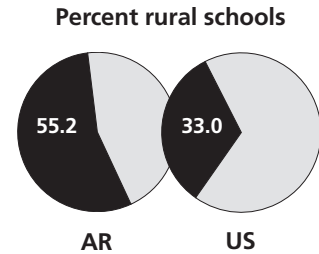
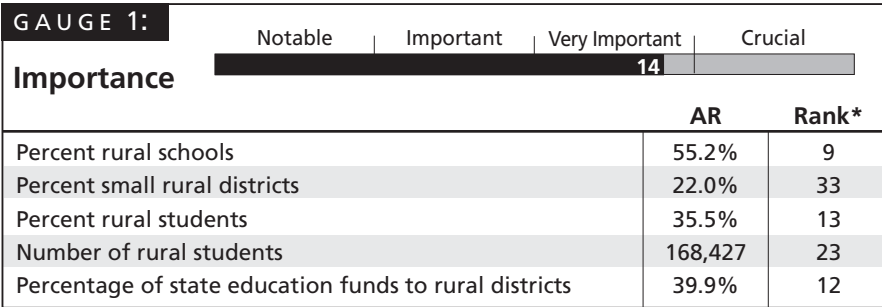


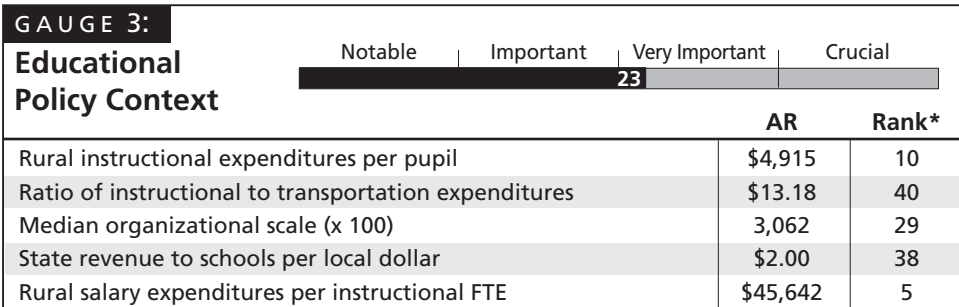
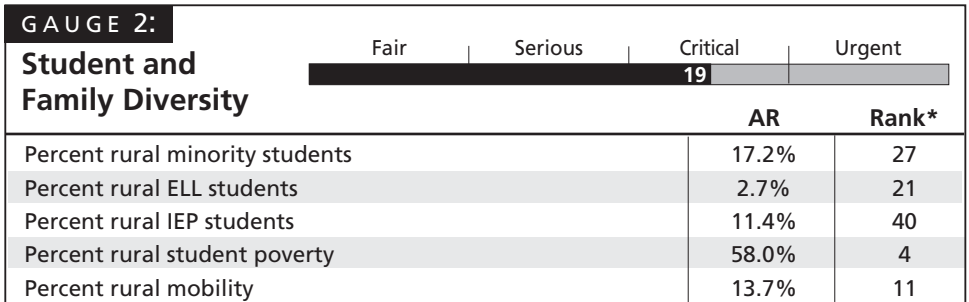
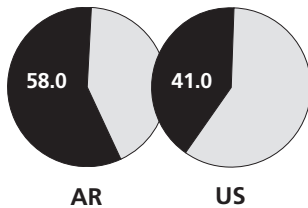
ARKANSAS - More than one-third of all students in Arkansas attend rural schools, and more than half of all schools serve rural communities. The poverty rate among rural students is fourth highest in the US, and nearly 14% of all students have experienced a residence change in the previous 12 months. Instructional spending and salaries are among the lowest in the nation, with only four states spending less on instructional salaries. Outcome measures are below the national median across the board, with the lowest rural NAEP scores coming at the 8th grade level. The most notable demographic changes over time are growth in the number of Hispanic students and an increase in the level of rural poverty.

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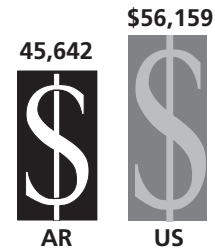
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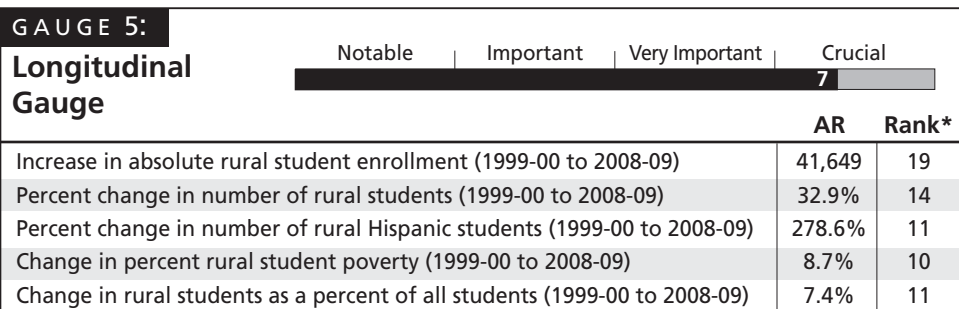
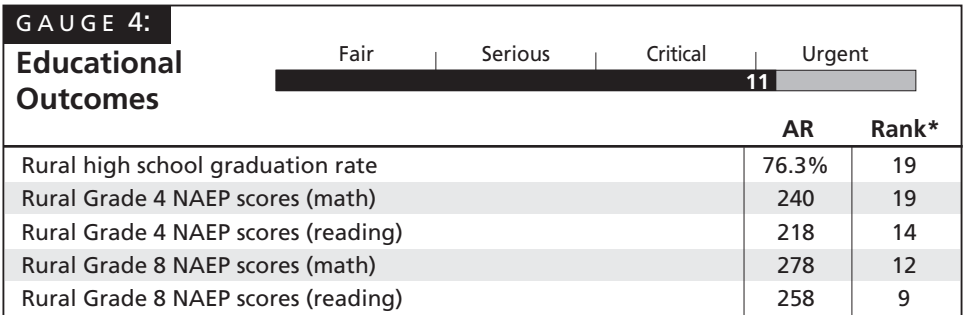
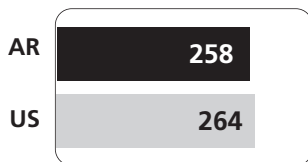
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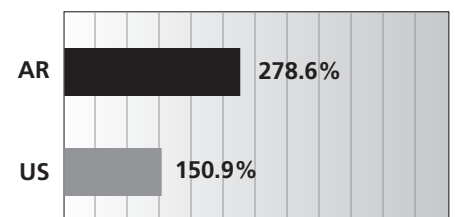
Rural salary expenditures per instructional FTE



Rural Grade 8 NAEP scores (reading)



Percent change in number of rural Hispanic students



* A rank of 1 is most crucial or most urgent