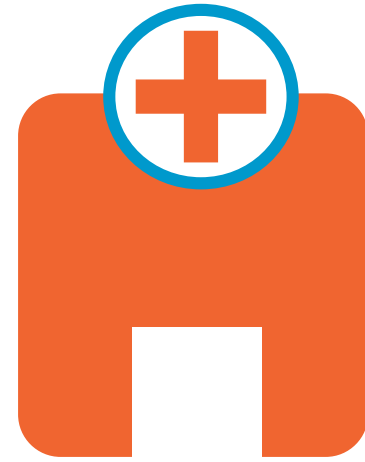
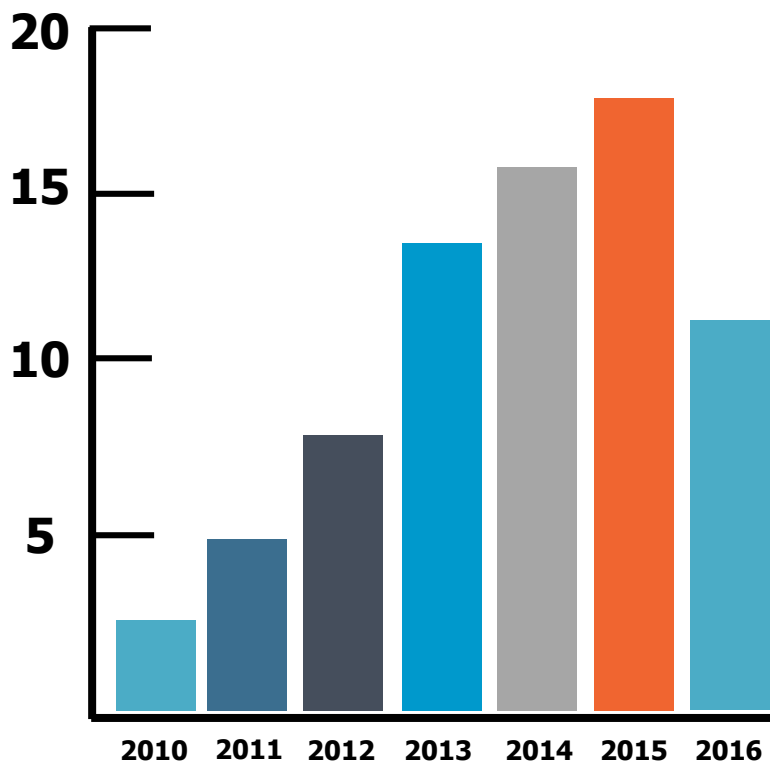


# Rural Health Safety Net Vulnerable

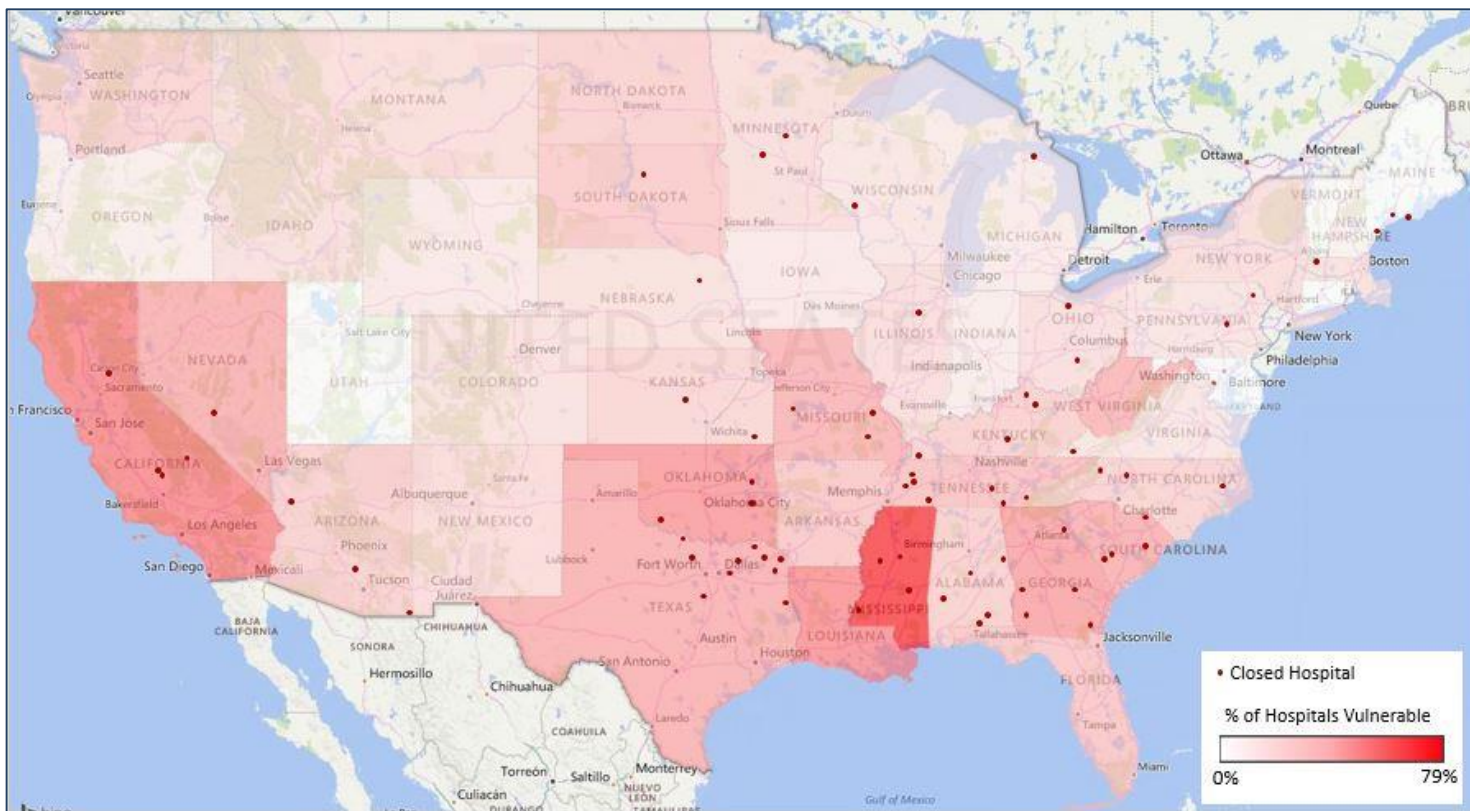
## Rural Hospital Closures Escalating



### 673 Hospitals Vulnerable

The **Vulnerability INDEX** identified these hospitals as performing at a level consistent with rural hospitals that have closed since the start of 2010.\*

## Vulnerability Index: Closures and Risk of Closure



## The Impact of Rural Hospital Closures

673 rural hospitals are projected to face significant challenges, according to the Hospital Strength INDEX.



**11.7M**

Patient  
Encounters



**99,000**

Healthcare  
Jobs Lost



**137,000**

Community  
Jobs Lost



**\$277B**

Loss to GDP  
(10 years)

# Unintended Policy Consequences Impact Rural Hospitals

Sequestration and Bad Debt continue to result in a drag on rural hospital margins and have a ripple effect on rural communities:

**35%**

**cut**  
Bad Debt

**2%**

**cut**  
Sequestration



**\$3.8 billion**  
lost in revenue



**11,600**  
rural healthcare and  
community jobs Lost



**\$13.6 billion**  
loss to GDP

The Bottom Line: **35%** of rural hospitals are operating at a LOSS.

