

## **2017 List of Distressed or Underserved Nonmetropolitan Middle-Income Geographies Source Information and Methodology**

**Note:** The 2017 list includes the island areas American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and U.S. Virgin Islands.

### **Poverty Rate (Changes Annually)**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE), 2015. Variable used was "Estimated percent of people of all ages in poverty."

*Note: Due to the U.S. Census Bureau's adoption of American Community Survey data in the estimation procedure for SAIPE, SAIPE data is now available with a two-year lag from the year of the List of Distressed or Underserved Nonmetropolitan Middle-Income Geographies instead of the previous three-year lag.*

### **Population**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau County Intercensal Estimates (for change between 2000 and 2010 populations and for change between 2005 and 2010 populations).

10-Year Population loss from 2000 to 2010 =  $(2010 \text{ population} - 2000 \text{ population}) / 2000 \text{ population}$

5-Year Population loss from 2005 to 2010 =  $(2010 \text{ population} - 2005 \text{ population}) / 2005 \text{ population}$

*Note: At the time of the release of this file, the domestic five-year net migration provided by Census 2000 (PHC-T-22) Table 2 used in previous years is not available in the 2010 Decennial Census. Therefore, the formula for five-year loss in population is used in its place.*

### **Unemployment (Changes Annually)**

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Labor Force Data by County, 2016 Annual Averages

County Unemployment Rate =  $(\text{Unemployment level}) / (\text{Labor Force}) * 100$

National Unemployment Rate =  $(\text{Total unemployment}) / (\text{Total labor force}) * 100$

*Note: BLS does not collect employment data for Kalawao County, Hawaii and considers it part of Maui County, Hawaii. We assume unemployment data for Kalawao County is the same as that of Maui County.*

### **Low Density**

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service Urban Influence Codes, 2013. Low density if Urban Influence Code is 7, 10, 11, or 12.