

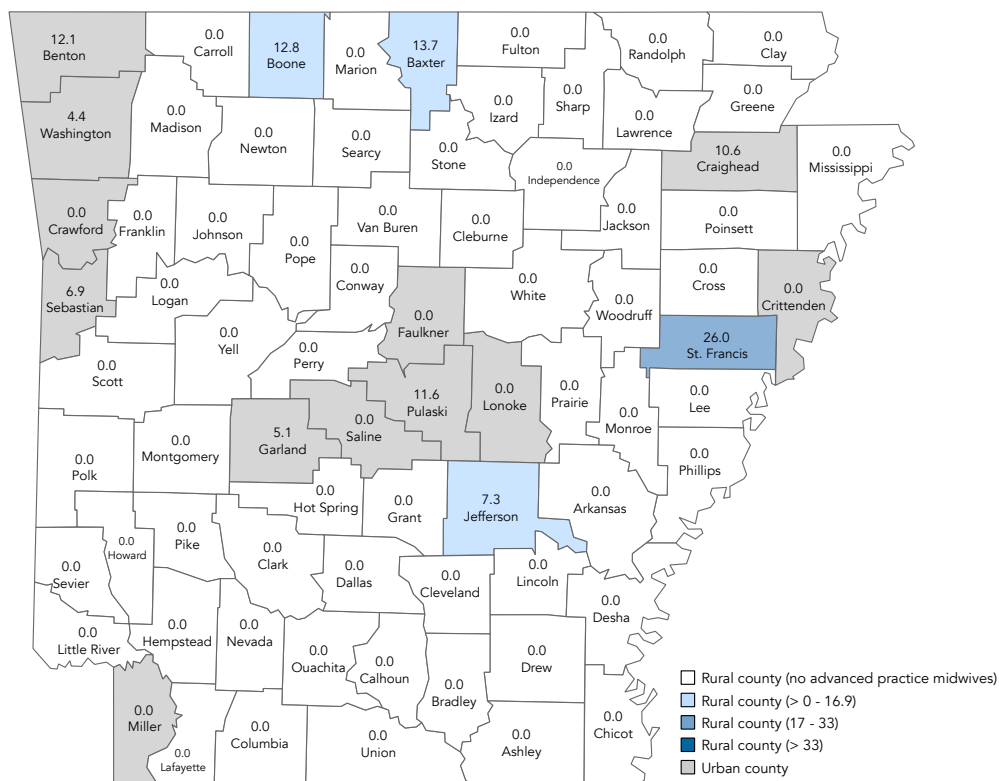


**Table 1. Obstetrical Service Clinicians per 100,000 Women of Childbearing Age\* in Arkansas and U.S. Counties**

	Obstetricians/ 100,000 women of childbearing age (Count)	Advanced Practice Midwives†/ 100,000 women of childbearing age (Count)	Midwives‡/ 100,000 women of childbearing age (Count)
<b>Total U.S.</b>	62.3 (47,321)	16.2 (12,318)	4.3 (3,263)
Urban	67.3 (43,622)	16.8 (10,900)	4.1 (2,659)
Rural	33.2 (3,699)	12.7 (1,418)	5.4 (604)
<b>Arkansas (AR)</b>	40.3 (276)	4.8 (33)	4.7 (32)
Urban	51.4 (220)	6.8 (29)	4.9 (21)
Rural	21.8 (56)	1.6 (4)	4.3 (11)

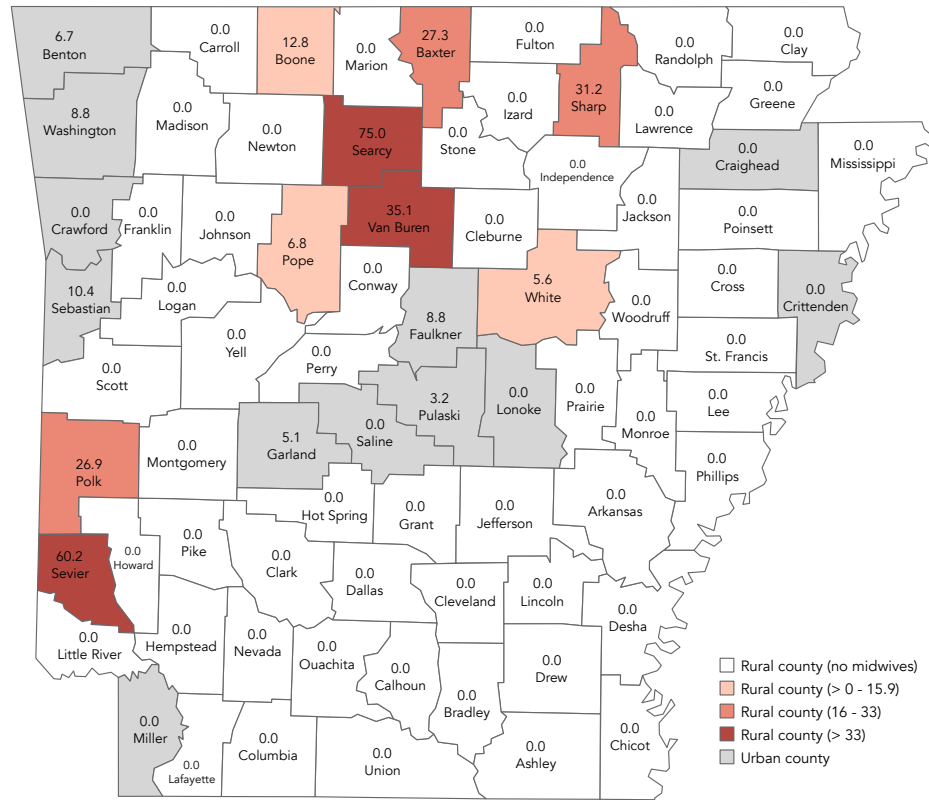
\*Ages 15-49. †Advanced practice midwives include certified nurse midwives and certified midwives. ‡Midwives include midwives and lay midwives.  
Data Sources: National Plan and Provider Enumeration System National Provider Identifier data, January 2025; U.S. Census Bureau population data; the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy Rural Definition Data Files.

**Figure 2. Advanced Practice Midwives (AP Midwives)† per 100,000 Women of Childbearing Age\* in Arkansas Rural Counties, 2025**



†Advanced practice midwives include certified nurse midwives and certified midwives. \*Ages 15-49.  
Data Sources: National Plan and Provider Enumeration System National Provider Identifier data, January 2025; U.S. Census Bureau population data; the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy Rural Definition Data Files.

Figure 3. Midwives‡ per 100,000 Women of Childbearing Age\* in Arkansas Rural Counties, 2025



‡Midwives include midwives and lay midwives. \*Ages 15-49.

Data Sources: National Plan and Provider Enumeration System National Provider Identifier data, January 2025; U.S. Census Bureau population data; the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy Rural Definition Data Files.

Based on the FORHP Rural Grant Eligibility Definition (November 2024): Rural counties include (1) all noncore and micropolitan counties, (2) outlying metropolitan counties with no population from an urban area of 50,000 or more people, and (3) counties with all census tracts meeting the FORHP rural definition. All other counties are considered urban. Full details at: <https://www.hrsa.gov/rural-health/about-us/what-is-rural>

**Reference:**

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