


Rural Public Health



Geography should not be a determining factor for **health status**.

Rural public health efforts and interventions must be specifically catered to address rural population health.

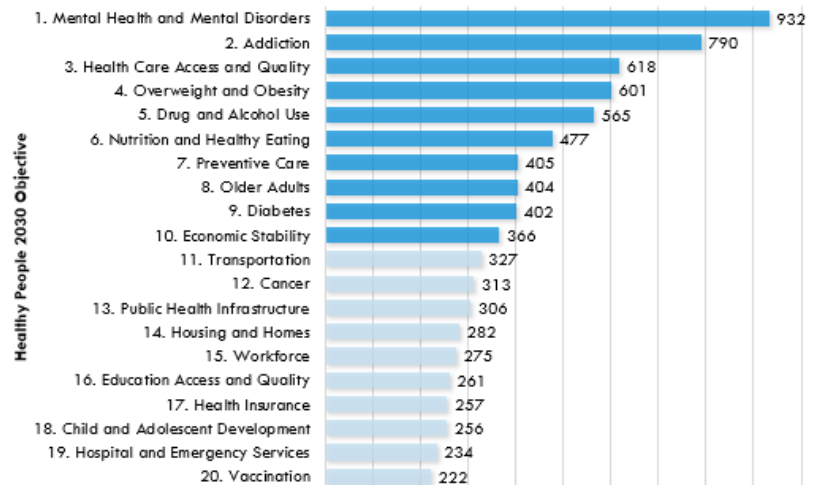
Rural areas experience unique challenges in comparison to their urban counterparts. Among these are a higher likelihood to die from leading **chronic diseases** and **unintentional injury**. Additionally, many **socioeconomic inequities** and **environmental hazards** contribute to rural communities' **unequal health outcomes**.

S. 403/H.R. 3102: *Rural Health Focus Act*

Sens. Merkley (D-OR) & Hyde Smith (R-MS), Reps. Guest (R-MS) & Gluesenkamp Perez (D-WA)

The Office of Rural Public Health enhances implementation of CDC's rural health portfolio, coordinates efforts across CDC programs, and implements a strategic plan for rural health that maps the way forward both administratively and programmatically. NRHA urges Congress to increase funding to \$10 million for implementation of these essential functions.

2030 Top 20 Healthy People Priorities for Rural America



Southwest Rural Health Research Center, 2023



There are more than **2,512 LHDs** in the United States, about half of which are rural.



Rural LHDs tend to have fewer staff and larger geographic jurisdictions to cover.