



Source: Rural Healthy People 2010: "Healthy People 2010: A Companion Document for Rural Areas"

10%

of physicians practice in rural America despite the fact that nearly one-fourth of the population lives in these areas.

Rural residents have a

12%

higher chance of death or serious injury from an accident such as a car crash or fall.

57% to 90%

of first responders in rural areas are volunteers



MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS



Rural residents are nearly

2x

as likely to die from unintentional injuries other than motor vehicle accidents than are urban residents.

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT DEATHS



Although only 1/3 of motor vehicle accidents occur in rural areas, 2/3 of the deaths attributed to motor vehicle accidents occur on rural roads.



Rural residents must deal with weather and climactic barriers.

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rural hospitals have closed in the past 25 years



Rural residents have greater transportation difficulties reaching health-care providers.

