

State List of Number of Rural Communities With Only One Pharmacy, Independently Owned in May 2006 Without a Pharmacy in April 2008, and Number of Rural Communities with Only One Pharmacy, Independently Owned, April 2008

State	No. of rural communities with only 1 pharmacy, independently owned in May 2006 without a pharmacy in April 2008	No. of rural communities with only 1 pharmacy, independently owned, April 2008	State	No. of rural communities with only 1 pharmacy, independently owned in May 2006 without a pharmacy in April 2008	No. of rural communities with only 1 pharmacy, independently owned, April 2008
AK	0	6	MT	5	28
AL	6	47	NC	5	56
AR	2	48	ND	2	44
AZ	0	14	NE	3	55
CA	5	58	NH	0	7
CO	4	27	NJ	1	0
CT	2	5	NM	1	11
FL	4	18	NV	0	4
GA	3	58	NY	3	60
HI	0	8	OH	1	59
IA	2	91	OK	10	69
ID	2	22	OR	0	23
IL	3	53	PA	5	65
IN	7	18	SC	1	33
KS	4	75	SD	5	35
KY	7	53	TN	3	41
LA	12	36	TX	15	102
MA	0	3	UT	2	11
MD	0	13	VA	1	50
ME	3	14	VT	1	12
MI	6	75	WA	1	39
MN	3	83	WI	4	65
MO	5	60	WV	4	29
MS	5	33	WY	0	11
			Total	158	1,827

Data source: National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP), May 2006 and April 2008.

Notes: Rural pharmacies that were the only independent pharmacies in their community were identified using the following process: first, all pharmacies in any ZIP code with more than one pharmacy were excluded. Then, any remaining pharmacy in the same city as another retail pharmacy was excluded. Finally, only independent pharmacies were retained.

Consistent with the definition that the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP) uses for program eligibility, we define “rural” as ZIP codes classified as Rural Urban Commuting Area (RUCA) codes 4-10.6 inclusive, including those that are within metropolitan areas. Since we are using ZIP codes in this analysis, we have not extended the definition of rural to include “Census Tracts within metropolitan areas with RUCA codes 2 and 3 that are larger than 400 square miles and have population density of less than 30 people per square mile,” which ORHP also considers rural (<http://ruralhealth.hrsa.gov/funding/eligibilitytestv2.asp>).