

Snapshot of Key Findings for:

# People in Rural Areas



## Today's Low-income America<sup>1</sup>

**8 million**

people living in rural areas have household incomes below 125% of the poverty threshold.

## The Prevalence of Civil Legal Problems<sup>2</sup>

**77%** had 1+ problems.

**40%** had 5+ problems.

**23%** had 10+ problems.

(n=419 households)

## Seeking and Receiving Legal Help<sup>2</sup>

Sought legal help for **21% of substantial problems.**

Did not receive any or enough legal help for **94% of substantial problems.**

(n=593 problems)

## Comparing Income Groups<sup>2</sup>

At or below 125% of FPL (n=419 individuals):

**45% are confident that they could find and afford a lawyer.**

Between 125% and 400% of FPL (n=412):

**56% are confident.**

At or above 400% of FPL (n=93\*):

**77% are confident.**

## Reports from the Field<sup>3</sup>

In partnership with Equal Justice Works, LSC has placed **190 law student fellows in 64 legal aid organizations** serving rural clients through the Rural Summer Legal Corps (RSLC) program since 2016.

<sup>1</sup> Data source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2021 Annual Social and Economic Supplement.

<sup>2</sup> Data source: 2021 Justice Gap Measurement Survey.

<sup>3</sup> Data source: LSC *By the Numbers: The Data Underlying Legal Aid Programs (2020)*.

\* Small base size.