

## Am I Rural? – Report

Report produced by the Rural Health Information Hub on 07/08/25.

### Location

**Report Address:**

Bethel Census Area \*

**Latitude:** 60.8103

**Longitude:** -159.8038

**Census Tract:**

02050000100 (2010 & 2020)

**County:**

Bethel Census Area, AK



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\* Report is for a specific point in Bethel Census Area. Results may not be the same for all points in Bethel Census Area.

# Common Rural Definitions

## How Your Location is Defined

### Core Based Statistical Areas (CBSAs), 2023

Data Source: [2023 TIGER/Line](https://www.census.gov/geographies/mapping-files/time-series/geo/tiger-line-file.html) (<https://www.census.gov/geographies/mapping-files/time-series/geo/tiger-line-file.html>), U.S. Census Bureau

Nonmetropolitan - not located in a metropolitan or micropolitan area.

### Urban Areas, 2020

Data Source: [2023 TIGER/Line](https://www.census.gov/geographies/mapping-files/time-series/geo/tiger-line-file.html) (<https://www.census.gov/geographies/mapping-files/time-series/geo/tiger-line-file.html>), U.S. Census Bureau

Not located in an Urban Area.

### Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) defined rural areas

Data Source: List provided by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy - updated 11/21/2024

Bethel Census Area, AK has been designated by FORHP as rural.

### Frontier and Remote Area (FAR) 2010

Data Source: [Frontier and Remote Area Codes, Economic Research Service](https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/frontier-and-remote-area-codes) (<https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/frontier-and-remote-area-codes>)

*Note: FAR levels are based on 2010 ZIP codes, which may be different than what the location currently uses*

For a full list of FAR ZIP codes, see: [Frontier and Remote Area Codes, Economic Research Service](https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/frontier-and-remote-area-codes) (<https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/frontier-and-remote-area-codes>).

### Rural Urban Commuting Areas (RUCAs) by 2010 census tract

Data Source: [Rural-Urban Commuting Area Codes, Economic Research Service](https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/rural-urban-commuting-area-codes) (<https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/rural-urban-commuting-area-codes>)

- RUCA Code: 10.0
- Primary Description: Rural areas: primary flow to a tract outside a UA or UC (including self)

### Rural Urban Continuum Codes (RUCCs) 2023

Data Source: [Economic Research Service](https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/rural-urban-continuum-codes) (<https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/rural-urban-continuum-codes>)

RUCCs are assigned at the county level.

Information for Bethel Census Area

- RUCC Code: 7
- RUCC Description: Nonmetro - Urban population of 5,000 to 20,000, not adjacent to a metro area

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### Urban Influence Codes (UICs) 2024

Data Source: [Economic Research Service](https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/urban-influence-codes)  
(<https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/urban-influence-codes>).

Information for Bethel Census Area

- Urban Influence Code: 8
- UIC Description: Noncore, not adjacent to a metro area and contains a town of at least 5,000 residents

### Census 2020, Percent Rural

Data Source: [Urban and Rural](https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/geography/guidance/geo-areas/urban-rural.html)  
(<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/geography/guidance/geo-areas/urban-rural.html>), U.S. Census Bureau

Information for Bethel Census Area

- Percent of County Population that is Rural: 72.69

## Program Eligibility

The information provided by this service addresses only the rural aspect of a program's requirements. Your *Am I Rural?* report is not a guarantee of your rural status. Please check with the program contacts directly to verify your eligibility for specific federal programs.

Program	Rural?
<b>CMS - Rural Health Clinics (RHC) Program</b>	<b>YES</b>
	<p><a href="https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-23-12-rhc.pdf">CMS interim guidance</a> (<a href="https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-23-12-rhc.pdf">https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-23-12-rhc.pdf</a>) considers a location to meet the rural location requirement for the RHC program if it is outside of an urbanized area in the 2010 Census Bureau data OR if it is outside of an urban area in the 2020 Census Bureau data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This location is outside of 2010 Urbanized Areas</li><li>• Also, this location is outside of 2020 Urban Areas</li></ul>

## Shortage Designations

Area Type		Details
Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA)	YES	<b>Name:</b> Bethel Census Area <b>ID:</b> 1023212062 <b>Type:</b> Geographic HPSA <b>Score:</b> 17 <b>Date of Designation:</b> November 14, 2013 <b>Last Update:</b> May 15, 2025
Dental Care HPSA	YES	<b>Name:</b> Bethel and Wade Hampton Census Areas <b>ID:</b> 6027649390 <b>Type:</b> Geographic HPSA <b>Score:</b> 19 <b>Date of Designation:</b> December 30, 2013 <b>Last Update:</b> September 10, 2021
Mental Health HPSA	YES	<b>Name:</b> Bethel Census Area <b>ID:</b> 7023063508 <b>Type:</b> Geographic HPSA <b>Score:</b> 20 <b>Date of Designation:</b> December 23, 2013 <b>Last Update:</b> May 20, 2025
Medically Underserved Area/Population	YES	<b>Name:</b> Lower Kukokwim <b>ID:</b> 00107 <b>Type:</b> Medically Underserved Area <b>Score:</b> 47.7000008 <b>Date of Designation:</b> June 8, 1994 <b>Last Update:</b> June 8, 1994

For data sources and definitions, see the [Rural Classifications \(https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/am-i-rural/help#classification\)](https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/am-i-rural/help#classification) help section.