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Texas Rural Obstetrical Workforce

The table and maps describe obstetrical service clinicians, including obstetricians, advanced practice midwives (certified nurse midwives and certified midwives), and midwives (midwives and lay midwives) in Texas. All midwives were classified using methods described by Vanderlaan and Jefferson, 2023.[1] Counties were categorized as rural and urban based on the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) rural definition. See page 3 for detailed county category designations.

Figure 1. Obstetricians per 100,000 Women of Childbearing Age* in Texas Rural Counties, 2025

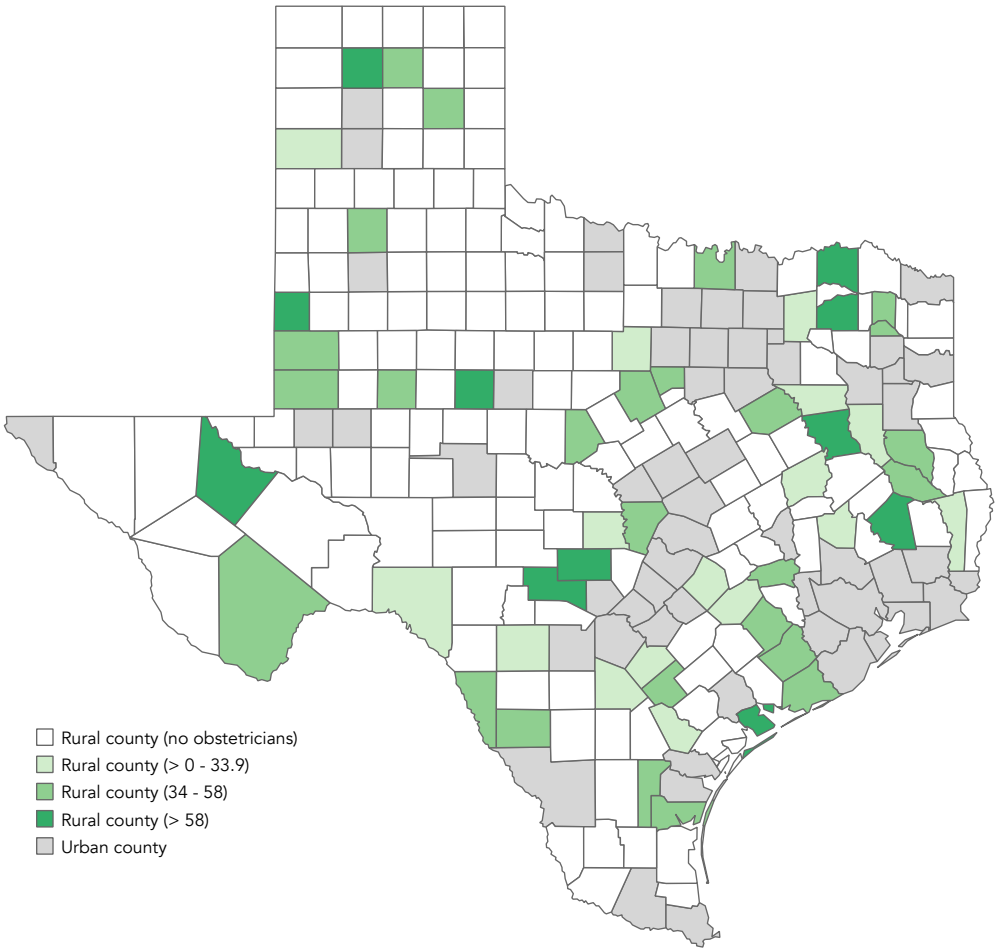

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Table 1. Obstetrical Service Clinicians per 100,000 Women of Childbearing Age* in Texas and U.S. Counties

	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)
Total U.S.	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)
Texas (TX)	50.9 (3,735)	7.2 (532)	5.5 (403)
Urban	53.8 (3,549)	7.5 (497)	5.5 (363)
Rural	25.2 (186)	4.7 (35)	5.4 (40)

*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 Texas Rural Counties, 2025

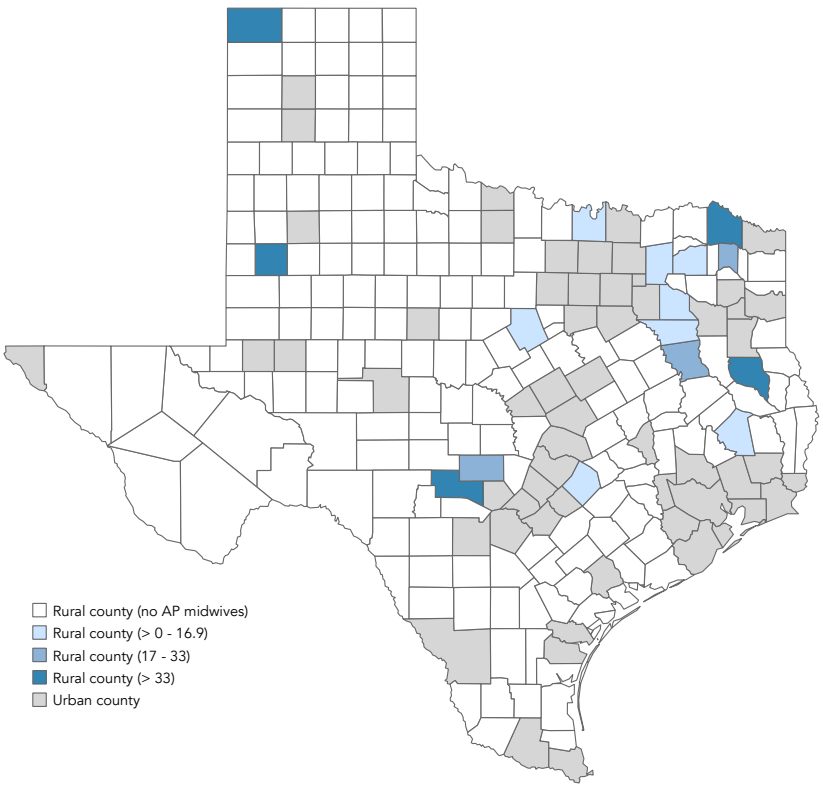

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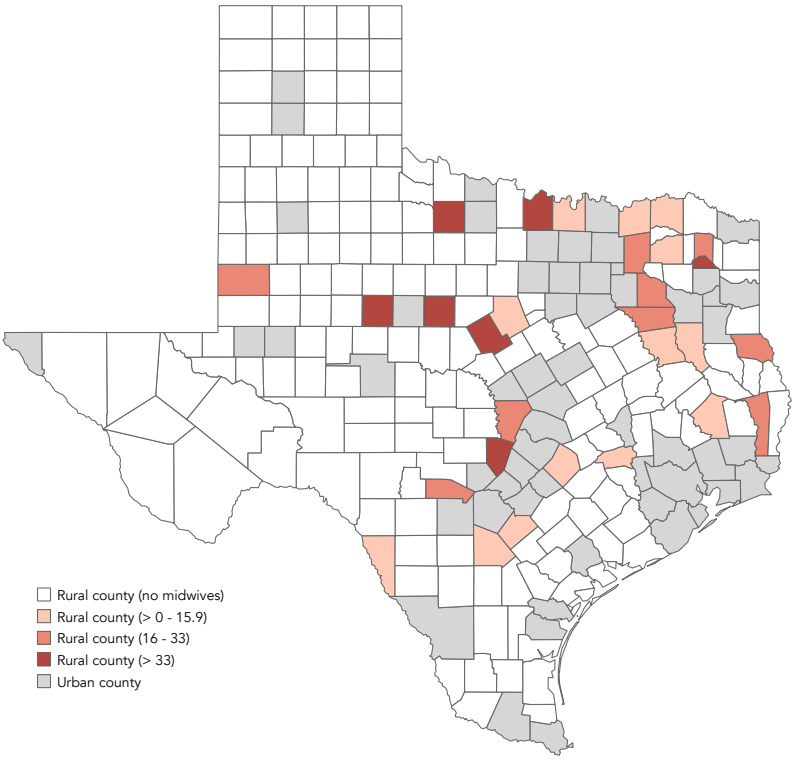
Figure 3. Midwives‡ per 100,000 Women of Childbearing Age* in Texas Rural Counties, 2025



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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

Reference:

1. Vanderlaan J, Jefferson K. Evaluation of a method to identify midwives in national provider identifier data. *BMC Pregnancy Childbirth*. 2023;23(1):809. doi:10.1186/s12884-023-06122-2

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Table A1. Obstetrical Service Clinicians per 100,000 Women of Childbearing Age[a] by County, 2025

County	Rural/Urban	Obstetricians	Advanced Practice Midwives[b]	Midwives[c]
Anderson	Rural	96.8	21.5	10.8
Andrews	Rural	46.3	0.0	0.0
Angelina	Rural	40.9	0.0	0.0
Aransas	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Archer	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0
Armstrong	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Atascosa	Rural	17.1	0.0	8.5
Austin	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Bailey	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Bandera	Rural	0.0	0.0	26.9
Bastrop	Rural	12.6	4.2	4.2
Baylor	Rural	0.0	0.0	146.6
Bee	Rural	19.4	0.0	0.0
Bell	Urban	61.9	14.4	8.3
Bexar	Urban	65.1	8.7	4.1
Blanco	Rural	0.0	0.0	46.4
Borden	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Bosque	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Bowie	Urban	71.3	0.0	5.1
Brazoria	Urban	13.7	5.3	3.2
Brazos	Urban	49.0	4.2	9.8
Brewster	Rural	49.9	0.0	0.0
Briscoe	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Brooks	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Brown	Rural	49.2	0.0	0.0
Burleson	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Burnet	Rural	57.1	0.0	19.0
Caldwell	Urban	0.0	0.0	8.7
Calhoun	Rural	76.4	0.0	0.0
Callahan	Rural	0.0	0.0	34.8
Cameron	Urban	30.7	9.2	2.0
Camp	Rural	35.7	0.0	71.4
Carson	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cass	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Castro	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Chambers	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cherokee	Rural	28.4	0.0	9.5
Childress	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Clay	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cochran	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Coke	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Coleman	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Collin	Urban	49.2	10.4	3.7
Collingsworth	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Colorado	Rural	52.1	0.0	0.0
Comal	Urban	24.5	7.4	22.1
Comanche	Rural	0.0	0.0	38.4
Concho	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cooke	Rural	33.2	11.1	11.1
Coryell	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cottle	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Crane	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Crockett	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Crosby	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0

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County	Rural/Urban	Obstetricians	Advanced Practice Midwives[b]	Midwives[c]
Culberson	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dallam	Rural	0.0	68.2	0.0
Dallas	Urban	67.2	12.2	3.7
Dawson	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
DeWitt	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Deaf Smith	Rural	23.9	0.0	0.0
Delta	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Denton	Urban	40.2	7.8	5.1
Dickens	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dimmit	Rural	54.4	0.0	0.0
Donley	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Duval	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Eastland	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ector	Urban	87.6	2.6	2.6
Edwards	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
El Paso	Urban	55.8	7.7	9.1
Ellis	Urban	24.3	3.7	3.7
Erath	Rural	34.3	8.6	8.6
Falls	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fannin	Rural	0.0	0.0	13.9
Fayette	Rural	21.7	0.0	0.0
Fisher	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Floyd	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Foard	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fort Bend	Urban	36.3	0.9	2.2
Franklin	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Freestone	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Frio	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Gaines	Rural	39.0	0.0	19.5
Galveston	Urban	91.9	14.5	3.6
Garza	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Gillespie	Rural	64.1	21.4	0.0
Glasscock	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Goliad	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Gonzales	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Gray	Rural	48.0	0.0	0.0
Grayson	Urban	28.3	0.0	6.3
Gregg	Urban	86.6	20.8	3.5
Grimes	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guadalupe	Urban	20.4	0.0	9.1
Hale	Rural	44.3	0.0	0.0
Hall	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hamilton	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hansford	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hardeman	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hardin	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0
Harris	Urban	70.7	7.1	2.9
Harrison	Urban	6.3	0.0	25.1
Hartley	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Haskell	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hays	Urban	30.6	4.0	14.6
Hemphill	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Henderson	Rural	29.4	5.9	17.6
Hidalgo	Urban	33.7	6.0	1.4
Hill	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hockley	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hood	Rural	55.1	0.0	0.0
Hopkins	Rural	74.3	12.4	12.4
Houston	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Howard	Rural	45.6	0.0	0.0
Hudspeth	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hunt	Rural	15.3	11.5	19.1
Hutchinson	Rural	46.2	0.0	0.0
Irion	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Jack	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Jackson	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Jasper	Rural	15.5	0.0	15.5
Jeff Davis	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Jefferson	Urban	46.6	3.7	0.0
Jim Hogg	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Jim Wells	Rural	46.9	0.0	0.0
Johnson	Urban	30.0	2.1	17.1
Jones	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Karnes	Rural	37.8	0.0	0.0
Kaufman	Urban	4.2	4.2	4.2
Kendall	Urban	38.7	0.0	29.1
Kenedy	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Kent	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Kerr	Rural	92.6	51.5	0.0
Kimble	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
King	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Kinney	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Kleberg	Rural	51.3	0.0	0.0
Knox	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
La Salle	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Lamar	Rural	82.9	0.0	9.2
Lamb	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Lampasas	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0
Lavaca	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Lee	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Leon	Rural	32.8	0.0	0.0
Liberty	Urban	3.8	3.8	0.0
Limestone	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Lipscomb	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Live Oak	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Llano	Rural	30.6	0.0	0.0
Loving	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Lubbock	Urban	40.4	5.9	3.6
Lynn	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Madison	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0

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County	Rural/Urban	Obstetricians	Advanced Practice Midwives[b]	Midwives[c]
Marion	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Martin	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mason	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Matagorda	Rural	53.6	0.0	0.0
Maverick	Rural	52.5	0.0	7.5
McCulloch	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
McLennan	Urban	62.3	10.6	6.1
McMullen	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Medina	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0
Menard	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Midland	Urban	39.9	11.7	7.0
Milam	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mills	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mitchell	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Montague	Rural	0.0	0.0	46.8
Montgomery	Urban	39.1	7.2	7.2
Moore	Rural	86.9	0.0	0.0
Morris	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Motley	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Nacogdoches	Rural	53.9	71.8	0.0
Navarro	Rural	49.5	0.0	0.0
Newton	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Nolan	Rural	103.5	0.0	34.5
Nueces	Urban	51.5	2.5	9.8
Ochiltree	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Oldham	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Orange	Urban	5.3	0.0	0.0
Palo Pinto	Rural	33.0	0.0	0.0
Panola	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Parker	Urban	18.5	0.0	15.8
Parmer	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pecos	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Polk	Rural	63.3	10.6	10.6
Potter	Urban	121.8	11.8	7.9
Presidio	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rains	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Randall	Urban	5.7	0.0	5.7
Reagan	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Real	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Red River	Rural	0.0	46.8	0.0
Reeves	Rural	83.0	0.0	0.0
Refugio	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Roberts	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Robertson	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rockwall	Urban	54.7	3.2	9.6
Runnels	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rusk	Urban	9.3	0.0	0.0
Sabine	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
San Augustine	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
San Jacinto	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
San Patricio	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0

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San Saba	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Schleicher	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Scurry	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Shackelford	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Shelby	Rural	0.0	0.0	19.8
Sherman	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Smith	Urban	74.3	8.8	14.2
Somervell	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Starr	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Stephens	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sterling	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Stonewall	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sutton	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Swisher	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Tarrant	Urban	52.5	7.5	9.9
Taylor	Urban	55.3	8.3	2.8
Terrell	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Terry	Rural	0.0	42.7	0.0
Throckmorton	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Titus	Rural	57.1	28.5	28.5
Tom Green	Urban	55.3	14.7	3.7
Travis	Urban	71.7	12.3	9.8
Trinity	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Tyler	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Upshur	Urban	0.0	0.0	11.2
Upton	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Uvalde	Rural	18.0	0.0	0.0
Val Verde	Rural	28.7	0.0	0.0
Van Zandt	Rural	0.0	7.7	15.3
Victoria	Urban	38.7	0.0	4.8
Walker	Rural	17.4	0.0	0.0
Waller	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ward	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Washington	Rural	52.3	0.0	13.1
Webb	Urban	31.0	1.6	0.0
Wharton	Rural	44.5	0.0	0.0
Wheeler	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Wichita	Urban	62.5	10.4	3.5
Wilbarger	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Willacy	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Williamson	Urban	43.5	2.3	6.9
Wilson	Rural	8.8	0.0	8.8
Winkler	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Wise	Urban	23.6	0.0	17.7
Wood	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Yoakum	Rural	60.0	0.0	0.0
Young	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Zapata	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0
Zavala	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0

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