**Alternative* Version 2.0 Rural-Urban Commuting Areas (RUCAs) Code Descriptions**

1. **Metropolitan area core:** primary flow within an Urbanized Area (UA)
   - 1.0 No additional code
   - 1.1 Secondary flow 30% through 49% to a larger UA

2. **Metropolitan area high commuting:** primary flow 30% or more to a UA
   - 2.0 No additional code
   - 2.1 Secondary flow 30% through 49% to a larger UA

3. **Metropolitan area low commuting:** primary flow 10% through 29% to a UA
   - 3.0 No additional code

4. **Large rural area core:** primary flow within an Urban Cluster of 10,000 through 49,999 (large UC)
   - 4.0 No additional code
   - 4.1 Secondary flow 30% through 49% to a UA
   - 4.2 Secondary flow 10% through 29% to a UA

5. **Large rural high commuting:** primary flow 30% or more to a large UC
   - 5.0 No additional code
   - 5.1 Secondary flow 30% through 49% to a UA
   - 5.2 Secondary flow 10% through 29% to a UA

6. **Large rural low commuting:** primary flow 10% through 29% to a large UC
   - 6.0 No additional code
   - 6.1 Secondary flow 10% through 29% to a UA

7. **Small rural town core:** primary flow within an Urban Cluster (UC) of 2,500 through 9,999 (small UC)
   - 7.0 No additional code
   - 7.1 Secondary flow 30% through 49% to a UA
   - 7.2 Secondary flow 30% through 49% to a large UC
   - 7.3 Secondary flow 10% through 29% to a UA
   - 7.4 Secondary flow 10% through 29% to a large UC

8. **Small rural town high commuting:** primary flow 30% or more to a small UC
   - 8.0 No additional code
   - 8.1 Secondary flow 30% through 49% to a UA
   - 8.2 Secondary flow 30% through 49% to a large UC
   - 8.3 Secondary flow 10% through 29% to a UA
   - 8.4 Secondary flow 10% through 29% to a large UC

9. **Small rural town low commuting:** primary flow 10% through 29% to a small UC
   - 9.0 No additional code
   - 9.1 Secondary flow 10% through 29% to a UA
   - 9.2 Secondary flow 10% through 29% to a large UC

10. **Isolated small rural areas:** primary flow to a tract outside a UA or UC (including self)
    - 10.0 No additional code
    - 10.1 Secondary flow 30% through 49% to a UA
    - 10.2 Secondary flow 30% through 49% to a large UC
    - 10.3 Secondary flow 30% through 49% to a small UC
    - 10.4 Secondary flow 10% through 29% to a UA
    - 10.5 Secondary flow 10% through 29% to a large UC
    - 10.6 Secondary flow 10% through 29% to a small UC

* In this version the term “Large Rural” replaces “micropolitan” and “small town” is replaced with “small rural town”

**Note:** When thinking about the RUCA coding scheme it is important not only to think of the stated criteria for a code but to think of what other criteria for the other codes did not apply that allowed a Census tract/ZIP code area to be coded with a specific code.

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