

**APPENDIX A: RURAL AND URBAN COUNTY GROUPINGS**

**Data Source:** www.census.gov

**Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA):** One or more counties that have a substantial commuting interchange.

**Urbanized Area (UA):** An area consisting of a central place(s) and adjacent territory with a general population density of at least 1,000 people per square mile of land area that together have a minimum residential population of at least 50,000 people.

**Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)** requires the following:

the presence of a city with greater than 50,000 people or the presence of a UA and a total population of more than 100,000 people,

a PMSA, and

a UA

**Urban County:** Any county containing a city of greater than 50,000 people or an area that has at least 100,000 people and has a substantial commuting interchange with a city of greater than 50,000 people.

Using these US Census Bureau's definitions, MDCH established a category of Urban Counties. A county was considered to be "Urban" if any part of a city or area as explained above was part of that county (i.e., the city of Kalamazoo is in Kalamazoo County and also has substantial commuting interchange with Battle Creek, which is in Calhoun County, so the counties of Kalamazoo and Calhoun are considered to be "Urban").

Urban Counties:

- Detroit Metro Area (Wayne, Detroit, Macomb, Oakland, Lapeer, St. Clair, Monroe)
- Washtenaw
- Berrien
- Genesee
- Kent, Muskegon, Ottawa, Allegan
- Jackson
- Kalamazoo and Calhoun
- Ingham, Eaton, Clinton
- Saginaw, Bay, Midland

Rural Counties:

Dickinson	Lenawee	Oscoda
Emmet	Livingston	Otsego
Gladwin	Luce	Presque Isle
Gogebic	Mackinac	Roscommon
Grand Traverse	Manistee	Sanilac
Gratiot	Marquette	Schoolcraft
Hillsdale	Mason	Shiawassee
Houghton	Mecosta	St Joseph
Huron	Menominee	Tuscola
Ionia	Missaukee	Van Buren
Iosco	Montcalm	Wexford
Iron	Montmorency	
Isabella	Newaygo	
Kalkaska	Oceana	
Keweenaw	Ogemaw	
Lake	Ontonagon	
Leelanau	Osceola	