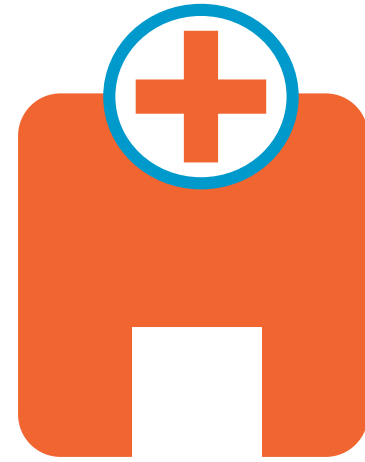
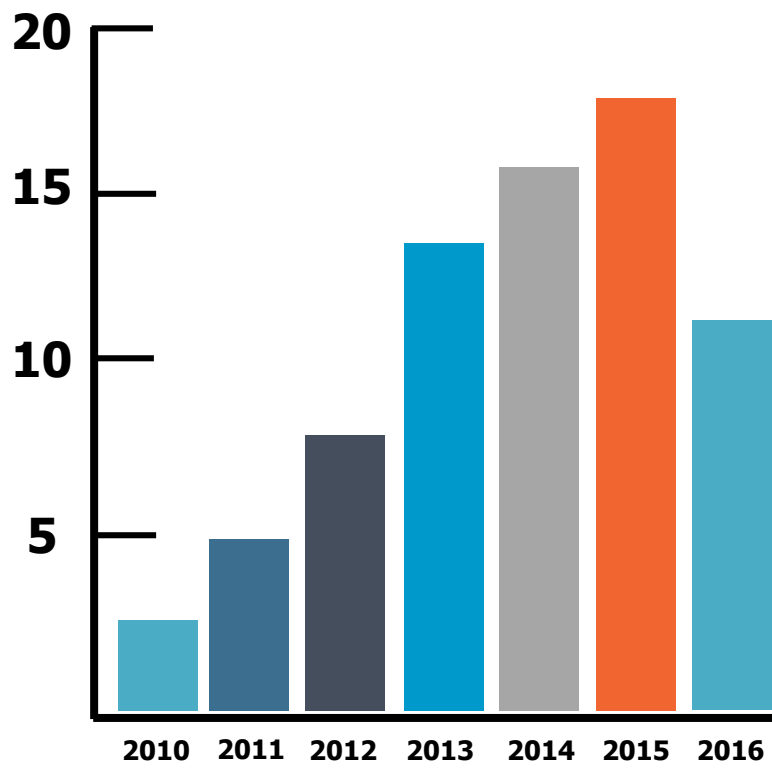


Rural Health Safety Net Vulnerable

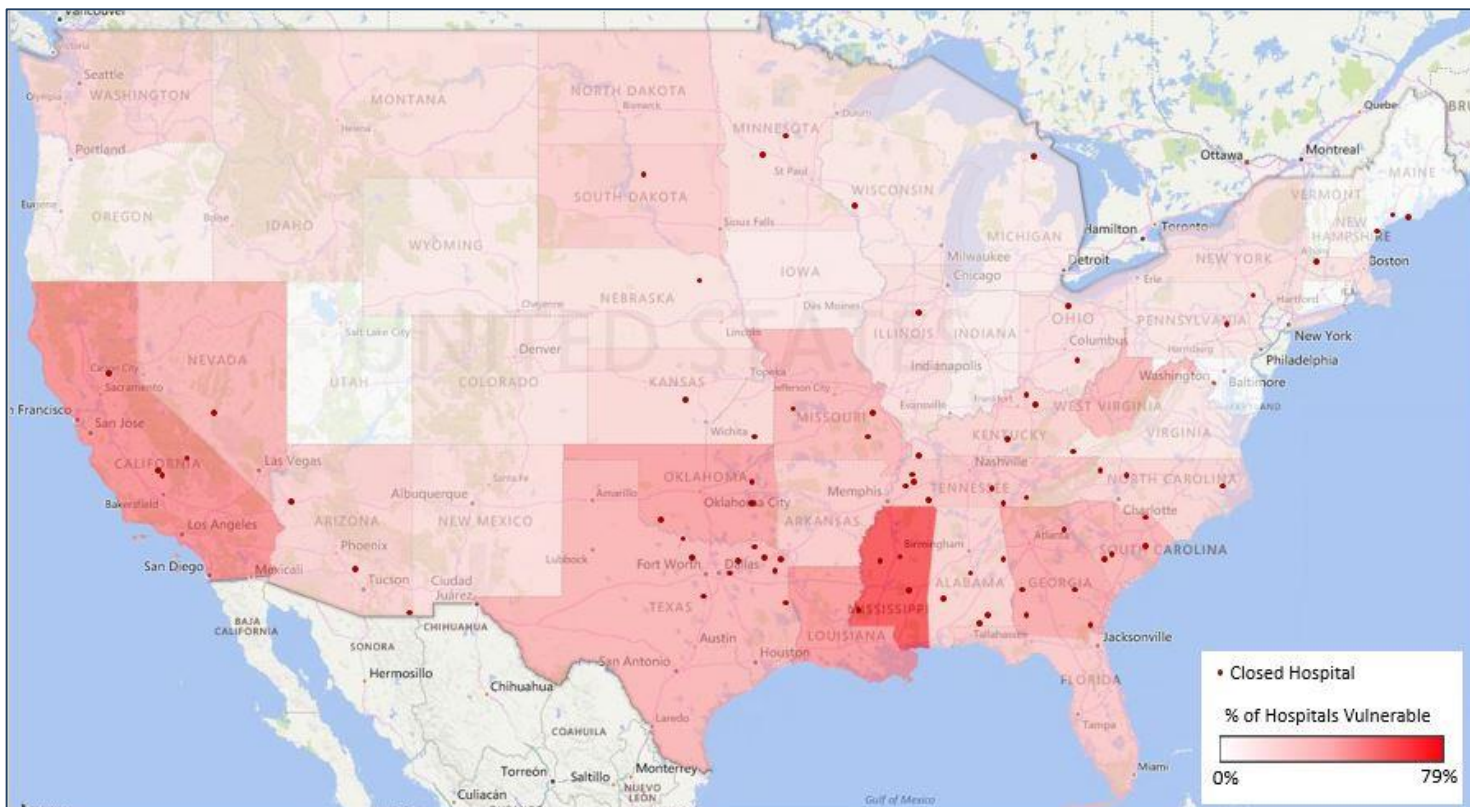
Rural Hospital Closures Escalating



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.

