



## Top Stories

### Fewer Americans Live in Rural Areas Than Would Like To

While the majority of Americans live in urban areas, a new report from Gallup suggests many would prefer otherwise. Asked what kind of community they'd live in if they could move anywhere they wished, Americans overall said their number one choice would be in a rural area. Just twelve percent of Americans reported that they would prefer to live in a big city, while twenty-seven percent reported they would like to live in a rural area.

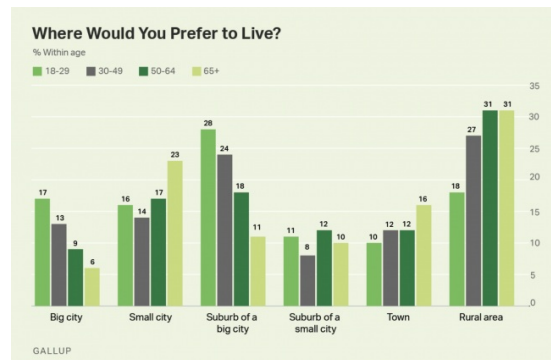


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### Listen: Rural Health in Western Wisconsin

Wisconsin Public Radio's *The West Side* took a look at rural health care in western Wisconsin on Monday. The panel discussed the accessibility and affordability of healthcare for rural residents. Topics included the ways that telemedicine's "robot physicians" to stroke care present possibilities to rural areas, insurance reimbursement, and the shortage of doctors as well as residency spots to train the next generation of physicians.

Listen to the show [here](#).  
(Source: Wisconsin Public Radio)

Health Professional Shortage Areas  
Primary Health Care

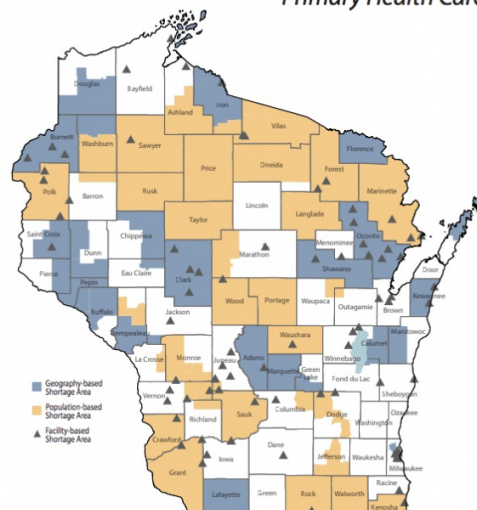


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# How Rural America Is Saving Itself

A **recent op-ed** argues that too much media coverage is focused on what outsiders are doing to fix rural areas, and ignores the steps rural areas take to fix themselves.

Writes Jean Hardy, a doctoral candidate who studies how rural communities in Michigan and Wisconsin use technology,

*"We treat rural communities as if they are just behind the times and waiting to catch up. When we turn to emerging American supercities as bastions of the future, we lose what we can learn from rural communities."*

(Source: CityLab)



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## More News

- A look at six policy situations **with unintended consequences** for rural health.
- About a third of funds raised through GoFundMe **go to healthcare expenses**.
- Wisconsin tribes are **feeling squeezed** by the current government shutdown.
- Americans **are now likelier to die of an overdose** than in a vehicle crash.
- **What's new** for rural health clinics in 2019?

## Funding & Opportunities

- **Targeted small grants** that provide financial assistance for projects that improve access to health foods in underserved areas. (Deadline: Feb. 14th)
- Grants to **enhance the safety of rural victims** of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking. (Deadline: Feb 14th)
- Awards to help underserved communities **address local environmental and public health issues**. (Deadline: February 15th)
- Grants for **community-based organizations providing care and services for HIV and AIDs**. (Letter of Inquiry: February 8th, Deadline: March 1st)

## Events

- Jan 22nd: **National Drug & Alcohol Facts Week**
- Jan 23rd: **Addressing Toxic Stress Among Farmers**
- Jan 24th: **Critical Access Hospitals Conditions of Participation, Pt. 1 (fee)**



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