

**FY2010 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR,
THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND
THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**



**A REPORT SUMMARIZING THE PROGRAM AND
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE
PHYSICIAN MANPOWER TRAINING COMMISSION**

Physician Manpower Training Commission

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PHYSICIAN MANPOWER TRAINING COMMISSION

FY-2010 Annual Report

Introductions

Oklahoma's Physician Manpower Training Commission, as developed under the provisions of Section 697.3 of 70 O.S. Supp. 1981 S 625.2 to 625.11, became fully functional as of November 1, 1975. The Commission was originally charged by the legislature to administer three programs: (1) the Oklahoma Rural Medical Education Scholarship Loan Program, (2) the Oklahoma Community Physician Education Scholarship Loan Program, and (3) the Oklahoma Intern-Resident Cost Sharing Program. Subsequently the Oklahoma Legislature has added the responsibility of a Physician Placement Program, Nursing Student Assistance Program, and the Community Match Incentive Programs. In July 1992, the Commission added the Family Practice Resident Rural Scholarship Program. In October 2003, the Commission added a State Loan Repayment Program to its available programs and in July 2005, the Commission added the Physician Assistant Scholarship Program. The Commission is guided, in all the programs, by a sense of stewardship which requires that maximum effort, both individual and organizational, be utilized to increase the number of practicing physicians, physician assistants and nurses in Oklahoma, particularly, in rural and underserved areas of the state.

Objectives

The Physician Manpower Training Commission has developed, in accord with legislative intent, five high priority goals:

- 1) Work to improve the balance of physician manpower distribution in the State of Oklahoma, both by type of practice and by geographic location;
- 2) Aid accredited physician training facilities in the establishment of additional primary medical care and family practice internship and residency training programs by sharing in the cost of these programs;
- 3) Assist Oklahoma communities in selecting and financing qualified medical and osteopathic interns/residents and other duly licensed physicians to participate in the Physician Community Match Program and the Family Practice Resident Rural Scholarship Program;
- 4) Assist Oklahoma communities, in any manner possible, in contacting medical and osteopathic students, interns and residents, or other physicians (inside and outside Oklahoma) who might wish to practice in Oklahoma;
- 5) Work with Oklahoma communities and the leadership of Oklahoma's nurse training institutions to provide nurses for underserved areas of the State.

The Physician Manpower Training Commission is proud of the progress which has been made in the State of Oklahoma in regards to the education of physicians, physician assistants and nurses who will eventually practice in rural Oklahoma. The Commission, in cooperation with the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine-Tulsa, the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Oklahoma's nurse training institutions, and all other agencies and individuals interested in health care in Oklahoma, in developing innovative methods of assistance to provide much-needed medical care to citizens of rural and underserved areas in Oklahoma.

Oklahoma Rural Medical Education Scholarship Loan Program

The Commission, acting as administrator of the Oklahoma Rural Medical Education Scholarship Loan Program, received funds for FY-2010 in the amount of \$380,000 (\$280,000 General Revenue and \$100,000 Stimulus Fund 490). This amount allowed the Commission to support 26 students (19 D.O. and 7 M.D.) who are obligated to practice in an Oklahoma community with a population of 7,500 or less. As of June 30, 2010, 408 students have been enrolled in the Rural Scholarship Program; 22 recipients are still in training; 246 physicians have returned to a rural community to render obligated service; 5 scholarship recipients are repaying and 109 have repaid their loans in lieu of their obligated service. Attachment I shows locations of communities where Physician Manpower Training Commission scholarship recipients are or have been practicing.

Community Match Intern/Resident Program

In FY'89, the Community Match Intern/Resident Program also known as the Physician Community Match Program was proposed. This program is a loan forgiveness program created to provide funds for primary care physicians who agree to locate in a rural, underserved area of the state.

State funds are matched on a 50%-50% basis with a rural community in which the physician would agree to practice for a specified period of time. The Commission feels that the physician will build a practice during the period of obligated time and thus have an incentive to remain.

The Physician Manpower Training Commission and the sponsoring community's funds are given to the physician to be used to pay off medical school expenses or for start up costs in purchasing building, equipment, etc. During FY-2010 a total expenditure of \$340,000 (\$50,000 General Revenue, \$120,000 Stimulus Fund 490 and \$160,000 sponsor funds) were awarded to physicians who began practicing in their obligated community.

The Commission has awarded 180 contracts for the Community Match Intern/Resident Program since June 1989; 163 physicians are currently fulfilling or have fulfilled their obligation in the rural areas; 17 physicians in lieu of obligated practice have repaid or will repay their loan. Attachment II shows locations of communities where Physician Manpower Training Commission recipients are or have fulfilled their practice obligation.

Family Practice/General Practice Resident Rural Scholarship Program

In FY'93, the FP/GP Resident Rural Scholarship Program was added. This program is similar to the existing Rural Medical Education Scholarship Loan Program and will be available to residents in an accredited Oklahoma Family Practice or General Practice Programs. Residents who elect this program will receive \$1,000 per month with a month for month practice obligation in an underserved community. The community practice obligation begins immediately following residency completion. Penalties similar to the student program exist for non-performance. During FY-2010, \$163,947 of General Revenue, \$12,053 Stimulus Fund 490 and \$76,000 of sponsor funds was expended for this program. There are currently 25 residents on the Resident Rural Scholarship Program who are still in residency training; 133 physicians have returned to their sponsoring community to fulfill their obligation; 25 physicians have repaid or will repay in lieu of obligated practice.

On or before the end of the 2nd year of Family Practice Residency Training, the resident must choose a community in which to practice from the available PMTC list. There are currently 69 communities interested in funding 50% of the resident's scholarship. After choosing a community, that community will then pay one half of the scholarship. Residents must also agree to spend one month during their 3rd year of residency on elective rotation in the community. Attachment III shows locations of communities where recipients set up practice after completion of their residency.

Nursing Student Assistance Program

The Nursing Student Assistance Program was established by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1982 and is administered by the Physician Manpower Training Commission. During FY-2010 expenditure for this program totals \$865,124 (\$414,054 in General Revenue, \$70,923 Revolving Fund 210, \$29,277 Stimulus Fund 490 and \$350,870 in Revolving Fund 450). The purpose of this program is to provide assistance to Oklahoma nursing students pursuing LPN, ADN, BSN, or MSN degrees and who are interested in practicing nursing in Oklahoma communities, with emphasis placed on rural or smaller communities. From the inception of the program until June 2010, a total of 3,080 nursing students have been awarded Matching Scholarship loans and 2,179 received the Non-Matching Scholarship loan. There have been a total of 5,259 scholarship recipients. Attachment IV shows the distribution of nursing scholarships during the 2009-2010 school year and depicts the 123 Matching Scholarship recipients and 153 Non-Matching Scholarship recipients who attended nursing schools.

State Loan Repayment Program

In October 2003, PMTC's grant application was approved enabling the agency to operate a State Loan Repayment Program. This program matched state funds with qualified communities and these combined funds were matched with federal dollars. Due to a lack of funding the program was closed with the final payment being made in August 2007. A total of nine health care providers received assistance on this program.

Physician Assistant Scholarship Program

The Physician Assistant Scholarship Program was established by the Oklahoma Legislature in July 2005. The purpose of the program is to increase the number of practicing physician assistants in communities of 20,000 or less population. Participants will receive \$1,000 per month, for a maximum of \$30,000, with a month for month obligation in a qualified community. The practice obligation begins immediately following the completion of training. During FY-2010 twenty-seven Physician Assistant students in training were contracted for participation for a total amount of \$232,000 (\$88,000 General Revenue, \$85,280 from Revolving Fund 210, \$35,000 from Revolving Fund 215 and \$23,720 from Stimulus Fund 490). There are 14 Physician Assistants currently practicing in rural communities; 4 Physician Assistants have fulfilled their obligations; 3 are repaying in lieu of fulfilling their obligation and 3 have repaid their scholarship in-full. Attachment V shows locations of communities where recipients set up practice after completion of their physician assistant training.

Oklahoma Intern-Resident Cost Sharing Program

The main purpose for the creation of the Physician Manpower Training Commission was to establish and administer a salary cost-sharing program for primary medical care intern and resident training programs throughout the state with emphasis on rural areas. The Commission received an appropriation of \$3,350,403 and \$97,059 from FY2009 carryover appropriated funds during FY-2010 to support this program.

In the time span that the Physician Manpower Training Commission has been responsible for the cost-sharing program, a total of 265 primary medical care residency and internship positions have been developed in the State of Oklahoma. The latest figures show the State of Oklahoma is now able to provide residency positions for all of its graduating medical students. At the time the Commission was established, there were 112 primary care residency and internship positions for postgraduate training in Oklahoma.

New impetus has been given to the growth of family practice residencies and the development of osteopathic internships in our state as a result of stipend funding for these primary medical care positions. A breakdown of expenditures for FY-2010 is delineated below:

**Family Practice Residencies at the University of Oklahoma
Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City totals \$1,113,067**

**Family Practice Residencies at the University of Oklahoma
College of Medicine-Tulsa in Tulsa total \$1,056,097**

**Family Medicine Residencies and Osteopathic Internships
at the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine
in Tulsa and Oklahoma City total \$1,278,298**

Outstanding progress has been made in expanding primary medical care internship and residency positions in Oklahoma since 1975. Gains have been made in all areas of

postgraduate training in Oklahoma with substantial gains taking place in primary care internship and residency positions.

The progress that has taken place in the establishment of new residency and internship positions will continue, assuming that the following conditions are realized and met:

- 1) The participating hospitals can absorb the increased cost of new residency and internship positions and will continue the number of postgraduate positions now being funded.
- 2) The State continues to fund the residency and internship positions that have been created by the Commission, in addition to new positions that might be established.

Physician Placement Program

In 1976 the Oklahoma Legislature added the responsibility of a Physician Placement Program to the duties of the Physician Manpower Training Commission. It was evident there was a need for some mechanism to help place, in Oklahoma's rural towns, a number of physicians other than those who were participating in the Commission's scholarship programs. For several years funding for this aspect of the Commission's program was very restricted; however, the staff of the Commission worked cooperatively during this time with the Oklahoma State Medical Association and the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association to give limited assistance to Oklahoma communities in recruiting physicians from among the many graduates of Oklahoma's allopathic and osteopathic medical schools who were not already enlisted in a scholarship project.

The Physician Manpower Training Commission updates quarterly the "List of Practice Opportunities in Oklahoma," which has 74 rural Oklahoma towns currently seeking physicians. See Attachments VI and VII concerning Oklahoma Communities Seeking Physicians listed by specialty, location and population.

Approximately 231 physicians graduate from Oklahoma's three medical schools each year. Staff members assigned to the Physician Manpower Training Commission are charged with the specific responsibility of contacting and counseling with these graduates and all physicians taking their postgraduate or specialty training in our state -- to alert these individuals concerning practice opportunities in Oklahoma, particularly in rural communities.

Administrative Expenditures

The Oklahoma Legislature appropriated \$441,378 for FY-2010 to the administrative budget of the Physician Manpower Training Commission. Expenditure of \$4,100 in FY-2009 carryover and \$64,600 in Revolving Fund 210 was also utilized for administration. The Commission has 6 FTE's. In addition, the Commission supports one-eighth salary of an Assistant Attorney General.

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PHYSICIAN MANPOWER TRAINING COMMISSION
Summary for Fiscal Year 2010
June 30, 2010

Oklahoma Rural Medical Education Scholarship Loan Program

26	In undergraduate training
22	In postgraduate training
20	In obligated community practice
101	Remaining after obligated practice
125	Relocating after obligated practice
109	Repaid obligated loan
<u>5</u>	Making repayments in lieu of obligated practice
408	Total Rural Scholarships

Physician Community Match Program

23	In obligated community practice
68	Remaining after obligated practice
72	Relocated after obligated practice
14	Repaid obligated loan
<u>3</u>	Making repayments in lieu of obligated service
180	Total Physician Community Match Recipients

FP/GP Resident Rural Scholarship Loan Program

24	In postgraduate training
25	In obligated community practice
65	Remaining after obligated practice
44	Relocated after obligated practice
21	Repaid obligated loan
<u>4</u>	Making repayments in lieu of obligated service
183	Total Resident Rural Scholarship Recipients

Physician Assistant Scholarship Program

27	In undergraduate training
14	In obligated community practice
4	Remaining after obligated practice
3	Repaid obligated loan
<u>3</u>	Making repayments in lieu of obligated service
51	Total Physician Assistant Scholarship Recipients

State Loan Repayment Program

7	Remaining after obligated practice
<u>1</u>	Relocated after obligated practice
8	Total SLRP Recipients

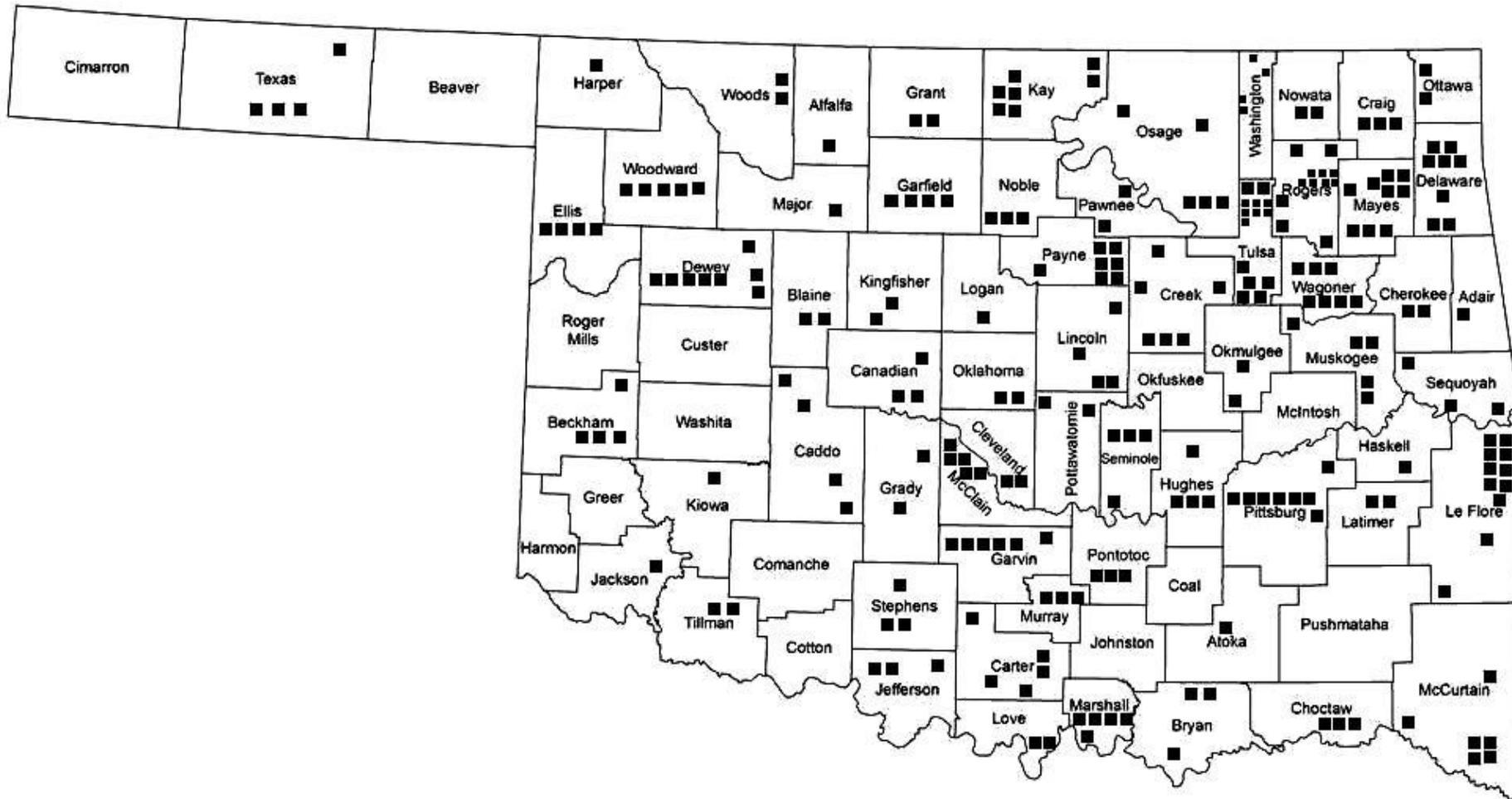
Nursing Student Assistance Program - Matching Scholarships

123	In undergraduate training
108	In obligated community practice
2,322	Fulfilled service obligation
13	Awaiting board results
52	Special Situations
374	Repaid in full
68	In collection process
<u>20</u>	Un-collectable
2,970	Total

Nursing Student Assistance Program - Non-Matching Scholarships

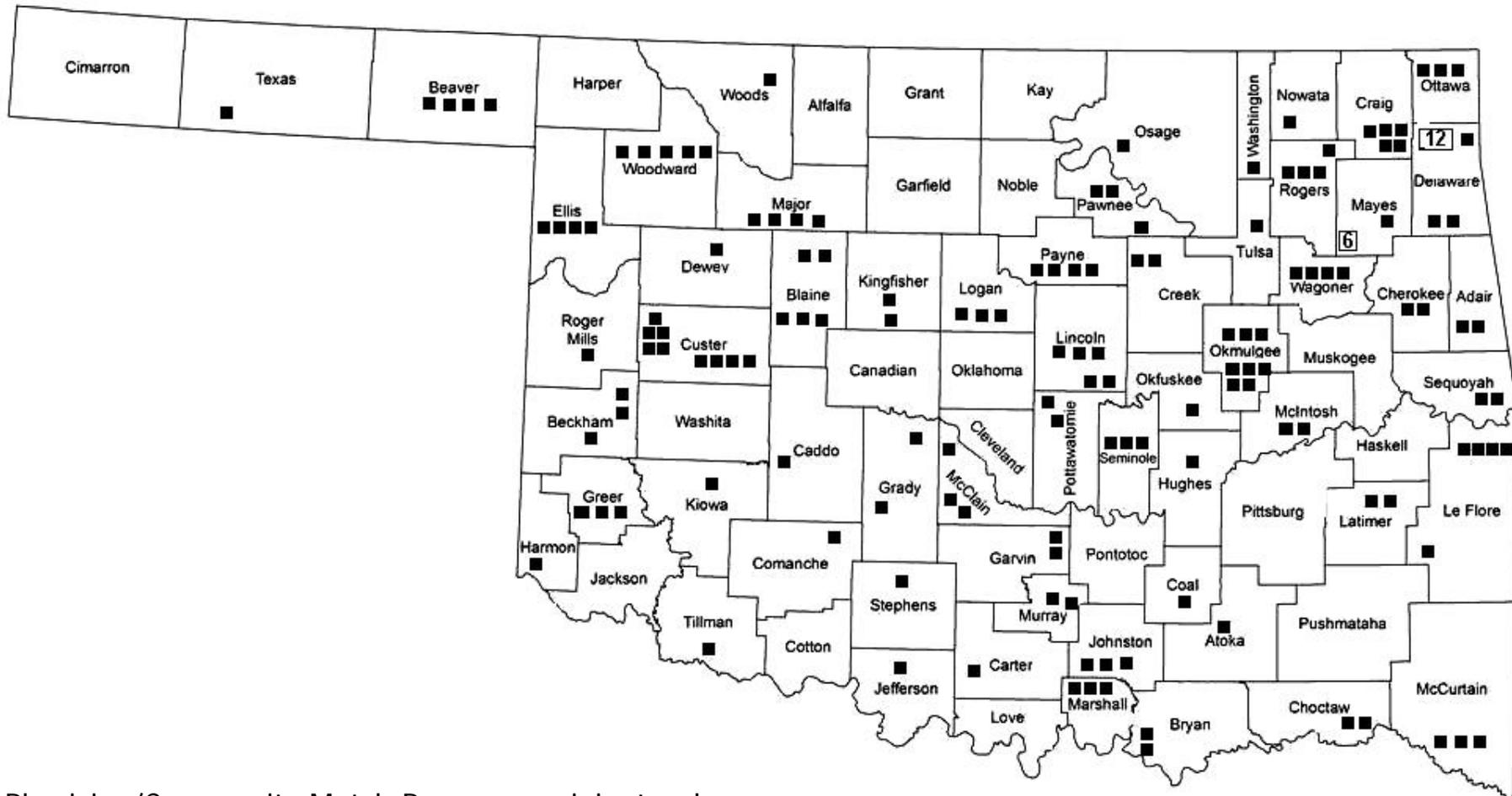
153	In undergraduate training
137	In obligated community practice
1,481	Fulfilled service obligation
17	Awaiting board results
62	Special situations
241	Repaid in full
72	In collection process
<u>16</u>	Uncollectable
2,179	Total

Physician Manpower Training Commission Oklahoma Rural Medical Education Scholarship Loan Program



Rural Scholarship Program recipients who are fulfilling or have fulfilled their obligation to a rural community. There are 246 physicians serving in 121 rural communities.

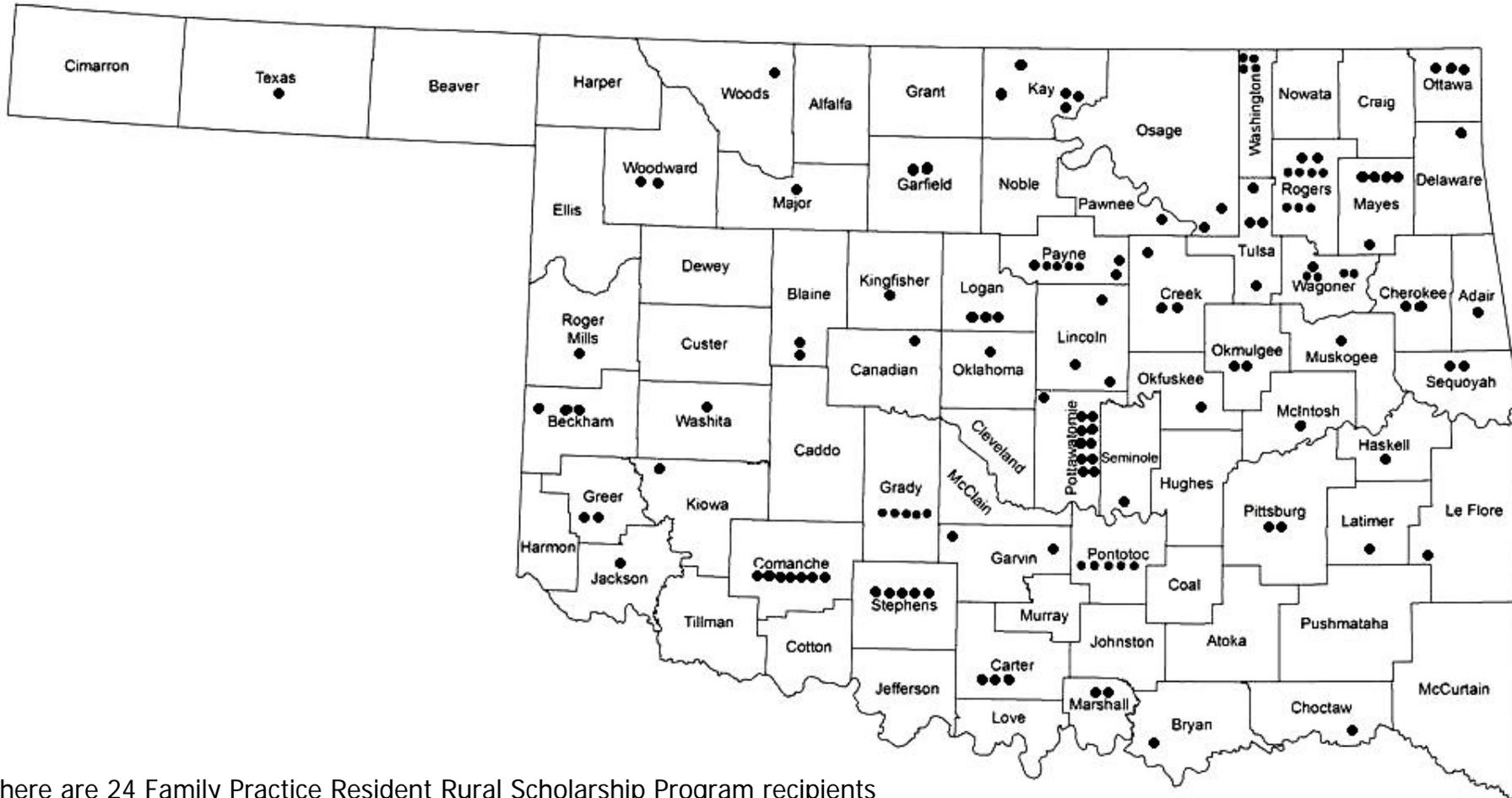
Physician Manpower Training Commission Physician Community Match Program



Physician/Community Match Program recipients who are fulfilling or have fulfilled their obligation to a rural community. There are 181 physicians serving in 74 rural communities.

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Physician Manpower Training Commission FP/GP Resident Rural Scholarship Program



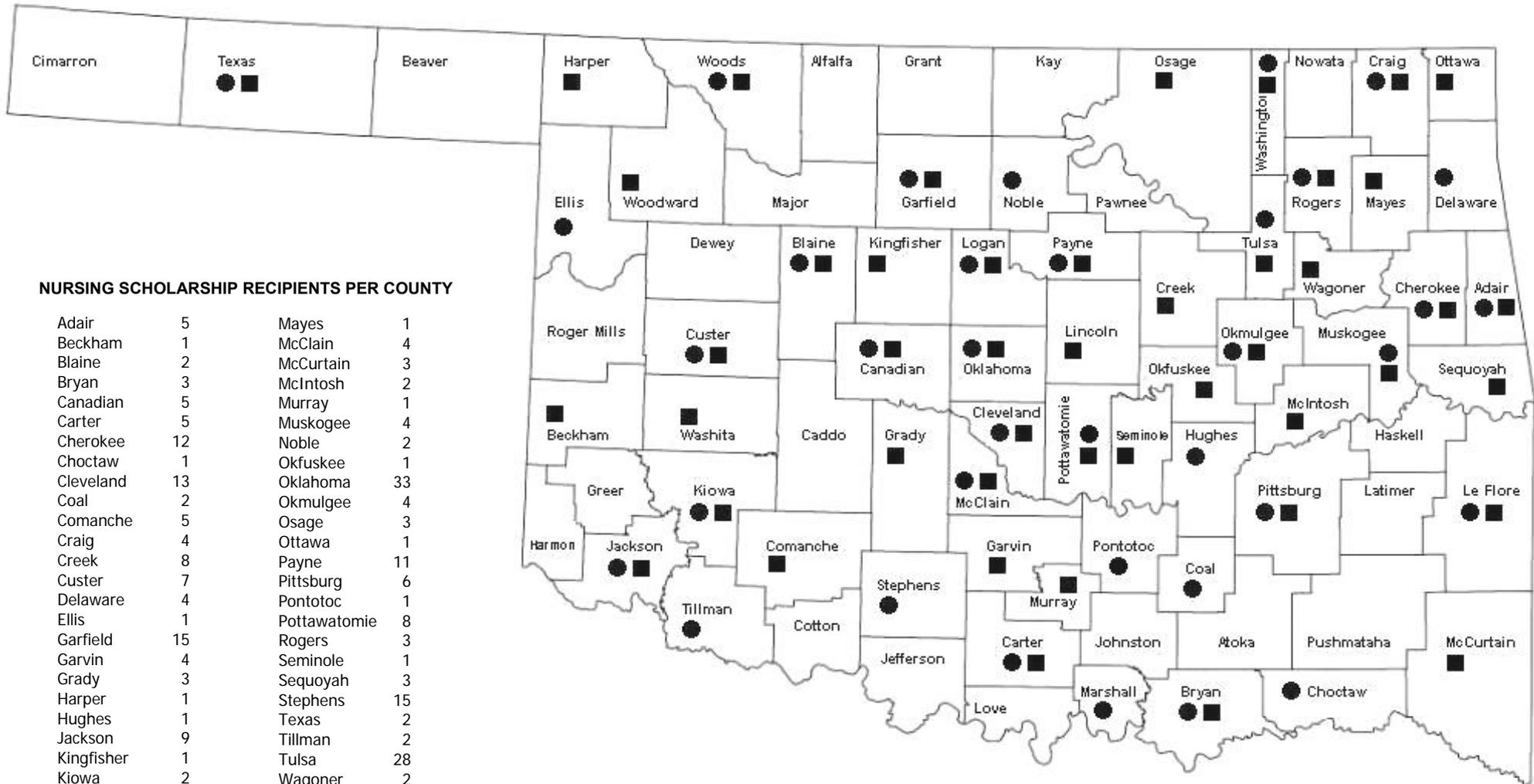
There are 24 Family Practice Resident Rural Scholarship Program recipients currently in family practice training who will return to a sponsored community after completion of their training.

This map shows 134 physicians serving in 65 communities who have completed training and are fulfilling or have fulfilled their practice obligation in the community.

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PHYSICIAN MANPOWER TRAINING COMMISSION NURSING STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Distribution of Nursing Scholarships 2009-2010



NURSING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS PER COUNTY

Adair	5	Mayes	1
Beckham	1	McClain	4
Blaine	2	McCurain	3
Bryan	3	McIntosh	2
Canadian	5	Murray	1
Carter	5	Muskogee	4
Cherokee	12	Noble	2
Choctaw	1	Okfuskee	1
Cleveland	13	Oklahoma	33
Coal	2	Okmulgee	4
Comanche	5	Osage	3
Craig	4	Ottawa	1
Creek	8	Payne	11
Custer	7	Pittsburg	6
Delaware	4	Pontotoc	1
Ellis	1	Pottawatomie	8
Garfield	15	Rogers	3
Garvin	4	Seminole	1
Grady	3	Sequoyah	3
Harper	1	Stephens	15
Hughes	1	Texas	2
Jackson	9	Tillman	2
Kingfisher	1	Tulsa	28
Kiowa	2	Wagoner	2
LeFlore	5	Washington	3
Lincoln	3	Washita	1
Logan	5	Woods	2
Marshall	1	Woodward	1

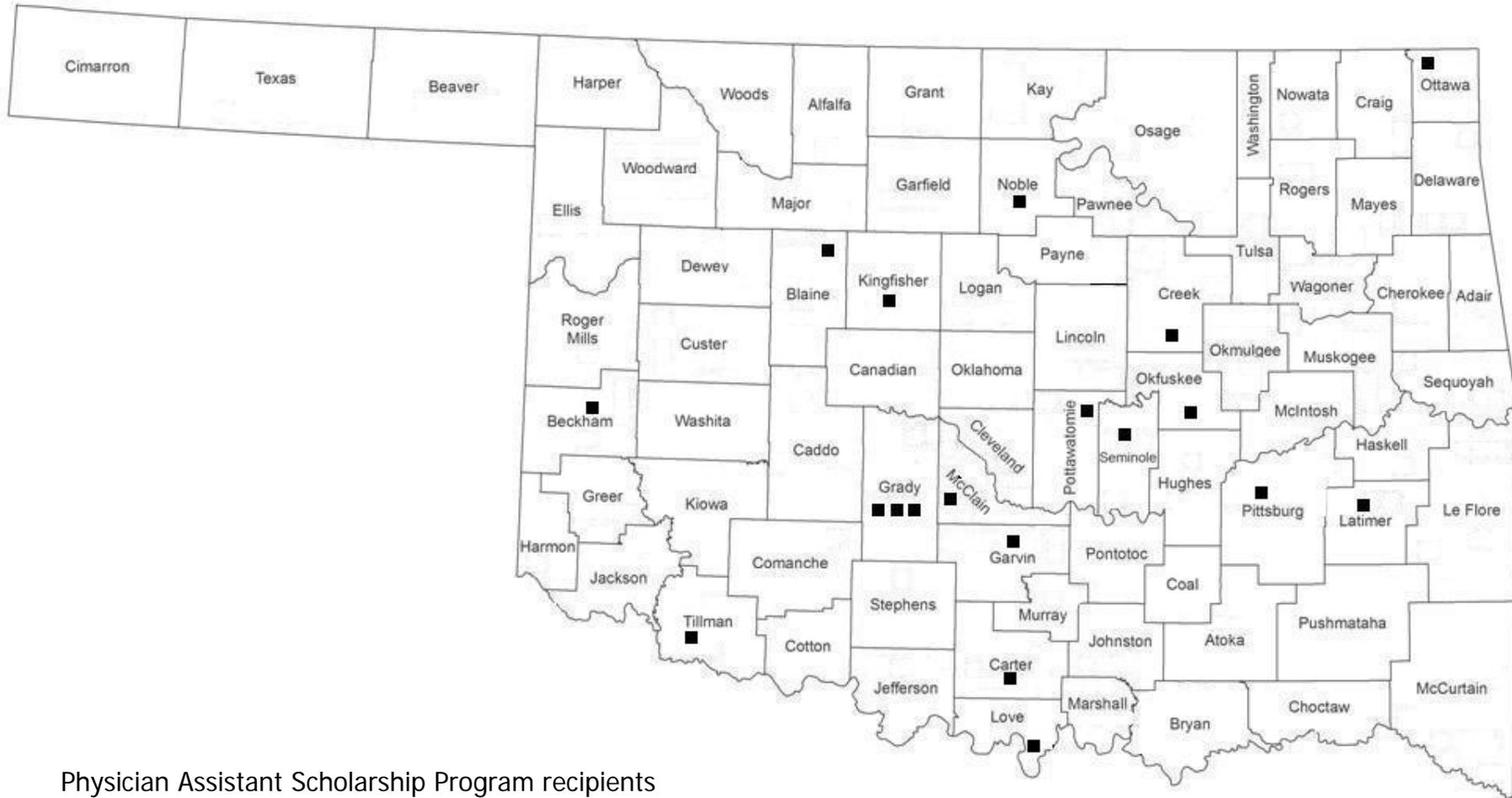
● **MATCHING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

Shown by location of sponsor (123 students).
Total state's monies obligated for matching
scholarships: \$222,975.

■ **NON-MATCHING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

Shown by location of student (153 students).
Total state's monies obligated for non-matching
scholarships: \$304,675.

Physician Manpower Training Commission Physician Assistant Scholarship Program

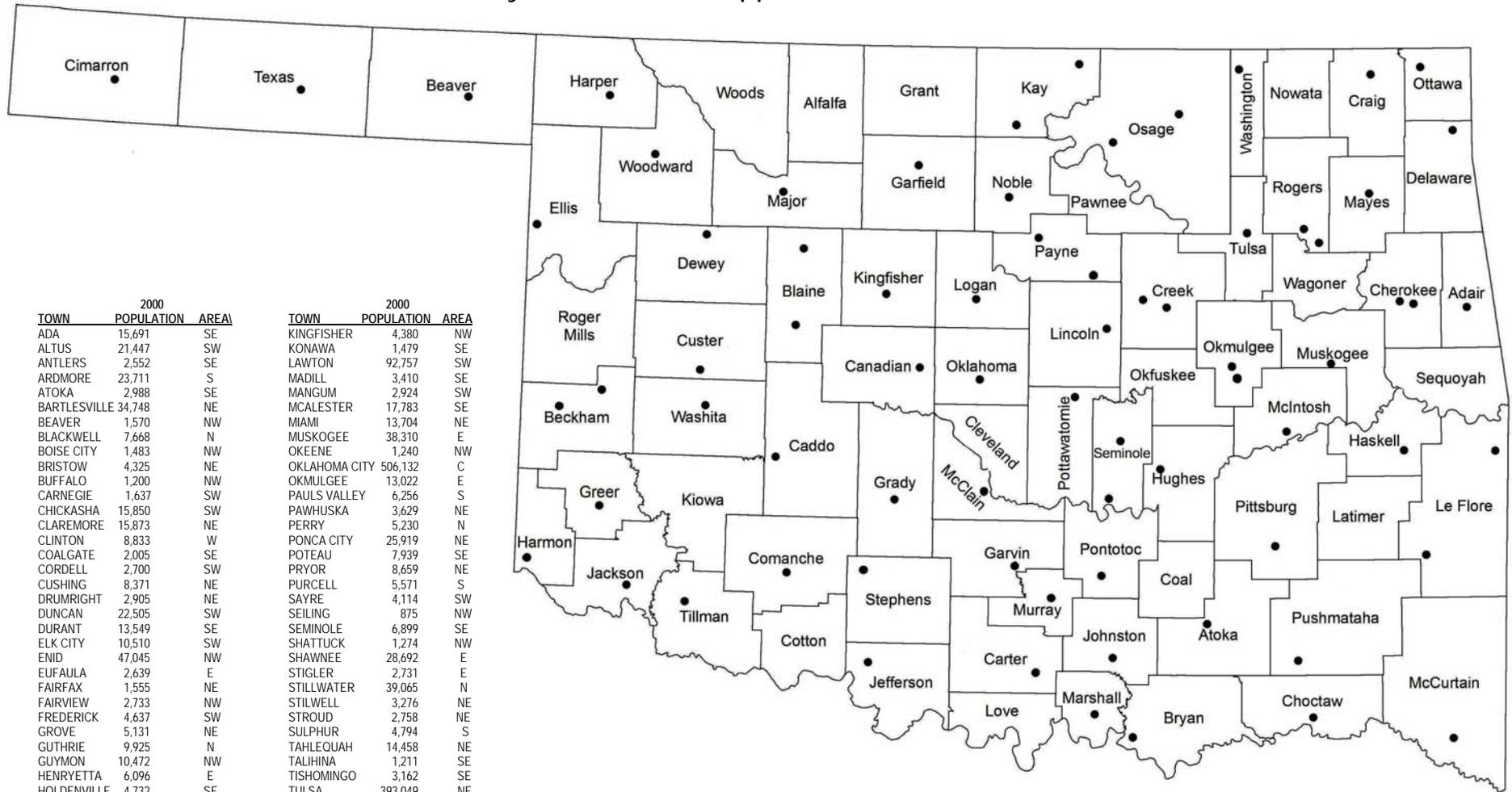


Physician Assistant Scholarship Program recipients who are fulfilling or have fulfilled their obligation to a rural community. There are 18 Physician Assistants serving in 16 rural communities.

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Physician Manpower Training Commission Oklahoma Communities Seeking Physicians

Information taken from the PMTC Spring-Summer 2010
Physician Practice Opportunities List

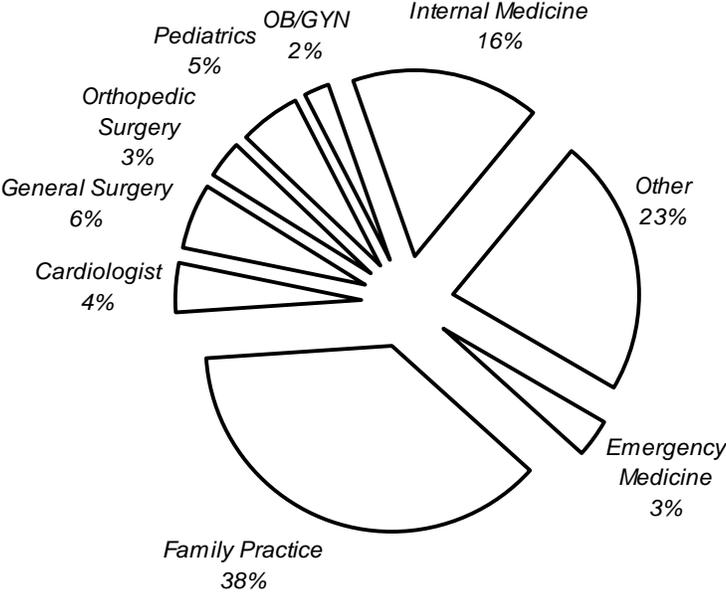


TOWN	2000 POPULATION	AREA
ADA	15,691	SE
ALTUS	21,447	SW
ANTLERS	2,552	SE
ARDMORE	23,711	S
ATOKA	2,988	SE
BARTLESVILLE	34,748	NE
BEAVER	1,570	NW
BLACKWELL	7,668	N
BOISE CITY	1,483	NW
BRISTOW	4,325	NE
BUFFALO	1,200	NW
CARNEGIE	1,637	SW
CHICKASHA	15,850	SW
CLAREMORE	15,873	NE
CLINTON	8,833	W
COALGATE	2,005	SE
CORDELL	2,700	SW
CUSHING	8,371	NE
DRUMRIGHT	2,905	NE
DUNCAN	22,505	SW
DURANT	13,549	SE
ELK CITY	10,510	SW
ENID	47,045	NW
EUFAULA	2,639	E
FAIRFAX	1,555	NE
FAIRVIEW	2,733	NW
FREDERICK	4,637	SW
GROVE	5,131	NE
GUTHRIE	9,925	N
GUYMON	10,472	NW
HENRYETTA	6,096	E
HOLDENVILLE	4,732	SE
HOLLIS	2,264	SW
HUGO	5,536	SE
HULBERT	543	E
IDABEL	6,952	SE
INOLA	1,589	NE

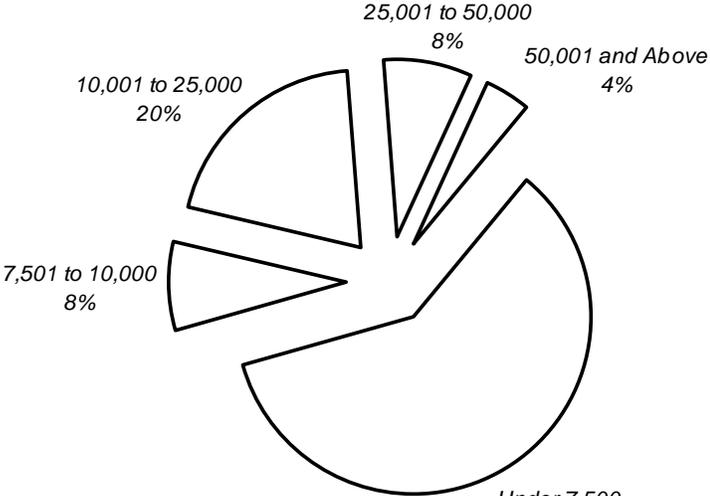
TOWN	2000 POPULATION	AREA
KINGFISHER	4,380	NW
KONAWA	1,479	SE
LAWTON	92,757	SW
MADILL	3,410	SE
MANGUM	2,924	SW
MCALESTER	17,783	SE
MIAMI	13,704	NE
MUSKOGEE	38,310	E
OKEENE	1,240	NW
OKLAHOMA CITY	506,132	C
OKMULGEE	13,022	E
PAULS VALLEY	6,256	S
PAWHUSKA	3,629	NE
PERRY	5,230	N
PONCA CITY	25,919	NE
POTEAU	7,939	SE
PRYOR	8,659	NE
PURCELL	5,571	S
SAYRE	4,114	SW
SEILING	875	NW
SEMINOLE	6,899	SE
SHATTUCK	1,274	NW
SHAWNEE	28,692	E
STIGLER	2,731	E
STILLWATER	39,065	N
STILWELL	3,276	NE
STROUD	2,758	NE
SULPHUR	4,794	S
TAHLEQUAH	14,458	NE
TALIHINA	1,211	SE
TISHOMINGO	3,162	SE
TULSA	393,049	NE
VINITA	6,472	NE
WATONGA	4,658	NW
WAURIKA	1,988	SW
WOODWARD	11,853	NW
YUKON	21,043	C

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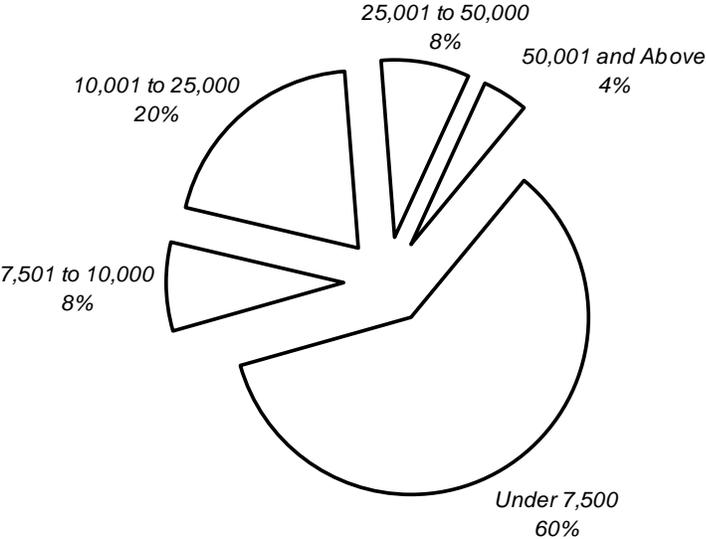
Family Practice & Other Specialties



By Community Population



By Community Population



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