

research in brief

Health Services

This study is potentially useful for the hundreds of underserved health-care areas in the United States. It provides a guide for planning needed health services in the Great Plains.

It was developed as a guide to help determine: (1) the number of doctors any community (area) in the Great Plains could support; (2) the number of cases by age group, sex, and disease that a local hospital could expect each year; and (3) the number of bed days required and emergency room use. The researchers used national data and/or collectible data by substate area to determine the easily computed formulas.

The guide is easily usable with detailed examples of how to determine actual need for Alfalfa County (in Northern Oklahoma). This guide applies to many areas in America. Extension staff involved in helping study groups understand health system needs in their areas should study this guide.

"Utilization of Health Services in the Great Plains." Agricultural Information Bulletin, No. 414. Alan May, Gerald A. Doeksen, and Bernal L. Green. Washington, D.C.: USDA, Economics, Statistics, and Cooperative Service, March, 1978.

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Work Value Implications

This research investigated the relationship between work values and job satisfaction for Maryland Cooperative Extension Service faculty. Specifically, the study wanted to establish standards for future job satisfaction and management studies and develop administrative policies to fit people into jobs and the organization.

The research was exploratory and covered the total (273) Maryland Cooperative Extension Service faculty. Ninety-six
