

HEALTH CARE SERVICE ENVIRONMENT AND STRATEGIES IN WEST ALABAMA AND EAST MISSISSIPPI

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Following the West Alabama – East Mississippi (WAEM) Governors Summit in May 2007, The Montgomery Institute (TMI) initiated research and outreach activities to identify health care issues and opportunities in the 37-county rural WAEM Region.

Data show health care challenges in the region are significant. As the following two charts show, Alabama and Mississippi rank at or near the bottom in health risk factors.

ALABAMA

	Non-Hispanic White	Non-Hispanic Black	Hispanic	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Asian/Pacific Islander	State Total	Healthy People 2010 National Target	State Rank
Population (2008) (all ages)	69.1	26.5	2.9	0.6	1.1	4,661,900		
Health risk factors (percent) §								
Diagnosed high blood pressure (2007–2009)	30.2	43.5	30.4	28.6	*	33.1	+	52
Obesity (2007–2009) (age 20 & over)	29.0	42.8	32.3	28.9	14.0	32.3	15.0	53
No leisure-time physical activity (2007–2009)	28.0	34.7	26.6	21.8	35.1	29.9	20.0	49
Smoking currently (2007–2009)	23.8	20.3	25.0	24.8	9.2	22.8	12.0	46
Eats 5+ fruits and vegetables a day (2007–2009)	20.6	18.7	23.3	16.6	*	20.4	+	43

MISSISSIPPI

	Non-Hispanic White	Non-Hispanic Black	Hispanic	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Asian/Pacific Islander	State Total	Healthy People 2010 National Target	State Rank
Population (2008) (all ages)	59.1	37.3	2.2	0.5	0.9	2,938,618		
Health risk factors (percent) §								
Diagnosed high blood pressure (2007–2009)	30.6	44.1	22.1	36.6	*	34.9	+	54
Obesity (2007–2009) (age 20 & over)	29.7	44.1	27.6	45.9	15.6	34.3	15.0	54
No leisure-time physical activity (2007–2009)	29.0	37.6	32.5	29.0	29.9	32.1	20.0	52
Smoking currently (2007–2009)	24.2	22.0	22.9	38.0	21.2	23.3	12.0	47
Eats 5+ fruits and vegetables a day (2007–2009)	17.8	15.9	26.1	15.3	*	17.5	+	51

Of the 18 Alabama counties in the WAEM Region, 15 rank in the bottom half of the Health Outcomes rankings (see tables below). Indeed, nine of the 10 lowest ranked counties are in the region. Of the 19 Mississippi counties in the region, 10 rank in the bottom half. To have so many counties in the bottom half of the rankings of states ranked at the bottom indicates the severity of the health care challenges in the WAEM Region.

Overall County Rankings: Alabama (WAEM Counties Highlighted)

Rank	Health Outcomes	Rank	Health Factors
1	Shelby	1	Shelby
2	Lee	2	Madison

Rank	Health Outcomes	Rank	Health Factors
3	Baldwin	3	Baldwin
4	Madison	4	Limestone
5	Morgan	5	Elmore
6	Limestone	6	Lauderdale
7	Elmore	7	Cullman
8	Houston	8	Tuscaloosa
9	Coffee	9	Blount
10	Blount	10	Autauga
11	Dale	11	Lee
12	Lauderdale	12	Houston
13	Geneva	13	Coffee
14	Washington	14	Fayette
15	Cullman	15	Marion
16	Covington	16	Lawrence
17	Lamar	17	St. Clair
18	St. Clair	18	Montgomery
19	DeKalb	19	Bibb
20	Montgomery	20	Cleburne
21	Clarke	21	Morgan
22	Tuscaloosa	22	Mobile
23	Autauga	23	Pickens
24	Crenshaw	24	Marshall
25	Marshall	25	Walker
26	Jefferson	26	Geneva
27	Clay	27	Talladega
28	Chambers	28	Etowah
29	Henry	29	Lamar
30	Colbert	30	Calhoun
31	Randolph	31	Jefferson
32	Cleburne	32	Franklin
33	Winston	33	Choctaw
34	Etowah	34	Dale

Rank	Health Outcomes	Rank	Health Factors
35	Jackson	35	Chilton
36	Pickens	36	Washington
37	Pike	37	Colbert
38	Monroe	38	Cherokee
39	Lawrence	39	Macon
40	Tallapoosa	40	DeKalb
41	Franklin	41	Winston
42	Mobile	42	Jackson
43	Marion	43	Clay
44	Cherokee	44	Henry
45	Barbour	45	Marengo
46	Calhoun	46	Pike
47	Escambia	47	Chambers
48	Hale	48	Russell
49	Choctaw	49	Clarke
50	Coosa	50	Randolph
51	Bibb	51	Coosa
52	Macon	52	Crenshaw
53	Talladega	53	Covington
54	Russell	54	Barbour
55	Butler	55	Tallapoosa
56	Conecuh	56	Monroe
57	Chilton	57	Conecuh
58	Marengo	58	Escambia
59	Fayette	59	Hale
60	Wilcox	60	Butler
61	Sumter	61	Sumter
62	Dallas	62	Bullock
63	Bullock	63	Dallas
64	Lowndes	64	Perry
65	Walker	65	Wilcox
66	Greene	66	Greene

Rank	Health Outcomes	Rank	Health Factors
67	Perry	67	Lowndes

Source: <http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/>

Overall County Rankings: Mississippi (WAEM Counties Highlighted)

Rank	Health Outcomes	Rank	Health Factors
1	DeSoto	1	Madison
2	Rankin	2	Lamar
3	Lamar	3	Rankin
4	Lafayette	4	Lafayette
5	Oktibbeha	5	Oktibbeha
6	Pontotoc	6	Lee
7	Madison	7	Itawamba
8	Lowndes	8	DeSoto
9	Choctaw	9	Lincoln
10	Greene	10	Alcorn
11	Newton	11	Forrest
12	Lee	12	Hinds
13	Hancock	13	Jones
14	Jackson	14	Jackson
15	Union	15	Lauderdale
16	Alcorn	16	Newton
17	Kemper	17	Union
18	Carroll	18	Pontotoc
19	Webster	19	Clarke
20	Tate	20	Prentiss
21	Lincoln	21	Winston
22	Warren	22	Lowndes
23	Monroe	23	Smith
24	Montgomery	24	Hancock
25	Sharkey	25	George

Rank	Health Outcomes	Rank	Health Factors
26	Prentiss	26	Neshoba
27	Itawamba	27	Stone
28	Pearl River	28	Simpson
29	Harrison	29	Choctaw
30	Jones	30	Pearl River
31	Perry	31	Webster
32	Hinds	32	Monroe
33	Walthall	33	Covington
34	Clay	34	Wayne
35	Chickasaw	35	Warren
36	Forrest	36	Harrison
37	Yalobusha	37	Tishomingo
38	Amite	38	Tippah
39	Lauderdale	39	Attala
40	Franklin	40	Jasper
41	Yazoo	41	Leake
42	Wayne	42	Copiah
43	Clarke	43	Montgomery
44	Calhoun	44	Greene
45	Tippah	45	Franklin
46	Simpson	46	Adams
47	Noxubee	47	Walthall
48	Lawrence	48	Wilkinson
49	George	49	Lawrence
50	Tishomingo	50	Amite
51	Marshall	51	Noxubee
52	Scott	52	Chickasaw
53	Neshoba	53	Tate
54	Pike	54	Panola
55	Winston	55	Carroll

Rank	Health Outcomes	Rank	Health Factors
56	Jasper	56	Calhoun
57	Leake	57	Benton
58	Attala	58	Grenada
59	Stone	59	Perry
60	Copiah	60	Kemper
61	Leflore	61	Marion
62	Covington	62	Claiborne
63	Washington	63	Scott
64	Adams	64	Pike
65	Smith	65	Yalobusha
66	Panola	66	Clay
67	Bolivar	67	Bolivar
68	Wilkinson	68	Marshall
69	Tunica	69	Jefferson Davis
70	Claiborne	70	Tallahatchie
71	Coahoma	71	Yazoo
72	Sunflower	72	Washington
73	Jefferson	73	Leflore
74	Benton	74	Sharkey
75	Humphreys	75	Sunflower
76	Grenada	76	Quitman
77	Jefferson Davis	77	Tunica
78	Quitman	78	Jefferson
79	Marion	79	Coahoma
80	Tallahatchie	80	Humphreys
81	Holmes	81	Holmes

Not Ranked: Issaquena

Source: <http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/>

Health care infrastructure in the region is limited, with the exception of Tuscaloosa County in Alabama and Lauderdale County in Mississippi, which host major health facilities.

The East Central Mississippi Health Network covers nearly all of the Mississippi counties in the region. Its purpose is to improve health care services and infrastructure throughout the rural area. The East Central Area Health Education Center (AHEC) is hosted by the Network. No similar organizations exist in the West Alabama area.

After discussing issues and challenges with health care providers and other WAEM partners, TMI developed separate strategies for the Alabama and Mississippi areas of the region. A strategy was developed to work with West Alabama providers and WAEM partners to establish a regional health network and/or AHEC similar to the East Central Mississippi Health Network and its associated East Central Area Health Education Center (AHEC). A second strategy was developed to work with East Mississippi providers and WAEM partners to pursue health care workforce training opportunities.

WEST ALABAMA

Key partners in the West Alabama effort are the Rural Alabama Health Alliance (RAHA) and the Rural Health Programs directed by Dr. John Wheat at the University of Alabama's (Tuscaloosa) School of Family Medicine. RAHA is a small 501(c)(3) charitable organization serving Bibb, Fayette, Pickens, and Sumter Counties in West Alabama. RAHA works to promote medical and health education in rural communities, to enhance rural health care and to stimulate rural community development.

During 2009, TMI and WAEM partners worked with RAHA to develop a Rural Health Network. RAHA applied for a Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) network planning grant. After the grant was not awarded, the prospective network's member organizations appealed to the Alabama Family Practice Rural Health Board (AFPRHB) for funding. Their request was viewed as vitally important for a geographical area of great need, the Alabama Black Belt, and initial six-month start-up funding was provided.

By July 2010, the West Alabama Rural Medical Care Alliance (WARMCA) formally began operating. RAHA serves as the fiscal agent while partner organizations have begun to develop a suitable organizational structure and plan of operation. The six-month program will be reviewed in December 2010, and if the results show promise, AFPRHB has agreed to provide another six months of funding.

The long range goal of the West Alabama Rural Medical Care Alliance (WARMCA) is to establish a broad-based rural medical education program in a resource-challenged underserved rural region of West Alabama. The cost of such an effort is too much for any one educational program or institution to bear alone; it is also highly probable that a single institution or organization will not suffice. There is a preliminary need to organize partners in and around the region whose missions depend on rural physician education and services in the region. Working jointly, a community-based medical education program can become feasible.

The focus of this project is to further develop plans for WARMCA, with the resulting rural health network operating to benefit an underserved rural region of Alabama. RAHA and nine

initial partner organizations proposed to formalize an alliance among regional partners and develop a collaborative system that ultimately will increase the supply of primary care physicians in West Alabama. The nine initial partners represent a variety of Healthcare constituents:

- Rural Alabama Health Alliance
- Maude Whatley Health Services (an FQHC)
- Black Belt Community Health Services, which is a consortium of Greene County Hospital and Nursing Home, Hale County Hospital, and Hill Hospital (Sumter County)
- West Alabama Mental Health Center (a publicly supported mental health center)
- Black Belt Action Commission
- The Montgomery Institute
- The University of Alabama College of Community Health Sciences
- Alabama A & M University (a public HBCU)
- Three community – based family practice residencies: St. Vincent’s in Birmingham, Baptist in Montgomery and the University of Alabama program in Selma.

The proposed network project will target the 13 West Alabama counties of Choctaw, Marengo, Wilcox, Sumter, Greene, Hale, Perry, Dallas, Lamar, Fayette, Pickens, Tuscaloosa, and Bibb to become rural community – based training sites for medical students, resident physicians, and rural medical fellows.

The staff of WARMCA includes RAHA Vice President, John Brandon, MD, who serves as Principal Investigator/Director and who will oversee the broad activity of the network and serve as liaison between RAHA, AFPRHP, and WARMCA. Dr. Ed Snodgrass of TMI serves as Assistant Executive Director responsible for strategic planning, meeting goals of the alliance. Melissa Cox, of UofA’s CCHS is program coordinator conducting the day to day operations of the program. Evaluation and finances will be the duties of Dr. Jim Leeper and Tina Whatley both of UofA’s CCHS.

Through the development of WARMCA, a vehicle to further the goals of the WAEM Region strategy has been created. Although the geographical region represented does not completely represent all of the 18 Alabama counties in the WAEM region, expansion is a possibility as progress is made within the initial catchment area.

EAST MISSISSIPPI

After the WAEM Governors Summit selected the health care cluster as one of its targets for talent development, TMI offered the East Central Mississippi Health Network and the East Mississippi Area Health Education Center (AHEC) the opportunity to co-locate at its facilities to better coordinate research and strategy development in the health care cluster. Through this close partnership, WAEM partners better aligned health care issues with opportunities for talent development. When the U.S. Department of Labor issued a grant opportunity for health care jobs, the area was ready to submit an application.

The health care sector is one of the few existing major high-growth economic engines in a six-county area of the East Mississippi WAEM Region. As such it provides 15.5% of total jobs and

18.8% of total wages. Four major health care providers, Rush Health Systems, Alliance Health Center, East Mississippi State Hospital, and Neshoba General Hospital, identified Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) talent development as a critical need. In particular, the providers were interested in better trained CNAs and opportunities to improve retention.

The Mississippi Department of Employment Security showed current occupational employment of 1,810 health care assistants, including Certified Nurse Aides (CNAs), and 2,470 Registered Nurses in the region. These entry-level health care assistants earn from \$7.27 to \$7.79 per hour, placing them in a low-wage category.

The Department of Labor grant opportunity targeted dislocated workers and low-wage incumbent workers. WAEM Partners saw the grant as an opportunity to meet health care provider needs while enhancing the skills of a challenged sector of the workforce. As with the WIRED grant, partners also sought to improve training methods and enhance career goals for participants.

As a result, partners crafted a grant proposal that included a goal to improve wages and career advancement for entry-level CNAs and another goal to implement a Nursing Career Lattice Model derived from a model developed by the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning. The three community college training partners in the grant, East Central Community College, East Mississippi Community College, and Meridian Community College, joined the health care providers in committing to implement the career lattice.

On behalf of the partners, TMI submitted the proposal in October 2009. In February 2010, Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis announced the WAEM partners had won a \$4.5 million award to implement its program.

Since the grant award, partners have worked to implement the training and retention programs outlined in the grant.

TMI continues to work with partners in both West Alabama and East Mississippi to identify opportunities to improve both collaboration and talent development for the health care cluster in the WAEM Region.

DATA

The following charts provide data on the health care environment in both states and the region.

Health Factors Rankings (Alabama)

Rank	Health Behaviors	Rank	Clinical Care	Rank	Social & Economic Factors	Rank	Physical Environment
1	Shelby	1	Jefferson	1	Shelby	1	Marion
2	Lauderdale	2	Shelby	2	Blount	2	Chilton
3	Limestone	3	Houston	3	Baldwin	3	Lawrence
4	Conecuh	4	Montgomery	4	Madison	4	Cullman

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5	Baldwin	5	Mobile	5	Limestone	5	Lamar
6	Madison	6	Tuscaloosa	6	Elmore	5	Pickens
7	Elmore	7	Madison	7	Coffee	7	Hale
8	Lee	8	Dallas	8	Autauga	8	Dallas
9	Lamar	9	Chambers	9	Cullman	9	Chambers
10	Marion	10	Macon	10	Lee	10	Bibb
11	Pickens	11	Calhoun	11	St. Clair	11	Blount
12	Blount	12	Barbour	12	Lawrence	12	Elmore
13	Cleburne	13	Talladega	13	Cleburne	13	Franklin
14	Tuscaloosa	14	Autauga	14	Lauderdale	14	Winston
15	Clay	15	Tallapoosa	15	Morgan	15	Fayette
16	DeKalb	16	Choctaw	16	Tuscaloosa	16	Lauderdale
17	Cullman	17	Colbert	17	Bibb	17	DeKalb
18	Franklin	18	Fayette	18	Walker	18	Marshall
19	Winston	19	Russell	19	Colbert	19	Geneva
20	Fayette	20	Marengo	20	Jackson	20	Monroe
21	Montgomery	21	Clarke	21	Cherokee	21	Walker
22	Geneva	22	Baldwin	22	Dale	22	Dale
23	Henry	23	Walker	23	Fayette	23	Butler
24	Jefferson	24	Etowah	24	Etowah	24	Talladega
25	Houston	25	Limestone	25	Chilton	25	Washington
26	Choctaw	26	Sumter	26	Crenshaw	26	Randolph
27	Marengo	27	Morgan	27	Marshall	27	Jackson
28	Mobile	28	Elmore	28	Houston	28	Calhoun
29	Chambers	29	Lauderdale	29	Covington	29	Clay
30	Macon	30	Dale	30	Washington	30	Houston
31	Bibb	31	Pike	31	Geneva	31	Limestone
32	Coffee	32	Henry	32	Franklin	32	St. Clair
33	Pike	33	Coosa	33	Winston	33	Mobile
34	Marshall	34	Pickens	34	Jefferson	34	Coosa
35	Autauga	35	Coffee	35	Calhoun	35	Lee
36	Coosa	36	Hale	36	Randolph	36	Escambia
37	Talladega	37	Marion	37	DeKalb	37	Autauga

Rank	Health Behaviors	Rank	Clinical Care	Rank	Social & Economic Factors	Rank	Physical Environment
38	Randolph	38	Cullman	38	Lamar	38	Cherokee
39	Monroe	39	St. Clair	39	Clay	39	Etowah
40	Washington	40	Lee	40	Marion	40	Coffee
41	Cherokee	41	Bullock	41	Talladega	41	Tallapoosa
42	Lawrence	42	Perry	42	Pike	42	Tuscaloosa
43	Clarke	43	Wilcox	43	Pickens	43	Baldwin
44	Crenshaw	44	Lowndes	44	Mobile	44	Macon
45	Russell	45	Marshall	45	Choctaw	45	Crenshaw
46	Morgan	46	Monroe	46	Henry	46	Barbour
47	Etowah	47	Jackson	47	Russell	47	Madison
48	Covington	48	Greene	48	Tallapoosa	48	Pike
49	Calhoun	49	Washington	49	Butler	49	Clarke
50	Chilton	50	Escambia	50	Clarke	50	Perry
51	Barbour	51	Chilton	51	Montgomery	51	Morgan
52	Escambia	52	Geneva	52	Marengo	52	Montgomery
53	St. Clair	53	Bibb	53	Coosa	53	Russell
54	Dale	54	Lawrence	54	Barbour	54	Lowndes
55	Walker	55	Covington	55	Macon	55	Henry
56	Jackson	56	Cherokee	56	Escambia	56	Marengo
57	Colbert	57	Cleburne	57	Hale	57	Greene
58	Butler	58	Butler	58	Monroe	58	Colbert
59	Hale	59	Franklin	59	Sumter	59	Sumter
60	Tallapoosa	60	Blount	60	Conecuh	60	Choctaw
61	Bullock	61	Randolph	61	Chambers	61	Covington
62	Sumter	62	Lamar	62	Bullock	62	Wilcox
63	Dallas	63	Clay	63	Greene	63	Bullock
64	Perry	64	Crenshaw	64	Wilcox	64	Cleburne
65	Wilcox	65	DeKalb	65	Perry	65	Conecuh
66	Greene	66	Winston	66	Lowndes	66	Shelby
67	Lowndes	67	Conecuh	67	Dallas	67	Jefferson

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Health Factors Rankings (Mississippi)

Rank	Health Behaviors	Rank	Clinical Care	Rank	Social & Economic Factors	Rank	Physical Environment
1	Madison	1	Madison	1	Lafayette	1	George
2	Oktibbeha	2	Hinds	2	Rankin	2	Walthall
3	Clarke	3	Lee	3	Madison	2	Winston
4	Noxubee	4	Lauderdale	4	Lamar	4	Wilkinson
5	Choctaw	5	Lamar	5	DeSoto	5	Covington
6	Rankin	6	Humphreys	6	Oktibbeha	5	Neshoba
7	Lafayette	7	Lowndes	7	Jackson	7	Greene
8	Lee	8	Rankin	8	Lincoln	8	Choctaw
9	Lamar	9	Forrest	9	Harrison	8	Stone
10	Hinds	10	Leflore	10	Smith	10	Alcorn
11	Itawamba	11	Holmes	11	Union	11	Jefferson
12	Wayne	12	Bolivar	12	Pontotoc	12	Tishomingo
13	Alcorn	13	Jackson	13	Itawamba	13	Simpson
14	Webster	14	Washington	14	Hancock	14	Lawrence
15	Lauderdale	15	Winston	15	Lee	14	Montgomery
16	Newton	16	Attala	16	Pearl River	14	Scott
17	Smith	17	Coahoma	17	Jones	14	Webster
18	Simpson	18	Copiah	18	Alcorn	18	Itawamba
19	Prentiss	19	Warren	19	Newton	19	Franklin
20	Forrest	20	Wilkinson	20	George	20	Smith
21	Hancock	21	Monroe	21	Tate	21	Carroll
22	DeSoto	22	Tallahatchie	22	Forrest	22	Pearl River
23	Tippah	23	Adams	23	Covington	23	Rankin
24	Jones	24	DeSoto	24	Neshoba	24	Lincoln
25	Clay	25	Lincoln	25	Lawrence	25	Calhoun
26	Pontotoc	26	Benton	26	Webster	26	Lamar
27	Lincoln	27	Jones	27	Stone	27	Perry
28	Lowndes	28	Clay	28	Prentiss	28	Amite
29	Union	29	Itawamba	29	Lowndes	29	Chickasaw
30	Tishomingo	30	Prentiss	30	Greene	30	Benton
31	Attala	31	Harrison	31	Simpson	31	Noxubee
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36	Jackson	36	Pike	36	Lauderdale	36	Clarke
37	George	37	Oktibbeha	37	Clarke	37	Jefferson Davis
38	Winston	38	Union	38	Copiah	38	Tippah
39	Claiborne	39	Marshall	39	Tishomingo	39	Newton
40	Adams	40	Montgomery	40	Winston	40	Jasper
41	Leake	41	Stone	41	Perry	41	Holmes
42	Montgomery	42	Pontotoc	42	Walthall	42	Claiborne
43	Yazoo	43	Yazoo	43	Monroe	43	Wayne
44	Amite	44	Neshoba	44	Wayne	44	Leake
45	Stone	45	Alcorn	45	Jasper	45	Madison
46	Yalobusha	46	Noxubee	46	Kemper	46	Attala
47	Bolivar	47	Grenada	47	Marion	47	Jones
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51	Perry	51	Sharkey	51	Carroll	51	Yalobusha
52	Greene	52	Chickasaw	52	Montgomery	52	Tallahatchie
53	Jefferson Davis	53	Carroll	53	Amite	53	Monroe
54	Warren	54	Newton	54	Panola	54	Adams
55	Washington	55	Tippah	55	Grenada	55	Clay
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58	Kemper	58	Tate	58	Choctaw	58	Grenada
59	Franklin	59	Jefferson Davis	59	Adams	59	Warren
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70	Copiah	70	Claiborne	70	Yazoo	70	Lowndes
71	Quitman	71	Wayne	71	Tunica	71	Washington
72	Marion	72	Tishomingo	72	Washington	72	Coahoma
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74	Scott	74	Lawrence	74	Noxubee	74	Lauderdale
75	Coahoma	75	George	75	Jefferson	75	Sharkey
76	Tate	76	Scott	76	Sunflower	76	Humphreys
77	Marshall	77	Walthall	77	Clay	77	Hancock
78	Jefferson	78	Greene	78	Leflore	78	Bolivar
79	Tunica	79	Smith	79	Humphreys	79	Lee
80	Humphreys	80	Webster	80	Coahoma	80	DeSoto
81	Holmes	81	Perry	81	Holmes	81	Harrison

Not Ranked: Issaquena

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An additional 531 pages of data listed below.

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