TEXAS RURAL ACUTE CARE HOSPITAL CLOSURES* (1965-2018)
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(Detail on closures prior to 1985 is incomplete)

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

1970
Edwards Hospital, Hawkins (Wood County)
Johnson Hospital, Lorraine (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

1980-1985

(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 less than half can be identified. No detailed list has been found for the period spanning 1980 to 1985, other than the those listed below during this time frame)

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)

2003
(No known closures)

2004
(No known closures)

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<td>Bowie Memorial Hospital, 44 beds, Bowie (Montague County) - Reopened as Central Hospital of Bowie, April 2017</td>
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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)
July ETMC Trinity, Trinity (Trinity County)
Nov Weimar Hospital, Weimar (Colorado County) – prior closures of this hospital in Nov 2016 and Aug 2012

2018
None as of 4-18-18

(Note - Care Regional Medical Center in Aransas Pass was closed late Aug 2017 until early 2018 due to hurricane damage and was noted as a closed “rural” hospital on some national lists. However, Care Regional is in a partly rural section of a metropolitan county – Nueces – and does not have any Medicare or Medicaid rural designation).

CLOSED RURAL HOSPITALS WITH CLOSURE DATE UNKNOWN (but presumed prior to 1990)

- Corrigan (Polk County)
- 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)
- Pleasanton Hospital, Pleasanton (Atascosa County)
- Community Hospital, Raymondville (Willacy County)
- Crystal Hospital, Crystal City (Zavala County)
- Hempstead Hospital, Hempstead (Waller County)

*Footnotes:

A hospital closure can be a full closure 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 hospitals 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, TORCH records, newspaper and media accounts, and personal knowledge of persons with experience in Texas rural hospitals.

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 a MSA, etc.

During the 1960’s and 70’s it was common for so called “hospitals” to convert to a clinic as they no longer qualified as a hospital because of higher standards. That is also considered a closure for purposes of this list.

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

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

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