

Border Region Demographics

Task Force of Border Health Officials

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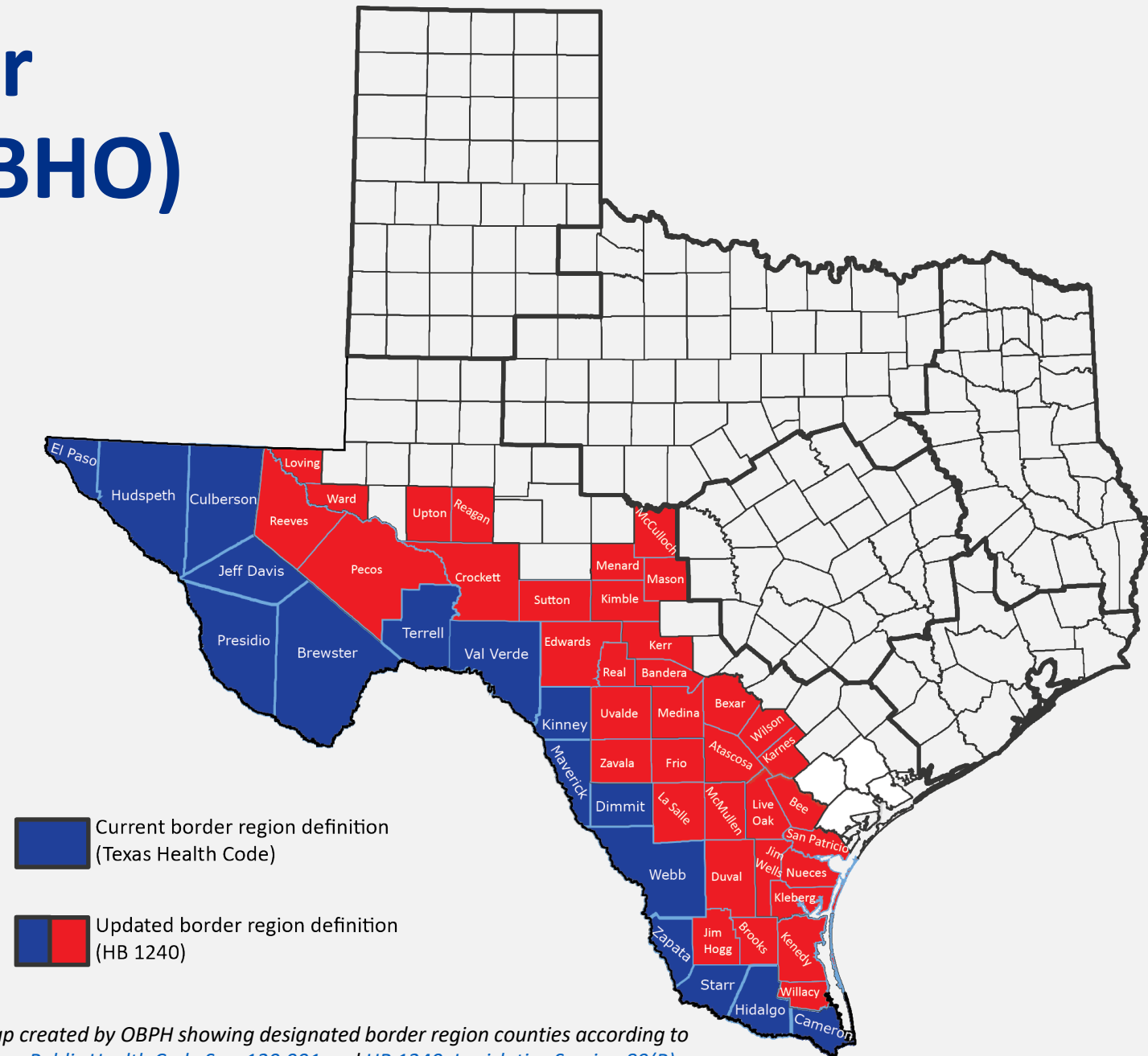
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Updated Scope

Texas counties added to the border region by HB 1240 (effective Sep. 1, 2026)

Atascosa	Kerr	Pecos
Bandera	Kimble	Reagan
Bee	Kleberg	Real
Bexar	La Salle	Reeves
Brooks	Live Oak	San Patricio
Crockett	Loving	Sutton
Duval	Mason	Upton
Edwards	Medina	Uvalde
Frio	Menard	Ward
Jim Hogg	McCulloch	Willacy
Jim Wells	McMullen	Wilson
Karnes	Nueces	Zavala
Kenedy		



Map created by OBPH showing designated border region counties according to [Texas Public Health Code Sec. 120.001](#) and [HB 1240, Legislative Session 89\(R\)](#)

Texas Border Region Demographics

	Current TFBHO Border Counties (16)	New Counties Added by HB 1240 (37)	All HB 1240 Border Region Counties (53)
Population size	2.66 M	2.99 M	5.65 M
Population under 19 years of age	864,505	821,319	1.7 M
Population over 65 years of age	329,666	418,051	0.75 M
Below poverty level	23.4%	15.6%	19.3%
Hispanic ethnicity	88.5%	59.4%	73.1%
Do not speak English well (for a population above 5 years of age)	16%	5%	10.2%
Less than high school diploma (for a population above 25 years of age)	26.4%	14.6%	20.2%
Unemployed (for a population above 16 years of age)	6.6%	5.4%	6%

Source: [TxDOT One-Stop Demographic Data Dashboard for Counties](#); [U.S. Census Bureau, 2023 ACS 5-year Estimates Summary File](#)

Texas Border Region Health Access

	Current TFBHO Border Counties (16)	New Counties Added by HB 1240 (37)	All HB 1240 Border Region Counties (53)
Percentage of uninsured under 19 years of age	17%	15%	16%
Percentage of uninsured 18–64 years of age	34%	26%	28%
Counties where local health department provides the majority of public health services	4	5	9
Ratio of primary care providers per 100,000 population	45	33	37
Number of hospitals per 100,000 population	5	6	6

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Health Insurance Estimates \(SAHIE\) Program Datasets](#); [Texas Health Data - Health Profession Supply](#); DSHS, [Local Health Department and DSHS Public Health Region Coverage Map](#)

Texas Border Region Health Infrastructure

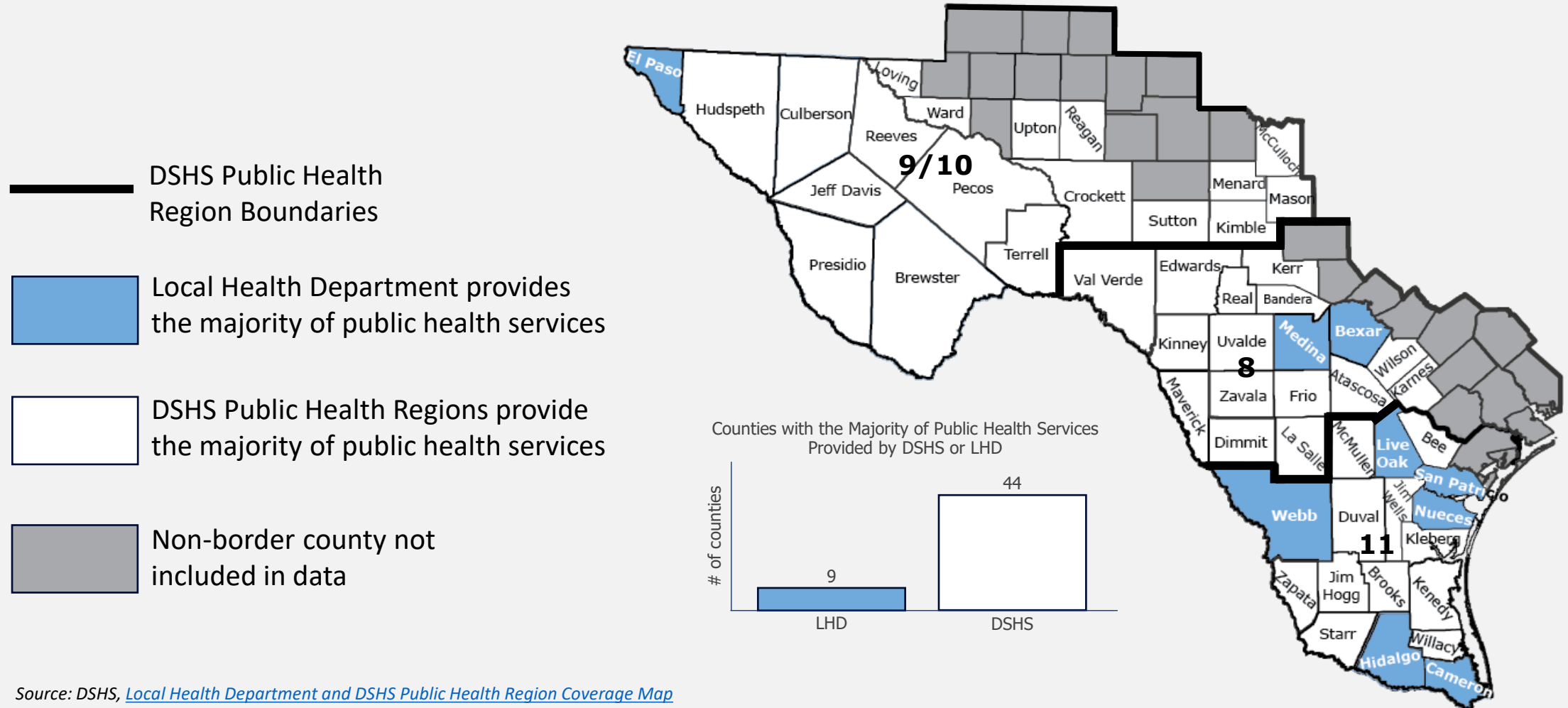


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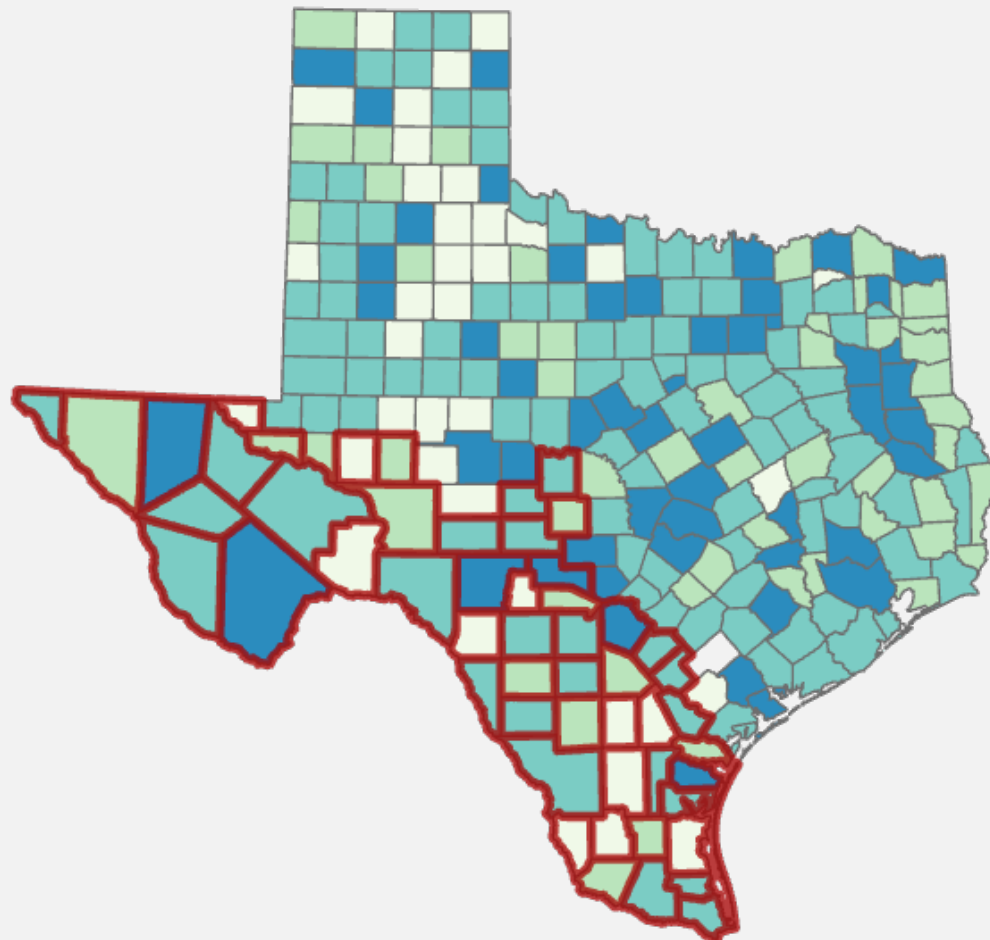
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DSHS Public Health Regions and Local Health Department Coverage in the Border Region



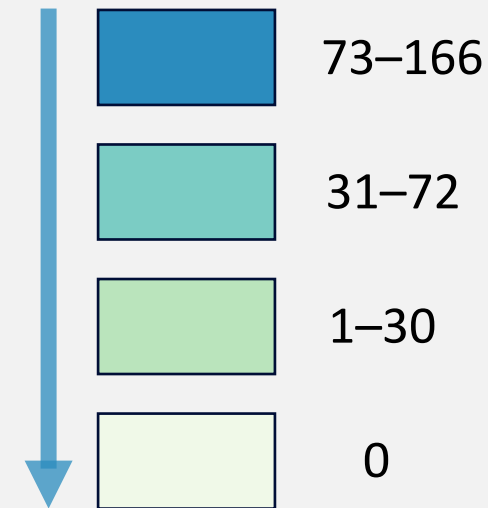
Source: DSHS, [Local Health Department and DSHS Public Health Region Coverage Map](#)

Ratio of Primary Care Providers per 100,000 Population



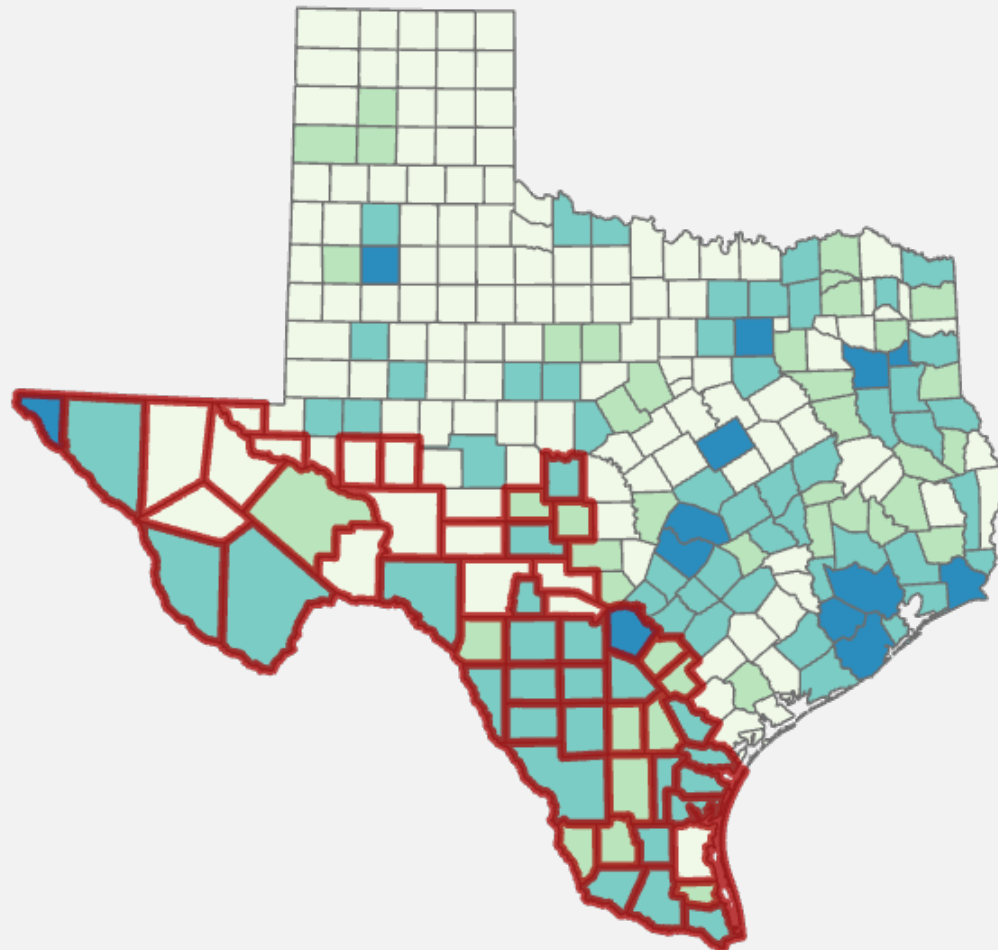
- 11 border counties with no PCPs

Ratio of PCPs per 100,000



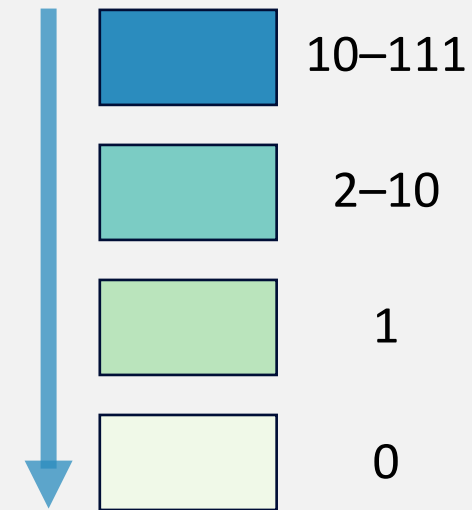
Less/No PCPs

Federally Qualified Health Centers by County



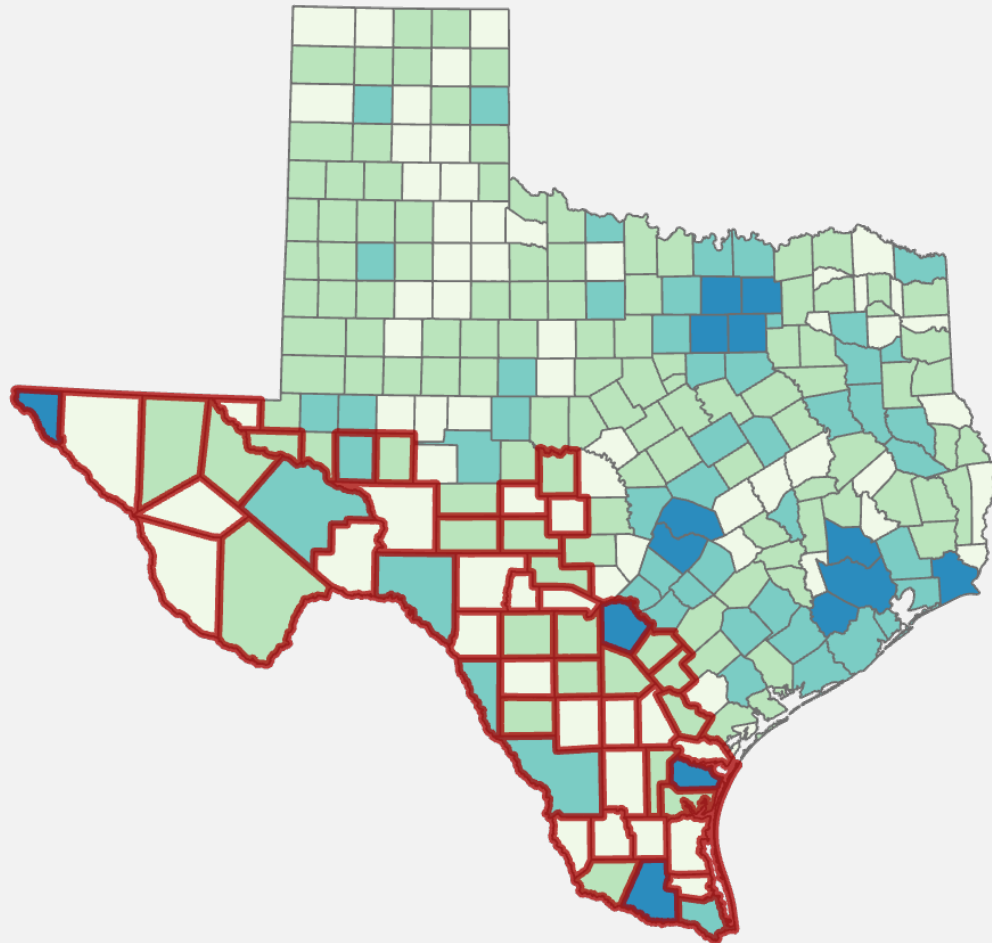
- 26% of border counties with no FQHC delivery sites

Number of FQHC Delivery Sites by County



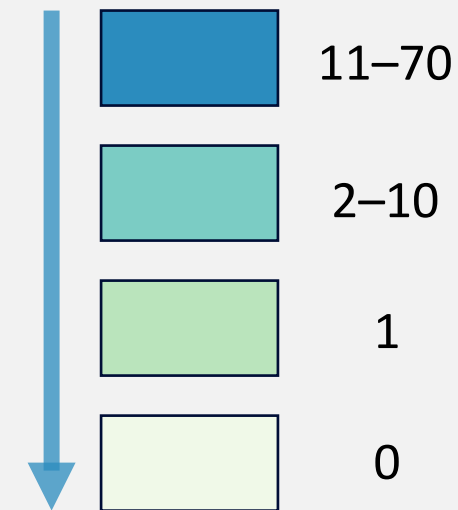
Less/No FQHC delivery sites

Hospitals by County



- 23 border counties with no hospital
- 20 border counties with only 1 hospital

Number of Hospitals by County



Less/No hospitals

Thank you!

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