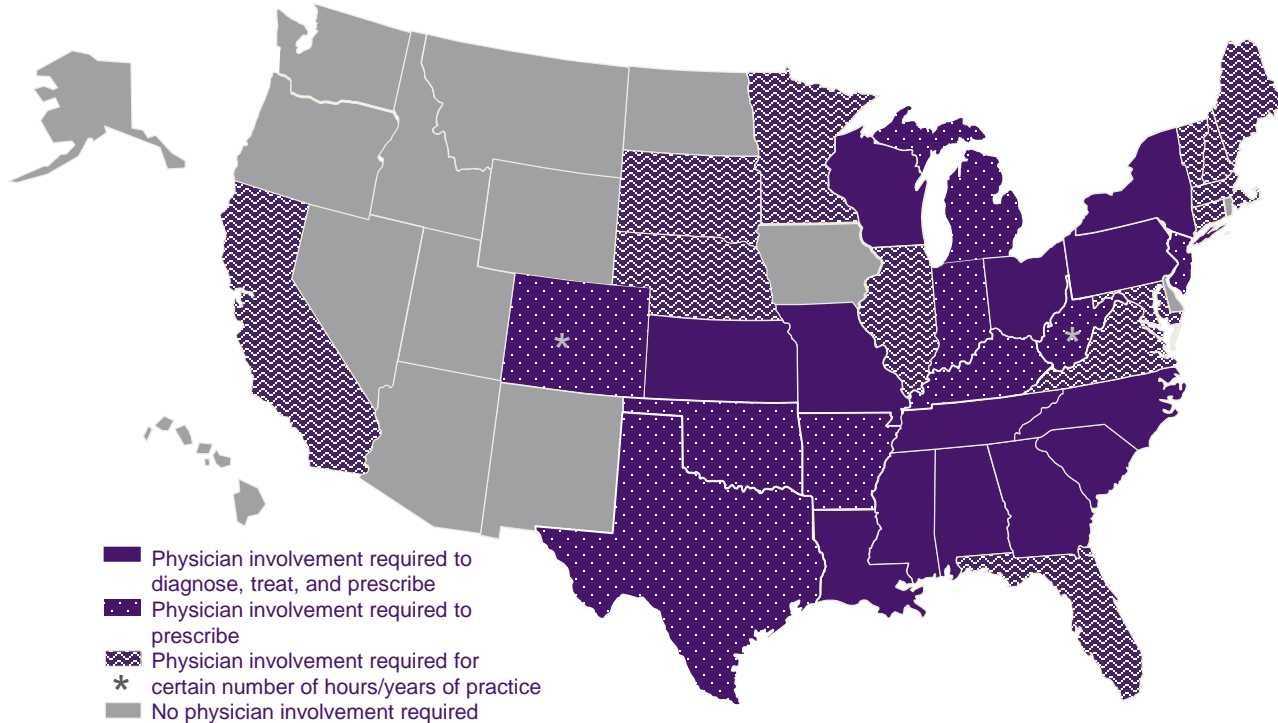


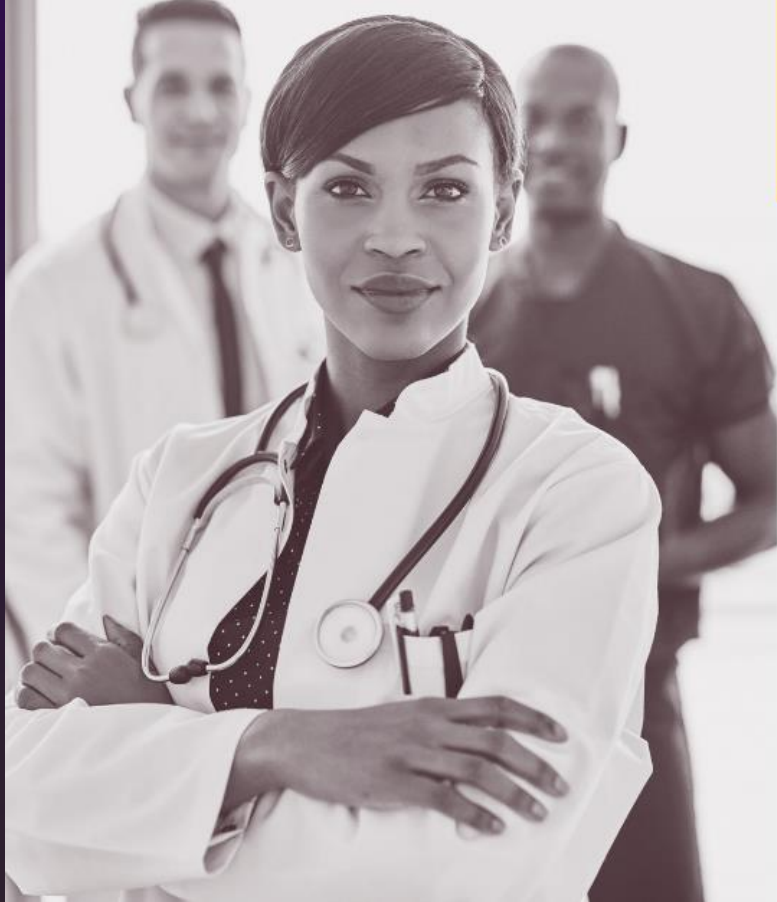


Scope of Practice

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State Laws on Nurse Practitioner Scope of Practice





Working Together

The best and safest outcomes call for a team approach to care with **physicians in the lead.**

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Education Matters

Medical or health care professional	Length of graduate level education	Years of residency/fellowship training	Total patient care hours
Physician (MD or DO)	4 years	3-7 years	10,000-16,000 hours
Family Physician (MD or DO)	4 years	3 years	10,000-12,000 hours
Anesthesiologist (MD or DO)	4 years	4-6 years	12,000-16,000 hours
Ophthalmologist (MD or DO)	4 years + 1 year internship	3-5 years	12,000-16,000 hours
Psychiatrist (MD or DO)	4 years	4-6 years	12,000-16,000 hours
Nurse Practitioner (NP)	2-4 years (online programs included)	not required	500-720 hours
Physician Assistant (PA) or (PA-C)	2-3 years	not required	2,000 hours
Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)	2-3 years	not required	2,500 hours; 600 cases
Optometrist (OD)	4 years	not required	1-year clinical rotations
Podiatrist (DPM)	4 years	not required	80 weeks
Psychologist (PsychD)	4-6 years	1 year	1 year
Naturopath (ND)	4 years	not required	720-1,200 hours
Chiropractor (DC)	4 years	not required	320 patients

Physician (MD or DO)

Medical School is...

- **Comprehensive:** 4-years of medical school looking at all aspects of the human condition in the classroom and laboratories
- **Hands-on:** rotating through different specialties for 2-years
- **Critical:** developing clinical judgment and medical decision-making skills through direct experience managing patients in all aspects of medicine

Physician Residency is...

- **Selective and personalized:** newly graduated physicians match into a residency program to provide care in a select surgical or medical specialty
- **Reinforcing:** move from direct supervision to progressively increased responsibility, preparing them for full independent practice of medicine in a specialty or subspecialty

Physician assessment and certification are...

- **Thorough:** Students must pass a series of exams during and following graduation from medical school, with MDs taking the USMLE & DOs taking the COMLEX-USA
- **Validating:** After completing an accredited residency and establishing licensed practice, physicians may obtain board certification in a select specialty to further demonstrate their mastery of knowledge.

Nurse Practitioner (NP)

Nurse Practitioner graduate training is...

- **Abbreviated:** NPs complete a master's (MSN) or doctorate degree (DNP), with the majority completing a master's degree
- **Varied:** Unlike physician education and training there is no standardization among NP programs, particularly with practical experience.
- 60% of NP programs are partially or fully online.

Nurse Practitioner Residency is...

- Not required for graduation or licensure

Nurse practitioner assessment and certification are...

- **Inconsistent:** NPs must pass a national certifying exam in a specific population focus based on the type of program from which the NP graduated, but are not required to practice in that area – meaning an NP certified in primary care can practice in cardiology, dermatology, neurology, orthopedics, and other specialties without any additional formal education or training

PATIENTS PREFER PHYSICIAN LED-CARE

91%

Say a physician's education and training are vital for optimal care.

3/4

Of patients would wait longer to be treated by a physician.

95%

Say it's important for a physician to be involved in their diagnosis and treatment.



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Access to care

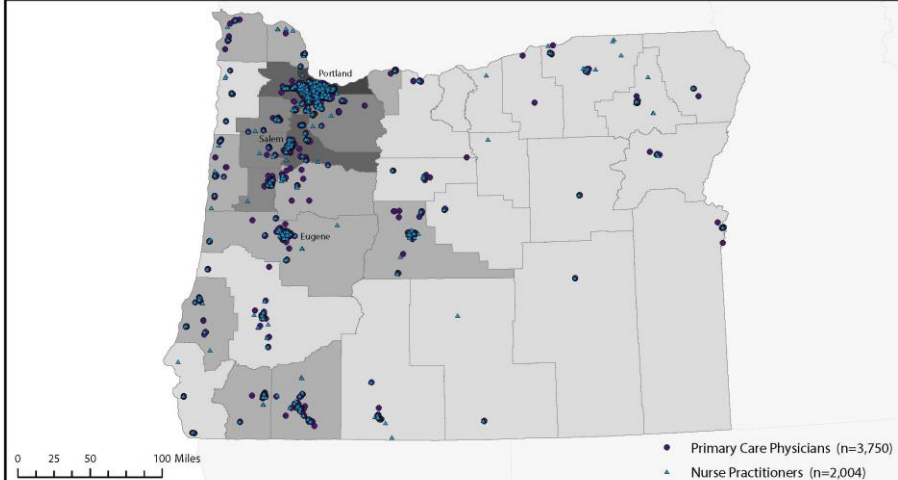
MYTH: Increasing non-physician's scope of practice is necessary to expand access to care, especially in rural areas.

FACT: State laws that have expanded the scope of practice of non-physicians have not necessarily led to more non-physicians practicing in rural areas

Data to support the facts:

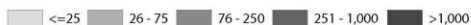
- CMS Graduate Nurse Demonstration Project
- Multiple state-level workforce studies
- AMA GEOMAP Series

Primary Care Physicians to Nurse Practitioners Oregon



Population per square mile

Source: 2012 American Community Survey

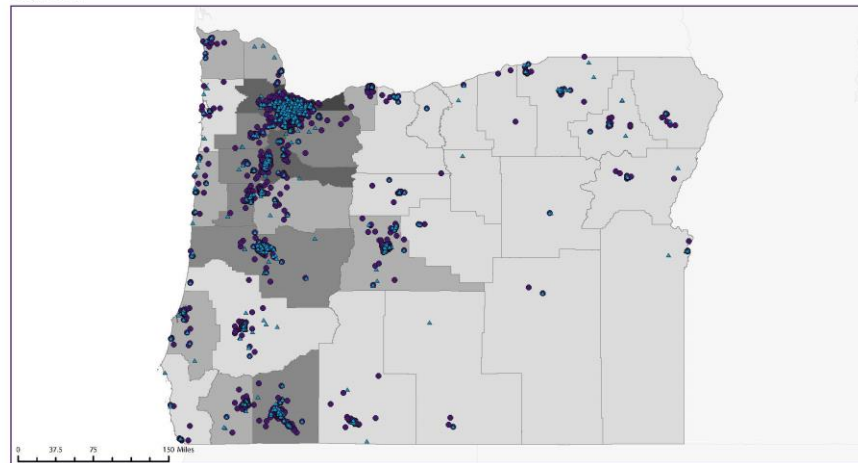


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Primary Care Physicians to Nurse Practitioners

OREGON



Population per square mile

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey

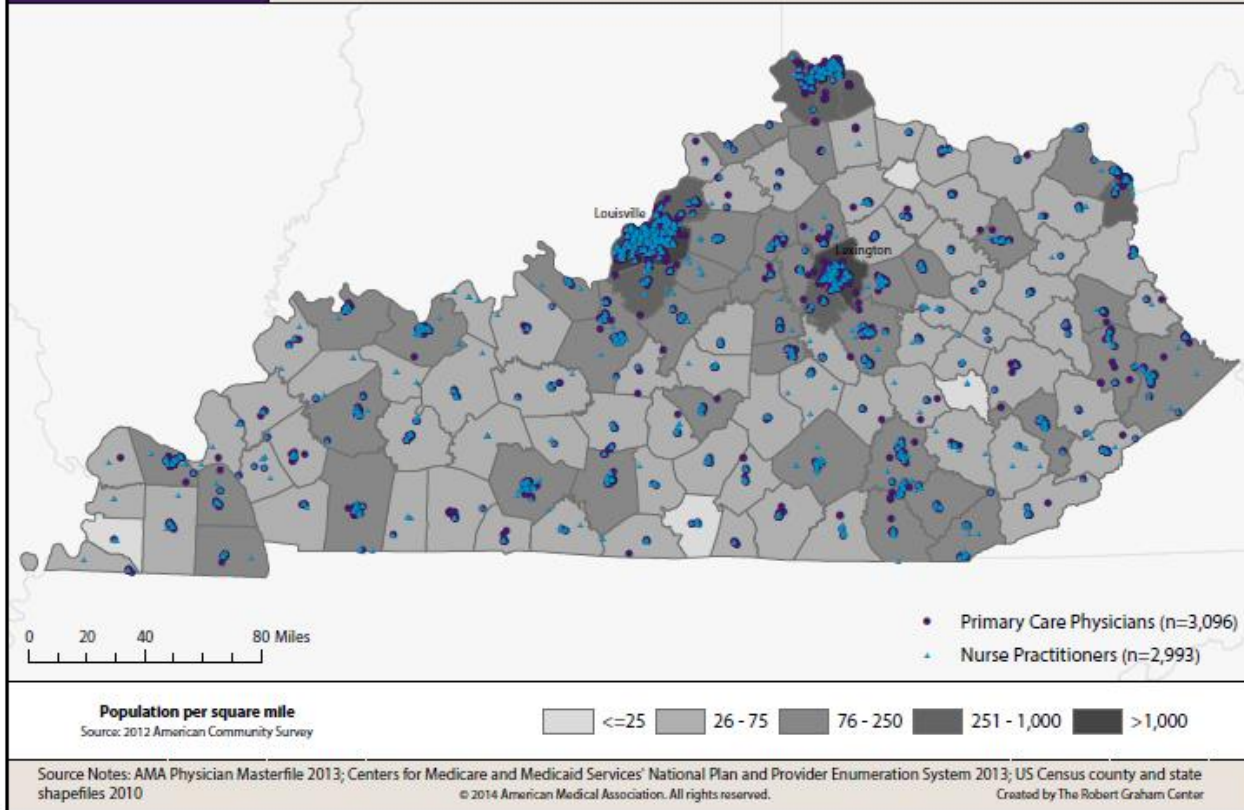


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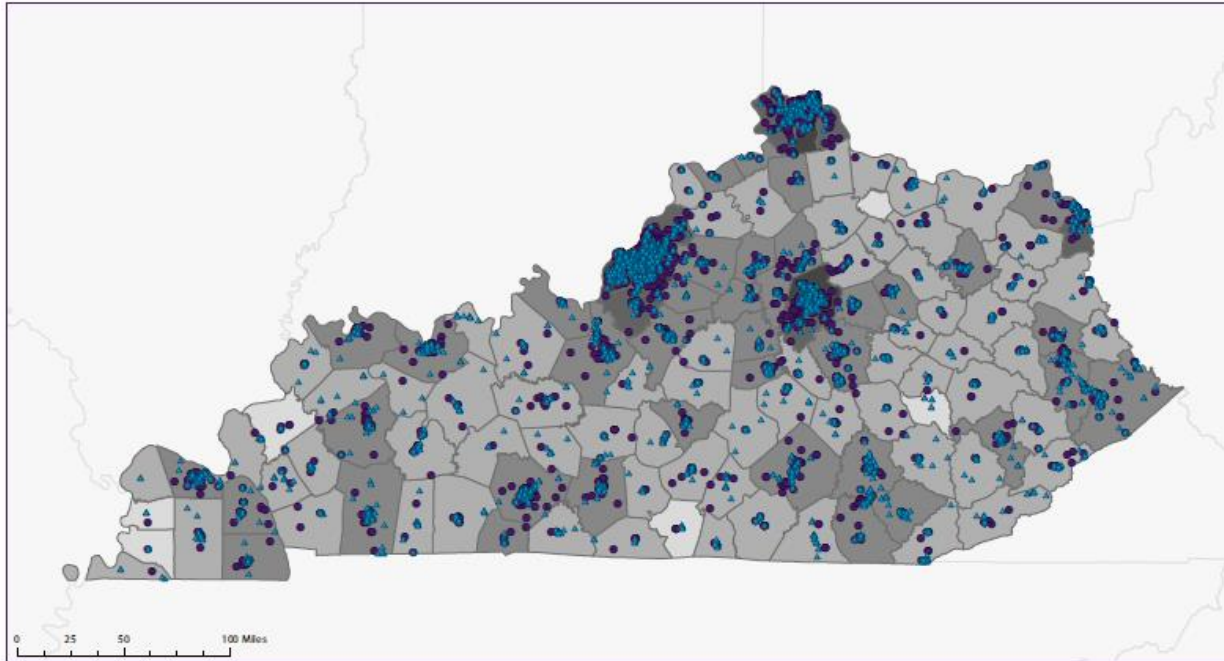
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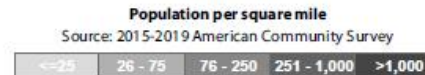
Primary Care Physicians to Nurse Practitioners Kentucky



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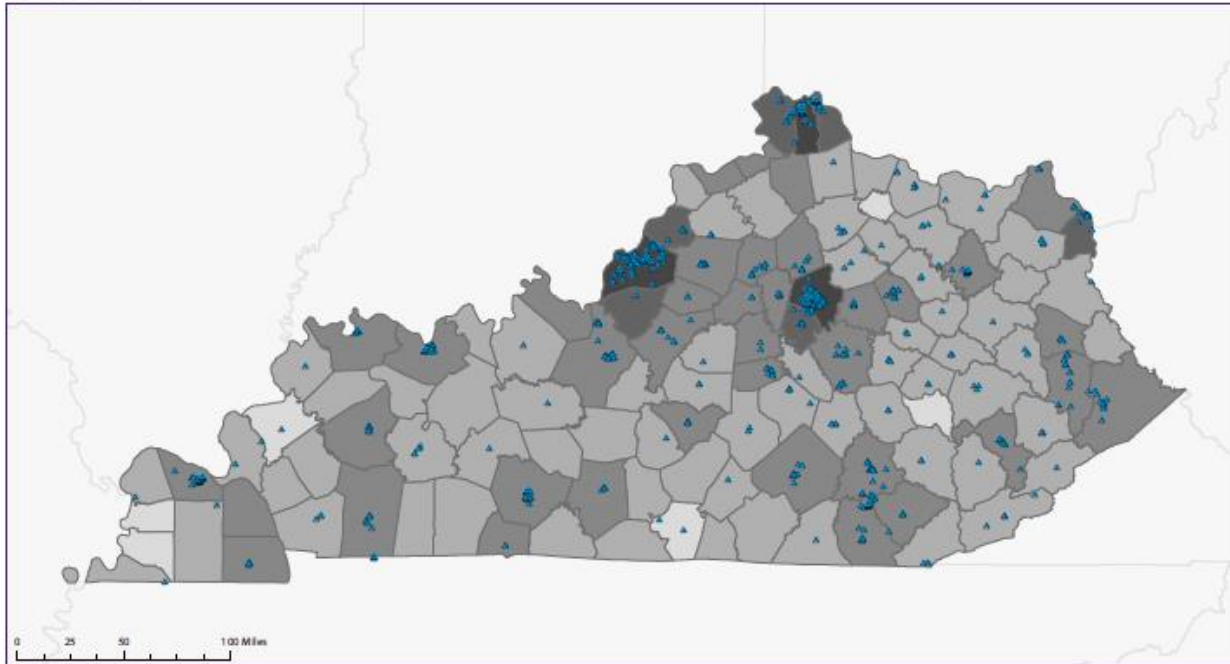
- Primary Care Physicians (n=3,262)
- ▲ Nurse Practitioners (n=6,164)



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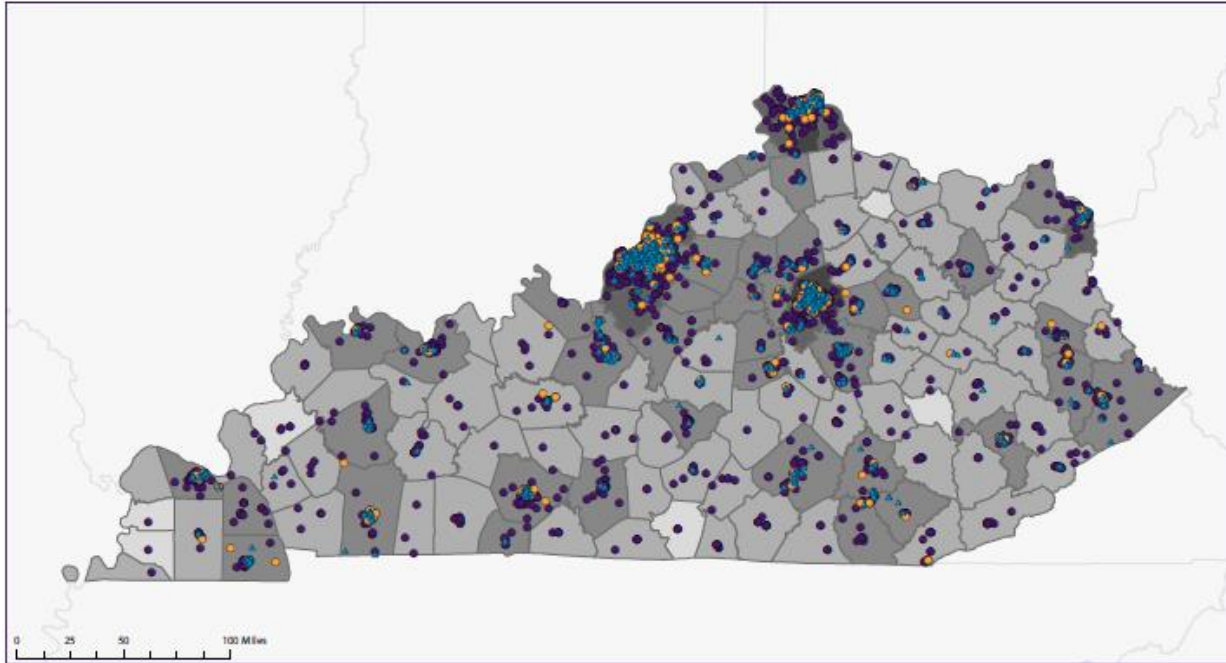
▲ Physician Assistants (n=1,481)



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- Primary Care Physicians (n=3,262)
- Psychiatrists (n=405)
- Psychologists (n=1,171)



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