



Health Disparities in Rural and Frontier America

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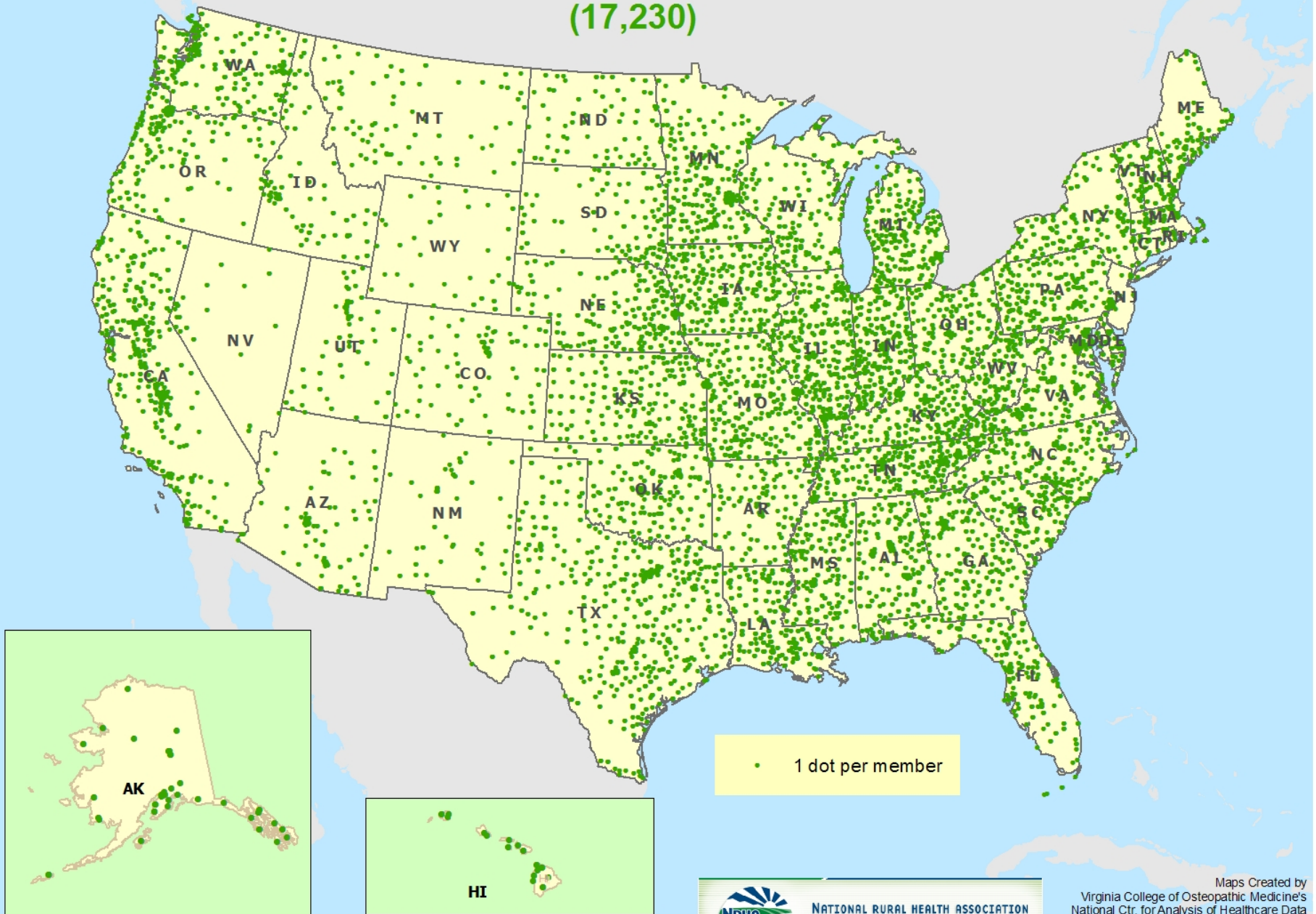


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the 62 million who call
rural America home.**

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National Rural Health Association Membership - 2007

(17,230)



Data Source: NRHA for Membership data (11/1007)



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Sobering Statistics



Cause of Death	AN Rate per 100,000	U.S. White Rate per 100,000	SMR* (vs. U.S. Whites)
Cancer	242.3	193.5	1.3
Heart Disease	210.4	243.6	0.9
Unintentional Injuries	108.6	36.4	3
Suicide	36.1	11.6	3.1
Cerebrovascular Diseases	70	55.6	1.3
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	65.1	45.8	1.4
Homicide / Legal Intervention	17.7	4	4.4
Pneumonia / Influenza	36.1	22.5	1.6
Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis	19.4	9.6	2
Diabetes Mellitus	20.9	22.8	0.9
All Others	305	189.2	1.6
All Causes	1131.5	834.6	1.4

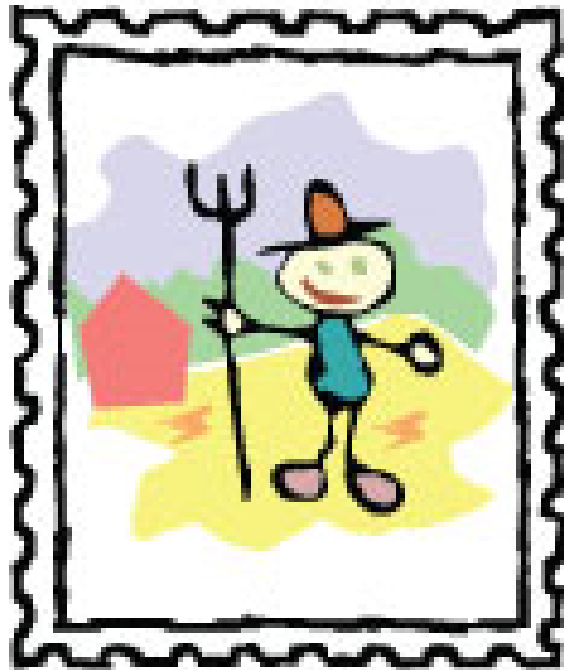
Data Source: Alaska Native Epidemiology Center³

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“Just calling the healthcare workforce shortage a ‘crisis’ is like calling the Titanic a boating accident.”

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Rural as Seen
by Urban



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"I don't see why we have to change what we do just because they decide to live in the backwaters."



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- Thank you