

Minnesota Housing defines rural communities as areas outside of the Metropolitan Area, as defined by the QAP, and urbanized areas in Greater Minnesota. Urbanized areas in Greater Minnesota are areas with populations over 50,000. They include Duluth, East Grand Forks, La Crescent, Mankato, Moorhead, Rochester, and St. Cloud. Refer to the [2022-2023 QAP Data Methodology table](#) for more information on how data updates may impact point eligibility under this category.

These areas are able to receive 4 points under this criterion.

The map below shows areas receiving the rural/tribal designation points in brown.

