



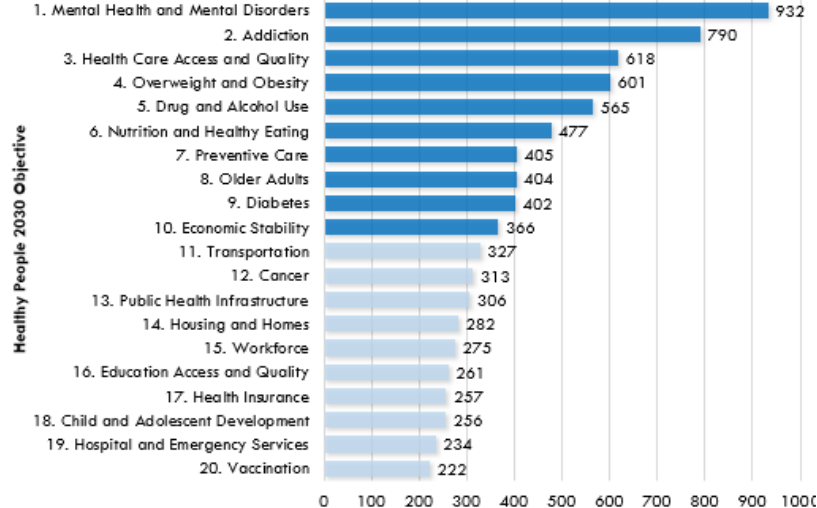
Rural Public Health

 **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** as well as **environmental hazards** contribute to communities' **unequal health outcomes**.


2030 Top 20 Healthy People Priorities for Rural America




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CDC Office of Rural Health

The Office of Rural Health enhances implementation of CDC's rural health portfolio, coordinate efforts across CDC programs, and develop 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.

 There are more than **2400 LHDs** in the United States, about half of which are rural.

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