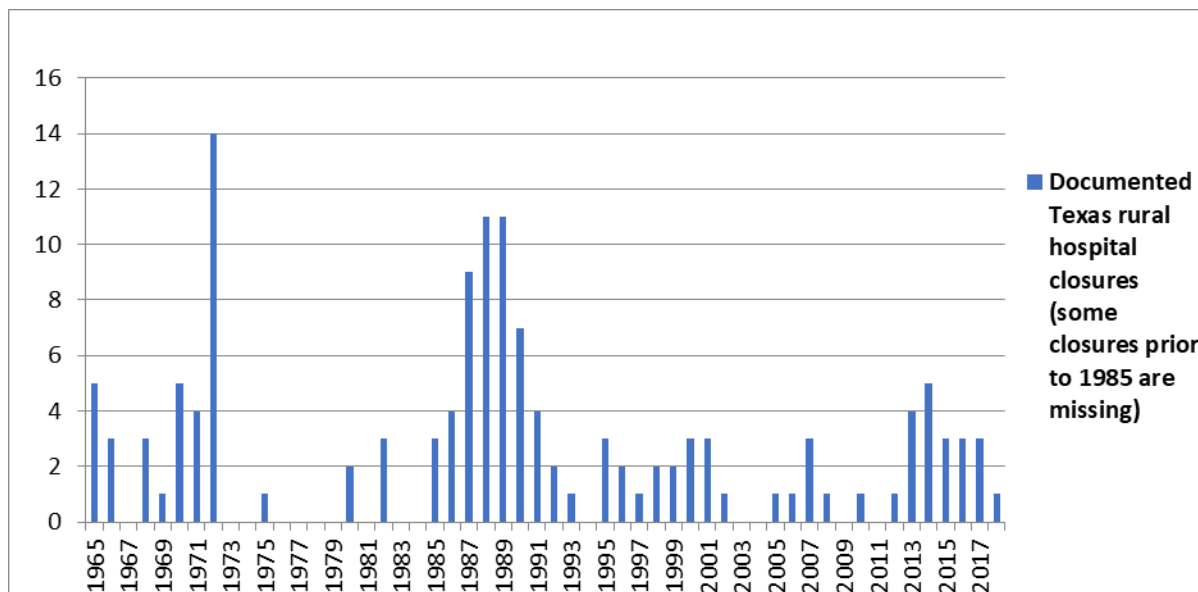# TEXAS RURAL ACUTE CARE HOSPITAL CLOSURES* (1965-2018)

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1965

Spur Memorial Hospital, 20 beds, Spur (Dickens County)
Bertram Hospital, Bertram (Burnet County)
Big Sandy Hospital, Big Sandy (Upshur County)
Jayton Clinic and Hospital, Jayton (Kent County)
Sadler Clinic Hospital, Merkel (Taylor County)

1966

Strawn Hospital, 10 beds, Strawn (Palo Pinto County)
Rising Star Hospital, Rising Star (Eastland County)
Callahan County Hospital, Baird (Callahan County)

1968

Nazareth Hospital, Mineral Wells (Palo Pinto County) - this hospital would be replaced
        later by a temporary hospital and then Palo Pinto General Hospital
Fabens Clinic and Hospitals, Fabens (El Paso County)
Wintermute Memorial, Klondike (Delta County) – converted to nursing home

1969

Corrigan Hospital (Polk County)

1970

Edwards Hospital, Hawkins (Wood County)
Johnson Hospital, Loraine (Mitchell County)
Santa Anna Hospital, Santa Anna (Coleman County)
Three Rivers Hospital, Three Rivers (Live Oak County)
Stratton Hospital, Cuero (DeWitt County) – closed with opening of Cuero Community

1971

Blackwell Hospital, Gorman (Eastland County)

Keidel Clinic and Hospital, Fredericksburg (Gillespie County) – merged into Hill Country
Hospital, Fredericksburg
Risser Hospital, Bonham (Fannin County)
Burns Hospital, Cuero (DeWitt County) – closed with opening of Cuero Community

1972

Janes Hospital, Cooper (Delta County)
Community Hospital, Olton (Lamb County)
Pineland Hospital, Pineland (Sabine County)
Wilkerson Hospital, Roby (Fisher County)
Zapata Medical Center, Zapata (Zapata County)
Alvarado Clinic and Hospital, Johnson City (Blanco County)
Schuhmann Hospital, East Bernard (Wharton County)
Stover Clinic, Marfa (Presidio County) – appears to have converted to clinic only
Stanley Hospital, Matador (Motley County)
Bilsing Clinic Hospital, Normangee (Madison County)
Wolfe City Hospital, Wolfe City (Hunt County)
Stevenson Clinic Hospital, Vidor (Orange County)
Park Clinic and Hospital, Iowa Park (Wichita County)
Allen Memorial Hospital, Bonham (Fannin County) – closed in conjunction with
opening of a new hospital, Northwest Medical Center which would eventually
become TMC Bonham

1975
July
Pleasanton Hospital, Pleasanton (Atascosa County) – the hospital will reopen months
later

1980

McLean Hospital, McLean (Gray County)
Groom Hospital, Groom (Carson County)
1982

Roma Hospital, Roma (Starr County)
Baker Hospital, Wills Point (Van Zandt County)
Fleming Hospital, Elgin (Bastrop County)

1985

Mercy Hospital, Slaton (Lubbock County)
Richards Hospital, Paducah (Cottle County)
Mason Hospital, Mason (Mason County)

1986
Oct
Knox County Hospital, Knox City (Knox County) – the hospital will reopen one year
later
Yorktown Memorial Hospital, Yorktown (DeWitt County)
Coke County Hospital, Robert Lee (Coke County)
Edwards County Memorial, Rocksprings (Edwards County)

1987

Hico Hospital, Hico (Hamilton County) – the hospital will later reopen
Selby General, Center (Shelby County) – the hospital will later reopen
Foard County Hospital, Crowell (Foard County)
Hamilton General, Hamilton (Hamilton County) – the hospital will reopen a year later

Hospital in the Pines, Lone Star (Morris County)
Meridian Hospital, Meridian (Bosque County)
Rosebud Community Hospital, Rosebud (Falls County)
Brazos Valley Hospital, Sealy (Austin County)
Wortham Hospital, Wortham (Freestone County)

1988
Sept   Golden Plains, Hospital, Borger (Hutchinson County) – the hospital will later reopen in late 1989
Milam Regional, Cameron (Milam County)
Robertson Medical Center, Hearne (Robertson County)
Bastrop Hospital, Bastrop (Bastrop County)
Shiner Hospital, Shiner (Lavaca County)
Marion County Hospital, Jefferson (Marion County)
Teague General Hospital, Teague (Freestone County)
Kirbyville General, Kirbyville (Jasper County)
Comfort Community Hospital, Comfort (Kendall County)
Taft Hospital, Taft (San Patricio County)
Yorktown Memorial, Yorktown (DeWitt County)

1989

Sterling City Hospital, Sterling City (Sterling County)
Mauritz Hospital, Ganado (Jackson County)
South Plains Hospital Clinic, Amherst (Lamb County)
Hall-Bennett Memorial, Big Spring (Howard County)
Archer County Hospital, Archer City (Archer County)
San Saba Hospital, San Saba (San Saba County)
Menard Hospital, Menard (Menard County)
Newton County Memorial, Newton (Newton County)
Leon Memorial, Buffalo (Leon County)
St. Edward Hospital, Cameron (Milam County) – will reopen in several months as Central Hospital
St. Jude Hospital, Brenham (Washington County) – closed and merged into Bohne Memorial to become Trinity Community which eventually becomes Baylor Scott & White

1990

Hico Community Hospital, Hico (Hamilton County)
Graham Memorial Hospital, Cisco (Eastland County)
Ranger General Hospital, Ranger (Eastland County)
Burleson Hospital, Caldwell (Burleson County)
Harris Methodist, Dublin (Erath County)
Granberry Memorial, Naples (Morris County)
Hubbard Hospital, Hubbard (Hill County)

1991
Sept   Rollins Brook, Lampasas (Lampasas County) - will reopen with new owner
Caprock Hospital, Floydada (Floyd County)
Childress General Hospital, Goldthwaite (Mills County)
Winter Garden Medical Center, Dilley (Frio County)

1992
Aug   Medical Center, Gladewater (Gregg County)

Bridgeport Hospital, Bridgeport (Wise County) - another hospital will open in 2008 but will close in 2015

1993
June   Lee Memorial, 32 beds, Giddings (Lee County)

1994

(No known closures)

1995
Aug   Goliad County Hospital, 24 beds, Goliad (Goliad County)
Aug   Gilmer Medical Center, 46 beds, Gilmer (Upshur County)
Oct   Brooks County Hospital, 31 beds, Falfurrias (Brooks County)

1996
July   Crockett County Hospital, 20 beds, Ozona (Crockett County)
Oct   Garza Memorial Hospital, 26 beds, Post (Garza County)

1997
Mar   Shackelford County Hospital, 24 beds, Albany (Shackelford County)

1998
Oct   Palo Duro Hospital, 49 beds, Canyon (Randall County)
Lakes Regional Medical Center, Jasper (Jasper County) – the hospital will be purchased and will reopen in 2000

1999
May   Silsbee Doctors Hospital, 69 beds, Silsbee (Hardin County)
June   East Texas Medical Center, Rusk (Cherokee County)

2000
Feb   Medical Center of Winnie, 49 beds, Winnie (Chambers County)
April   Baylor Medical Center, Ennis (Ellis County)
Brooks Hospital, Atlanta (Cass County)

2001
May   Hillcrest Medical, 49 beds, West (McLennan County)
Aug   East Texas Medical Center, Gilmer (Upshur County) – this facility will later reopen
Oct   Hi-Plains Hospital, 41 beds, Hale Center (Hale County)

2002
Aug   Hall County Hospital, Memphis (Hall County)

2005
July   DeLeon Hospital, DeLeon (Comanche County)

2006
Aug   Living Hope New Boston Medical Center, 63 beds, New Boston (Bowie County)

2007
Jan   Barix Clinics of Texas, Wylie (Collin County)
Jan   Renaissance Hospital Terrell North Campus, Terrell (Kaufman County)
Oct   Dolly Vinsant Memorial, San Benito (Cameron County)

2008

July   Dickerson Memorial Hospital, Jasper (Jasper County)

2010

Nov   Bastrop Hospital, Bastrop (Bastrop County) - later replaced with freestanding ER which
                         remains open

2012

Aug   Weimer Hospital, Weimer (Colorado County) - will later reopen in Aug 2015

2013

Feb   Renaissance Hospital, Terrell (Kaufman County)
July   Shelby Regional, Center (Shelby County) - later replaced with freestanding ER
Aug   Cozby-Germany, Grand Saline (Van Zandt County) - reopened 4-15 as Texas General
Aug   Central Texas Hospital, Cameron (Milam County) - reopened 11-14 as Little River
                         Healthcare

2014

April   Lake Whitney Medical, Whitney (Hill County)
April   Good Shepard, Linden (Cass County)
Dec   ETMC, Gilmer (Upshur County)
Dec   ETMC, Mount Vernon (Franklin County)
Dec   ETMC, Clarksville (Red River County) - anticipated reopening in 2019 after construction
                         of new facility

2015

Jan   North Texas Regional, Bridgeport (Wise County) - acquired by nearby Wise Health in
                         2013, closed inpatient services Jan 2015, but continues with an urgent care
                         center - not a full ER
April   Hunt Regional, Commerce (Hunt County) - inpatient hospital closed services but
                         continues as a freestanding ER and outpatient facility
Nov   Bowie Memorial Hospital, 44 beds, Bowie (Montague County) - Reopened as Central
                         Hospital of Bowie, April 2017

2016

May   Gulf Coast Regional Medical Center, Wharton, 159 beds (Wharton County) - ER
                         initially remained open but closed in Nov 16
Oct   Nix Community, 18 beds, Dilley (Frio County)
Nov   Weimar Medical Center, 38 beds Weimar (Colorado County) -ER and outpatient
                         reopened on 12-19-16 and inpatient resumed as of 2-1-17

2017

July   Timberlands Hospital, 49 beds, Crockett (Houston County) – reopened as Crocket
                 Medical Center, 25 beds, September 2018
July   ETMC Trinity, Trinity (Trinity County)
Nov   Weimar Hospital, Weimar (Colorado County) – prior closures of this
                         hospital in Nov 2016 and Aug 2012

2018

July   Stamford Memorial, 25 beds, Stamford (Jones County) – some outpatient services
                         remain in place but no inpatient or ER

Special Closure Notes

> Care Regional Medical Center, Aransas Pass (Nueces County) closed late 2017 until early 2018 due to hurricane damage and has been noted as a "rural" closure on some national lists. However, Care Regional is in a partly rural section of a metropolitan county – Nueces – and does not have a Medicare or Medicaid rural designation.
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> Cleveland Regional, Cleveland (Liberty County) closed Aug 2014 and reopened 7-17 as ER with 2 inpatients beds. It is shown on some national lists as a "rural closure" but is no longer considered a rural hospital because it is in an MSA, county size exceeds rural, and it holds no specific rural designation from Medicare or Medicaid.

CLOSED RURAL HOSPITALS WITH CLOSURE DATE UNKNOWN (but presumed prior to 1990)
Hardin Memorial Hospital, Kountze (Hardin County)
Hebbronville (Jim Hogg County)
Mixon Hospital, Kirbyville (Jasper County) – probably 85 or 86
Castroville Hospital, Castroville (Medina County)
Starlite Hospital, Center Point (Kerr County)
Foard County Hospital, Crowell (Foard County)
Community Hospital, Raymondville (Willacy County)
Crystal Hospital, Crystal City (Zavala County)
Hempstead Hospital, Hempstead (Waller County)
Pleasanton Hospital, Pleasanton (Atascosa County) – the hospital closed and then reopened in 1975, and then closed again but no date found for final closure.

*Footnotes:

A hospital closure can be a full closure of the facility or a hospital ceasing inpatient services. Some hospitals in recent years have closed inpatient services but continue to operate as a so called "free standing" emergency or urgent care center and may also offer outpatient services, but they are no longer considered a hospital.

There is no known single official listing of Texas rural hospital closures. This list was reconstructed by the Texas Organization of Rural & Community Hospitals years after many of the closures from a number of sources and records with the Texas Department of State Health Services, the State Office of Rural Health, the Texas State Archives, County Historical Commissions, TORCH records, newspaper and media accounts, and persons with knowledge of Texas rural hospital closures.

Records found in the State Office of Rural Health indicate 166 closures between 1980 and 1985 although some of those closures may be urban hospitals; and Dr. Red Duke is quoted in a 1992 Texas Monthly article that 126 Texas rural hospitals closed between 1982 and 1992, of which many cannot be documented. Reconciling those comments against hospitals on this list, it would appear that 25+ hospitals are missing from the list.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (Department of State Health Services prior to 2018) licenses hospitals and is the official depository for licensing and closure records, however, some hospital closures in the past have apparently not been reported to DSHS. Records on some of the older closures are not locatable. DSHS records showing the cancellation of a license are often construed as a closing when the license may have been reissued because of owner change and there was no closing.

Some of these closures are of the same hospital on more than one occasion where a hospital closed, reopened, and then closed again.

The hospitals on this list were considered to be rural as they were located in a "rural" area at the time of their closures, but the area may longer be considered "rural" under current definitions as the county may have been brought into an MSA, etc.

This list may not reconcile with some national lists of rural closures as hospitals that may be considered rural by some are not technically rural (lacking a Medicare or Medicaid rural designation) and are not included on this closure list.

Some closures may have occurred in one year but are listed in a different year because of inability to document an exact date of closure.

This list is regularly updated as hospital status changes and historic information on closures is located.