and marriage and family therapists. The SOPC-RH includes only Psychiatrists in the determination of Mental Health HPSAs.

As a grantee of the HRSA Primary Care Office cooperative agreement, the SOPC-RH is tasked with proactively seeking HPSA and MUA/P data for shortage designations for geographic areas and populations experiencing barriers to care, including access to providers. The office is responsible for the collection of professional FTE data used in determining the population-to-professional ratios. The process of surveying health care professionals is accomplished through a contract with Fort Hays State University. Providers are asked to self-report the average number of hours per week spent providing direct patient care, which is defined as providing primary health services in an outpatient or ambulatory setting. Direct patient care does not include time spent teaching, conducting research, completing administrative duties, or serving in an advisory or supervisory role. All other data used in HPSA scoring is obtained through U.S. census data and other national sources.

## HPSA Scoring Criteria

Factor Points Awarded	Primary Care			Dental Health			Mental Health
	Max Points Awarded	Multiplier	Total Points Possible	Max Points Awarded	Multiplier	Total Points Possible	Max Points Awarded
Population to Professional Ratio	5	x2	10	5	x2	10	7
Percent of Population Below Federal Poverty Level	5	x1	5	5	x2	10	5
Travel Time/ Distance to Care	5	x1	5	5	x1	5	5
Infant Health Index	5	x1	5				
Water Fluoridation Status				1	x1	1	
Youth ratio							3
Elderly ratio							3
Substance Abuse Prevalence							1
Alcohol Abuse Prevalence							1
<b>Max Score</b>	<b>25</b>			<b>26</b>			<b>25</b>

## Maternity Care Target Area (MCTA)

A MCTA serves as a supplementary component within the broader framework of the Primary Care (PC) HPSA designation. It aims to specifically address maternity care services within areas that are designated as a primary care shortage area. Eligibility for a MCTA score is contingent upon the existence of an established Primary Care HPSA designation.

### Background and Overview

The final [MCTA Federal Register Notice](#) was published in May 2022. HRSA added MCTA scores to existing PC geographic, population and Auto-HPSAs with a 'Designated' status in November 2022.

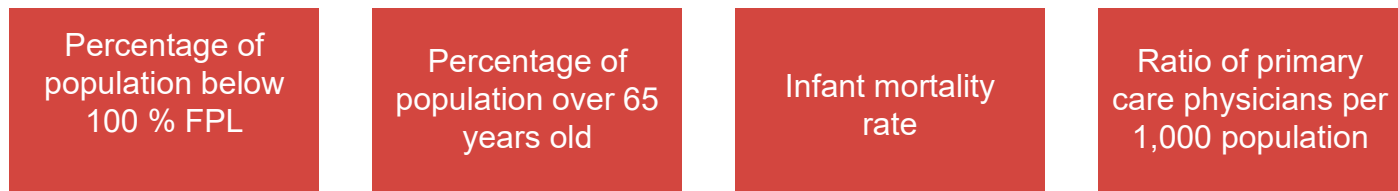
### Scoring Calculations

Criteria	MCTA – Sub-Score		
	Max Points Awarded	Multiplier	Total Points Possible
Population-to-Provider* Ratio	5	X 1	= 5
Percent of Population Below 200% Federal Poverty Level	5	X 1	= 5
Travel Distance/Time to Nearest Source of Care	5	X 1	= 5
Fertility Rate	2	X 1	= 2
Social Vulnerability Index	2	X 1	= 2
Maternal Health Index <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-Pregnancy Obesity</li> <li>• Pre-Pregnancy Diabetes</li> <li>• Pre-Pregnancy Hypertension</li> <li>• Cigarette Smoking</li> <li>• Prenatal Care Initiation in the First Trimester</li> <li>• Behavioral Health Factor</li> </ul>	6	X 1 for each factor	= 6
<b>Max Score</b>			<b>=25</b>

\*Providers counted in MCTA FTEs: OB/GYNs and CNMs (Certified Nurse Midwives)

# Federal Medically Underserved Areas and Medically Underserved Populations

The Medically Underserved Area (MUA) criteria were developed by the federal government to support the federal health maintenance organization (HMO) grant program, which targets areas for community health centers (CHC) and rural health clinics (RHC). County or partial county areas are eligible for designation as an MUA. Discrete populations, such as a prison population or Medicaid recipients within a county, are eligible for designation as a Medically Underserved Population (MUP). Areas or populations are scored on the following criteria:



## Facility and Auto-Facility HPSAs

Federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) and rural health clinics (RHCs) may be granted an Auto-Facility HPSA designation. An FQHC look-alike (LAL) has been identified by HRSA as meeting the definition of an FQHC but does not receive grant funding. To be certified as an FQHC, an entity must be a HRSA Health Center Program grantee; these include:



## Governor-Designated Medically Underserved Areas

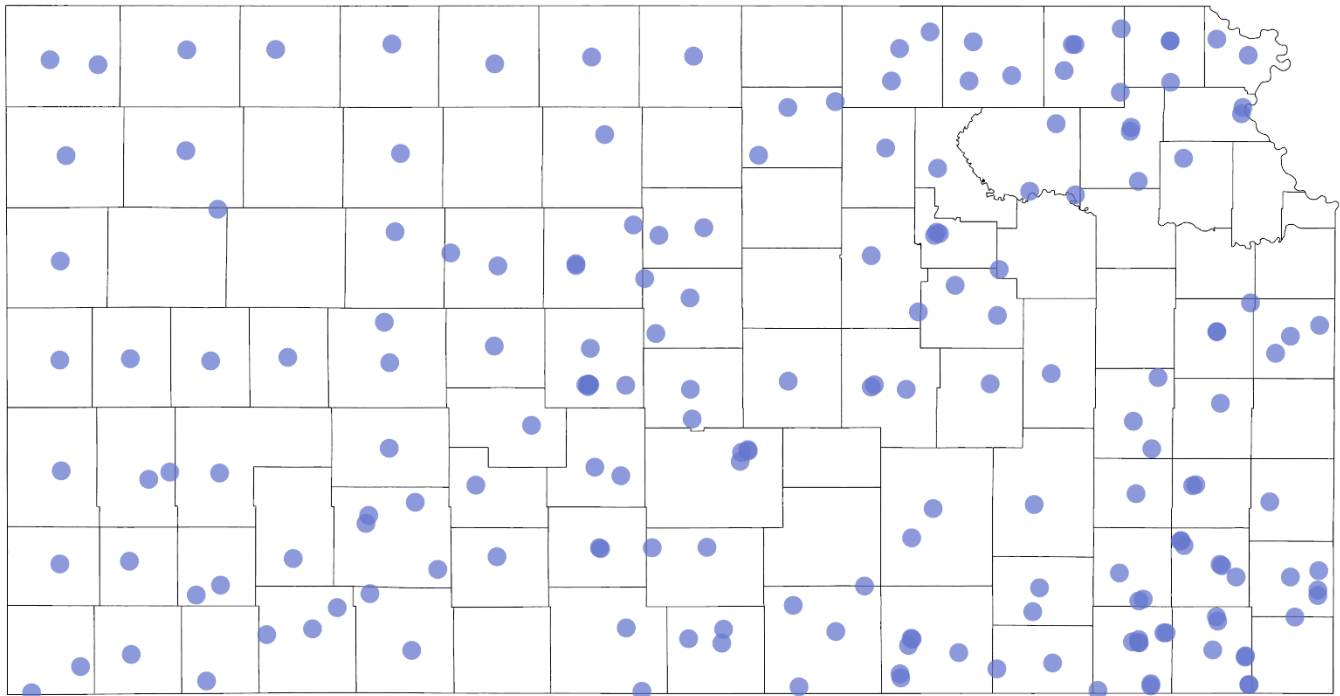
The Governor's designation of MUA is used only for RHC eligibility. If a county's population exceeds 2,695 persons per adjusted count of primary care physicians or 37.1 physicians per 100,000 population, it is considered an underserved area. Any time a HPSA or state MUA designation is needed for RHC eligibility, and a county believes its status has changed, the county may ask the SOPC-RH to re-evaluate the county MUA designation. When identifying a reasonable minimum number for practice viability in frontier areas, Kansas considers the service area to be underserved if there are fewer than two primary care professionals available. A list of counties that meet the criteria for designation of a Governor's-Designated MUA is provided on the following page.

## Counties Eligible for Governor-Designated Medically Underserved Areas (MUAs)

Barber	Grant	Lincoln	Republic
Bourbon	Gray	Linn	Rice
Chase	Greeley	Logan	Rush
Chautauqua	Greenwood	Marion	Seward
Cherokee	Hamilton	Meade	Sheridan
Cheyenne	Harper	Miami	Sherman
Cloud	Haskell	Montgomery	Stafford
Comanche	Hodgeman	Morris	Sevens
Cowley	Jefferson	Morton	Sumner
Dickinson	Jewell	Ness	Trego
Doniphan	Kearny	Osage	Wabaunsee
Elk	Kingman	Osborn	Wallace
Ellsworth	Kiowa	Ottawa	Washington
Ford	Labette	Phillips	Wichita
Franklin	Lane	Pratt	Woodson
Geary	Leavenworth	Rawlins	

An RHC is in a rural area which must have a Primary Care HPSA or an MUA, designated or updated within the last four years and is designed to increase the availability of health care services in rural areas. Participation as an RHC allows Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement for health care services provided by physician assistants and nurse practitioners. RHC services covered by Medicare and Medicaid are paid on a cost basis, providing an incentive for clinics that use nurse practitioners or physician assistants at least half-time. There are 182 RHCs in 85 counties as illustrated in the map below.

## Rural Health Clinic (RHC) Locations in Kansas



# HPSA Designations

## Kansas County-Level Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs)

County	Primary Care				Dental Health				Mental Health			
	Updated	Type	Score	PFW?	Updated	Type	Score	PFW?	Updated	Type	Score	PFW?
Allen	March 20, 2023	POP	13	N	September 10, 2021	POP	9	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	18	Y – R
Anderson	September 10, 2021	POP	14	N	September 10, 2021	POP	15	N	September 10, 2021	GEO	18	Y – R
Atchison	February 3, 2022	POP	10	N	January 5, 2022	POP	25	N	September 10, 2021	GEO	13	Y – R
Barber	February 3, 2022	POP	12	N	September 10, 2021	GEO	11	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	9	N
Barton	March 20, 2023	POP	8	N	September 10, 2021	POP	14	N	January 28, 2022	GEO	15	N
Bourbon	February 3, 2022	POP	17	N	September 10, 2021	POP	17	N	September 10, 2021	GEO	18	Y – R
Brown	September 10, 2021	POP	7	N	September 10, 2021	POP	15	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	15	Y – R
Butler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	January 5, 2022	GEO	17	N
Chase	July 6, 2022	GEO	14	N	September 10, 2021	GEO	12	N	September 10, 2021	GEO	16	Y – R
Chautauqua	September 10, 2021	GEO	14	N	September 10, 2021	POP	12	N	September 10, 2021	GEO	13	Y – R
Cherokee	September 10, 2021	POP	17	Y – R	September 10, 2021	POP	15	N	February 3, 2022	GEO	15	N
Cheyenne	September 10, 2021	POP	7	N	September 10, 2021	POP	15	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	14	N
Clark	September 10, 2021	POP	16	Y – R	September 10, 2021	GEO	9	N	September 10, 2021	GEO	14	N
Clay	-	-	-	R	September 10, 2021	GEO	11	Y	April 8, 2022	POP	18	N
Cloud	September 10, 2021	POP	7	N	September 10, 2021	POP	16	N	April 8, 2022	POP	18	N
Coffey	-	-	-	-	September 10, 2021	GEO	8	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	16	Y – R
Comanche	-	-	-	-	September 10, 2021	GEO	9	N	September 10, 2021	GEO	14	N
Cowley	September 10, 2021	POP	14	N	September 10, 2021	POP	10	Y	March 1, 2022	GEO	17	N
Crawford	July 13, 2021	POP	14	N	September 10, 2021	POP	17	N	January 27, 2022	GEO	17	N
Decatur	September 10, 2021	POP	14	N	September 10, 2021	GEO	9	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	14	N
Dickinson	September 10, 2021	POP	16	N	September 10, 2021	POP	15	N	February 3, 2022	GEO	15	N
Doniphan	September 10, 2021	POP	14	N	September 10, 2021	POP	11	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	15	Y – R
Douglas	September 10, 2021	POP	15	N	September 10, 2021	POP	15	N	-	-	-	-
Edwards	September 10, 2021	POP	16	Y	September 10, 2021	POP	5	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	14	N
Elk	September 10, 2021	POP	15	Y – R	September 10, 2021	GEO	15	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	13	Y – R

### Type of County-Level HPSA Designation

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 GEO = Geographic Population HPSA  
 See page 9 for full definitions.

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Ellis	September 10, 2021	POP	9	N	-	-	-	-	September 10, 2021	GEO	14	N
Ellsworth	September 10, 2021	POP	11	N	September 10, 2021	POP	9	N	February 3, 2022	GEO	15	N
Finney	September 10, 2021	POP	15	Y – R	-	-	-	-	September 10, 2021	GEO	16	N
Ford	September 10, 2021	POP	13	N	September 10, 2021	POP	13	N	September 10, 2021	GEO	16	N
Franklin	July 22, 2021	POP	10	N	September 10, 2021	POP	15	N	-	-	-	-
Geary	September 10, 2021	POP	13	Y	September 10, 2021	POP	9	N	April 8, 2022	POP	18	N
Gove	September 10, 2021	POP	13	Y – R	-	-	-	-	September 10, 2021	GEO	14	N
Graham	September 10, 2021	POP	8	Y – R	September 10, 2021	POP	4	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	14	N
Grant	September 10, 2021	POP	16	Y	September 10, 2021	POP	13	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	16	N
Gray	September 10, 2021	GEO	11	N	September 10, 2021	GEO	13	N	September 10, 2021	GEO	16	N
Greeley	September 10, 2021	POP	13	Y	September 10, 2021	POP	5	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	16	N
Greenwood	March 3, 2022	POP	15	N	September 10, 2021	GEO	12	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	16	Y – R
Hamilton	September 10, 2021	GEO	13	Y	-	-	-	-	September 10, 2021	GEO	16	N
Harper	September 10, 2021	POP	14	N	September 10, 2021	POP	14	N	September 10, 2021	GEO	9	N
Harvey	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	September 10, 2021	POP	17	Y – R
Haskell	September 10, 2021	GEO	6	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	11	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	17	Y
Hodgeman	September 10, 2021	GEO	12	Y – R	September 10, 2021	GEO	9	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	16	N
Jackson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	September 10, 2021	GEO	15	Y – R
Jefferson	September 10, 2021	GEO	8	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	13	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	13	Y – R
Jewell	September 10, 2021	GEO	13	Y	September 10, 2021	POP	10	Y	April 8, 2022	POP	18	N
Johnson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kearny	-	-	-	-	September 10, 2021	POP	7	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	16	N
Kingman	July 29, 2022	GEO	8	N	September 10, 2021	POP	9	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	9	N
Kiowa	September 10, 2021	POP	10	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	16	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	14	N
Labette	February 3, 2022	POP	16	N	September 10, 2021	POP	17	Y	January 27, 2022	GEO	19	N

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Lane	-	-	-	-	September 10, 2021	GEO	5	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	16	N
Leavenworth	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	September 10, 2021	GEO	13	Y – R
Lincoln	September 10, 2021	POP	13	Y	September 10, 2021	POP	8	Y	February 3, 2022	GEO	15	N
Linn	September 10, 2021	GEO	11	Y	September 10, 2021	POP	14	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	18	Y – R
Logan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	September 10, 2021	GEO	14	N
Lyon	September 10, 2021	POP	18	Y – R	September 10, 2021	POP	17	N	September 10, 2021	GEO	16	Y – R
Marion	September 10, 2021	GEO	4	N	September 10, 2021	POP	16	N	September 10, 2021	POP	17	Y – R
Marshall	September 10, 2021	POP	14	Y	September 10, 2021	POP	12	Y	April 8, 2022	POP	18	N
McPherson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meade	September 10, 2021	POP	15	Y	September 10, 2021	POP	7	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	17	Y
Miami	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mitchell	September 10, 2021	POP	16	Y	September 10, 2021	POP	8	Y	April 8, 2022	POP	18	N
Montgomery	January 20, 2022	POP	17	N	September 10, 2021	POP	13	N	September 10, 2021	GEO	13	Y – R
Morris	July 5, 2022	-	13	N	September 10, 2021	GEO	12	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	16	Y – R
Morton	September 10, 2021	POP	10	Y	September 10, 2021	POP	7	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	16	N
Nemaha	September 10, 2021	POP	13	Y	-	-	-	-	September 10, 2021	GEO	15	Y – R
Neosho	February 3, 2022	POP	14	N – R	September 10, 2021	POP	17	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	18	Y – R
Ness	September 10, 2021	POP	11	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	11	N	September 10, 2021	GEO	14	N
Norton	September 10, 2021	POP	14	Y – R	September 10, 2021	POP	14	N	September 10, 2021	GEO	14	N
Osage	September 10, 2021	GEO	13	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	9	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	16	Y – R
Osborne	September 10, 2021	POP	11	Y	-	-	-	-	September 10, 2021	GEO	14	N
Ottawa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	February 3, 2022	GEO	15	N
Pawnee	September 10, 2021	POP	15	N	-	-	-	-	January 28, 2022	GEO	15	N
Phillips	September 10, 2021	GEO	11	Y – R	-	-	-	-	September 10, 2021	GEO	14	N
Pottawatomie	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	April 8, 2022	POP	18	N

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Rawlins	September 10, 2021	POP	7	N	-	-	-	-	September 10, 2021	GEO	14	N
Reno	June 3, 2022	POP	16	N	September 10, 2021	POP	16	N	September 10, 2021	GEO	9	N
Republic	September 10, 2021	POP	19	Y – R	September 10, 2021	POP	8	Y	April 8, 2022	POP	18	N
Rice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	January 28, 2022	GEO	15	N
Riley	February 3, 2022	POP	15	N	September 10, 2021	POP	19	N	April 8, 2022	POP	18	N
Rooks	June 6, 2022	POP	7	N	September 10, 2021	POP	8	N	September 10, 2021	GEO	14	N
Rush	September 10, 2021	POP	9	Y	September 10, 2021	POP	7	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	14	N
Russell	September 10, 2021	POP	15	Y	September 10, 2021	POP	12	N	September 10, 2021	GEO	14	N
Saline	September 10, 2021	POP	13	N	September 10, 2021	POP	13	N	February 3, 2022	GEO	15	N
Scott	September 10, 2021	POP	12	Y – R	-	-	-	-	September 10, 2021	GEO	16	N
Sedgwick	September 10, 2021	POP	14	N	-	-	-	-	September 10, 2021	POP	12	N
Seward	May 12, 2022	POP	14	N	September 10, 2021	GEO	12	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	17	Y
Shawnee	January 26, 2022	POP	10	N	September 10, 2021	POP	13	Y	-	-	-	-
Sheridan	September 10, 2021	POP	8	Y – R	September 10, 2021	POP	5	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	14	N
Sherman	September 10, 2021	POP	16	Y	September 10, 2021	POP	13	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	14	N
Smith	September 10, 2021	POP	7	Y	September 10, 2021	POP	8	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	14	N
Stafford	September 10, 2021	GEO	11	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	17	Y	January 28, 2022	GEO	15	N
Stanton	September 10, 2021	POP	11	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	8	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	16	N
Stevens	September 10, 2021	GEO	9	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	12	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	17	Y
Sumner	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	January 27, 2022	GEO	17	N
Thomas	July 20, 2022	POP	9	N	-	-	-	-	September 10, 2021	GEO	14	N
Trego	-	-	-	R	-	-	-	-	September 10, 2021	GEO	14	N
Wabaunsee	September 10, 2021	GEO	11	Y – R	September 10, 2021	GEO	10	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	16	Y – R
Wallace	September 10, 2021	GEO	9	N	September 10, 2021	GEO	9	Y	September 10, 2021	GEO	14	N

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# Kansas County-Level Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs)

County	Primary Care				Dental Health				Mental Health			
	Updated	Type	Score	PFW?	Updated	Type	Score	PFW?	Updated	Type	Score	PFW?
Washington	September 10, 2021	POP	7	Y	September 10, 2021	POP	10	N	<b>April 8, 2022</b>	POP	18	N
Wichita	September 10, 2021	POP	13	Y	-	-	-	-	September 10, 2021	GEO	16	N
Wilson	September 10, 2021	POP	14	Y	September 10, 2021	POP	16	N	September 10, 2021	GEO	13	Y – R
Woodson	September 10, 2021	GEO	6	Y	September 10, 2021	POP	9	N	September 10, 2021	GEO	18	Y – R
Wyandotte	<b>February 23, 2022</b>	POP	16	N	September 10, 2021	POP	15	Y	-	-	-	-

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# Kansas County-Level Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs)

Mental Health Multi-County HPSAs					
Updated	Type	Score	PFW?	HPSA Name	County Participants
April 7, 2022	POP	18	N	LI-MHCA 14	Clay County   Cloud County   Geary County   Jewell County   Marshall County   Mitchell County   Pottawatomie County   Republic County   Riley County   Washington County
September 9, 2021	POP	17	Y	LI-MHCA 16	Harvey County   Marion County   McPherson County
September 9, 2021	GEO	13	Y	Mental Health Area 13	Chautauqua County   Elk County   Montgomery County   Wilson County
September 9, 2021	GEO	15	Y	Mental Health Area 3	Brown County   Doniphan County   Jackson County   Nemaha County
September 9, 2021	GEO	13	Y	Mental Health Area 4	Atchison County   Jefferson County   Leavenworth County
April 14, 2022	GEO	16	N	MHCA 12	Chase County   Coffey County   Greenwood County   Lyon County   Morris County   Osage County   Wabaunsee County
June 30, 2022	GEO	20	N	MHCA 13	Chautauqua County   Cowley County   Elk County   Montgomery County   Wilson County
September 9, 2021	GEO	11	Y	MHCA 14	Clay County   Cloud County   Geary County   Jewell County   Marshall County   Mitchell County   Pottawatomie County   Republic County   Riley County   Washington County
June 2, 2022	GEO	17	N	MHCA 21	Barber County   Harper County   Kingman County   Pratt County   Reno County
September 9, 2021	GEO	14	N	MHCA 22	Clark County   Comanche County   Edwards County   Kiowa County
September 9, 2021	GEO	14	N	MHCA 23	Cheyenne County   Decatur County   Ellis County   Gove County   Graham County   Logan County   Ness County   Norton County   Osborne County   Phillips County   Rawlins County   Rooks County   Rush County   Russell County   Sheridan County   Sherman County   Smith County   Thomas County   Trego County   Wallace County
September 9, 2021	GEO	16	N	MHCA 24	Finney County   Ford County   Grant County   Gray County   Greeley County   Hamilton County   Hodgeman County   Kearny County   Lane County   Morton County   Scott County   Stanton County   Wichita County
September 9, 2021	GEO	17	Y	MHCA 25	Haskell County   Meade County   Seward County   Stevens County
April 14, 2022	GEO	19	N	MHCA 7	Allen County   Anderson County   Bourbon County   Linn County   Neosho County   Woodson County
February 2, 2022	GEO	15	N	MHCA-15	Dickinson County   Ellsworth County   Lincoln County   Ottawa County   Saline County
January 27, 2022	GEO	15	N	MHCA-20	Barton County   Pawnee County   Rice County   Stafford County

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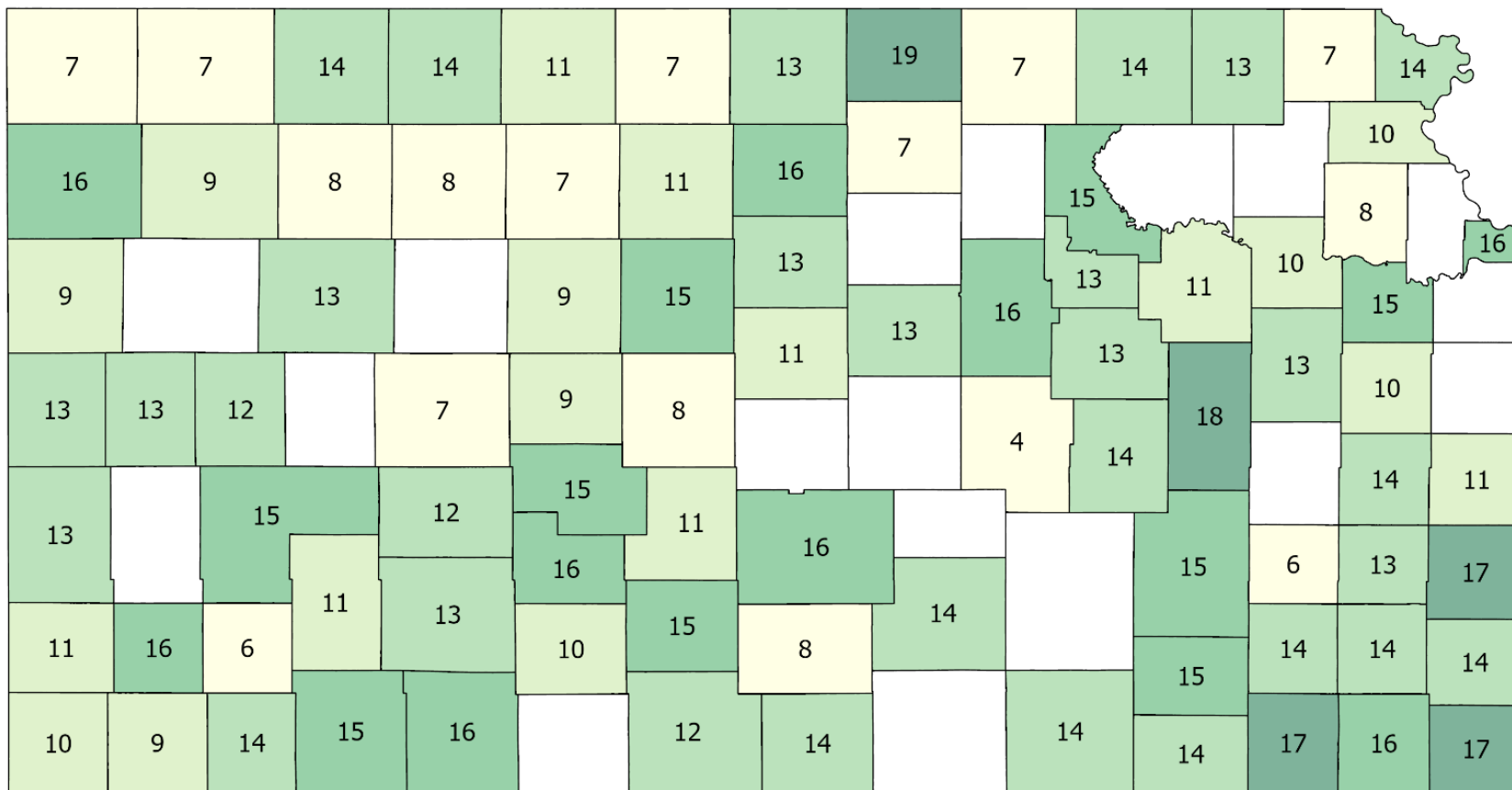
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# Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) Maps

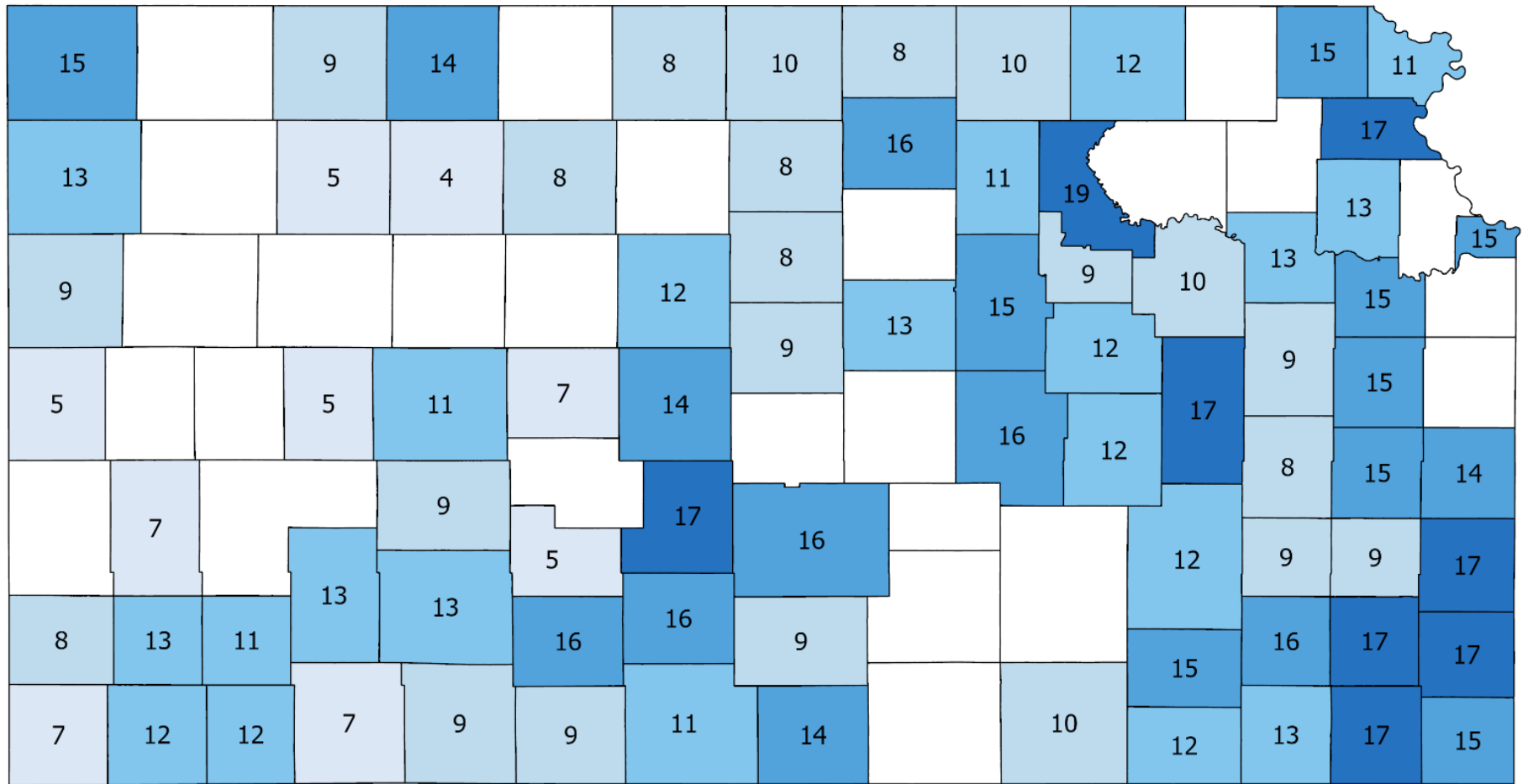
## Primary Care HPSA by County



### HPSA Score

- 4 - 8 (16)
- 9 - 11 (18)
- 12 - 14 (30)
- 15 - 16 (18)
- 17 - 19 (5)

## Dental Health HPSA by County

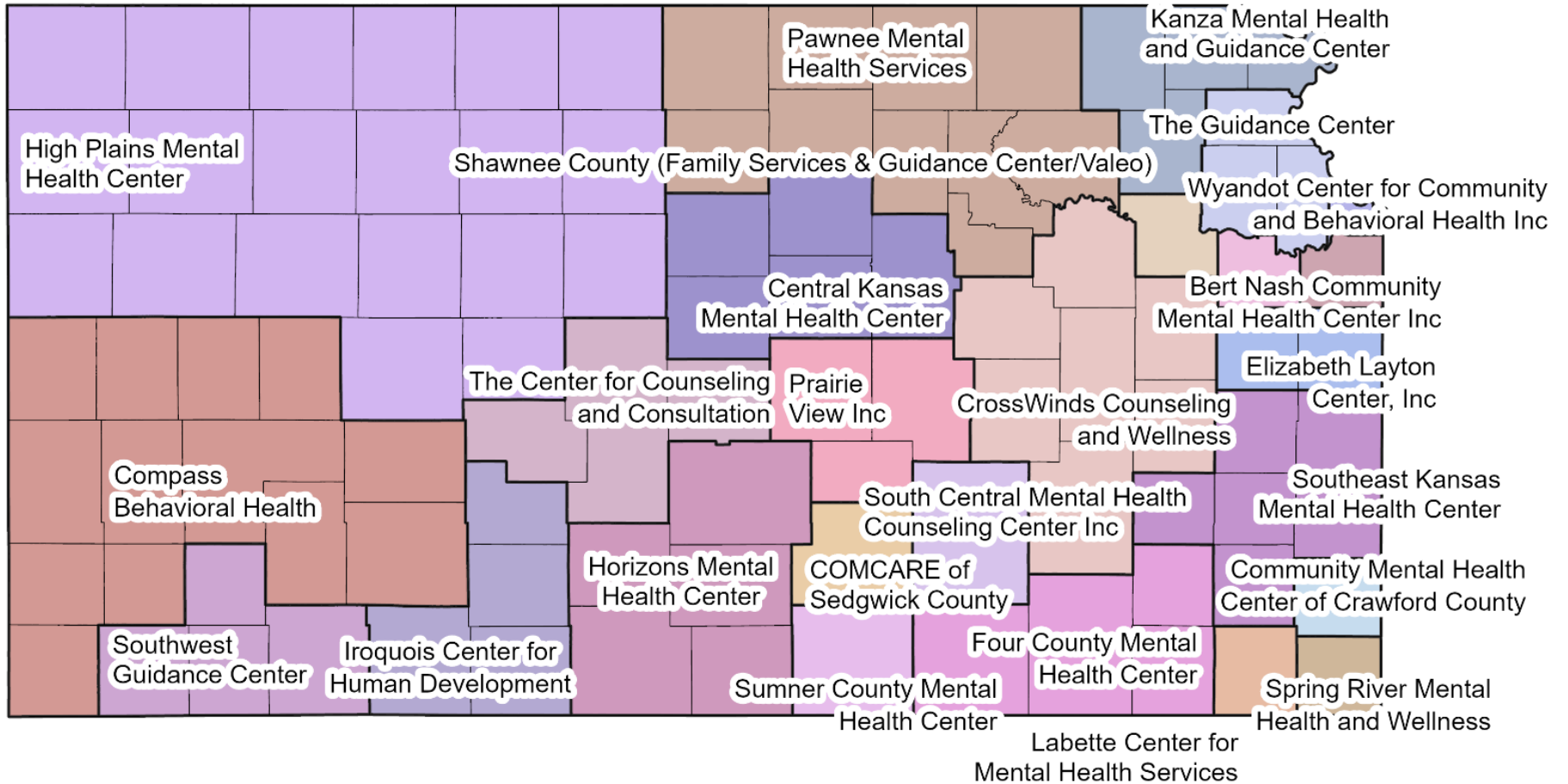


### HPSA Score

- 4 - 7 (9)
- 8-10 (22)
- 11-13 (21)
- 14 - 16 (19)
- 17 - 19 (8)

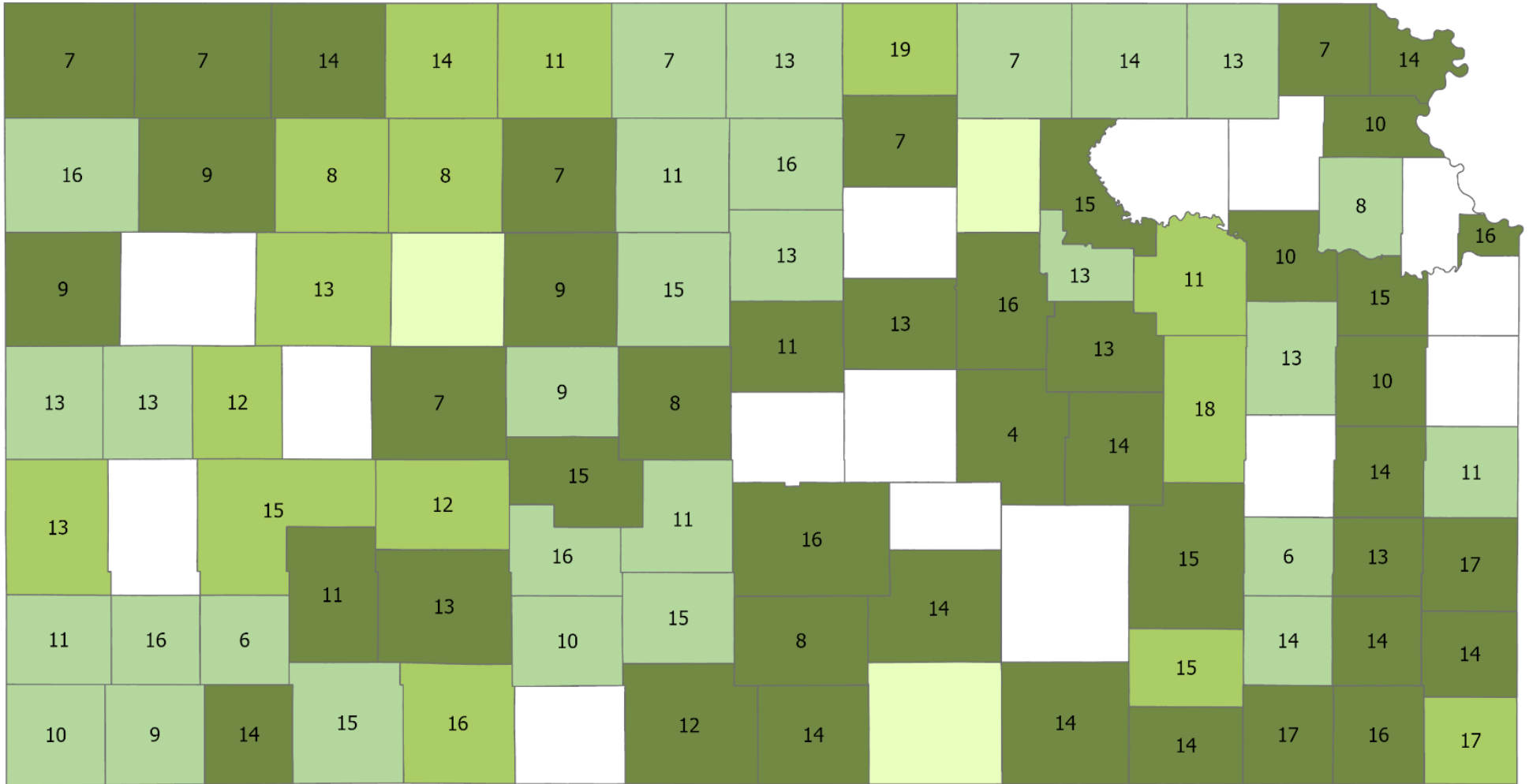


# Mental Health Catchment Areas





## Primary Care HPSA Designation Status by County

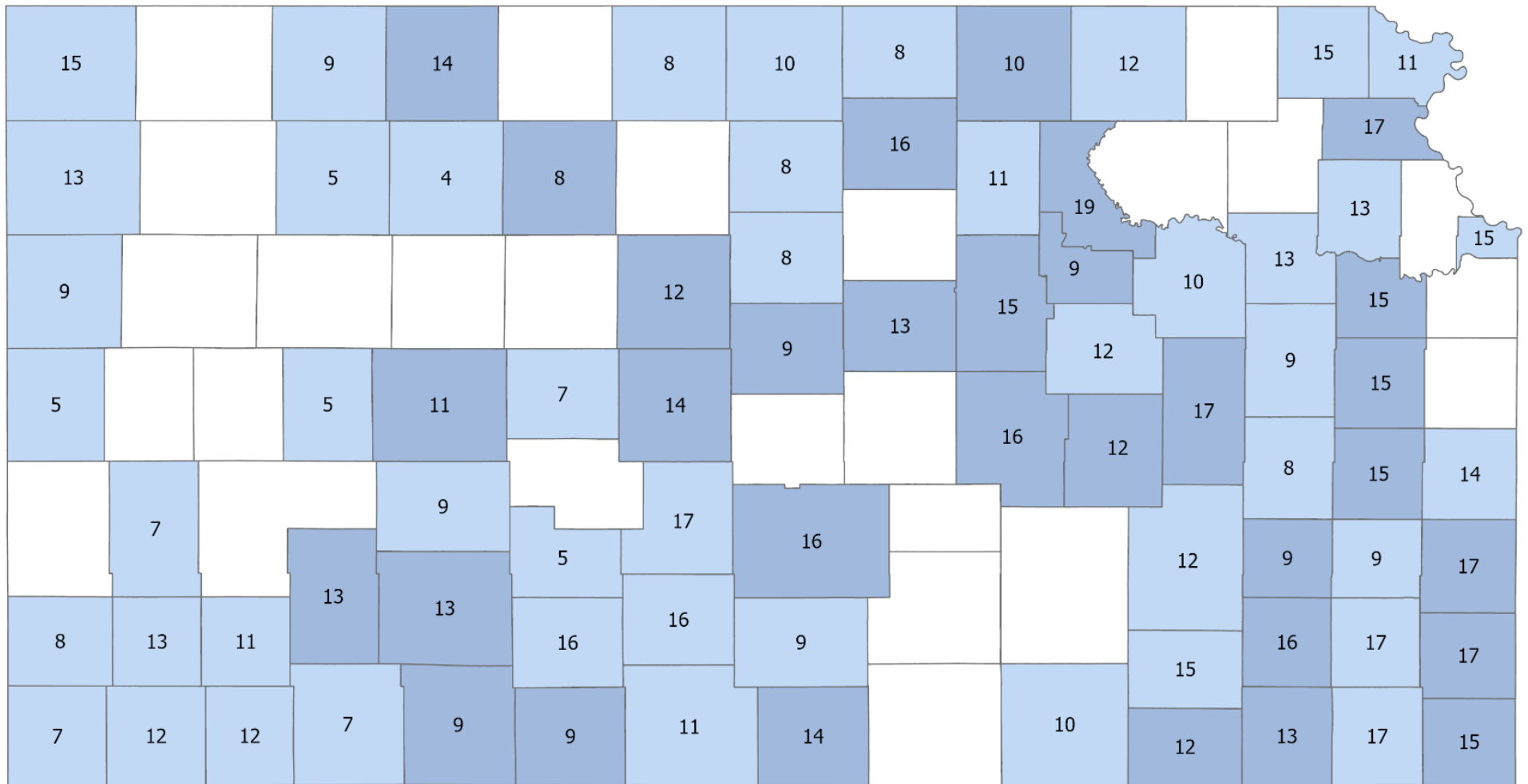


### Primary Care

- Not Eligible for HPSA Designation (15)
- Previously Withdrawn and Under Review (3)
- Proposed For Withdrawal (29)
- Proposed For Withdrawal and Under Review (15)
- Designated (43)

HPSAs last updated on March 31, 2023

## Dental Health HPSA Designation Status by County



### Dental Health

- Not Eligible for HPSA Designation (26)
- Proposed For Withdrawal (47)
- Designated (32)

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# Workforce Recruitment and Retention Programs

## Kansas State Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program

Kansas participates in the State Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program, which assists in the recruitment of physicians to practice in communities that lack adequate access to primary health care. Section 214-(1) of the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act [8 USC Section 1184(l)] allows each state to annually recommend up to 30 international medical graduates to be granted a waiver of the J-1 visa two-year home-country residency requirement, in return for practicing medicine full-time for a minimum of three years in a medically underserved area. This allows Kansas to have 90 physicians working in the state to provide care in our underserved areas. Selection of these physicians is competitive and is based on HPSA score, primary care (prioritized) versus specialty care, and rural (prioritized) versus urban location, percentage of Medicaid and other low-income patients served, need of facility, number of recent waivers approved by the health facility, and number of recent waivers approved for the geographic location. In 2022, 28 physicians were recommended for the program.

### 2022 J-1 Visa Physicians per Specialty

Physician Specialty	County
Hematology/Oncology	Finney
Hematology/Oncology	Lyon
General Surgery	Neosho
Pathologist	Riley
Gastroenterology	Sedgwick
Internal Medicine	Sedgwick
Neuroradiology	Sedgwick
Pathologist	Sedgwick
Pediatric Emergency Medicine	Sedgwick
Pediatrics/Anesthesiology	Sedgwick
Primary Care – Geriatrics	Sedgwick
Anesthesiology	Shawnee
Cardiologist	Shawnee
General Cardiology	Shawnee
Internal Medicine	Shawnee
Neurology	Shawnee
Pediatric Critical Care	Shawnee
Pediatric Critical Care	Shawnee
Pulmonary/Critical Care	Shawnee
Allergy/Immunology	Wyandotte
Anesthesiology	Wyandotte
Hematology/Oncology	Wyandotte
Interventional Cardiology	Wyandotte
Interventional Cardiology	Wyandotte
Nephrology	Wyandotte
Pulmonary/Critical Care	Wyandotte
Pulmonary/Critical Care	Wyandotte
Pulmonary/Critical Care	Wyandotte

# Kansas State Loan Repayment Program

The State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) provides loan repayment assistance for qualifying educational loans to health care professionals working at approved practice sites within a HPSA. The SLRP program provides loan repayment assistance to eligible professionals in areas not covered by the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Programs (NHSC LRP). After the initial two-year SLRP service commitment, continuation contracts may be granted in one-year increments for up to three additional years of service.

The health care professional must commit to providing direct patient care services at an eligible practice site and must be licensed to practice in Kansas in one of the approved disciplines listed in Table 6. Unlike the NHSC LRP, the SLRP has a year-round application cycle, making the possibility of loan repayment a reality for even more health care professionals.

"The loan repayment program has taken a lot of stress off my life, allowing me to focus better on dentistry."

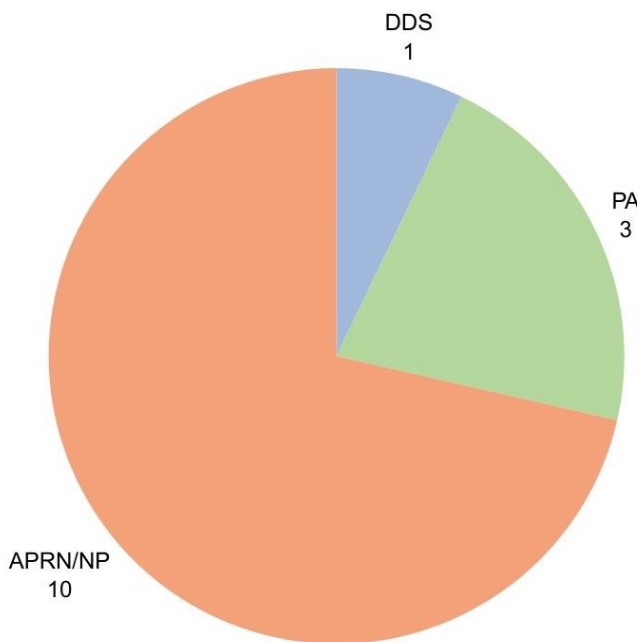
- Kelly Farmer, DDS

"The loan repayment program has been a God send for me. I don't think I could have done it by myself. I love what I do and can do that stress-free from student loans."

- Rosalie Nguyen, RDH

In 2022, the SOPC-RH distributed 6 new awards, 4 second-year awards and 4 continuation awards.

## 2022 SLRP Participants by Discipline



## Eligible Health Care Professions and SLRP Award Amounts

HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL		DISCIPLINE	INITIAL SERVICE		CONTINUATION		
			YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
MD	Allopathic Medicine	Primary Care/ Mental Health	Up to \$25,000	Up to \$25,000	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$10,000
DO	Osteopathic Medicine	Primary Care/ Mental Health					
PHARM	Pharmacist	Primary Care					
DDS	Dental Surgery	Dental Health					
DMD	Dental Medicine	Dental Health					
APRN/NP	Nurse Practitioner	Primary Care	Up to \$20,000	Up to \$20,000	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$5,000
PA	Physician Assistant	Primary Care					
RN	Registered Nurse	Primary Care					
CNM	Certified Nurse Midwife	Primary Care					
RDH	Registered Dental Hygienist	Dental Health					
APRN/NP	Nurse Practitioner - Mental Health	Mental Health					
PA	Physician Assistant - Mental Health	Mental Health					
HSP	Health Service Psychologist	Mental Health					
LCSW	Licensed Clinical Social Worker	Mental Health					
LMAC	Licensed Master Addictions Counselor	Mental Health					
LMSW	Licensed Master Social Worker	Mental Health					
LPC	Licensed Professional Counselor	Mental Health					
MFT	Marriage and Family Therapist	Mental Health					
PNS	Psychiatric Nurse Specialist	Mental Health					
SUD	Substance Use Disorder Counselors	Mental Health					

## **National Health Service Corps and Nurse Corps Loan Repayment Programs**

The National Health Service Corps (NHSC), part of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), offers several different options for scholarships and financial support to providers and students pursuing a career in primary care, in exchange for a commitment to work in an HPSA or MUA for at least two years. Additionally, the Nurse Corps programs help to build healthier communities in urban, rural and frontier areas by supporting nurses, nurse faculty, and nursing students committed to working in communities with inadequate access to care. In 2022, the NHSC had a total of 227 participants at 92 practice sites in Kansas.

### **Nurse Corps Loan Repayment Program**

The Nurse Corps Loan Repayment Program (NC) LRP is available to provide loan repayment assistance to registered nurses (RNs), including advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs), in return for a commitment to work at eligible health care facilities with a critical shortage of nurses or serve as nurse faculty in eligible schools of nursing. In 2022, the NC LRP had 21 participants at 17 practice sites in Kansas.

### **Nurse Corps Scholarship Program**

The Nurse Corps Scholarship Program is available to eligible nursing students. If accepted, HRSA pays the tuition, fees, and other educational costs. In return, the participant works at a Critical Shortage Facility upon graduation.

### **NHSC Loan Repayment Program**

The NHSC Loan Repayment Program (NHSC LRP) offers aid to primary care medical, dental, and mental and behavioral health care professionals. The LRP offers levels of student loan repayment awards up to \$50,000 in exchange for a health professional's two-year full-time, or four-year part-time, service commitment in a federally designated HPSA.

### **NHSC Rural Community Loan Repayment Program**

The Rural Community (RC) LRP provides up to \$100,000 to qualified health professionals working to combat the opioid epidemic in rural communities.

### **NHSC Scholarship Program**

The NHSC Scholarship Program (SP) awards scholarships to students pursuing a career in primary health care professions. Scholars are eligible to receive funding for their education in exchange for practicing in rural, urban, and tribal communities with limited access to care upon graduation and licensure.

### **NHSC Students-to-Service Loan Repayment Program**

The Students to Service (S2S) LRP provides up to \$120,000 to students pursuing degrees in primary care who are in their final year of medical, dental, or nursing school. In return, awardees provide at least three years of service at an NHSC-approved site in a designated HPSA.

### **NHSC Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Program**

In response to the nation's growing opioid crisis, the NHSC has added the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Workforce LRP. An award of up to \$75,000 is offered in exchange for a three-year commitment by substance abuse professionals working in underserved areas to expand access to SUD treatment and prevent overdose deaths.

For all loan repayment programs, the NHSC gives priority funding to current or former NHSC scholars who have completed their service obligation and have eligible student loans. In addition, applicants in each HPSA discipline receive a ranking for having a disadvantaged background, then by demonstrating characteristics that show they'll likely remain in a HPSA – such as completing a Primary Care Training and Enhancement (PCTE) Fellowship.

# Eligible NHSC and Nurse Corps Professions

Discipline Type	Traditional LRP	SUD Workforce LRP	Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery (STAR) LRP	Rural Community LRP	Students-to-Service LRP	NHSC Scholarship Program	Nurse Corps LRP and Scholarship Program	Pediatric Specialty LRP
Allopathic Physician (MD)	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNM)	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA)			X	X				
Nurse Faculty (NF)							X	
Nurse Practitioners (NP)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Osteopathic Physician (DO)	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Pharmacists		X	X	X				
Physician Assistants (PA)	X	X	X	X		X		
Registered Nurses (RN)		X	X	X			X	
Dental Hygienists	X							
Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS)	X				X	X		
Doctor of Medicine in Dentistry (DMD)	X				X	X		
Health Service Psychologists (HSP)	X	X	X	X				
Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW)	X	X	X	X				X
Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC)	X	X	X	X				X
Licensed Social Workers (LSW)			X					X
Licensed Certified Master's Level Social Workers (LCMSW)			X					X
Marriage and Family Therapists (MFT)	X	X	X	X				X
Nurse Practitioners (NP)	X	X		X	X			
Psychiatric Nurse Specialists (PNS)	X	X	X	X				
Psychologists								X
Psychiatrists (MD or DO)	X	X		X	X			X
Clinical Support Staff			X					
Behavioral Health Paraprofessionals			X					
Physician Assistants (PA)	X	X		X				
Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Counselors		X	X	X				X



## NHSC: 50 Years of Commitment, Compassion, and Community

Since 1972, the NHSC has connected more than 66,000 primary care providers to millions of people in underserved communities.

In 2021, historic funding from the American Rescue Plan Act enabled HRSA to award more participants than ever before. The NHSC is dedicated to eliminating health care disparities by expanding access to care and providing awards to diverse clinicians.

“As an alumnus of the NHSC Scholarship Program, I can personally attest to the benefits of the NHSC,” said Luis Padilla, MD, FAAFP, Director of the NHSC. “The awards are beyond financial – you feel pride in your day-to-day career serving those in need.”

Eligible health care facilities can apply to become NHSC-approved sites. These sites provide outpatient, primary health care services to people in HPSAs, and utilize their approved site status to recruit and hire new clinicians as well as retain current staff. Sites can use HRSA’s Health Workforce Connector and Virtual Job Fairs to create a profile, post job vacancies, and connect with candidates actively seeking employment opportunities.

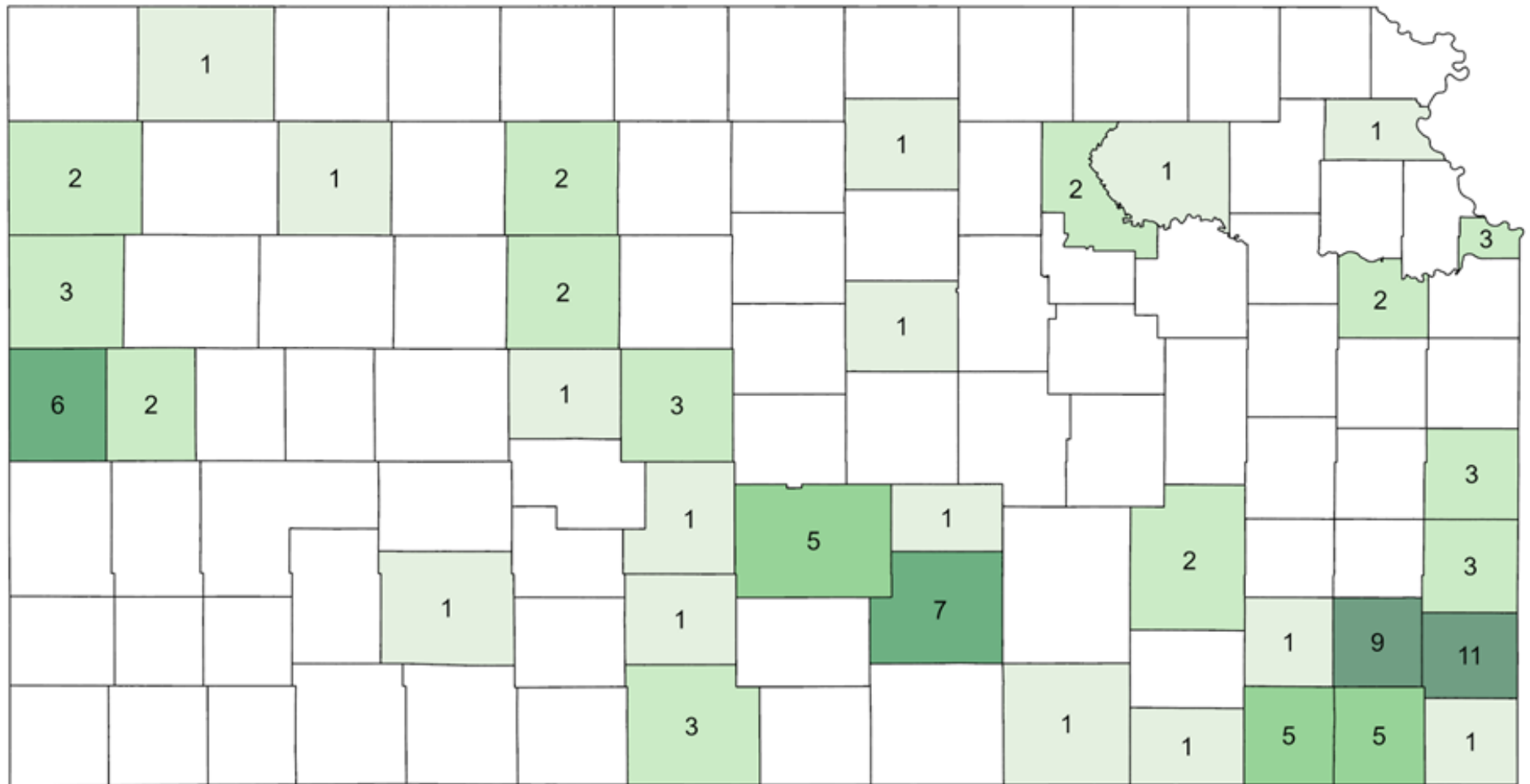
To learn more about how to become an NHSC site or participant, please visit [nhsc.hrsa.gov](https://nhsc.hrsa.gov). Sign up for email updates to receive alerts when application cycles open and find the resources you need.

### Kansas NHSC & Nurse Corps (NC) Participants

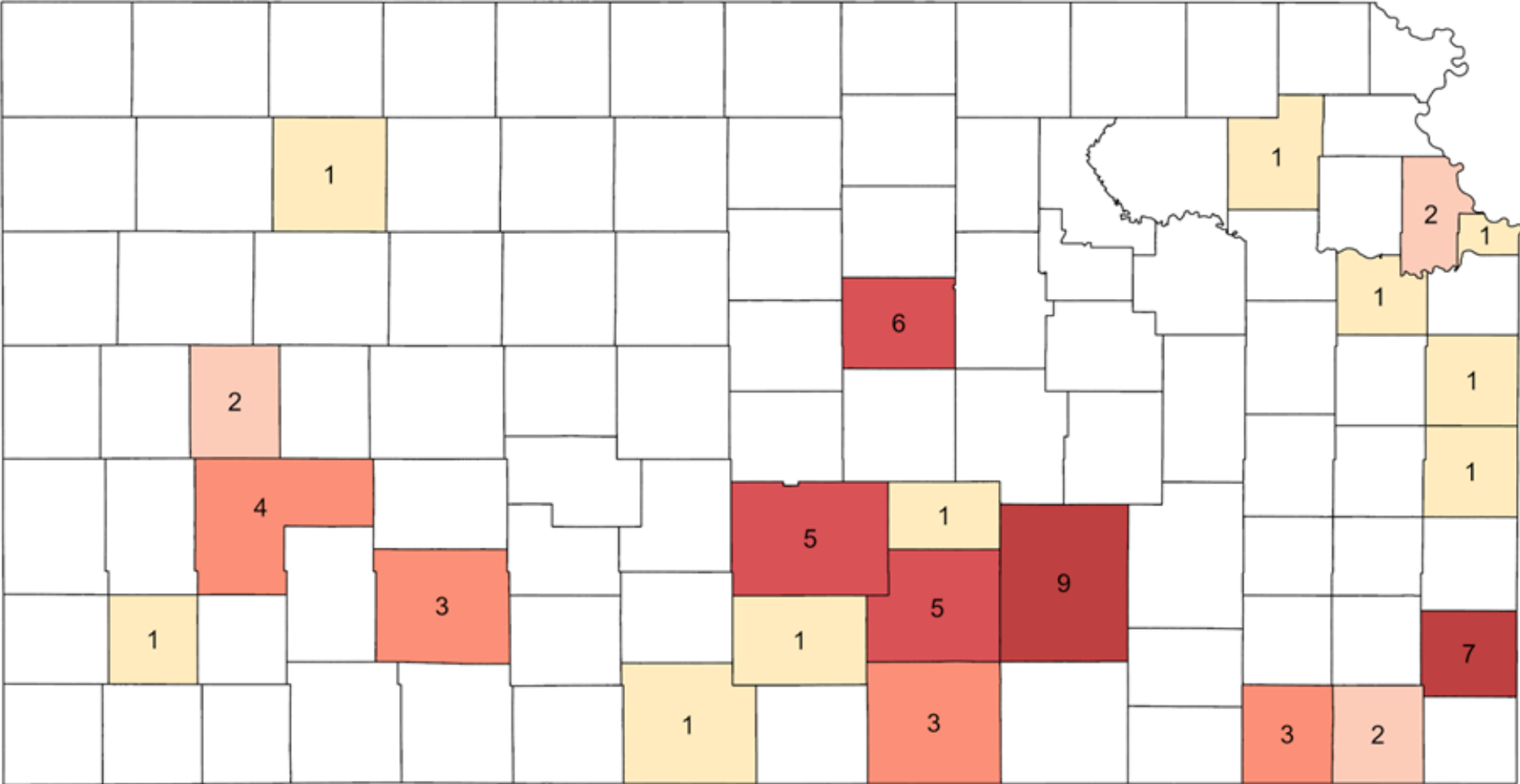
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Allen	1	3		Greeley	2	6		Pratt	1	1	
Atchison	1	1		Greenwood	2	2	1	Rawlins	1	1	
Barber	1	1	1	Harvey	2	4		Reno	2	13	
Barton	1	3		Jackson	1	1		Riley	1	1	2
Bourbon	2	3		Johnson	1	1	1	Rooks	2	2	
Brown	1	1		Kingman	1	1		Rush	1	1	
Butler	3	9		Kiowa	2	3		Saline	2	7	
Chautauqua	1	1		Labette	4	8		Scott	1	2	
Cherokee	1	1		Leavenworth	1	2		Sedgwick	6	18	2
Cloud	1	1		Linn	3	3		Shawnee	1	1	
Cowley	1	1	1	Lyon	1	2	1	Sheridan	1	2	1
Crawford	4	21	1	Miami	1	1		Sherman	2	2	
Douglas	3	3		Montgomery	5	8	2	Stafford	1	2	
Ellis	3	3	3	Nemaha	1		1	Sumner	1	3	
Finney	2	5		Neosho	4	11		Wallace	1	3	
Ford	2	4		Pawnee	1		1	Wichita	2	2	
Geary	1	2		Pottawatomie	1	1		Wilson	1	1	
Grant	2	2						Wyandotte	3	9	3



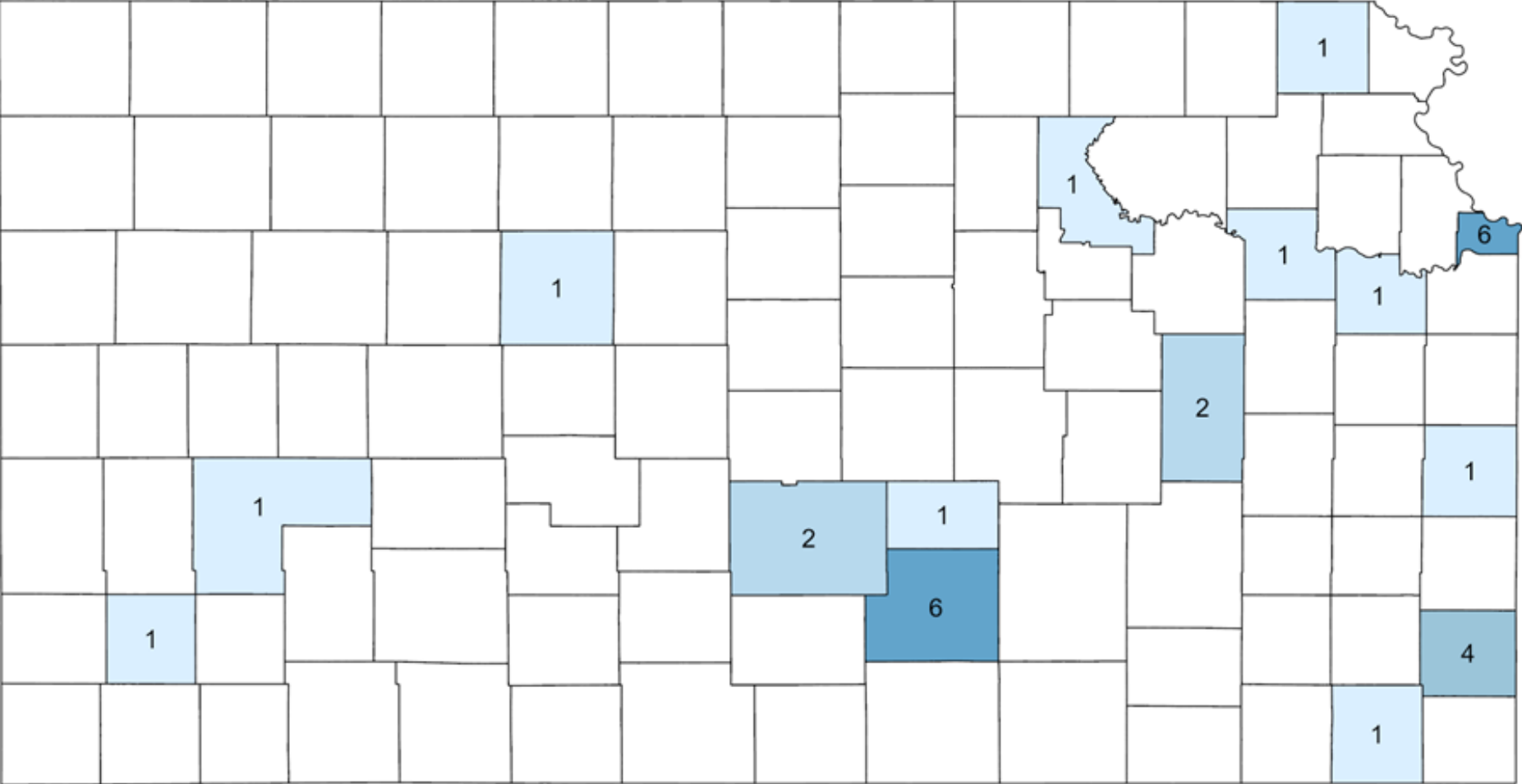
## NHSC Primary Care Participants per County



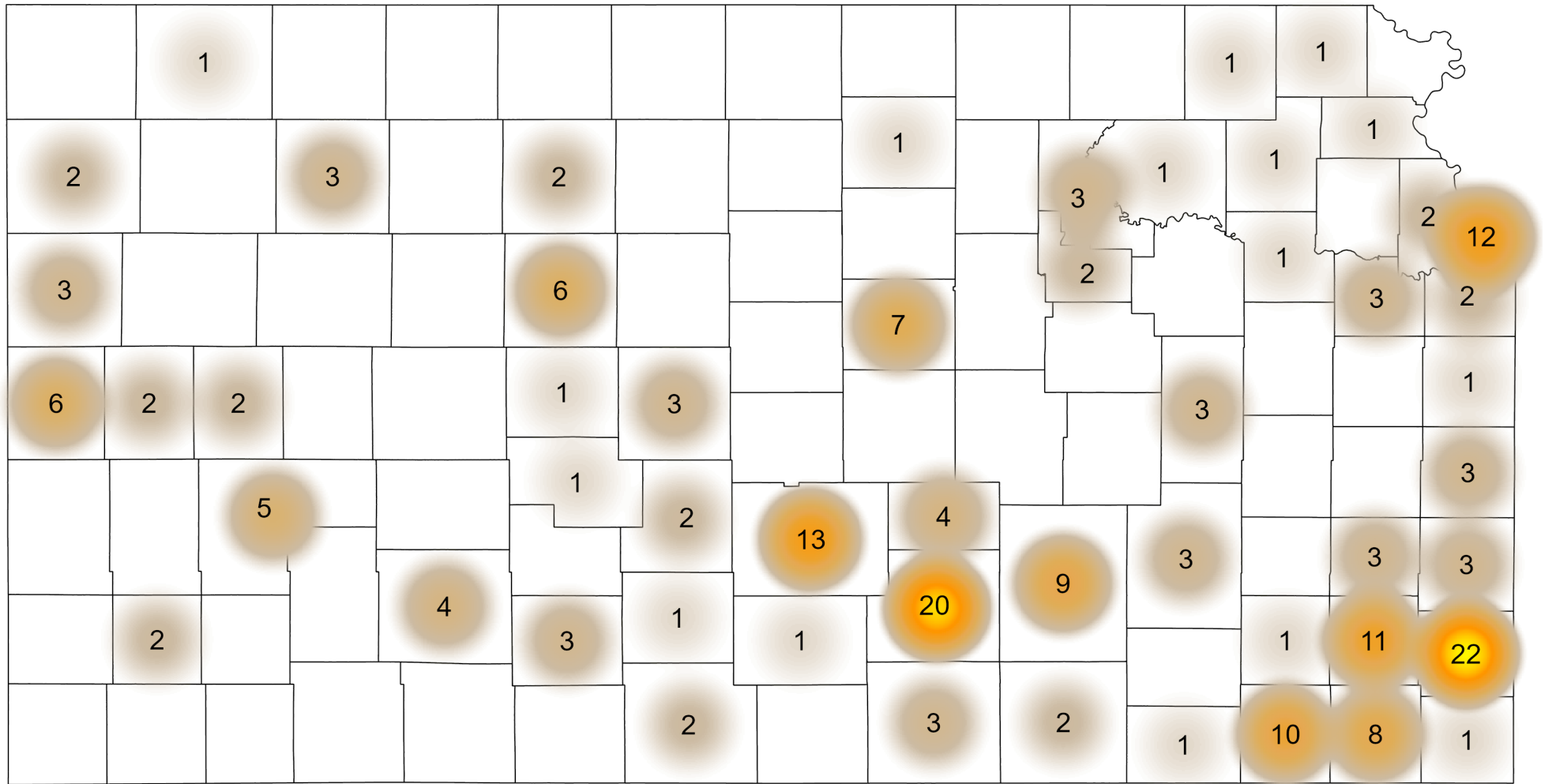
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## National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Participants per County



## Kansas Recruitment and Retention Center

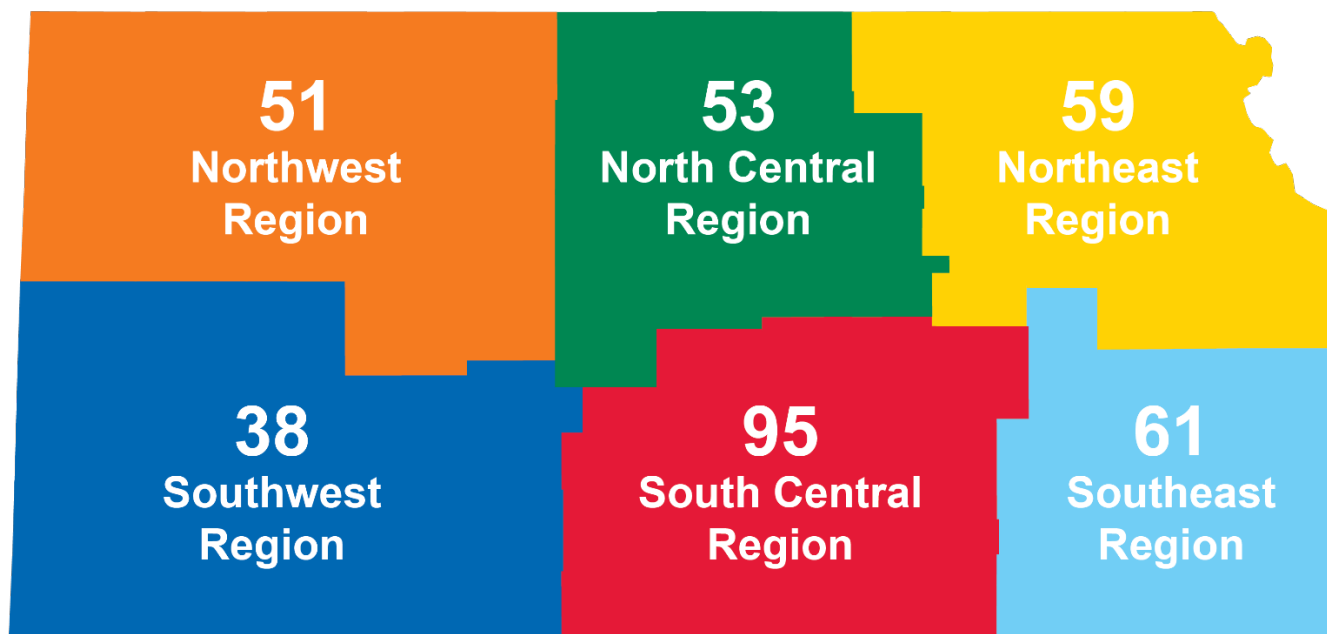
The Kansas Recruitment and Retention Center (KRRC), which is located within the Rural Health Education and Services Department at KU Medical Center, partners with hospitals, private physician practices, community health centers and other organizations to bolster the health care workforce in communities across the state. KRRC services are designed to assist Kansas communities in recruiting and retaining physicians, dentists, pharmacists, physician assistants, APRNs, nurses, dental hygienists, allied health professionals and behavioral health professionals. KRRC Career Services supports all health care professionals throughout the job search process and assists in finding the right practice opportunity. Funding for the KRRC is provided, in part, by the SOPC-RH.

Since 2004, the KRRC has assisted more than 355 health care professionals with finding a practice opportunity in 86 Kansas communities with 135 different Kansas health care organizations.

These include:

- 209 Physicians
- 76 Advanced-Practice providers
- 30 Behavioral Health Professionals
- 17 Nurses
- 16 Dentists and Dental Hygienists
- Nine Allied Health Providers

### Geographic Distribution of KRRC Provider Placements



### Workforce Programs Contact Information

For more information about state and Federal programs, please visit the websites below:

- **National Health Service Corps:** [nhsc.hrsa.gov/](http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/)
- **Nurse Corps:** [bhw.hrsa.gov/funding/apply-loan-repayment/nurse-corps](http://bhw.hrsa.gov/funding/apply-loan-repayment/nurse-corps)
- **Kansas Office of Primary Care and Rural Health:** [kdhe.ks.gov/PC-RH](http://kdhe.ks.gov/PC-RH)
- **Kansas Recruitment and Retention Center:** [kumc.edu/community-engagement.html](http://kumc.edu/community-engagement.html)

# Rural Hospital Programs

## Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (Flex) Program

The Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (Flex) program is a federal initiative aimed at supporting rural health care access. It provides funding and regulatory flexibility to Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) to improve health care services in underserved rural areas. Flex helps CAHs enhance their quality of care, financial stability, and community outreach to ensure rural residents have access to essential health care services.

## Small Hospital Improvement Program

The Small Hospital Improvement Program (SHIP) is a federally supported program to support small rural hospitals' activities related to quality improvement and investments towards meaningful use of health information technology. In 2022, 91 hospitals participated and received more than \$1,036,000 to assist with improvement projects.

Both Flex and SHIP are managed by the SOPC-RH in partnership with Healthworks to provide technical assistance and outreach for these programs. The SHIP and Flex programs are funded by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) within HRSA.

## Rural Hospital Innovation Grant

The Rural Hospital Innovation Grant (RHIG) was established by the Kansas Legislature in May 2021 to strengthen and improve health care systems and increase access to health care services in eligible Kansas counties and help residents achieve and maintain their optimal health. Funds are to be used at a hospital within the county for transitional assistance related to changing to a model more appropriate for the community the hospital serves. Any state funds awarded must be matched by an outside stakeholder at a 2:1 ratio.

### Rural Hospital Program Contact Information

For more information, please visit the websites below:

- **KDHE Hospital Funding Opportunities:** [kdhe.ks.gov/2120/Hospitals](https://kdhe.ks.gov/2120/Hospitals)
- **Kansas Rural Hospitals Optimizing Performance:** [krhop.net](https://krhop.net)





# Charitable Care Programs

## Charitable Health Care Provider Program

The Kansas Charitable Health Care Provider Program (CHCP) allows indigent health care clinics and providers serving medically indigent individuals to receive coverage under the Kansas Tort Claims Act for liability purposes. When acting as a CHCP, the provider is considered an employee of the state. Any claims against a CHCP arising from the provision of gratuitous care to medically indigent individuals may be paid from the Kansas tort claims funds. Claims against CHCPs under the Kansas Tort Claims Act may not be considered by an insurance company in determining the rate charged for professional liability insurance for health care providers or in the determination to cancel any such policy. Per the Kansas Charitable Health Care Provider Statute 75-6101, the CHCP does not serve as or replace malpractice insurance. Participants in CHCP with specific questions about their professional liability should contact their attorney.

The Kansas Legislature allows for one hour of continuing education credit for every two hours of gratuitous service, for a maximum of 20 continuation education credits per licensure period.

There were 83 active charitable health care clinics in 2022 with a total of 2,909 active charitable health care providers enrolled in the program.

**Table 8**  
**Eligible Charitable Health Care Professions, Listed by Licensing Board**

### Healing Arts

Assistant Occupational Therapist  
Assistant Respiratory Therapist  
Athletic Trainer  
Chiropractic Doctor  
Medical Doctor  
Naturopathic Doctor  
Osteopathic Doctor  
Physician Assistant  
Physical Therapist  
Podiatric Doctor  
Radiologic Technologist

### Dental

Dentist  
General Dental Hygienist  
Medical Dental Hygienist

### Nursing

Advanced Practical Registered Nurse (APRN)  
Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)  
Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

### Optometry

Optometrist

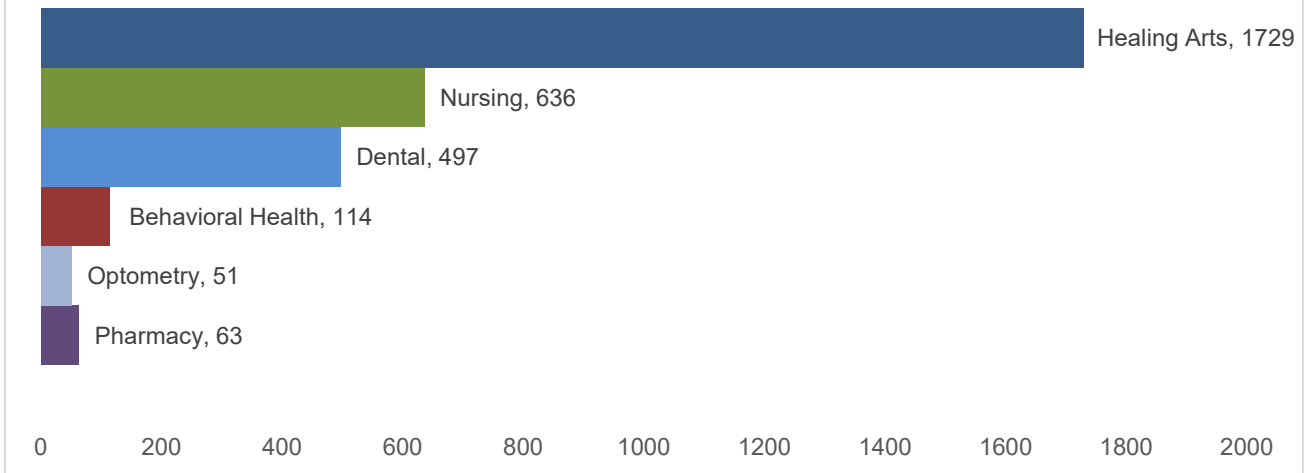
### Pharmacy

Pharmacist

### Behavioral Sciences

Family Therapist  
Licensed Associate Social Worker  
Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker  
Licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapist  
Licensed Clinical Psychotherapist  
Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor  
Licensed Clinical Social Worker  
Licensed Master Social Worker  
Master's Level Psychologist  
Psychologist  
Professional Counselor

## 2022 Charitable Health Care Providers by Discipline



### Community-Based Primary Care Clinic Program

The Community-Based Primary Care Clinic (CBPCC) program assists clinics in improving access to quality health care with an emphasis on community-based services and reducing health disparities for underserved populations. Grant funds are intended to make primary medical and dental care, prescription drugs, and preventive health care services accessible and affordable to underserved Kansas residents, including uninsured individuals and those enrolled in public insurance programs that are operated by the State of Kansas (KanCare) or the federal government with eligibility based on income. Over \$11 million in state general funds were awarded to 33 clinics across the state in 2022. Of the total funds awarded, over \$7 million was used for primary care services, over \$3 million for dental services, and nearly \$440,000 for prescription assistance.

### Unused Medications Program and Repository

Through the Utilization of Unused Medications Act (KSA 65-1668 through 1675), the Kansas Repository collects, manages, and distributes hundreds of thousands of prescribed medications that would otherwise be destroyed, to FQHCs, indigent health care clinics and community mental health centers in the state. This allows uninsured Kansans access to medications they cannot afford. Administered by the Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas, the Unused Medications Repository provides donated medications free of charge to eligible clinics. Since 2011, over \$21 million worth of prescription medications have been donated to low-income and uninsured Kansans. In 2022, approximately 4,890 residents benefited from an estimated retail value of over \$781,434 in donated unused medications.

#### Charitable Care Programs Contact Information

For more information, please visit the websites below:

- **Community-Based Primary Care Clinic Program, Kansas Charitable Health Care Provider Program, and Kansas Unused Medications Program:** [kdhe.ks.gov/PC-RH](https://kdhe.ks.gov/PC-RH)
- **Kansas State Board of Pharmacy:** [pharmacy.ks.gov](https://pharmacy.ks.gov)
- **Kansas Unused Medications Repository:** [ksunusedmeds.org](https://ksunusedmeds.org)



# Appendix A

## County Population Density

The population density for each county is determined by the number of individuals per square mile in the county.

Urban	Semi-Urban	Densely-Settled Rural	Rural		Frontier	
150 or more persons per square mile (6 counties)	40 to 149.9 persons per square mile (10 counties)	20 to 39.9 persons per square mile (19 counties)	6 to 19.9 persons per square mile (33 counties)		Less than 6 persons per square mile (37 counties)	
Douglas	Butler	Allen	Anderson	Nemaha	Barber	Lincoln
Johnson	Crawford	Atchison	Brown	Norton	Chase	Logan
Leavenworth	Franklin	Barton	Clay	Ottawa	Chautauqua	Meade
Sedgwick	Geary	Bourbon	Cloud	Pawnee	Cheyenne	Morton
Shawnee	Harvey	Cherokee	Coffey	Pratt	Clark	Ness
Wyandotte	Miami	Cowley	Doniphan	Republic	Comanche	Osborne
	Montgomery	Dickinson	Ellsworth	Rice	Decatur	Phillips
	Reno	Ellis	Grant	Russell	Edwards	Rawlins
	Riley	Finney	Gray	Scott	Elk	Rooks
	Saline	Ford	Harper	Stevens	Gove	Rush
		Jackson	Haskell	Sumner	Graham	Sheridan
		Jefferson	Kingman	Thomas	Greeley	Sherman
		Labette	Linn	Wabaunsee	Greenwood	Smith
		Lyon	Marion	Washington	Hamilton	Stafford
		McPherson	Marshall	Wilson	Hodgeman	Stanton
		Neosho	Mitchell	Woodson	Jewell	Trego
		Osage	Morris		Kearny	Wallace
		Pottawatomie			Kiowa	Wichita
		Seward			Lane	

# Appendix B

## Program Data by County

This section includes health care facility, program awardee, and shortage designation information for each of Kansas' 105 counties.



### Health Care Facility Definitions

**Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs)** In addition to providing the full range of outpatient clinical services, Kansas' 26 CMHCs provide comprehensive mental health rehabilitation services, such as psychosocial rehabilitation, community psychiatric support and treatment, peer support, case management, and attendant care.

**Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs)** are facilities designated by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The designation is designed to reduce the financial vulnerability of rural hospitals and improve access to health care by keeping essential services in rural communities. To accomplish this goal, CAHs receive certain benefits, such as cost-based reimbursement for Medicare services. The Critical Access Hospital program is part of a larger federal initiative, the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (FLEX) program.

**Rural Emergency Hospital (REH)** is a designation given to eligible rural hospitals by CMS. This designation is new to the State of Kansas and began on January 1, 2023. The REH designation is designed to maintain access to critical outpatient hospital services in communities that may not be able to support or sustain a CAH or small rural hospital. REHs are required to provide 24-hour emergency and observation services and can elect to furnish other outpatient services. Facilities designated as an REH will receive enhanced Medicare payments for certain outpatient services and additional monthly payments.

**Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)** are outpatient clinics that qualify for specific reimbursement systems under Medicare and Medicaid. Health Center Program Awardees receive funding from the HRSA Bureau of Primary Health Care under the Health Center Program, as authorized by Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act. Most awards provide support to contribute to serving an entire underserved community or service area, while others fund specific underserved populations as mandated in the Section 330 authorization, such as migratory and seasonal agricultural workers, persons experiencing or at risk for homelessness, and residents of public housing.

**Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Look-Alikes** are health centers that have been designated by HRSA as meeting all the Health Center Program requirements but do not receive award funding under the Health Center Program.

**Rural Health Clinics (RHCs)** The Rural Health Clinic (RHC) program is intended to increase access to primary care services for patients in rural communities. RHCs can be public, nonprofit, or for-profit health care facilities. To receive certification, they must be located in rural, underserved areas. RHCs are required to use a team approach of physicians working with non-physician providers such as nurse practitioners (NP), physician assistants (PA), and certified nurse midwives (CNM) to provide services.

**Safety Net Clinics (SNCs)** are mission-focused and provide care to individuals regardless of their insurance status and ability to pay. Safety nets are a necessary 'last resort' for uninsured and underserved Americans and those vulnerable populations who cannot afford to seek care elsewhere.

**Tribal & Urban Indian Health Centers** Tribal Contract or Compact Health Centers (also called a 638 contract or compact) are operated by Tribes or Tribal organizations. They are operated under the Indian Self-Determination Act. Urban Indian Health Centers are designated FQHCs that specialize in caring for American Indians and Alaska natives.

**Local Health Departments** A county health department is a government organization that protects and improves the health of people in a specific area. The department works with local partners to address specific health issues and reduce inequalities, considering both medical and social factors.

**Veteran's Association (VA) Hospitals** A VA hospital, run by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, provides medical services for eligible veterans. These hospitals offer specialized care, including medical, surgical, and mental health services, catering to the specific needs of veterans who have served in the U.S. military.



## State and Federal Program Definitions

**National Health Service Corp (NHSC) Loan Repayment Program (LRP)** *see page 31.*

**Charitable Health Care Provider Program (CHCP)** *see page 44.*

**Community-Based Primary Care Clinic (CBPCC)** *see page 43.*

**State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)** *see page 29.*

**J-1 Visa Waiver Program** *see page 28.*

## Shortage Designation Key

GEO = County-Level Geographic HPSA Designation, *see page 9.*

POP = County-Level Population HPSA Designation, *see page 9.*

FQHC = Automatic Facility HPSA Designation for Federally Qualified Health Center, *see page 12.*

ITU = Automatic Facility HPSA Designation for Indian Health Service, Tribal Health, and Urban Indian Health Organization, *see page 9.*

RHC = Automatic Facility HPSA Designation for Rural Health Clinic, *see page 13.*

CF = Correctional Facility HPSA Designation

N/A = Not Applicable, no Program Awardees or Designation

## Allen County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	2
Community Mental Health Centers	1
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	3
Community-Based Primary Care Clinic Program	1

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	13	POP	9	GEO	18
RHC	12	RHC	17	RHC	14

## Anderson County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	1
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	Yes
State and Federal Program Awardees	

Shortage Area Designations:					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	14	POP	15	GEO	18
RHC	8	RHC	15	RHC	12



## Atchison County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	2
Federally Qualified Health Centers	7
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	1
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	25

Shortage Area Designations:					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	10	POP	25	GEO	13
FQHC	14	FQHC	25	FQHC	16

## Barber County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	2
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	2
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	1
Nurse Corps Education Loan Repayment Program	1

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	12	GEO	11	GEO	9
RHC	15	RHC	15	RHC	16
RHC	11	RHC	15	RHC	16

## Barton County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	8
Federally Qualified Health Centers	2
Community Mental Health Centers	1
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	2
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	3
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	23
Community-Based Primary Care Clinic Program	1

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	8	POP	14	GEO	15
RHC	7	RHC	15	RHC	12
RHC	11	RHC	13	RHC	13
FQHC	11	FQHC	21	FQHC	14

## Bourbon County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	2
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	-
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	3
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	8

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	17	POP	17	GEO	18

## Brown County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	3
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	1
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	2
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	1
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	1

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	7	POP	15	GEO	15
ITU	17	ITU	20	ITU	13
ITU	14	ITU	15	ITU	12

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## Butler County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	2
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	1
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	9
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	2

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
-	-	-	-	GEO	17
CF	6	-	-	-	-

## Chase County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	-
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
GEO	14	GEO	12	GEO	16

## Chautauqua County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	2
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	1

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
GEO	14	POP	12	GEO	13
RHC	14	RHC	11	RHC	17
RHC	15	RHC	15	RHC	14

## Cherokee County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	-
Federally Qualified Health Centers	7
Community Mental Health Centers	1
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	1

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	17	POP	15	GEO	15

## Cheyenne County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	2
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	10
Community-Based Primary Care Clinic Program	1
State Loan Repayment Program	1

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	7	POP	15	GEO	14
RHC	13	RHC	15	RHC	14
RHC	11	RHC	15	RHC	16

## Clark County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	2
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	2
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	

Shortage Area Designations:					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	16	GEO	9	GEO	14
RHC	5	RHC	15	RHC	14
RHC	7	RHC	15	RHC	16

## Clay County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	

Shortage Area Designations:					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
-	-	GEO	11	POP	18

## Cloud County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	3
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	1
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	1

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	7	POP	16	POP	18
RHC	13	RHC	15	RHC	16

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## Coffey County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	3
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	2

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
-	-	GEO	8	GEO	16

## Comanche County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	-
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
-	-	GEO	9	GEO	14

## Cowley County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	6
Federally Qualified Health Centers	2
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	2
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	1
Nurse Corps Education Loan Repayment Program	1
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	9
Community-Based Primary Care Clinic Program	1
State Loan Repayment Program	1

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	14	POP	10	GEO	17
FQHC	19	FQHC	15	FQHC	19
RHC	14	RHC	11	RHC	17



## Crawford County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	5
Federally Qualified Health Centers	20
Community Mental Health Centers	1
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	2
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	19
National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program	2
Nurse Corps Education Loan Repayment Program for Nursing Facilitators	1
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	12
Community-Based Primary Care Clinic Program	1

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	14	POP	17	GEO	17
FQHC	21	FQHC	25	FQHC	22

## Decatur County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	1
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	14	GEO	9	GEO	14

# Inspiration from the Community

Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas – Pittsburg, KS



CHC/SEK is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) providing medical, dental, behavioral health, pharmacy, and support services across southeast Kansas. CHC/SEK has been a longtime CBPCC grant recipient and takes part in loan repayment programs that encourage rural health recruitment and retention. On July 13, 2021, CHC/SEK President and CEO, Krista Postai, was recognized for her and her staff's immense efforts throughout the pandemic with the proclamation of "Krista Postai Day" in Pittsburg. She was recognized for her vision of what health care should be and her incredible leadership that has helped build CHC/SEK into what it is today.

At a luncheon where the proclamation was read, Postai was quick to share the credit with the health center's more than 600 staff members who give their all to patients. Under Postai's leadership, CHC/SEK responded to the COVID-19 pandemic in a unified and coordinated response, serving its eight Kansas and Oklahoma counties of more than 70,000 patients. From the first indication of cases, Postai brought together her team to develop the infrastructure to be able to pivot their operations to respond to the evolving crisis. By using all ways possible, the health center has provided more than 85,500 COVID-19 tests.

"Krista's commitment to the well-being of the citizens in Southeast Kansas is evident every day at the clinics of (CHC/SEK)," Governor Laura Kelly said in a letter. "For her valuable contributions and unwavering efforts to improve the quality of health care in Southeast Kansas, I would like to personally extend my sincere gratitude for extraordinary service during this past year."

During these uncertain times, CHC/SEK continued to provide essential services. Through creativity and innovation, the health center expanded its telehealth services and flipped its care model to curbside service – seeing patients in its parking lots. When the vaccine became available, Postai deployed teams to go into communities and vaccinate anyone wanting the vaccine resulting in the distribution of more than 66,400 vaccines. The value she places on collaboration allowed CHC/SEK and the area's county health departments to maximize their resources and reach more Kansans.

Postai took care of her staff in a time of challenge, fear, and uncertainty. "I'm incredibly blessed to work with so many tremendous people, many of you people walked out on that ledge with me," she said. "All that made us stronger and better and tighter. It's been a wonderful and incredible experience."

The honor is well-deserved. Here's to July 13<sup>th</sup>, Krista Postai Day!



## Dickinson County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	2
Federally Qualified Health Centers	1
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	2
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	1
State Loan Repayment Program	1

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	16	POP	15	GEO	15

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## Doniphan County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	2
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	-
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	14	POP	11	GEO	15

## Douglas County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	-
Federally Qualified Health Centers	2
Community Mental Health Centers	1
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	2
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	Yes
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	3
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	50
Community-Based Primary Care Clinic Program	1
State Loan Repayment Program	2

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	15	POP	15	-	-
ITU	16	ITU	18	ITU	15
FQHC	18	FQHC	21	FQHC	18

## Edwards County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	16	POP	5	GEO	14
RHC	5	RHC	15	RHC	16

## Elk County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	2
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	-
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	15	GEO	15	GEO	13
RHC	16	RHC	15	RHC	11
RHC	15	RHC	15	RHC	11

## Ellis County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	2
Federally Qualified Health Centers	3
Community Mental Health Centers	1
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	3
Nurse Corps Education Loan Repayment Program	3
Community-Based Primary Care Clinic Program	1
State Loan Repayment Program	2
J-1 Visa Program	1

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	9	-	-	GEO	14
FQHC	11	FQHC	20	FQHC	15
RHC	7	RHC	13	RHC	9

## Ellsworth County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	3
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	11	POP	9	GEO	15
RHC	15	RHC	15	RHC	13
RHC	7	RHC	15	RHC	12
RHC	15	RHC	15	RHC	11

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## Finney County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	7
Community Mental Health Centers	1
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	5
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	3
Community-Based Primary Care Clinic Program	1

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	15	-	-	GEO	16
FQHC	16	FQHC	23	FQHC	20

## Ford County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	4
Federally Qualified Health Centers	7
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	3
National Health Service Corps Students to Service Loan Repayment Program	1
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	23

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	13	POP	13	GEO	16
RHC	5	RHC	15	RHC	16

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## Franklin County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	3
Federally Qualified Health Centers	1
Community Mental Health Centers	1
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	6

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	10	POP	15	-	-

## Geary County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	3
Federally Qualified Health Centers	1
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	3
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	Yes
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	2
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	45
Community-Based Primary Care Clinic Program	1

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	13	POP	9	POP	18
FQHC	17	FQHC	23	FQHC	12

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## Gove County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	-
Federally Qualified Health Centers	2
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	13	-	-	GEO	14



## Graham County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	1
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	8	POP	4	GEO	14

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## Grant County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	1
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	1
National Health Service Corps Students to Service Loan Repayment Program	1

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	16	POP	13	GEO	16
RHC	12	RHC	15	RHC	17

## Gray County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	-
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	1

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
GEO	11	GEO	13	GEO	16

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## Greeley County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	6
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	10

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	13	POP	5	GEO	16
RHC	9	RHC	15	RHC	15

## Inspiration from the Community

### Greeley County Health Services – Tribune, KS

Connie Rupp, the Patient Financial Counselor for Greeley County Health Services whose position is funded with the help of the SOPC-RH through the CBPCC grant, shared an amazing story highlighting the impact that she's able to have on her western Kansas community.

A retired couple that recently moved to the area had no monthly income or Medicare coverage in place. They were in desperate need of getting connected to local and government resources. Following a visit to the clinic, Connie was able to get both set up to receive their Social Security retirement along with Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Social Security Income (SSI) benefits. They are now both approved for KanCare health insurance and began the process of applying for Medicare.

In addition to the financial and medical support that Connie was able to assist the couple with, she was also able to help them receive food from the local food pantry, the commodity distribution food box, Kansas Food Bank's Senior Citizens Bob Boxes, and has applied for additional food security services on their behalf through The Harvest America Corporation.

Before receiving assistance from Greeley County Health Services, the couple was living on nothing but rice and beans every day. Connie truly changed their lives in an incredibly impactful way!

Thank you to Chrysanne Grund for bringing this story to our attention and to Connie and all the staff at Greeley County Health Service who do incredible work every day for the citizens of Greeley and Wallace counties.



## Greenwood County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	1
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Y
VA Hospital or Clinic	N
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	2
Nurse Corps Education Loan Repayment Program	1

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	15	GEO	12	GEO	16
RHC	15	RHC	15	RHC	17

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## Hamilton County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Y
VA Hospital or Clinic	N
State and Federal Program Awardees	

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
GEO	13	-	-	GEO	16

## Harper County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	3
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	2
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
State Loan Repayment Program	1

Shortage Area Designations:					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	14	POP	14	GEO	9
RHC	15	RHC	15	RHC	16
RHC	13	RHC	15	RHC	17

## Harvey County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	-
Federally Qualified Health Centers	8
Community Mental Health Centers	1
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	4
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	36
Community-Based Primary Care Clinic Program	1

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
-	-	-	-	POP	17
FQHC	10	FQHC	13	FQHC	20

## Haskell County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	2
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
GEO	6	GEO	11	GEO	17
RHC	13	RHC	15	RHC	16

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## Hodgeman County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	4

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
GEO	12	GEO	9	GEO	16

## Jackson County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	3
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	1
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	4

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
-	-	-	-	GEO	15
RHC	5	RHC	15	RHC	12
RHC	5	RHC	15	RHC	11
ITU	18	ITU	20	ITU	16
ITU	17	ITU	19	ITU	16

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## Jefferson County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	4
Community-Based Primary Care Clinic Program	1

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
GEO	8	GEO	13	GEO	13

## Jewell County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
GEO	13	POP	10	POP	18

## Johnson County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	-
Federally Qualified Health Centers	4
Federally Qualified Health Center Look-a-Likes	1
Community Mental Health Centers	1
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	11
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	1
Nurse Corps Education Loan Repayment Program for Nursing Facilitators	1
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	308
Community-Based Primary Care Clinic Program	1

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
COUNTY	-	COUNTY	-	COUNTY	-
FQHC	17	FQHC	23	FQHC	19



# Inspiration from the Community

## Mercy and Truth Medical Missions – Shawnee & Kansas City, KS



It was a sunny autumn Saturday for Mercy and Truth Medical Missions' BOO TO THE FLU event on October 30, 2021.

Their 4<sup>th</sup> annual flu shot event had cars lining up at both clinics several hours in advance. Not only were 355 flu shots given, but turkeys, hoodies, and food boxes were given to all in the contactless, drive-through line.

This year's theme for BOO TO THE FLU was "Win With Us." Totes, hoodies, and shirts were in Kansas City Chiefs' colors of red and yellow. An officially

licensed Chiefs T-shirt was given out to anyone who also received a COVID-19 vaccine (55 vaccinations were given out that day).

Mercy and Truth operate two safety-net clinics in Kansas; one is located in Wyandotte County, the 8<sup>th</sup> poorest county in Kansas, and the other clinic in Johnson County. Serving the uninsured and underserved in these counties has made staff realize that many patients have no sick leave, making flu shots critically important for Mercy and Truth's population as a great preventative strategy.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) graciously donated all the flu shots for BOO TO THE FLU. "We are grateful for the partnership that we have with KDHE", said Executive Director Geoffrey Kigenyi.

Not only did many individuals receive free flu shots, thirteen television spots ran on local news stations. It is estimated that over 400,000 people viewed these TV spots, increasing awareness of Mercy and Truth and the services that safety net clinics provide.



Photo Description: Volunteers distribute flu vaccinations to a line of cars in a parking lot during the BOO TO THE FLU event.

## Kearny County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	2
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
-	-	POP	7	GEO	16

## Kingman County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	2
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	1
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	4
State Loan Repayment Program	4

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
GEO	8	POP	9	GEO	9

## Kiowa County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	1
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	3
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	1

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	10	GEO	16	GEO	14
RHC	5	RHC	15	RHC	17

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## Labette County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	7
Federally Qualified Health Centers	9
Community Mental Health Centers	1
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	3
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	8
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	2

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	16	POP	17	GEO	19
RHC	17	RHC	17	RHC	17
RHC	17	RHC	17	RHC	18
RHC	16	RHC	17	RHC	17

## Lane County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	1

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
-	-	GEO	5	GEO	16
RHC	13	RHC	15	RHC	15

## Leavenworth County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	-
Federally Qualified Health Centers	1
Community Mental Health Centers	1
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	3
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	Yes
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	2
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	14
Community-Based Primary Care Clinic Program	1*
State Loan Repayment Program	1

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
-	-	-	-	GEO	13
CF	12	CF	12	CF	12
-	-	-	-	CF	12

## Lincoln County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	2
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	15

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	13	POP	8	GEO	15

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## Linn County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	-
Federally Qualified Health Centers	3
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	-
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	2
National Health Service Corps Students to Service Loan Repayment Program	1
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	207

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
GEO	11	POP	14	GEO	18

## Logan County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	1
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	4

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
-	-	-	-	GEO	14

## Lyon County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	1
Community Mental Health Centers	1
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	2
Nurse Corps Education Loan Repayment Program	1
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	54
Community-Based Primary Care Clinic Program	1

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	18	POP	17	GEO	16
FQHC	20	FQHC	23	FQHC	21
RHC	16	RHC	15	RHC	16

## Marion County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	3
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	2
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
GEO	4	POP	16	POP	17

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## Marshall County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	3
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	11
State Loan Repayment Program	1

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	14	POP	12	POP	18

## McPherson County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	1
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	3
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	10

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
-	-	-	-	-	-

## Meade County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	3
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	15	POP	7	GEO	17
RHC	5	RHC	15	RHC	16
RHC	5	RHC	15	RHC	16
RHC	7	RHC	15	RHC	16



## Miami County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	3
Federally Qualified Health Centers	1
Community Mental Health Centers	1
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	2
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	1
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	7
State Loan Repayment Program	1

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
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## Mitchell County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	-
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	9

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	16	POP	8	POP	18

## Montgomery County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	9
Federally Qualified Health Centers	5
Community Mental Health Centers	1
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	8
Nurse Corps Education Loan Repayment Program	2
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	3

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	17	POP	13	GEO	13
RHC	15	RHC	17	RHC	18
RHC	17	RHC	17	RHC	18
RHC	15	RHC	17	RHC	18
RHC	15	RHC	15	RHC	18
RHC	17	RHC	17	RHC	18

## Morris County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	2
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	13	GEO	12	GEO	16

## Morton County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	2
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	10	POP	7	GEO	16
RHC	11	RHC	17	RHC	17
RHC	13	RHC	17	RHC	18

## Nemaha County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	5
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	2
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
Nurse Corps Education Loan Repayment Program	1

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	13	-	-	GEO	15
RHC	11	RHC	15	RHC	17

## Neosho County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	6
Federally Qualified Health Centers	2
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	Yes
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	9
National Health Service Corps Students to Service Loan Repayment Program	2

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	14	POP	17	GEO	18
RHC	13	RHC	17	RHC	14
RHC	17	RHC	17	RHC	14
RHC	17	RHC	17	RHC	15
RHC	13	RHC	17	RHC	13
RHC	17	RHC	17	RHC	18

## Ness County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	2
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	2
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
State Loan Repayment Program	1

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	11	GEO	11	GEO	14

## Norton County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	14	POP	14	GEO	14
RHC	14	RHC	15	RHC	15

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## Osage County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	-
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	-
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	4

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
GEO	13	GEO	9	GEO	16

## Osborne County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	11	-	-	GEO	14
RHC	13	RHC	13	RHC	14

## Ottawa County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	-
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	6
State Loan Repayment Program	1

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
-	-	-	-	GEO	15

## Pawnee County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	1
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	2
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
Nurse Corps Nursing Scholarship Program	1

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	15	-	-	GEO	15
RHC	5	RHC	15	RHC	12

## Phillips County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	2
State Loan Repayment Program	2

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
GEO	11	-	-	GEO	14
RHC	13	RHC	15	RHC	16

## Pottawatomie County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	3
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	2
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	1
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	26
Community-Based Primary Care Clinic Program	1

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
-	-	-	-	POP	18
RHC	13	RHC	15	RHC	17
RHC	9	RHC	15	RHC	9

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## Pratt County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	2
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	1
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	11
Community-Based Primary Care Clinic Program	1

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	15	POP	16	GEO	9
RHC	13	RHC	15	RHC	17



## Rawlins County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	2
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	1
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	7
Community-Based Primary Care Clinic Program	2

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	7	-	-	GEO	14
RHC	13	RHC	15	RHC	14

## Reno County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	4
Federally Qualified Health Centers	2
Community Mental Health Centers	2
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	11
National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program	2
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	19
Community-Based Primary Care Clinic Program	1
State Loan Repayment Program	1

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	16	POP	16	GEO	9
FQHC	19	FQHC	23	FQHC	16
CF	6	-	-	CF	21

## Republic County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	-
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	19	POP	8	POP	18

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## Rice County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	2
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
-	-	-	-	GEO	15

## Riley County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	1
Community Mental Health Centers	1
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	2
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	1
Nurse Corps Education Loan Repayment Program	2
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	48
Community-Based Primary Care Clinic Program	1

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	15	POP	19	POP	18

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## Rooks County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	-
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	2
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	2

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	7	POP	8	GEO	14

## Rush County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	1

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	9	POP	7	GEO	14
RHC	12	RHC	13	RHC	9

## Russell County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	3
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	3

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	15	POP	12	GEO	14
RHC	15	RHC	11	RHC	17
RHC	11	RHC	11	RHC	9

## Saline County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	-
Federally Qualified Health Centers	4
Community Mental Health Centers	1
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	2
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	7
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	91
Community-Based Primary Care Clinic Program	1

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	13	POP	13	GEO	15
FQHC	17	FQHC	21	FQHC	19

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## Scott County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	2

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	12	-	-	GEO	16

## Sedgwick County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	-
Federally Qualified Health Centers	22
Federally Qualified Health Center Look-a-Likes	3
Community Mental Health Centers	1
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	12
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	Yes
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	17
National Health Service Corps Students to Service Loan Repayment Program	1
Nurse Corps Education Loan Repayment Program	2
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	1463
Community-Based Primary Care Clinic Program	4
J-1 Visa Program	8

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	14	-	-	POP	12
FQHC	19	FQHC	23	FQHC	20
FQHC	19	FQHC	25	FQHC	13
FQHC LAL	14	FQHC LAL	15	FQHC LAL	12
ITU	17	ITU	17	ITU	15
ITU	17	ITU	18	ITU	15
ITU	17	ITU	17	ITU	15
ITU	17	ITU	17	ITU	15
FQHC	19	FQHC	25	FQHC	14

## Seward County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	5
Community Mental Health Centers	1
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	3

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	14	GEO	12	GEO	17

## Shawnee County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	-
Federally Qualified Health Centers	2
Community Mental Health Centers	2
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	4
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	1
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	226
Community-Based Primary Care Clinic Program	1
J-1 Visa Program	4

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	10	POP	13	-	-
CF	3	-	-	-	-

## Sheridan County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	-
Federally Qualified Health Centers	3
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	2
Nurse Corps Education Loan Repayment Program	1
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	6
Community-Based Primary Care Clinic Program	1

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	8	POP	5	GEO	14
FQHC	7	FQHC	15	FQHC	13

## Sherman County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	2

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	16	POP	13	GEO	14
RHC	13	RHC	15	RHC	16

## Smith County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	7	POP	8	GEO	14



# Inspiration from the Community

Kansas Community Star 2022

Tori Gleason: Bridging Health Care Gaps and Advocating for Equity



The Community Stars Program, organized by the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH), recognizes and celebrates individuals and organizations making significant contributions to rural health care. This program highlights the achievements of community leaders, health care providers, and initiatives that positively impact the health and well-being of residents in rural areas. Through the Community Stars Program, NOSORH showcases exemplary efforts in addressing health care challenges unique to rural communities, fostering collaboration, and promoting innovative solutions.



Tori Gleason, a beacon of hope in Kansas, tirelessly champions equitable health care for marginalized communities. Tori's mantra, "Nothing about us without us," underscores her dedication to championing diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Hailing from western Kansas, Tori returned to her hometown of Goodland as a chiropractor, fully aware of the unique health care challenges facing rural America. Tori's journey, rooted in her personal experiences as a young transgender individual, fuels her desire to ensure today's youth don't face similar challenges. Despite adversity, including being outed and facing hostility, Tori remains resolute in her mission.

Living openly as a transgender woman in Goodland presents challenges, but Tori finds support, especially among young athletes. Tori is on track to graduate with a Master of Public Health degree, aiming to address health care disparities faced by the LGBTQ+ community. Enrolling in the Master of Public Health program was made possible by the COVID-19 pandemic, which allowed KU Wichita to offer online courses. Living a considerable distance from Wichita, this change removed a significant barrier for Tori. She's now on track to graduate in 2023.

Her dedication to marginalized populations extends beyond her chiropractic practice. Tori's unwavering belief in health equity for smaller communities drives her to serve on the board of Goodland Regional Medical Center. She collaborates with organizations to improve health care outcomes for underserved populations.

Tori Gleason's story embodies resilience and compassion, epitomizing the pursuit of health equity for all. Her tireless advocacy continues to inspire those around her. In a world where change often seems daunting, Tori reminds us that one person's dedication can ignite hope and drive progress, making our communities more inclusive and just.

## Stafford County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	2
Federally Qualified Health Centers	1
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	2

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
GEO	11	GEO	17	GEO	15

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## Stanton County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	11	GEO	8	GEO	16

## Stevens County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
GEO	9	GEO	12	GEO	17

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## Sumner County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	4
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	1
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	2
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	3

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
-	-	-	-	GEO	17
RHC	16	RHC	15	RHC	12

## Thomas County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	9	-	-	GEO	14

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## Trego County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
-	-	-	-	GEO	14

## Wabaunsee County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	-
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
GEO	11	GEO	10	GEO	16

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## Wallace County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	-
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	3
Community-Based Primary Care Clinic Program	1

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
GEO	9	GEO	9	GEO	14
RHC	11	RHC	15	RHC	14

## Washington County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	3
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	2
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	1

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	7	POP	10	POP	18

## Wichita County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	1
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	2

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	13	-	-	GEO	16
RHC	5	RHC	15	RHC	15

## Wilson County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	3
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	2
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	1
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	6

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	14	POP	16	GEO	13
RHC	17	RHC	17	RHC	18

## Woodson County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	1
Federally Qualified Health Centers	-
Community Mental Health Centers	-
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	-
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	No
State and Federal Program Awardees	
State Loan Repayment Program	1

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
GEO	6	POP	9	GEO	18

## Wyandotte County

Health Care Facilities	
Rural Health Clinics	-
Federally Qualified Health Centers	18
Federally Qualified Health Center Look-a-Likes	3
Community Mental Health Centers	1
Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals	4
Health Department	Yes
VA Hospital or Clinic	Yes
State and Federal Program Awardees	
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	9
Nurse Corps Education Loan Repayment Program for Nursing Facilitators	3
Charitable Health Care Provider Program	198
Community-Based Primary Care Clinic Program	5*
J-1 Visa Program	9

Shortage Area Designations					
Primary Care		Dental Health		Mental Health	
Type	Score	Type	Score	Type	Score
POP	16	POP	15	-	-
FQHC LAL	16	FQHC LAL	15	FQHC LAL	8
FQHC LAL	19	FQHC LAL	21	FQHC LAL	12
FQHC	19	FQHC	21	FQHC	13



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# Inspiration from the Community

## Mercy and Truth Medical Missions – Kansas City, KS

Mercy and Truth Medical Missions (locations in Kansas City, KS and Shawnee, KS) held their first free Saturday clinic on May 22, 2021 at their KCK inner-city clinic. Plans were in place for 25 free visits, no appointment was necessary; just see a doctor. Partnering with volunteers and medical providers from Advent Health, the doors opened, and slots were filled.

Mercy and Truth held monthly clinics from June through October. Some people who came had not seen a doctor in years. One patient was sent to the emergency room after having an EKG and complaining of chest pains. Entire families, some as large as six members, came to the free clinic for care. Personal hygiene needs were addressed, and a community health worker volunteered her time to help those who needed to receive further social services.

“There is a definite need for free Saturday health care clinics. We helped people who otherwise might not have had access to medical care, and they learned of other resources that the community health worker provided,” said Anne Rauth, Director of Marketing, Development and Community Outreach.

Without support from the SOPC-RH and partners like Advent Health, these clinics would not be able to continue.



Photo Description: Staff pose for a picture during the first free clinic at Mercy and Truth Medical Missions at their Kansas City, Kansas location.

# Events and Resources

## Community Health Access Newsletter

Formerly known as the Kansas Rural Health Information Source or 'KRHIS', the Prairieland Health Pulse is sent monthly to distribute research and policy updates, funding opportunities, resources, learning events, and more to providers and partners serving Kansas. To subscribe to the newsletter, please visit [kdheks.gov/PC-RH](https://kdheks.gov/PC-RH).

## National Rural Health Day

The National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) sets aside the third Thursday of every November to celebrate National Rural Health Day (NRHD). This day is an opportunity to celebrate the #PowerOfRural by honoring the selfless, community-minded, "can do" spirit that prevails in rural America. It also gives us a chance to bring to light the unique health care challenges that rural people and communities face – and showcase the efforts of rural health care providers, State Offices of Rural Health, and other rural stakeholders to address those challenges.

Many of the photos displayed in this report are submissions from the Kansas Office of Primary Care and Rural Health's second annual 'Power of Rural' photography contest in 2022. For more information, please visit [powerofrural.org](https://powerofrural.org).



Photo Description: SOPC-RH staff, alongside other rural health advocates, come together to witness the signing of the National Rural Health Day Proclamation.

## Navigating Rural Health Resources (NRHR) Webinar Series

The NRHR webinar series highlights state and federal programs relevant to Kansas in hopes of connecting our local providers and communities with useful resources and tools. Nine NRHR webinars were held in 2022, reaching a total of 223 attendees in an audience comprised of health providers, public health professionals, and other rural health advocates within our state. To view previous webinar recordings from all years, go to [kdhe.ks.gov/NRHR](https://kdhe.ks.gov/NRHR). Previous webinar recordings and slides are posted within one week of the event date.

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