Rural Services Data Series headline results

25% of rural households have to travel more than 2km to a Post Office whereas only 2% of urban households have to travel this far.

32% of rural households don't have a convenience store within 4km of their home. All urban households do.

All urban households have an NHS dentist within 4km of where they live. Only 57% of rural households do.

Even though there have been primary school closures over the last 10 years there has been no change to the percentage of rural households within 2km of a primary school which is 82%.

There has been a reduction in the number of petrol stations across England over the last year. In the beginning of 2009 there were 2,499 rural petrol stations. This has reduced to 2,294 which is an 8.2% reduction. Urban areas have seen a 3.8% reduction.

The number of cash points has increased during 2009. This increase is 6.8% in rural areas.

5,339 pubs and restaurants have closed over the last year. Rural areas have fared better than urban areas with only 1,068 (20%) of the closures. 4,271 (80%) were in urban areas.