Table 1. Percentage of office-based physicians with selected geographic characteristics, by use of any electronic health record (EHR)/electronic medical record (EMR) and those that use a certified EHR/EMR system: National Electronic Health Records Survey, 2017

Characteristics	Any EHR or EMR system			Certified EHR or EMR system		
		95% confidence interval			95% confidence interval	
	Percent	Low	High	Percent	Low	High
Metropolitan statistical area (MSA)						
MSA	91.9	90.2	93.3	91.7	89.9	93.2
non-MSA	8.1	5.5	11.5	8.3	5.6	11.8
Urban/rural status <sup>1</sup>						
Large central metro	36.1	31.6	40.8	35.7	31.0	40.7
Large fringe metro	24.6	20.4	29.1	24.0	19.6	28.8
Medium metro	21.6	18.2	25.3	22.1	18.6	26.0
Small metro	9.6	6.7	13.1	9.8	6.8	13.5
Micropolitan (nonmetro)	5.4	2.9	9.1	5.6	3.0	9.4
Noncore (nonmetro)	<3%*	<3%*	<3%*	<3%*	<3%*	<3%*

\* Estimate does not meet NCHS standards of reliability.

<sup>1</sup> Categories based on the 2013 NCHS urban-rural classification scheme for counties. Full report can be found here: https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/series/sr\_02/sr02\_166.pdf.

NOTE: Having a certified system was defined by physicians answering "yes" to having a current system that "meet meaningful use criteria defined by the Department of Health and Human Services." For more information on certified systems and meaningful use criteria (renamed "promoting interoperability") go to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Official Web site for the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs (https://www.cms.gov/ehrincentiveprograms).

SOURCE: NCHS, National Electronic Health Records Survey, 2017.

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