Rural Health Research: Gateway’s Top Three COUNTDOWN

The Rural Health Research Gateway is funded by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy with the primary purpose of sharing the work of the federally-funded Rural Health Research Centers. The annual website analytics offer a glimpse into the public’s rural health research interests.

Between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022

- **155,526** pages were viewed on the Gateway website.
- The Twitter page grew to **2,574** followers with **750** followers on Facebook.
- The six rural health research webinars hosted by Gateway had a total of

  » **952** total attendees.

  » **1,034** views of archived recordings.

  » **240** views of the online PowerPoints.

Research products on Gateway include policy briefs, chartbooks, fact sheets, journal articles, infographics, and more. In the last year, 75 new rural health research products were added to the Gateway website.

**TOP THREE PRODUCTS**

1. **Trends in Nursing Home Closures in Metropolitan and Nonmetropolitan Counties in the United States, 2008-2018** (February 2021)
   » 1,225 views

2. **Social Determinants of Health Among Rural American Indian and Alaska Native Populations** (July 2019)
   » 999 views

3. **Confirmed COVID-19 Cases, Metropolitan and Nonmetropolitan Counties** (August 2021)
   » 353 views
When visiting the Gateway website, users can search all products and research projects by topic. For the past four years, Substance Use and Treatment has been the most viewed topic, while Mental and Behavioral Health and Health Disparities and Health Equity have landed in the top five.

**TOP THREE TOPICS**

1. Substance Use and Treatment  
   » 322 views
2. Health Disparities and Health Equity  
   » 271 views
3. Mental and Behavioral health  
   » 184 views

The Rural Health Research Centers are committed to providing timely, quality national research on the most pressing rural health issues, often exploring the same topics from various perspectives. Gateway has developed Rural Health Research Recaps to succinctly identify the key findings from all of the centers on shared topics.

**TOP THREE RECAPS**

1. Rural Ethnic/Racial Disparities: Adverse Health Outcomes  
   » 491 views
2. Rural Behavioral Health  
   » 406 views
3. Rural Ethnic/Racial Disparities: Social and Systemic Inequities  
   » 355 views

The Rural Health Research Alert email provides updates when new publications become available. In the last year there were 416 new alert subscribers and Gateway sent 64 alerts.

**TOP THREE ALERTS**

1. New Articles Published on Buprenorphine, Colorectal Cancer, HIV and Hepatitis C, Aging, and Obesity  
   » 828 views
2. How Many Hospitals Might Convert to a Rural Emergency Hospital?  
   » 692 views
3. Changes in Socioeconomic Mix and Health Outcomes in Rural Counties with Hospital Closures, 2005-2018  
   » 603 views

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