

WHY RURAL MATTERS

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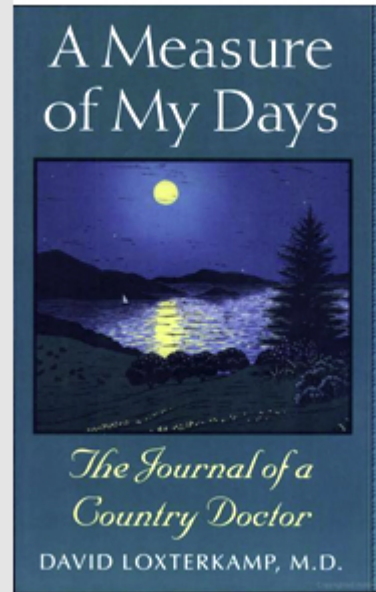
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- 20 percent Americans in rural
- But less than 10% doctors in rural
- Predominantly family physicians
- Comprehensiveness and scope of care



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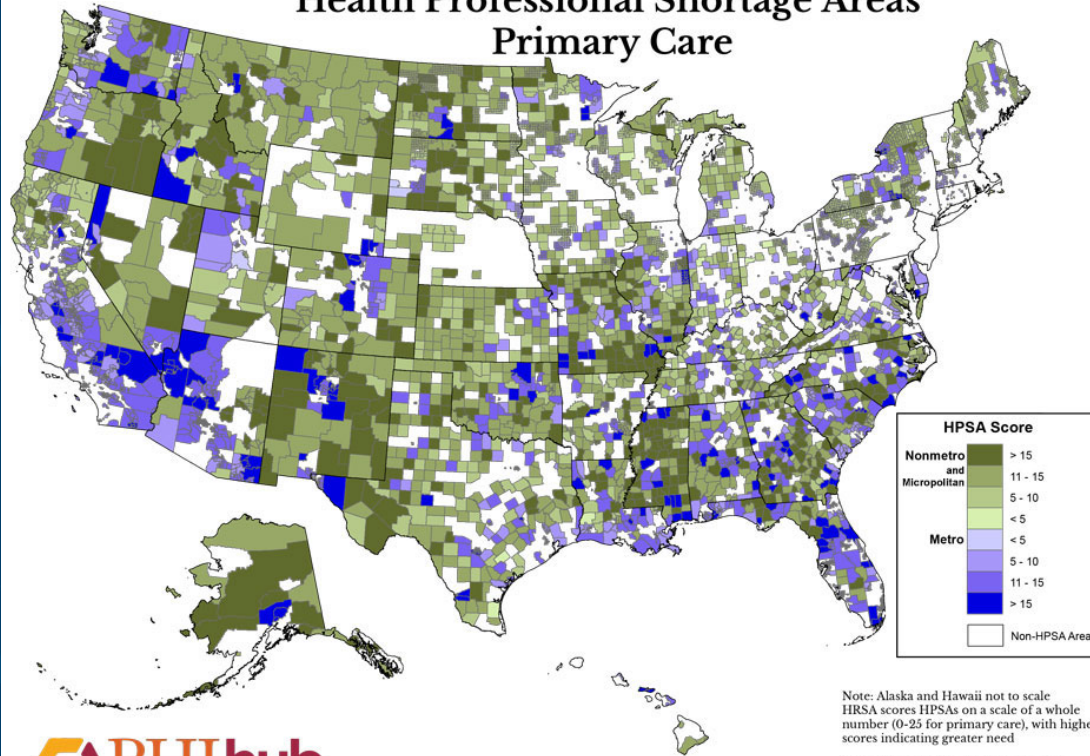
Family medicine and rural

- Person – relationships
- Place – geography and community
- Time - continuity
- Geographic access
- Isolation
- Economic decline
- Meth and opioid epidemics

Special populations in rural health



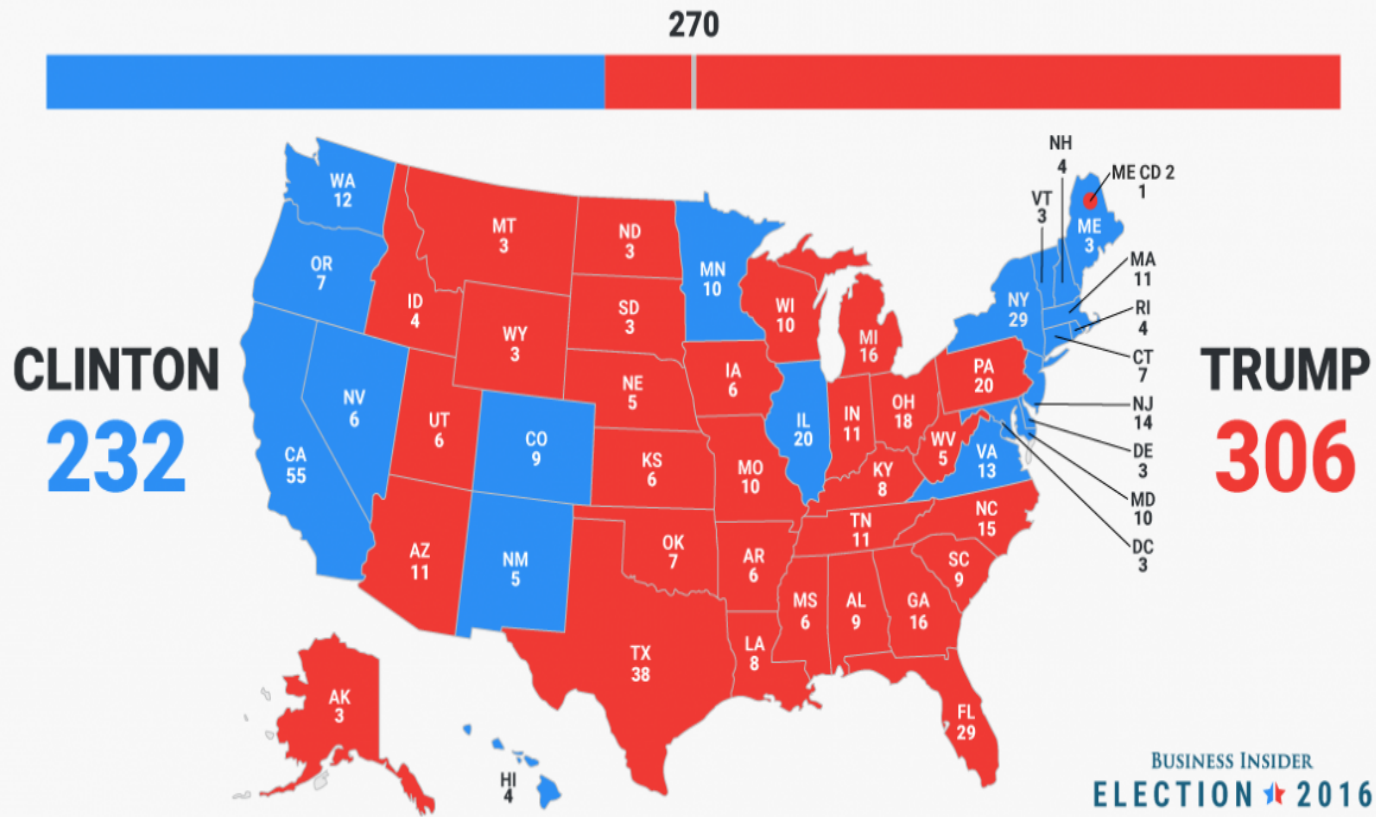
Health Professional Shortage Areas Primary Care



Note: Alaska and Hawaii not to scale
HPSA scores on a scale of a whole number (0-25 for primary care), with higher scores indicating greater need

Source(s): HRSA Data Warehouse, U.S.
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Family medicine and rural

- Finding common ground
- First world problems in second world settings
- Policy issues
- Workforce
- H1B Visa
- GME fixes
- CAH

