

RURAL **HEALTH** WORKSHOP

Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) Update



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Topics for Today

- Discuss everything new in the HPSA world
- State Loan Repayment Program
- Louisiana Physician Loan Repayment Program
- National Health Service Corps

HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREA

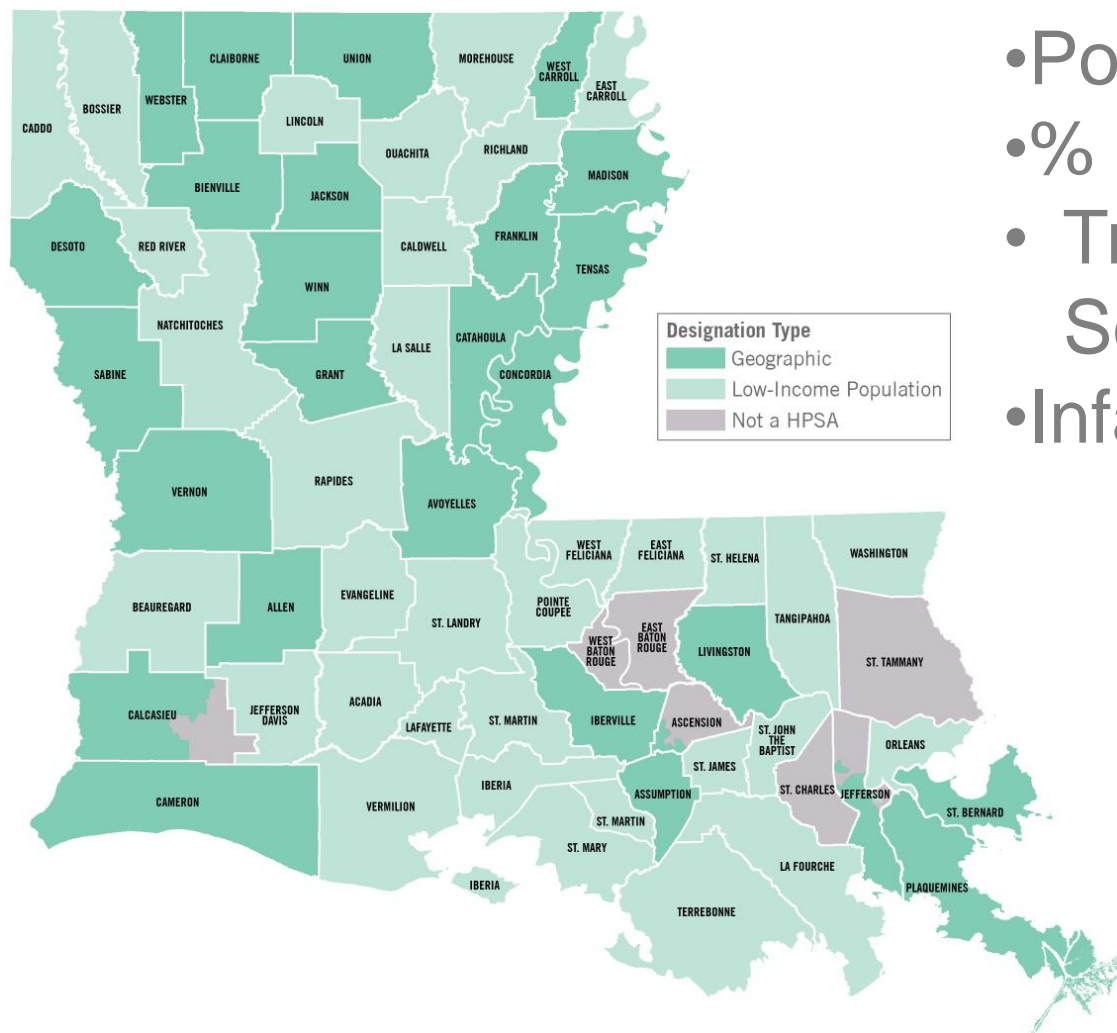
HPSAs in Louisiana



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- Louisiana Department of Health and the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration work together to determine if a defined area has an adequate number of healthcare providers.
- Louisiana uses parishes as our defined areas if possible.
- Designation given to an area that is considered underserved with health providers compared to the population.
- Preliminary approved and submitted by this office to the Federal Office of Shortage Designation, who gives final approval.
- Multiple programs use HPSA designations as a requirement (grants, loan repayment, J-1 Visa waiver, etc.).

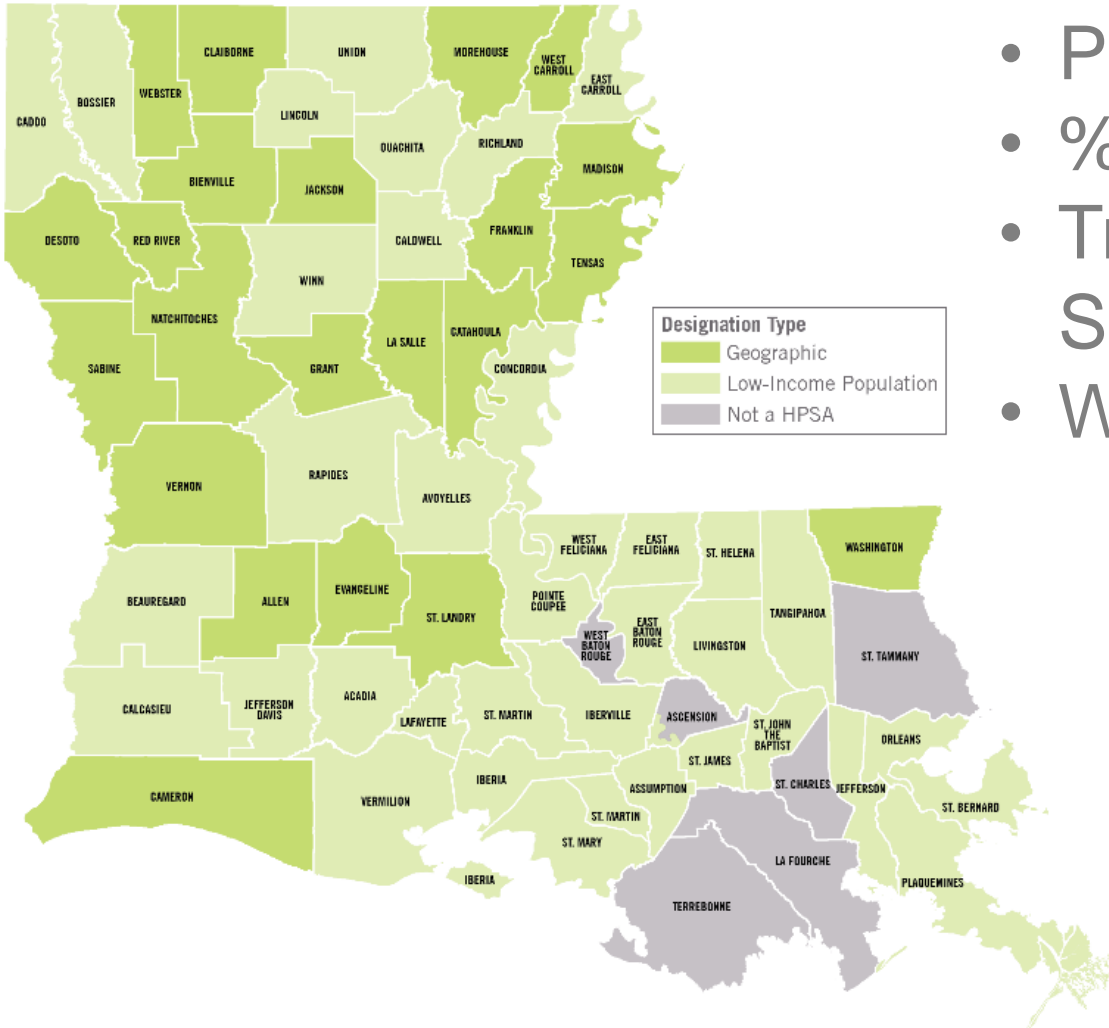
Primary Care HPSAs in Louisiana: 73%



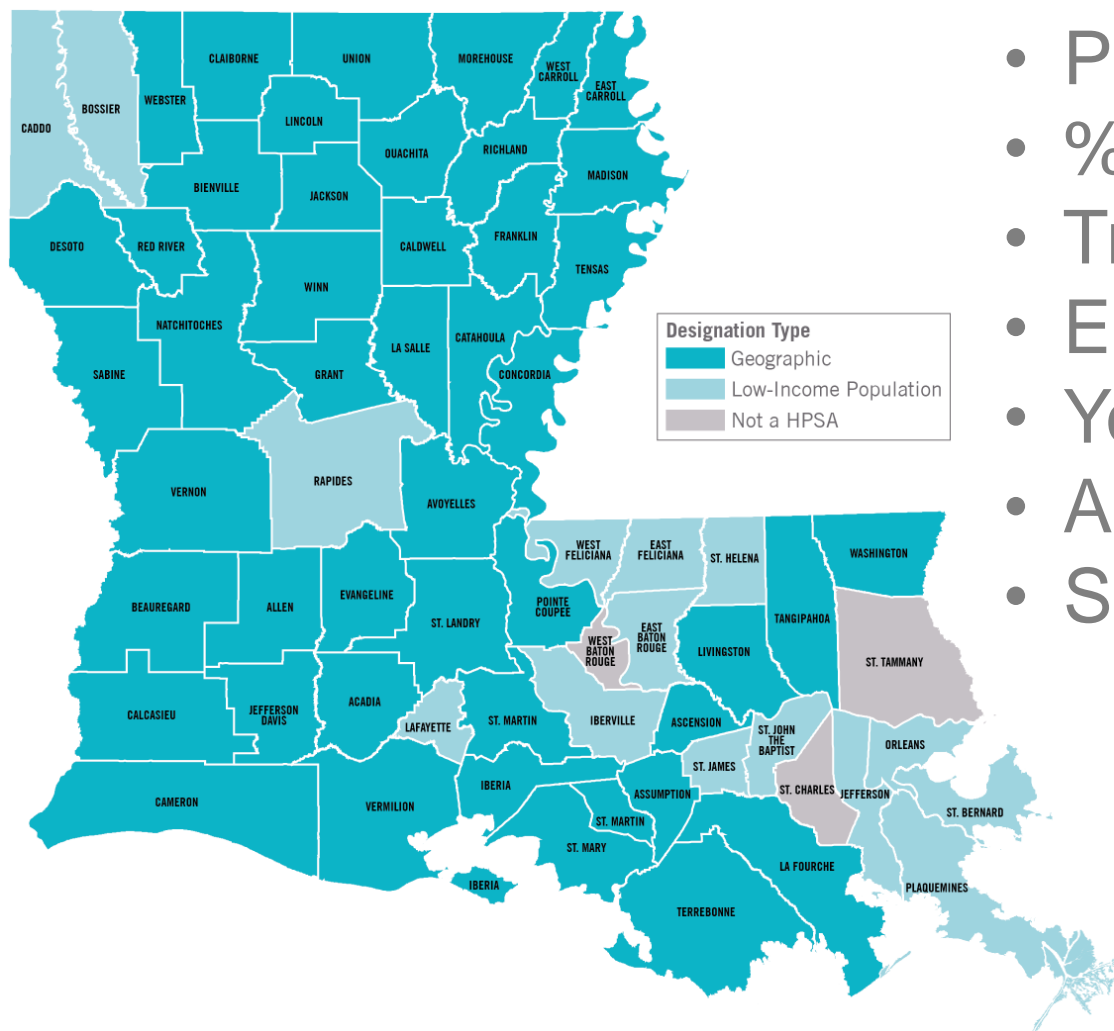
- Population to Provider Ratio
- % Pop below 100% FPL
- Travel time to Nearest Source of Care
- Infant Health Index

Dental HPSAs in Louisiana: 86%

- Population to Provider Ratio
- % Pop below 100% FPL
- Travel time to Nearest Source of Care
- Water fluoridation status



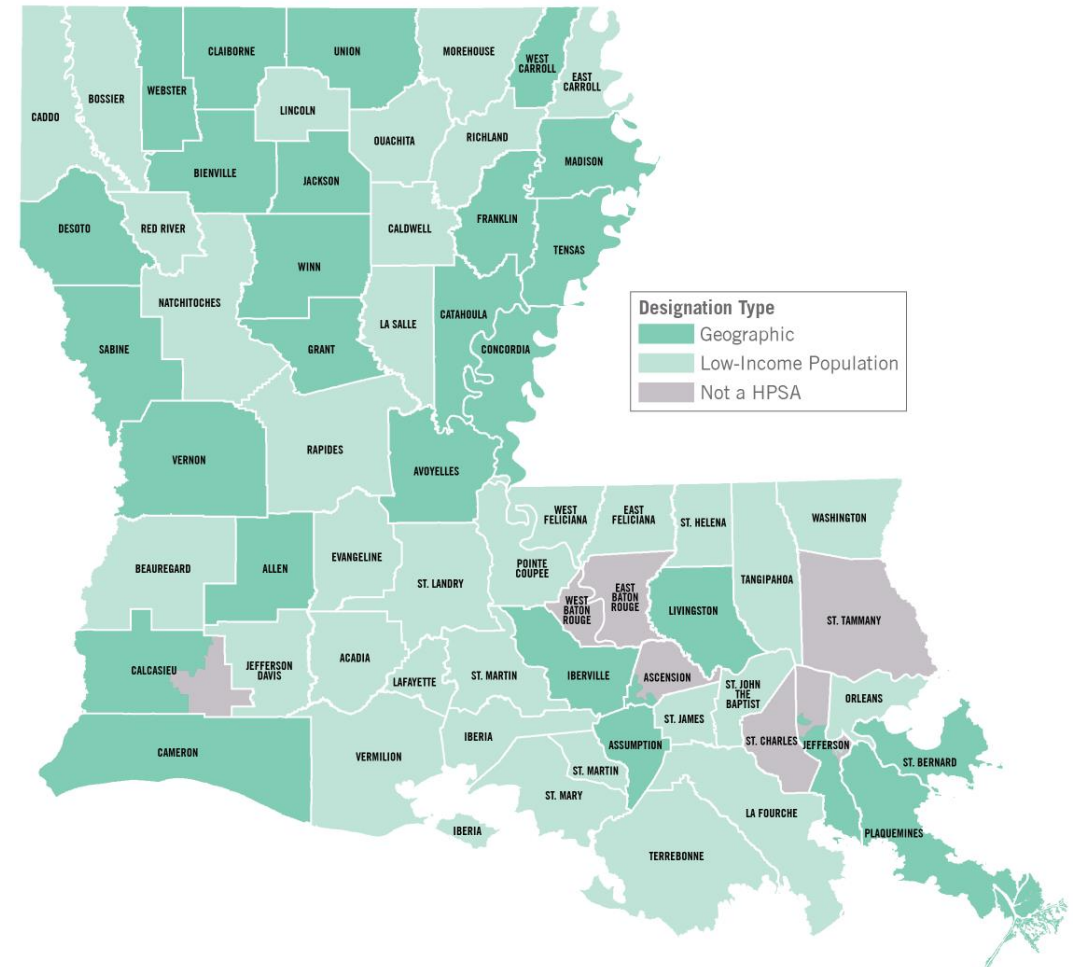
Mental HPSAs in Louisiana: 93%



- Population to Provider Ratio
- % Pop below 100% FPL
- Travel time to Nearest Source of Care
- Elderly Ratio (% Pop over age 65)
- Youth Ratio (% Pop under age 18)
- Alcohol Abuse Prevalence
- Substance Abuse Prevalence

Maternity Care Target Areas (MCTA)

- New sub-category of the Primary Care HPSA
 - Maternity Health Care Professional Target Areas (MCTAs)
- Better able to assess the need/shortages of maternity health





Data Used to Determine MCTAs

Scoring Criteria

1. Ratio of females ages 15-44 to full time equivalent maternity care health professional ratio; which includes only OB/GYN and certified nursing midwives;
2. Percentage of females 15-44 with income at or below 200% FPL;
3. Travel time and distance to the nearest provider trained and licensed to provide the necessary care;
4. Fertility rate;
5. The SVI;
6. Maternal Health Index which contains the following six indicators: Pre-pregnancy obesity, pre-pregnancy diabetes, pre-pregnancy hypertension, prenatal care initiation in the first trimester, cigarette smoking, and the behavioral health factor.

HPSA Review Form



MOVING LOUISIANA'S HEALTH FORWARD

Parish

Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) Review Form
Time Sensitive. Please return as soon as possible.
Email: beth.butler@la.gov
Fax: 225-376-4624

Please read the guidelines for completing this form on the back side prior to answering the questions. We appreciate your time in helping us to assist your parish/area in continuing to receive this designation. *If you are not a physician, please send this back with your name so we can correct our records.*

Date Completed: _____ Completed by: _____

1a. Physician Name (First, Last, Suffix, MD or DO): _____

1b. EMAIL: _____

1c. Person to Contact and PHONE NUMBER: _____

2. Specialty (% of practice): _____
Subspecialty (% of practice): _____

3. Primary Practice Location (Street, City, State, Zip): _____
Other Practice Location(s) (Street, City, State, Zip): _____

4a. How many hours per week does the physician spend seeing patients in an outpatient setting? (This counts only time the physician is actually with the patient-not lunch, administrative or down time) _____

4b. How many hours per week completing Hospital Rounds? _____

4c. On an average day, how many outpatients does the physician see? _____

5a. How many patients are in the physician's practice? _____

5b. How many of those patients use Medicaid? _____

5c. How many of these patients use the sliding fee scale? _____

6. Is the physician:

- ❖ A National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Recipient or Scholar? YES ☐ NO ☐
- ❖ Participating in the J-1 Visa Waiver/H-1B Visa program? YES ☐ NO ☐

QUESTIONS

LOUISIANA STATE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM (SLRP)



State Loan Repayment Program

- Goal: to increase the availability of primary healthcare in HPSAs by assisting in the repayment of educational loans
- Qualifications:
 - Physicians and dentists: \$30,000 annually for a 3-year commitment
 - Other Professionals: up to \$15,000 annually for a 3-year commitment
 - Work in a federally-designated HPSA
 - Work for a public or non-profit entity
 - Work full-time (40 hours per week) in an outpatient capacity
 - Accept assignments of Medicare and Medicaid patients and accept all patients regardless of their ability to pay.
 - Must work in a clinic with a posted sliding-fee scale for low-income and uninsured patients

State Loan Repayment Program Recipients

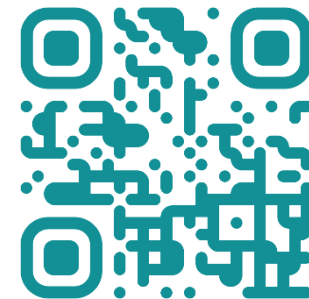
Healthcare Provider Type	Participants
Nurse Practitioner	20
MD/DO	8
Dentist	5
Licensed Clinical Social Worker	5
Licensed Professional Counselor	2
Psychiatrist	2
Certified Nurse Midwife	1
Licensed Clinical Psychologist	1
Total	44

State Loan Repayment Program Details

- Information about this program is available at the website below or you can access it through the QR code.
- Information on how to apply (online or mail-in) is available on the website.



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LOUISIANA PHYSICIANS LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM(LRP2)



Louisiana Rural Physician Loan Repayment Program

- Physicians serving in health professional shortage areas (HPSAs) across the state may be eligible for the Louisiana Rural Physician Loan Repayment Program.
- Physicians can receive up to \$30,000 annually for a five-year commitment.



Eligibility Requirements

- The Louisiana Physicians Loan Repayment Program utilizes the criteria described below to determine how individuals are selected to participate in the program:
 - Must have a current Louisiana license.
 - Must agree to serve a minimum of 5 years in a HPSA.
 - Must work full time per week with a minimum of 32 hours per week in a clinical setting.
 - Must not have a work week that is compressed into less than 4 days per week.
- The application period is now open and accepting applications on a first-come first-served basis.
- You can apply online: <https://wellaheadla.com/healthcare-access/louisiana-primary-care-office/louisiana-physician-loan-repayment-program/>



Practice Site Criteria

- For the purposes of this program, participants must be employed at a practice site located in a Primary Care or Mental Health HPSA
- Located in a HPSA.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS



National Health Service Corp Programs: Loan Repayment

- **Award Amount**

- Sites with HPSA Score of 14-26
 - Two years, full-time: up to \$50,000
 - Two years, half-time: up to \$25,000
- Sites with HPSA Score of 0-13:
 - Two years, full-time: up to \$30,000
 - Two years, half-time: up to \$15,000

- **Service Commitment**

- Full-Time and Half-Time options

- **Service Site Requirement**

- NHSC Approved Site located within a HPSA

- **Eligible Disciplines**

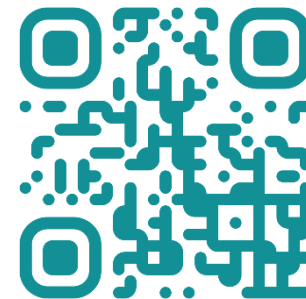
- Physicians
- Nurse Practitioners
- Physician Assistants
- Certified Nurse Midwives
- Health Service Psychologists
- Licensed Clinical Social Workers
- Psychiatric Nurse Specialists
- Marriage and Family Therapist
- Licenses Professional Counselors

National Health Service Corp Programs

Program Type	Participants
Loan Repayment Participants	226
Scholarship Program Participants	6
Student to Service Participants	8
Total Number of Sites	153
Total Number of NHSC Participants	240



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Questions?

We want to hear from you!

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**Please pick up a boxed lunch in
the Grand Foyer
11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

