

2024 Annual Disability Infographic: Experiences of People with Disabilities in Rural America

Living in the Most Rural Places, Experiencing Greater Inequalities

DEFINING PLACE

Urban Counties:

Metropolitan counties: urban core of 50,000+ people

Rural Counties:

Micropolitan counties: urban core of 10,000-50,000

Non-Core counties: no urban core (< 10,000 people)

DISABILITY PREVALENCE BY COUNTY

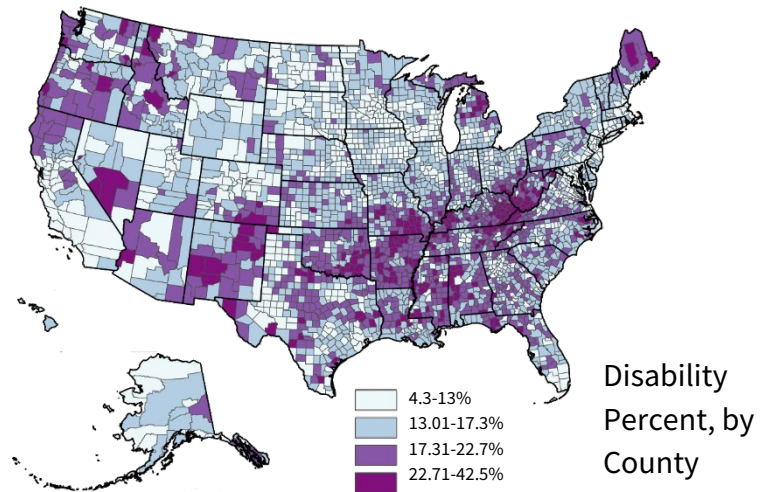
3,127,000 people with disabilities live in the **most rural** counties

Metropolitan	12.1%
Micropolitan	16.1%
Non-Core (Most Rural)	17.8%

EMPLOYMENT

People with disabilities, ages 18-64, in the **most rural** places have the **lowest employment** to population ratio

Metropolitan	39.6%
Micropolitan	35.4%
Non-Core (Most Rural)	32.5%



POVERTY

1 in 3 children under age 18 with disabilities in the **most rural** places experience poverty

compared to

1 in 4 children under age 18 with disabilities in the most **urban** places experience poverty



HEALTH

People with disabilities in the **most rural** places report:

Lower rates of **Private** coverage

Higher rates of **Public** coverage

than people with disabilities in other areas*

*Metropolitan: Private 49.7%, Public 72.6%

Micropolitan: Private 47.8%, Public 75.7%

Rural/Non-Core: Private 45.9%, Public 77.8%

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Data; civilian, noninstitutional population. Analyzed by RTC:Rural at the University of Montana, prepared by the Institute on Disability's Center for Research on Disability at the University of New Hampshire.