

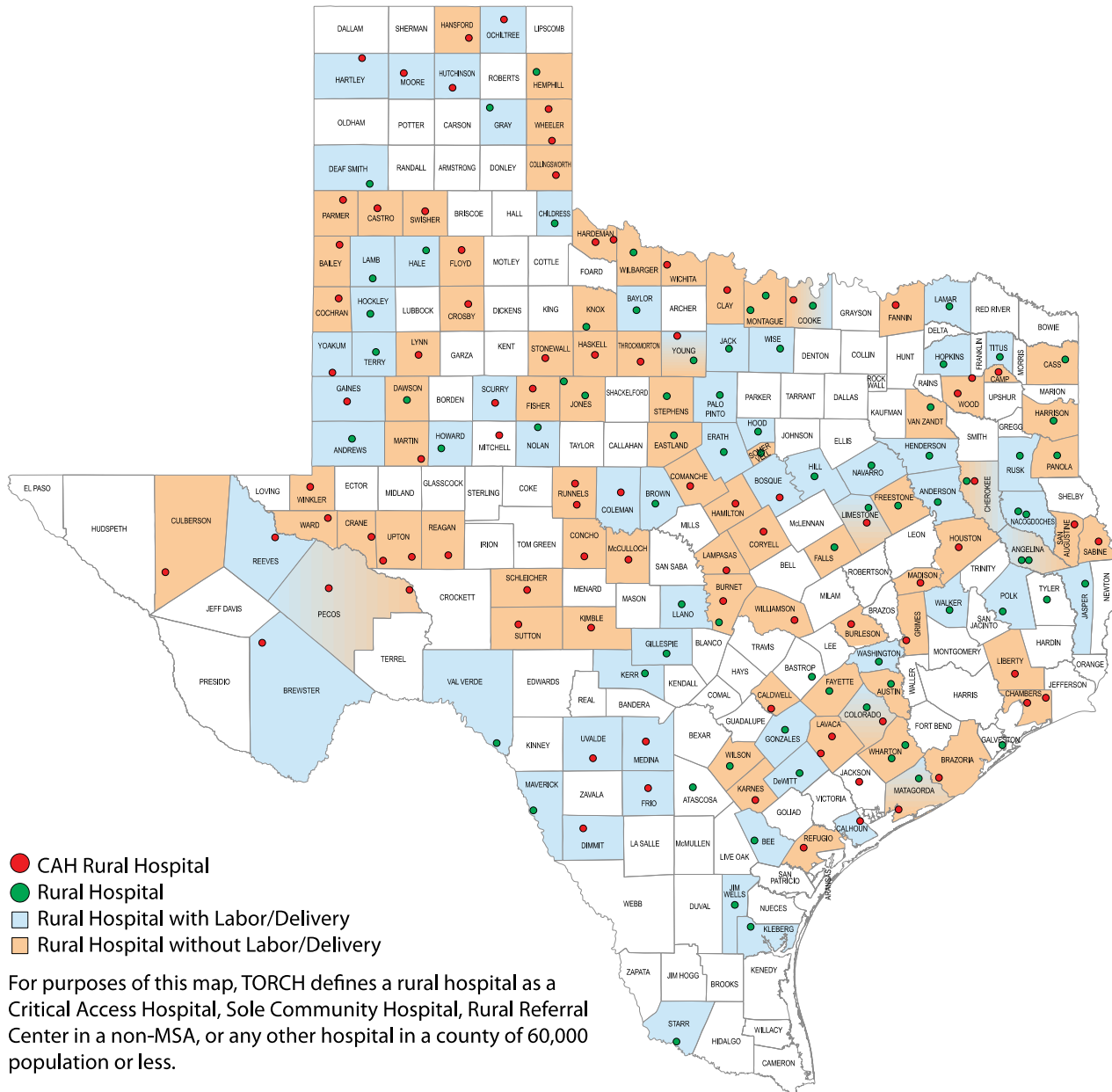


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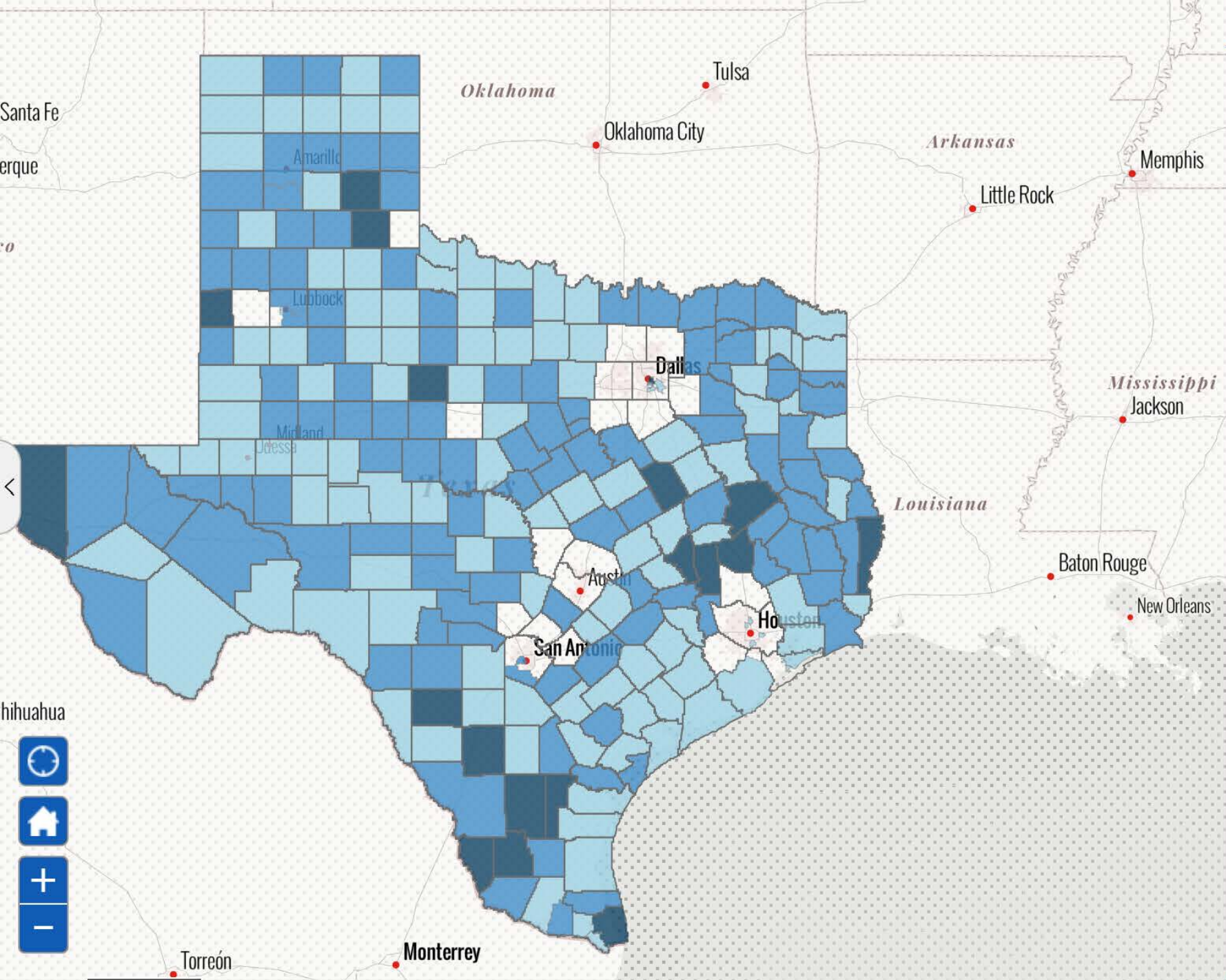
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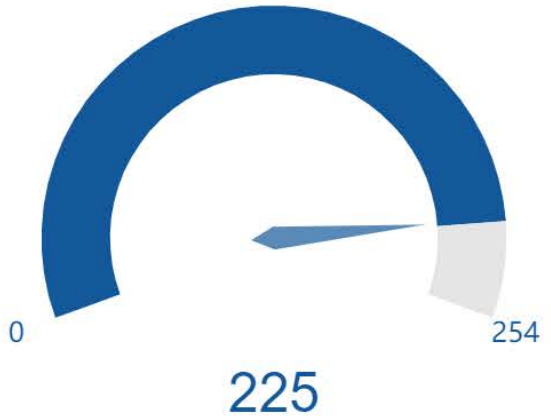
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- 121 Trauma Designated
- 88 CAHs
- 64 OB

- CAH Rural Hospital
- Rural Hospital
- Rural Hospital with Labor/Delivery
- Rural Hospital without Labor/Delivery

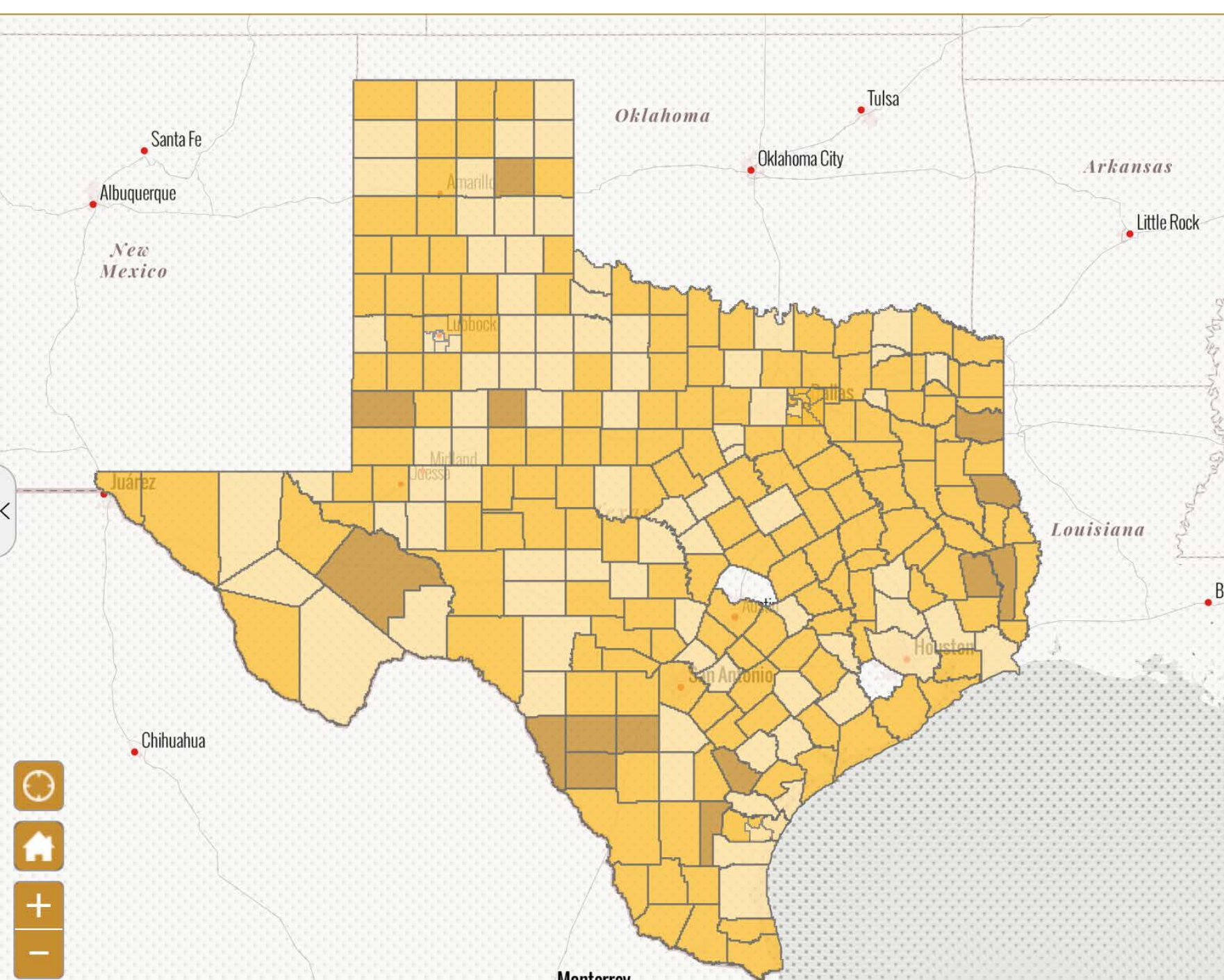
For purposes of this map, TORCH defines a rural hospital as a Critical Access Hospital, Sole Community Hospital, Rural Referral Center in a non-MSA, or any other hospital in a county of 60,000 population or less.



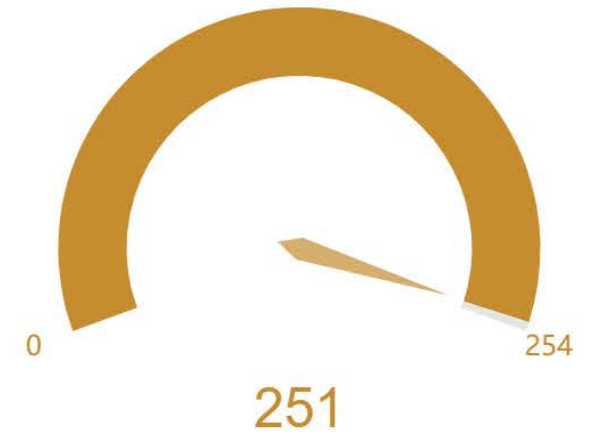
Number of Whole Counties with HPSA - Primary Care



An additional 10 counties have partial HPSA designations

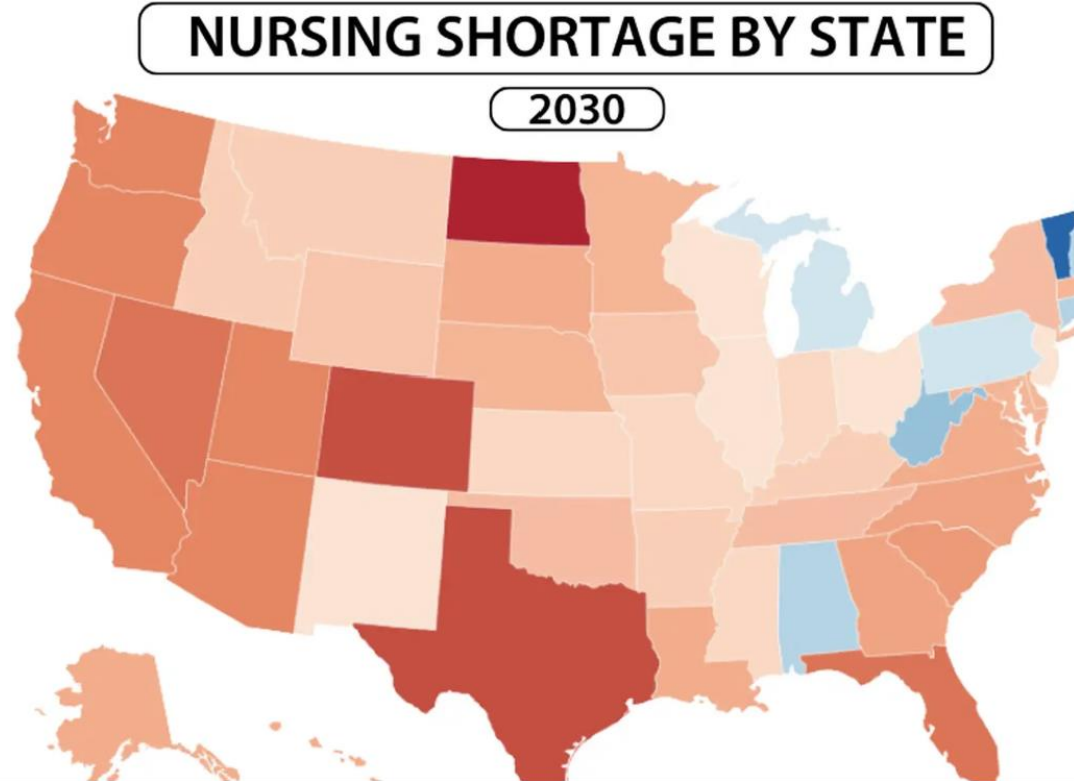


Number of Whole Counties with HPSA - Mental Health Care Designations



An additional 3 counties have partial HPSA designations.

Nursing Workforce



by State (Projected)

Difference between supply and demand expected by 2030

Most Severe Shortages

Rank	State	Supply (2030)	Demand (2030)	Difference
1	California	343,400	387,900	-44,500
2	Texas	253,400	269,300	-15,900
3	New Jersey	90,800	102,200	-11,400
4	South Carolina	52,100	62,500	-10,400
5	Alaska	18,400	23,800	-5,400
6	Georgia	98,800	101,000	-2,200
7	South Dakota	11,700	13,600	-1,900



Rural Workforce

What makes rural workforce different?



RNEC OVERVIEW

Initial Agreement to form RNEC signed in December 2019

Original Members: Amarillo College, Frank Phillips College, Dallam-Hartley Hospital District (Dalhart), Hutchinson County Hospital District (Borger), Deaf Smith Hospital District (Hereford) and Moore County Hospital District (Dumas). Subsequently added: West Texas A&M University, Ochiltree County Hospital District (Perryton).

Goal: Resolve Nursing Workforce Shortage by Produce LVNs (through FPC) and ADNs (through AC)

Method: Academic partners provide curriculum and confer degrees. Participating hospitals provide rural faculty and on-site clinical rotations.

First LYN degrees conferred in Spring 2020 and ADNs in Fall 2022. Today, the RNEC has graduated 100 nurses (LVNs and ADNs combined) for the North Texas Panhandle. In May 2024, the RNEC-MC will graduate 10 LVNs and 10 ADNs.



Story from Andrews

- Tragic
- Choice – do we just sit here and cry or try to make something good come of it?



Lindsey Horton Memorial Scholarship Fund



Lindsey Horton was a registered nurse at Permian Regional Medical Center in Andrews, Texas. She worked in the Surgery Department and completed two cases the morning of August 10, 2020. Lindsey took a break and went to the bathroom and awhile later her coworkers were concerned she hadn't returned so they began looking for her. When they checked the bathroom door, it was locked and they couldn't get in. They called maintenance to pull the core on the lock and when they got inside, they found Lindsey's lifeless body on the floor. The cause of death was determined to be "Sudden Cardiac Death due to Mitral Valve Prolapse." She went into a fatal arrhythmia, probably ventricular fibrillation, but no one was around to help save her.

The Lindsey Horton Memorial Scholarship Fund has been started in honor and memory of Lindsey and will provide scholarships to nursing students and other healthcare fields – so that out of tragedy can come some good. Our goal is to provide three \$10,000 scholarships this year to students from Andrews County. As the event grows, we plan to provide at least one scholarship in Fort Stockton, where Lindsey graduated with her LVN and RN licenses. She died three months before she would have graduated with her BSN degree.

All donations that are received will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the TORCH Foundation, up to \$40,000.



Thank You!



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