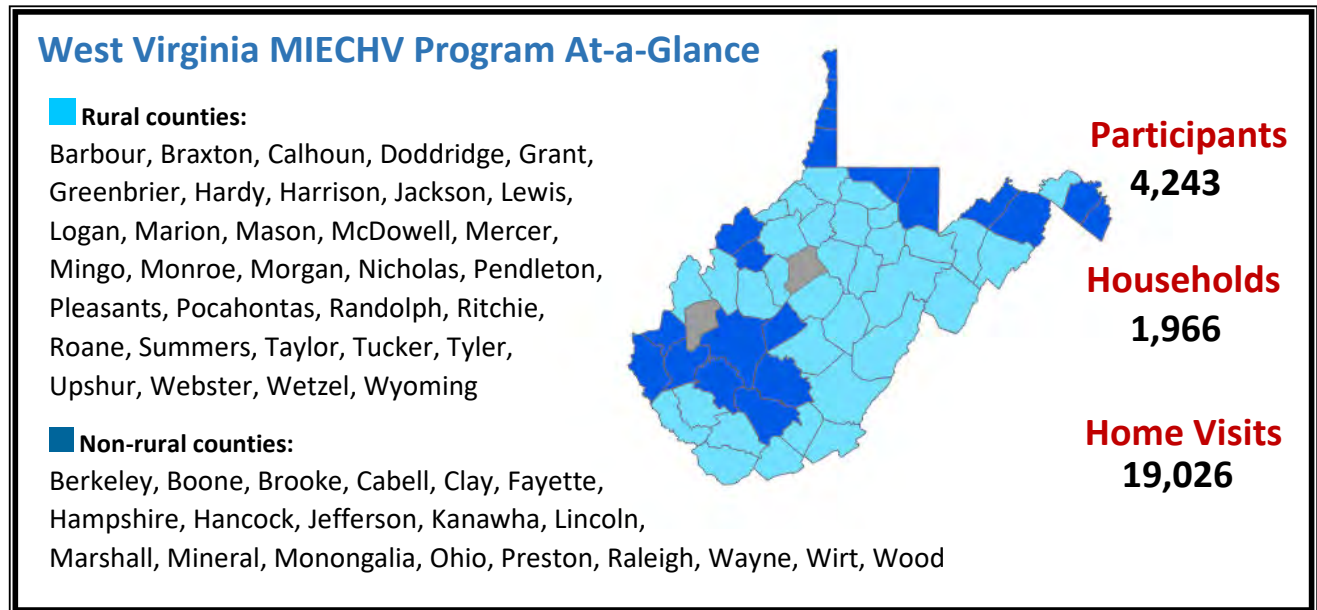


## HRSA's Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program

- Supports the [West Virginia Home Visiting Program](#) and provides voluntary, evidence-based home visiting programs for at-risk pregnant women and families with children through kindergarten entry
- Builds upon decades of scientific research showing that home visits by a nurse, social worker, early childhood educator, or other trained professional during pregnancy and in the first years of a child's life helps prevent child abuse and neglect, supports positive parenting, improves maternal and child health, and promotes child development and school readiness



## West Virginia Serves a High-Risk Population

MIECHV Program awardees serve high-risk populations. Awardees tailor their programs to serve populations of need within their state.

- 61.3% of households were low income
- 37.6% of households included someone who used tobacco products in the home
- 18.2% of households included a child with developmental delays or disabilities

Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in West Virginia

[Early Head Start-Home-Based Options](#)

[Healthy Families America \(HFA\)](#)

[MIHOW \(Promising Approach\)](#)

[Parents as Teachers \(PAT\)](#)

## West Virginia Performance Highlights

- **Behavioral Concern Inquiries:** Primary caregivers were asked if they had any concerns regarding their child's development, behavior, or learning in 95.5% of postpartum home visits
- **Depression Screening:** 87.8% of caregivers enrolled in home visiting were screened for depression within 3 months of enrollment or within 3 months of delivery
- **Facilitating Mental Health Referrals and Reducing Stigma:** WV is participating in the Home Visiting Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network focused on maternal depression, and starting small regional collaboratives across the state on maternal mental health. A Home Visiting Statewide Mental Health Coalition will be coordinating the smaller regional coalitions to link with resources/referrals for families