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Overall, I think this is a valuable contribution to the literature that addresses a very important area of concern in public health; the differences between rural and urban residents in their eating behaviors and physical activity.

Comments:

1. 4th sentence of abstract needs to be re-worded as it is a little confusing.

2. More description of the geographic area such as # residents and demographic profile in both urban and rural areas.

3. Provide more explanation on the reasons the public housing residents were included in the study.

4. Consider putting the information shown in the graphs into a table.