

2021 List of Distressed or Underserved Nonmetropolitan Middle-Income Geographies Source Information and Methodology

Note: The 2021 list includes the island areas American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and U.S. Virgin Islands.

Poverty rate (Changes Annually)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE), 2019. Variable used was "Estimated percent of people of all ages in poverty."

Note: Due to the U.S. Census Bureau's adoption of American Community Survey (ACS) data in the estimation procedure for SAIPE, SAIPE data is now available with a two-year lag from the year of the List of Distressed or Underserved Nonmetropolitan Middle-Income Geographies instead of the previous three-year lag.

Population

Source: U.S. Census Bureau County Intercensal Estimates (for change between 2000 and 2010 populations and for change between 2005 and 2010 populations).

10-Year Population loss from 2000 to 2010 = (2010 population-2000 population)/2000 population

5-Year Population loss from 2005 to 2010 = (2010 population-2005 population)/2005 population

Note: At the time of the release of this file, the domestic 5-year net migration provided by Census 2000 (PHC-T-22) Table 2 used in previous years is not available in the 2010 Decennial Census. Therefore, the formula for 5-year loss in population is used in its place.

Unemployment (Changes Annually)

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Labor Force Data by County, 2020 Annual Averages

County Unemployment Rate = (Unemployment level)/(Labor Force)*100

National Unemployment Rate = (Total unemployment)/(Total labor force)*100

Note: BLS was unable to develop 2020 unemployment data for Puerto Rico due to the impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) national emergency and efforts to contain the virus. Specifically, Puerto Rico was not able to timely conduct its household survey for March 2020 or April 2020. See <https://www.bls.gov/lau/#cntyaa>. Therefore, the unemployment criterion for Puerto Rico lists 'NA' to indicate that it is not available on the 2021 list.

BLS does not collect employment data for Kalawao County, Hawaii and considers it part of Maui County. We assume unemployment data for Kalawao County is the same as that of Maui County.

Low Density

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service Urban Influence Codes, 2013. Low density if Urban Influence Code is 7, 10, 11, or 12.