

# It takes a village, but not everyone has a village in Idaho

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CULTIVATING COMMUNITY GROWING COLLABORATION

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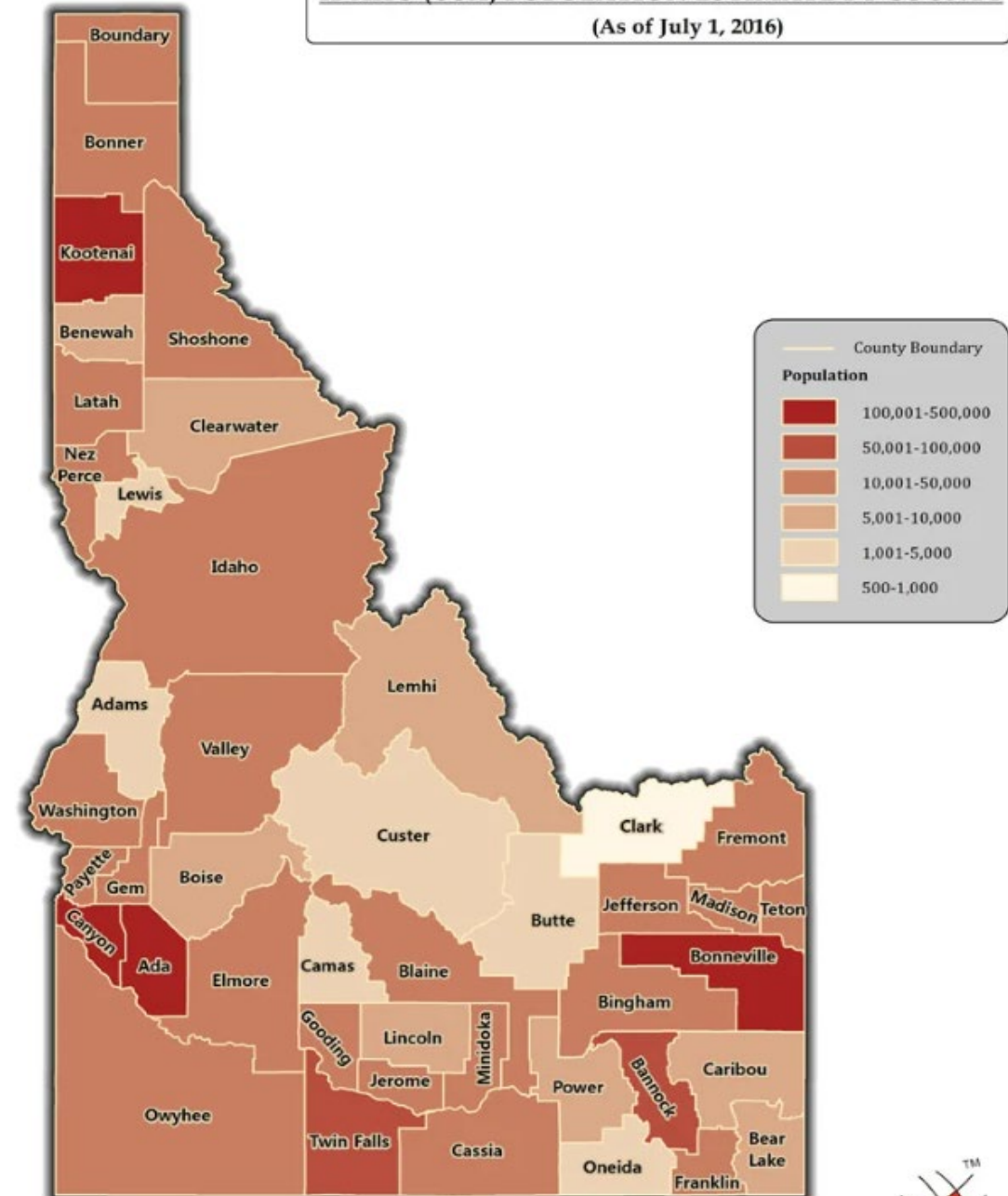


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- Population: 1.9 million (429,600 children)
- The Gem State
- 14<sup>th</sup> largest state geographically

IDAHO (USA) POPULATION ESTIMATE BY COUNTY

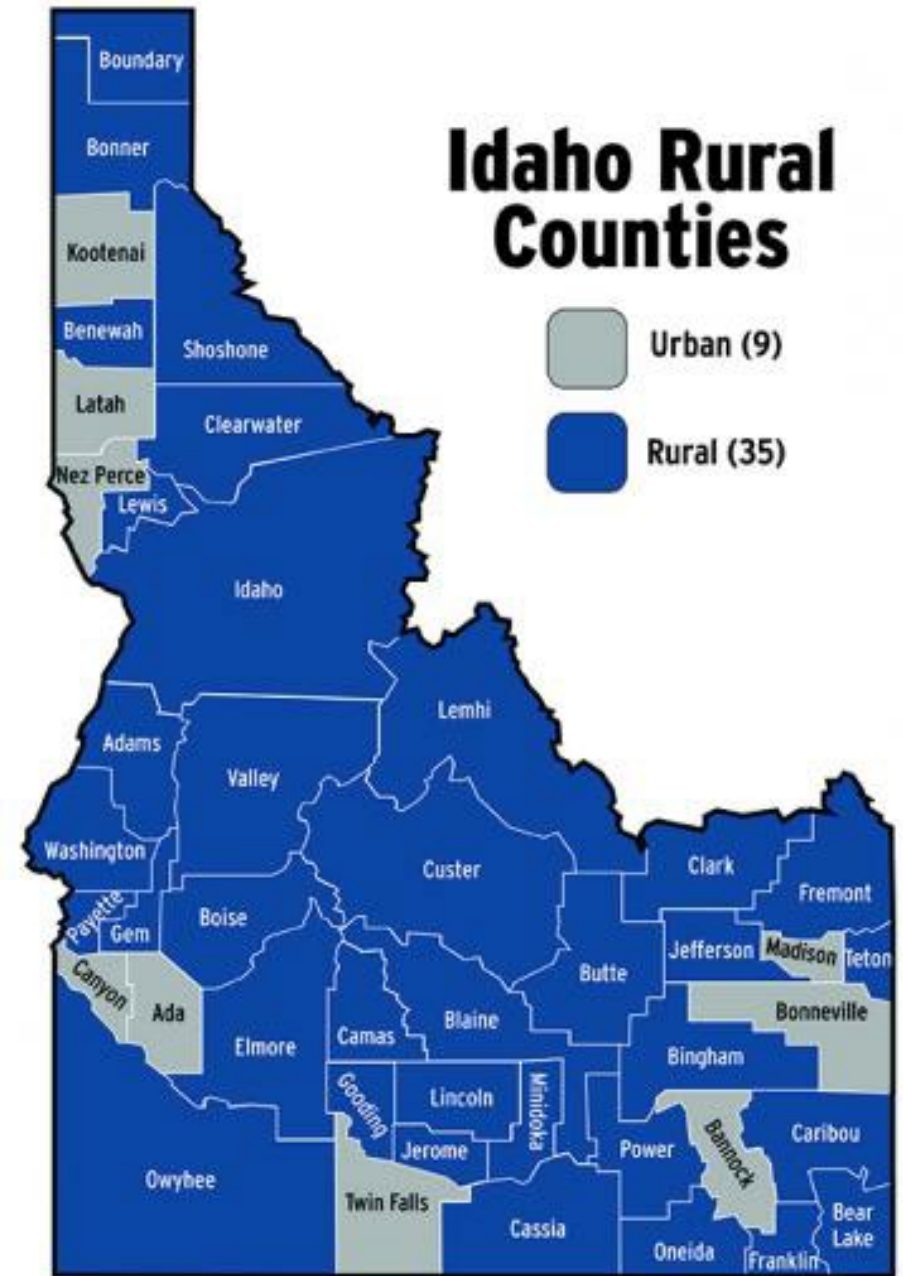
(As of July 1, 2016)



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- 88% Rural
  - Many areas considered frontier
  - Large amount of volunteer agencies
  - No resources
  - No funding



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- Only 1 Children's Hospital  
(Boise)



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- Fun Facts



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- Plenty to do

- Hiking
- Biking
- Kayaking
- Rafting
- Fishing
- Skiing

The list goes on...



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- Not one professional sports team!

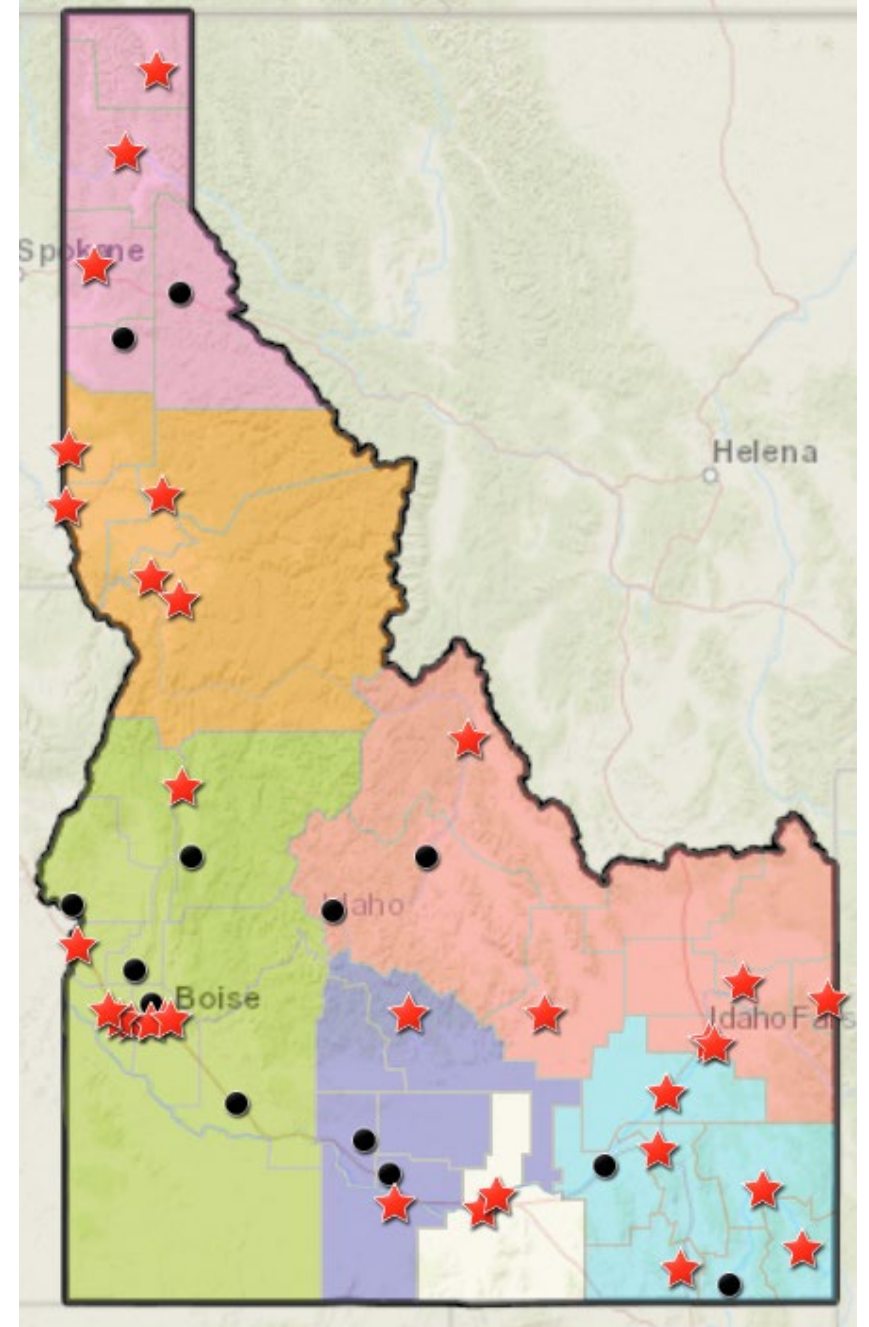


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- 44 hospitals (27 are CAH)
- 170 EMS agencies
- Time Sensitive Emergency Program
  - Responsible for designating hospitals as Trauma, Stroke and STEMI Centers
  - Idaho Dept H&W/Division Public Health Bureau of EMS & Preparedness
  - 6 regions
  - Regional Meetings
  - TSE Council



**IDAHO TIME SENSITIVE  
EMERGENCY SYSTEM**  
TRAUMA | STROKE | STEMI



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# Engagement



- Build relationships and be approachable
- Participate in Meetings - ask to have EMSC on standing agendas



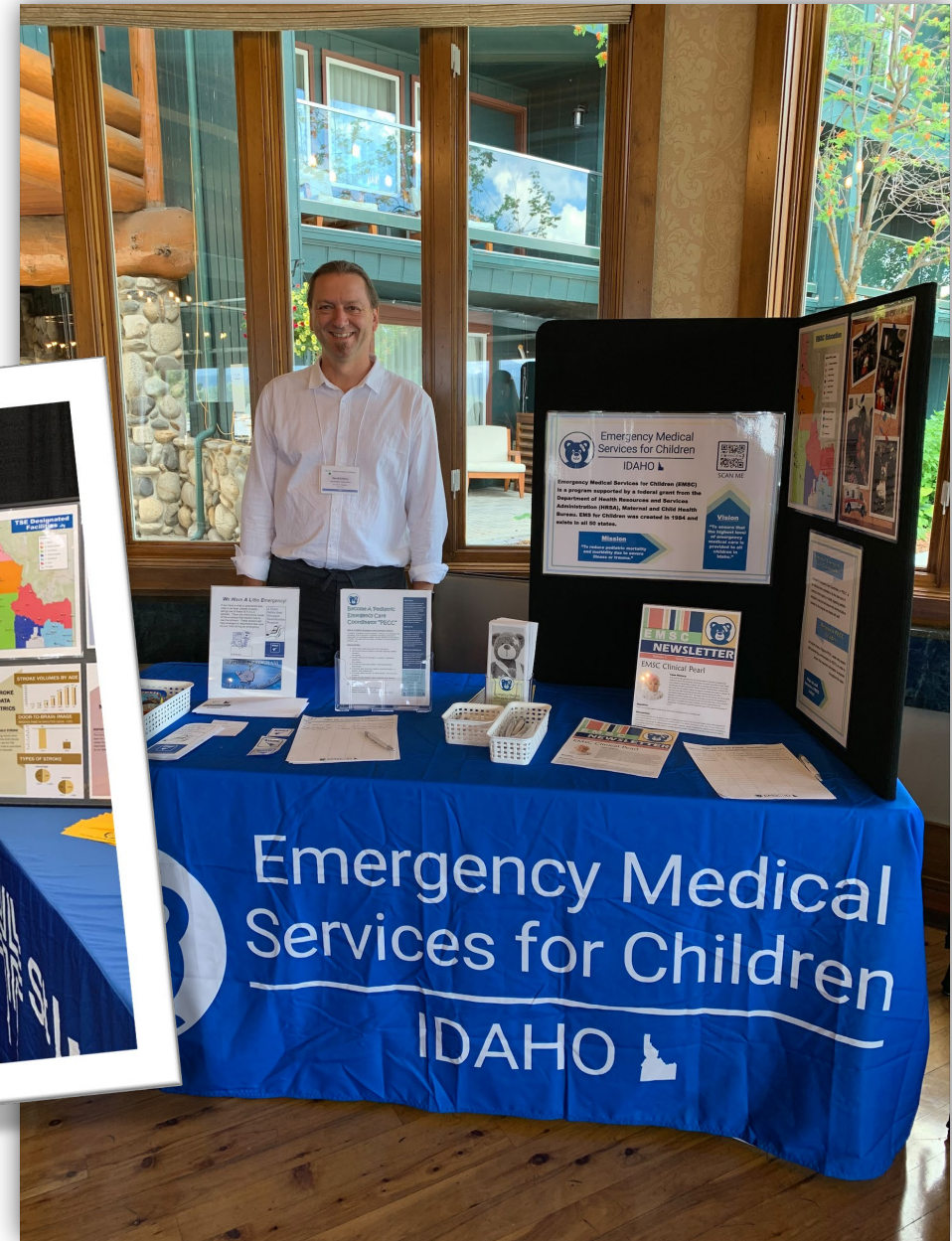
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- TSE Surveys



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- Attend state conferences
- Join Community Events



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- Bring regions together - help foster relationships
- EMSC Advisory Committee member who represents the rural population.



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- Attend sponsored trainings
- Healthcare Preparedness Program



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- Newsletter - Have providers participate
- Recognition (newsletter, social media)
- Update contact list quarterly



*Featured Education*

**MEET the PECC**



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- Share important content/education with everyone
- Always follow through
- Future Plans



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- Don't let them forget about EMSC!  
Have Fun and be out there!



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Thank you and come visit us in Idaho!



# It Takes a Village, But Not Everyone Has a Village in Texas

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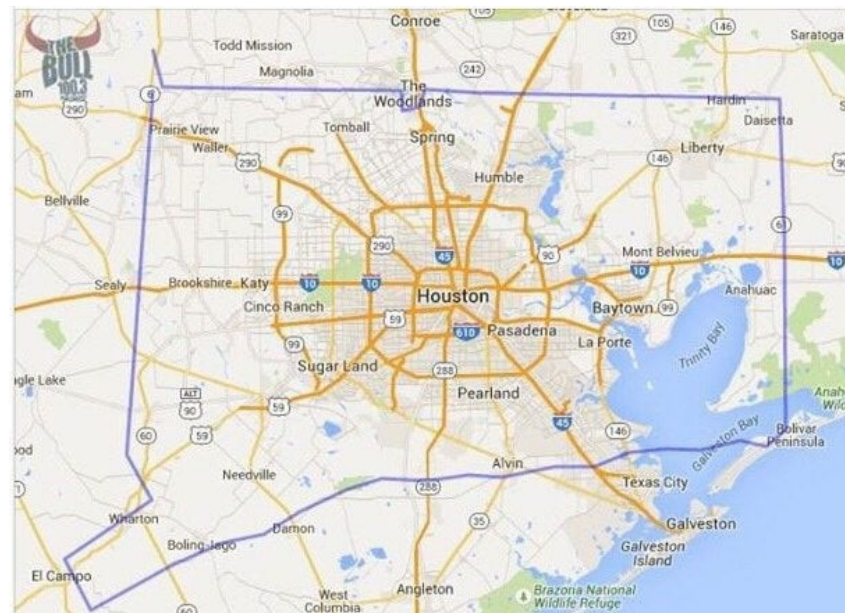
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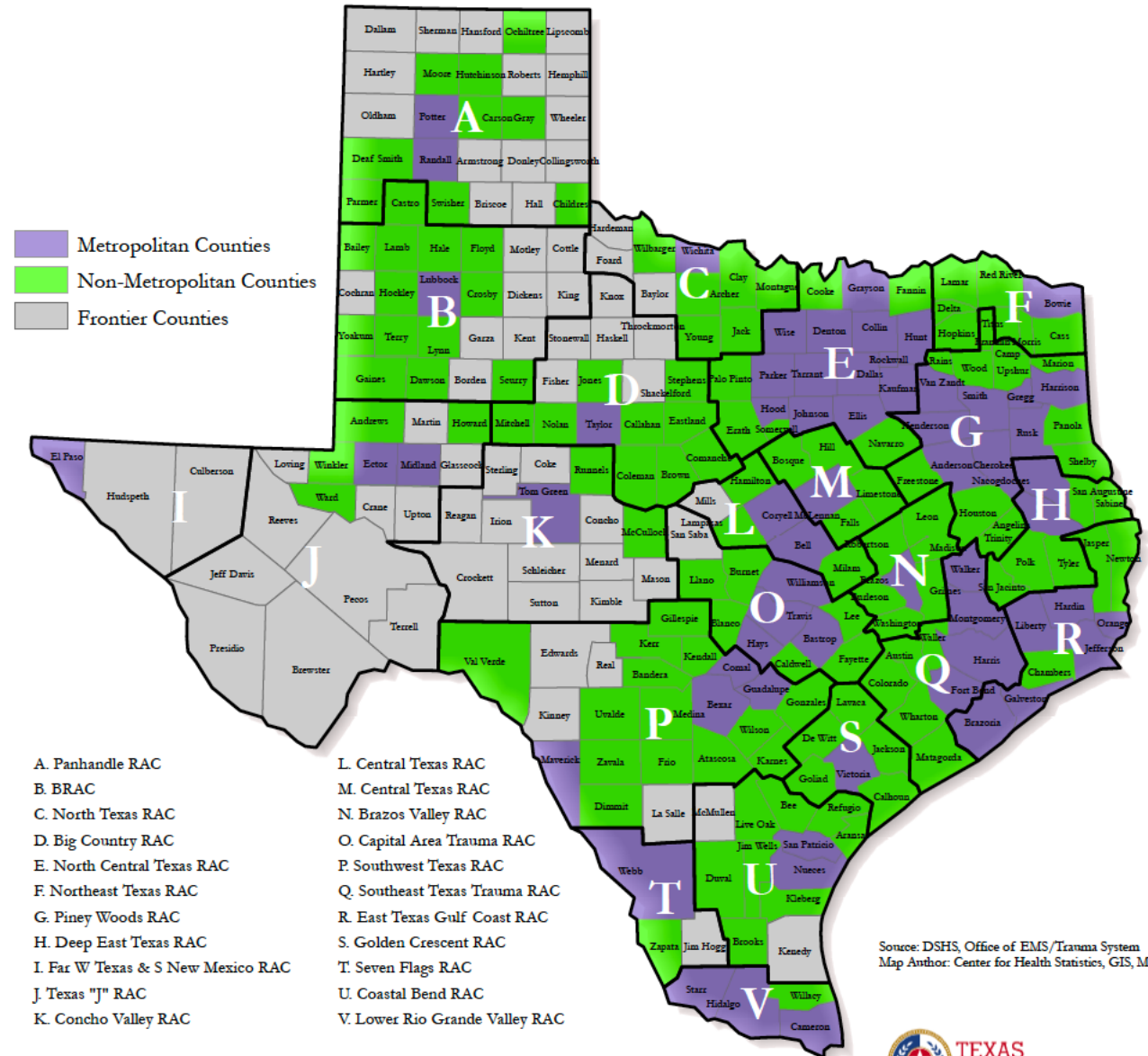
# Texas Relative Land Mass Comparisons



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# Texas By The Numbers

- Size: 268,597 square miles
- Texas spans 900 miles from north to south. 880 miles from east to west.
- 254 counties
- Texas is the second largest state in the country by:
  - overall population (CA)
  - pediatric population (UT)
  - geographic size (AK).
- There are 29.09 million people in Texas with 7.5 million children under the age of 18 (26%)
- Texas has the largest rural population at 3.85 million.
- Texas has 7 of top 15 cities in U.S. with largest numeric increase
- 5/15 Largest Cities in U.S



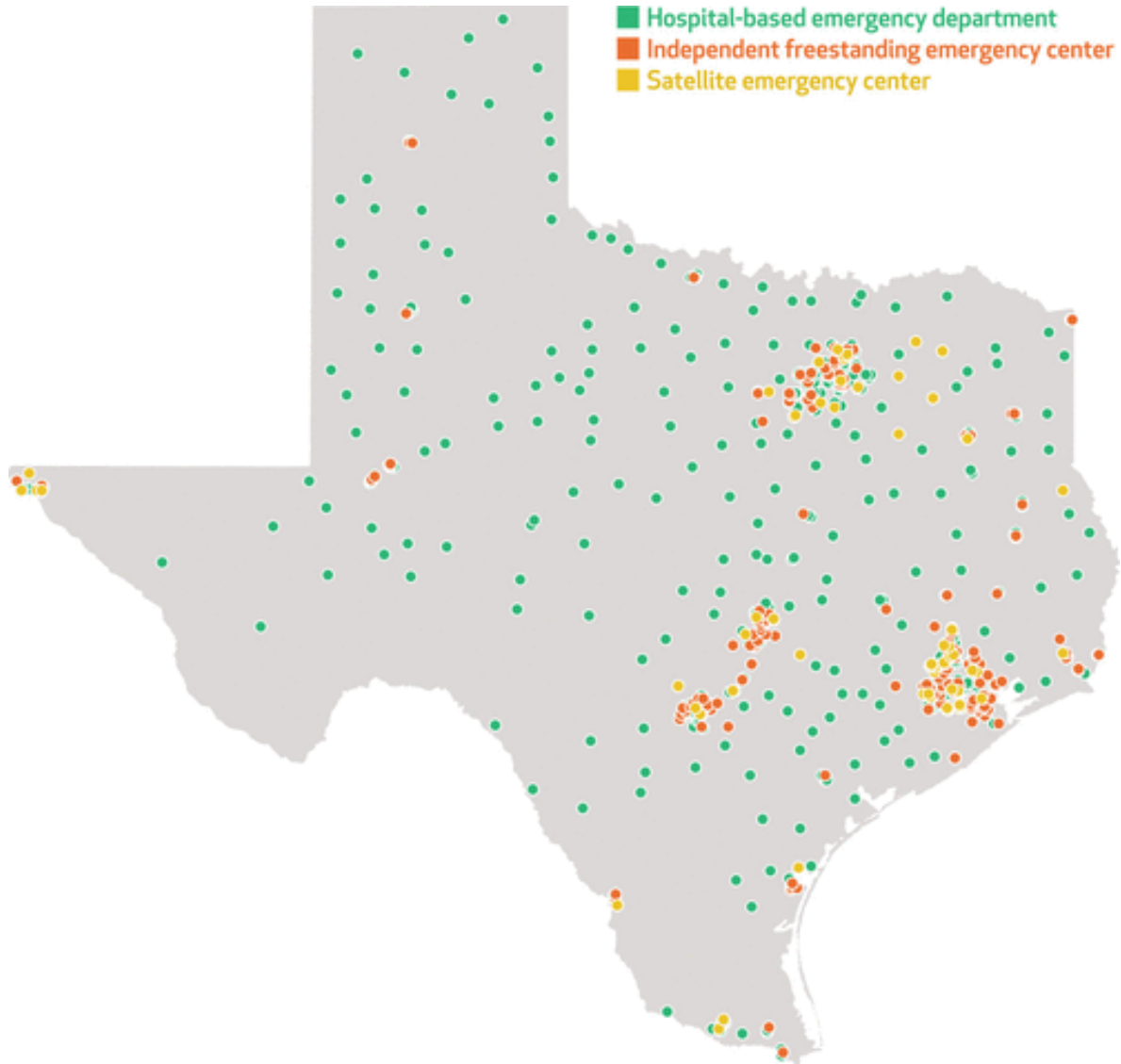
Source: DSHS, Office of EMS/Trauma System  
 Map Author: Center for Health Statistics, GIS, March 2010

Metropolitan County = 50,000 + inhabitants  
 Non-Metropolitan County = < 50,000 inhabitants  
 Frontier County = 6 or fewer people per square mile ext

Note: Population Data from 2010 US Census







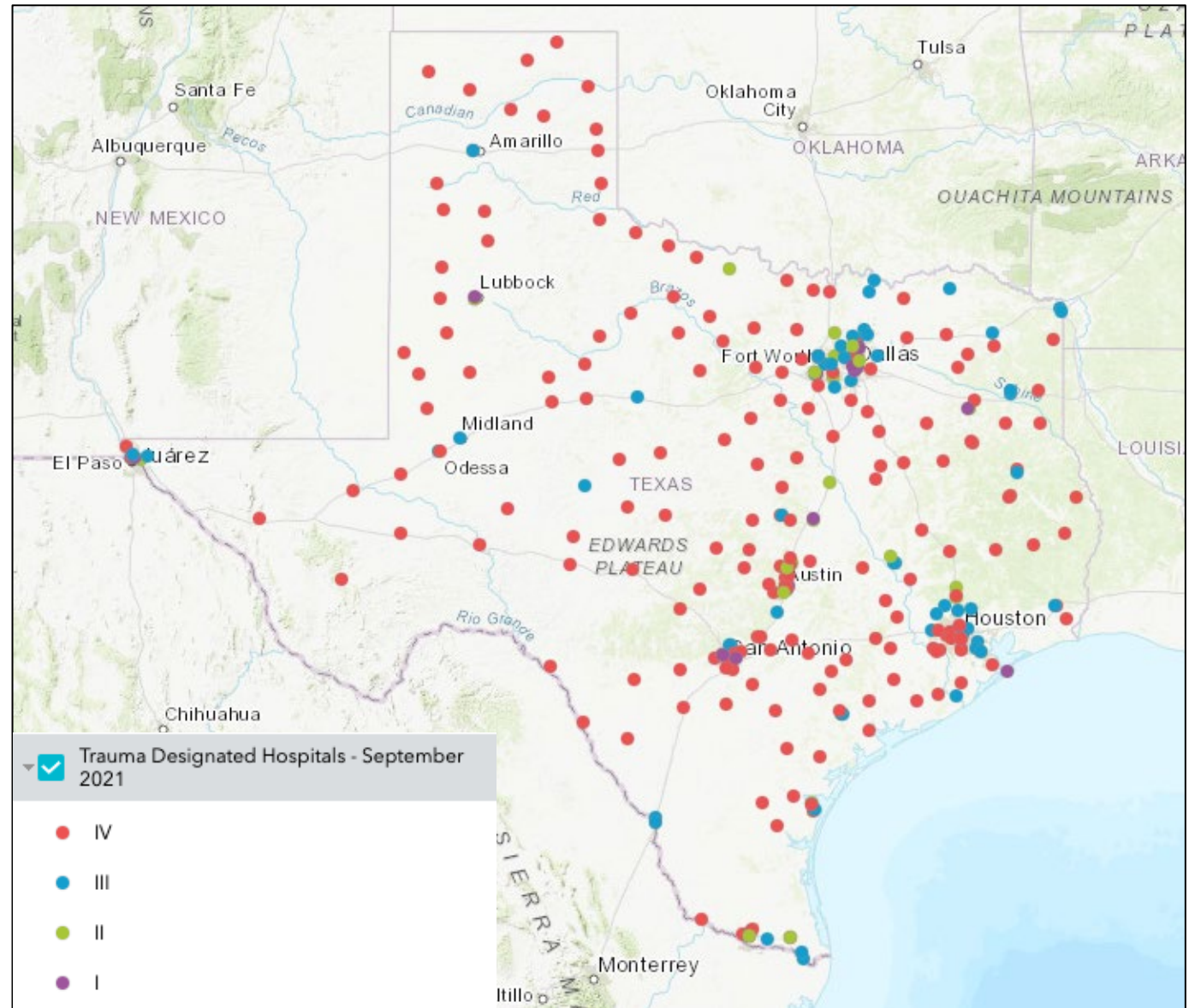
# Texas Emergency Departments



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# Texas Designated Trauma Facilities (303)

- Level I: 22
  - Level II: 76
  - Level III: 60
  - Level IV: 194
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- Peds Level I: 5
  - Peds Level II: 4
  - Peds Level III: 2
  - Peds Level IV: 3



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# STATE OF HEALTH CARE IN RURAL TEXAS



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## ACCESS TO CARE

**64**

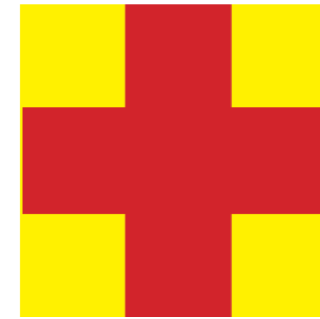
Texas counties do not have a hospital

**35**

miles between critical access hospitals

**25**

counties do not have primary care physicians (PCP's)



**15-20%**

of all jobs in rural communities are in a health care field.



FACT 1: Since 2010, **12 HOSPITALS** in rural Texas have closed.



FACT 2: Some Texans have to travel more than **100 MILES** to reach the nearest hospital.



FACT 3: The first **60 MINUTES** after a trauma or cardiac event could mean the difference between life and death.



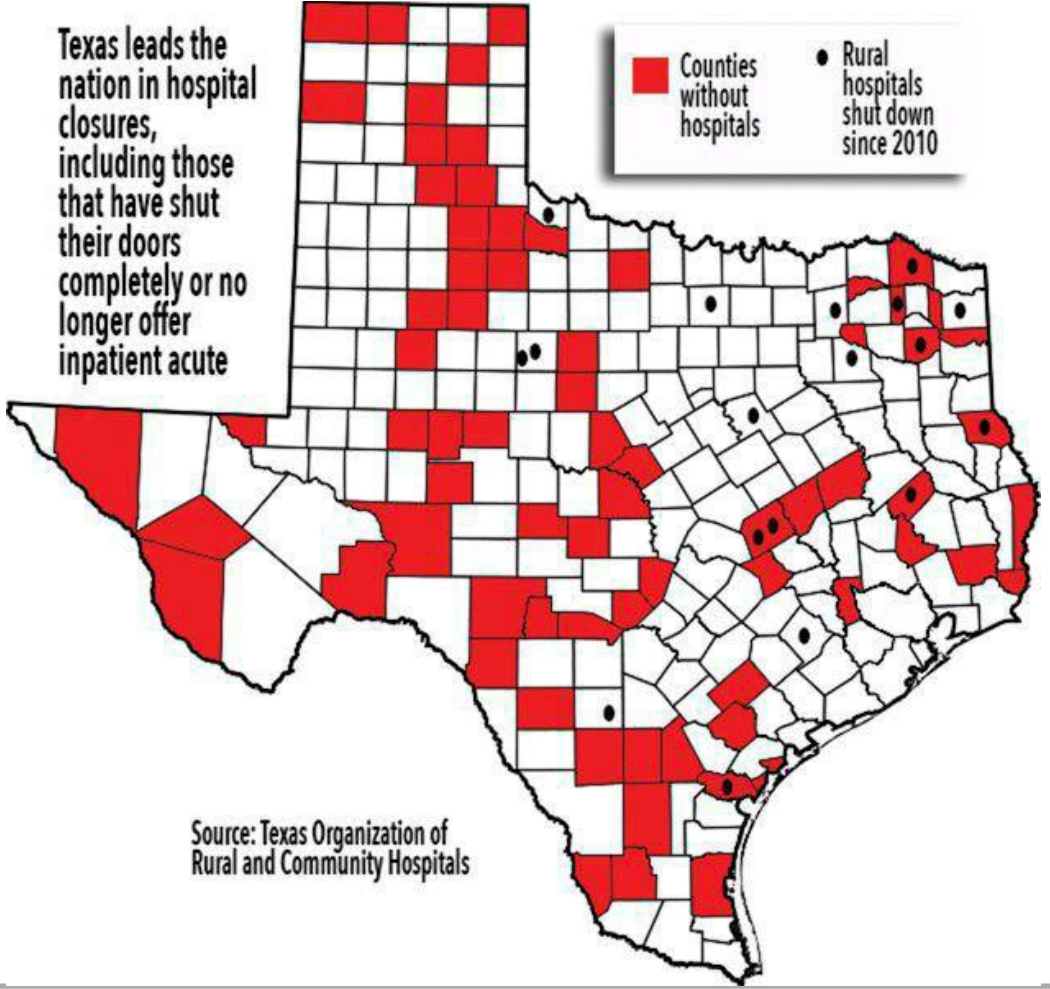
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Texas leads the nation in hospital closures, including those that have shut their doors completely or no longer offer inpatient acute

**80%**  
of Texas is rural land.

Out of Texas' **254 counties**, **177 are rural.**

**75%**  
of Texas counties are federally designated Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) and/or Medically Underserved Area (MUA).



# Engaging our Rural and Frontier Regions

Texas State  
Office of  
Rural  
Health



- Member of the SORH Advisory Committee
- SORH representative on TX EMSC Advisory Committee
- Member of the Rural Community Paramedicine Project Advisory Committee



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# Engaging our Rural and Frontier Regions

## Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals

- EMSC presentations to the rural hospitals
- 2021 NPRP Assessment communication
- Provided letter of support for NOFO



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# Voluntary Recognition Program (VPRP)

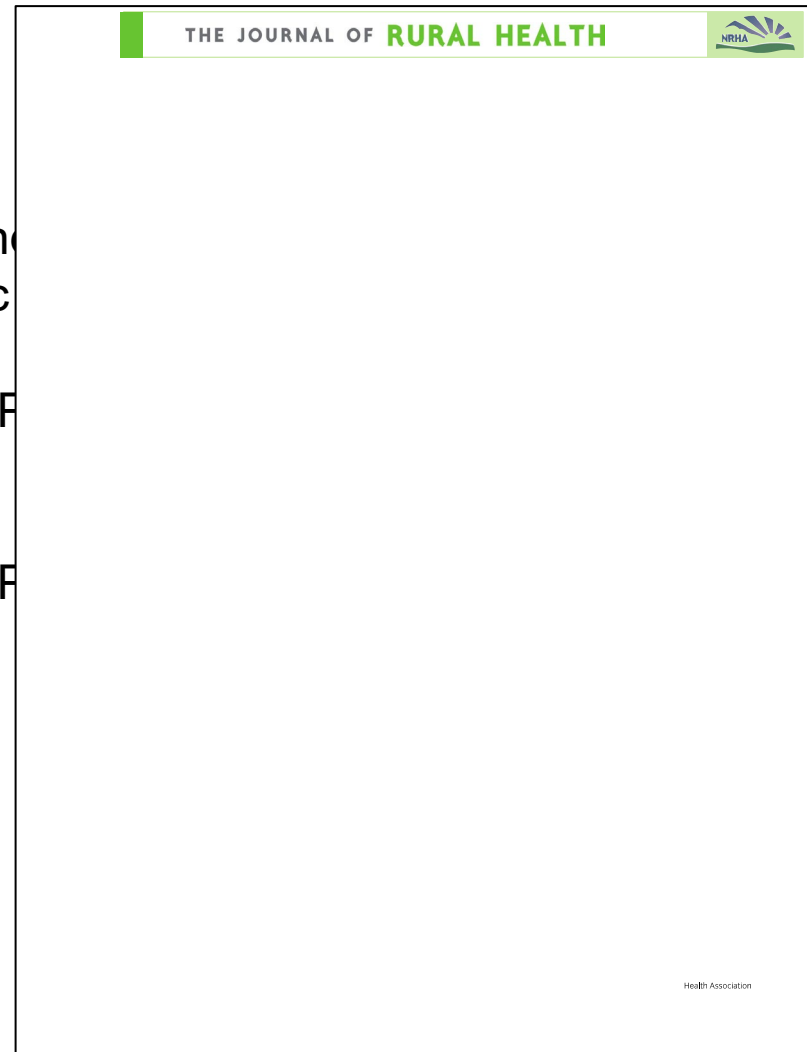


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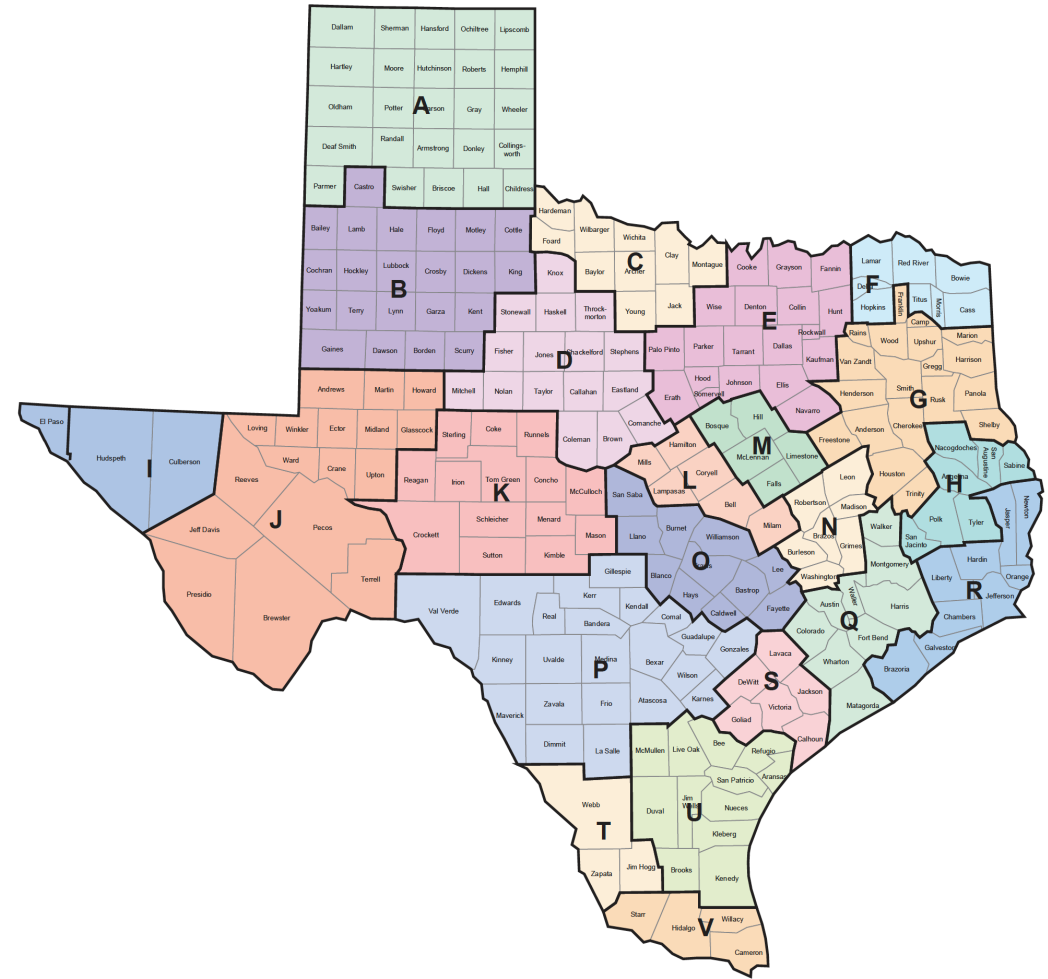
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# Regional Advisory Councils

- 22 Trauma Service Areas (TSAs)
  - Regional Advisory Councils (RACs)
    - Administrative bodies responsible for trauma system oversight within the bounds of the TSA.





# Trauma Rule Revisions

## The Pediatric Readiness Criteria will include:

- Participation in the National Pediatric Readiness Project (NPRP) Assessment (<https://pedsready.org/>)
- Ensure pediatric equipment and resources are immediately available at the facility
- Education requirements for ENPC or PALS is compliant for nurses
- The facility conducts one pediatric trauma simulation quarterly that has documentation of medical staff participation



# Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)

- The Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) advises and makes recommendations on the development and implementation of Texas Emergency Healthcare System rules. The Governor appoints the council members.
- 10 Committees of GETAC, including the Pediatric Committee
  - Member of the Pediatric Committee



# Questions?

