



RURAL AMERICA: FEDERAL AND NON-PROFIT RESOURCES ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH AND HOUSING

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AGENCIES COVERED DURING WEBINAR

- RHIhub (Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS))
- U.S. Department of Agriculture: Rural Development
- Housing Assistance Council

HOW IS “RURAL” DEFINED?

- Definitions and classifications differ between agencies and organizations.
- Next slides will provide definitions from:
 - Census Bureau
 - U.S. Department of Agriculture
 - Housing Assistance Council
 - Rural Health Information Hub

DEFINITION OF “RURAL”: CENSUS BUREAU

- Census Bureau: “what is not urban—that is, after defining individual urban areas, rural is what is left.”
- Source: “Defining Rural at the U.S. Census Bureau”
- Available:
https://www2.census.gov/geo/pdfs/reference/ua/Defining_Rural.pdf
- Addition Resource: <https://www.census.gov/geo/reference/urban-rural.html>

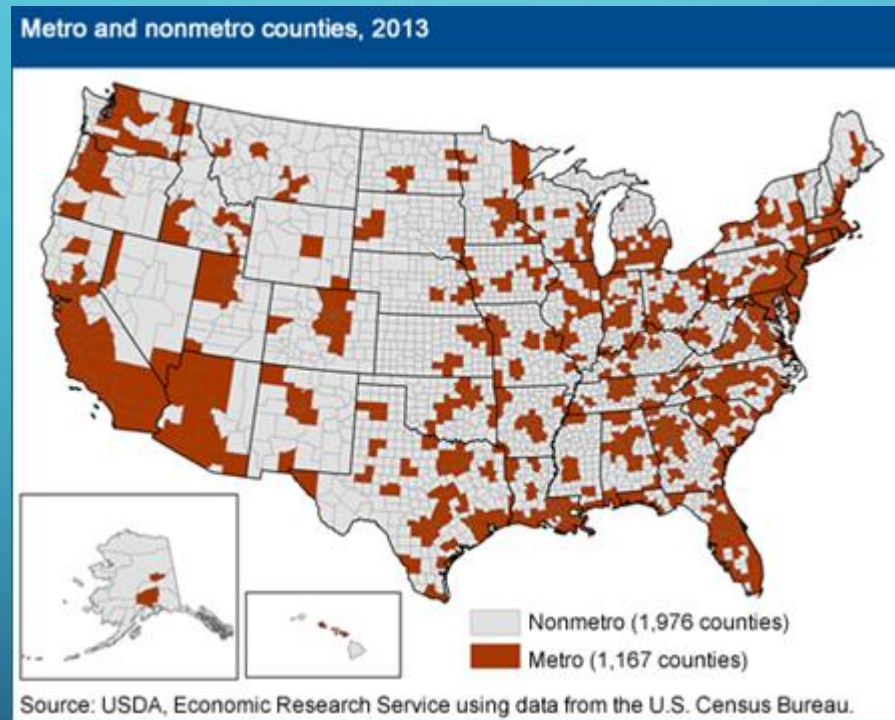
“RURAL”: U.S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE

- Counties are the “standard building block for collecting economic data and for conducting research to track and explain regional population and economic trends”
- Counties are classified as either “metro” or “nonmetro”

“RURAL”: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

- “Nonmetro counties include some combination of:
 - 1. open countryside,
 - 2. rural towns (places with fewer than 2,500 people), and
 - 3. urban areas with populations ranging from 2,500 to 49,999 that are not part of larger labor market areas (metropolitan areas).”
- Source: <https://www.ers.usda.gov/topics/rural-economy-population/rural-classifications/>

“RURAL”: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



“RURAL”: HOUSING ASSISTANCE COUNCIL

- 3 geographic classification levels: (1) Rural and Small-Town Tracts; (2) Suburban and Exurban Tracts; and (3) Urban Tracts
- HAC focuses on rural and small-town tracts.
- Pages 15 and 113 in “Taking Stock: Rural People, Poverty and Housing in the 21st Century” (full definitions are available in the “HAC’S RURAL & SMALL TOWN TRACT DESIGNATION” section on page 113).
- Available: http://www.ruraldataportal.org/docs/HAC_Taking-Stock-Full.pdf

“RURAL”: RURAL HEALTH INFORMATION HUB

- “What is Rural?": Background document about defining the term and why these differences exist between agencies and organizations.
- Available: <https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/topics/what-is-rural>

INFORMATION & DATA RESOURCES FROM VARIOUS AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATION

- RHIhub
- Housing Assistance Council
- U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Agency

RURAL HEALTH INFORMATION HUB (RHIHUB)

- <https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/>
- Supported by Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
 - Part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

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Your First Stop for Rural Health Information



Get Rural Updates & Alerts



Sign-up to receive our [weekly newsletter](#):

[Daily and weekly custom alerts](#) also available

Find Rural Data



The [Rural Data Explorer](#) and [Chart Gallery](#) provide access to a wide range of data on rural health issues.

Learn how to locate and use data in the [Finding Statistics and Data Related to Rural Health](#) topic guide.

The RURAL MONITOR

[Trauma Training Initiative Teaches Rural Laypeople how to "Stop the Bleed"](#)

On average, rural residents wait twice as long for emergency medical services than urban residents. Stop the Bleed is a trauma training initiative that teaches laypeople how to pack wounds and apply tourniquets in order to improve survival rates until medical attention arrives.

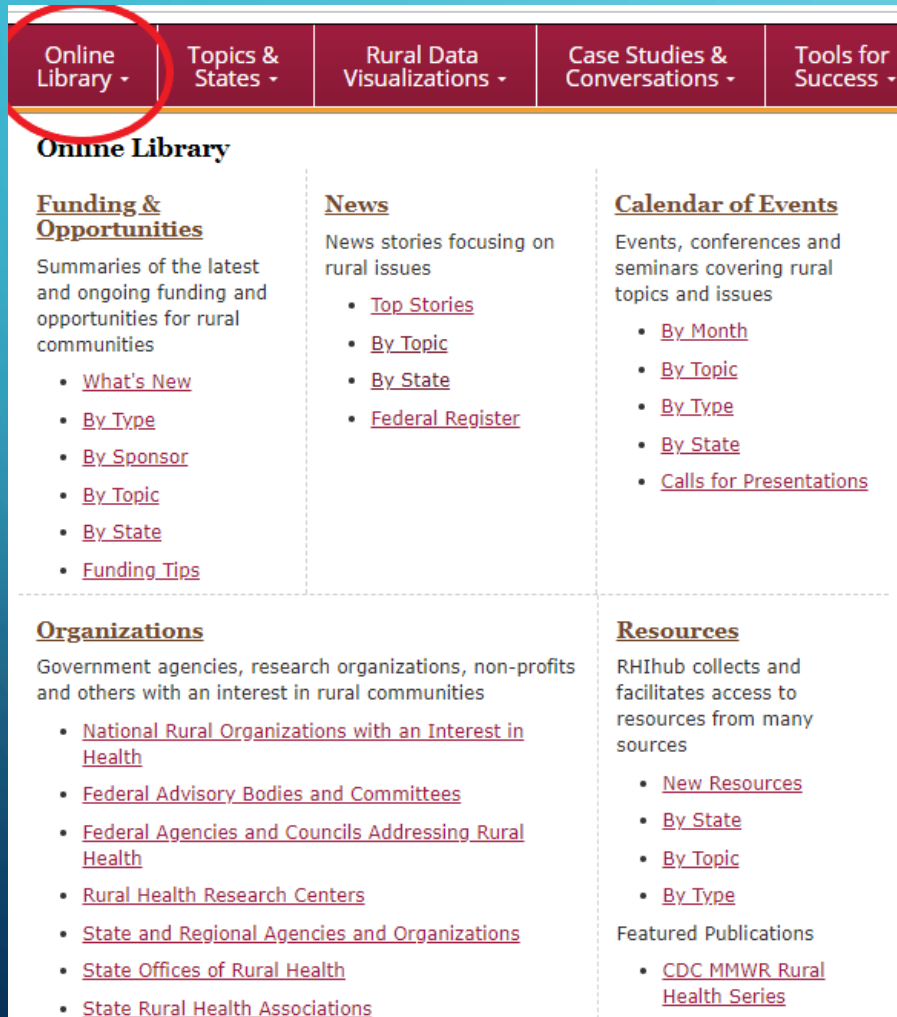


[Making the EHR Work: Rural Healthcare Organizations Use Data Extraction to Improve Patient Care](#)

Electronic health records are



RHIHUB: ONLINE LIBRARY



The screenshot shows the RHIHUB Online Library website. The navigation menu at the top includes 'Online Library', 'Topics & States', 'Rural Data Visualizations', 'Case Studies & Conversations', and 'Tools for Success'. The 'Online Library' menu item is circled in red. Below the navigation, the 'Online Library' section is divided into four columns: 'Funding & Opportunities', 'News', 'Calendar of Events', and 'Organizations'. The 'Funding & Opportunities' section provides summaries of the latest funding and opportunities for rural communities, with links for 'What's New', 'By Type', 'By Sponsor', 'By Topic', 'By State', and 'Funding Tips'. The 'News' section features news stories focusing on rural issues, with links for 'Top Stories', 'By Topic', 'By State', and 'Federal Register'. The 'Calendar of Events' section lists events, conferences, and seminars covering rural topics and issues, with links for 'By Month', 'By Topic', 'By Type', 'By State', and 'Calls for Presentations'. The 'Organizations' section lists government agencies, research organizations, non-profits, and others with an interest in rural communities, with links for 'National Rural Organizations with an Interest in Health', 'Federal Advisory Bodies and Committees', 'Federal Agencies and Councils Addressing Rural Health', 'Rural Health Research Centers', 'State and Regional Agencies and Organizations', 'State Offices of Rural Health', and 'State Rural Health Associations'. The 'Resources' section, located below 'Organizations', lists resources collected and facilitated by RHIHUB, with links for 'New Resources', 'By State', 'By Topic', and 'By Type'. Below the 'Resources' section, there is a 'Featured Publications' section with a link for 'CDC MMWR Rural Health Series'.

Online Library

Funding & Opportunities
Summaries of the latest and ongoing funding and opportunities for rural communities

- [What's New](#)
- [By Type](#)
- [By Sponsor](#)
- [By Topic](#)
- [By State](#)
- [Funding Tips](#)

News
News stories focusing on rural issues

- [Top Stories](#)
- [By Topic](#)
- [By State](#)
- [Federal Register](#)

Calendar of Events
Events, conferences and seminars covering rural topics and issues

- [By Month](#)
- [By Topic](#)
- [By Type](#)
- [By State](#)
- [Calls for Presentations](#)

Organizations
Government agencies, research organizations, non-profits and others with an interest in rural communities

- [National Rural Organizations with an Interest in Health](#)
- [Federal Advisory Bodies and Committees](#)
- [Federal Agencies and Councils Addressing Rural Health](#)
- [Rural Health Research Centers](#)
- [State and Regional Agencies and Organizations](#)
- [State Offices of Rural Health](#)
- [State Rural Health Associations](#)

Resources
RHIhub collects and facilitates access to resources from many sources

- [New Resources](#)
- [By State](#)
- [By Topic](#)
- [By Type](#)

Featured Publications

- [CDC MMWR Rural Health Series](#)

ABOUT THE ONLINE LIBRARY

The Rural Health Information Hub online library is updated daily with news, resources and opportunities from a variety of online sources, delivering them to you to:

- Save you time
- Keep you informed of the latest happenings in rural health
- Help you find necessary information and make informed decisions
- Ensure you don't miss out on important opportunities

MORE USEFUL TOOLS

[Topic Guides](#) - Find information and resources on over 50 rural topics

[State Guides](#) - State-by-state breakdown of rural health resources

[RHIhub This Week](#) - email newsletters bringing key Online Library additions directly to your inbox

[RSS Feeds](#) - real-time updates of the latest additions to the Online Library and RHIhub guides

RHIHUB: TOPICS AND STATES

Online Library ▾ **Topics & States ▾** Rural Data Visualizations ▾ Case Studies & Conversations ▾ Tools for Success ▾

Topics & States

Topic Guides

Guides covering over 50 topics important to rural health projects and providers

- [Browse all topics](#)

Top Guides

- [Healthcare Access in Rural Communities](#)
- [Critical Access Hospitals](#)
- [Federally Qualified Health Centers](#)
- [Rural Health Clinics](#)

State Guides

State-by-state breakdown of rural health resources. Also includes information for U.S. Territories, Commonwealths and resources available to all states.

• Alabama	• Nevada
• Alaska	• New Hampshire
• Arizona	• New Jersey
• Arkansas	• New Mexico
• California	• New York
• Colorado	• North Carolina
• Connecticut	• North Dakota
• Delaware	• Ohio
• Florida	• Oklahoma
• Georgia	• Oregon
• Hawaii	• Pennsylvania
• Idaho	• Rhode Island
• Illinois	• South Carolina

ABOUT TOPICS & STATES

RHIhub's topic and state guides bring together key resources and information in one spot. Start here for access to:

- publications, maps and websites
- news and events
- funding
- organizations
- and more

MORE USEFUL TOOLS

[Call Center](#) - Need information? Free assistance to rural communities. 1-800-270-1898 info@ruralhealthinfo.org

[Am I Rural?](#) - Find out if your location is considered rural for certain federal funding programs.

[Online Library](#) - Access to thousands of resources, including funding and opportunities, news, events, organizations, maps, and publications

“RURAL”: TOPICS AND STATES: STATE GUIDES

- [Hawaii](#)
- [Idaho](#)
- [Illinois](#)
- [Indiana](#)
- [Iowa](#)
- [Kansas](#)
- [Kentucky](#)
- [Louisiana](#)
- [Maine](#)
- [Maryland](#)
- [Pennsylvania](#)
- [Rhode Island](#)
- [South Carolina](#)
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- [Texas](#)
- [Utah](#)
- [Vermont](#)
- [Virginia](#)
- [Washington](#)

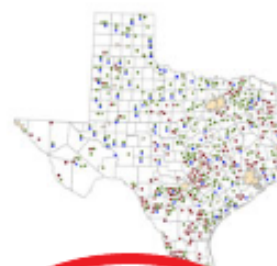
“RURAL”: TOPICS AND STATES

Texas

Texas covers 261,797 square miles, with a 2017 estimated population of 28,304,596 people – 3,061,090 living in rural Texas (USDA-ERS). It ranks second among U.S. states in both area and population. Austin, the capital, is located in the south-central region of the state. The state’s largest cities are Houston, San Antonio, and Dallas. According to 2017 data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 79.2% of the state’s population is white, 12.7% is African-American, 5.0% is Asian, 1.0% is American Indian or Alaska Native, 0.1% is Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and 39.4% is of Hispanic or Latino origin.

Texas Rural Healthcare Facilities

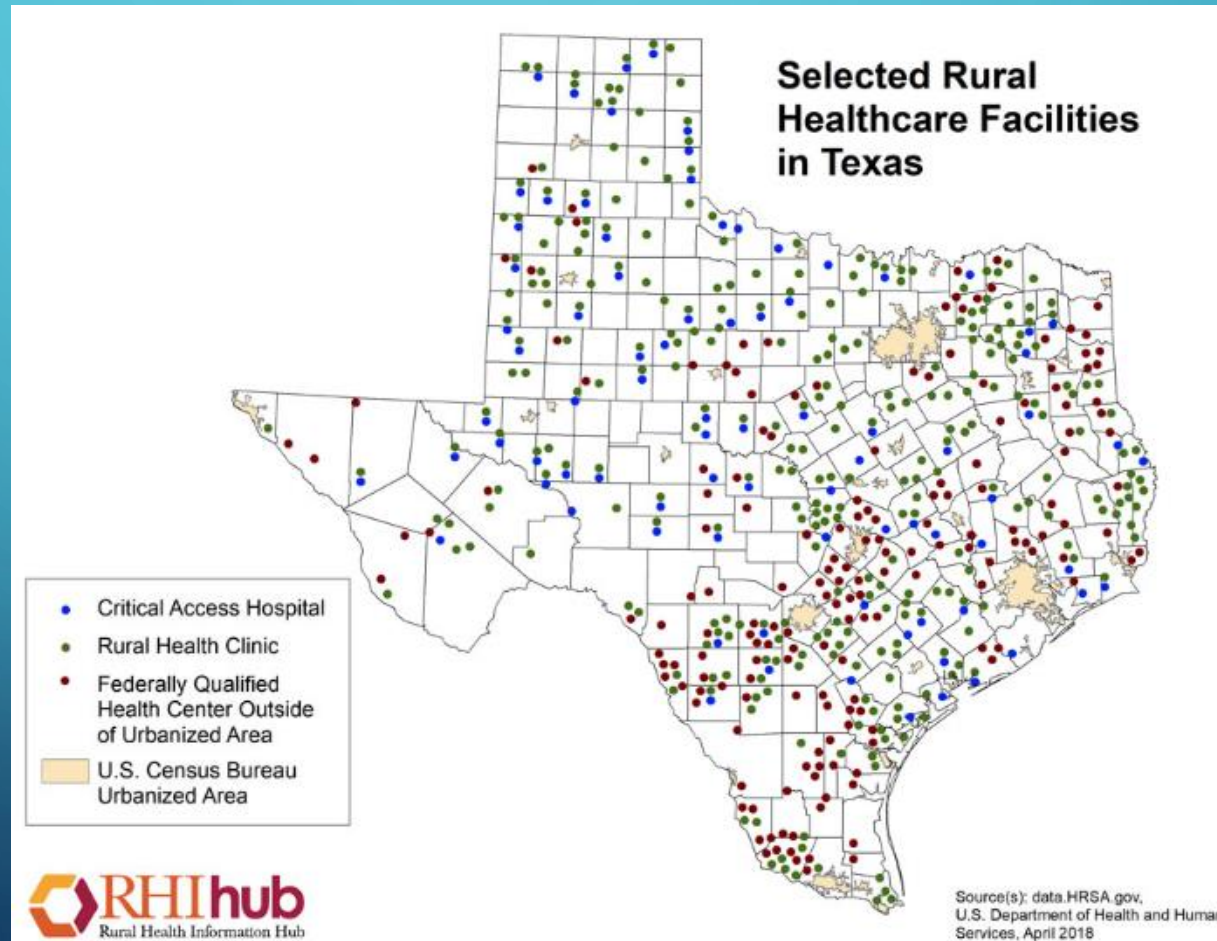
There are 403 hospitals in Texas (Kaiser, 2016). The state has 85 hospitals identified as Critical Access Hospitals (Flex Team, 7/2018). There are 305 Rural Health Clinics in Texas (CMS, 2017), and 73 Federally Qualified Health Centers provide services at 499 sites in the state (NACHC, 2017).



[View full-size map](#)

Selected Social Determinants of Health for Rural Texas

“RURAL”: TOPICS AND STATES



“RURAL”: TOPICS AND STATES: TEXAS

[U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts](#); [USDA Economic Research Service State Fact Sheets](#)

Contacts

[Texas State Office of Rural Health](#)

Phone: 512.936.6730

Email: RuralHealth@TexasAgriculture.gov

Works with local health care providers, county leaders, and state partners to support access to quality health care for rural Texans. Assists rural health providers through a variety of programs including information and referral, assistance with medical license applications, grants and educational awards for individual clinicians, health care institutions, and other organizations.


[view details](#)

There are more organizations related to Texas in the [organizations section](#).

RHIHUB: RURAL DATA VISUALIZATIONS

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Rural Data Visualizations



Rural Data Explorer

Interactive map for exploring county-level data on issues that impact rural health, including rural demographics, health disparities, the health workforce, and other topics.





Chart Gallery

A collection of charts, graphs, and maps that illustrate key issues related to rural health at the national level and for all 50 states. Includes rural demographics, healthcare access, health status, the social determinants of health, and more.



Maps

National maps on topics related to rural healthcare provision and access, as well as rural population health and demographics. National and state maps identifying key rural healthcare facilities.

ABOUT DATA VISUALIZATIONS

RHIhub's Rural Data Visualization section provides access to a range of tools to explore issues that impact rural health. The visualizations are based on data from federal and other publicly available data sources, and illustrate that data in a variety of formats to show how rural areas compare. Data is also available for download.

MORE USEFUL TOOLS

For details on the features available, see [RHIhub Data Visualization Help](#).

For visualizations from other sources: [Online Library: Charts and Graphs](#)
[Online Library: Maps and Mapping Systems](#)

[Finding Statistics and Data Related to Rural Health Topic Guide](#)

RURAL DATA EXPLORER

range of data on health disparities, health workforce, demographics, and more. Explore how metro areas compare, nationwide and by state. Learn more about [how to use the Data Explorer](#).

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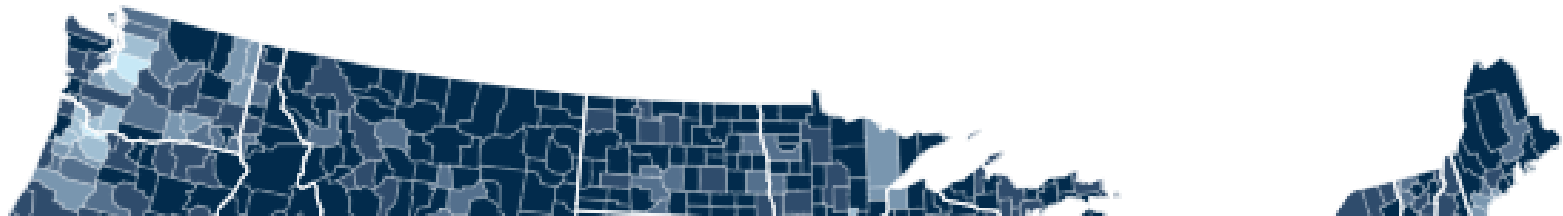
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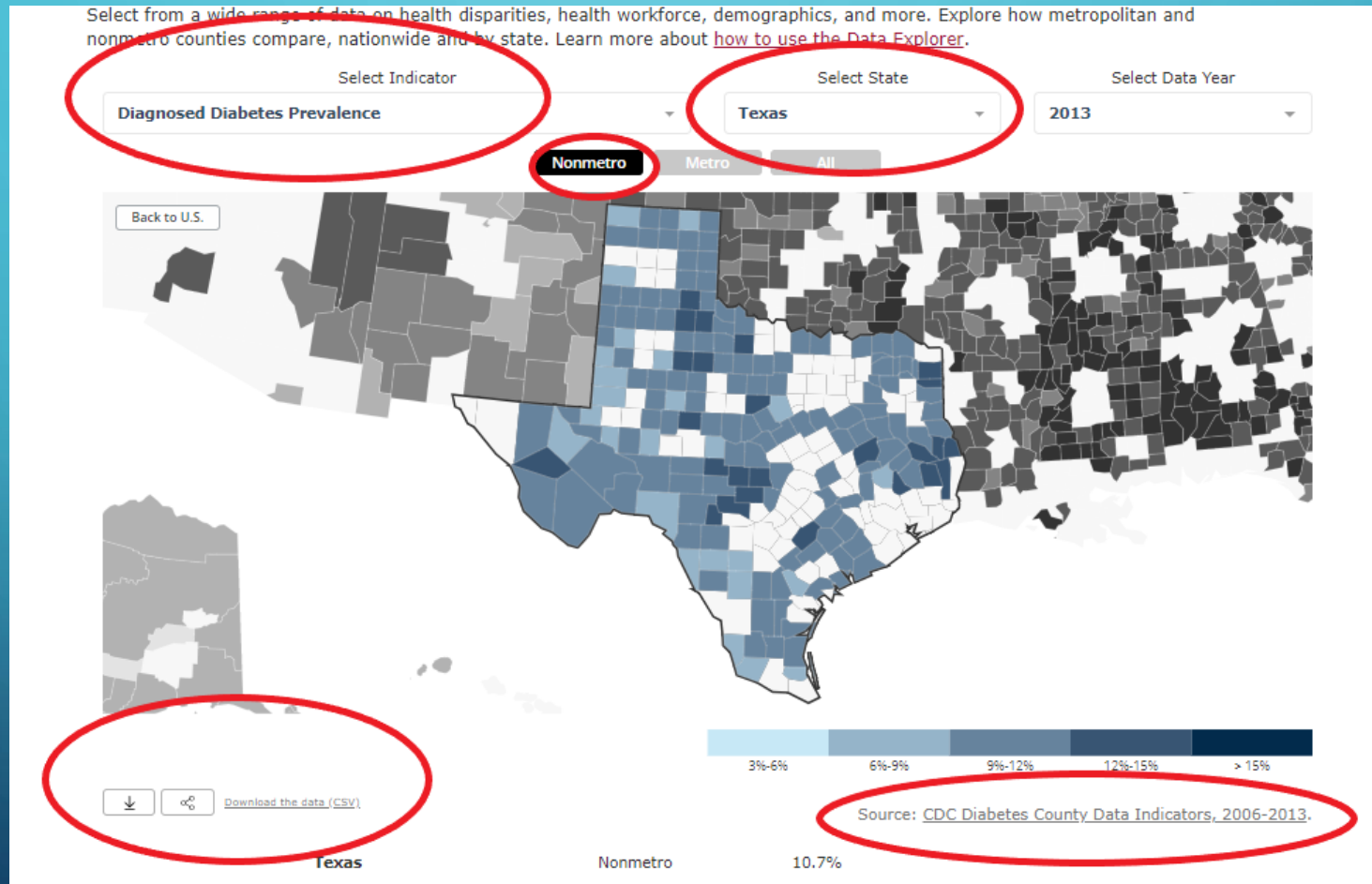
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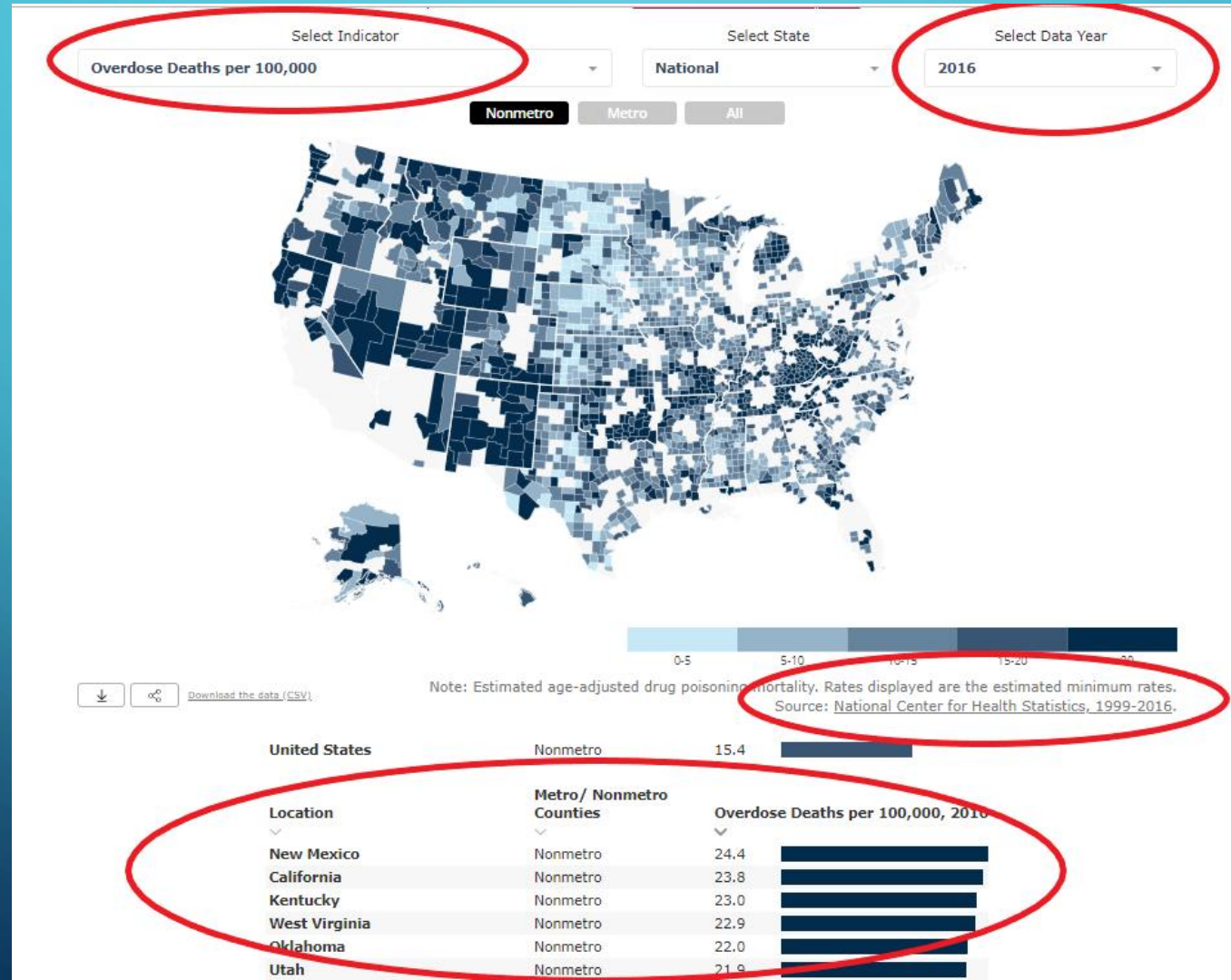
Nonmetro Metro All

A map of the United States showing county-level data visualization. The map is dark blue with white outlines for county boundaries. Some counties are highlighted in a lighter shade of blue, indicating data points. The map is positioned below the navigation controls.

RURAL DATA EXPLORER



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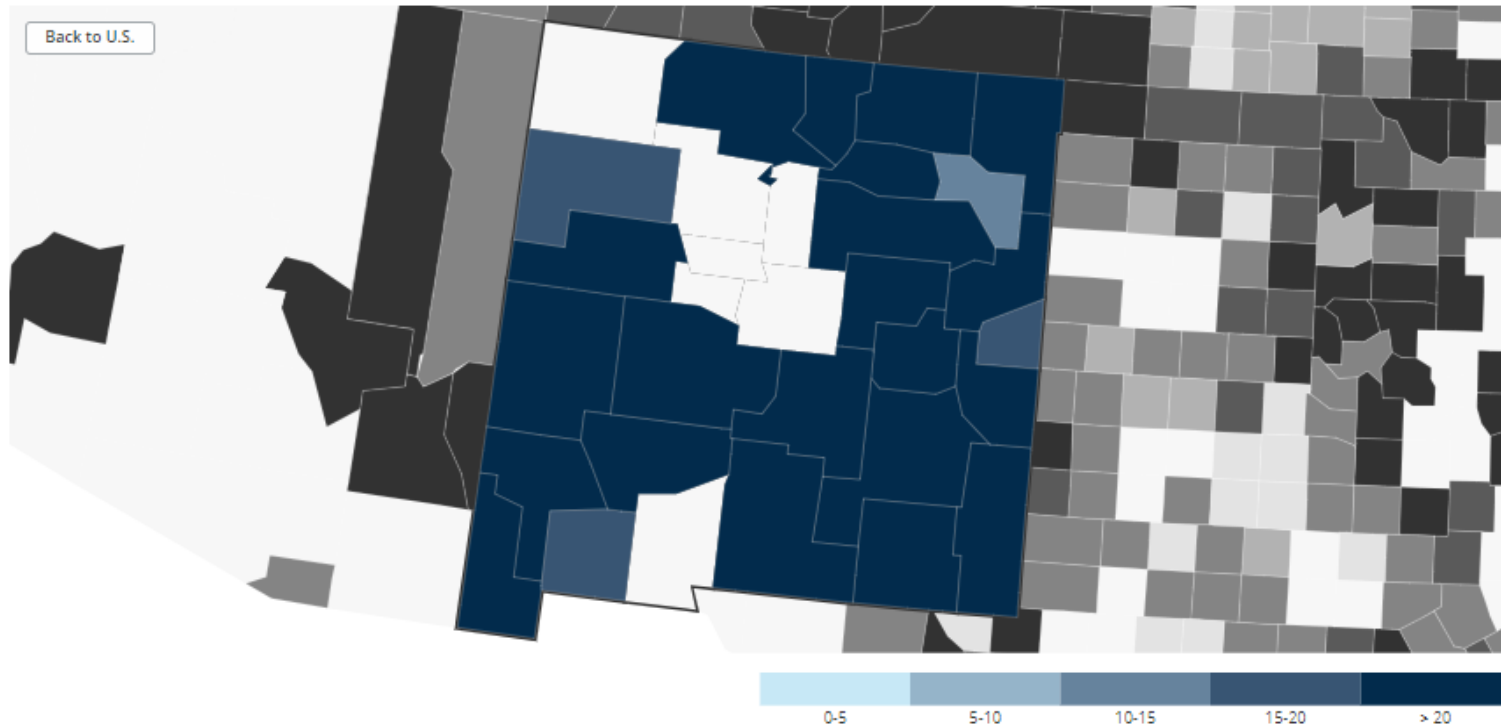
Select from a wide range of data on health disparities, health workforce, demographics, and more. Explore how metropolitan and nonmetro counties compare, nationwide and by state. Learn more about [how to use the Data Explorer](#).

Select Indicator: **Overdose Deaths per 100,000**

Select State: **New Mexico**

Select Data Year: **2016**

Nonmetro Metro



RURAL DATA VISUALIZATIONS: CHART GALLERY



The screenshot shows the RHIhub website header. The logo consists of a stylized hexagon icon followed by the text 'RHIhub' and 'Rural Health Information Hub' below it. A dark red navigation bar contains three menu items: 'Online Library -', 'Topics & States -', and 'Rural Data Visualizations -'. The 'Rural Data Visualizations -' item is circled in red. Below the navigation bar, the breadcrumb trail reads 'Rural Health > Data Visualizations'. The main heading is 'Chart Gallery', followed by a paragraph: 'Browse interactive charts, graphs, and maps on a wide range of rural health topics. For details on the features available, see [RHIhub Data Visualization Help](#).' Below this are three bullet points: '• [Chart Gallery by Topic](#)', '• [Chart Gallery by State](#)', and '• [Chart Gallery by Type](#)'.

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Online Library - Topics & States - **Rural Data Visualizations -**

[Rural Health](#) > [Data Visualizations](#)

Chart Gallery

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- [Chart Gallery by Topic](#)
- [Chart Gallery by State](#)
- [Chart Gallery by Type](#)

ABOUT THE CHART GALLERY

RHIhub's Chart Gallery is a collection of interactive charts, graphs, and maps that illustrate key issues related to rural health, including rural demographics, healthcare access, health status, the social determinants of health, and more. The charts included are based on data from federal and other publicly available data sources.

RURAL DATA VISUALIZATIONS: MAPS

Rural Health Information Hub

Online Library ▾ Topics & States ▾ **Rural Data Visualizations ▾** Case Studies & Conversations ▾ Tools for Success ▾

[Rural Health](#) > [Data Visualizations](#)

Rural Health Information Hub Maps

- [Demographics](#)
Maps describing the rural population, including health insurance coverage, population change, frontier counties, minority populations, poverty rates by age, median household income, and more.
- [Health Status](#)
Maps showing health status in rural areas, including life expectancy, disability status, and teen birth rates.
- [Health Workforce](#)
Maps showing areas that have an inadequate number of healthcare providers in primary care, mental health, or dental health services.
- [Healthcare Facilities](#)
Maps showing the location of rural hospitals, clinics, and other rural healthcare facilities.



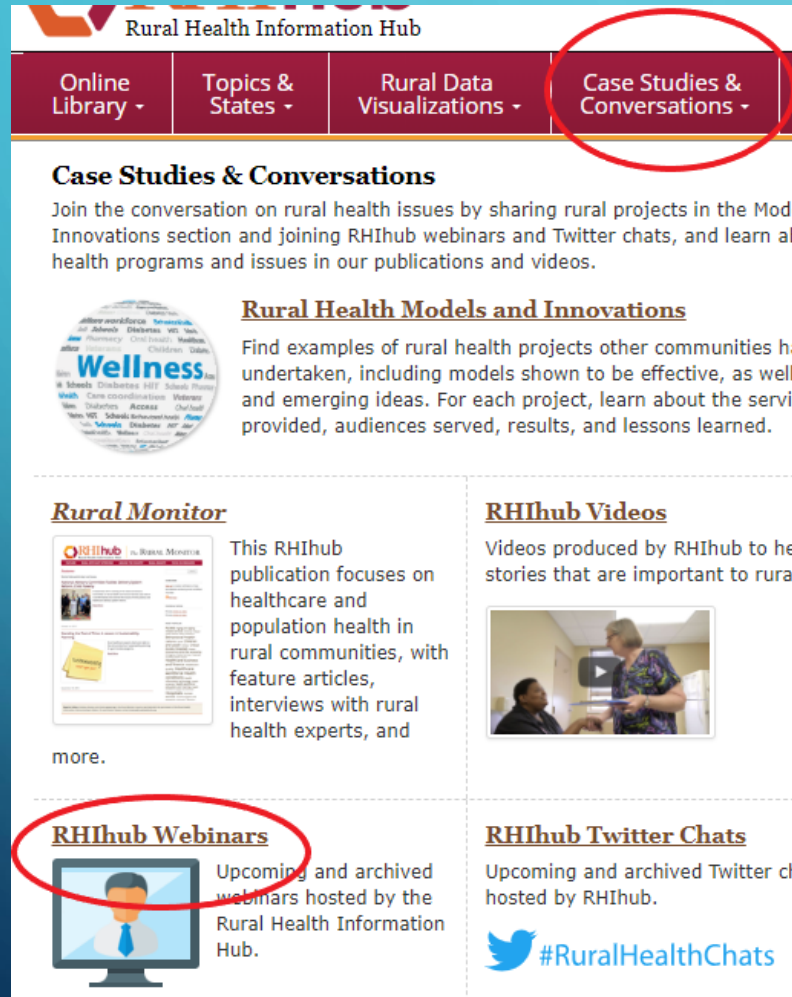
ABOUT RHIhub MAPS

The Rural Health Information Hub produces maps on topics related to rural healthcare provision and access, as well as the health of rural populations.

These maps can be used to help others understand rural health issues. Feel free to include them in presentations, reports, grants, articles, and other formats to demonstrate rural health needs, disparities, and infrastructure.

Have an idea for a new RHIhub map? Let us know at info@ruralhealthinfo.org.

RHIHUB: CASE STUDIES & CONVERSATIONS



Rural Health Information Hub

Online Library ▾ Topics & States ▾ Rural Data Visualizations ▾ **Case Studies & Conversations ▾**

Case Studies & Conversations

Join the conversation on rural health issues by sharing rural projects in the Model Innovations section and joining RHIhub webinars and Twitter chats, and learn about health programs and issues in our publications and videos.

Rural Health Models and Innovations

Find examples of rural health projects other communities have undertaken, including models shown to be effective, as well as emerging ideas. For each project, learn about the service provided, audiences served, results, and lessons learned.

Rural Monitor

This RHIhub publication focuses on healthcare and population health in rural communities, with feature articles, interviews with rural health experts, and more.

RHIhub Videos

Videos produced by RHIhub to help tell stories that are important to rural communities.

RHIhub Webinars

Upcoming and archived webinars hosted by the Rural Health Information Hub.

RHIhub Twitter Chats

Upcoming and archived Twitter chats hosted by RHIhub.

#RuralHealthChats

ABOUT CASE STUDIES & CONVERSATIONS

RHIhub's Case Studies & Conversations introduces you to successful rural health programs and leaders, as well as highlighting important rural health issues.

MORE USEFUL TOOLS

[Updates & Alerts](#) - Find information and resources on over 50 rural topics

[Evidence-based Toolkits](#) - Step-by-step guides to building effective rural community health programs

RHIHUB: TOOLS FOR SUCCESS

Online Library ▾	Topics & States ▾	Rural Data Visualizations ▾	Case Studies & Conversations ▾	Tools for Success ▾
Tools for Success				
Am I Rural?  <p>Find out if your area is considered rural based on several federal government definitions, including those used in determining eligibility for federal grant programs.</p>		Evidence-Based Toolkits for Rural Community Health  <p>Step-by-step guides to help you build effective community health programs, with resources and examples drawn from evidence-based and promising programs.</p>		
Economic Impact Analysis  <p>Show how your program's grant funding affects your community's economic well-being and share this information with sponsors, funders, and your community.</p>		Rural Community Health Gateway  <p>Resources to assist you at every stage of program implementation, from finding an approach, to securing funding, to planning for long-term sustainability.</p>		
Sustainability Planning Tools <p>Tools to help you plan and position your grant-funded projects so that services can be sustained over the long term.</p>		Testing New Approaches <p>Learn about rural demonstration projects that test new approaches and models of care.</p>		
Rural Health IT Curriculum Resources <p>A collection of curriculum resources educators can adapt to create rural health IT workforce training programs. Developed</p>		Care Management Medicare Reimbursement Strategies for Rural Providers <p>Information for rural healthcare providers on Medicare billing codes for services to</p>		

ABOUT TOOLS FOR SUCCESS

Communities succeed when they have the right tools to use for their initiatives. With RHIhub's Tools for Success, you'll find resources to help you:

- Grow funding
- Improve programs
- Promote successes to policymakers, funders, sponsors, and your community
- Research program potential
- Reach development goals

Through the Tools for Success section, you have access to resources that support grant writing, demonstrate program effectiveness, and plan for the long-term success of your rural health program.

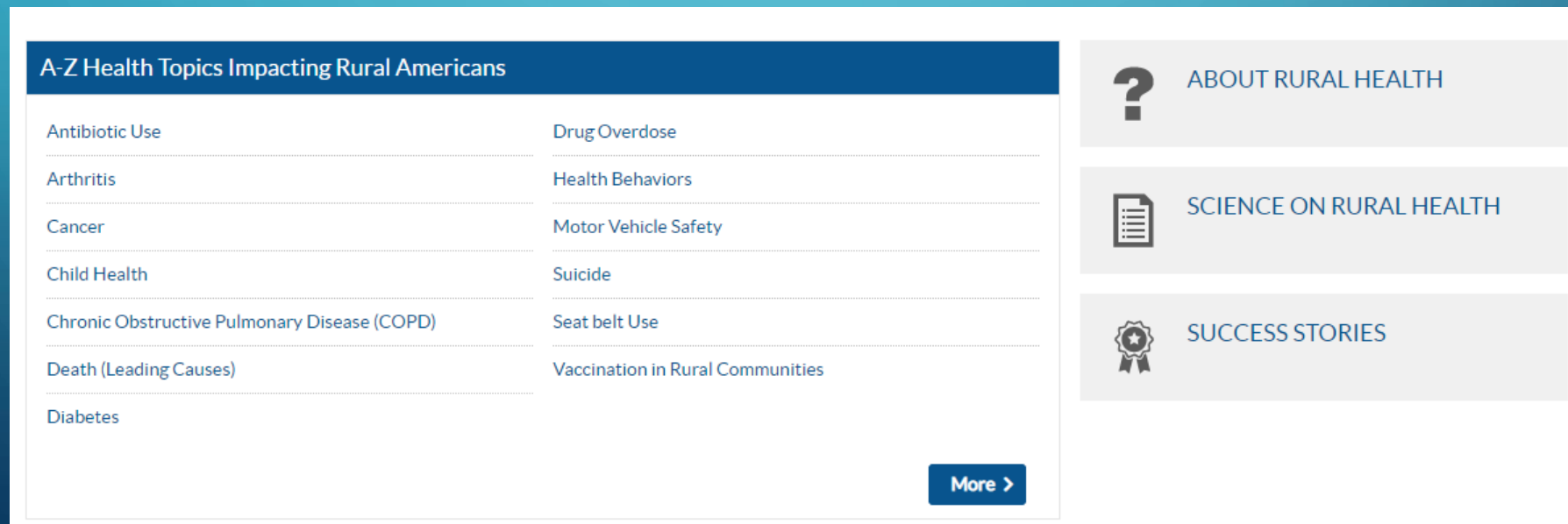
MORE USEFUL TOOLS

[Finding Statistics and Data Related to Rural Health Topic Guide](#) – Identifies sources of data to show need, including statistics on health behaviors, health status, and health services

[Conducting Rural Health Research, Needs Assessment, and Program Evaluation Topic Guide](#) – Insights on how to show program impact through efficient and practical program evaluations

OTHER SOURCES FOR RURAL HEALTH




- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Rural Health
- <https://www.cdc.gov/ruralhealth/>



A-Z Health Topics Impacting Rural Americans

Antibiotic Use	Drug Overdose
Arthritis	Health Behaviors
Cancer	Motor Vehicle Safety
Child Health	Suicide
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)	Seat belt Use
Death (Leading Causes)	Vaccination in Rural Communities
Diabetes	

[More >](#)

-  ABOUT RURAL HEALTH
-  SCIENCE ON RURAL HEALTH
-  SUCCESS STORIES

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE: RURAL DEVELOPMENT

- <https://www.rd.usda.gov/>



The image shows a screenshot of the USDA Rural Development website's navigation menu. The menu is dark blue with white text. The 'About RD' link is circled in red. Below the navigation bar, there are several sections: Leadership, Offices, Agencies, and Initiatives. The 'Agencies' section is also circled in red. The 'Farm Bill' section is partially visible at the bottom.

USDA United States Department of Agriculture
Rural Development

Home **About RD** Programs & Services Browse by State Newsroom

Leadership

- Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development
- Administrators
- State Directors

Offices

- Business Center
- Customer Service Center
- Civil Rights
- National Financial and Accounting Operations Center
- Office of External Affairs
- RUS Program Accounting Services Division
- Rural Development Innovation Center
- State Offices

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Agencies

- Rural Utilities Service
- Rural Business-Cooperative Service
- Rural Housing Service

Initiatives

- Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships (FBNP)

Farm Bill

Highlights Latest News

U.S.D.A.: RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE

- Assists in providing infrastructure, or upgrading infrastructure, in rural communities.
- Water and Environmental Programs
- Electric Programs
- Telecommunications Programs

U.S.D.A.: TELECOM PROGRAMS

- <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs/telecom-programs>

USDA Rural Development's Rural Utilities Programs provide a variety of loans and grants to build and expand broadband networks. Loans to build broadband networks and deliver service to rural households and businesses, provide capital for rural telecommunications companies and broadband providers. Grants are reserved for communities with the highest need.

Telecommunications Loan and Grant Programs offered are:

1. Community Connect Grants
2. Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants
3. Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee
4. Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans and Guarantees

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RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE

- Business Programs
- Cooperative Programs
- Community Economic Development

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Community Economic Development



Print

Community Economic Development (CED) is a division within USDA Rural Development created to enhance the delivery of USDA Rural Development programs and services to people living in persistent poverty and in rural areas that have limited access to economic resources and job opportunities.

To take on these challenges, USDA Rural Development offers grants, low-interest loans, loan guarantees and technical assistance (professional training) to any rural business, member-Cooperative or economic development organization looking to improve the quality of life for their people.

We connect citizens with essential services such as affordable housing, business development, electricity and communication infrastructure (including broadband), health care, emergency services and equipment, clean water and healthy food.

RURAL HOUSING SERVICE

USDA's Rural Housing Service offers a variety of programs to build or improve housing and essential community facilities in rural areas. We offer loans, grants and loan guarantees for single- and multi-family housing, child care centers, fire and police stations, hospitals, libraries, nursing homes, schools, first responder vehicles and equipment, housing for farm laborers and much more.

We also provide technical assistance loans and grants in partnership with non-profit organizations, Indian tribes, state and federal government agencies, and local communities.

RURAL HOUSING SERVICE

Key Programs

Single Family Housing Direct
Home Loans

Single Family Housing
Guaranteed Loan Program

Multi-Family Housing Loan
Guarantees

Community Facilities Technical
Assistance and Training Grant

Rural Community Development
Initiative Grants

Housing Preservation &
Revitalization Demonstration
Loans & Grants

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE: RURAL DEVELOPMENT

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/>



The screenshot displays the USDA Rural Development website. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, About RD, Programs & Services, Browse by State, Newsroom, Publications, and Contact Us. The 'Programs & Services' link is circled in red. Below the navigation bar, the 'All Programs' section is also circled in red. The main content area is divided into three columns: 'All Programs', 'For Businesses', and 'For Communities & Nonprofits'. The 'All Programs' column lists various programs, including Business Programs, Community Economic Development, Community Facilities Programs, Cooperative Programs, Electric Programs, Energy Programs, and Multi-Family Housing Programs. The 'For Businesses' column lists the Rural Economic Area Partnership Program (REAP Zones) and the Rural Energy for America Program. The 'For Communities & Nonprofits' column lists Community Facilities Direct Loans and Grants, and Rural Community Development Initiative Grants.

USDA United States Department of Agriculture
Rural Development

Home About RD **Programs & Services** Browse by State Newsroom Publications Contact Us

Home / Programs & Services

All Programs

- Business Programs
- **Community Economic Development**
- Community Facilities Programs
- Cooperative Programs
- Electric Programs
- Energy Programs
- Multi-Family Housing Programs

For Businesses

- Rural Economic Area Partnership Program (REAP Zones)
- Rural Energy for America Program

For Communities & Nonprofits

- Community Facilities Direct Loans and Grants
- Rural Community Development Initiative Grants

RURAL DEVELOPMENT: COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Community Economic Development

Community Facilities Programs

Cooperative Programs

Electric Programs

Energy Programs

Multi-Family Housing Programs

Single Family Housing Programs

Telecommunications Programs

Water & Environmental Programs

We connect citizens with essential services such as affordable housing, business development, electricity and communication infrastructure (including broadband), health care, emergency services and equipment, clean water and healthy food.

Community Economic Development:

- *Spearheads* Rural Development programs like [Strategic Economic & Community Development](#), [Stronger Economies Together](#) and in key focus areas like local food, rural business and bio economies.
- *Engages* with local leaders and community members and supporting community-based efforts to plan regional strategies, set benchmarks and measure progress.
- *Strategically* guides people through [Rural Development programs](#), [Cooperative Development](#), other government agencies, nonprofit organizations, philanthropic organizations and local institutions in order to develop long-term partnerships.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE COUNCIL

- Non-profit organization that focuses on providing affordable housing in rural areas and communities.
- “HAC’s mission is to improve housing conditions for the rural poor, with an emphasis on the poorest of the poor in the most rural places.”
- Collaborates with government agencies, but HAC specializes in rural housing.
- Provides valid, supplemental data and analyses to the work of federal and state agencies.
- Web site address: <http://www.ruralhome.org/index.php>

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- Subscribing to HAC's bi-weekly newsletter:
- <http://ruralhome.org/whats-new/hac-news>

HAC News

The classic "little yellow newsletter," providing essential information on affordable rural housing. Includes national program and policy updates, summaries of Federal Register filings, findings from recent research reports, and much more.

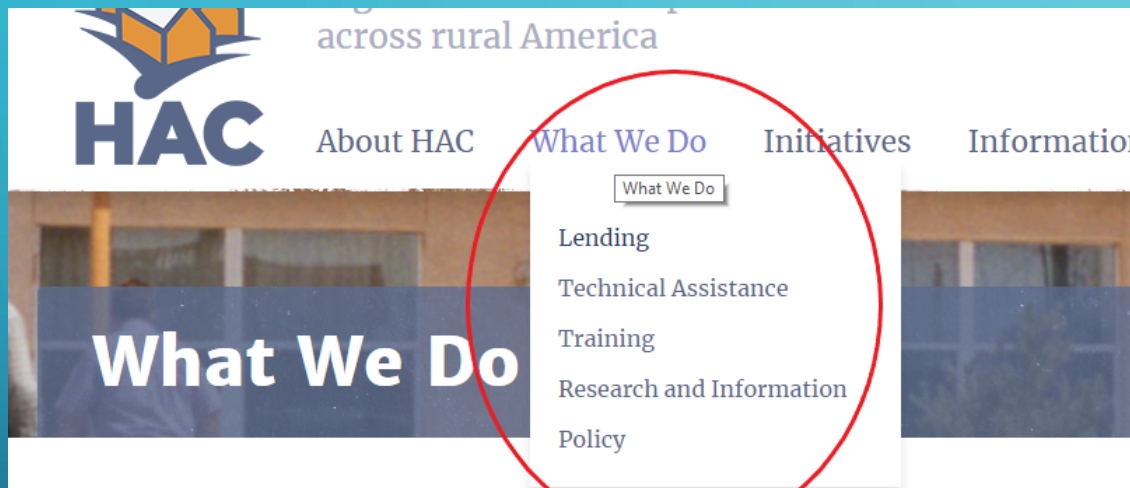
E-mail subscribers also receive occasional special notices about breaking news, HAC conferences, and the like. Available by e-mail every two weeks. 1 page. ISSN 1093-8036.

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- Reports include their own policy and statistical analyses.
- Tabulate the data from federal agencies that collect data from rural communities, including:
 - Census Bureau (American Community Survey)
 - Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA)

HOUSING ASSISTANCE COUNCIL: WHAT WE DO



Lending

[Submit a Loan Inquiry](#)

Certified as a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) by the U.S. Treasury Department, the Housing Assistance Council has offered low-cost rural housing development loans for over 40 years.

HAC makes short-term loans at below market interest rates to local nonprofits, for profits and government entities developing affordable housing for low-income, rural residents. HAC's loans enable borrowers to acquire land, pay architectural and environmental fees and cover other costs that arise before construction loans are available. HAC balances careful underwriting and meaningful collateral with flexibility and an understanding that a rural community's best

Technical Assistance

[Request Technical Assistance](#)

HAC's **Training** and **Technical Assistance** assist rural organizations to improve housing conditions for the rural poor, with an emphasis on the poorest of the poor in the most rural places. The division focuses on developing the capacity of local leaders in nonprofit organizations to help their own communities. This is done by providing formal trainings, one-on-one technical assistance and connecting local organizations to resources which can build their capacity and strengthen their community.

Policy

When a congressional office wants data on rural housing conditions or a federal agency forgets that urban techniques don't work in rural areas . . . when a coalition of housing organizations needs rural knowledge or a coalition of rural organizations needs housing information . . . when a state government wonders how to meet its rural constituents' housing needs . . . the Housing Assistance Council speaks out. Through comments on regulations, testimony before congressional committees, partnerships with coalitions, and the like, HAC promotes a strong, effective, and supportive governmental role in rural affordable housing. On this page you will find information about HAC's policy activities.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE COUNCIL: INITIATIVES

The Housing Assistance Council is a national nonprofit organization that helps build homes and communities across rural America

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Initiatives

Affordable Housing for Rural Veterans

OneRural

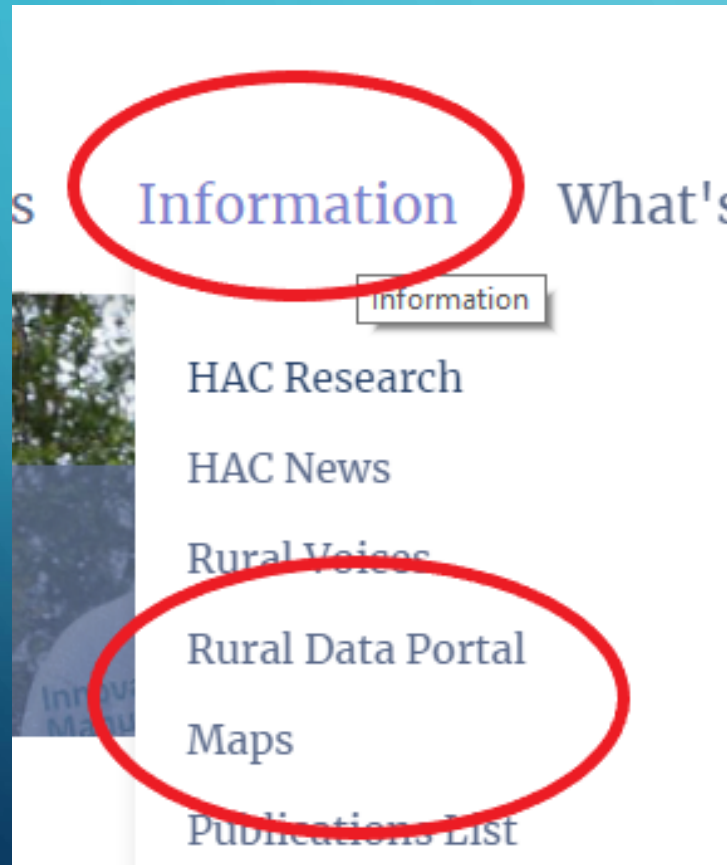
High Needs Regions and Vulnerable Populations

Persistent Poverty

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Self-Help Housing

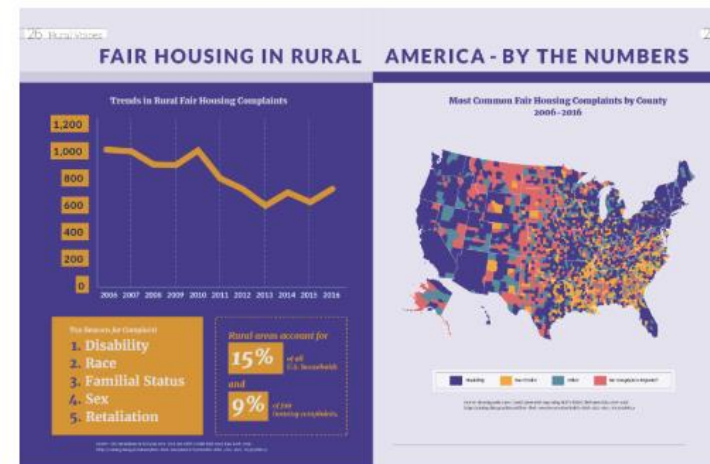
HOUSING ASSISTANCE COUNCIL: INFORMATION



Maps

Snapshots of Rural Data


Rural America is a vast and diverse place, with a character all its own. As a part of HAC's *Rural Voices Magazine*, we often include an infographic which tells a small story in data about a particular issue facing rural America.





HOUSING ASSISTANCE COUNCIL: RURAL DATA PORTAL

GET DETAILED DATA

1. SELECT A GEOGRAPHY

 National

 State

 County

All Areas

Rural

Suburban

Urban

2. SELECT AN INDICATOR

Demographic Data

Social Data

Economic Data

Housing Data

Housing Finance Data

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1. SELECT A GEOGRAPHY

- National
- State
- County

Texas

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2. SELECT AN INDICATOR

- Demographic Data
- Social Data
- Economic Data
- Housing Data
- Housing Finance Data

- All
- Loan Application Status
- Loan Type
- Loan Purpose
- Property Type
- Loan Amount
- Applicant Income
- Reason For Loan Application Denial
- High Cost Loans

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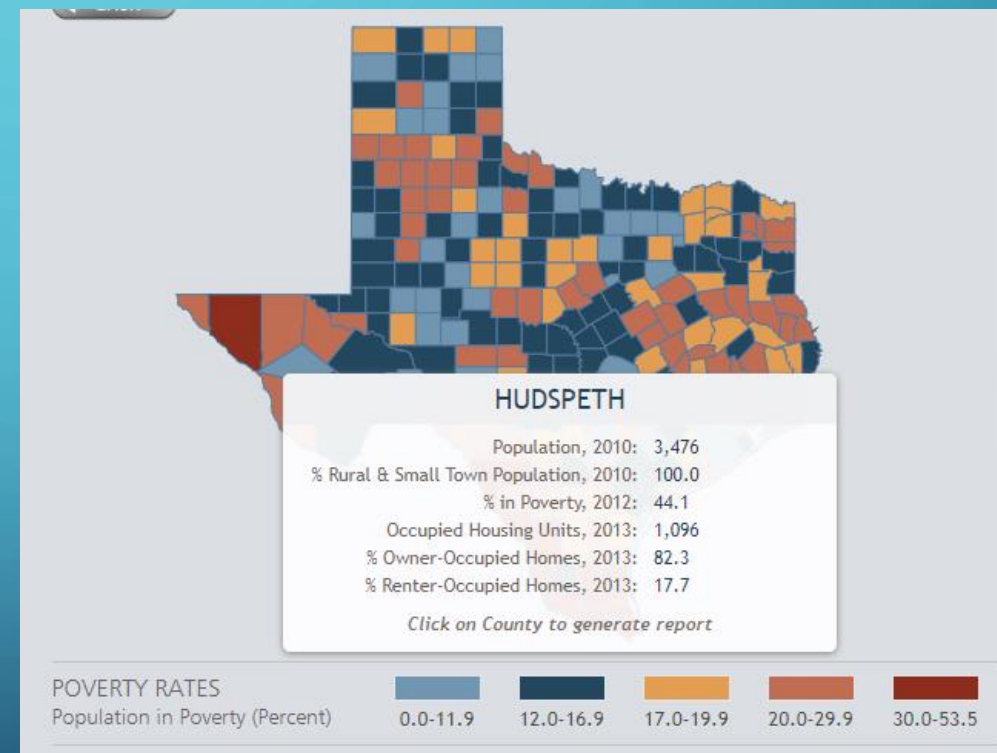
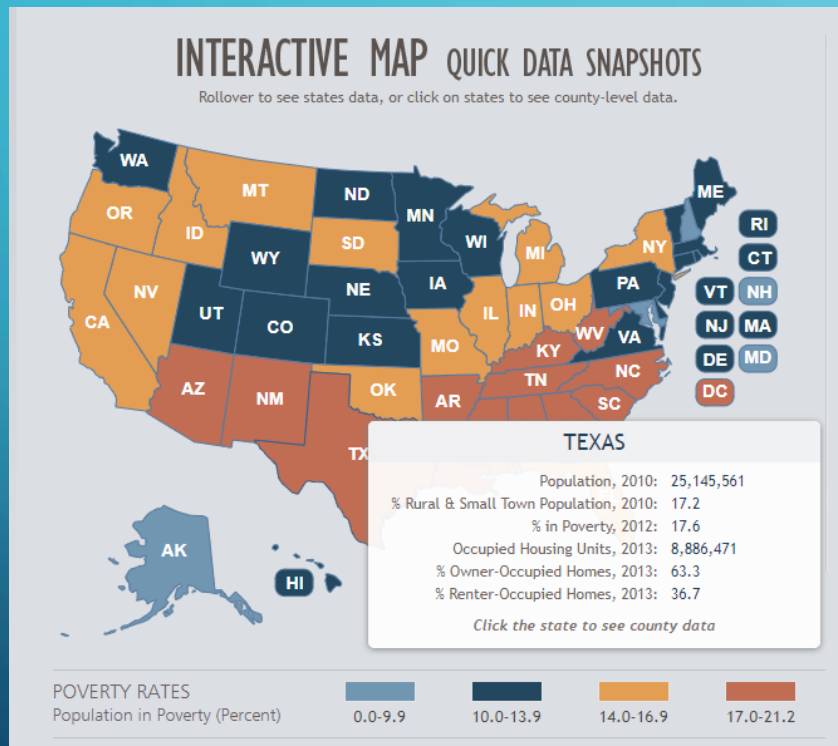
Source: HAC Tabulations of the HMDA 2013 Loan Application Data.

LOAN APPLICATION STATUS ?	Willacy County, Texas		United States	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Loan Applications HMDA 2013	203	(X)	13,697,559	(X)
Originated Loan Applications	70	34.5	8,585,903	62.7
Approved But Not Accepted Loan Applications	20	9.9	717,746	5.2
Denied Loan Applications	85	41.9	2,558,770	18.7
Withdrawn Loan Applications	16	7.9	1,305,490	9.5
Other Actions Taken Loan Applications	12	5.9	529,650	3.9
LOAN TYPE ?				
Total Originated Loans HMDA 2013 Data	70	(X)	8,585,903	(X)
Conventional Loan Originations	42	60	6,824,427	79.5
FHA Loan Originations	19	27.1	1,091,085	12.7
VA Loan Originations	9	12.9	535,796	6.2
USDA Rural Development/Farm Services Loan Originations		0	134,595	1.6



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HAC: RURAL DATA PORTAL: MAPS



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Economic Data, 2013

Hudspeth County, Texas

Source: HAC Tabulations of the ACS 2009-13 Economic Data.

Data Reliability About Data	Hudspeth County, Texas			United States	
	Number	Percent	Reliability	Number	Percent
■ Highly Reliable Estimate ? ■ Reliable Estimate ? ■ Low Reliability Estimate ? ■ Not Available ?					
EMPLOYMENT ?					
Civilian Labor Force Age 16 and Older ACS 2009-13 Estimate	1,299	(X)	■	157,113,886	(X)
Employed Civilian Labor Force Ages 16 and Older	1,193	91.8	■	141,864,697	90.3
Unemployed Civilian Labor Force Ages 16 and Older	106	8.2	■	15,249,189	9.7

HAC: RURAL DATA PORTAL: OTHER DATA RESOURCES (1)

- <http://www.ruraldataportal.org/otherresources.aspx>

HAC: RURAL DATA PORTAL: OTHER DATA RESOURCES (2)

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IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Get Data About the Data Maps **Other Data Resources** About

DATA RESOURCES FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES

U.S. Census Bureau: www.census.gov

2010 Census of Population and Housing.
factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml

American Community Survey (ACS) 5 Year Estimates 3 Year Estimates 1 Year Estimates
factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml

Small Area Income & Poverty Estimates
www.census.gov/did/www/saie

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)

Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) - Explore the Data
www.consumerfinance.gov/hmda/explore

Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC): www.ffiec.gov

Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA)
www.ffiec.gov/hmda

HUDUser: www.huduser.org/portal

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Fair Market Rents (FMRs)

www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/fmr.html

Picture of Subsidized Households

www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/assths.html

Income Limits

www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/il.html

Physical Inspection Scores

portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/topics/physical_inspection_scores

American Housing Survey (AHS)

www.census.gov/programs-surveys/ahs

Bureau of Labor Statistics: www.bls.gov

Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

www.bls.gov/lau/lauov.htm

USDA Economic Research Service www.ers.usda.gov

Atlas of Rural and Small Town America

www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/atlas-of-rural-and-small-town-america.aspx

County Typology Codes

www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/county-typology-codes.aspx

Federal Funds Data www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/federal-funds.aspx

Natural Amenities Scale

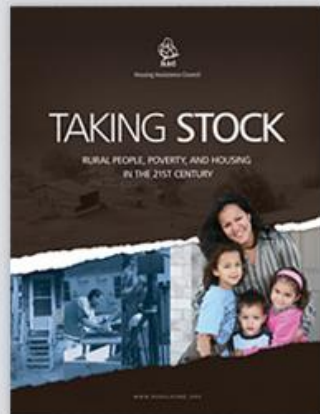
www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/natural-amenities-scale.aspx

State Data Sheets

www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/state-fact-sheets.aspx

National Low Income Housing Coalition: nlihc.org

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POVERTY IN THE UNITED STATES

RURAL HOUSING: OTHER INFO SOURCES

- State Economic Development Offices
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD User)
- <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/subscribe/subscribe.html>

RURAL AMERICA: OTHER POSSIBLE RESOURCES

- Rural Policy Research Institute (University of Iowa)
- <http://www.rupri.org/the-rupri-library/>
- Urban Institute (<https://www.urban.org/>)
 - Keyword “rural” in the search box
 - “The Future of Rural Housing”



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