

Community Hospitals. Statewide Impact.

The public and teaching hospitals that comprise the Teaching Hospitals of Texas are physically located in just 12 of the state's 254 counties. But their reach, impact, and importance are statewide.

Based on a sample of Teaching Hospitals of Texas members, we found that these hospitals and the services they provide helped Texans in every single Texas county.



Just seven of THOT's community-based hospitals provided care to patients from each of Texas' 254 counties in 2023.¹

This small number of hospitals, **less than 3 percent of total hospitals in the state**, have a critical role in and outsized impact on care for Texans statewide.

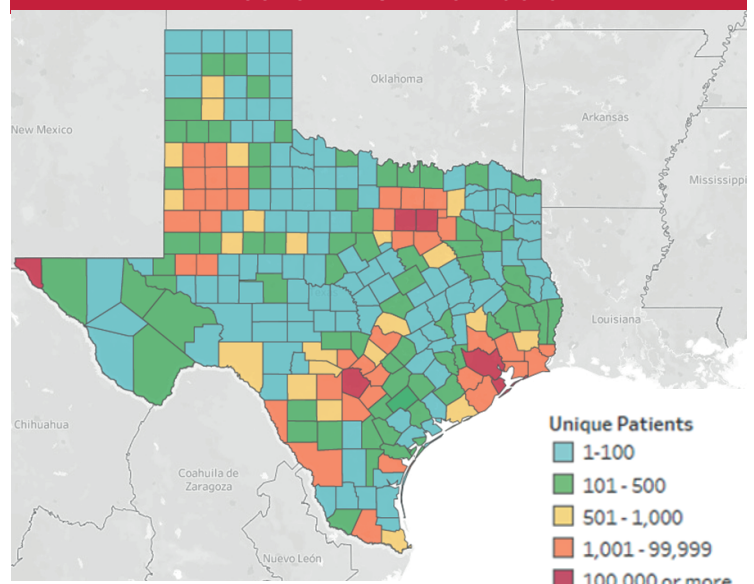
Why? Because these hospitals provide critical care that may not be available in other Texas communities, including time-sensitive trauma care; specialty and subspecialty care; and best-in-class diagnostics and treatment options with some of the best clinicians in the state able to use the latest research-informed care.

While most THOT hospitals are proudly local in ownership, governance, and community orientation, the largest public and teaching hospitals of Texas have a statewide mission, commitment, and reach that exceeds their geographic boundaries. That includes providing the best in patient care but also training nurses, physicians, therapists, pharmacists and other health professions to care for Texans across the state. Nearly 60 percent of all physician graduate medical education interns and residents and thousands of other healthcare students from hundreds of schools statewide are working in one of the 16 teaching hospitals of Texas.

Key Findings:

- Just **seven THOT members cared for nearly 1.6 million unique individual patients** in 2023.
 - The majority of these patients (more than 90 percent) received outpatient care while about 10 percent of these patients were hospitalized.
- **Parkland Health** had the largest patient census with nearly 350,000 unique patients.
- **UMC Health System's (Lubbock)** geographic reach was the most extensive. It cared for at least one patient from all but 17 of the state's counties. In addition, excluding its home county of Lubbock County, it cared for between 101 and 10,000 patients from 45 counties.

TOTAL UNIQUE PATIENTS, 2023 Seven THOT members



Harris Health System – Harris County

Cared for 249,330 unique patients from 148 Texas counties, including El Paso County in far West Texas and Ochiltree County near the Oklahoma border.

**JPS Health Network – Tarrant County**

Cared for 228,513 unique patients from 200 Texas counties, including Brewster and Cameron Counties on the Southern border.

**Parkland Health – Dallas County**

Cared for 349,685 unique patients from 176 Texas counties, including Val Verde County and Dallam County on the border with New Mexico and Oklahoma.

**UMC Health System – Lubbock County**

Cared for 128,105 unique patients from 237 Texas counties.

**University Health – Bexar County**

Cared for 266,697 unique Texas patients from 216 Texas counties.

**University Medical Center – El Paso County**

Cared for 113,505 unique Texas patients from 174 Texas counties. El Paso also sees patients from New Mexico, although those patients are not reflected in these data.

**University of Texas Medical Branch – Galveston County**

Cared for 216,141 unique patients from 178 Texas counties, including Hansford County on the Oklahoma Border and Gaines County on the New Mexico border.



Working together to work wonders.

¹Based on unique patient counts from seven teaching and public hospitals: Harris Health System, JPS Health Network, Parkland Health, The University of Texas Medical Branch, UMC Lubbock, University Health, and University Medical Center El Paso.