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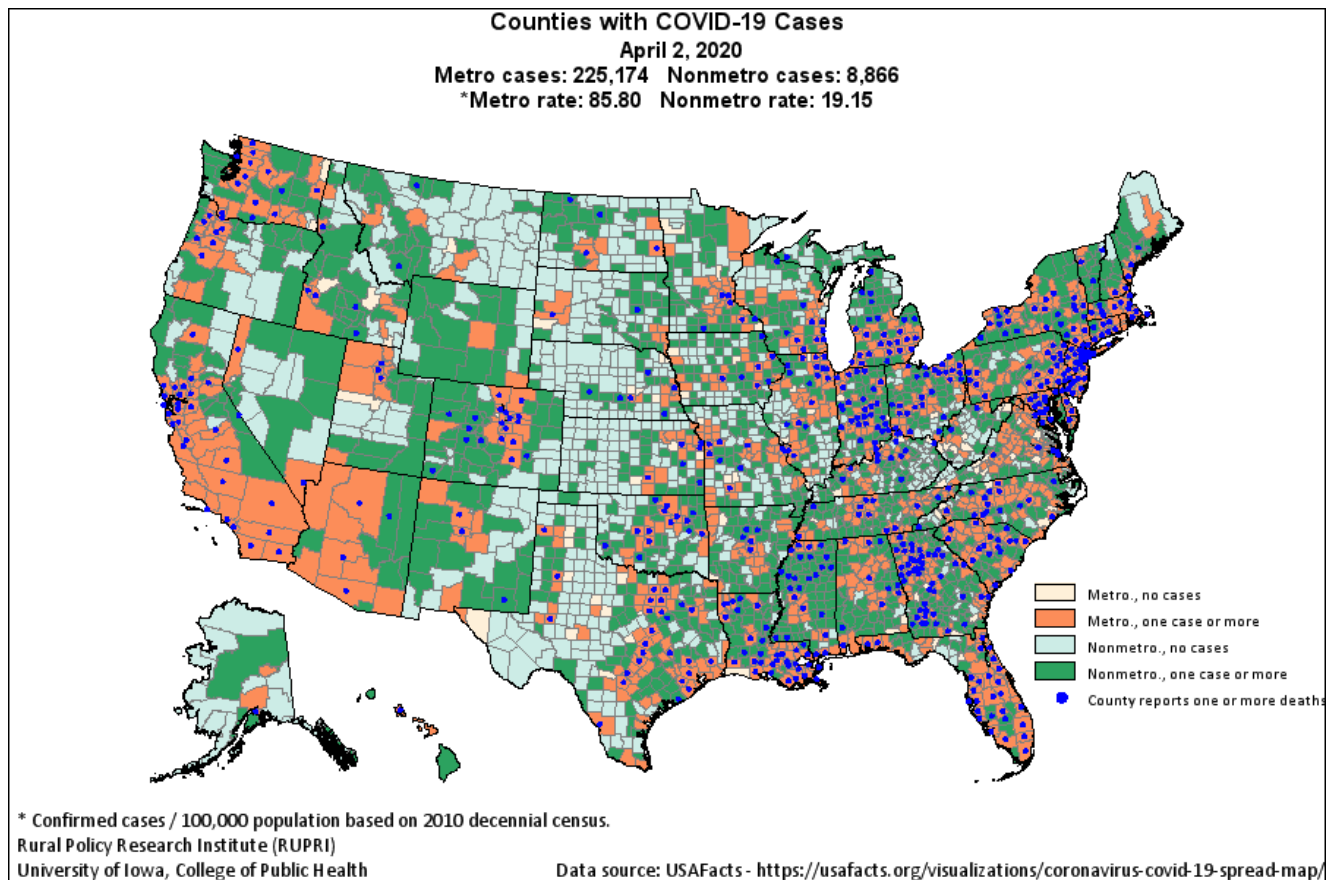
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## Confirmed COVID-19 Cases, Metropolitan and Nonmetropolitan Counties

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### Report

While much of the COVID-19 focus has been on major metropolitan areas, rural areas of the United States are not free of exposure. As of April 2, 2020, there were a total of 234,040 cases and 8,866 deaths identified in counties (data provided by [USA Facts.org](https://data.usafacts.org/)), with 7,615 cases and 168 deaths (about 3.8 percent of both) reported in non-metropolitan counties. But as many experts have pointed out, the rate of growth in cases is very different depending on location. Further, the stress on the health care delivery system is proportionate – a small number of cases creates stress for low capacity systems just as a large volume of cases creates stress for larger capacity systems.



Recent maps and the “progression” of cases throughout the country can be seen on the animated map on the RUPRI Health web site:

[http://ruprihealth.org/publications/policybriefs/2020/COVID History/](http://ruprihealth.org/publications/policybriefs/2020/COVID%20History/)



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