

Common term: Rural area; **Plural:** Rural areas; **Technical term:** Thinly populated area

Short definition: a **rural area** is an area where more than 50 % of its population lives in [rural grid cells](#) , as used in the [degree of urbanisation](#) .

Further information

- See [Chapter 2](#) of Eurostat's *Territorial typologies manual*
- [Degree of urbanisation](#)

Related concepts

- [Towns and suburbs](#)
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