



# RURAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

## West Plains, Howell County- Overview Continuity Region: SWMO

### Howell County Demographics

Population: 40,103

Median Age: 40.2

Median Household Income: \$34,984

Poverty Rate: 22.9%

Uninsured Rate: 13.7%

Howell County ranks 86 out of 115 in overall health compared to other Missouri Counties.

### Clerkships Offered

Family Medicine

Internal Medicine

Neurology

### Summer Sites

\*List available on Rural Scholars website

### Clerkship Site Demographics

West Plains Population: 12,248

### Electives Offered

Cardio Consult

Emergency Medicine

Family Medicine

Internal Medicine

Neurology



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## West Plains-Healthcare Continuity Region: SWMO

### Ozarks Medical Center

Counties Served: 11  
Total Staffed Beds: 114  
Annual Visits: 364,000  
Annual Births: 650  
9 Family Medicine Clinics  
29 Specialties



**Ozarks Medical Center**  
The Right Care, Right Here

### Other Health Centers

- Southern Missouri Community Health Center
- John Pershing VA Medical Clinic
- Air Medical Group Holdings (Air Evac Lifeteam)



**Dr. Jason Spurling**  
Rural Track  
Medical Director



**100,000 sq. ft. hospital expansion coming soon!**



**Lindsey Thompson**  
Local Hospital Contact



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## West Plains-Employment & Education Continuity Region: SWMO

### Major Employers

Armstrong–Bruce Hardwood Floors  
Systems and Electronics Inc. (SEI)  
Invensys Controls, Caterpillar  
Royal Oak Enterprises  
Arlee Home Fashions  
Motor Technologies Group  
Gardner Shoe Company  
Amyx Industries

### South Central Career Center

- One of the leading area career and technical schools in Missouri serving secondary and adult students
- More than 16 work-related programs



### Education in Howell County

High School Graduate or higher: 85.7%  
Bachelor's Degree or higher: 15.4%

- Nearly 3,000 students attend public school with a 16.5 student-to-teacher ratio
- Approximately 50 percent of all teachers have their master degrees

### Missouri State University West Plains

Undergraduate Enrollment in part-time or full-time studies: 1,800  
Average Class Size: 17  
Students Receiving Financial Aid: 90%



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## West Plains-Arts & Tourism Continuity Region: SWMO



### Harlin Museum

Houses items of cultural and historical interest significant to the area known as the Ozarks.



### Mark Twain National Forest

More than 40 campgrounds and picnic sites, 350 miles of floatable streams, 63,000 wilderness acres, and 125 miles of trails for hikers, bikers and horseback riders. Hunt, trout fish, raft, kayak, explore springs, or tour the many gristmills.



### Old Time Music Ozark

#### Heritage Festival

Celebrate Old Time music and the distinctive culture of the Ozarks Highlands. Held the first Friday/Saturday in June each year in West Plains, Missouri.



### Blues Bash Festival

Featuring outdoor blues concerts, bbq, motorcycle and car shows, and street vendors, the Festival is held in mid-May in the historic downtown district.



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