**Table:** County-level sociodemographic characteristics of rural and urban counties in Tennessee, 2018.a

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|  | **Rural Counties** | | **Urban Counties** | | **Statewide** | |
| **Number of Counties** | **53** | | **42** | | **95** | |
| **Total Population (2018)** | 1 501 210 | | 5 149 879 | | 6 651 089 | |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Age** | **Mean** | **SD** | **Mean** | **SD** | **Mean** | **SD** |
| % ≥65 years | 19.6 | 2.8 | 17.1 | 3.4 | 18.5 | 3.3 |
| **Gender** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| % Female | 50.1 | 2.6 | 50.7 | 1.6 | 50.4 | 2.2 |
| % Male | 49.9 | 2.6 | 49.3 | 1.6 | 49.6 | 2.2 |
| **Race** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| % White | 89.9 | 10.5 | 87.3 | 12.2 | 88.8 | 11.3 |
| % Black | 6.6 | 10.2 | 8.3 | 11.1 | 7.4 | 10.6 |
| % Other | 2.9 | 1.9 | 3.3 | 1.5 | 3.1 | 1.7 |
| **Ethnicity** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| % Hispanic | 2.9 | 2.2 | 4.2 | 2.8 | 3.5 | 2.5 |
| **Comorbidities b** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| % Obesity | 37.5 | 2.4 | 35.6 | 3.1 | 36.6 | 2.9 |
| % Hypertension | 43.2 | 2.4 | 39.6 | 3.4 | 41.6 | 3.4 |
| % Diabetes | 15.3 | 1.5 | 13.6 | 1.7 | 14.5 | 1.8 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **SVI Percentile c** | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.2 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **HPSA Score d** | **Frequency** | **%** | **Frequency** | **%** | **Frequency** | **%** |
| None of county in shortage area | 1 | 1.9 | 2 | 4.8 | 3 | 3.2 |
| One or more parts in shortage area | 36 | 67.9 | 36 | 85.7 | 72 | 75.8 |
| Whole county designated shortage area | 16 | 30.2 | 4 | 9.5 | 20 | 21.1 |

SD: Standard Deviation; IQR: Interquartile Range

a Tennessee county-level sociodemographic and health data from publicly available datasets: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Social Determinants of Health, PLACES: Local Data for Better Health County Data, and the US Census Bureau.

b Individuals may have reported more than one comorbidity, percentages will not sum to 100%.

c SVI: Social Vulnerability Index; Percentile ranking uses TN census tracts ranked against the entre US based on percentiles from 0-1, where higher value indicates greater vulnerability.

d HPSA: Health Professional Shortage Area; HPSA ranking scores included one of three options:

None of the county designated as a shortage area, whole county designated as a shortage area, or one or more parts of the county designated as shortage area.