

National Shortage Designation Modernization Project: Auto-HPSAs

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Automatically Designated Facility HPSAs

Using the statute and regulations, HRSA has deemed the following facility types as eligible for automatic HPSA designation:

- **Health Centers (funded under Sec. 330)**
- **Health Center Look-Alikes**
- **Tribally-Run Clinics**
- **Urban Indian Organizations**
- **Dual-Funded Tribal Health Centers**
- **Federally-Run Indian Health Service Clinics**
- **CMS-Certified Rural Health Clinics meeting NHSC site requirements**



Auto-HPSAs compared to other HPSAs

Similar but not the same

Other HPSAs

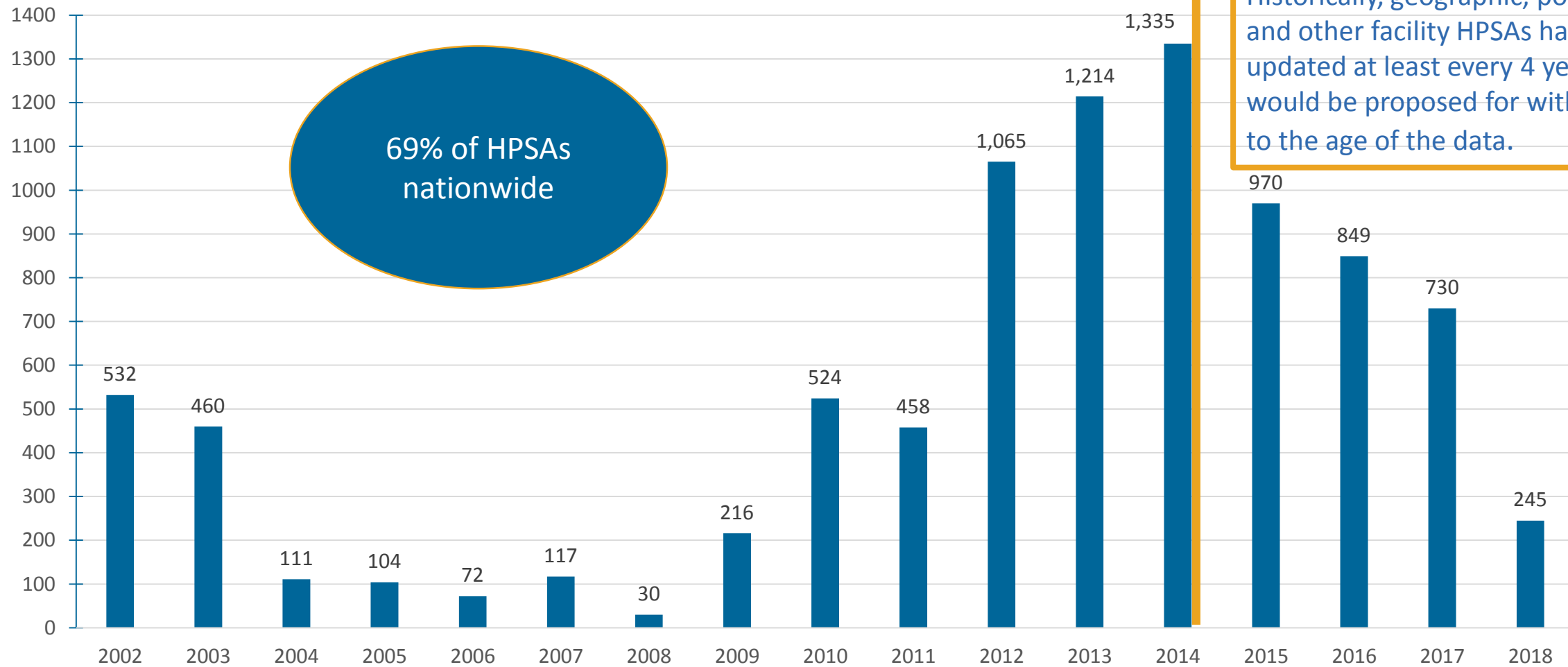
- Designation & scoring done online
- Criteria used to first designate as HPSA
- Criteria used to determine HPSA score
- Scores range from 0-25 (26 for dental)
- Designations are required to be reviewed and updated as necessary annually
- Score of “0” is rare

Automatic Facility (Auto-HPSAs)

- Designation & scoring currently done **manually**
- **No application** process necessary
- Same criteria used to determine HPSA score as other HPSAs
- Same scoring range used
- HRSA has not historically required Auto-HPSA scores to be reviewed regularly; updates are requested by facility
- Score of “0” **more frequent** and means low shortage or no data was available for scoring



Year Auto-HPSAs were updated (n=9,032)



69% of HPSAs nationwide

Historically, geographic, population, and other facility HPSAs had to be updated at least every 4 years or would be proposed for withdrawal due to the age of the data.



NHSC and Sites Relying Upon Auto-HPSA Scores



serving in sites with Auto-
HPSA
scores from 2002 and 2003

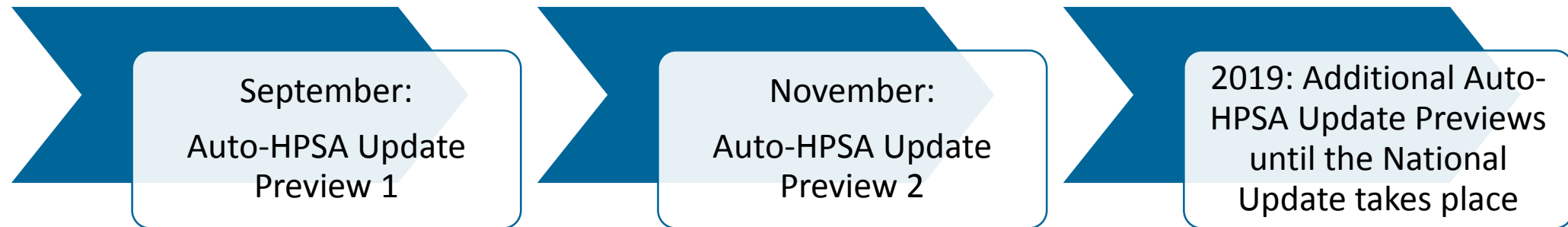


serving in sites with Auto-HPSA
**scores updated
more than 4 years ago**



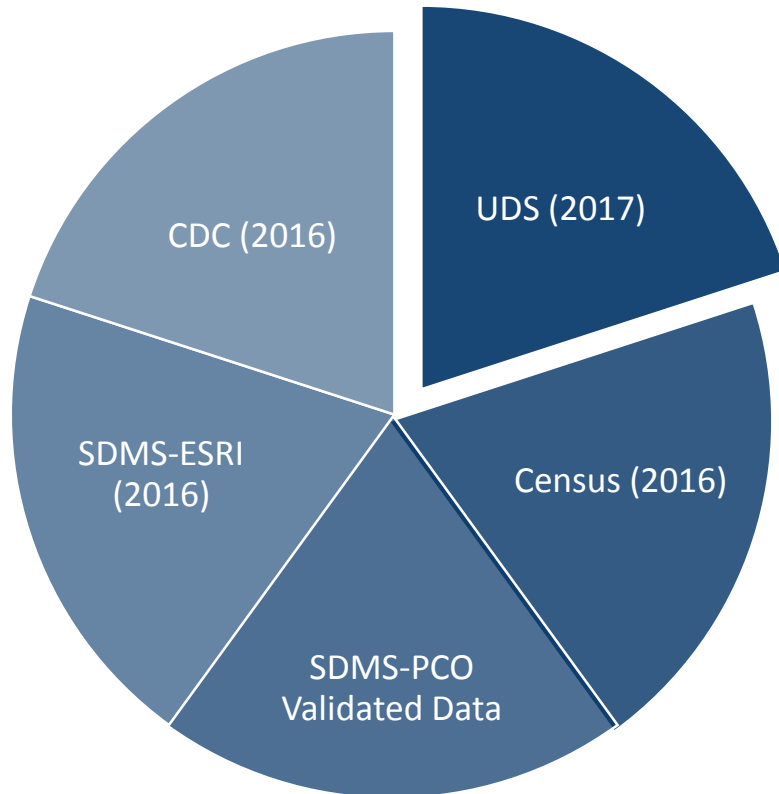
2019 National Shortage Designation Update: Auto-HPSAs

- National update of all Auto-HPSAs tentatively planned for April 2019
- Utilizes existing HPSA scoring criteria; no changes to the criteria have been made
- Auto-HPSA facilities will receive a series of Auto-HPSA update previews beginning this Fall

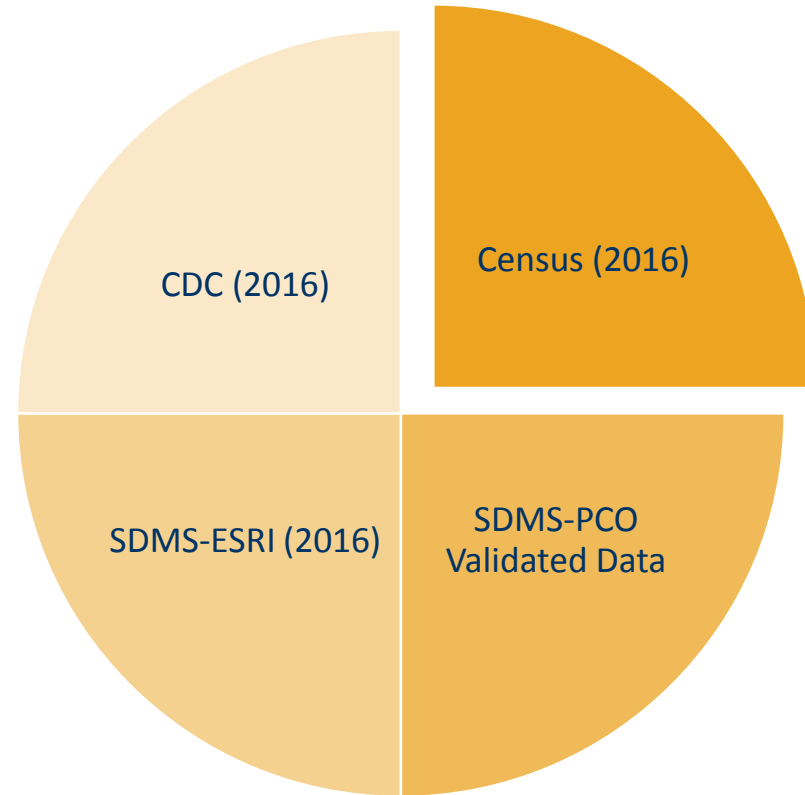


Auto-HPSA Update Preview* Data Sources Summary

Community Health Centers
(scored at the organizational level)



RHCs, I/T/Us
(scored at the organizational or site level)



* After the National Update tentatively scheduled for April 2019, Auto-HPSA facilities may submit information (facility-level data and/or supplemental data) to be rescored.



Next Steps

Communicate!

Distribute the results of the first Auto-HPSA preview (anticipated September 2018)

Auto-HPSA preview technical assistance

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Resources and Contact Information

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For questions about the Shortage Designation Modernization Project including:

- Auto-HPSA Update Previews
- National Shortage Designation HPSA Update

Additional Resources:

- <https://bhw.hrsa.gov/shortage-designation/application-scoring-process/modernization-project>
- <https://bhw.hrsa.gov/shortage-designation/hpsa/primary-care-offices>



Summary

- *The Shortage Designation Modernization Project utilizes the existing HPSA scoring criteria. No changes to the criteria have been made.*
- *The national Update of Auto-HPSAs is tentatively planned for April 2019.*
- *A series of Auto-HPSA update previews will be provided in advance of the update for informational and planning purposes.*
- *HRSA is actively engaging stakeholders in the project.*
- *The current process to request a score or rescore remains in place.*





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