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### **Abstract**

Rural out-migration has long been a national trend. This has resulted in business closures and a substantial reduction in many rural communities' access to healthcare, education, public safety, and other public services. Food and pharmacy deserts are becoming increasingly common in some areas, and the economic viability of such communities is at risk. This paper focuses on the determinants of rural migration by utilizing a discrete choice econometric modeling framework using a unique database compiled for Nebraska Rural Poll. The results will offer some indication about why some rural communities survive and thrive while others do not.

**Key Words:** Out-migration, rural healthcare, rural education, community support