

2009 Distressed or Underserved Nonmetropolitan Middle-Income Geographies Source Information and Methodology

Poverty rate (Changes Annually)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE), 2006. 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 (ACS) data in the estimation procedure for SAIPE, SAIPE data is now available with a two year lag from the year of the Distressed or Underserved Tract List instead of the usual three year lag. Therefore, next year's 2010 Distressed or Underserved Tract list will begin the adoption of the two year lag by using 2008 SAIPE data.*

Population

Source: U.S. Census Bureau County Intercensal Estimates by County (for change between 1990 and 2000 populations and for the 1995 Base Population) and Migration for the Population 5 Years and Over for the United States, Regions, States, Counties, New England Minor Civil Divisions, Metropolitan Areas, and Puerto Rico: 2000 (PHC-T-22) Table 2

In Virginia, Census combined some counties and independent cities for the Migration tables. The migration and population data was assumed to be the same for counties and cities that were combined.

Net out migration was calculated as:

% 5-year net out migration = Domestic 5-year net migration / 1995 Base Population (directly from Census)

The net out migration calculation was from the CDFI.

Population loss from 1990 to 2000 = (2000 population-1990 population)/1990 population

Unemployment (Changes Annually)

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Labor Force Data by County, 2008 Annual Averages

County unemployment rate = (Unemployment level)/(Labor Force)*100

National unemployment rate = (Total unemployment)/(Total labor force)*100

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

Low density

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service Urban Influence Codes, 2003.

Low density if Urban Influence code is 7, 10, 11 or 12