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Key Messages & DATA POINTS



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Nearly **1,300** Critical Access Hospitals (CAH) and roughly **900** other rural hospitals



support the acute care landscape of rural communities.ⁱ

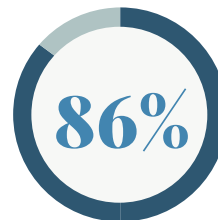


More than **5,000** Rural Health Clinics and over **3,600** rural health centers or health center look-alikes

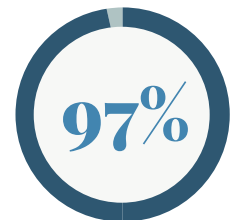
provide the backbone of the primary care infrastructure in rural America.ⁱⁱ



Rural Health Clinics are a key component of the rural health safety net, with

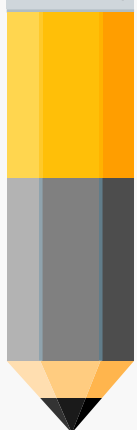


Offering free or reduced-cost care, and



Accepting new Medicaid or state CHIP patients.ⁱⁱⁱ

LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS



50% of rural Local Health Departments (LHDs)

report operating school-based health clinics, and are more likely than urban LHDs to provide an array of services, including: child and adult immunizations, maternal and children's health services, behavioral and mental health care, and home health care.^{iv}

A stethoscope is positioned diagonally across the frame, with its chest piece resting on a blue surface. The background is a solid, deep blue color. The text is centered over the stethoscope's chest piece.

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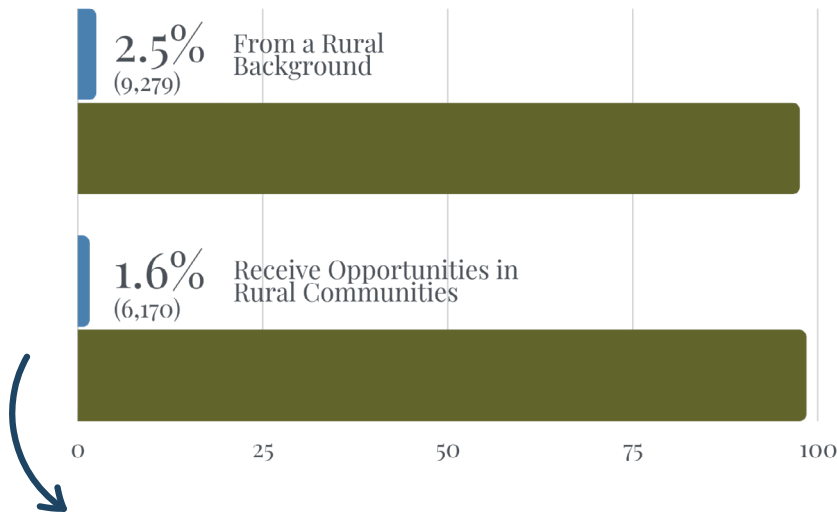
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Graduates of osteopathic medical schools, rural schools, and schools with a rural mission are more likely to choose rural primary care practice. All schools can improve by adopting rural missions and supporting those missions through programs and curricula that encourage rural practice.^{vi}




Compared to urban nurse practitioners, rural NPs report being more satisfied with their jobs, fully practicing to the extent of their license and anticipate staying in their jobs much longer.^{viii}



Only 2.5% (9,279) of participants in federal pipeline programs are from a rural background, with only 1.6% (6,170) receiving training opportunities in rural communities.^{vii}

Rural children are more likely to volunteer in their community, school or church and have greater odds of having a mentor for advice or guidance compared to urban children.^v

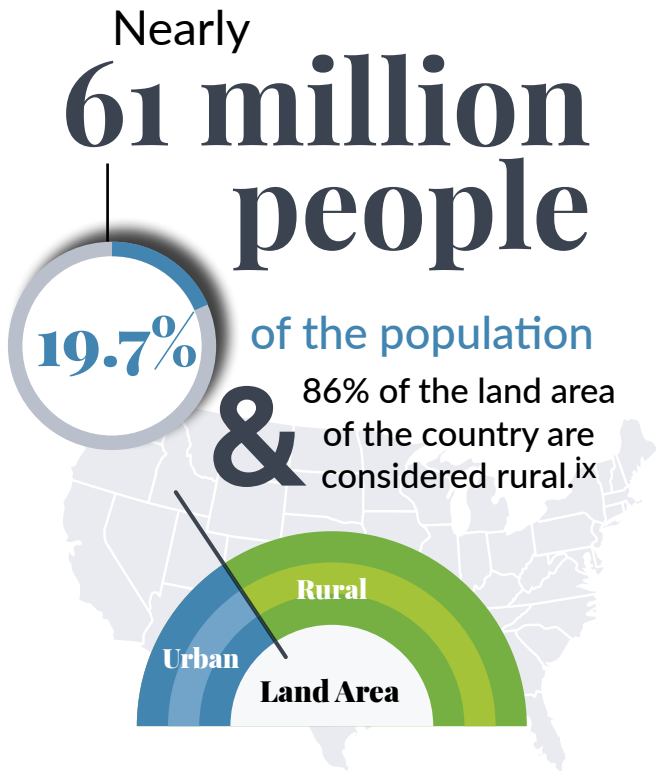


A group of people and a dog are gathered on a rocky ridge, looking out over a vast, hazy landscape. The scene is captured in a blue-tinted, semi-transparent style. The people are dressed in outdoor gear, and some have their arms raised in a gesture of triumph or appreciation. A white dog is sitting in the middle of the group. The background shows rolling hills and a clear sky.

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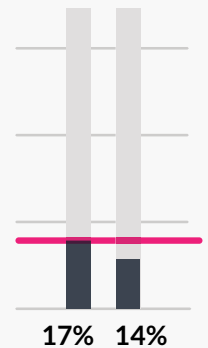


Rural minorities

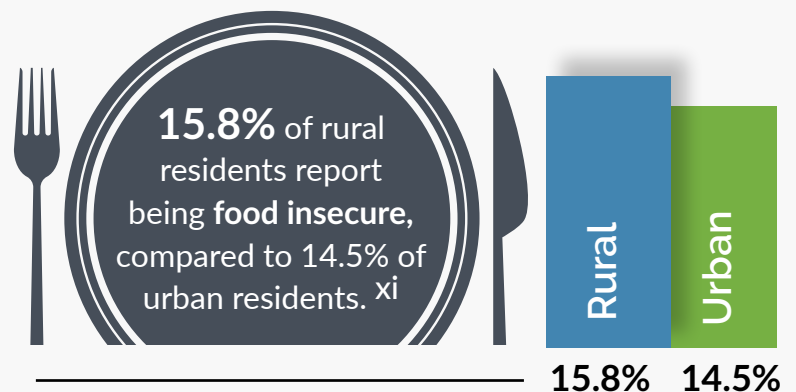
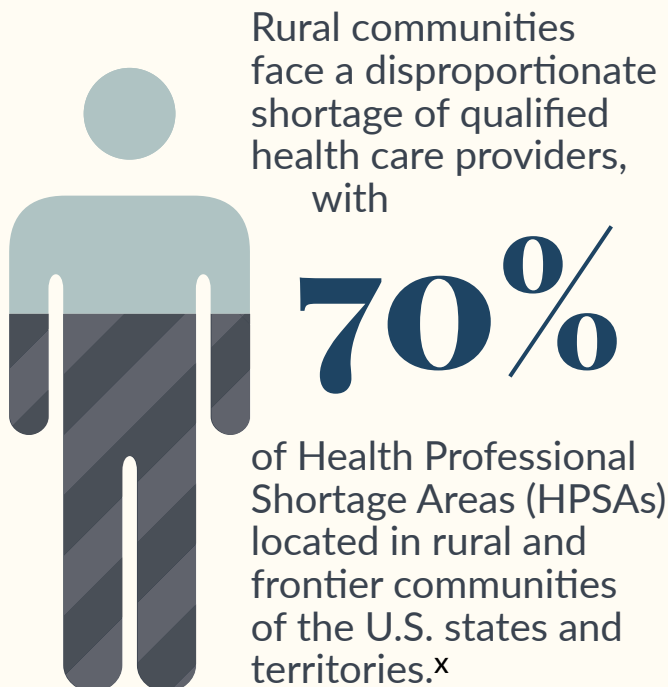
(Black, Indigenous and People of Color [BIPOC] and Latinx communities) have even higher rates of poverty and obesity, as well as lower educational attainment, than rural White and urban children.^{xii}



The median annual household income of rural residents is lower than urban residents,



with 17% of rural residents living at or below the poverty line, compared to 14% in urban.^{xi}



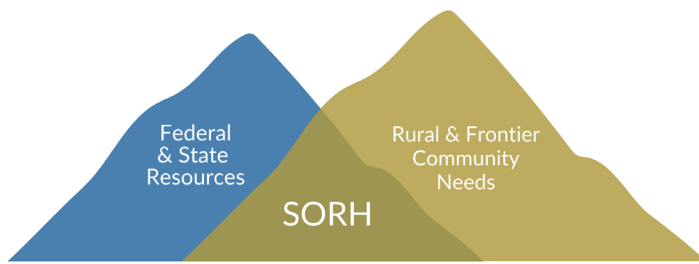
Food Insecurity



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are part of a state institution of higher learning,

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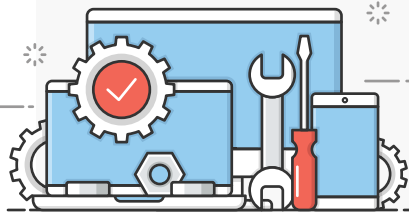
SORH provided over

90,000

instances of technical assistance to over

26,500

rural stakeholders in 2020.^{xiii}



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nearly 65,000 subscribed to SORH distribution lists,



and more than 54,000 subscribed to SORH newsletters.^{xiii}

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