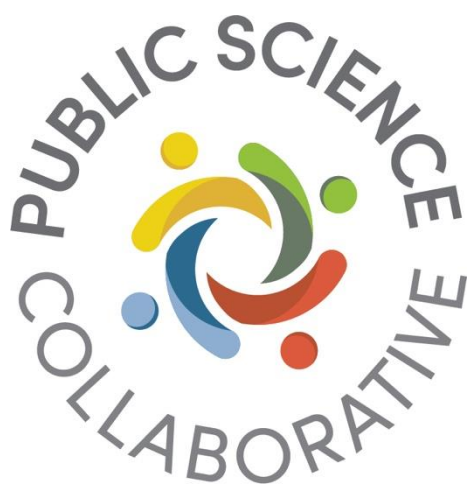




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Health in Polk City: Overview

Dear Community Members & Stakeholders of Polk City,

We are pleased to share the Iowa Community Health Snapshot series, a set of reports designed in partnership with Iowa State University’s Community Economic Development to assess the overall landscape of health and well-being across Iowa. The following pages include the health snapshot for your community. The snapshot can be used to see how Polk City ranks across various health measures compared to the rest of the state and similarly-sized communities. This comparison allows us to identify Polk City’s strengths and opportunities for growth by leveraging the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention PLACES dataset.

The report includes 37 health measures organized topically by general health status, risky behavior, health outcomes, prevention, and disability. We provide a general overview of each health topic, followed by a description of each health measure. Health measure descriptions include crude and age-adjusted rates and a ranking that tells you how your community ranks compared to all Iowa communities and communities of similar size to Polk City. Crude rates tell you the raw, un-adjusted percent of the population experiencing the health measure. Age-adjusted rates account for the age distribution present in your community and presents what the rate would be if your community had a standard age distribution. Crude rates can provide a general comparison between communities and age-adjusted rates can give a fairer comparison between communities with different age structures.

Strengths

Take a look at the top strengths of your community! Below are unadjusted and age-adjusted health measures that represent your community’s strengths. We recommend using continued investment in these areas to maintain them as strengths, as well as building on them to improve in other health domains.

Crude			Age-Adjusted		
Health Domain	Statewide Community Rank	Midsized Community Rank	Health Domain	Statewide Community Rank	Midsized Community Rank
Hearing Disability	15th	5th	Stroke	9th	4th
Vision Disability	16th	4th	Chronic Kidney Disease	12th	4th
Stroke	16th	5th	Core preventive services for older men	14th	4th
All Teeth Lost	17th	5th	Physical Health	17th	5th
Core preventive services for older men	17th	4th	Self-care Disability	18th	5th

Opportunities

Below are health measures that represent potential areas for growth in your community. We recommend increasing investment in these areas to support community health and well-being.

Crude			Age-Adjusted		
Health Domain	Statewide Community Rank	Midsized Community Rank	Health Domain	Statewide Community Rank	Midsized Community Rank
Taking BP Medication	947th	100th	Taking BP Medication	898th	100th
Binge Drinking	915th	95th	High Cholesterol	818th	94th
Depression	880th	90th	Depression	675th	73rd
Annual Checkup	871st	89th	Binge Drinking	648th	78th
Cholesterol Screening	596th	51st	Cancer (except skin)	418th	41st

Please review the rest of the report to learn more about your community and reach out to us with questions about the report or for recommendations to improve the overall health and well-being in Polk City.

Sincerely,



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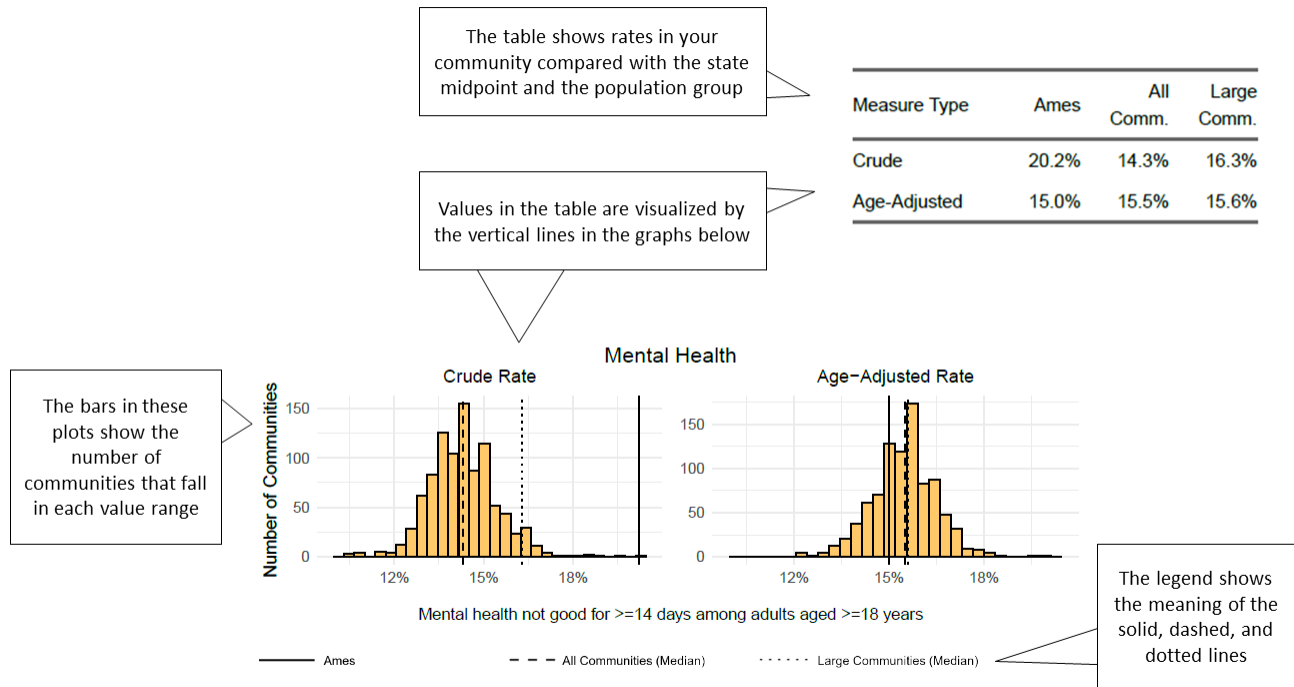
The purpose of the Iowa Community Health Snapshot Series is to provide an overview of health in Polk City that can be used to help inform health-related interventions and programming. This report contains five sections, including the overall health status of Polk City, a review of risky behaviors in the community, and information on various health outcomes, prevention measures, and disability needs. Each section includes an overview of the health domain, a breakdown of its underlying health measures, and data to see how Polk City compares to the rest of the state and similarly-sized communities.

With a population of 5,604, Polk City’s similarly sized communities are defined as midsized communities. In Iowa, midsized communities have an average population of 4,787, and there are 102 communities that are considered midsized communities. To see all of the communities in this population group, please see Appendix 3 of this report.

Group	Population Range	Number of Communities
Large	50,000+	11
Mid-Large	10,000-49,999	31
Midsized	2,500-9,999	102
Small	1,000-2,499	138
Very Small	0-999	676
Total		958

Using Ames, IA as an Example

The graphic below is an example of the details included for each health measure. The table in the upper right shows your community’s crude and age-adjusted rate estimates alongside their averages across all Iowa communities and similarly-sized communities. The images below show the distribution of the health measure across communities. The vertical lines correspond with the values in the table to show the estimate for the specific community compared to communities across the state. The solid black line in each plot represents the community rate, with the dashed lines indicating the average rate for all Iowa communities and the dotted lines showing the average rate for similarly-sized communities.



The example graphic above displays the poor mental health rate in Ames, Iowa. The left plot shows the crude rate of poor mental health in the community. Crude rates are the raw, un-adjusted percent of the population experiencing the health measure. Notice how the solid black line is closer to the right of the plot than the dashed and dotted lines; this indicates that Ames has a higher crude rate of poor mental health than most communities in the state. However, the age-adjusted rate plot on the right shows the solid line closer to the peak of the distribution and averages for the state and similarly-sized communities, indicating that when accounting for Ames’s unique age distribution, Ames’s poor mental health rate is not a significant outlier, and is estimated to be lower than the statewide average. Accounting for crude and age-adjusted rates is critical to help inform health interventions as age-adjusted rates can help contextualize the health measure within the population.

Health Status

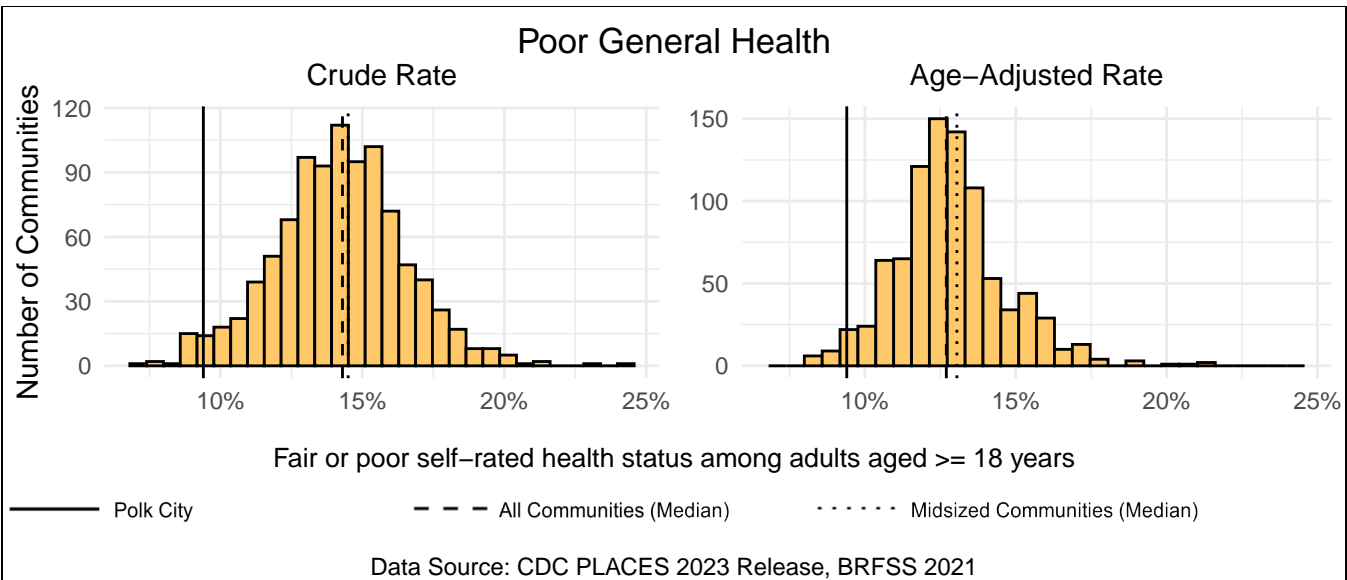
This section reflects measures for overall health, including general, physical, and mental health. These measures are a valuable way to see a simple summary of the health of a country’s population. The questions to calculate these measures ask respondents to evaluate their health status. General health is evaluated on a 5-point scale where respondents can report their health status as one of “excellent,” “very good,” “good,” “fair,” or “poor,” from which the respondents who answer “fair” or “poor” are included in the measure. Physical and mental health are evaluated as the rate of respondents who say they have had 14 or more days in the last 30 days in which their physical or mental health was not good. The URL below includes more information about each variable.

<https://www.cdc.gov/places/measure-definitions/health-status/index.html>

Poor General Health

Polk City has a crude rate of 9.4% for fair or poor self-rated health status among adults aged >= 18 years, which ranks 25th out of 958 Iowa communities (8th out of 102 midsize communities). The age-adjusted rate for Polk City is 9.4%, which ranks 23rd out of 905 Iowa communities (5th out of 102 midsize communities).

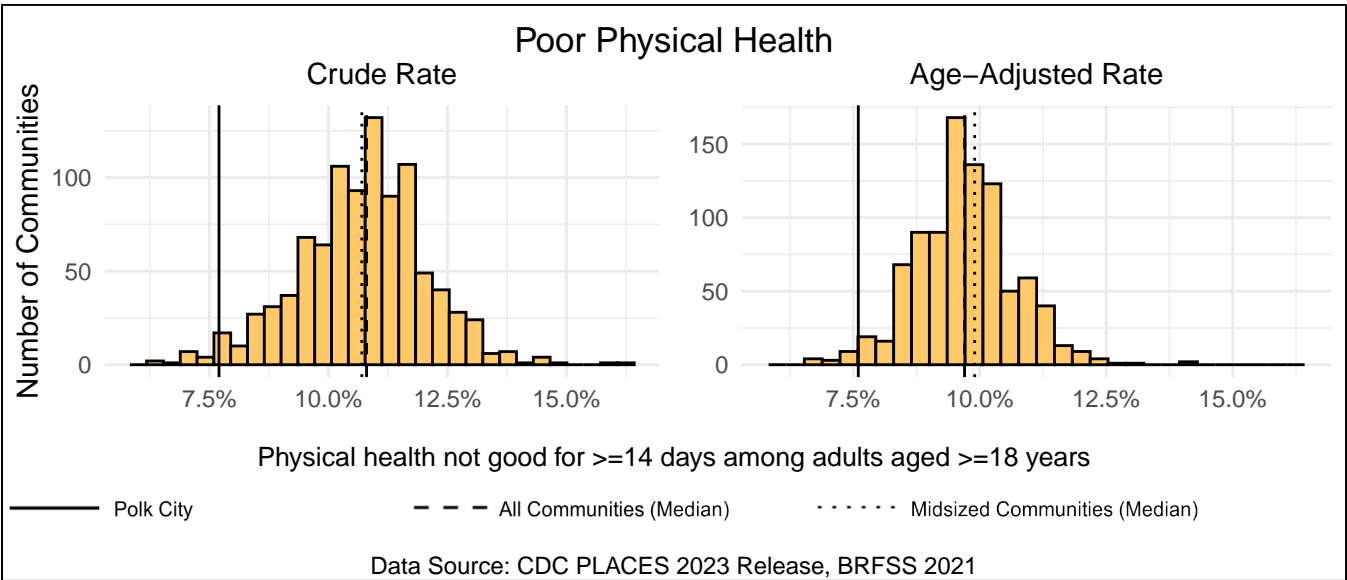
Measure Type	Polk City	All Comm.	Midsized Comm.
Crude	9.4%	14.3%	14.5%
Age-Adjusted	9.4%	12.7%	13.0%



Poor Physical Health

Polk City has a crude rate of 7.7% for physical health not good for >=14 days among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 18th out of 958 Iowa communities (7th out of 102 mid-sized communities). The age-adjusted rate for Polk City is 7.6%, which ranks 17th out of 905 Iowa communities (5th out of 102 mid-sized communities).

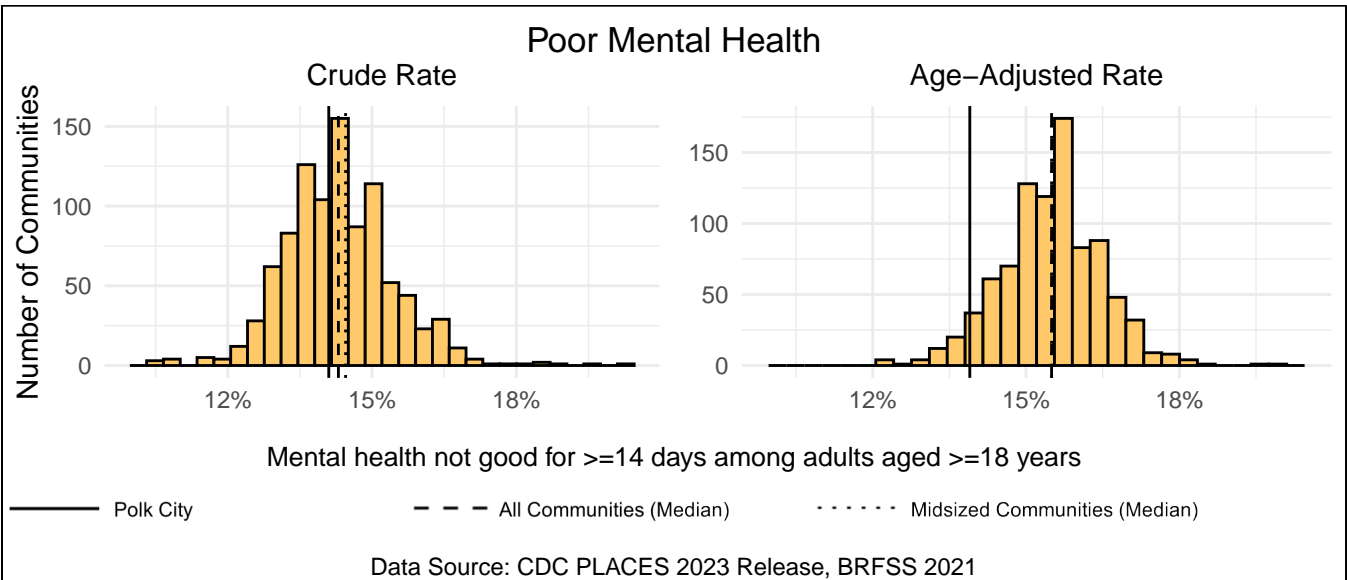
Measure Type	Polk City	All Comm.	Midsized Comm.
Crude	7.7%	10.8%	10.7%
Age-Adjusted	7.6%	9.7%	9.9%



Poor Mental Health

Polk City has a crude rate of 14.1% for mental health not good for >=14 days among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 390th out of 958 Iowa communities (38th out of 102 mid-sized communities). The age-adjusted rate for Polk City is 13.9%, which ranks 42nd out of 905 Iowa communities (10th out of 102 mid-sized communities).

Measure Type	Polk City	All Comm.	Midsized Comm.
Crude	14.1%	14.3%	14.4%
Age-Adjusted	13.9%	15.5%	15.5%



Health Risk Behaviors

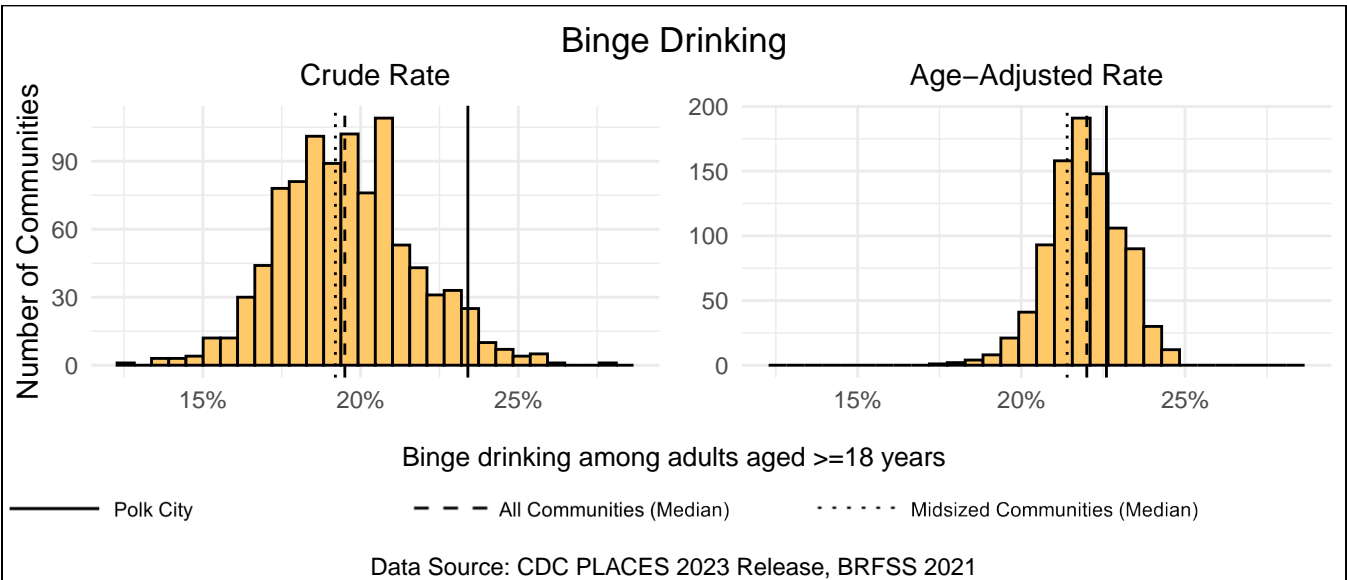
Health risk measures are measures of individual behaviors that can lead to poor health outcomes. These include binge drinking, current smoking, physical inactivity, and getting less than seven hours of nightly sleep. Risk behaviors are the most critical intervention points as they can help save lives and drastically improve health outcomes later in life. Each measure is calculated as the rate of respondents participating in a high level of risk behavior. The exact cutoff points for the behavior depend on the health area. The link below includes more information about each variable.

<https://www.cdc.gov/places/measure-definitions/unhealthy-behaviors/index.html>

Binge Drinking

Polk City has a crude rate of 23.4% for binge drinking among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 915th out of 958 Iowa communities (95th out of 102 midsized communities). The age-adjusted rate for Polk City is 22.6%, which ranks 648th out of 905 Iowa communities (78th out of 102 midsized communities).

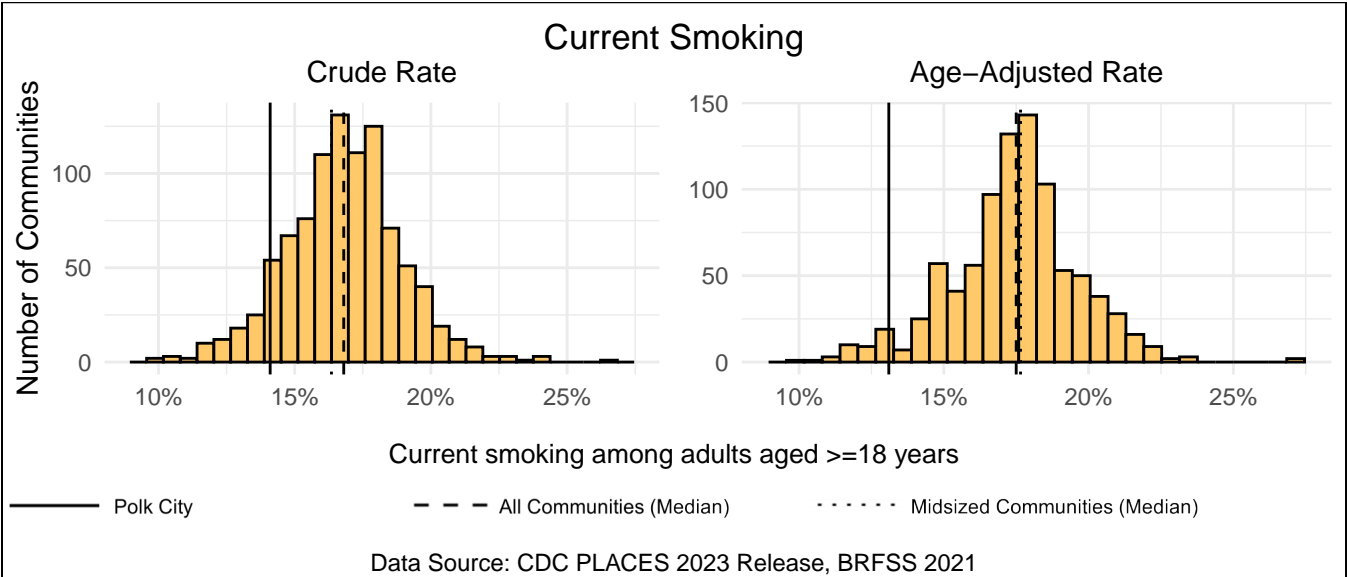
Measure Type	Polk City	All Comm.	Midsized Comm.
Crude	23.4%	19.5%	19.2%
Age-Adjusted	22.6%	22.0%	21.4%



Current Smoking

Polk City has a crude rate of 14.1% for current smoking among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 81st out of 958 Iowa communities (18th out of 102 mid-sized communities). The age-adjusted rate for Polk City is 13.1%, which ranks 37th out of 905 Iowa communities (9th out of 102 mid-sized communities).

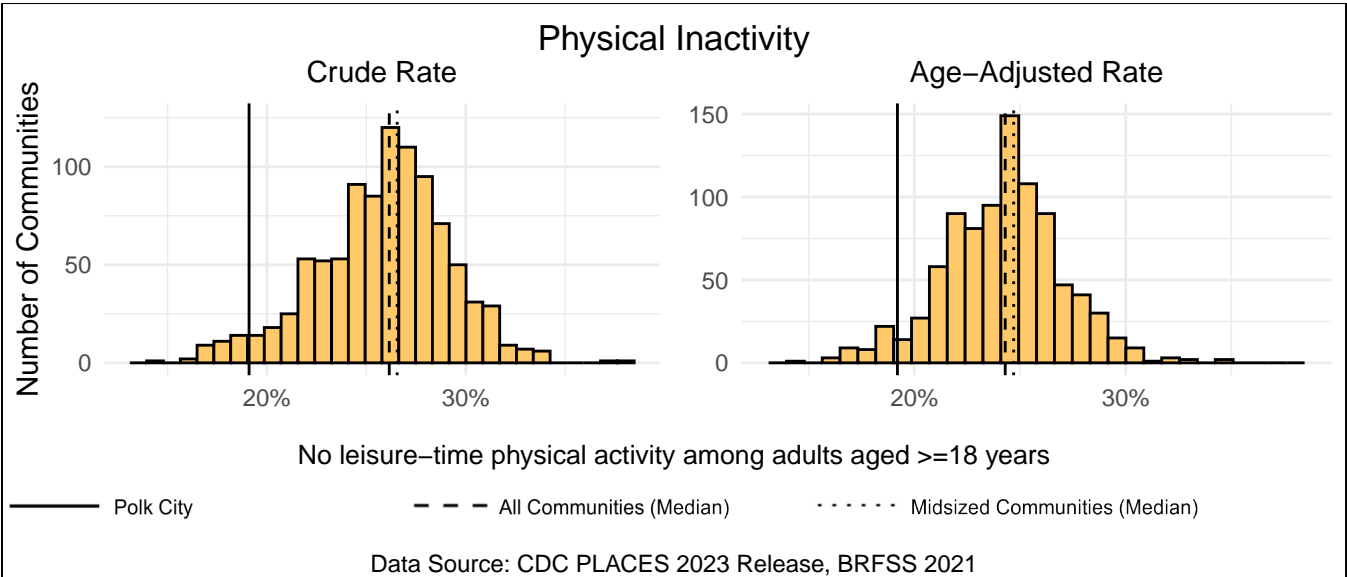
Measure Type	Polk City	All Comm.	Midsized Comm.
Crude	14.1%	16.8%	16.4%
Age-Adjusted	13.1%	17.5%	17.6%



Physical Inactivity

Polk City has a crude rate of 19.1% for no leisure-time physical activity among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 38th out of 958 Iowa communities (9th out of 102 mid-sized communities). The age-adjusted rate for Polk City is 19.2%, which ranks 44th out of 905 Iowa communities (11th out of 102 mid-sized communities).

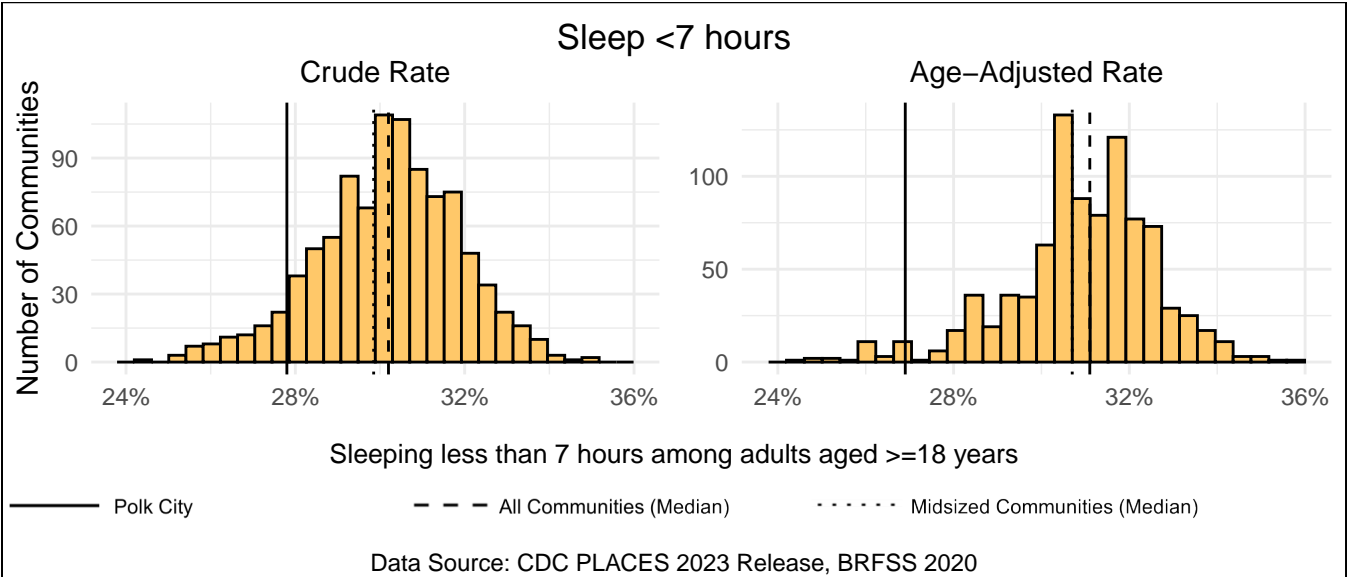
Measure Type	Polk City	All Comm.	Midsized Comm.
Crude	19.1%	26.1%	26.6%
Age-Adjusted	19.2%	24.3%	24.7%



Sleep <7 hours

Polk City has a crude rate of 27.8% for sleeping less than 7 hours among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 78th out of 958 Iowa communities (14th out of 102 mid-sized communities). The age-adjusted rate for Polk City is 26.9%, which ranks 27th out of 905 Iowa communities (5th out of 102 mid-sized communities).

Measure Type	Polk City	All Comm.	Midsized Comm.
Crude	27.8%	30.2%	29.8%
Age-Adjusted	26.9%	31.1%	30.7%



Health Outcomes

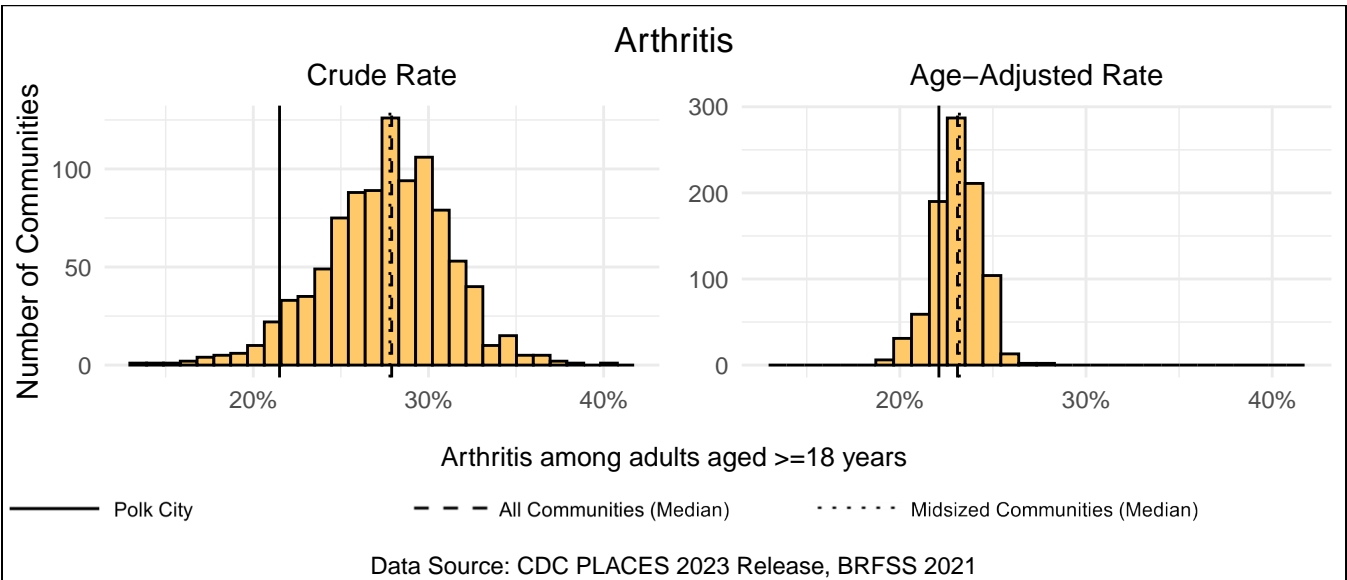
This section includes measures about specific health outcomes such as chronic illness, mental health conditions, and risk factors for future disease. Health outcome measures include but are not limited to arthritis, high blood pressure, cancer, depression, and obesity. Each measure is the percentage of respondents reporting receiving the diagnosis by a doctor, nurse, or other health professional. The link below includes more information about each variable.

<https://www.cdc.gov/places/measure-definitions/health-outcomes/index.html>

Arthritis

Polk City has a crude rate of 21.5% for arthritis among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 50th out of 958 Iowa communities (15th out of 102 midsize communities). The age-adjusted rate for Polk City is 22.1%, which ranks 176th out of 905 Iowa communities (25th out of 102 midsize communities).

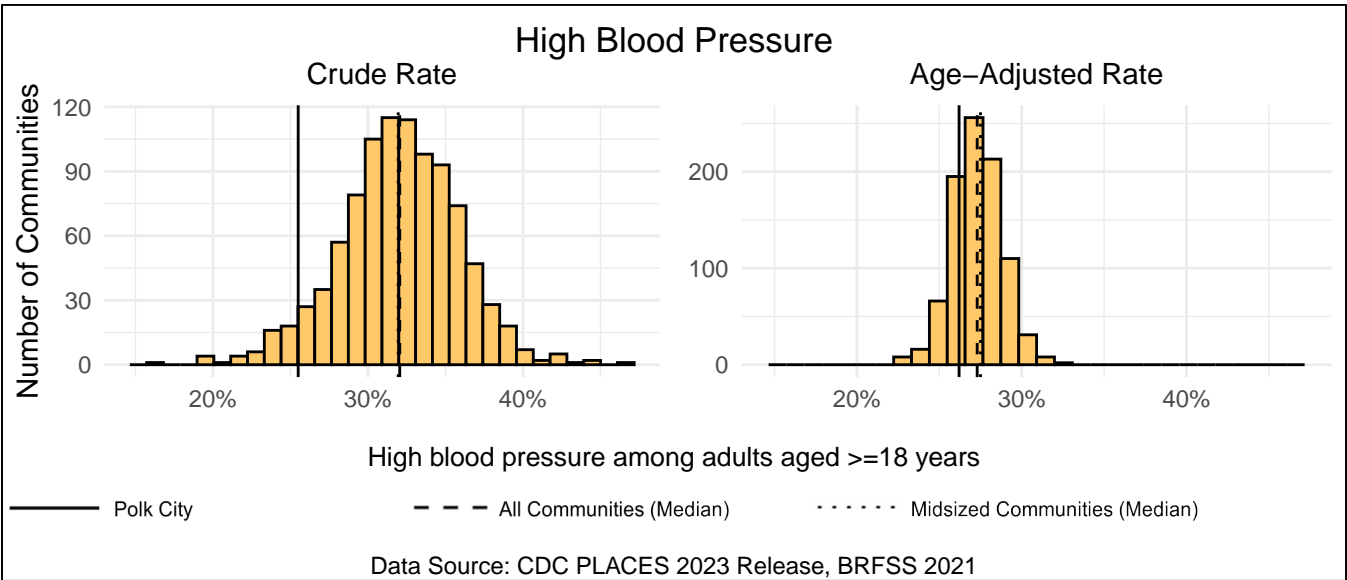
Measure Type	Polk City	All Comm.	Midsized Comm.
Crude	21.5%	27.9%	27.8%
Age-Adjusted	22.1%	23.1%	23.2%



High Blood Pressure

Polk City has a crude rate of 25.5% for high blood pressure among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 51st out of 958 Iowa communities (11th out of 102 mid-sized communities). The age-adjusted rate for Polk City is 26.2%, which ranks 209th out of 905 Iowa communities (25th out of 102 mid-sized communities).

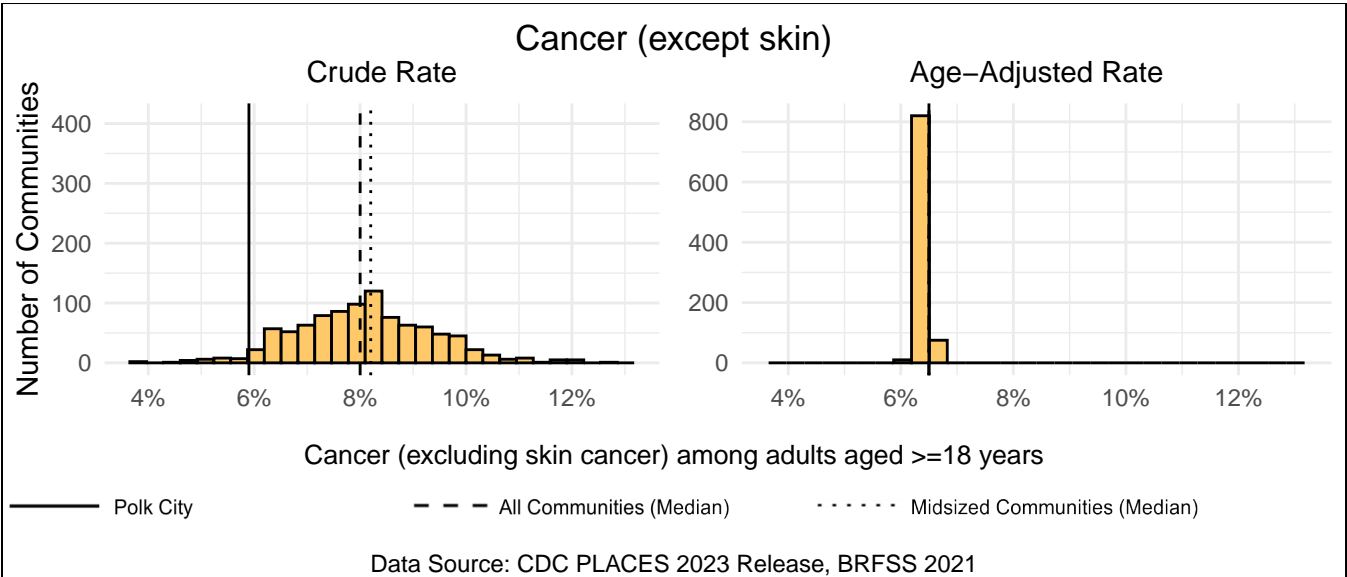
Measure Type	Polk City	All Comm.	Midsized Comm.
Crude	25.5%	32.0%	32.0%
Age-Adjusted	26.2%	27.3%	27.5%



Cancer (except skin)

Polk City has a crude rate of 5.9% for cancer (excluding skin cancer) among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 29th out of 958 Iowa communities (5th out of 102 mid-sized communities). The age-adjusted rate for Polk City is 6.5%, which ranks 418th out of 905 Iowa communities (41st out of 102 mid-sized communities).

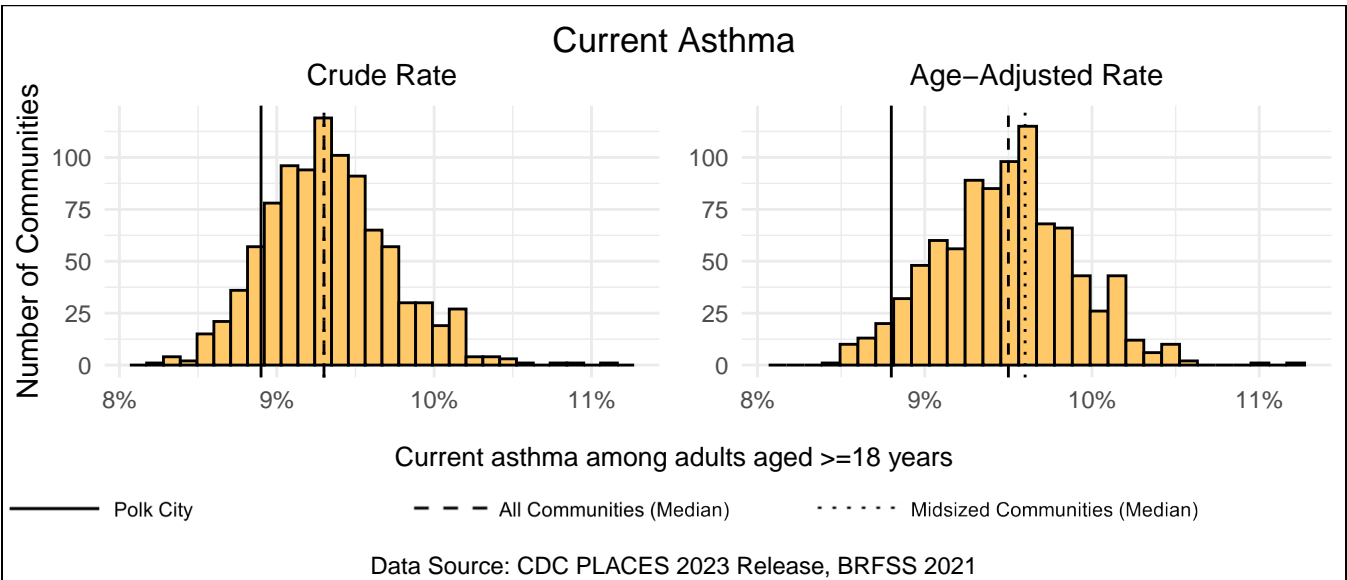
Measure Type	Polk City	All Comm.	Midsized Comm.
Crude	5.9%	8.0%	8.2%
Age-Adjusted	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%



Current Asthma

Polk City has a crude rate of 8.9% for current asthma among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 80th out of 958 Iowa communities (9th out of 102 mid-sized communities). The age-adjusted rate for Polk City is 8.8%, which ranks 25th out of 905 Iowa communities (4th out of 102 mid-sized communities).

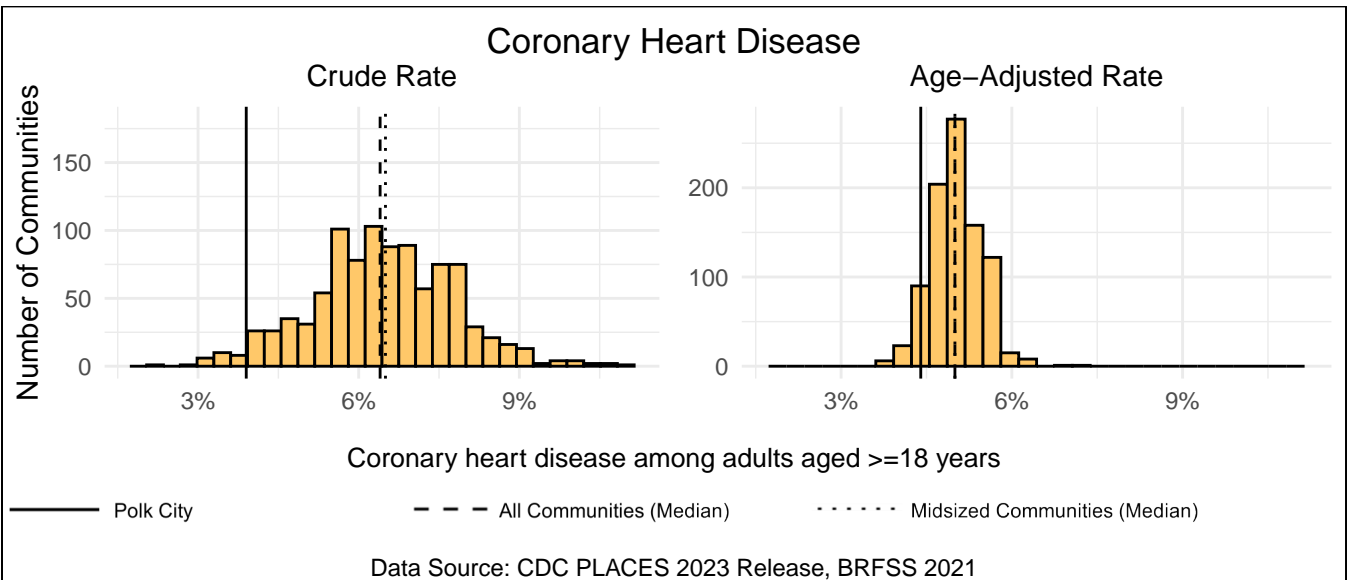
Measure Type	Polk City	All Comm.	Mid-sized Comm.
Crude	8.9%	9.3%	9.3%
Age-Adjusted	8.8%	9.5%	9.6%



Coronary Heart Disease

Polk City has a crude rate of 3.9% for coronary heart disease among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 23rd out of 958 Iowa communities (6th out of 102 mid-sized communities). The age-adjusted rate for Polk City is 4.4%, which ranks 52nd out of 905 Iowa communities (16th out of 102 mid-sized communities).

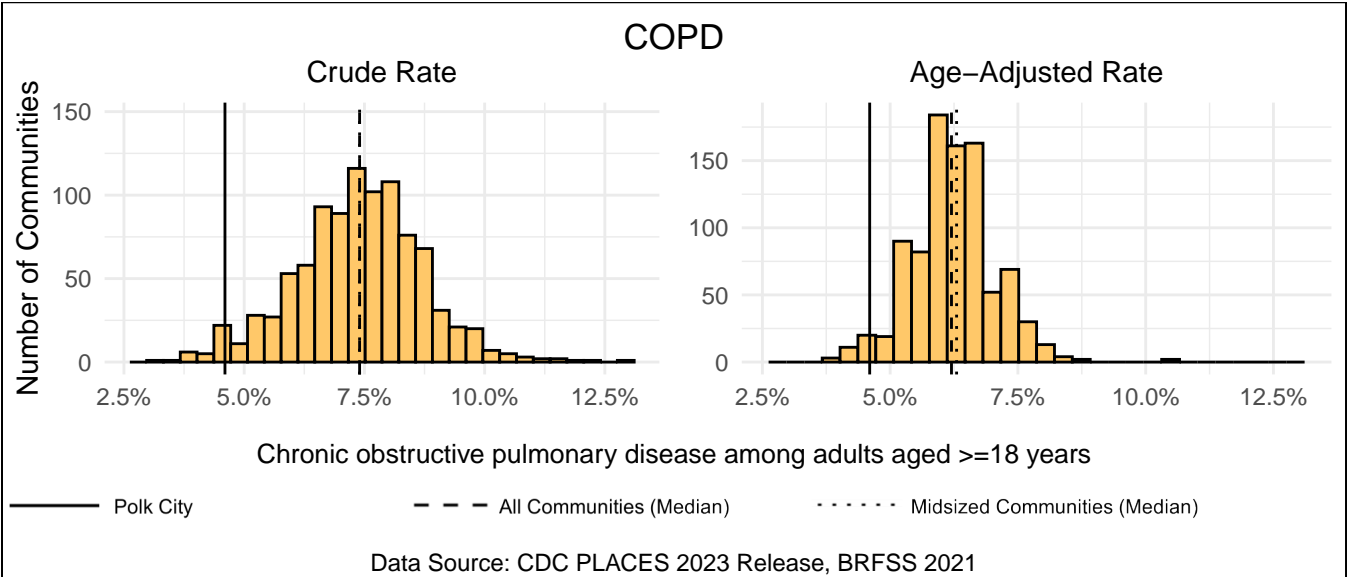
Measure Type	Polk City	All Comm.	Mid-sized Comm.
Crude	3.9%	6.4%	6.5%
Age-Adjusted	4.4%	5.0%	5.0%



COPD

Polk City has a crude rate of 4.6% for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 24th out of 958 Iowa communities (6th out of 102 midsized communities). The age-adjusted rate for Polk City is 4.6%, which ranks 18th out of 905 Iowa communities (5th out of 102 midsized communities).

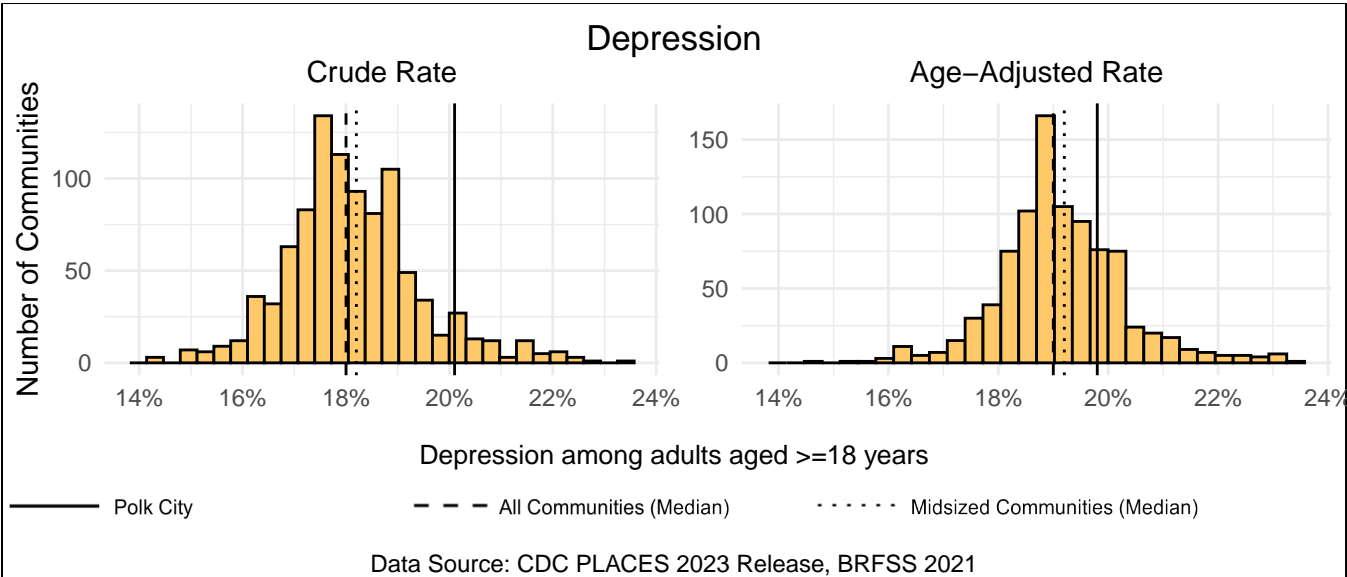
Measure Type	Polk City	All Comm.	Midsized Comm.
Crude	4.6%	7.4%	7.4%
Age-Adjusted	4.6%	6.2%	6.3%



Depression

Polk City has a crude rate of 20.1% for depression among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 880th out of 958 Iowa communities (90th out of 102 midsized communities). The age-adjusted rate for Polk City is 19.8%, which ranks 675th out of 905 Iowa communities (73rd out of 102 midsized communities).

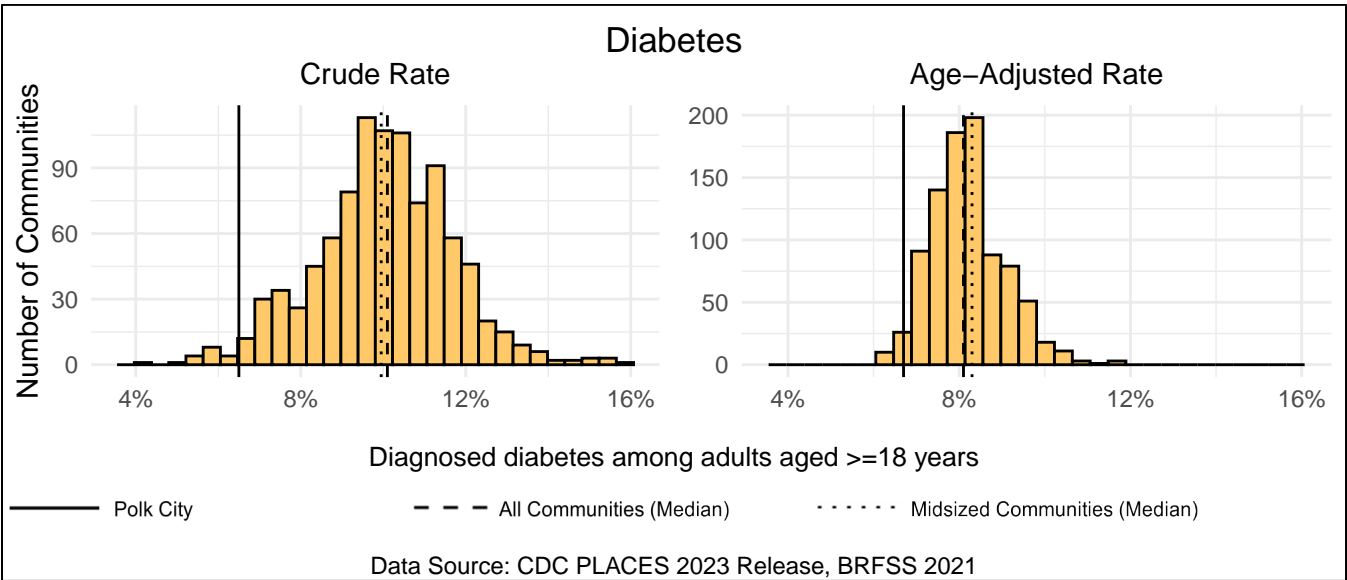
Measure Type	Polk City	All Comm.	Midsized Comm.
Crude	20.1%	18.0%	18.2%
Age-Adjusted	19.8%	19.0%	19.2%



Diabetes

Polk City has a crude rate of 6.5% for diagnosed diabetes among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 19th out of 958 Iowa communities (6th out of 102 midsize communities). The age-adjusted rate for Polk City is 6.7%, which ranks 18th out of 905 Iowa communities (4th out of 102 midsize communities).

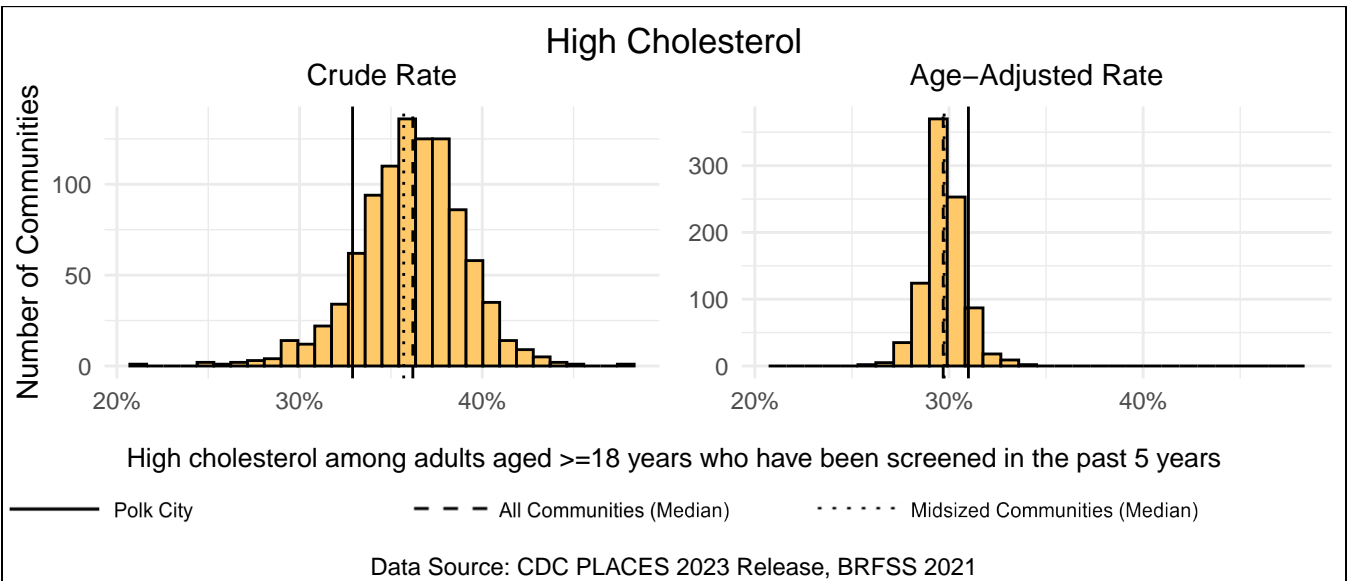
Measure Type	Polk City	All Comm.	Midsized Comm.
Crude	6.5%	10.1%	9.9%
Age-Adjusted	6.7%	8.1%	8.3%



High Cholesterol

Polk City has a crude rate of 32.9% for high cholesterol among adults aged ≥ 18 years who have been screened in the past 5 years, which ranks 105th out of 958 Iowa communities (18th out of 102 midsize communities). The age-adjusted rate for Polk City is 31.0%, which ranks 818th out of 905 Iowa communities (94th out of 102 midsize communities).

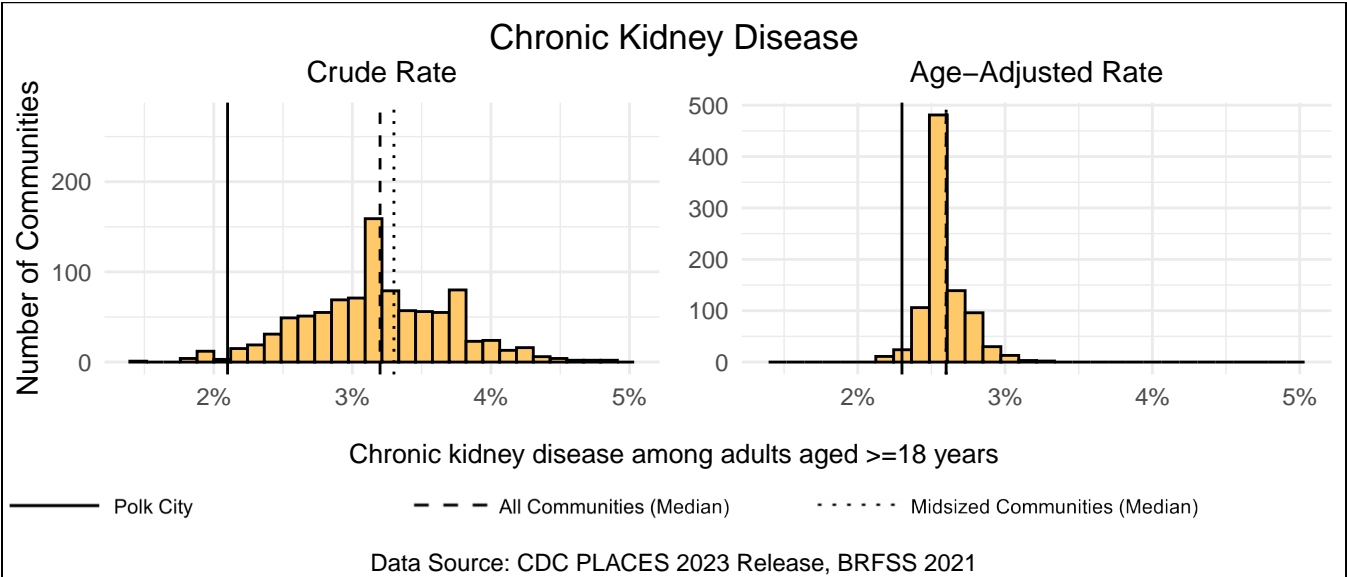
Measure Type	Polk City	All Comm.	Midsized Comm.
Crude	32.9%	36.2%	35.7%
Age-Adjusted	31.0%	29.7%	29.8%



Chronic Kidney Disease

Polk City has a crude rate of 2.1% for chronic kidney disease among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 18th out of 958 Iowa communities (5th out of 102 mid-sized communities). The age-adjusted rate for Polk City is 2.3%, which ranks 12th out of 905 Iowa communities (4th out of 102 mid-sized communities).

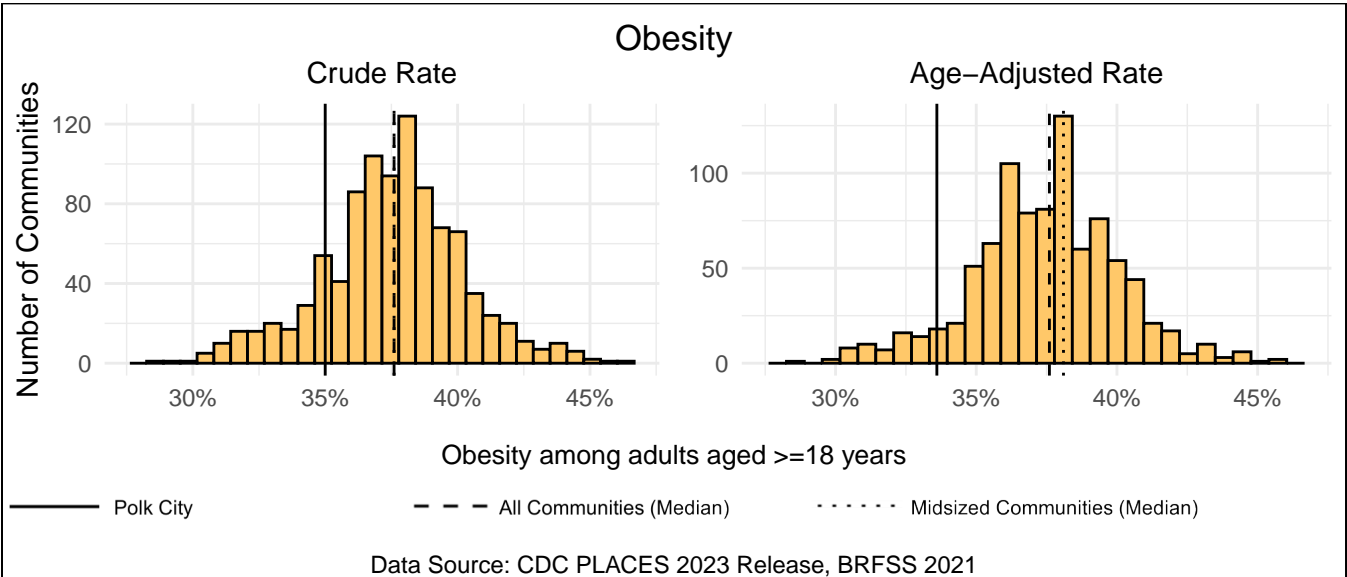
Measure Type	Polk City	All Comm.	Midsized Comm.
Crude	2.1%	3.2%	3.3%
Age-Adjusted	2.3%	2.6%	2.6%



Obesity

Polk City has a crude rate of 35.0% for obesity among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 140th out of 958 Iowa communities (26th out of 102 mid-sized communities). The age-adjusted rate for Polk City is 33.6%, which ranks 64th out of 905 Iowa communities (13th out of 102 mid-sized communities).

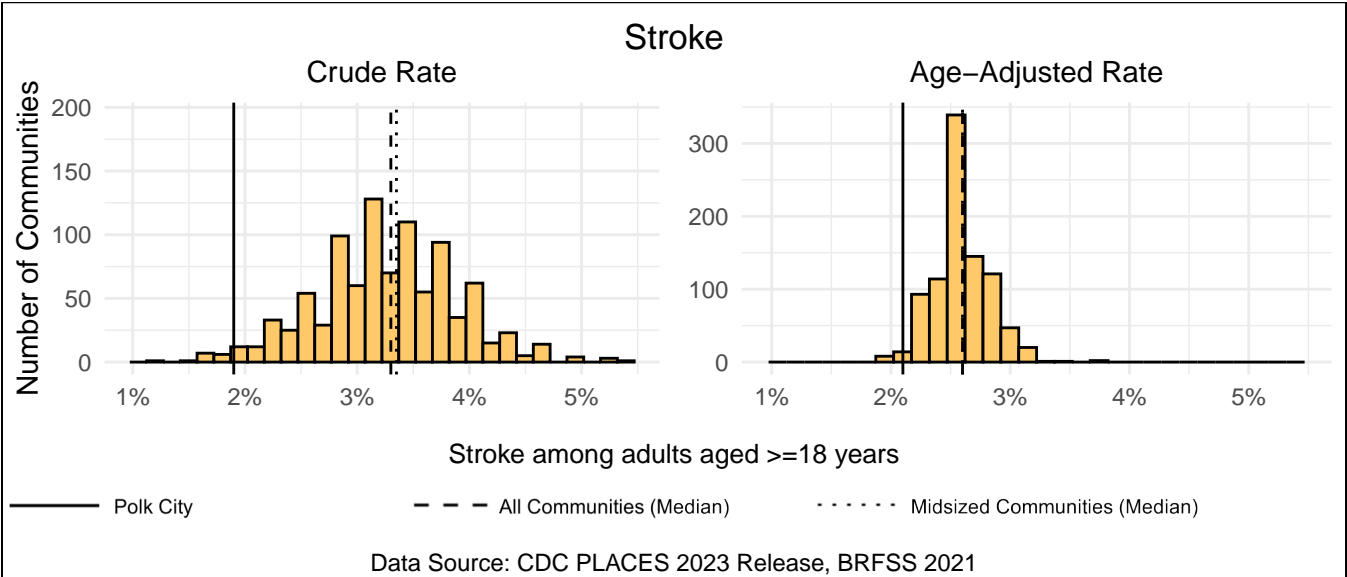
Measure Type	Polk City	All Comm.	Midsized Comm.
Crude	35.0%	37.6%	37.6%
Age-Adjusted	33.6%	37.6%	38.1%



Stroke

Polk City has a crude rate of 1.9% for stroke among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 16th out of 958 Iowa communities (5th out of 102 mid-sized communities). The age-adjusted rate for Polk City is 2.1%, which ranks 9th out of 905 Iowa communities (4th out of 102 mid-sized communities).

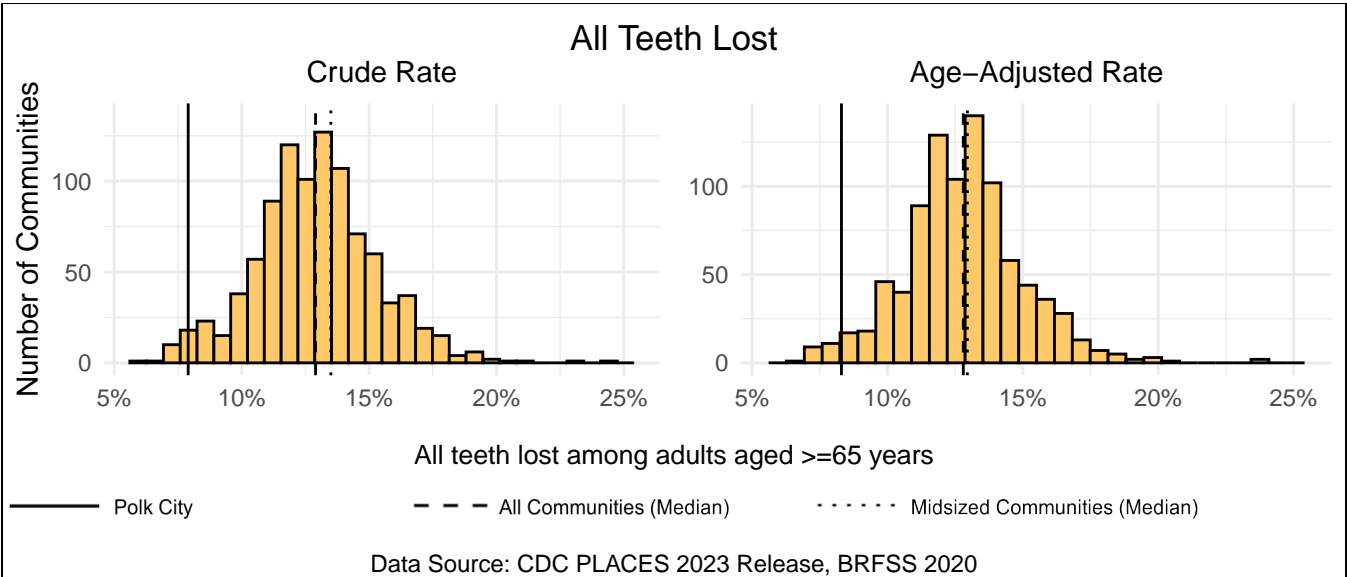
Measure Type	Polk City	All Comm.	Mid-sized Comm.
Crude	1.9%	3.3%	3.3%
Age-Adjusted	2.1%	2.6%	2.6%



All Teeth Lost

Polk City has a crude rate of 7.9% for all teeth lost among adults aged >=65 years, which ranks 17th out of 958 Iowa communities (5th out of 102 mid-sized communities). The age-adjusted rate for Polk City is 8.3%, which ranks 22nd out of 905 Iowa communities (7th out of 102 mid-sized communities).

Measure Type	Polk City	All Comm.	Mid-sized Comm.
Crude	7.9%	12.9%	13.5%
Age-Adjusted	8.3%	12.8%	12.9%



Prevention

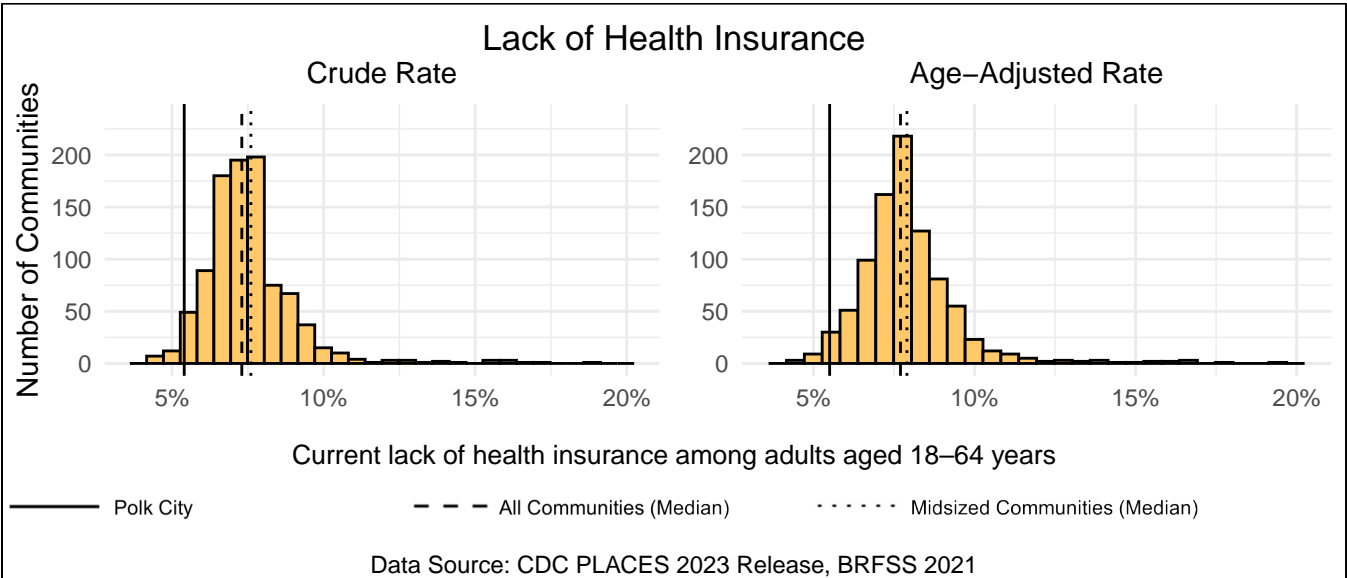
Preventive measures are another practical intervention point for public health professionals as they allow for the early detection of health conditions and improve overall treatment efficacy. This section includes a review of your community’s prevention measures, including preventive screenings and doctor visits. Besides the measure for lack of health insurance, all measures in this section are positive, where a higher rate is a strength for your community. The link below includes more information about each variable.

<https://www.cdc.gov/places/measure-definitions/prevention/index.html>

Lack of Health Insurance

Polk City has a crude rate of 5.4% for current lack of health insurance among adults aged 18–64 years, which ranks 25th out of 958 Iowa communities (5th out of 102 midsize communities). The age-adjusted rate for Polk City is 5.5%, which ranks 21st out of 905 Iowa communities (6th out of 102 midsize communities).

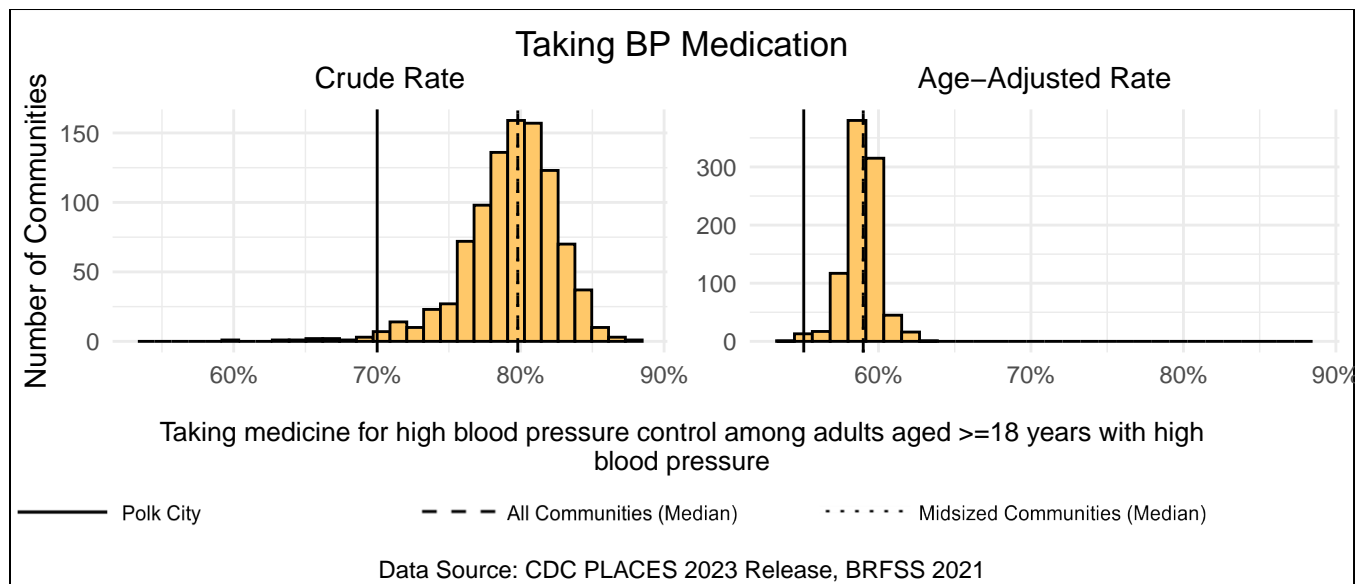
Measure Type	Polk City	All Comm.	Midsized Comm.
Crude	5.4%	7.3%	7.6%
Age-Adjusted	5.5%	7.7%	7.9%



Taking BP Medication

Polk City has a crude rate of 70.0% for taking medicine for high blood pressure control among adults aged ≥ 18 years with high blood pressure, which ranks 947th out of 958 Iowa communities (100th out of 102 mid-sized communities). The age-adjusted rate for Polk City is 55.1%, which ranks 898th out of 905 Iowa communities (100th out of 102 mid-sized communities).

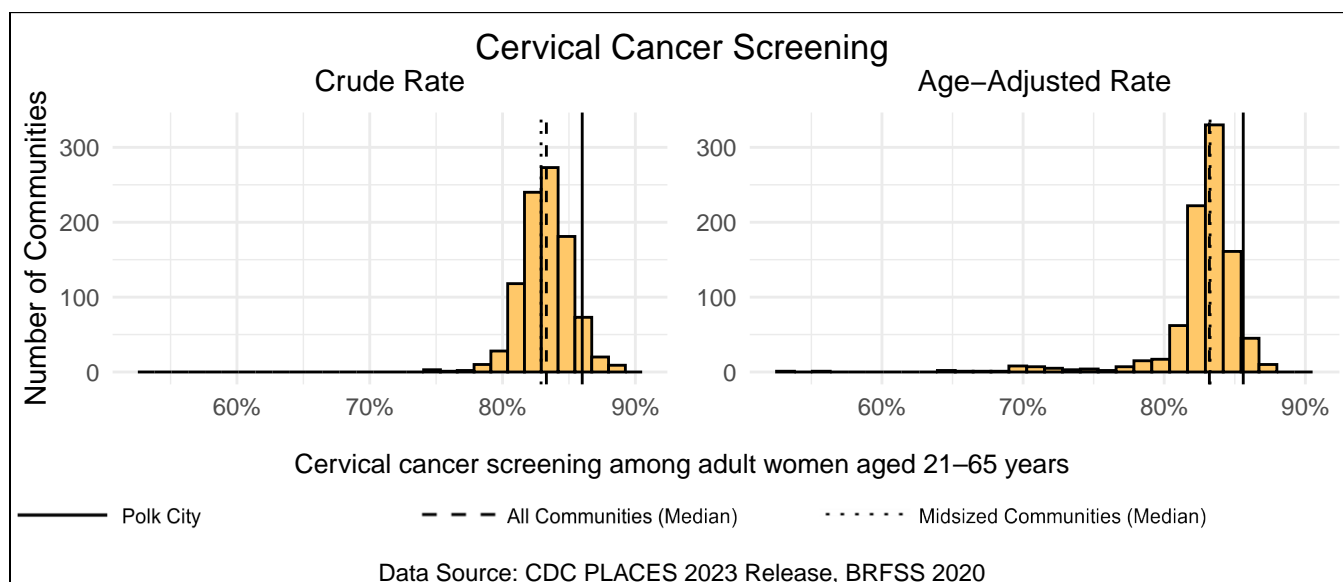
Measure Type	Polk City	All Comm.	Midsized Comm.
Crude	70.0%	79.8%	79.8%
Age-Adjusted	55.1%	59.0%	59.0%



Cervical Cancer Screening

Polk City has a crude rate of 86.0% for cervical cancer screening among adult women aged 21–65 years, which ranks 62nd out of 958 Iowa communities (11th out of 102 mid-sized communities). The age-adjusted rate for Polk City is 85.6%, which ranks 41st out of 905 Iowa communities (11th out of 102 mid-sized communities).

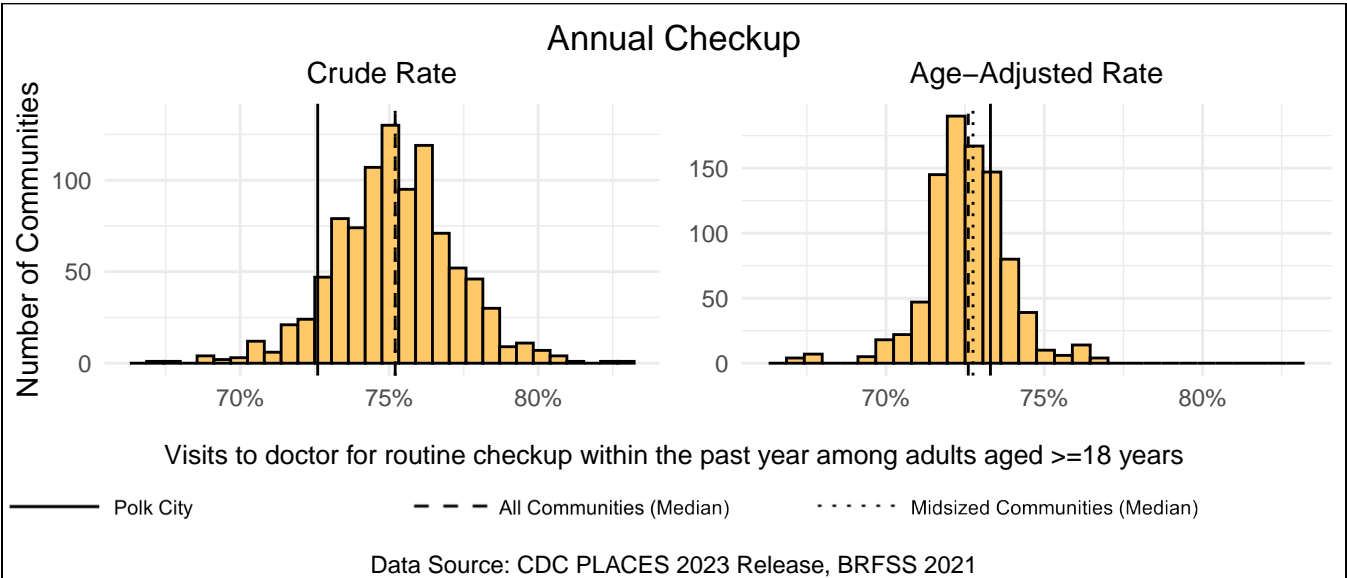
Measure Type	Polk City	All Comm.	Midsized Comm.
Crude	86.0%	83.3%	82.9%
Age-Adjusted	85.6%	83.2%	83.2%



Annual Checkup

Polk City has a crude rate of 72.6% for visits to doctor for routine checkup within the past year among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 871st out of 958 Iowa communities (89th out of 102 midsize communities). The age-adjusted rate for Polk City is 73.3%, which ranks 211th out of 905 Iowa communities (28th out of 102 midsize communities).

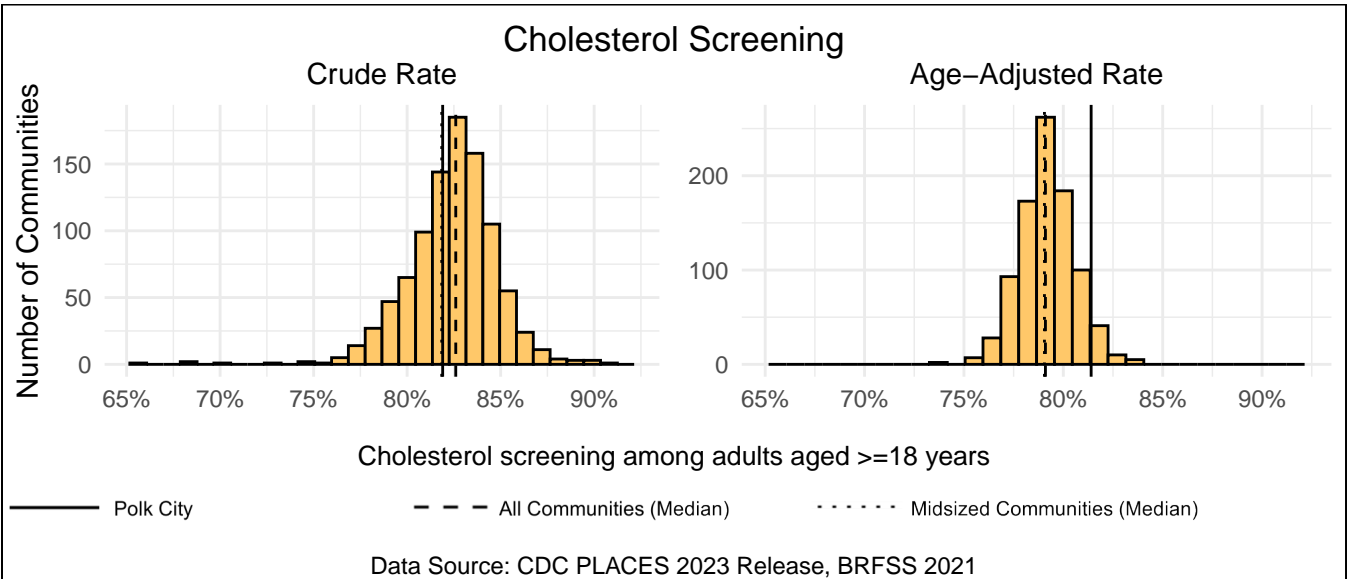
Measure Type	Polk City	All Comm.	Midsized Comm.
Crude	72.6%	75.2%	75.2%
Age-Adjusted	73.3%	72.6%	72.8%



Cholesterol Screening

Polk City has a crude rate of 81.9% for cholesterol screening among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 596th out of 958 Iowa communities (51st out of 102 midsize communities). The age-adjusted rate for Polk City is 81.4%, which ranks 51st out of 905 Iowa communities (14th out of 102 midsize communities).

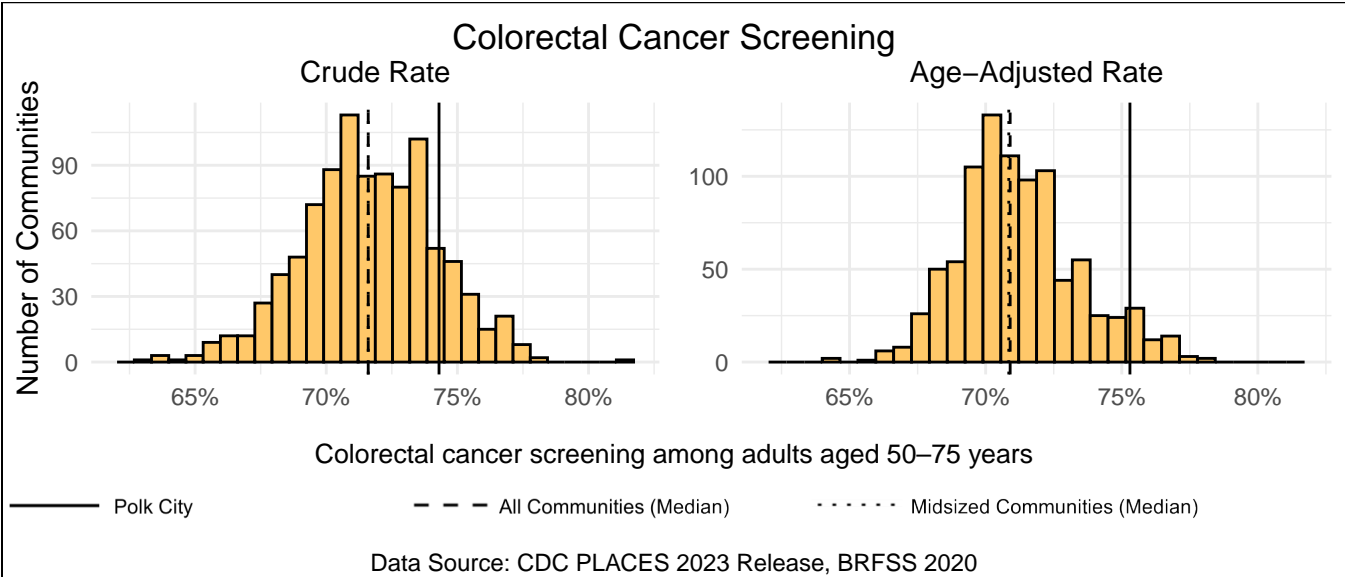
Measure Type	Polk City	All Comm.	Midsized Comm.
Crude	81.9%	82.6%	81.8%
Age-Adjusted	81.4%	79.1%	79.0%



Colorectal Cancer Screening

Polk City has a crude rate of 74.3% for colorectal cancer screening among adults aged 50–75 years, which ranks 136th out of 958 Iowa communities (18th out of 102 mid-sized communities). The age-adjusted rate for Polk City is 75.3%, which ranks 52nd out of 905 Iowa communities (12th out of 102 mid-sized communities).

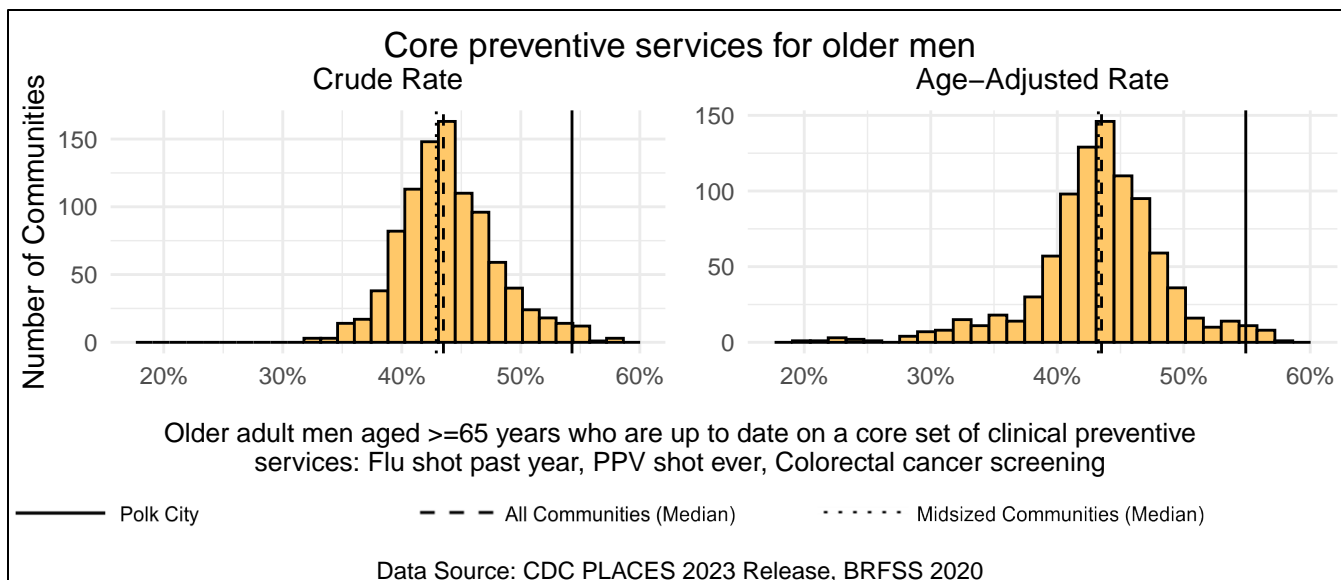
Measure Type	Polk City	All Comm.	Midsized Comm.
Crude	74.3%	71.6%	71.6%
Age-Adjusted	75.3%	70.9%	70.8%



Core preventive services for older men

Polk City has a crude rate of 54.3% for older adult men aged ≥65 years who are up to date on a core set of clinical preventive services: flu shot past year, ppv shot ever, colorectal cancer screening, which ranks 17th out of 958 Iowa communities (4th out of 102 mid-sized communities). The age-adjusted rate for Polk City is 54.9%, which ranks 14th out of 905 Iowa communities (4th out of 102 mid-sized communities).

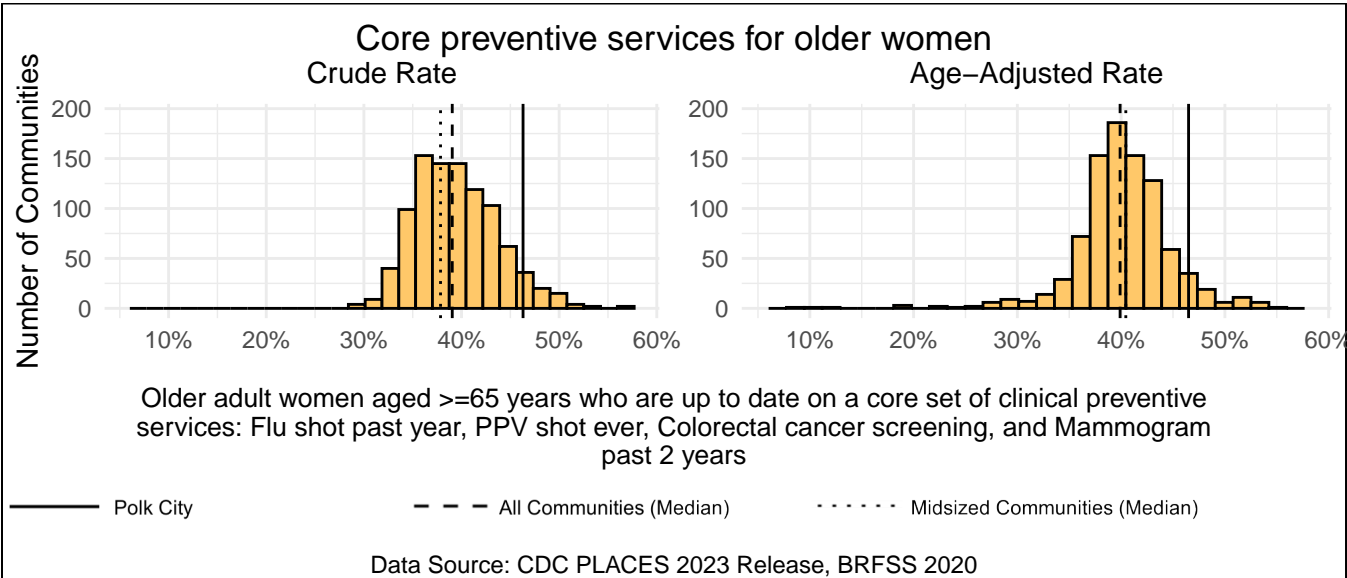
Measure Type	Polk City	All Comm.	Midsized Comm.
Crude	54.3%	43.5%	42.9%
Age-Adjusted	54.9%	43.5%	43.2%



Core preventive services for older women

Polk City has a crude rate of 46.3% for older adult women aged ≥ 65 years who are up to date on a core set of clinical preventive services: flu shot past year, ppv shot ever, colorectal cancer screening, and mammogram past 2 years, which ranks 68th out of 958 Iowa communities (13th out of 102 mid-sized communities). The age-adjusted rate for Polk City is 46.5%, which ranks 60th out of 905 Iowa communities (14th out of 102 mid-sized communities).

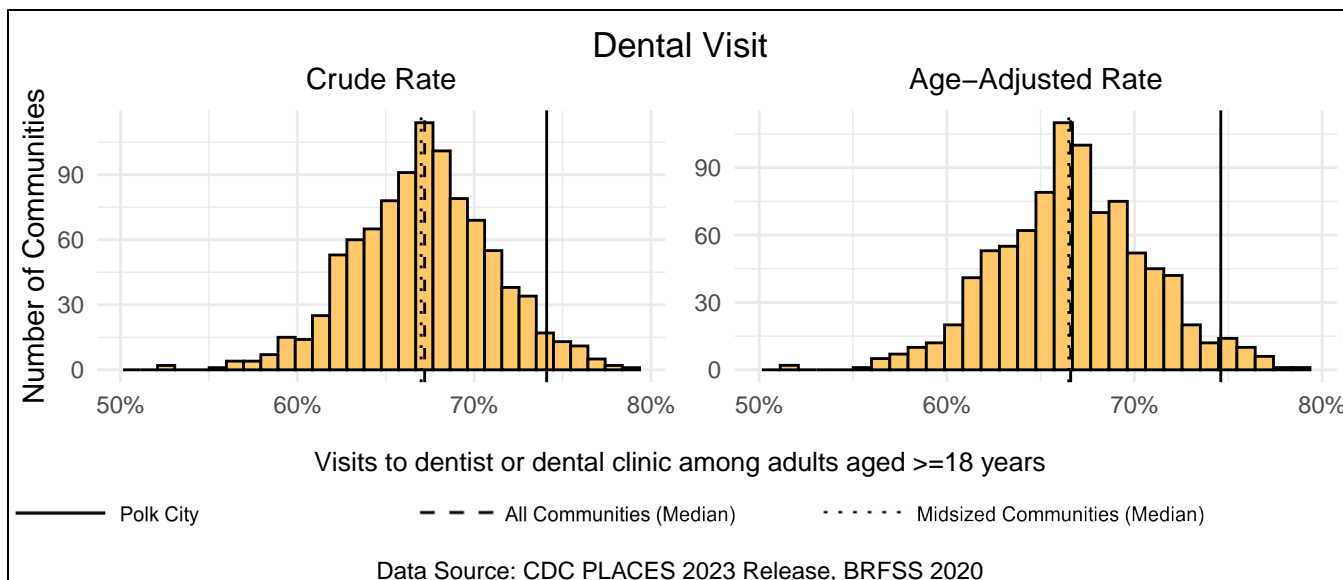
Measure Type	Polk City	All Comm.	Midsized Comm.
Crude	46.3%	39.0%	37.8%
Age-Adjusted	46.5%	39.9%	40.4%



Dental Visit

Polk City has a crude rate of 74.1% for visits to dentist or dental clinic among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 38th out of 958 Iowa communities (13th out of 102 mid-sized communities). The age-adjusted rate for Polk City is 74.6%, which ranks 32nd out of 905 Iowa communities (10th out of 102 mid-sized communities).

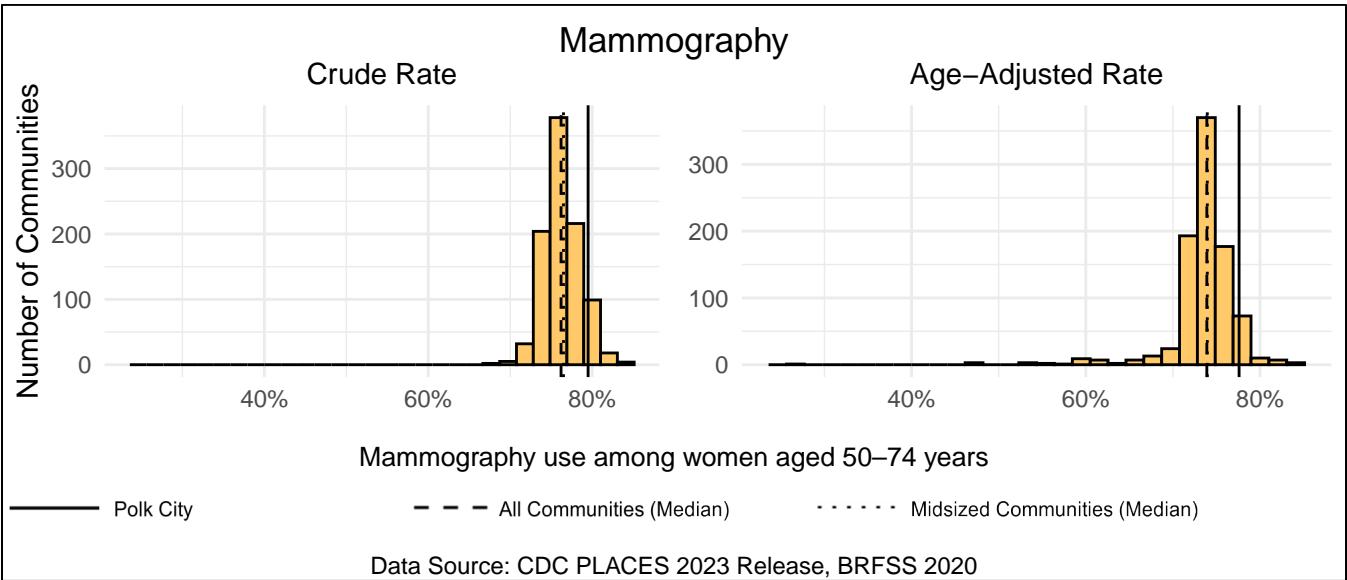
Measure Type	Polk City	All Comm.	Midsized Comm.
Crude	74.1%	67.2%	67.0%
Age-Adjusted	74.6%	66.6%	66.5%



Mammography

Polk City has a crude rate of 79.5% for mammography use among women aged 50–74 years, which ranks 78th out of 958 Iowa communities (12th out of 102 mid-sized communities). The age-adjusted rate for Polk City is 77.6%, which ranks 66th out of 905 Iowa communities (14th out of 102 mid-sized communities).

Measure Type	Polk City	All Comm.	Midsized Comm.
Crude	79.5%	76.2%	76.5%
Age-Adjusted	77.6%	73.9%	74.0%



Disability

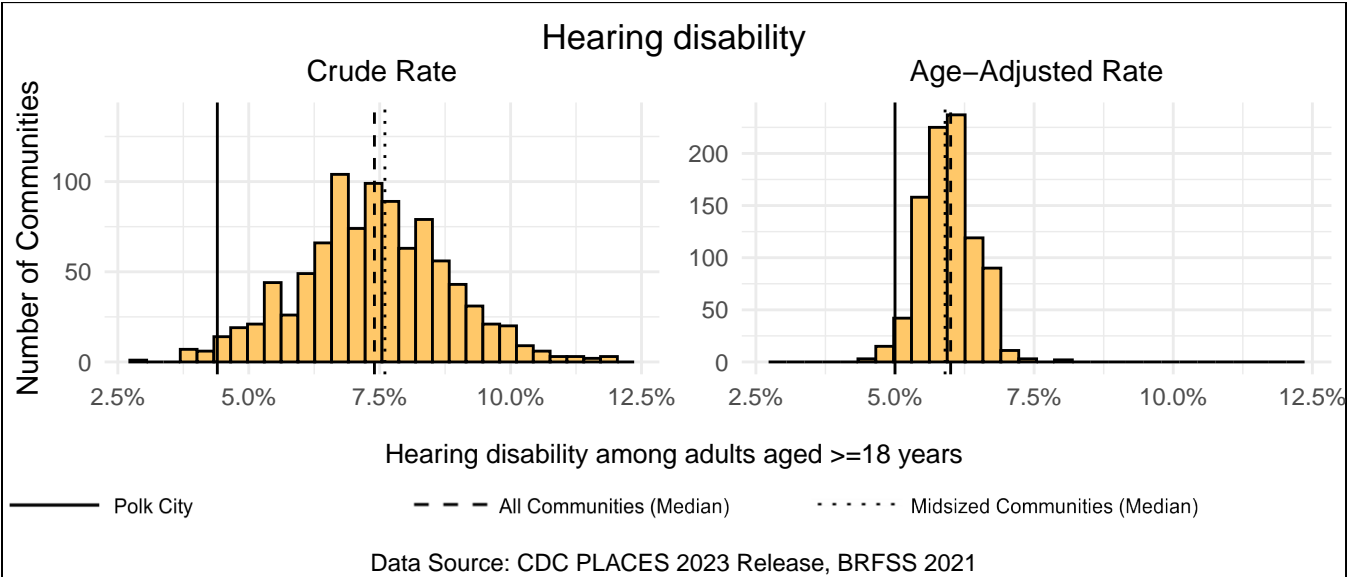
This section includes measures of physical and cognitive disabilities. Respondents were asked to report on six disabilities: hearing, vision, cognition, mobility, self-care, and independent living. The final measure reports the rate of respondents that answered yes to any of the previous six disabilities. The link below includes more information about each variable.

<https://www.cdc.gov/places/measure-definitions/unhealthy-behaviors/index.html>

Hearing disability

Polk City has a crude rate of 4.4% for hearing disability among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 15th out of 958 Iowa communities (5th out of 102 midsize communities). The age-adjusted rate for Polk City is 5.0%, which ranks 19th out of 905 Iowa communities (6th out of 102 midsize communities).

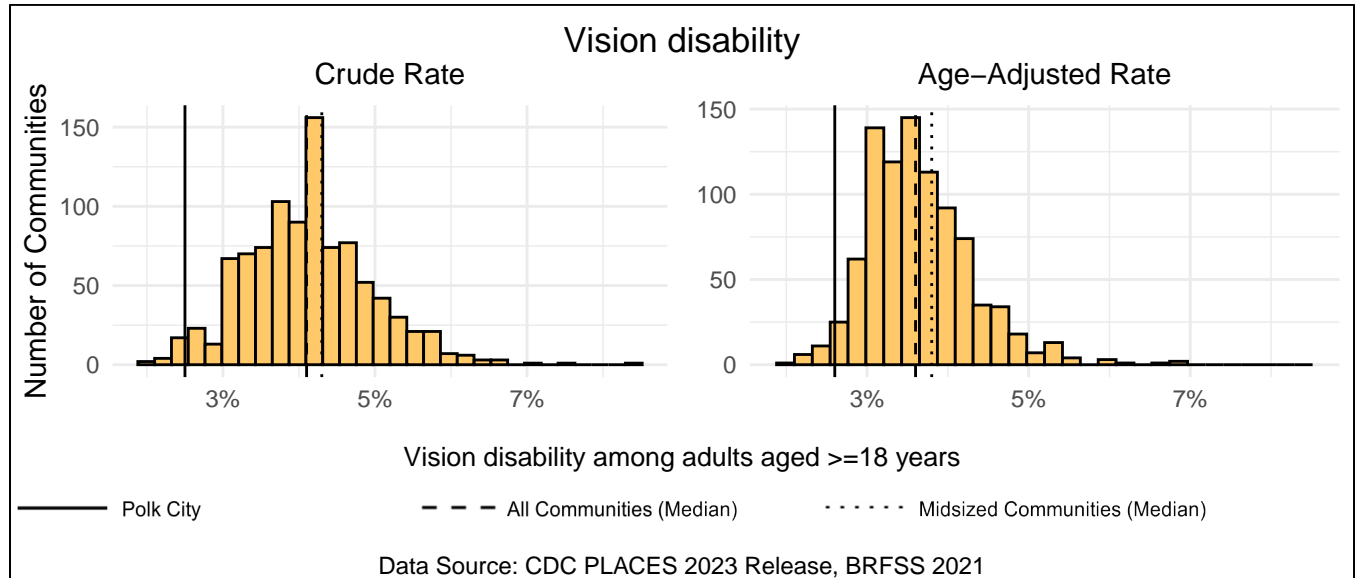
Measure Type	Polk City	All Comm.	Midsized Comm.
Crude	4.4%	7.4%	7.6%
Age-Adjusted	5.0%	6.0%	5.9%



Vision disability

Polk City has a crude rate of 2.5% for vision disability among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 16th out of 958 Iowa communities (4th out of 102 midsize communities). The age-adjusted rate for Polk City is 2.6%, which ranks 19th out of 905 Iowa communities (5th out of 102 midsize communities).

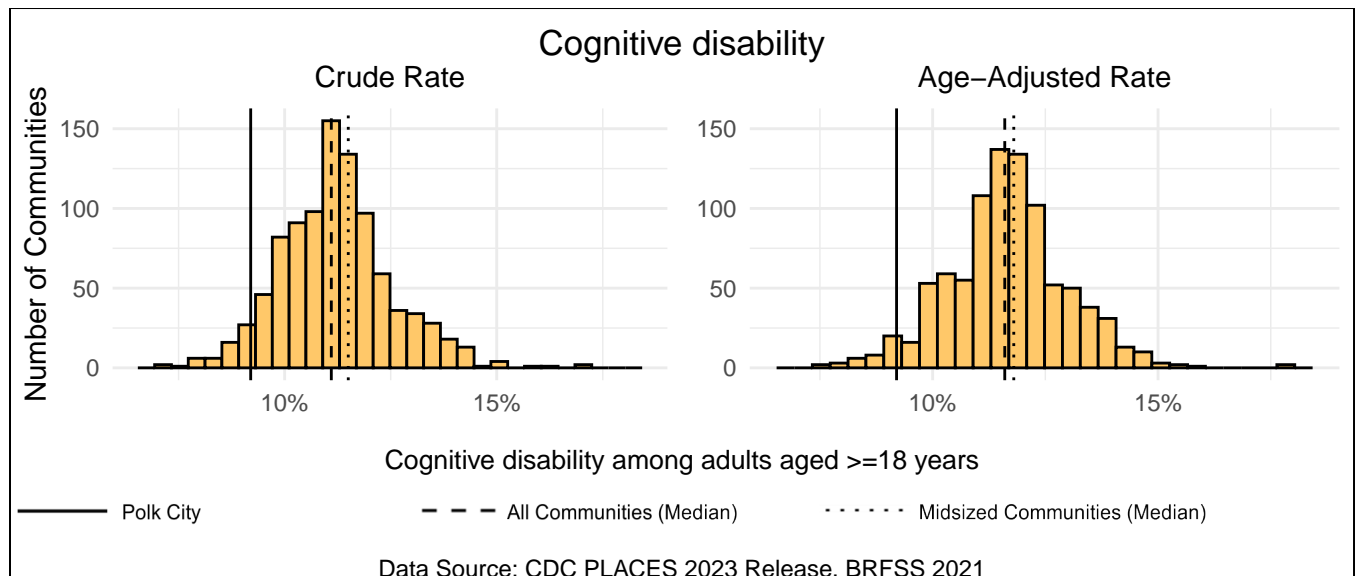
Measure Type	Polk City	All Comm.	Midsized Comm.
Crude	2.5%	4.1%	4.3%
Age-Adjusted	2.6%	3.6%	3.8%



Cognitive disability

Polk City has a crude rate of 9.2% for cognitive disability among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 42nd out of 958 Iowa communities (8th out of 102 midsize communities). The age-adjusted rate for Polk City is 9.2%, which ranks 28th out of 905 Iowa communities (7th out of 102 midsize communities).

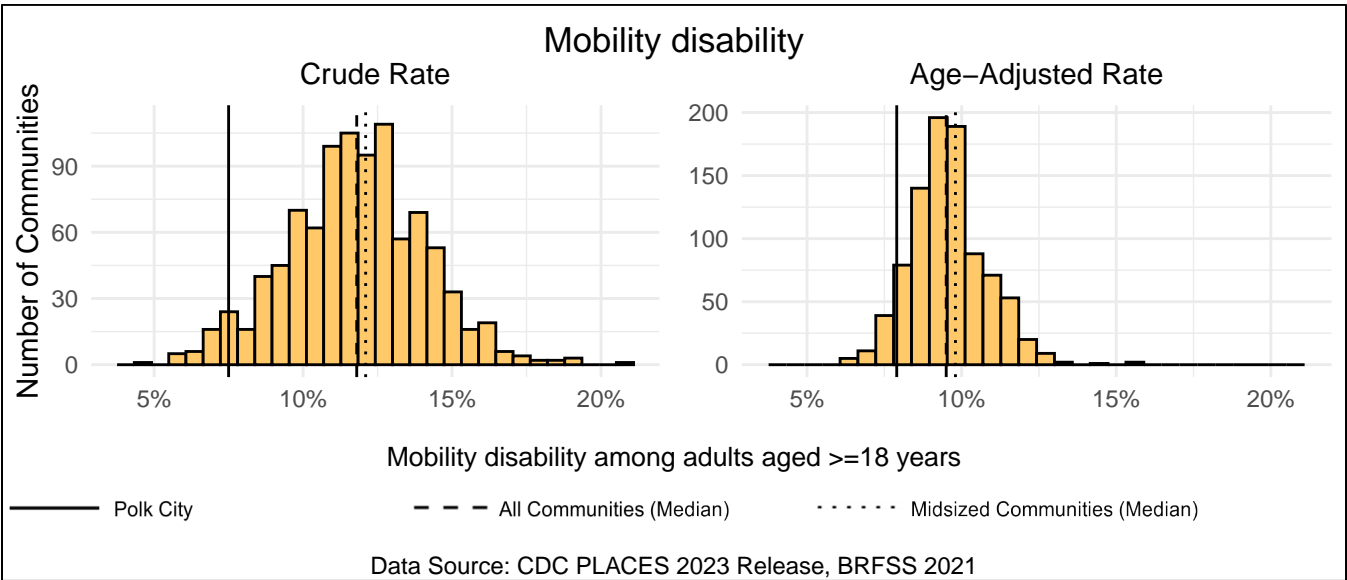
Measure Type	Polk City	All Comm.	Midsized Comm.
Crude	9.2%	11.1%	11.5%
Age-Adjusted	9.2%	11.6%	11.8%



Mobility disability

Polk City has a crude rate of 7.5% for mobility disability among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 34th out of 958 Iowa communities (8th out of 102 mid-sized communities). The age-adjusted rate for Polk City is 7.9%, which ranks 56th out of 905 Iowa communities (13th out of 102 mid-sized communities).

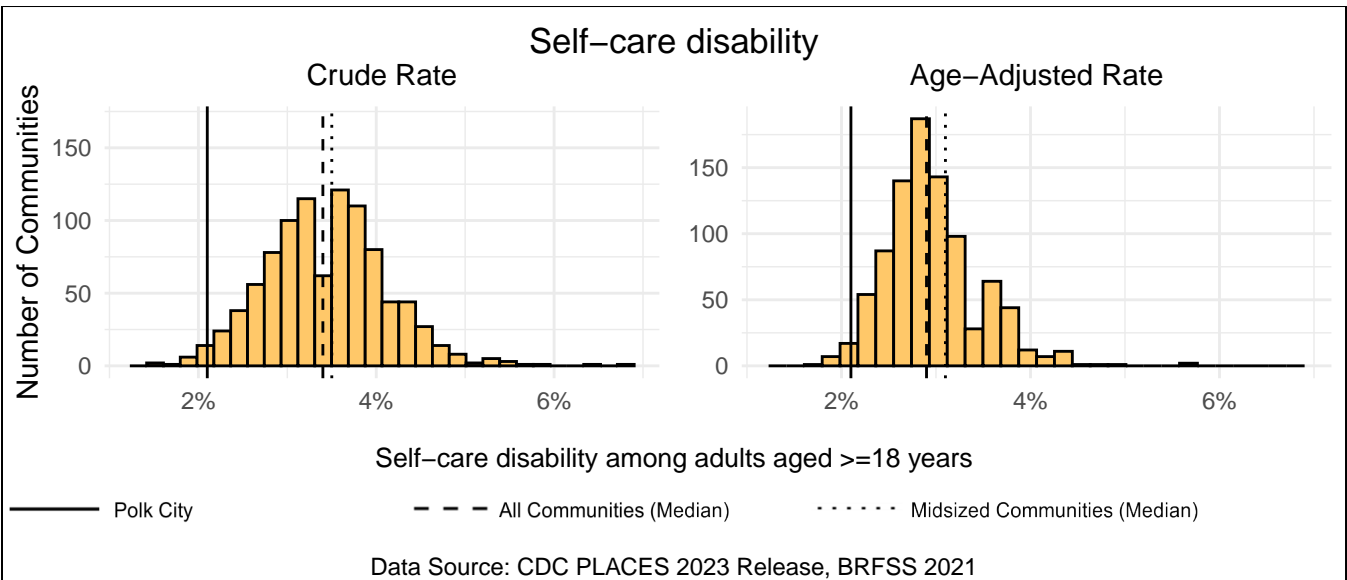
Measure Type	Polk City	All Comm.	Midsized Comm.
Crude	7.5%	11.8%	12.1%
Age-Adjusted	7.9%	9.5%	9.8%



Self-care disability

Polk City has a crude rate of 2.1% for self-care disability among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 17th out of 958 Iowa communities (5th out of 102 mid-sized communities). The age-adjusted rate for Polk City is 2.1%, which ranks 18th out of 905 Iowa communities (5th out of 102 mid-sized communities).

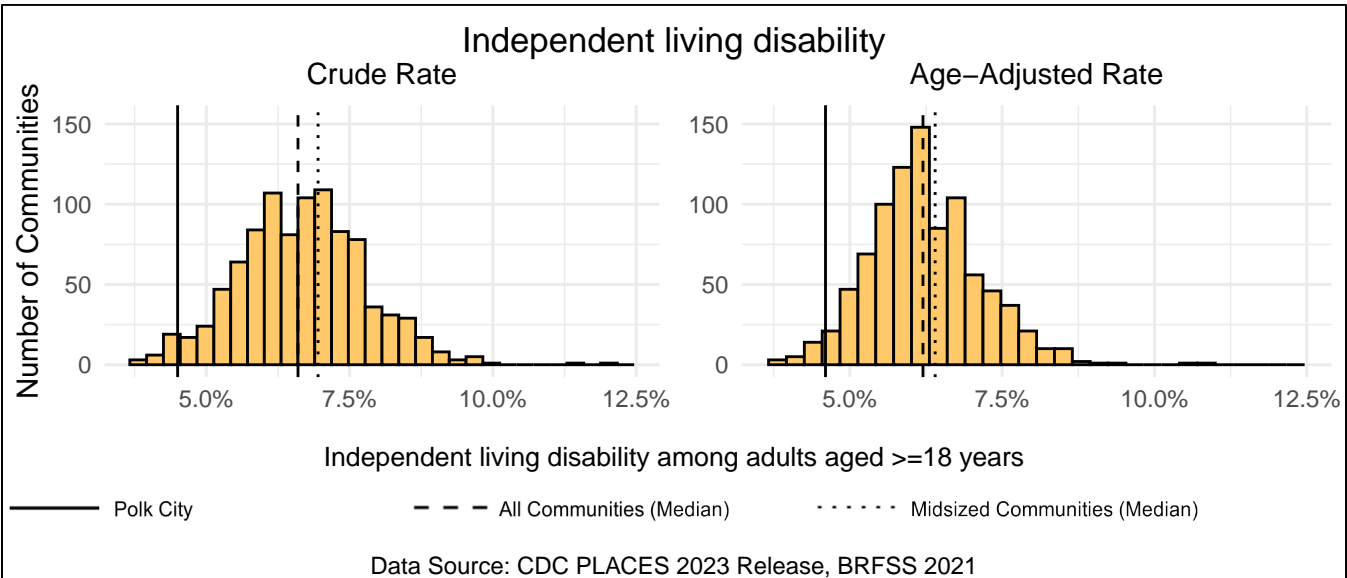
Measure Type	Polk City	All Comm.	Midsized Comm.
Crude	2.1%	3.4%	3.5%
Age-Adjusted	2.1%	2.9%	3.1%



Independent living disability

Polk City has a crude rate of 4.5% for independent living disability among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 22nd out of 958 Iowa communities (5th out of 102 midsized communities). The age-adjusted rate for Polk City is 4.6%, which ranks 23rd out of 905 Iowa communities (5th out of 102 midsized communities).

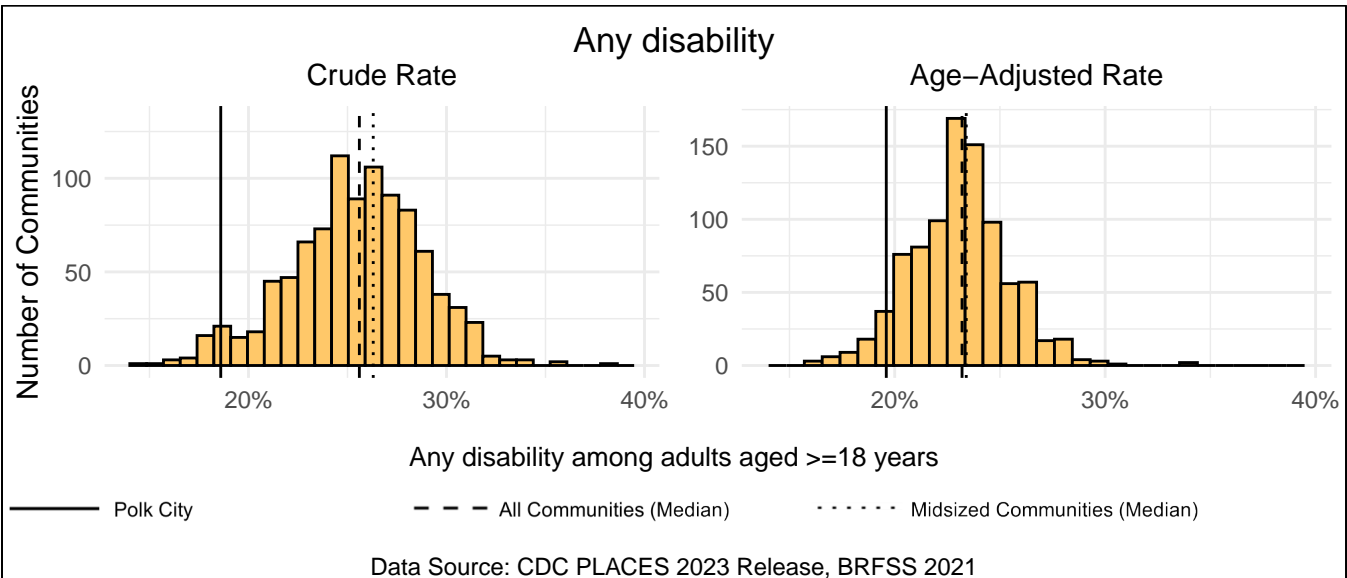
Measure Type	Polk City	All Comm.	Midsized Comm.
Crude	4.5%	6.6%	7.0%
Age-Adjusted	4.6%	6.2%	6.4%



Any disability

Polk City has a crude rate of 18.6% for any disability among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 31st out of 958 Iowa communities (9th out of 102 midsized communities). The age-adjusted rate for Polk City is 19.6%, which ranks 49th out of 905 Iowa communities (12th out of 102 midsized communities).

Measure Type	Polk City	All Comm.	Midsized Comm.
Crude	18.6%	25.6%	26.3%
Age-Adjusted	19.6%	23.2%	23.4%



Appendix 1: CDC PLACES Data

This report uses a novel dataset from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) called PLACES: Local Data for Better Health. The PLACES dataset uses small area estimation methods to provide estimates of health measures for counties, places, census tracts, and zip code tabulation areas. The estimates are created with a multilevel statistical modeling framework that utilizes CDC's Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), Census population counts, and American Community Survey demographic and socioeconomic data.

Relevant links for CDC PLACES can be found below:

- [PLACES Homepage](#)
- [Measure Definitions](#)
- [Methodology](#)



Appendix 2: Polk City PLACES Data

Category	Health Domain	Crude Rate Rank	Crude Rate (95% CI)	Age-Adj. Rate Rank	Age-Adj. Rate (95% CI)
Health Status	Physical Health	18	7.7% (6.5% - 9.2%)	17	7.6% (6.4% - 8.9%)
Health Status	General Health	25	9.4% (7.5% - 11.3%)	23	9.4% (7.7% - 11.4%)
Health Status	Mental Health	390	14.1% (12.2% - 16.2%)	42	13.9% (11.9% - 16.1%)
Health Risk Behaviors	Binge Drinking	915	23.4% (20.8% - 26.2%)	648	22.6% (20.1% - 25.2%)
Health Risk Behaviors	Physical Inactivity	38	19.1% (15.8% - 22.8%)	44	19.2% (16.0% - 22.9%)
Health Risk Behaviors	Sleep <7 hours	78	27.8% (26.0% - 29.5%)	27	26.9% (25.1% - 28.6%)
Health Risk Behaviors	Current Smoking	81	14.1% (10.4% - 18.0%)	37	13.1% (9.8% - 16.8%)
Health Outcomes	Current Asthma	80	8.9% (7.8% - 10.0%)	25	8.8% (7.8% - 9.9%)
Health Outcomes	Depression	880	20.1% (17.6% - 22.7%)	675	19.8% (17.3% - 22.4%)
Health Outcomes	Stroke	16	1.9% (1.7% - 2.2%)	9	2.1% (1.9% - 2.5%)
Health Outcomes	Coronary Heart Disease	23	3.9% (3.4% - 4.5%)	52	4.4% (3.8% - 5.1%)
Health Outcomes	Cancer (except skin)	29	5.9% (5.3% - 6.5%)	418	6.5% (5.9% - 7.2%)
Health Outcomes	High Cholesterol	105	32.9% (30.2% - 35.5%)	818	31.0% (28.3% - 33.8%)
Health Outcomes	High Blood Pressure	51	25.5% (22.9% - 28.1%)	209	26.2% (23.9% - 28.7%)
Health Outcomes	Diabetes	19	6.5% (5.5% - 7.5%)	18	6.7% (5.7% - 7.8%)
Health Outcomes	Chronic Kidney Disease	18	2.1% (1.9% - 2.4%)	12	2.3% (2.1% - 2.6%)
Health Outcomes	Arthritis	50	21.5% (19.2% - 23.8%)	176	22.1% (19.9% - 24.5%)
Health Outcomes	COPD	24	4.6% (3.6% - 5.5%)	18	4.6% (3.7% - 5.7%)
Health Outcomes	Obesity	140	35.0% (31.5% - 39.0%)	64	33.6% (29.9% - 37.3%)
Health Outcomes	All Teeth Lost	17	7.9% (4.6% - 11.9%)	22	8.3% (4.8% - 12.7%)
Prevention	Core preventive services for older women	68	46.3% (39.6% - 52.2%)	60	46.5% (40.0% - 52.3%)
Prevention	Mammography	78	79.5% (75.6% - 82.7%)	66	77.6% (73.8% - 80.8%)
Prevention	Taking BP Medication	947	70.0% (66.6% - 73.3%)	898	55.1% (51.1% - 58.8%)
Prevention	Colorectal Cancer Screening	136	74.3% (71.1% - 77.1%)	52	75.3% (72.3% - 77.9%)
Prevention	Cholesterol Screening	596	81.9% (79.0% - 84.6%)	51	81.4% (78.5% - 84.1%)

Category	Health Domain	Crude Rate Rank	Crude Rate (95% CI)	Age-Adj. Rate Rank	Age-Adj. Rate (95% CI)
Prevention	Cervical Cancer Screening	62	86.0% (83.5% - 88.3%)	41	85.6% (83.0% - 87.9%)
Prevention	Dental Visit	38	74.1% (70.2% - 77.8%)	32	74.6% (71.0% - 78.0%)
Prevention	Core preventive services for older men	17	54.3% (46.7% - 61.2%)	14	54.9% (48.0% - 61.5%)
Prevention	Annual Checkup	871	72.6% (69.4% - 75.6%)	211	73.3% (70.3% - 76.1%)
Prevention	Health Insurance	25	5.4% (3.9% - 7.3%)	21	5.5% (4.0% - 7.5%)
Disability	Vision Disability	16	2.5% (2.1% - 3.0%)	19	2.6% (2.2% - 3.1%)
Disability	Any Disability	31	18.6% (15.7% - 21.6%)	49	19.6% (16.7% - 22.7%)
Disability	Independent Living Disability	22	4.5% (3.6% - 5.3%)	23	4.6% (3.8% - 5.5%)
Disability	Hearing Disability	15	4.4% (3.8% - 5.0%)	19	5.0% (4.3% - 5.7%)
Disability	Self-care Disability	17	2.1% (1.8% - 2.6%)	18	2.1% (1.8% - 2.5%)
Disability	Cognitive Disability	42	9.2% (7.5% - 11.0%)	28	9.2% (7.4% - 11.2%)
Disability	Mobility Disability	34	7.5% (6.2% - 9.0%)	56	7.9% (6.5% - 9.4%)

The 95% confidence interval shown in parentheses represents the range of 95% of CDC area estimates under different model assumptions using Monte Carlo simulations.

Appendix 3: Midsized Communities (2,500-9,999)

Polk City falls into the group of midsized communities, which have a population of 2,500-9,999. In this data, 102 communities have a population in this range. The table below lists all communities in that group, sorted by the population estimate in the CDC PLACES dataset.

Community	Population	Community	Population	Community	Population
Keokuk	9,868	Red Oak	5,563	Dyersville	4,318
Grinnell	9,511	DeWitt	5,508	Forest City	4,254
Fairfield	9,474	Anamosa	5,493	Chariton	4,203
Mount Pleasant	9,214	Osceola	5,455	Jefferson	4,190
Denison	8,316	Algona	5,443	Carlisle	4,116
Sioux Center	8,227	Sheldon	5,417	Rock Valley	4,045
Perry	7,875	Spirit Lake	5,409	Monticello	4,034
Webster City	7,787	Centerville	5,393	Cresco	3,899
Clear Lake	7,642	Clarinda	5,371	West Liberty	3,821
Bondurant	7,617	Winterset	5,366	Waukon	3,818
Decorah	7,611	Windsor Heights	5,200	Carter Lake	3,780
Knoxville	7,523	Cherokee	5,154	Albia	3,705
Creston	7,519	Glenwood	5,128	Emmetsburg	3,671
Charles City	7,364	Manchester	5,112	Osage	3,590
Washington	7,329	Iowa Falls	5,095	Eagle Grove	3,589
Hiawatha	7,179	Sergeant Bluff	5,007	New Hampton	3,473
Nevada	6,933	Vinton	4,953	Robins	3,356
Atlantic	6,770	Shenandoah	4,930	Story City	3,352
Eldridge	6,693	Harlan	4,897	Williamsburg	3,332
Orange City	6,278	Tiffin	4,845	Milford	3,295
Maquoketa	6,123	Humboldt	4,774	West Burlington	3,184
Independence	6,106	Le Claire	4,679	Tipton	3,130
Adel	6,090	Evansdale	4,561	Tama	3,073
Oelwein	5,934	Camanche	4,546	Garner	3,065
Asbury	5,890	Mount Vernon	4,529	Solon	3,020
Estherville	5,881	Huxley	4,331	Wilton	2,939
Polk City	5,604	Hampton	4,328	Onawa	2,876

Community	Population
Saylorville	2,837
Park View	2,835
Sibley	2,830
Fairfax	2,814
Marengo	2,812
Clarion	2,799
Grundy Center	2,792
Madrid	2,784
Missouri Valley	2,692
Bloomfield	2,687
Hawarden	2,673
Postville	2,653
Eldora	2,645
Kalona	2,637
Rock Rapids	2,631
Center Point	2,573
Hudson	2,557
Belmond	2,512
Mitchellville	2,506
West Branch	2,503
Jesup	2,502
