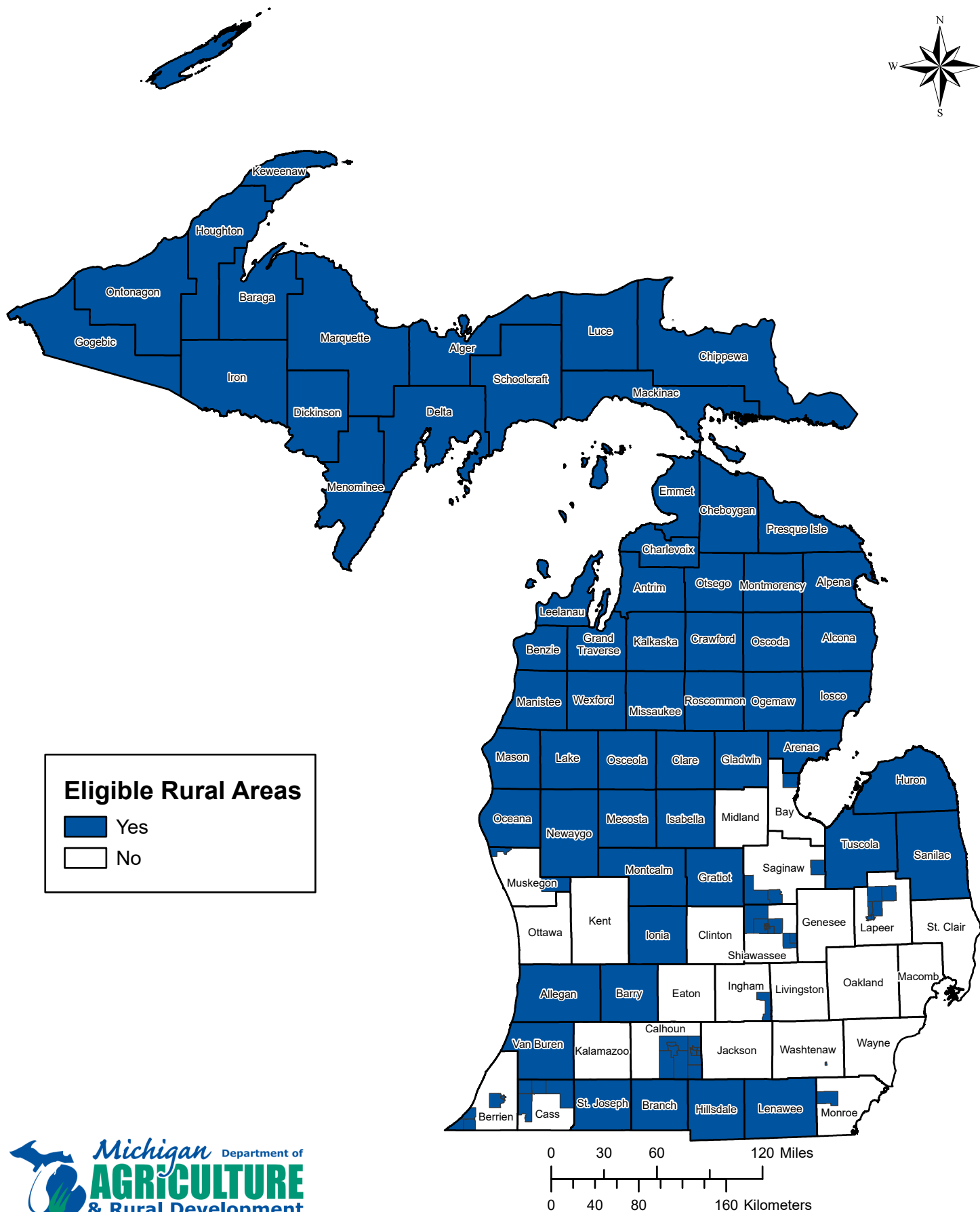


Eligible Rural Areas for Rural Readiness Grants





2023 Office of Rural Development Rural Readiness Grants: Eligible Rural Areas

For the purposes of the 2023 Rural Readiness Grant Program, eligible rural counties are defined as follows **(see list below)**:

- Counties designated by the United States Office of Management and Budget (OMB) as non-metropolitan counties, including those located within micropolitan statistical areas.
- Outlying counties in Metropolitan Statistical Areas that do not include an urbanized area as defined by the Census.

Alcona	Charlevoix	Grand Traverse	Keweenaw	Menominee	Otsego
Alger	Cheboygan	Gratiot	Lake	Missaukee	Presque Isle
Allegan	Chippewa	Hillsdale	Leelanau	Montcalm	Roscommon
Alpena	Clare	Houghton	Lenawee	Montmorency	St. Joseph
Antrim	Crawford	Huron	Luce	Newaygo	Sanilac
Arenac	Delta	Ionia	Mackinac	Oceana	Schoolcraft
Baraga	Dickinson	Iosco	Manistee	Ogemaw	Tuscola
Barry	Emmet	Iron	Marquette	Ontonagon	Van Buren
Benzie	Gladwin	Isabella	Mason	Osceola	Wexford
Branch	Gogebic	Kalkaska	Mecosta	Oscoda	

In addition to rural counties, 2010 census tracts with Rural-Urban Commuting Area (RUCA) codes between 4-10 are considered eligible rural areas in the following metropolitan counties, as follows (see attached map for census tract boundaries):

County	Eligible Census Tracts
Bay	26017286300
Berrien	26021011200 26021011300 26021011400 26021021300 26021021400
Calhoun	26025002900

	26025003000 26025003100 26025003200 26025003300 26025003400 26025003500 26025003600 26025003800 26025003900 26025004000
Cass	26027001700 26027001900 26027002000 26027002200
Ingham	26065006002
Lapeer	26087332000 26087332500 26087333500 26087334000 26087336500 26087337000 26087337500
Monroe	26115830800
Muskegon	26121003000 26121003900
Saginaw	26145011300 26145012500 26145012700
Shiawassee	26155030200 26155030300 26155030400 26155030500 26155030600 26155030700 26155030800 26155031600 26155031700 26155031800 26155031900
Washtenaw	26161422900

Eligible census tracts are based on 2019 Rural-Urban Commuting Area (RUCA) Codes data provided by the United States Department of Agriculture's Economic Rural Service (USDA-ERS) located at <https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/rural-urban-commuting-area-codes>