

2025 CAE Community Symposium

Proposed CAE CoP-CD "Rural CAEs" Initiative

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What is Rural anyway?

According to the current delineation, released in 2022 and based on the 2020 decennial census, rural areas comprise **open country and settlements with fewer than 2,000 housing units and 5,000 residents**. Urban areas comprise densely developed areas with 2,000 or more housing units or 5,000 or more residents. Jan 8, 2025

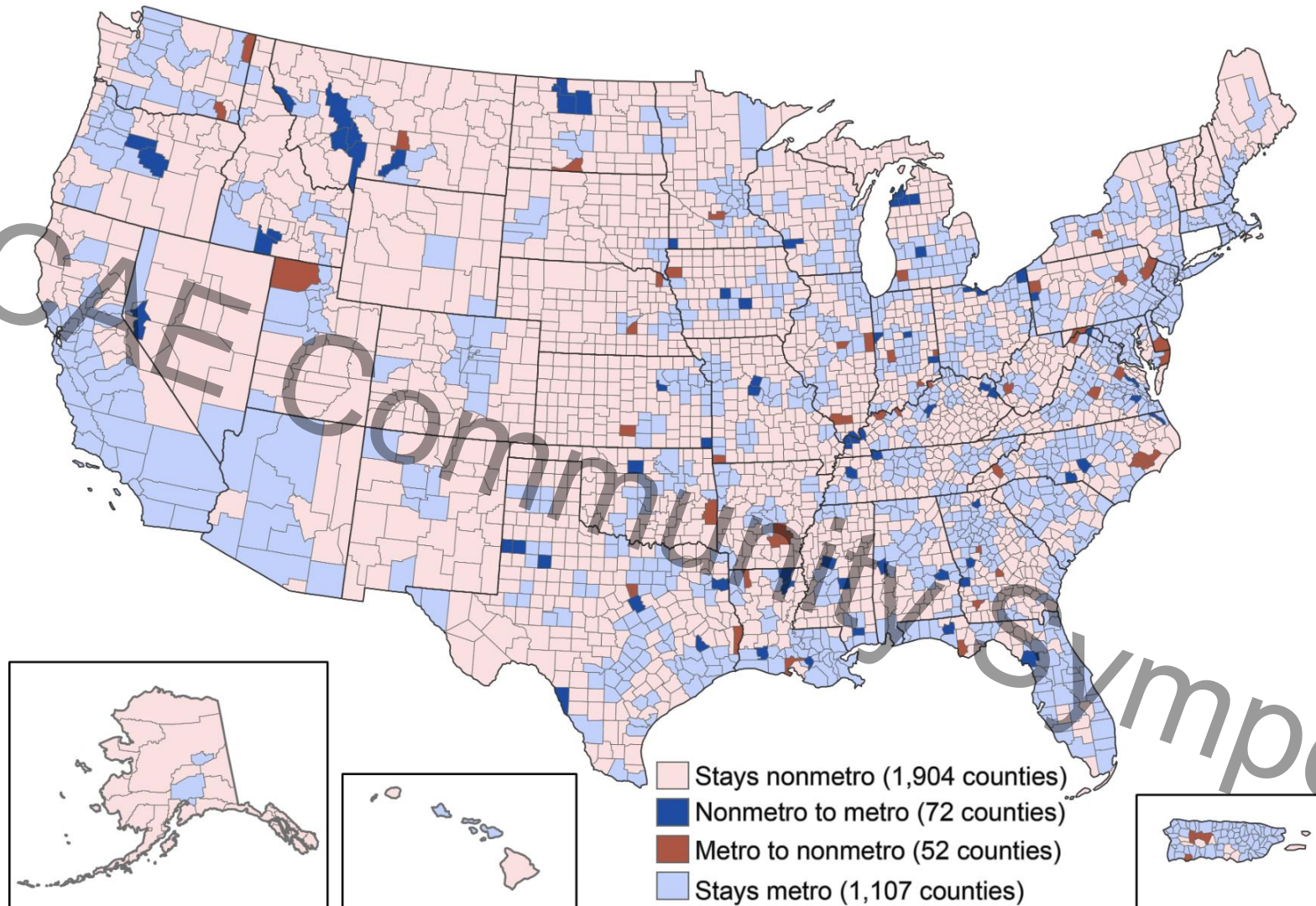
✦ AI Overview

About **97%** of the United States' land is rural, but only about 20% of the population lives in rural areas. [🔗](#)

Land area: [🔗](#)

- 97% of the U.S. land is rural

Counties changing metropolitan (metro) status between 2013 and 2023



Note: Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico are not drawn to scale. Metro/nonmetro delineations are not available for other U.S. island territories. Connecticut counties changed to planning regions between 2013 and 2023 and are not able to be classified here.

Source: USDA, Economic Research Service using data from the U.S. Office of Management and Budget, and U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Economic Analysis.

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Rural CAEs

This proposed CoP-CD initiative includes quarterly workshops and a list of resources to be shared on the CoP-CD page.

Its goal is to address the challenges facing CAE-CDs in rural U.S. locations.

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Issues, Concerns, Challenges...

Limited job opportunities for graduates from a CAE in a rural location

Limited or lack of local chapters of professional associations and federal groups (e.g., ISACA, ISSA, FBI InfraGard)

Lack of incoming student enrollment in CAE cybersecurity programs

Others?

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Goals and Objectives of this Initiative

The goal is also to develop a working list of resources and tools rural CAEs can use to alleviate some challenges.

The Co-chairs will have open discussions and solicit feedback from the CAE community to select committee members for this initiative.

Next Steps...

Co-chairs:

- TBD

Committee Members:

- TBD



2025 CAE Community Questions, Concerns, Discussions?

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