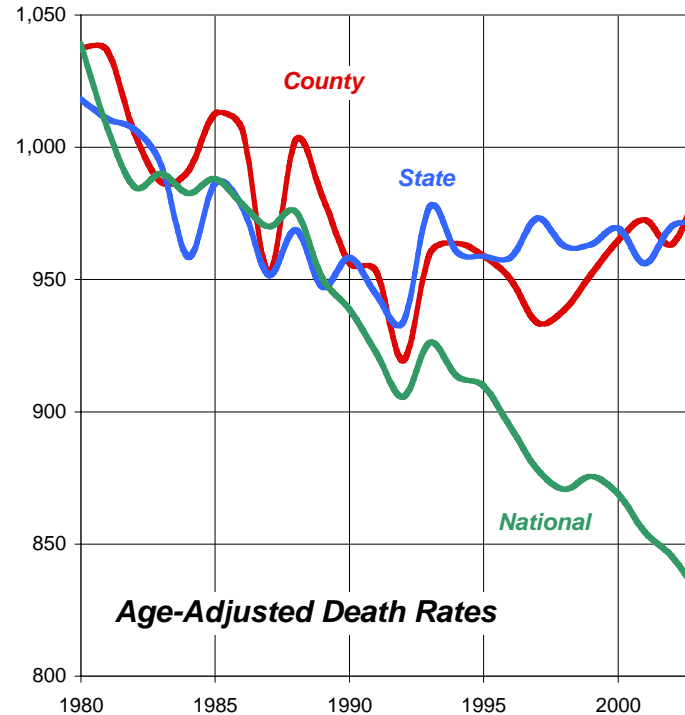


The Absence of Health



Oklahoma Health

“We are the ONLY state where our age-adjusted death rates became WORSE through the 1990s and into this century.” State of the State Health, 2005.

Oklahoma State Department of Health. Graphic: OU College of Public Health

No Safety Net

SELECTED METROPOLITAN AREAS IN THE U.S. SEE APPENDIX FOR ALL 80 METROPOLITAN AREAS						
	Public Hospital	Comprehensive Medical School	Medicaid DSH	Focused Hospital(s)	State FQHC Emphasis	
Fresno	County	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fresno
Birmingham	State	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Birmingham
Honolulu	Public	Yes	Alternate	Yes	Yes	Honolulu
Albany	University	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Albany
Tucson	University	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Tucson
Tulsa	No	No	No	No	No	Tulsa
Syracuse	State	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Syracuse
Omaha	University	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Omaha

“Tulsa (and Wichita) are the only two major metro areas (of the 80 largest) in the nation lacking all traditional infrastructure, financing mechanisms and organizational tools for providing coordinated and focused safety net services. Both have community-based med schools.” Cite: OU College of Public Health study for the Oklahoma Secretary of Health, April 2005