

## How Does the U.S. Census Bureau Define "Rural"? A Story Map

This story map contains interactive web maps, information, and images to help explain how the Census Bureau defines "rural."

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## **Rural America**

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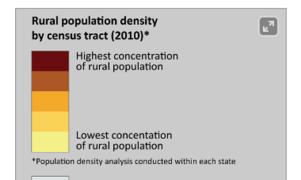
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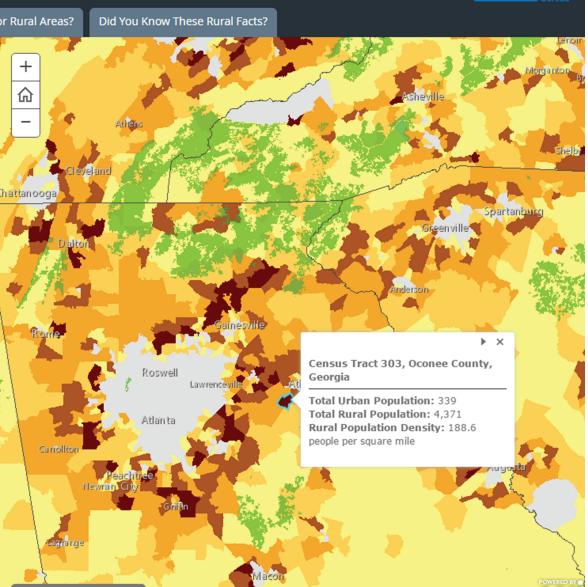
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explaining sparse settlement throughout much of the Great Plains and the Intermountain West. The population density map on the right depicts this clustering effect.

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*Pan and zoom around the map to find clusters of rural population by census tract. A census tract can be a mixture of urban and rural population.* 





Completely urban census tracts

Federal lands

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, <u>2010 Census Summary File 1 Table P2</u> and <u>Cartographic Boundary Shapefiles (2010)</u>; U.S. Geological Survey, <u>Protected Areas Database of the United States (PADUS)</u>



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