# 2021 Annual Disability Infographic: Experience of People with Disabilities in Rural America

# In More Rural Places and Disparities Widen

# Percentage Reporting Disabilities

Metropolitan 12.1%

Micropolitan

15.9%

Non-Core (Most Rural)

18.0%

3,194,000 people with disabilities live in the most rural places, where the percentage reporting disabilities is highest (18.0%).

### **Poverty**

1 in 4 people with disabilities in the most <u>rural</u> places experience poverty



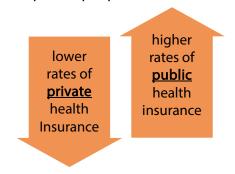
... compared to ...

<u>1 in 5</u> people with disabilities in the most <u>urban</u> places experience poverty



#### **Health Insurance**

In more rural places, people with disabilities report ...



... compared to people with disabilities in other areas

# **Defining Places**

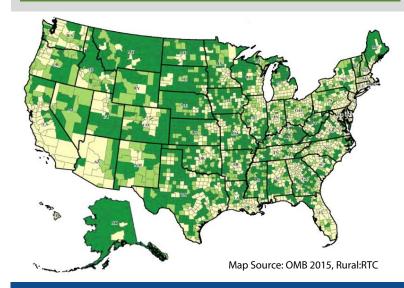
**Urban Counties:** 

Metropolitan: counties with urban core of 50,000+ people

**Rural Counties:** 

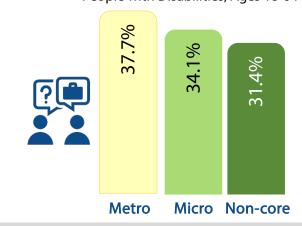
Micropolitan: counties an urban core of 10,000-50,000 people

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



## **Employment**

People with Disabilities, Ages 18-64



Data Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey - civilian, noninstitutional population.

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