In More Rural Places and Disparities Widen

### Percentage Reporting Disabilities

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

### Defining Places

**Urban Counties:**
- **Metropolitan:** counties with urban core of 50,000+ people

**Rural Counties:**
- **Micropolitan:** counties with urban core of 10,000-50,000 people
- **Non-Core:** counties with no urban core (< 10,000 people)

### Poverty

1 in 4 people with disabilities in the most rural places experience poverty

... compared to ...

1 in 5 people with disabilities in the most urban places experience poverty

### Employment

People with Disabilities, Ages 18-64

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### Health Insurance

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

- lower rates of **private** health insurance
- higher rates of **public** health insurance

... compared to people with disabilities in other areas

RTC: Rural

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Disability Statistics & Demographics

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