

OSU COM's Commitment to Rural & Underserved Oklahoma

1972

Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery (OCOMS) created.

1988

OCOMS merged with OSU to create the **OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine (OSU COM)**.

2011

Rural Medical Track (RMT) created.

2019

Tribal Medical Track (TMT) created.

2023

Urban Underserved Medical Track (UUMT) created.

“Our mission at OSU CHS is to educate and train osteopathic physicians, scientists, and health care professionals, with an emphasis on providing health care for rural and underserved areas of Oklahoma.”

Pre-Admissions: Intentional Recruitment



K-12

Inspire young people to pursue careers in medical professions.

Undergraduate

Provide a pathway for a career as a physician in Oklahoma.

Operation Orange
Blue Coat to White Coat
Explorers
OK Stars
Youth Mentorship Programs

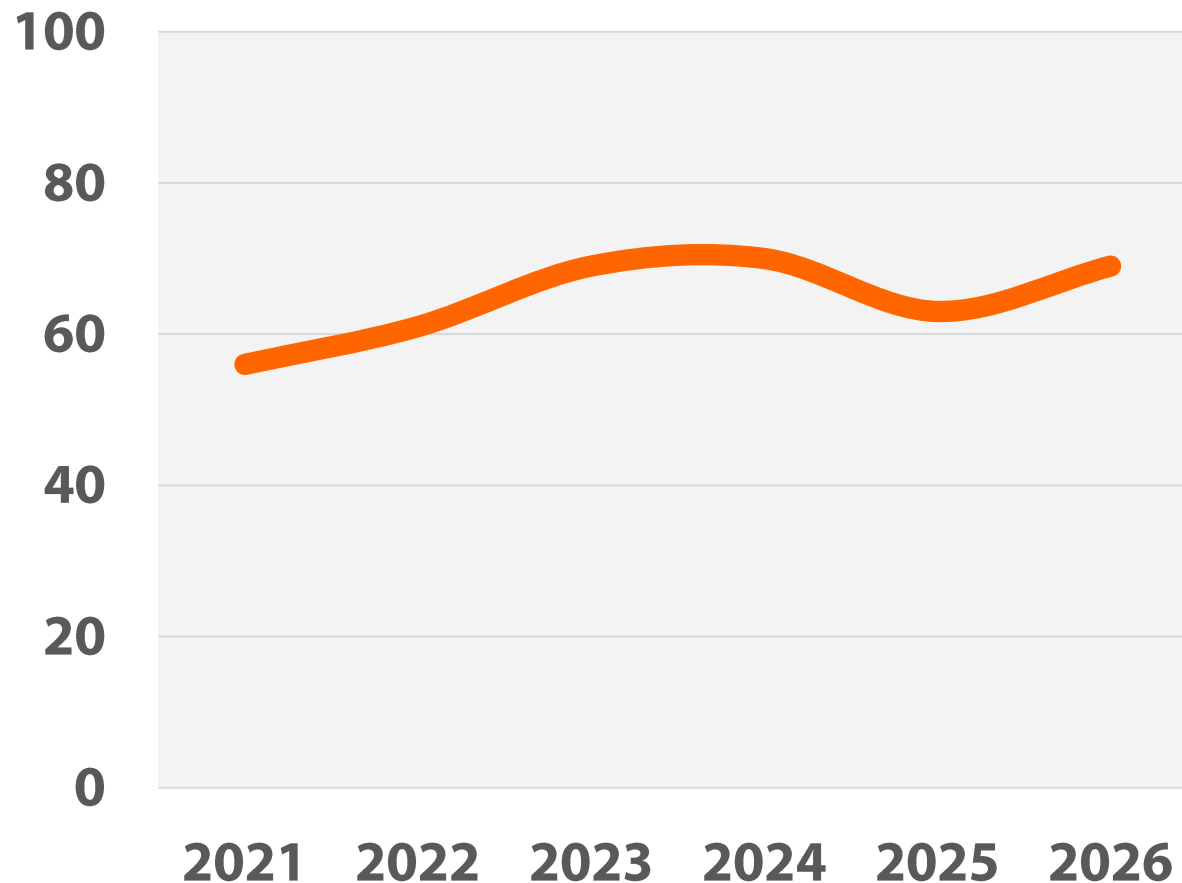
Med-Xtravaganza
Pre-Admission Workshops
Student Shadowing
Pre-Admission Advising
Internships



Admitting Rural & Underserved Medical Students



Entering OSU COM Medical Students with a
Rural or Underserved Background
2021-2026



~65%

of recent admittees come
from a rural or
underserved background.

Medical School: Learning-Centered Environment



Success Requires a Learning-Centered Environment

**Sense of
Community**

Academic Support

**Counseling
Services**

**Career
Development**

**Financial
Support**



We Support Promising, but Underdeveloped Students



A History of Success

For 10 years, OSU COM operated an alternative admissions program to support students from disadvantaged backgrounds, enrolling approximately 10 students/year. The program **produced 66 practicing physicians** who would not have been admitted through traditional admissions.

Revitalizing our Approach

Today, promising students can enter one of two tuition-free, one-year post-baccalaureate programs at OSU CHS, where they train alongside medical students and matriculate after meeting academic benchmarks. Of the 49 students in the first two cohorts, **43 (88%) have matriculated to OSU COM**, with the first expected to graduate in 2029.

We Provide Focused Medical School Opportunities



RURAL MEDICAL TRACK (RMT)

Established 2011

Prepares medical students for a rural primary care residency and practice in rural or underserved Oklahoma.

245

RMT graduates

TRIBAL MEDICAL TRACK (TMT)

Established 2019

Prepares medical students for a primary care residency at tribal facilities or facilities focused on tribal healthcare.

47

TMT graduates

URBAN UNDERSERVED MEDICAL TRACK (UUMT)

Established 2023

Prepares medical students for a primary care residency and successful practice in an urban underserved setting.

27

UUMT graduates

We Invest in Oklahoma Medical Students



\$5.6 million

**in direct financial assistance
awarded to OSU CHS students
via the HRSA MSEP Grant.**

\$1.3 million

**in scholarships awarded to 73
track students from 48 rural
Oklahoma communities.**

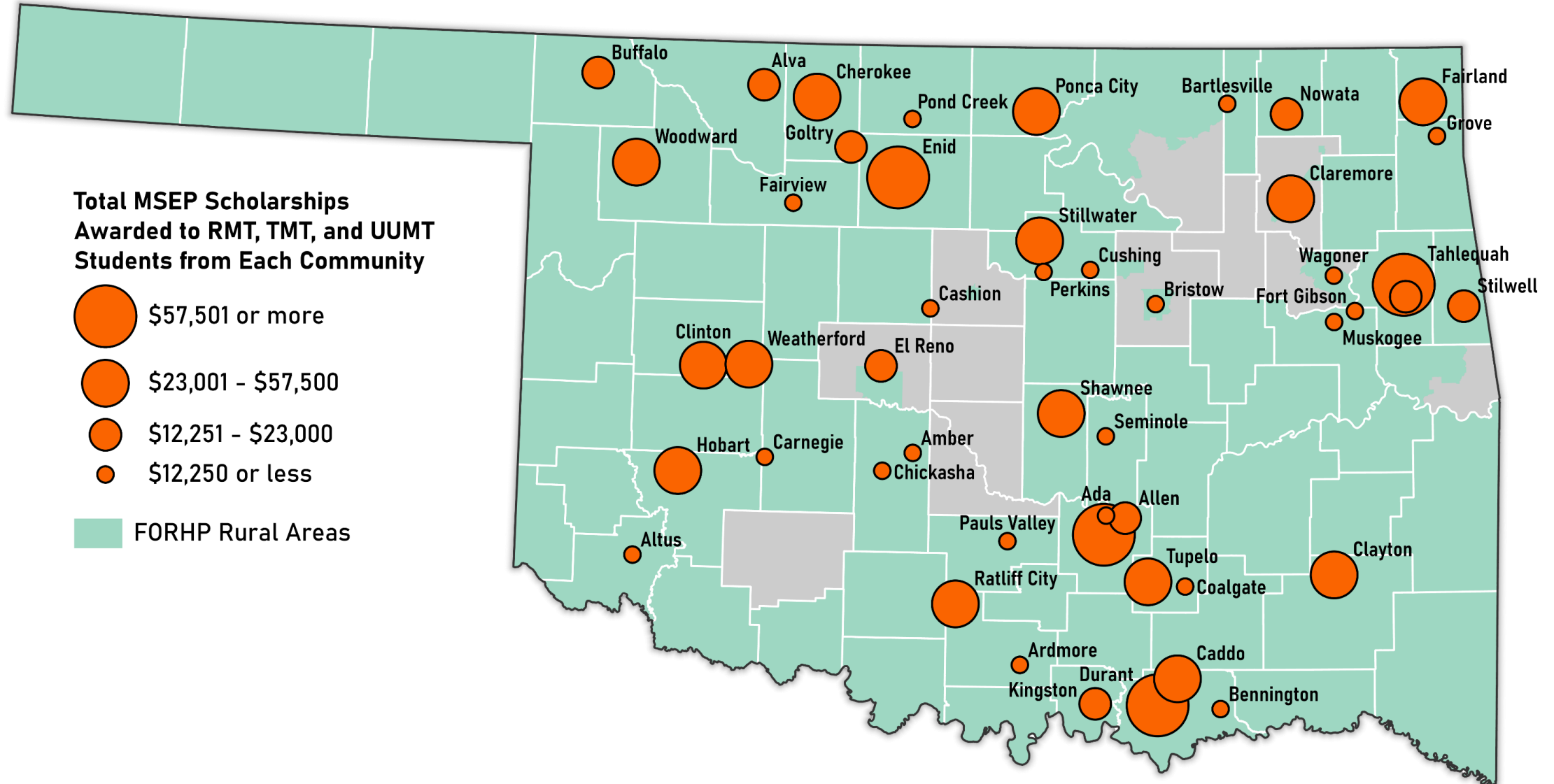
\$736,500

**in scholarships awarded to
OSU COM graduates entering
a primary care residency.**

\$1.2 million

**in scholarships awarded to
OSU CHS post-baccalaureate
students.**

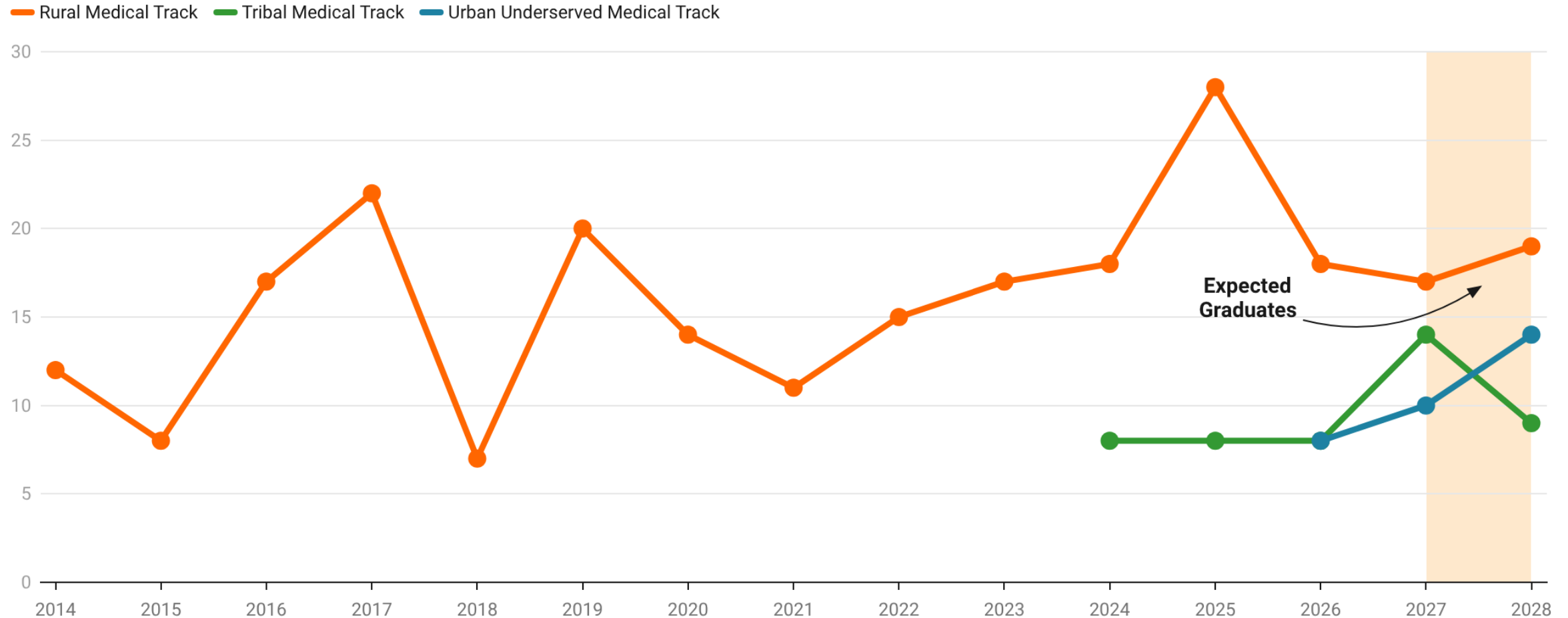
Investing in Rural Oklahoma Medical Students



Over a Decade of Success



Rural Medical Track, Tribal Medical Track & Urban Underserved Medical Track Graduates, 2014 - 2028 Graduating Classes





Rural Practice

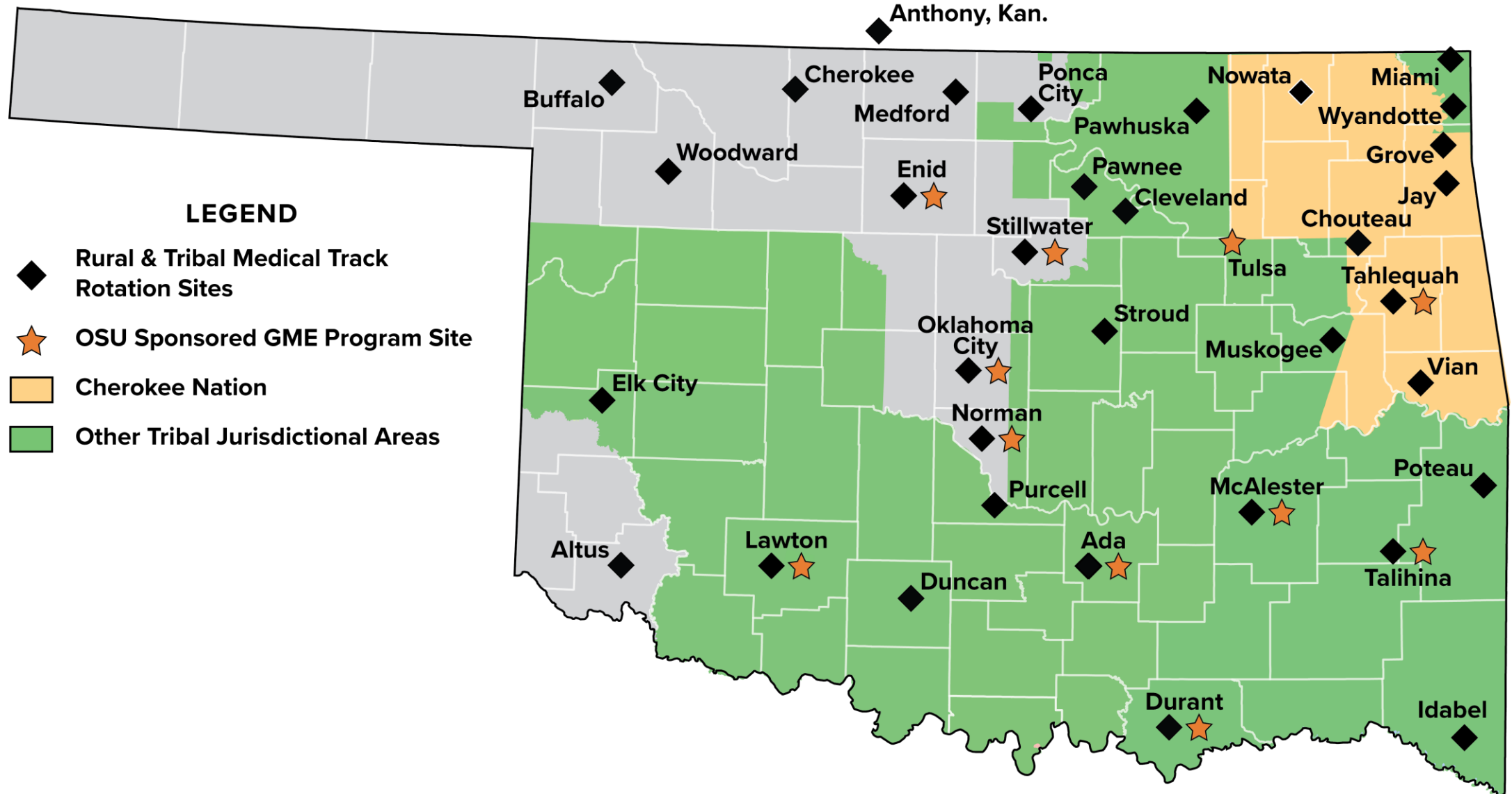
Practicing in the communities where they grew up and where they trained.

Physician Educators & Leaders

Paying it forward for the next generation of medical students.



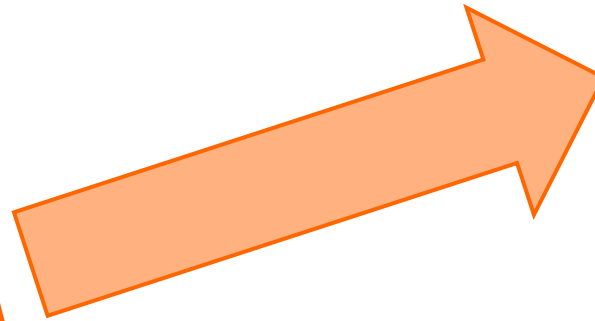
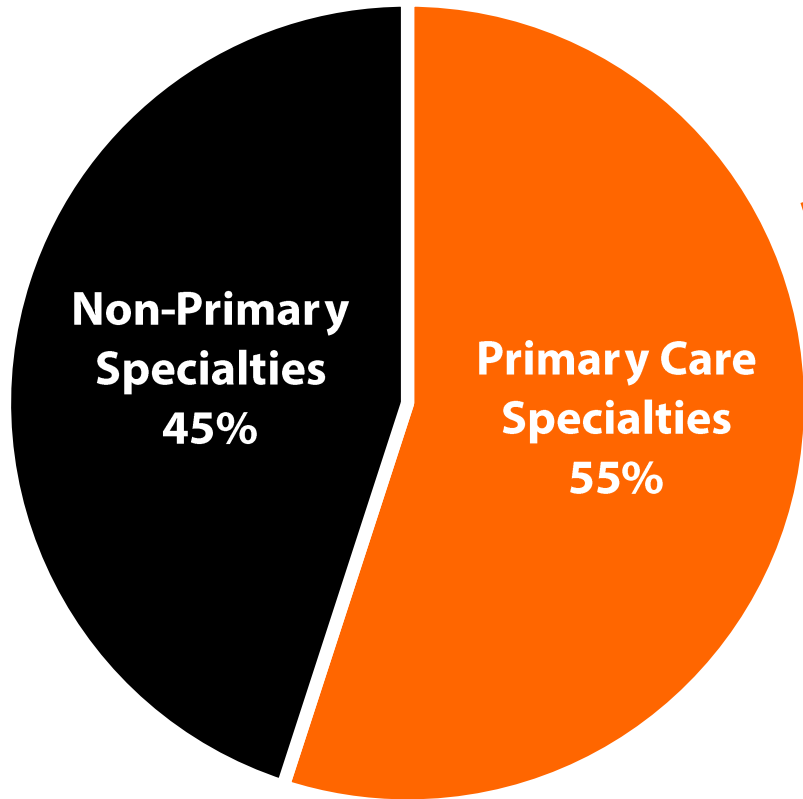
OSU Students & Residents Train Where They Will Practice



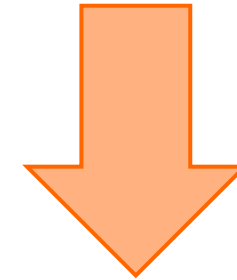
OSU COM Graduates Train in Oklahoma Residencies



OSU COM Medical Students
Residency Choice
2016-2026



64%
Oklahoma
Residencies



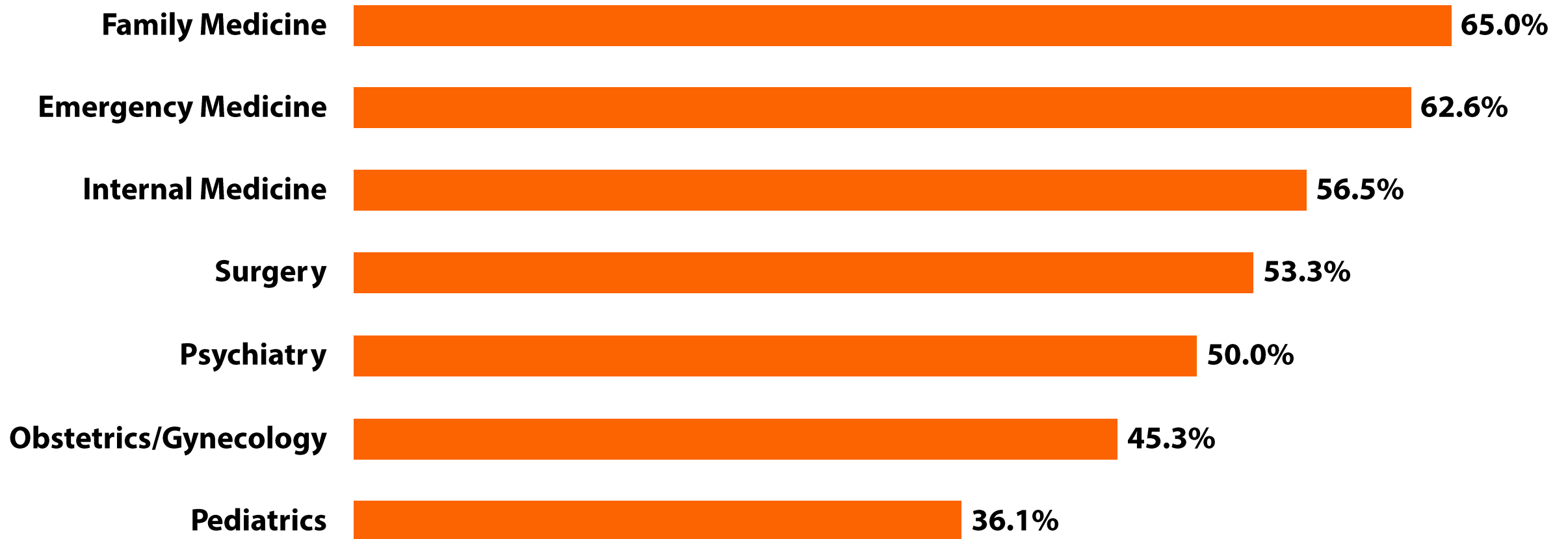
31%
Rural Oklahoma
Residencies

OSU-Trained Residents Practice in Oklahoma



OSU Residency Program Graduates Practicing in Oklahoma, by Specialty

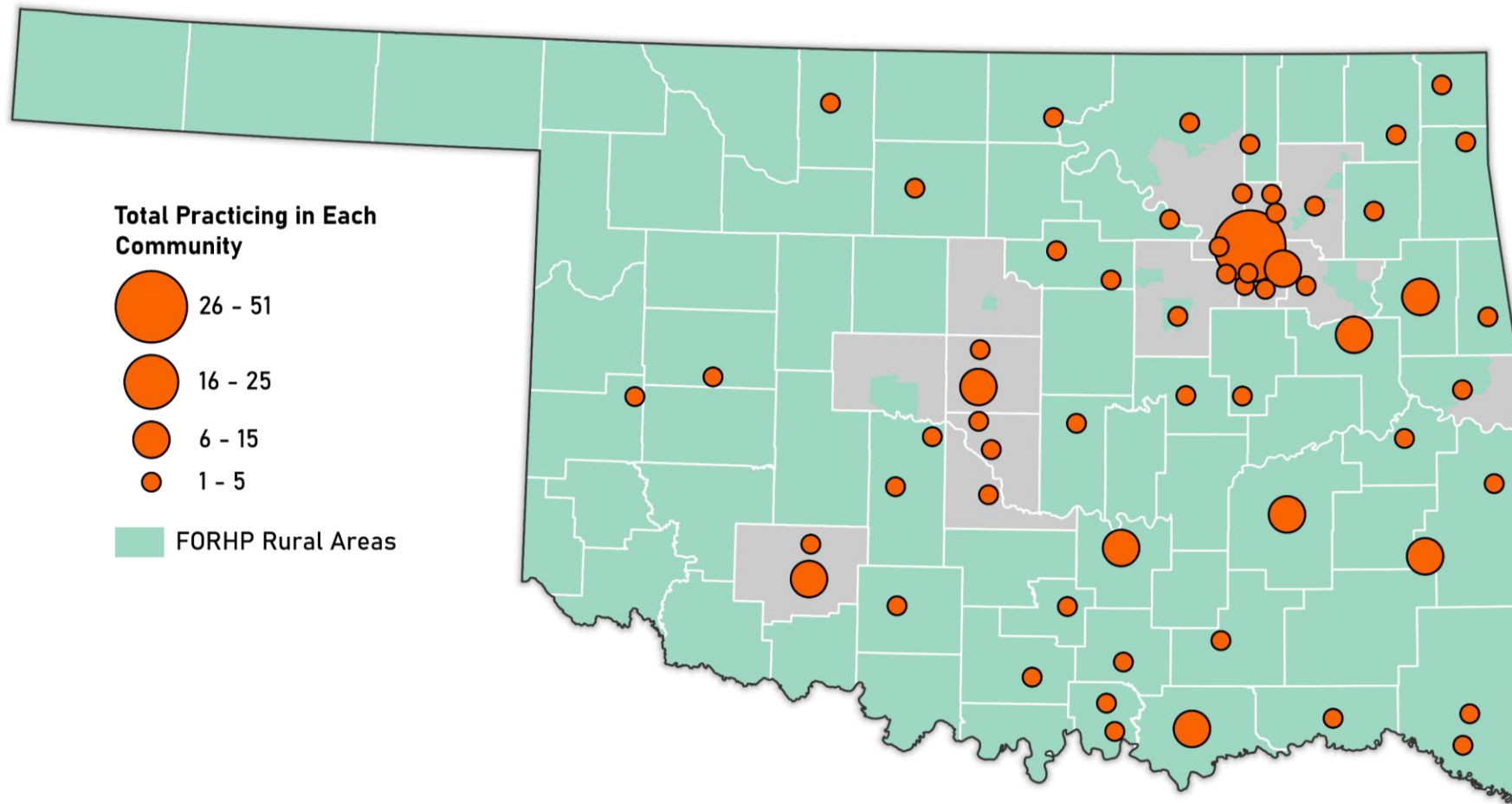
Selected specialties, graduates 2010–2025



OSU-Trained Residents Practice in Rural Oklahoma



OSU Family Medicine Residency Graduates Practicing in Oklahoma



52.4%
Practice in
Rural

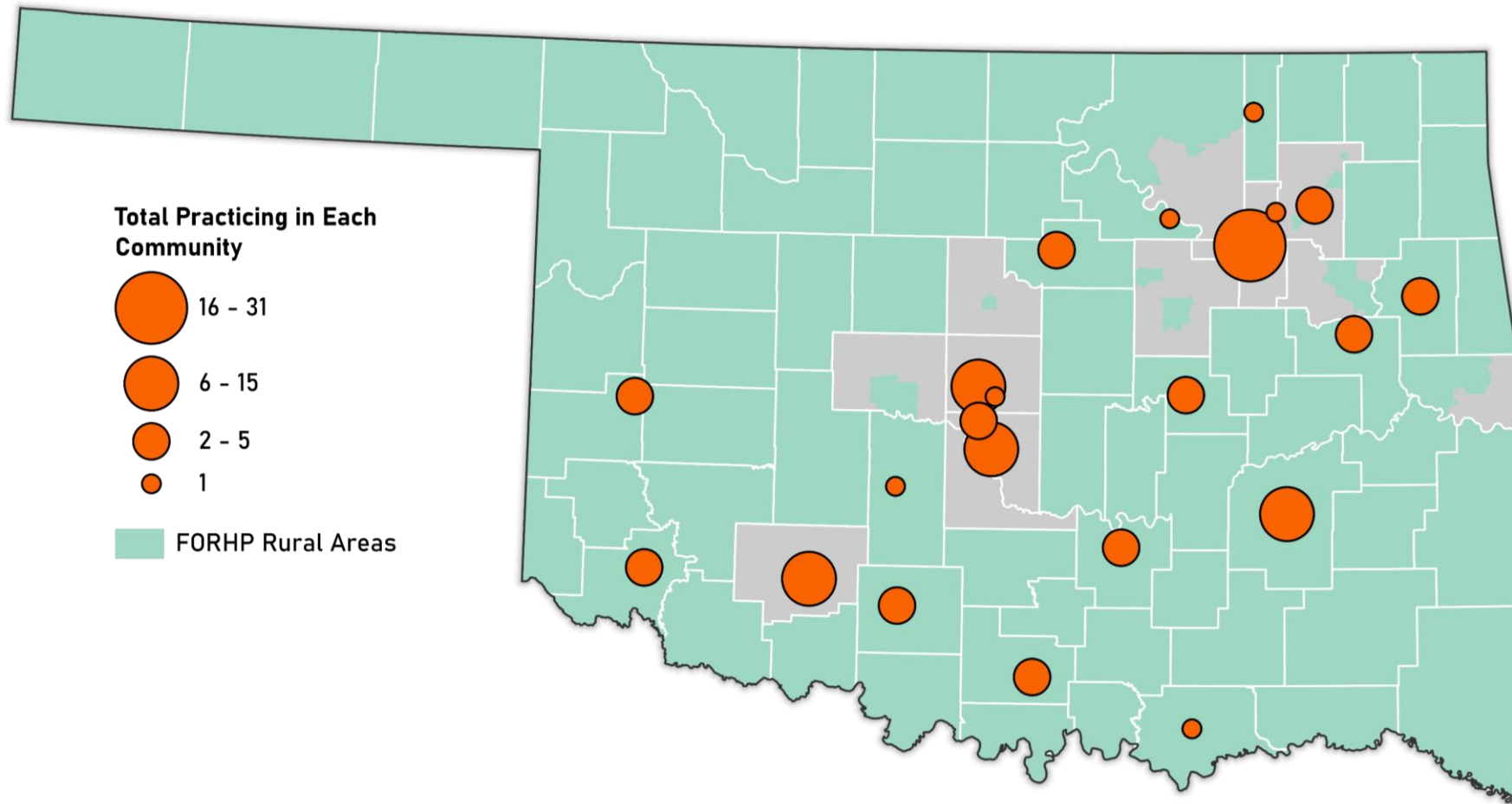


69.7%
are OSU COM
graduates

OSU-Trained Residents Practice in Rural Oklahoma



OSU Emergency Medicine Residency Graduates Practicing in Oklahoma



36.7%
Practice in
Rural

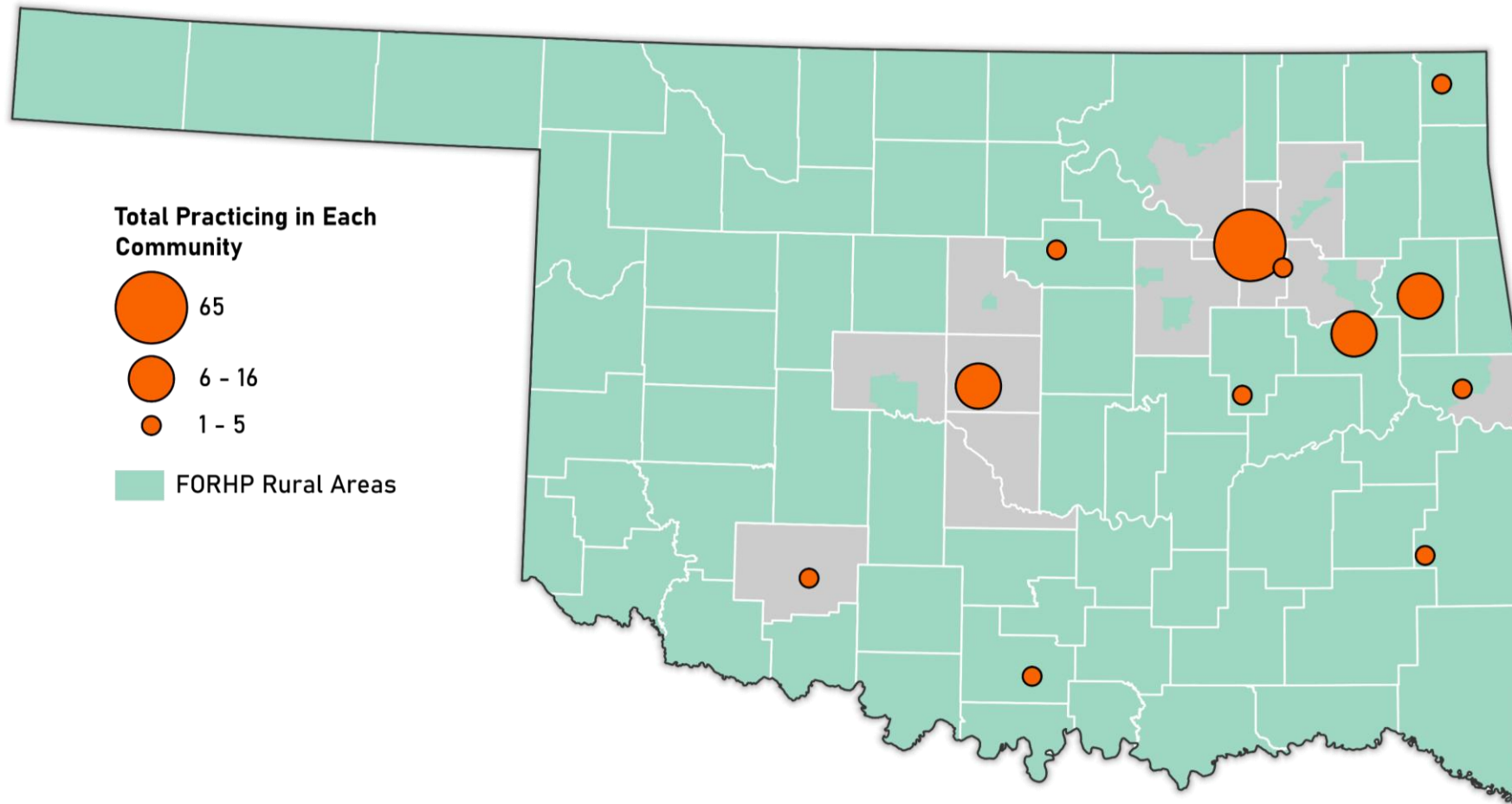


90.0%
are OSU COM
graduates

OSU-Trained Residents Practice in Rural Oklahoma



OSU Internal Medicine Residency Graduates Practicing in Oklahoma



23.9%
Practice in
Rural

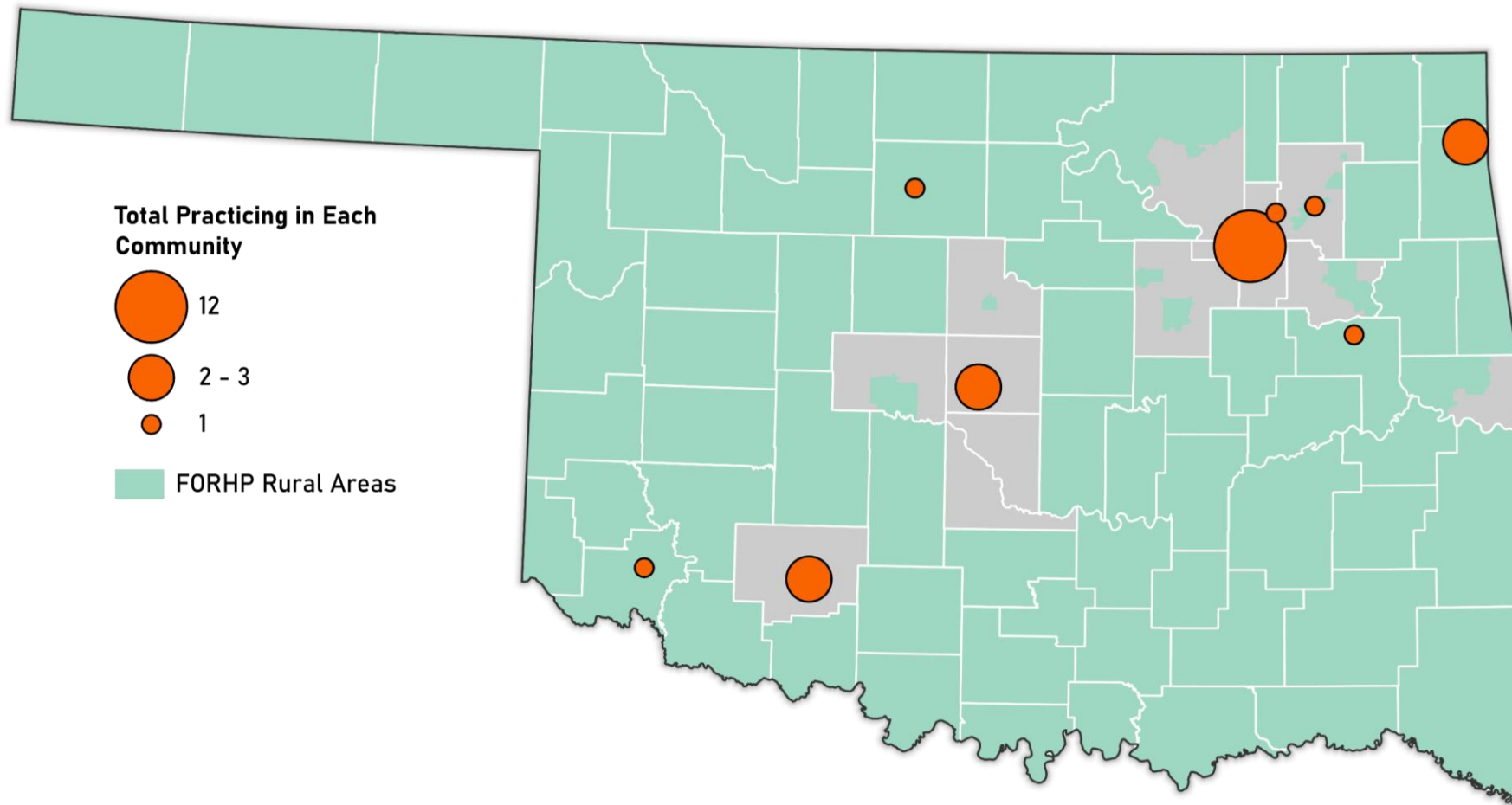


61.5%
are OSU COM
graduates

OSU-Trained Residents Practice in Rural Oklahoma



OSU Surgery Residency Graduates Practicing in Oklahoma



16.7%
Practice in
Rural

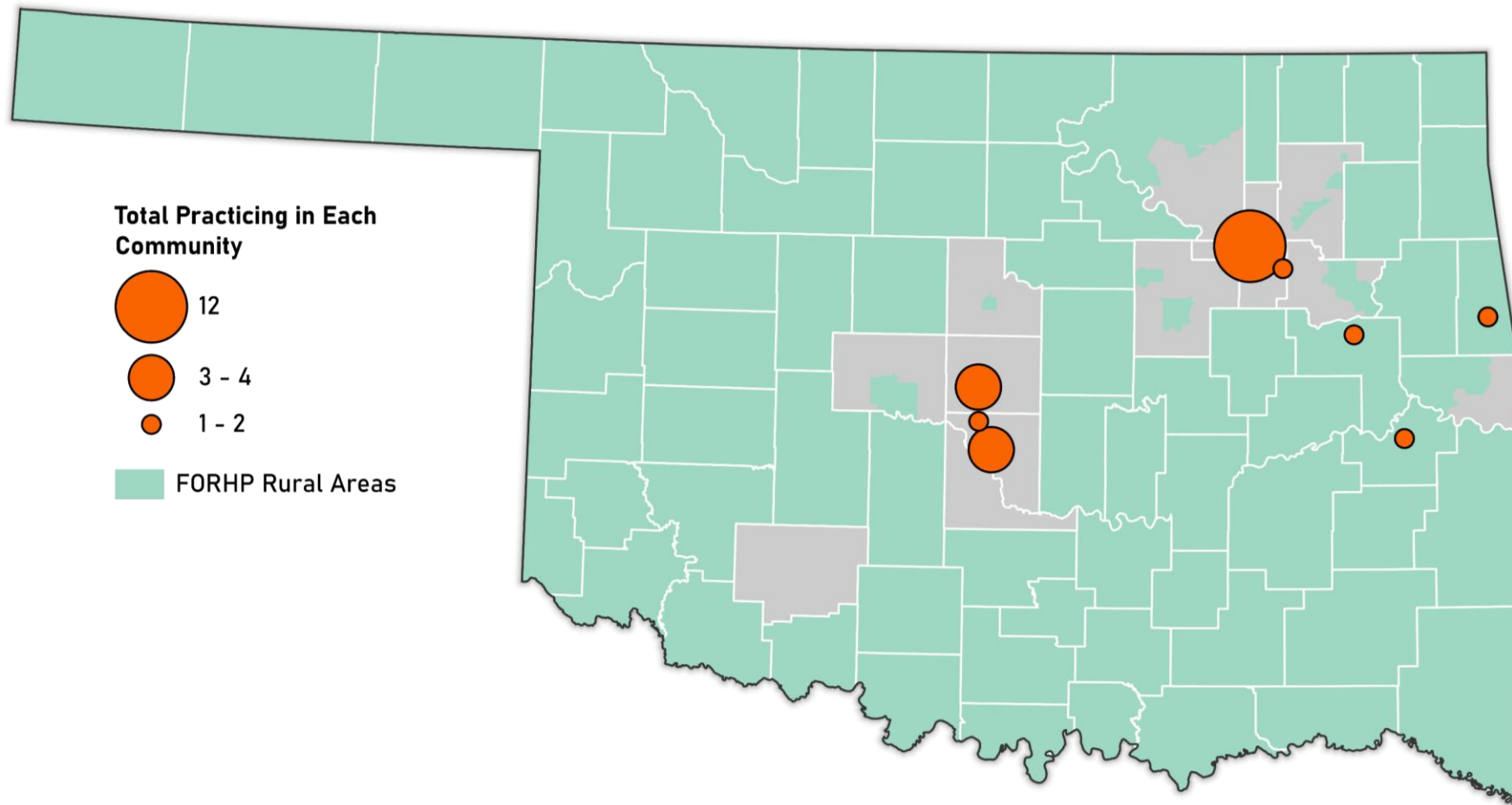


75.0%
are OSU COM
graduates

OSU-Trained Residents Practice in Rural Oklahoma



OSU Psychiatry Residency Graduates Practicing in Oklahoma

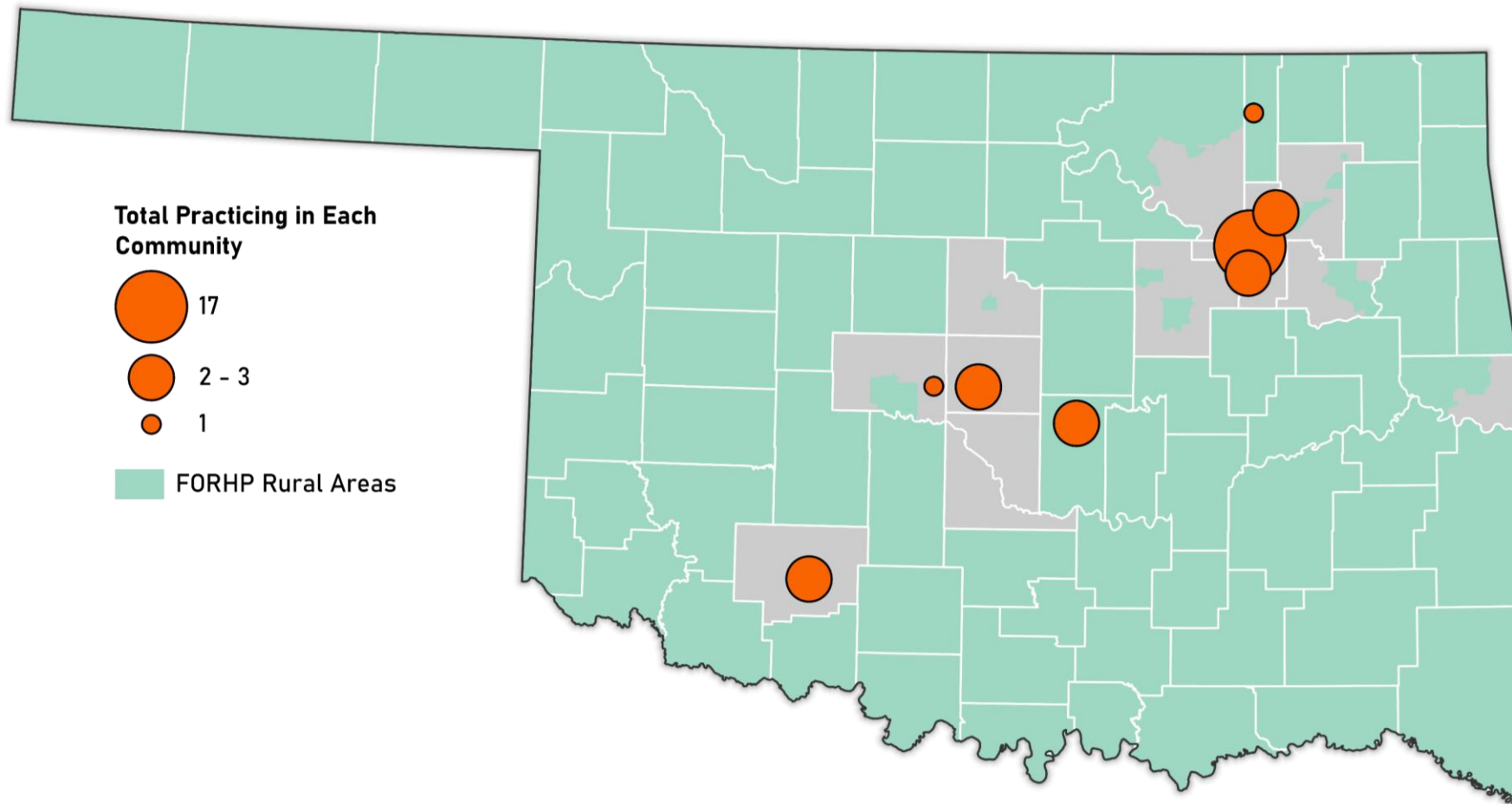


12.0%
Practice in
Rural



100%
are OSU COM
graduates

OSU Obstetrics/Gynecology Residency Graduates Practicing in Oklahoma



10.0%
Practice in
Rural

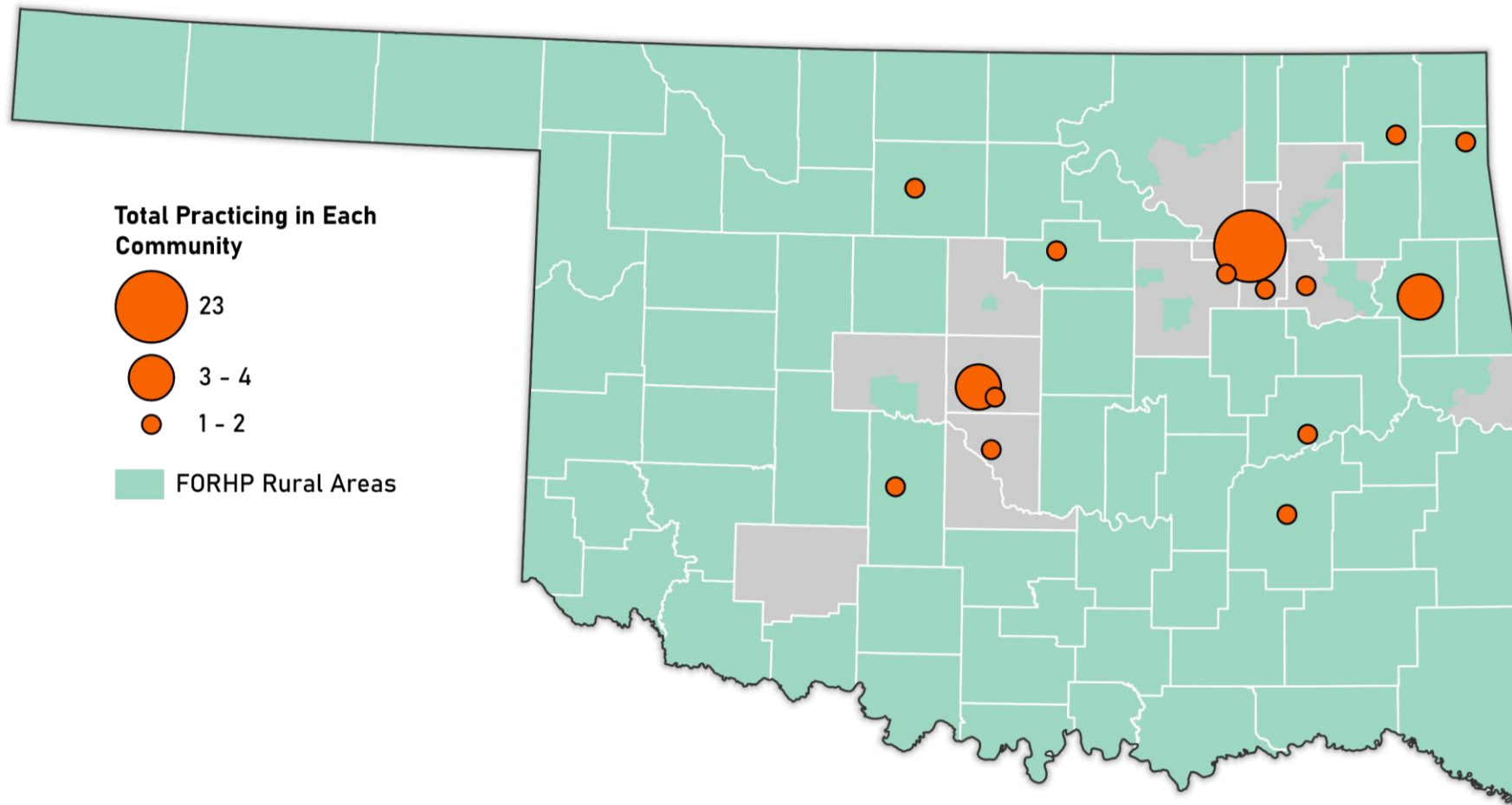


100%
are OSU COM
graduates

OSU-Trained Residents Practice in Rural Oklahoma



OSU Pediatrics Residency Graduates Practicing in Oklahoma



20.5%
Practice in
Rural



55.6%
are OSU COM
graduates

Putting It All Together – Primary Care Physician Pathway

K-12 & College



Inspire young people to pursue medical careers. Provide career exploration opportunities and guidance on academic preparation and admissions.

OSU COM & Rural Residency



Train and nurture interest in rural medicine through curriculum, clinical rotations, financial support, and graduate medical education.

Rural Practice & Physician Educator



OSU COM graduates are practicing in underserved Oklahoma and inspiring the next generation of medical students.