

ARKANSAS'S SHIFTING RURAL-URBAN DIVIDE

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Healthcare Providers¹

In Arkansas, there are fewer healthcare providers in rural counties than in urban counties.

Number of Primary Care Physicians* per 10,000 Individuals, 2018



Number of Dentists per 10,000 Individuals, 2018



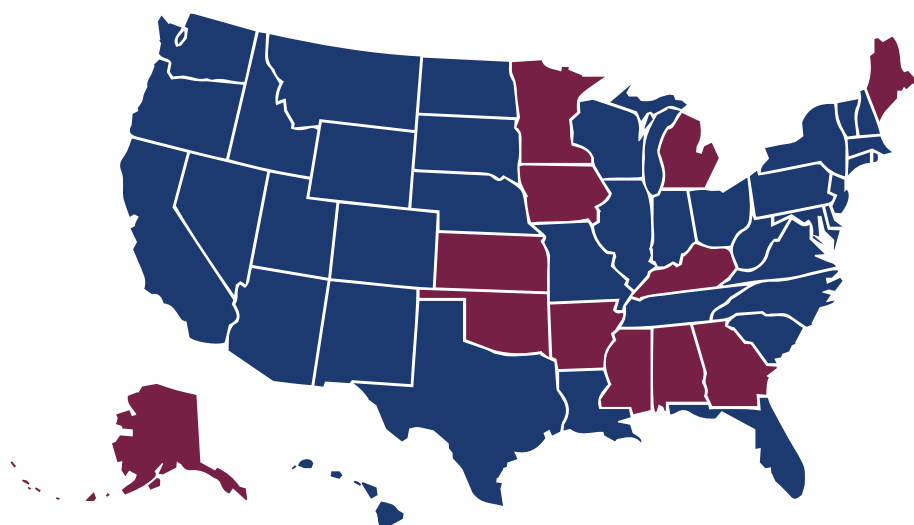
78.8% of Arkansas's primary care physicians practiced in an urban county in 2018.



6 of 75 counties had no dentists in 2018; all six were rural counties.

High Financial Risk Among Rural Hospitals²

Arkansas is among states with the highest percentage of rural hospitals at financial risk. Additionally, the out-migration of younger Arkansans leaves rural hospitals to care for older and sicker patients and with fewer resources than urban hospitals.



36.7%

of Arkansas's rural hospitals are at high financial risk

Adapted from NIHCM Foundation's *Rural Health in America: How Shifting Populations Leave People Behind* infographic.

* Primary care physicians include physicians practicing in family practice, general practice, internal medicine, OBYGN, and pediatrics.

^{1,2} Visit <https://achi.net/library/rural-health-population> for references.