



# NEWS from the UNIVERSITY of NORTH TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER *at Fort Worth*

## Rural Medicine in Texas

### Fast Facts

Of Texas' 177 rural counties

- 117 qualify as whole county Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs)
  - 24 have no primary care physicians
  - 19 have only one primary care physician
  - 47 have no healthcare clinics
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- 1,805,842 Texans live in whole county HPSAs
  - 3,398,192 live in partial county and special population HPSAs
  - 179 of Texas' 254 counties are designated as whole county Medically

Underserved Areas (MUAs).

There are 108 partial county MUAs in 44 Texas counties.

*Information from the Texas Department of State Health Services and the Texas Office of Rural Community Affairs.*

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