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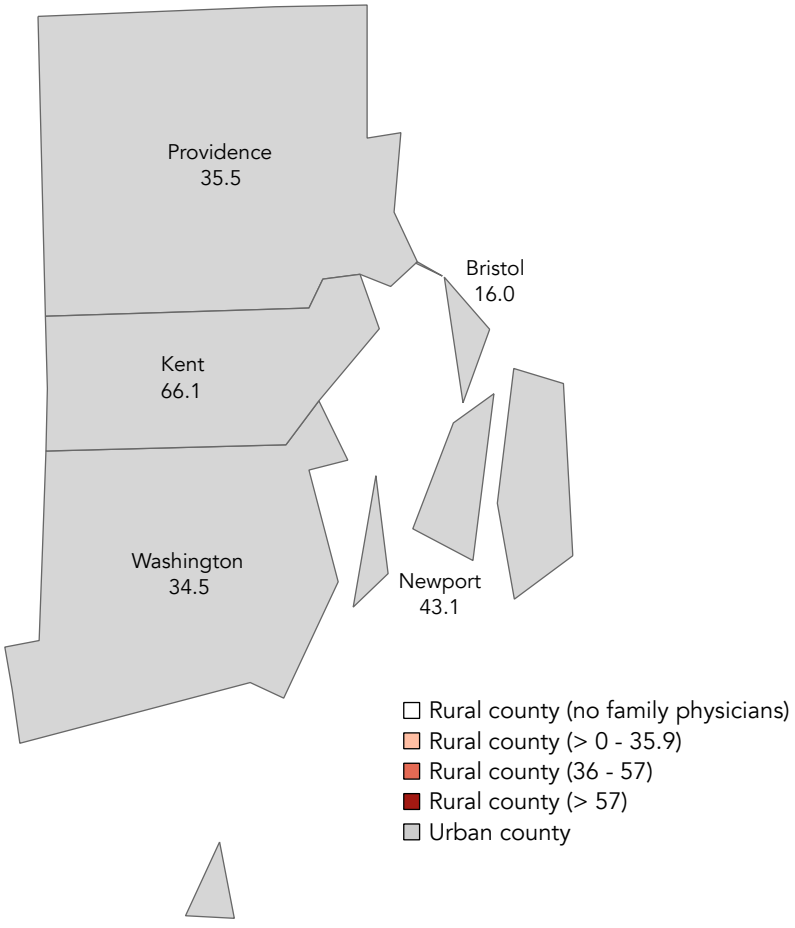
# Rhode Island Primary Care Workforce

The table and maps describe primary care clinicians, including family physicians, general internists, general pediatricians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants in Rhode Island Counties were categorized as rural and urban based on the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) rural definition. See page 4 for detailed county category designations.

**Figure 1. Family Physicians per 100,000 Population in Rhode Island Counties, 2025**



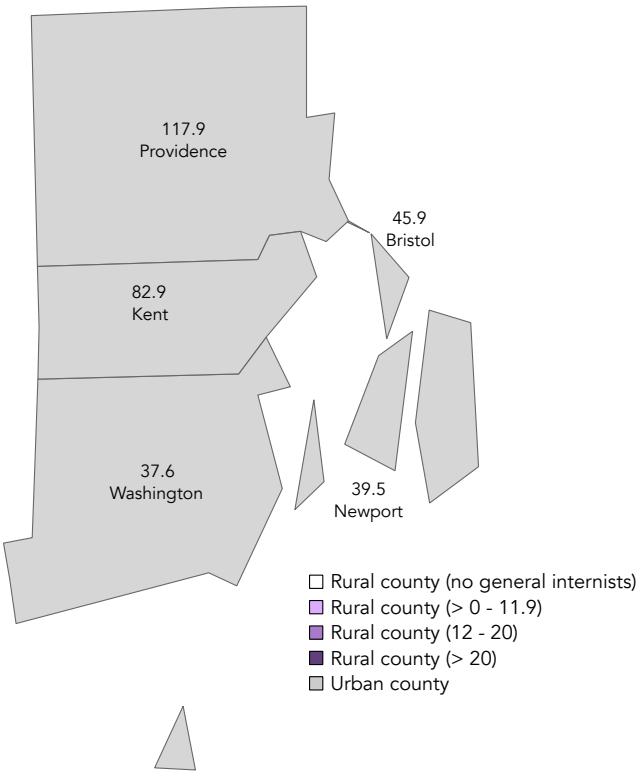

Data Sources: National Plan and Provider Enumeration System National Provider Identifier data, January 2025; U.S. Census Bureau population data; the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy Rural Definition Data Files.

## Table 1. Primary Care Clinicians per 100,000 Population in Rhode Island and U.S. Counties

| | PCPs*/ 100,000 pop (Count) | Family Physicians/ 100,000 pop (Count) | General Internists/ 100,000 pop (Count) | General Pediatricians/ 100,000 youth† pop (Count) | NPs/ 100,000 pop (Count) | PAs/ 100,000 pop (Count) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Total U.S.** | 108.1 (367,607) | 46.4 (157,840) | 40.8 (138,792) | 68.7 (70,975) | 107.5 (365,693) | 56.2 (191,175) |
| Urban | 114.7 (326,631) | 46.1 (131,228) | 45.4 (129,257) | 76.3 (66,146) | 111.2 (316,576) | 60.5 (172,168) |
| Rural | 74.0 (40,976) | 48.1 (26,612) | 17.2 (9,535) | 29.0 (4,829) | 88.7 (49,117) | 34.3 (19,007) |
| **Rhode Island (RI)** | 165.0 (1,835) | 39.8 (443) | 93.9 (1,045) | 111.0 (347) | 112.8 (1,255) | 64.6 (719) |
| Urban | 165.0 (1,835) | 39.8 (443) | 93.9 (1,045) | 111.0 (347) | 112.8 (1,255) | 64.6 (719) |
| Rural | 0.0 (0) | 0.0 (0) | 0.0 (0) | 0.0 (0) | 0.0 (0) | 0.0 (0) |

Abbreviations: PCPs – primary care physicians, NPs – nurse practitioners, PAs – physician assistants. *Includes all family physicians, general internists, and general pediatricians. †Ages 0-24. 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. General Internists per 100,000 Population in Rhode Island Counties, 2025

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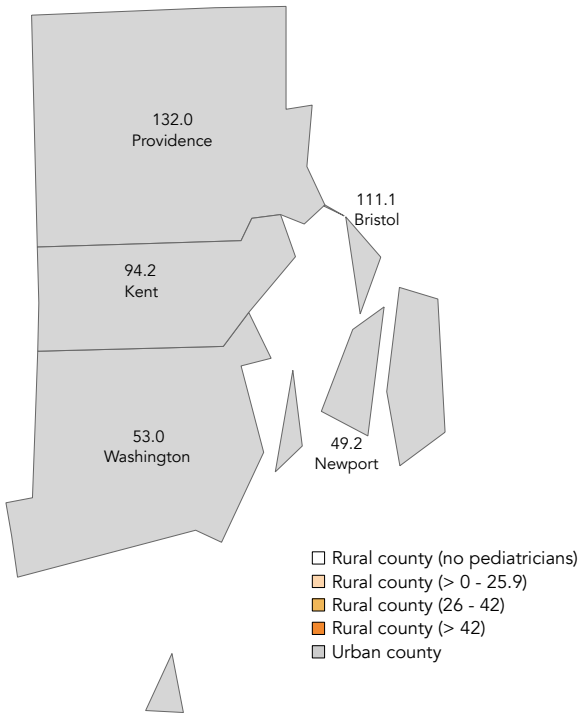
## Figure 3. General Pediatricians per 100,000 Youth* Population in Rhode Island Counties, 2025

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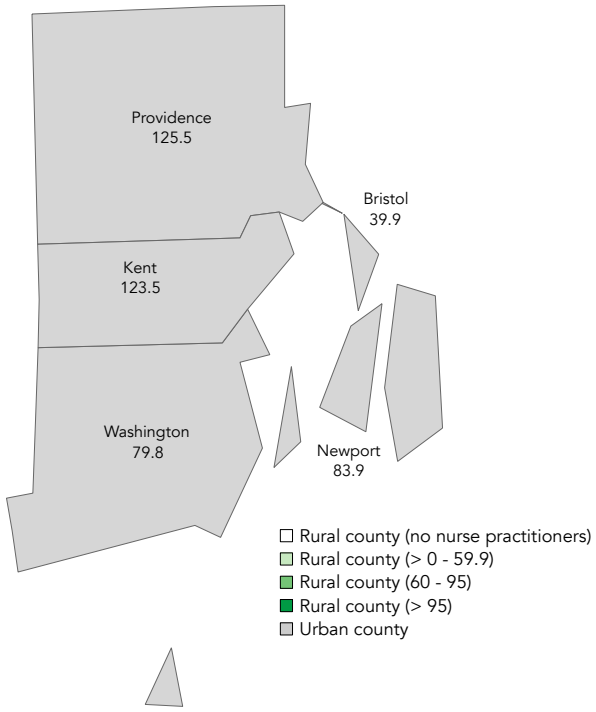
## Figure 4. Nurse Practitioners per 100,000 Population in Rhode Island Counties, 2025

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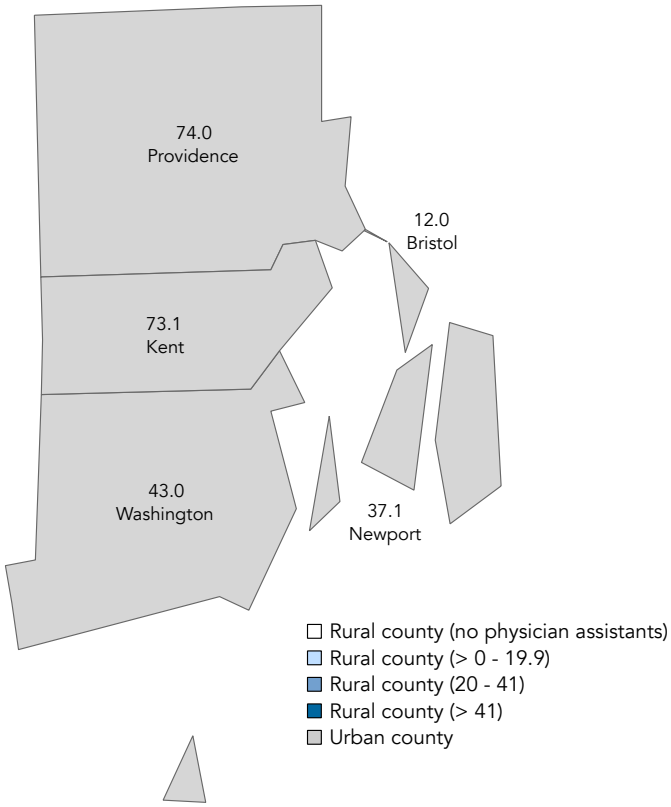
## Figure 5. Physician Assistants per 100,000 Population in Rhode Island Counties, 2025

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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

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