



# UNDERSTANDING THE RURAL LANDSCAPE

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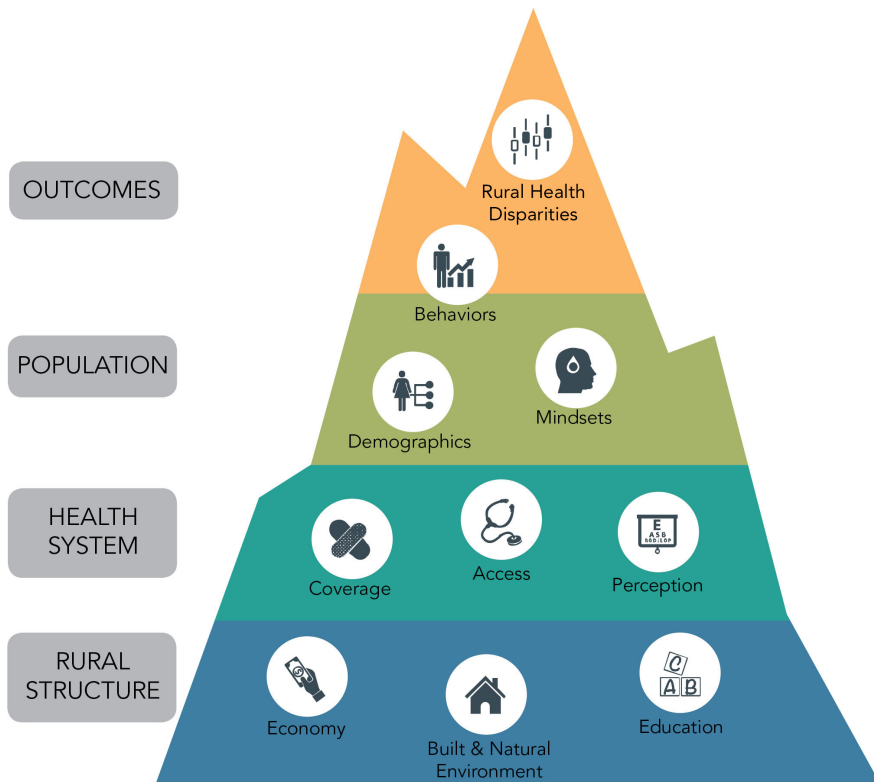
The Georgia Health Policy Center (GHPC) has a longstanding history of working in rural communities. In order to help others understand the importance of the rural context within the scope of health improvement efforts, GHPC developed two learning opportunities that can help promote rural-relevant programs, policies, and research.

The rural health learning modules are intended for local, state, or federal stakeholders and focus on common characteristics of rural communities, as well as opportunities for innovation in rural health programs and research. Central to the module is application of a three-step framework stakeholders can use to inform development of policy and program planning efforts.

Modules build a shared understanding of —

- The assets and challenges of rural communities
- Interconnectivity of factors that impact rural health and well-being
- Opportunities to leverage resources to ensure the rural-relevance of health research, policy, and programs

# KEY FACTORS INFLUENCING RURAL HEALTH



Use this model when considering the factors that impact rural health and well-being.



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