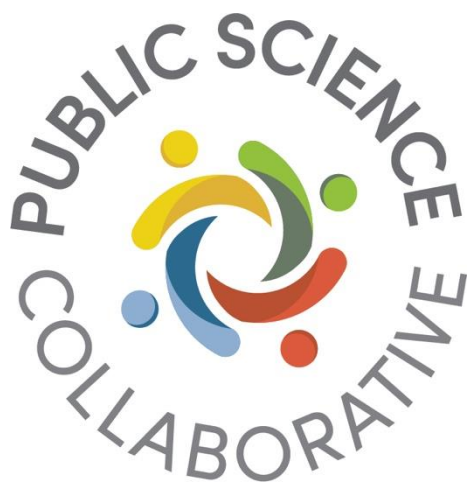




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Health in Mills County: Overview

Dear Community Members & Stakeholders of Mills County,

We are pleased to share the Iowa County 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’s 99 counties. The following pages include the health snapshot for your county. The snapshot can be used to see how Mills County ranks across various health measures compared to the rest of the state and similarly-sized counties. This comparison allows us to identify Mills County’s strengths and opportunities for growth by leveraging data from 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 county ranks compared to all Iowa counties and counties of similar size to Mills County. 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 county and presents what the rate would be if your county had a standard age distribution. Crude rates can provide a general comparison between counties and age-adjusted rates can give a fairer comparison between counties with different age structures.

Strengths

Take a look at the top strengths of your county! Below are unadjusted and age-adjusted health measures that represent your county’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 County Rank	Metropolitan Non-Core County Rank	Health Domain	Statewide County Rank	Metropolitan Non-Core County Rank
Cholesterol Screening	3rd	1st	Stroke	3rd	3rd
Mental Health	4th	3rd	Chronic Kidney Disease	3rd	3rd
Cervical Cancer Screening	6th	4th	High Blood Pressure	6th	3rd
Cognitive Disability	6th	4th	Self-care Disability	7th	6th
Health Insurance	9th	6th	Cholesterol Screening	7th	4th

Opportunities

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

Crude			Age-Adjusted		
Health Domain	Statewide County Rank	Metropolitan Non-Core County Rank	Health Domain	Statewide County Rank	Metropolitan Non-Core County Rank
Binge Drinking	87th	8th	Binge Drinking	97th	11th
Sleep <7 hours	87th	12th	Taking BP Medication	82nd	7th
Taking BP Medication	61st	6th	Sleep <7 hours	80th	12th
High Cholesterol	57th	10th	High Cholesterol	61st	9th
Annual Checkup	55th	5th	Annual Checkup	54th	8th

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

Sincerely,



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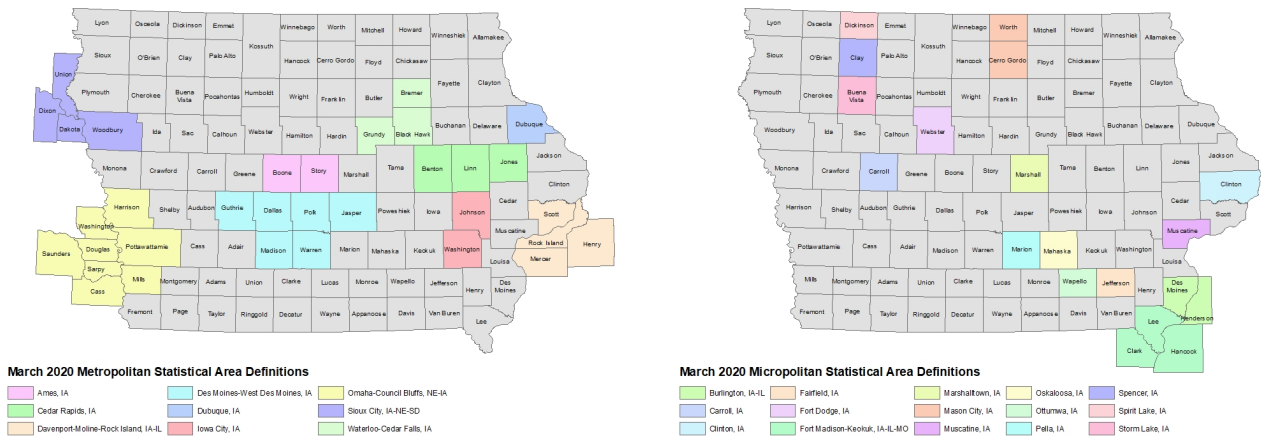
The purpose of the Iowa County Health Snapshot Series is to provide an overview of health in Mills County that can be used to help inform health-related interventions and programming. This report contains five sections, including the overall health status of Mills County, a review of risky behaviors in the county, 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 Mills County compares to the rest of the state and similarly-sized counties.

With a population of 14,465, Mills County’s similarly sized counties are defined as metropolitan non-core counties. In Iowa, metropolitan non-core counties have an average population of 29,821, and there are 12 counties that are considered metropolitan non-core counties. To learn more about the county population classifications used in this report, please see the information below the table as well as Appendix 3.

Group	Population Avg.	Number of Counties
Metropolitan Core	175,797	9
Micropolitan	30,839	15
Metropolitan Non-Core	29,821	12
Rural	12,547	63
Total		99

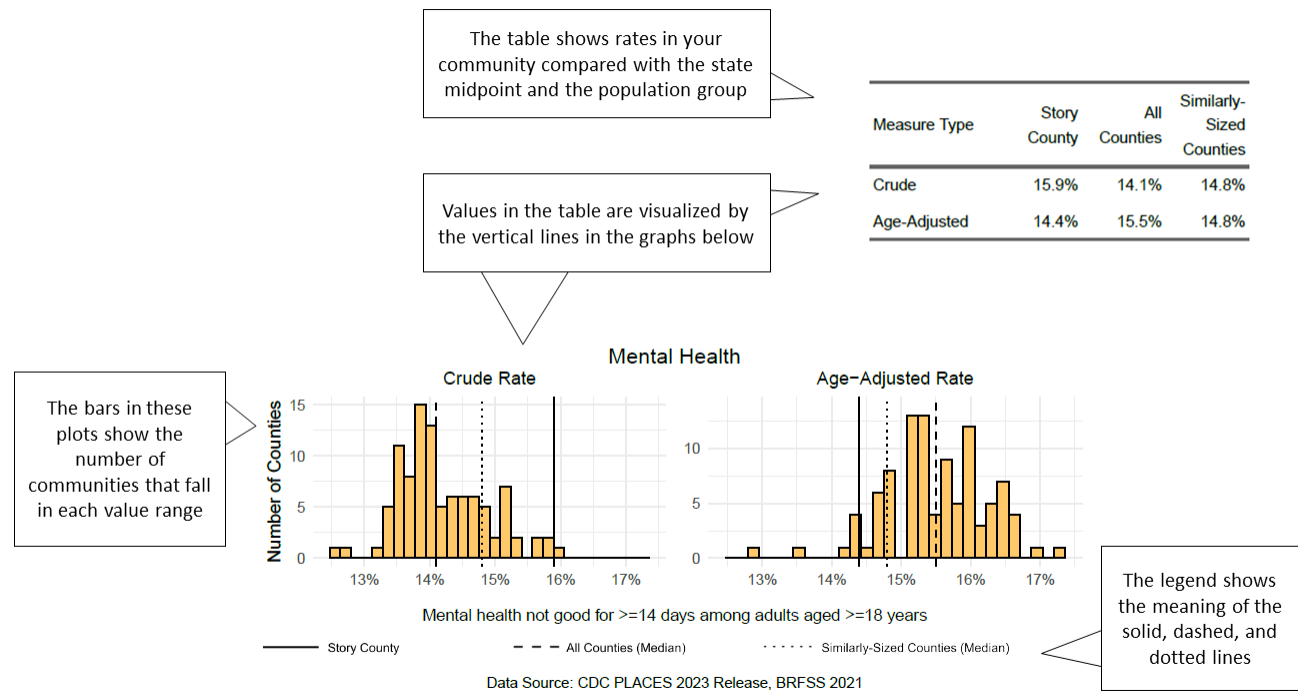
The counties included in each category above are determined by the United States Office of Management and Budget. Iowa has counties in nine metropolitan statistical areas and 15 micropolitan statistical areas. The counties identified as metropolitan and micropolitan can be found in the link and the maps below. Metropolitan core counties are those counties in metropolitan areas that have the city that defines the metropolitan area (e.g., Des Moines and Polk County for the Des Moines Metropolitan Area). Metropolitan non-core counties are those that fall within the metropolitan area, but do not have the core city of the metropolitan area (e.g., Dallas and Jasper Counties in the Des Moines Metropolitan Area).

<https://www.icip.iastate.edu/maps/refmaps/cofips>



Using Story County 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 county's crude and age-adjusted rate estimates alongside their averages across all Iowa counties and similarly-sized counties. The images below show the distribution of the health measure across counties. The vertical lines correspond with the values in the table to show the estimate for the specific county compared to counties across the state. The solid black line in each plot represents the county rate, with the dashed lines indicating the average rate for all Iowa counties and the dotted lines showing the average rate for similarly-sized counties.



The example graphic above displays the poor mental health rate in Story County, Iowa. The left plot shows the crude rate of poor mental health in the county. 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 Story County has a higher crude rate of poor mental health than most counties 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 counties, indicating that when accounting for Story County's unique age distribution, Story County'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

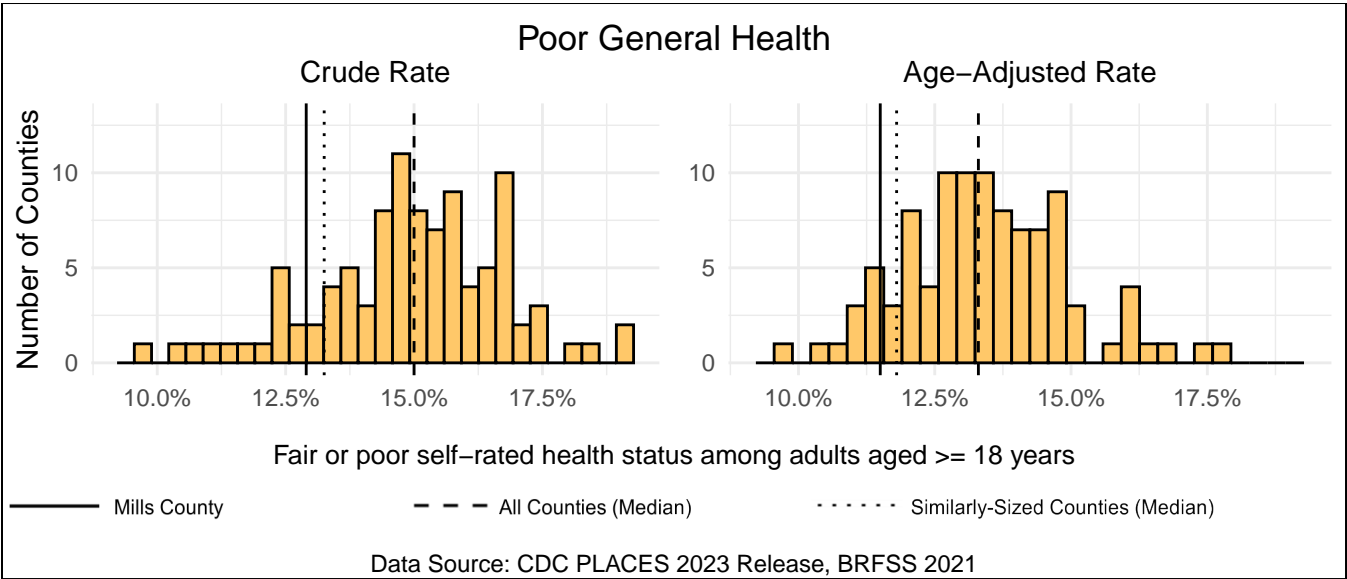
This section reflects measures for overall health, including general, physical, and mental health. These measures are a valuable way to see a simple summary of the health of a country’s population. The questions to calculate these measures ask respondents to evaluate their health status. General health 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

Mills County has a crude rate of 12.9% for fair or poor self-rated health status among adults aged >= 18 years, which ranks 13th out of 99 Iowa counties (6th out of 12 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Mills County is 11.5%, which ranks 9th out of 99 Iowa counties (6th out of 12 similarly-sized counties).

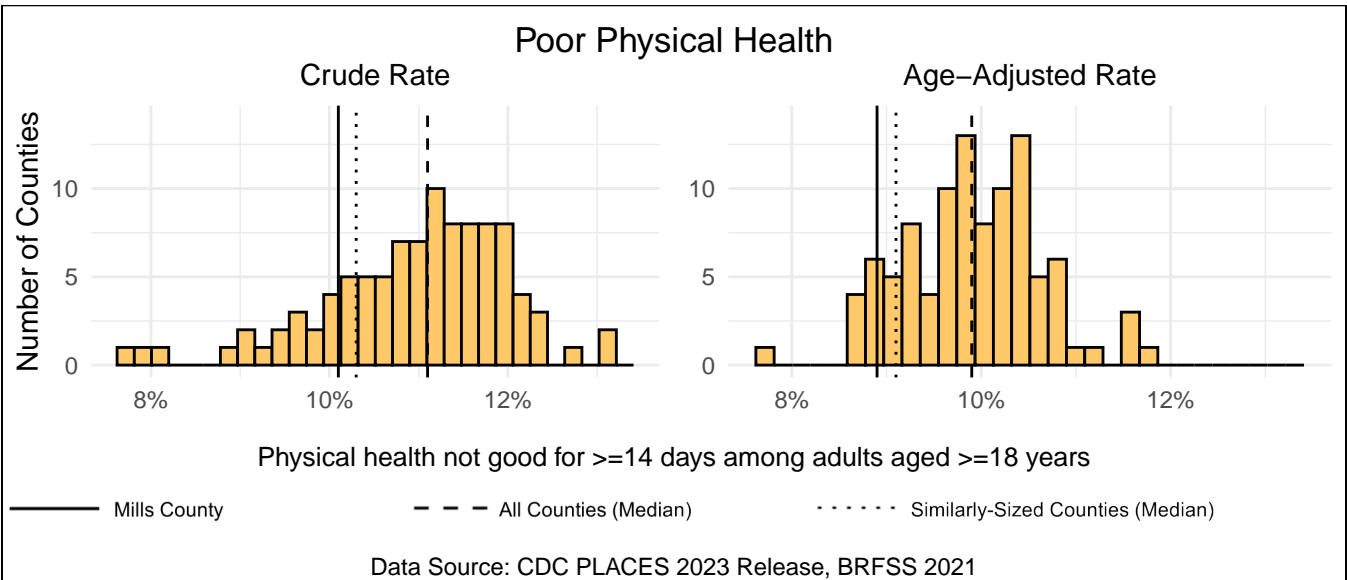
Measure Type	Mills County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	12.9%	15.0%	13.2%
Age-Adjusted	11.5%	13.3%	11.8%



Poor Physical Health

Mills County has a crude rate of 10.1% for physical health not good for >=14 days among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 16th out of 99 Iowa counties (6th out of 12 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Mills County is 8.9%, which ranks 10th out of 99 Iowa counties (6th out of 12 similarly-sized counties).

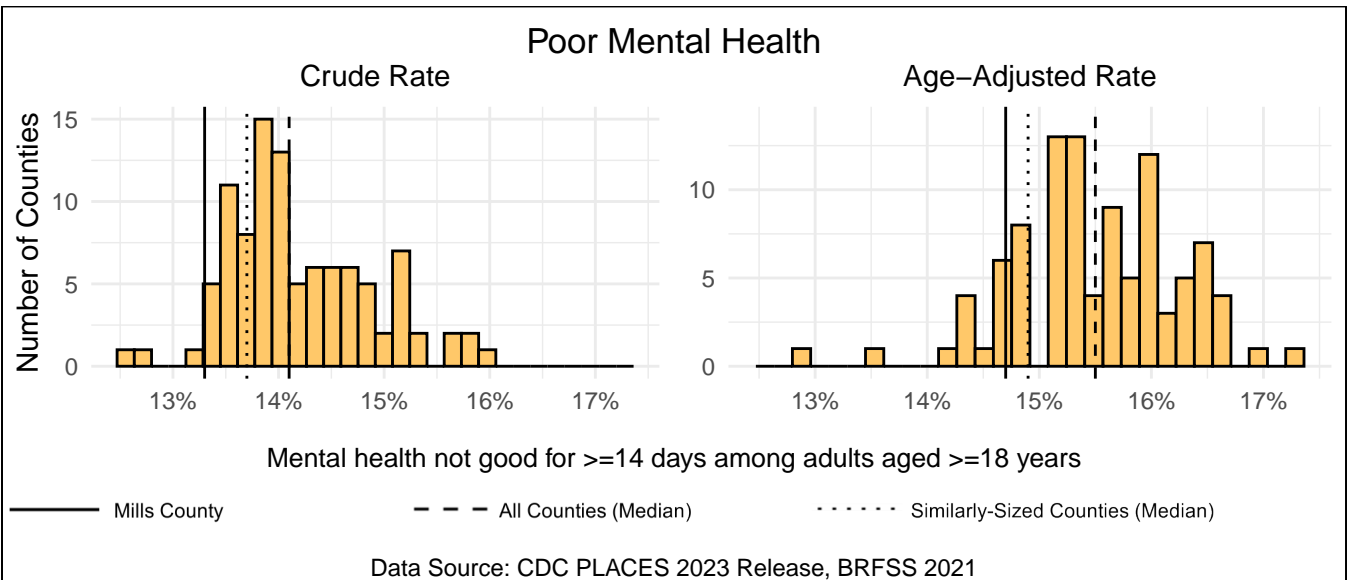
Measure Type	Mills County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	10.1%	11.1%	10.3%
Age-Adjusted	8.9%	9.9%	9.1%



Poor Mental Health

Mills County has a crude rate of 13.3% for mental health not good for >=14 days among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 4th out of 99 Iowa counties (3rd out of 12 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Mills County is 14.7%, which ranks 10th out of 99 Iowa counties (5th out of 12 similarly-sized counties).

Measure Type	Mills County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	13.3%	14.1%	13.7%
Age-Adjusted	14.7%	15.5%	14.9%



Health Risk Behaviors

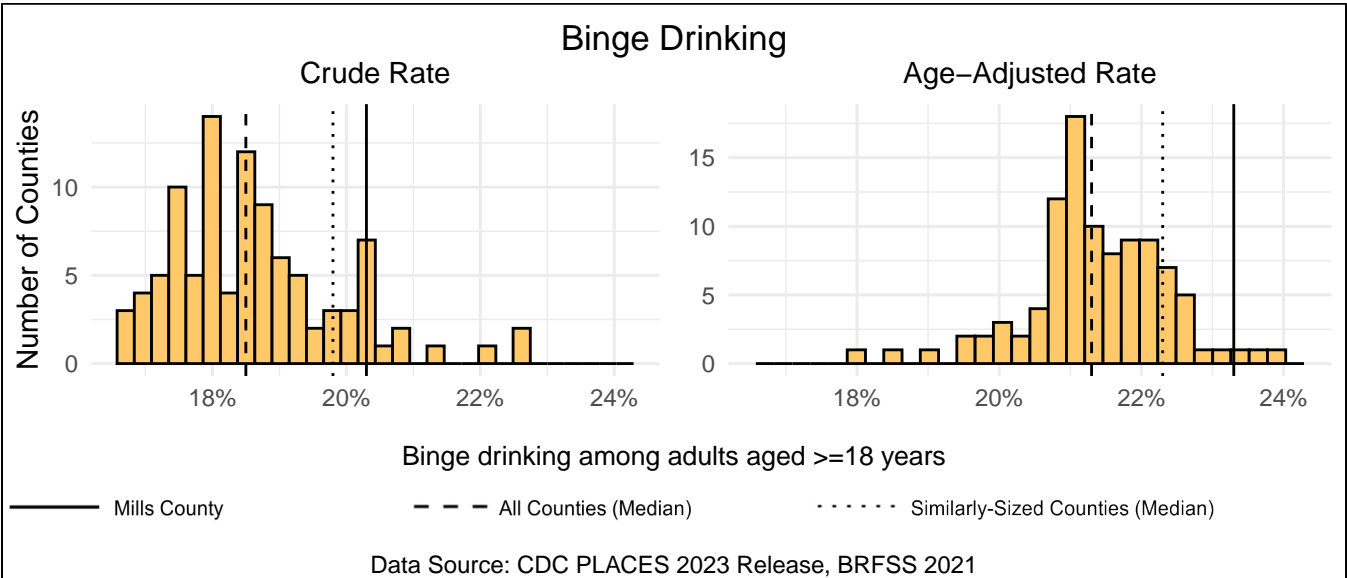
Health risk measures are measures of individual behaviors that can lead to poor health outcomes. These include binge drinking, current smoking, physical inactivity, and getting less than seven hours of nightly sleep. Risk behaviors are the most critical intervention points as they can help save lives 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

Mills County has a crude rate of 20.3% for binge drinking among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 87th out of 99 Iowa counties (8th out of 12 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Mills County is 23.3%, which ranks 97th out of 99 Iowa counties (11th out of 12 similarly-sized counties).

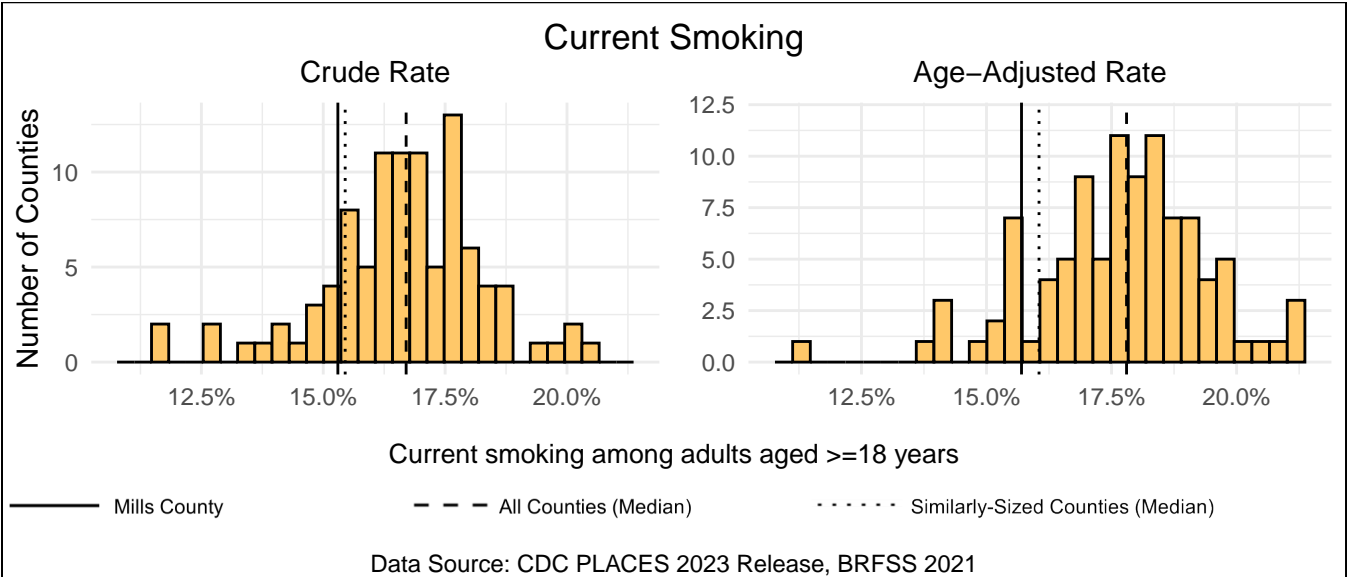
Measure Type	Mills County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	20.3%	18.5%	19.8%
Age-Adjusted	23.3%	21.3%	22.3%



Current Smoking

Mills County has a crude rate of 15.3% for current smoking among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 15th out of 99 Iowa counties (6th out of 12 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Mills County is 15.7%, which ranks 14th out of 99 Iowa counties (6th out of 12 similarly-sized counties).

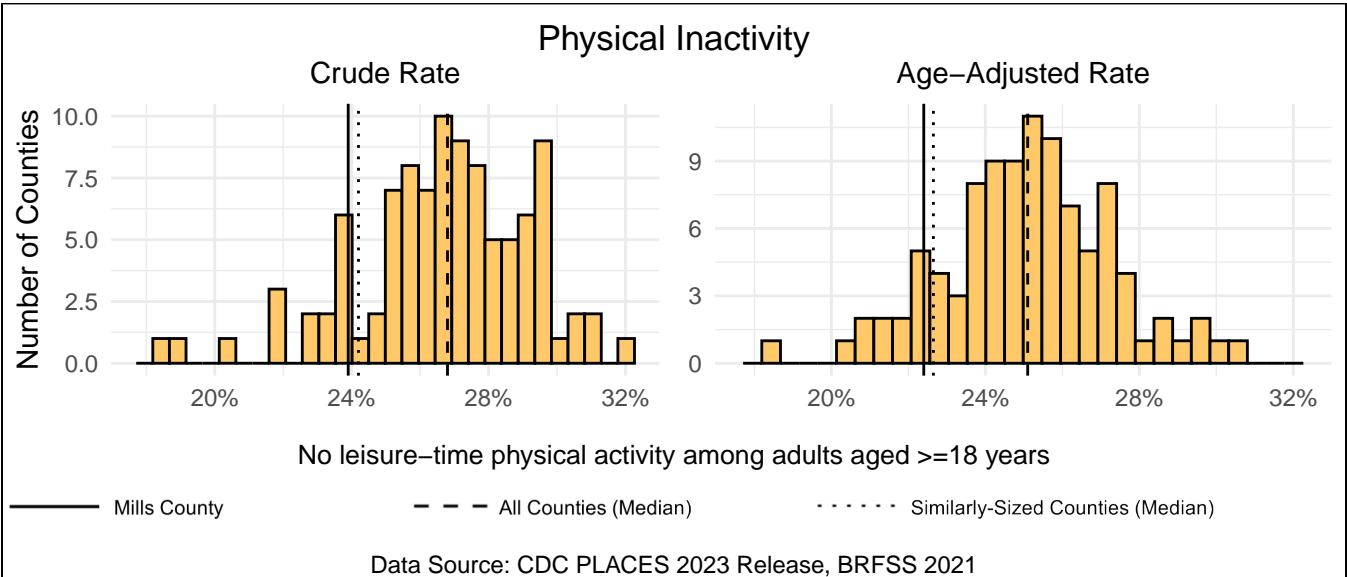
Measure Type	Mills County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	15.3%	16.7%	15.4%
Age-Adjusted	15.7%	17.8%	16.0%



Physical Inactivity

Mills County has a crude rate of 23.9% for no leisure-time physical activity among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 14th out of 99 Iowa counties (6th out of 12 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Mills County is 22.4%, which ranks 12th out of 99 Iowa counties (6th out of 12 similarly-sized counties).

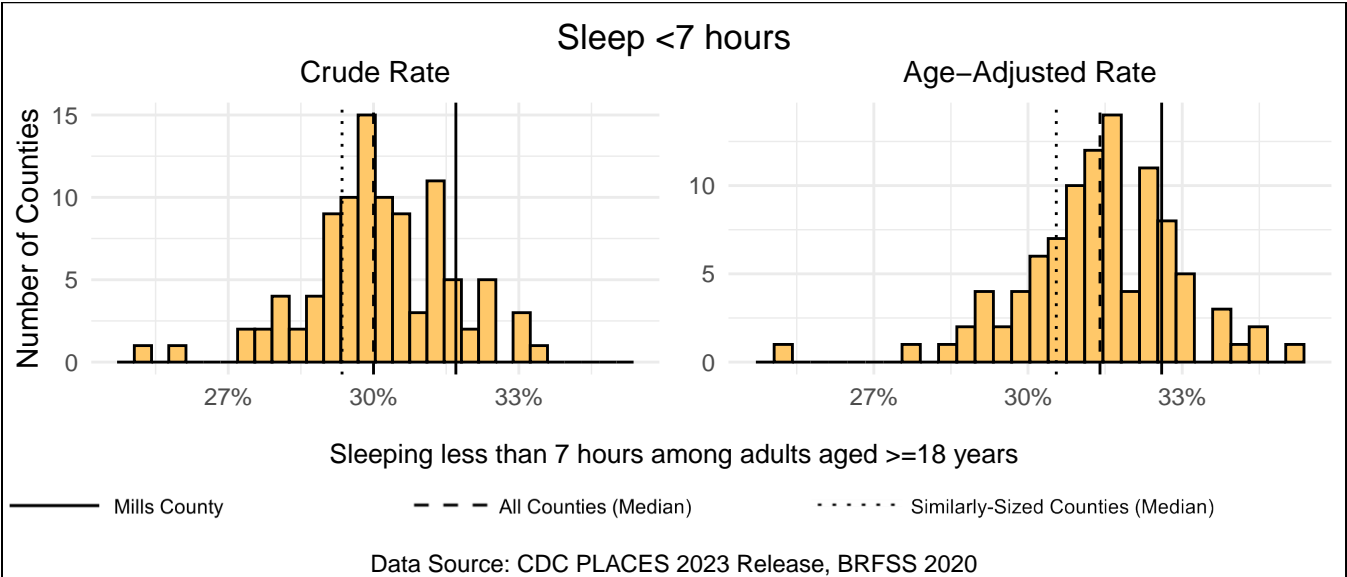
Measure Type	Mills County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	23.9%	26.8%	24.2%
Age-Adjusted	22.4%	25.1%	22.6%



Sleep <7 hours

Mills County has a crude rate of 31.7% for sleeping less than 7 hours among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 87th out of 99 Iowa counties (12th out of 12 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Mills County is 32.6%, which ranks 80th out of 99 Iowa counties (12th out of 12 similarly-sized counties).

Measure Type	Mills County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	31.7%	30.0%	29.4%
Age-Adjusted	32.6%	31.4%	30.5%



Health Outcomes

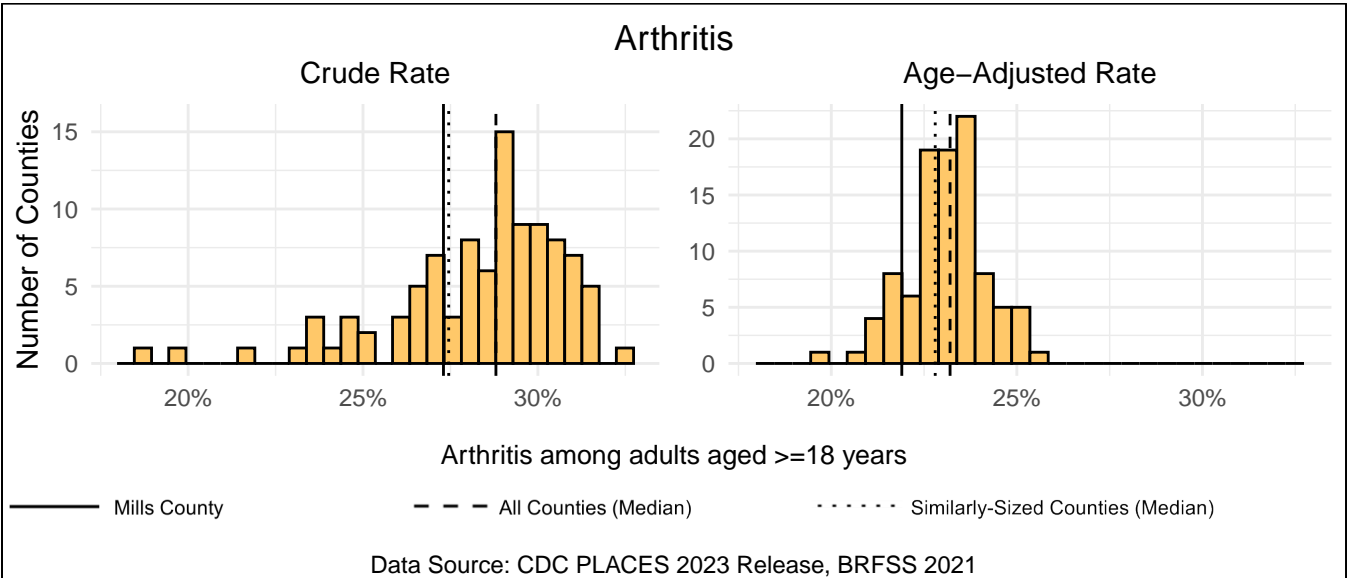
This section includes measures about specific health outcomes such as chronic illness, mental health conditions, and risk factors for future disease. Health outcome measures include but are not limited to arthritis, high blood pressure, cancer, depression, and obesity. Each measure is the percentage 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

Mills County has a crude rate of 27.3% for arthritis among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 27th out of 99 Iowa counties (6th out of 12 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Mills County is 21.9%, which ranks 11th out of 99 Iowa counties (2nd out of 12 similarly-sized counties).

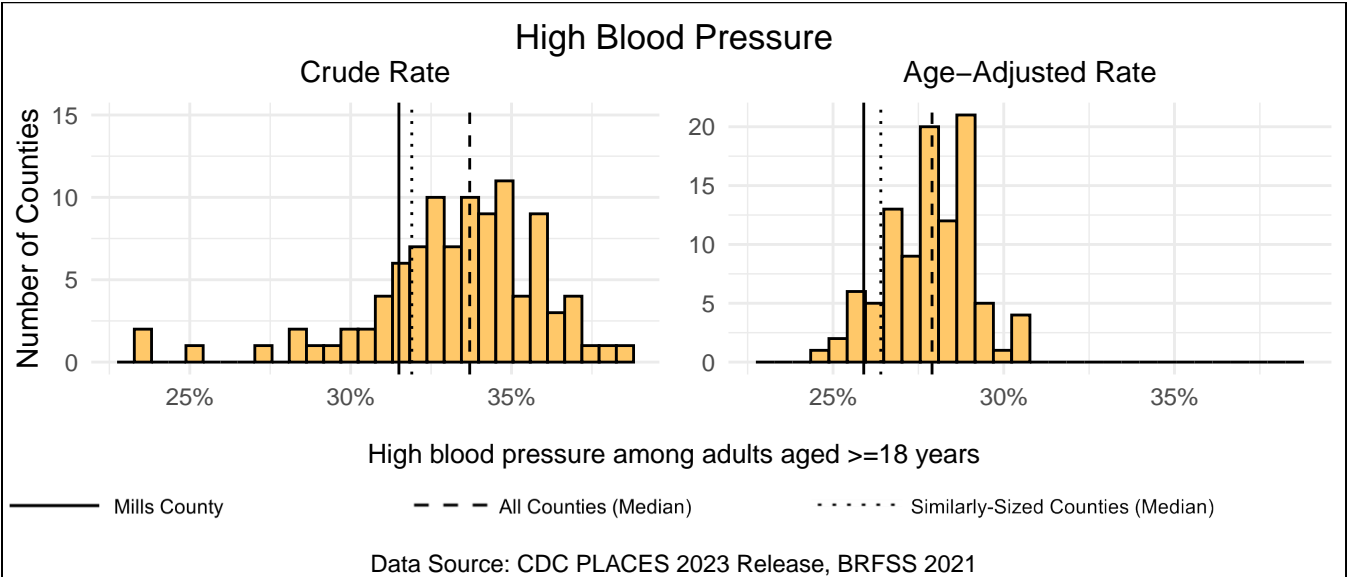
Measure Type	Mills County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	27.3%	28.8%	27.4%
Age-Adjusted	21.9%	23.2%	22.8%



High Blood Pressure

Mills County has a crude rate of 31.5% for high blood pressure among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 19th out of 99 Iowa counties (6th out of 12 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Mills County is 25.9%, which ranks 6th out of 99 Iowa counties (3rd out of 12 similarly-sized counties).

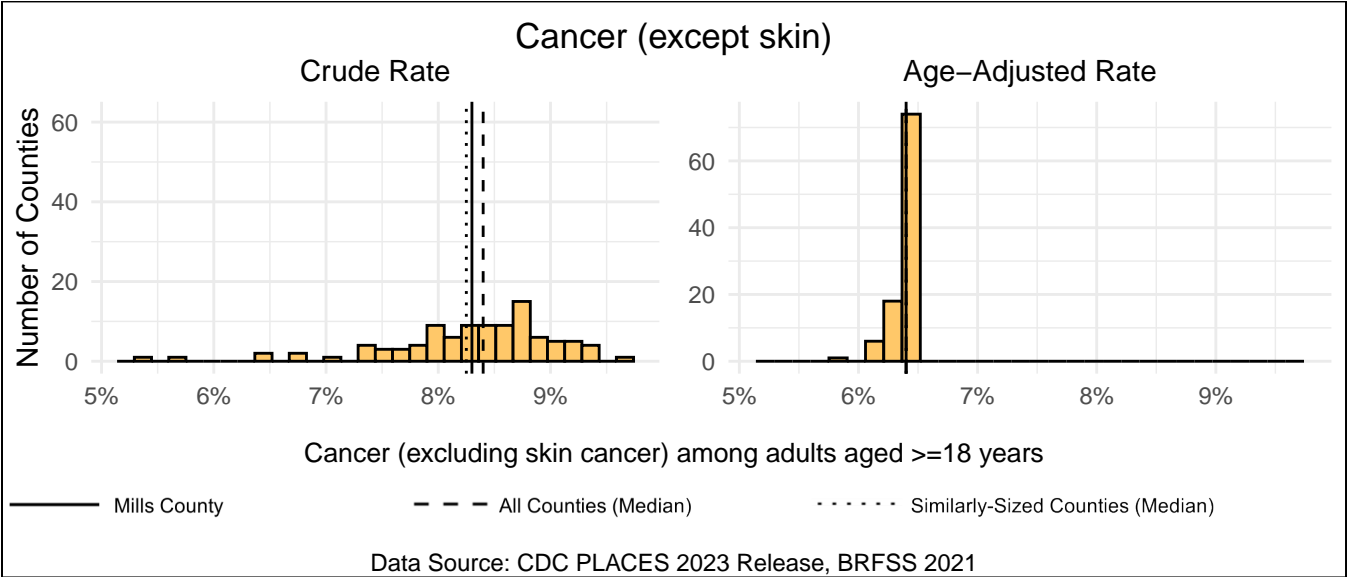
Measure Type	Mills County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	31.5%	33.7%	31.9%
Age-Adjusted	25.9%	27.9%	26.4%



Cancer (except skin)

Mills County has a crude rate of 8.3% for cancer (excluding skin cancer) among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 37th out of 99 Iowa counties (7th out of 12 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Mills County is 6.4%, which ranks 26th out of 99 Iowa counties (3rd out of 12 similarly-sized counties).

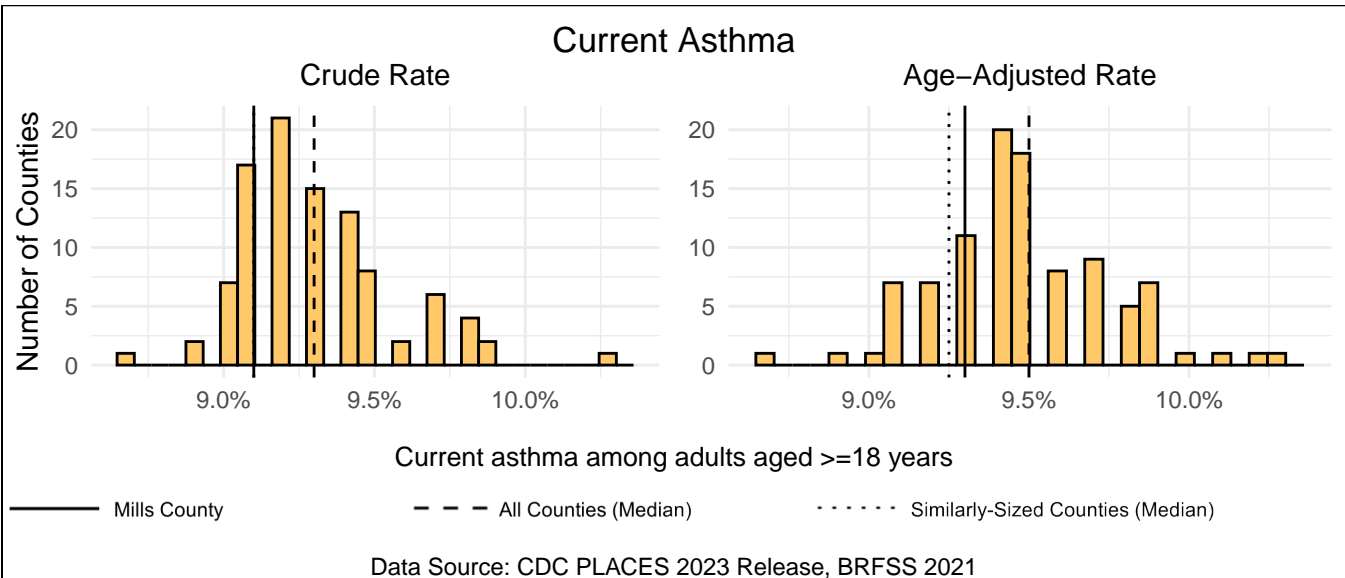
Measure Type	Mills County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	8.3%	8.4%	8.2%
Age-Adjusted	6.4%	6.4%	6.4%



Current Asthma

Mills County has a crude rate of 9.1% for current asthma among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 11th out of 99 Iowa counties (5th out of 12 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Mills County is 9.3%, which ranks 18th out of 99 Iowa counties (7th out of 12 similarly-sized counties).

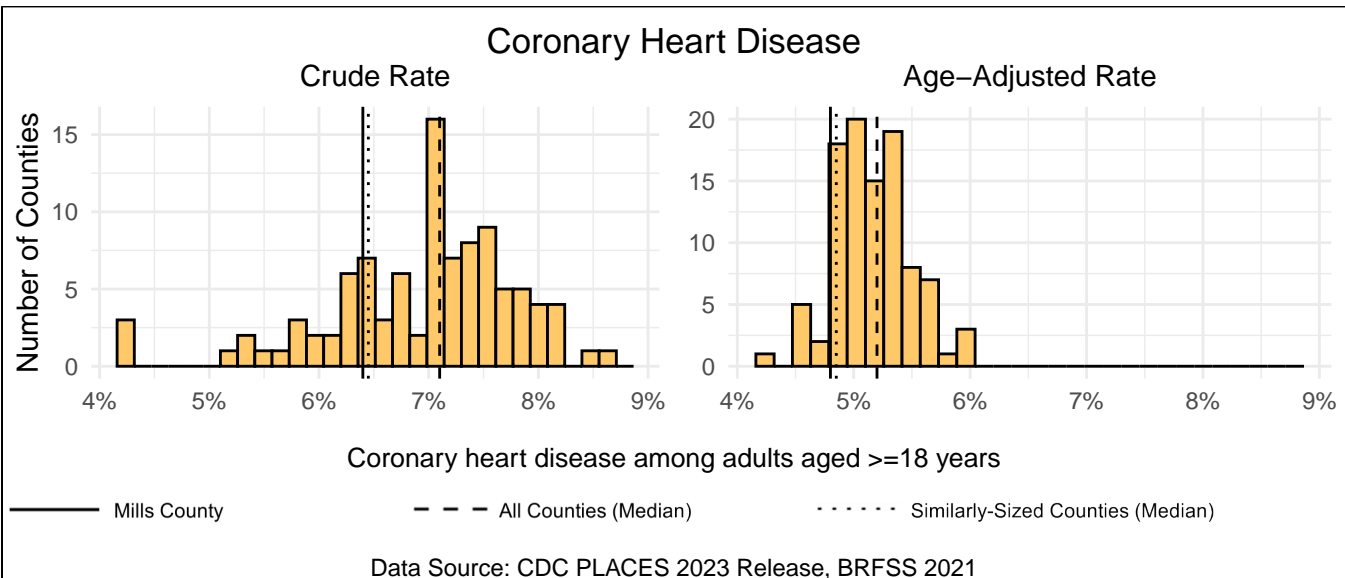
Measure Type	Mills County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	9.1%	9.3%	9.1%
Age-Adjusted	9.3%	9.5%	9.2%



Coronary Heart Disease

Mills County has a crude rate of 6.4% for coronary heart disease among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 22nd out of 99 Iowa counties (6th out of 12 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Mills County is 4.8%, which ranks 9th out of 99 Iowa counties (6th out of 12 similarly-sized counties).

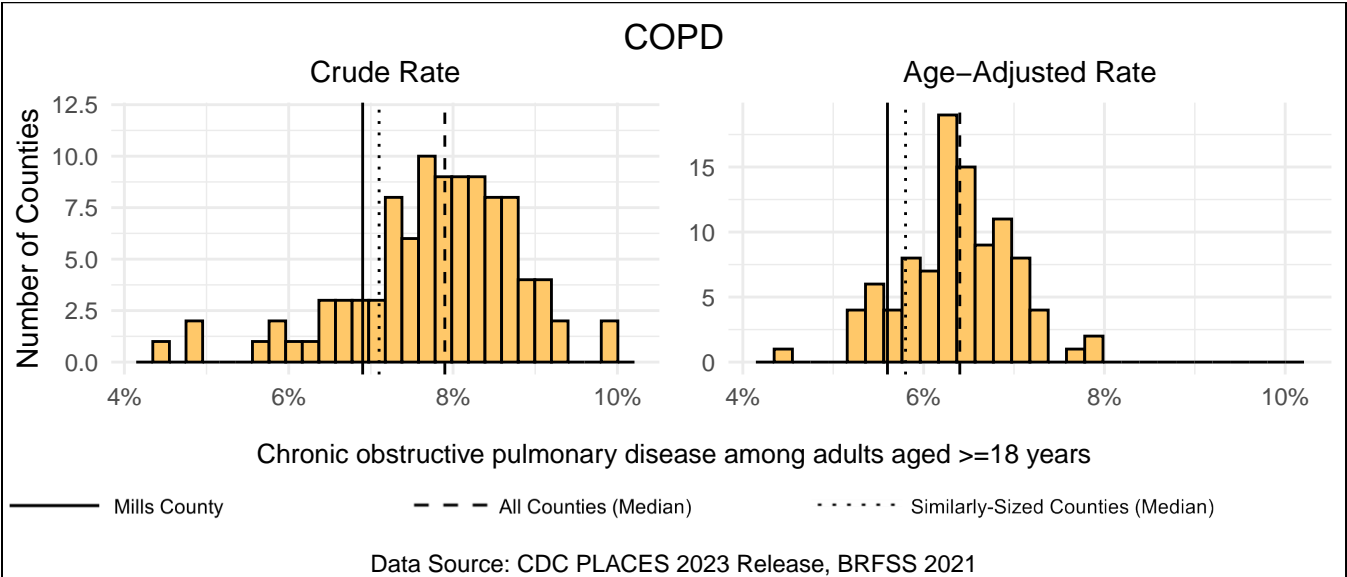
Measure Type	Mills County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	6.4%	7.1%	6.4%
Age-Adjusted	4.8%	5.2%	4.8%



COPD

Mills County has a crude rate of 6.9% for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 15th out of 99 Iowa counties (6th out of 12 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Mills County is 5.6%, which ranks 12th out of 99 Iowa counties (6th out of 12 similarly-sized counties).

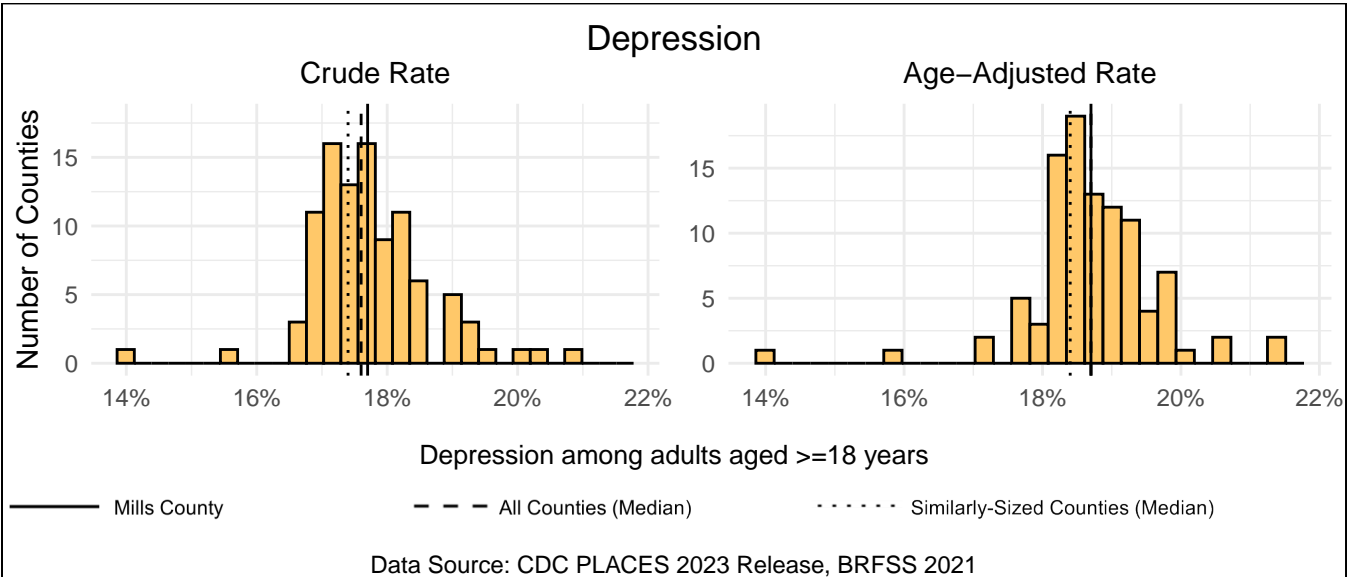
Measure Type	Mills County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	6.9%	7.9%	7.1%
Age-Adjusted	5.6%	6.4%	5.8%



Depression

Mills County has a crude rate of 17.7% for depression among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 52nd out of 99 Iowa counties (9th out of 12 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Mills County is 18.7%, which ranks 48th out of 99 Iowa counties (8th out of 12 similarly-sized counties).

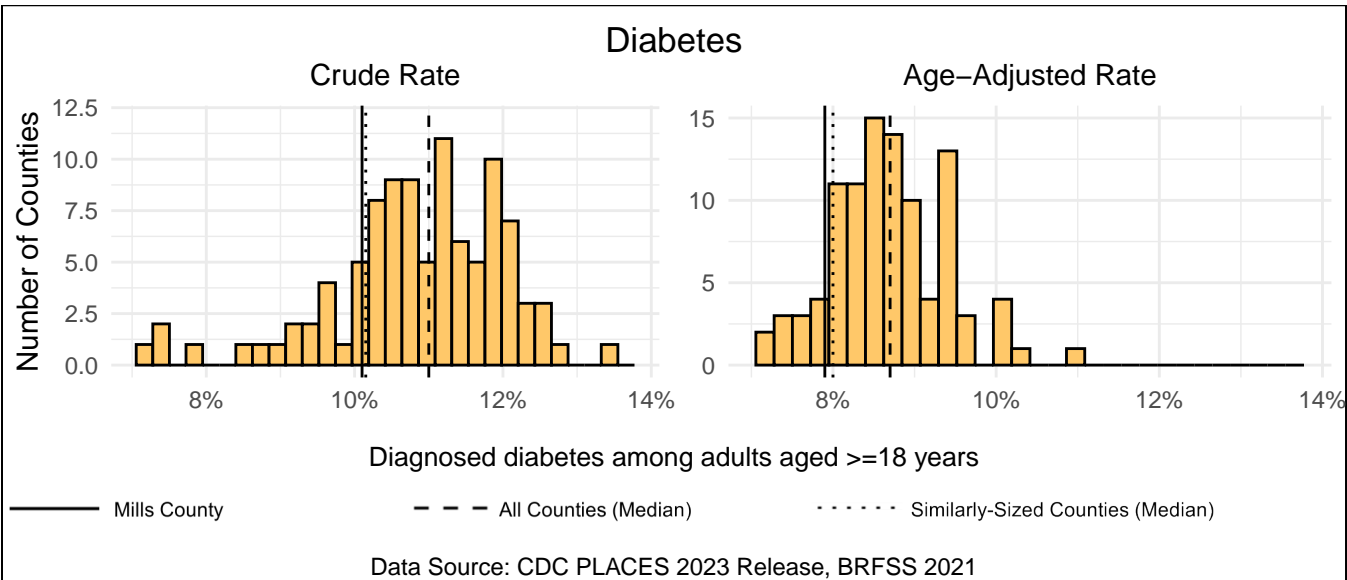
Measure Type	Mills County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	17.7%	17.6%	17.4%
Age-Adjusted	18.7%	18.7%	18.4%



Diabetes

Mills County has a crude rate of 10.1% for diagnosed diabetes among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 20th out of 99 Iowa counties (6th out of 12 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Mills County is 7.9%, which ranks 9th out of 99 Iowa counties (6th out of 12 similarly-sized counties).

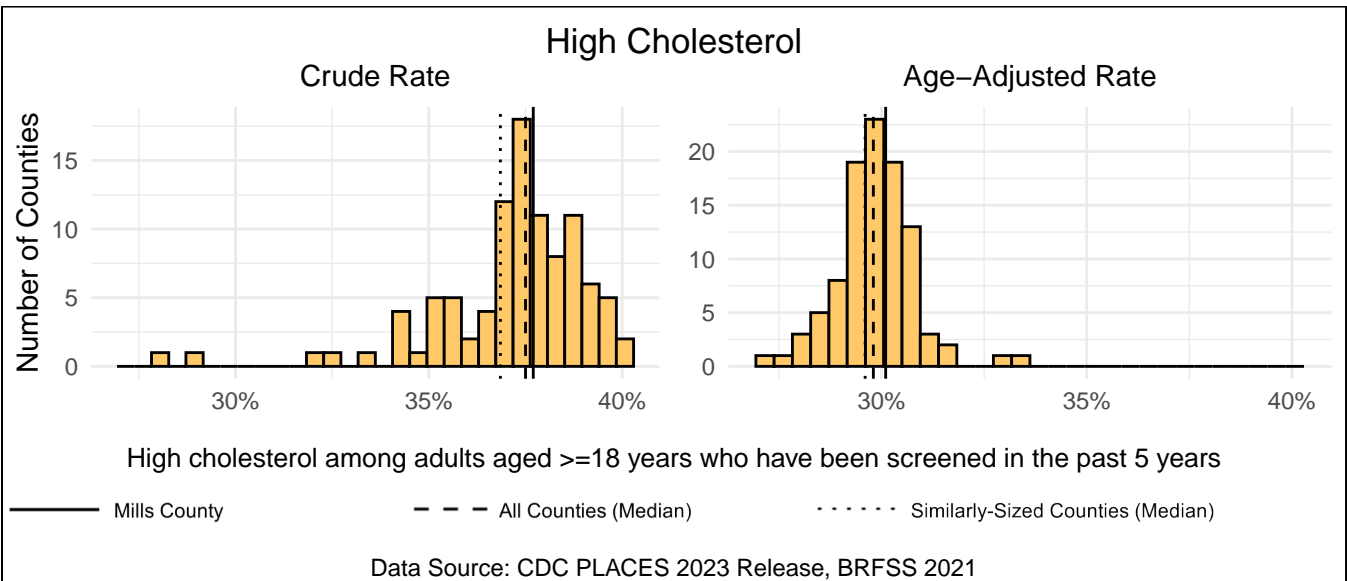
Measure Type	Mills County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	10.1%	11.0%	10.1%
Age-Adjusted	7.9%	8.7%	8.0%



High Cholesterol

Mills County has a crude rate of 37.7% for high cholesterol among adults aged ≥ 18 years who have been screened in the past 5 years, which ranks 57th out of 99 Iowa counties (10th out of 12 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Mills County is 30.1%, which ranks 61st out of 99 Iowa counties (9th out of 12 similarly-sized counties).

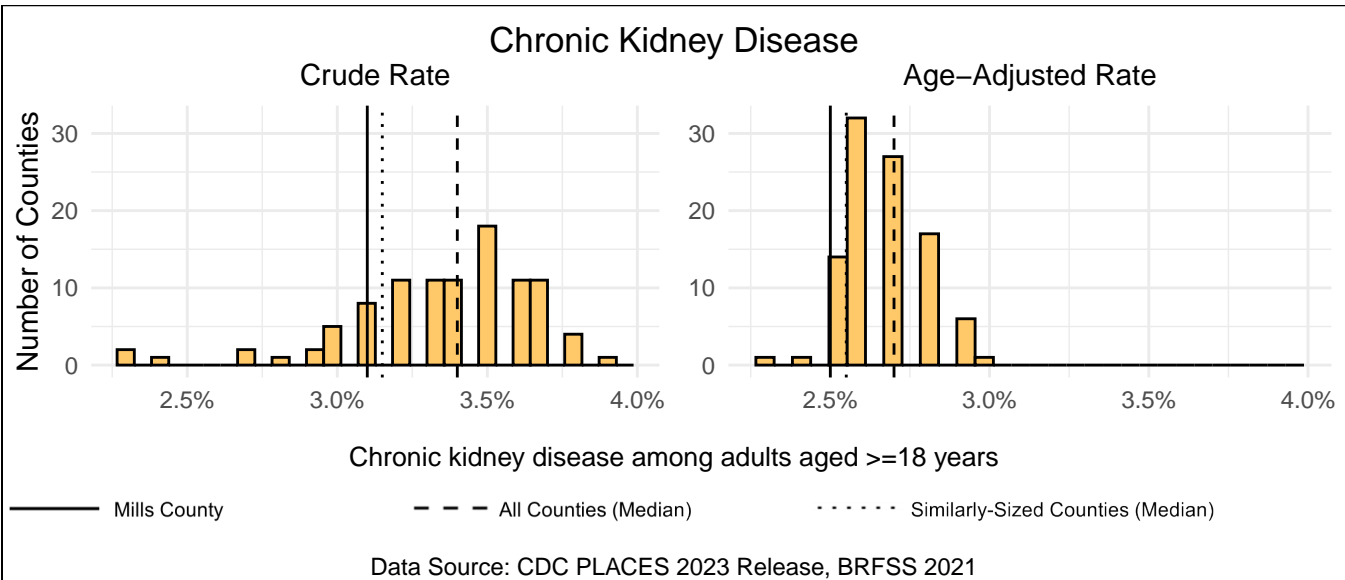
Measure Type	Mills County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	37.7%	37.5%	36.8%
Age-Adjusted	30.1%	29.8%	29.6%



Chronic Kidney Disease

Mills County has a crude rate of 3.1% for chronic kidney disease among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 14th out of 99 Iowa counties (5th out of 12 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Mills County is 2.5%, which ranks 3rd out of 99 Iowa counties (3rd out of 12 similarly-sized counties).

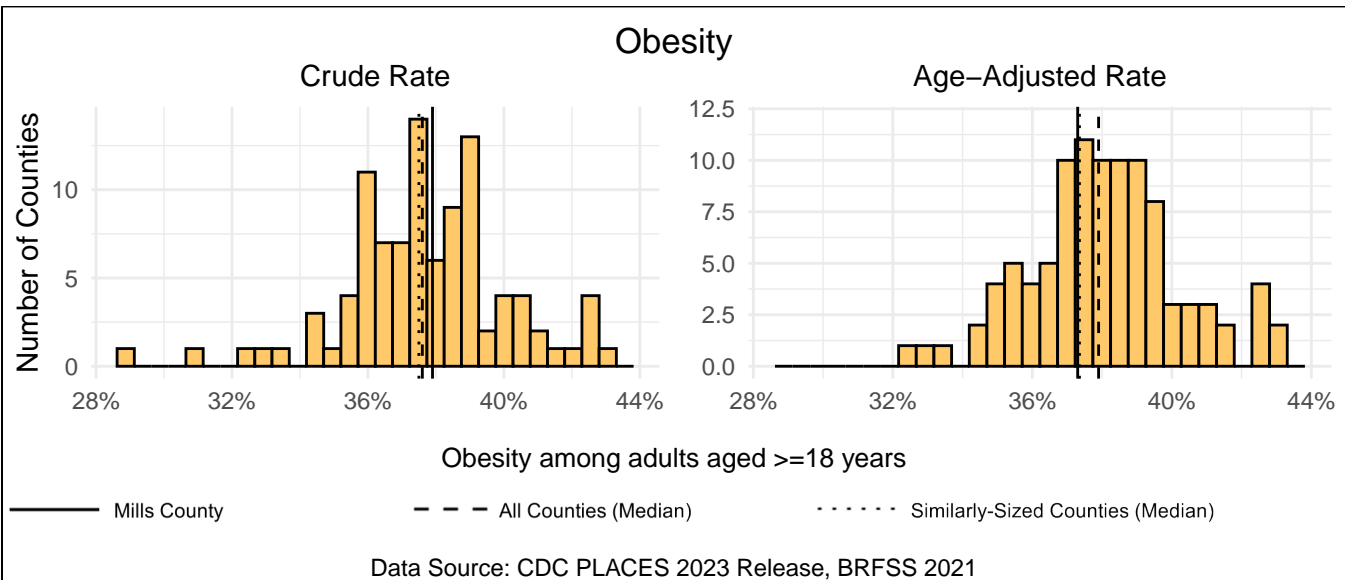
Measure Type	Mills County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	3.1%	3.4%	3.2%
Age-Adjusted	2.5%	2.7%	2.5%



Obesity

Mills County has a crude rate of 37.9% for obesity among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 54th out of 99 Iowa counties (8th out of 12 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Mills County is 37.3%, which ranks 34th out of 99 Iowa counties (6th out of 12 similarly-sized counties).

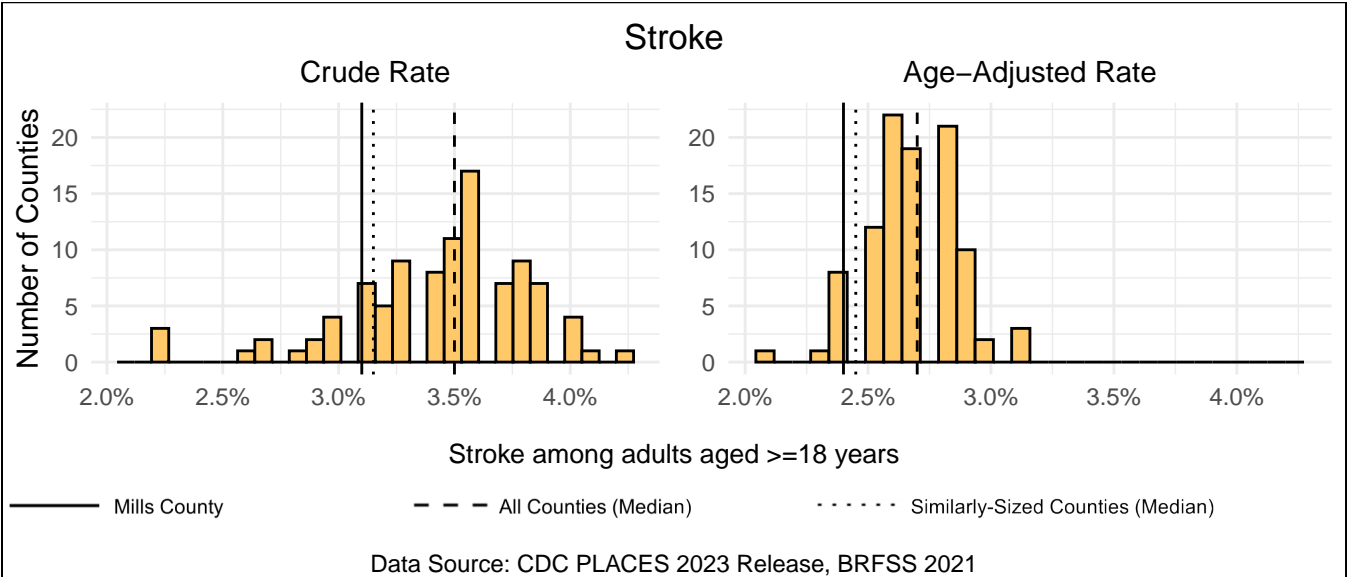
Measure Type	Mills County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	37.9%	37.6%	37.5%
Age-Adjusted	37.3%	37.9%	37.3%



Stroke

Mills County has a crude rate of 3.1% for stroke among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 14th out of 99 Iowa counties (5th out of 12 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Mills County is 2.4%, which ranks 3rd out of 99 Iowa counties (3rd out of 12 similarly-sized counties).

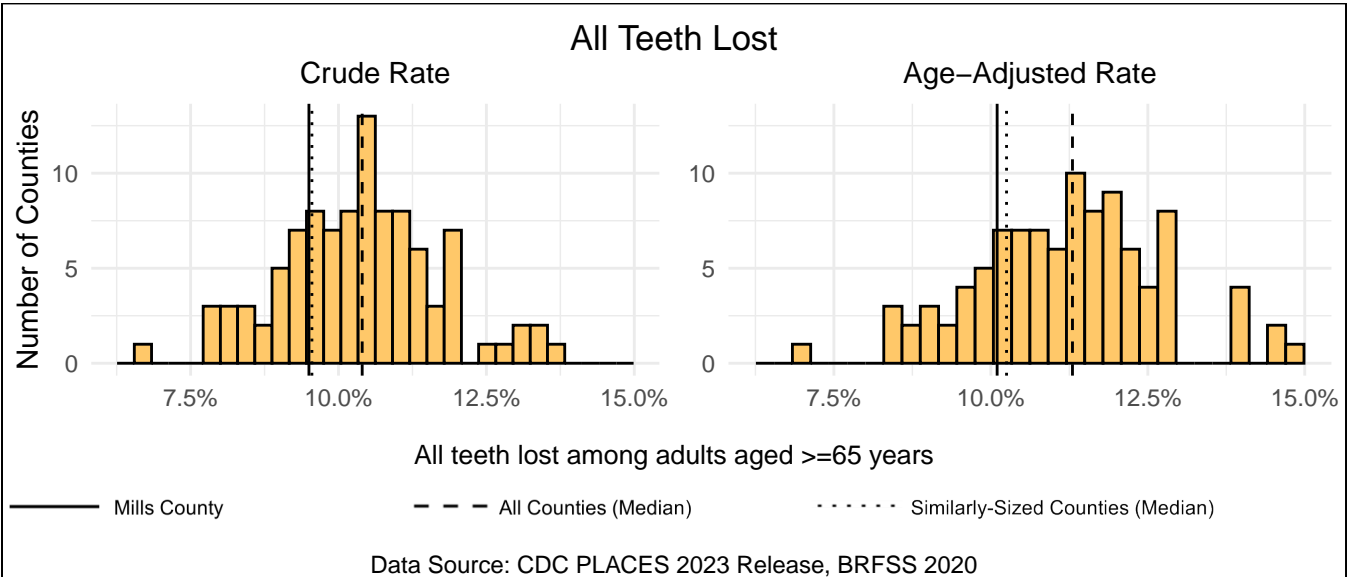
Measure Type	Mills County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	3.1%	3.5%	3.2%
Age-Adjusted	2.4%	2.7%	2.4%



All Teeth Lost

Mills County has a crude rate of 9.5% for all teeth lost among adults aged >=65 years, which ranks 25th out of 99 Iowa counties (6th out of 12 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Mills County is 10.1%, which ranks 21st out of 99 Iowa counties (6th out of 12 similarly-sized counties).

Measure Type	Mills County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	9.5%	10.4%	9.6%
Age-Adjusted	10.1%	11.3%	10.2%



Prevention

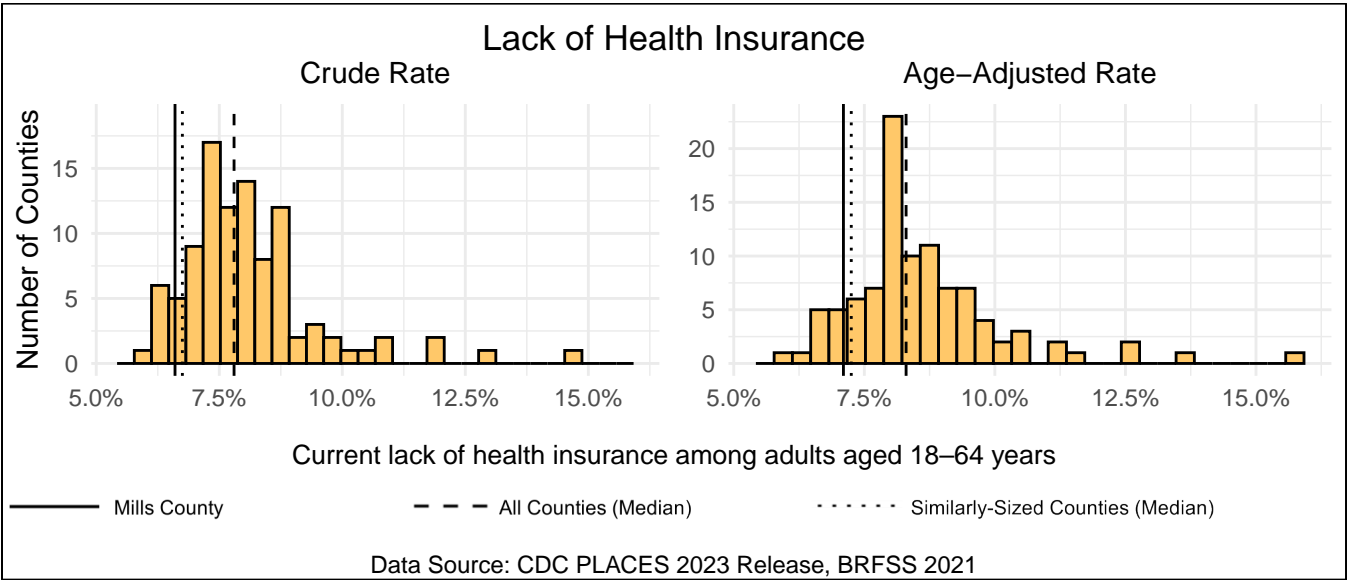
Preventive measures are another practical intervention point for public health professionals as they allow for the early detection of health conditions and improve overall treatment efficacy. This section includes a review of your county’s prevention measures, including preventive screenings and doctor 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 county. The link below includes more information about each variable.

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

Lack of Health Insurance

Mills County has a crude rate of 6.6% for current lack of health insurance among adults aged 18–64 years, which ranks 9th out of 99 Iowa counties (6th out of 12 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Mills County is 7.1%, which ranks 12th out of 99 Iowa counties (6th out of 12 similarly-sized counties).

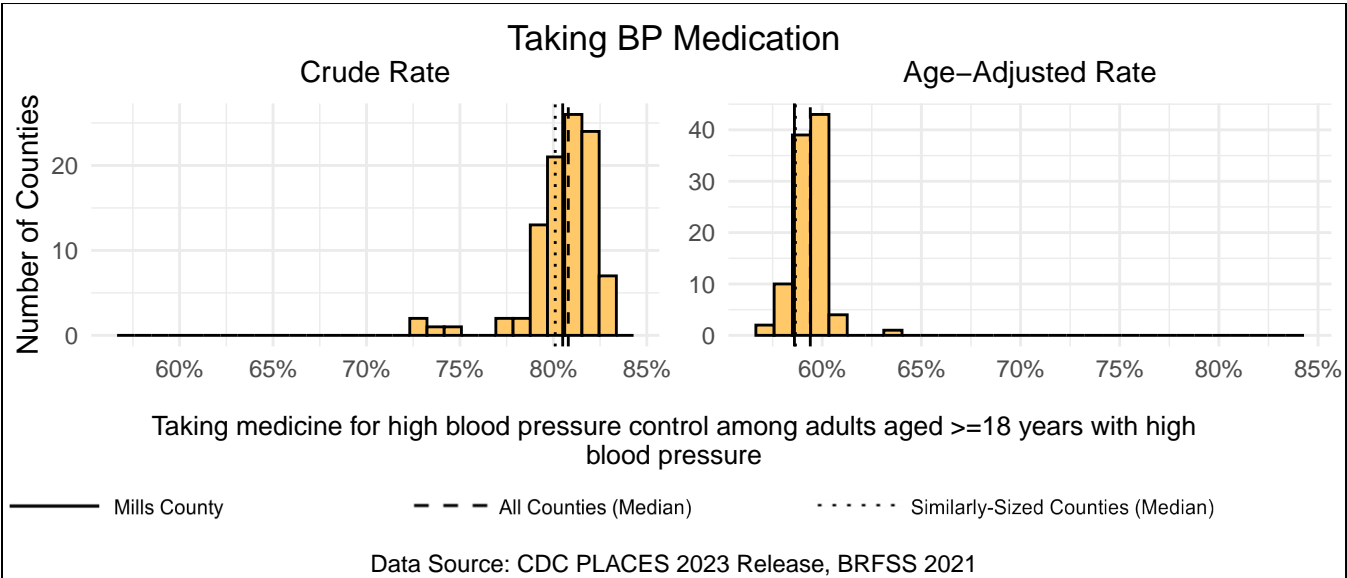
Measure Type	Mills County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	6.6%	7.8%	6.8%
Age-Adjusted	7.1%	8.3%	7.2%



Taking BP Medication

Mills County has a crude rate of 80.5% for taking medicine for high blood pressure control among adults aged >=18 years with high blood pressure, which ranks 61st out of 99 Iowa counties (6th out of 12 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Mills County is 58.6%, which ranks 82nd out of 99 Iowa counties (7th out of 12 similarly-sized counties).

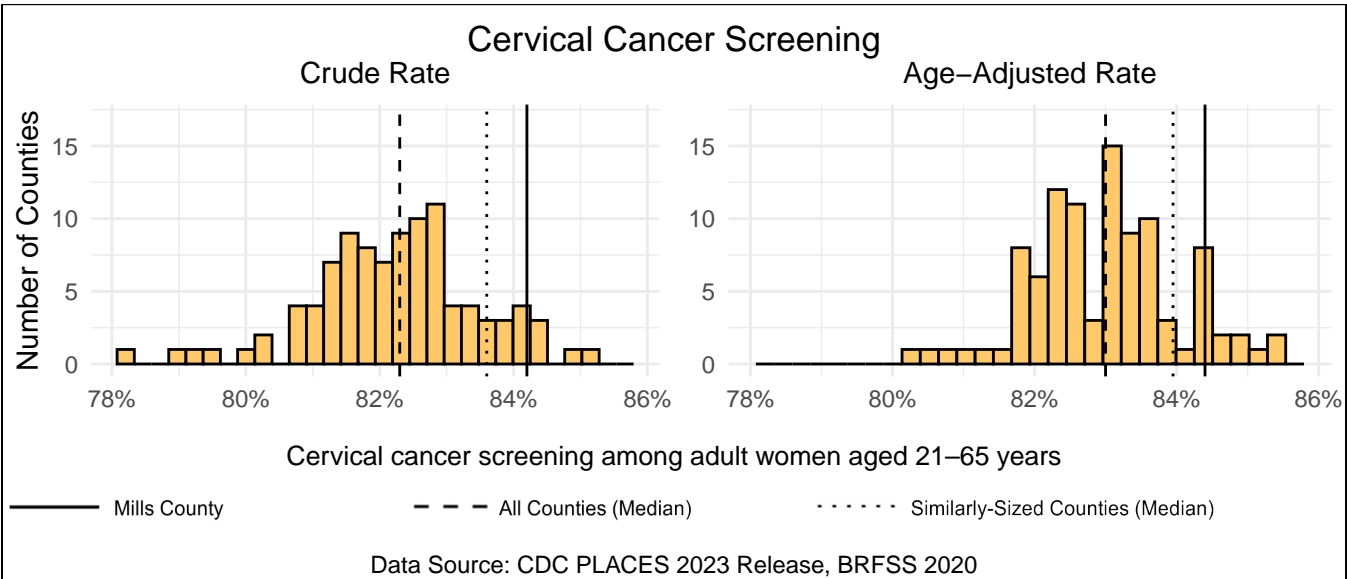
Measure Type	Mills County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	80.5%	80.8%	80.1%
Age-Adjusted	58.6%	59.4%	58.6%



Cervical Cancer Screening

Mills County has a crude rate of 84.2% for cervical cancer screening among adult women aged 21–65 years, which ranks 6th out of 99 Iowa counties (4th out of 12 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Mills County is 84.4%, which ranks 11th out of 99 Iowa counties (5th out of 12 similarly-sized counties).

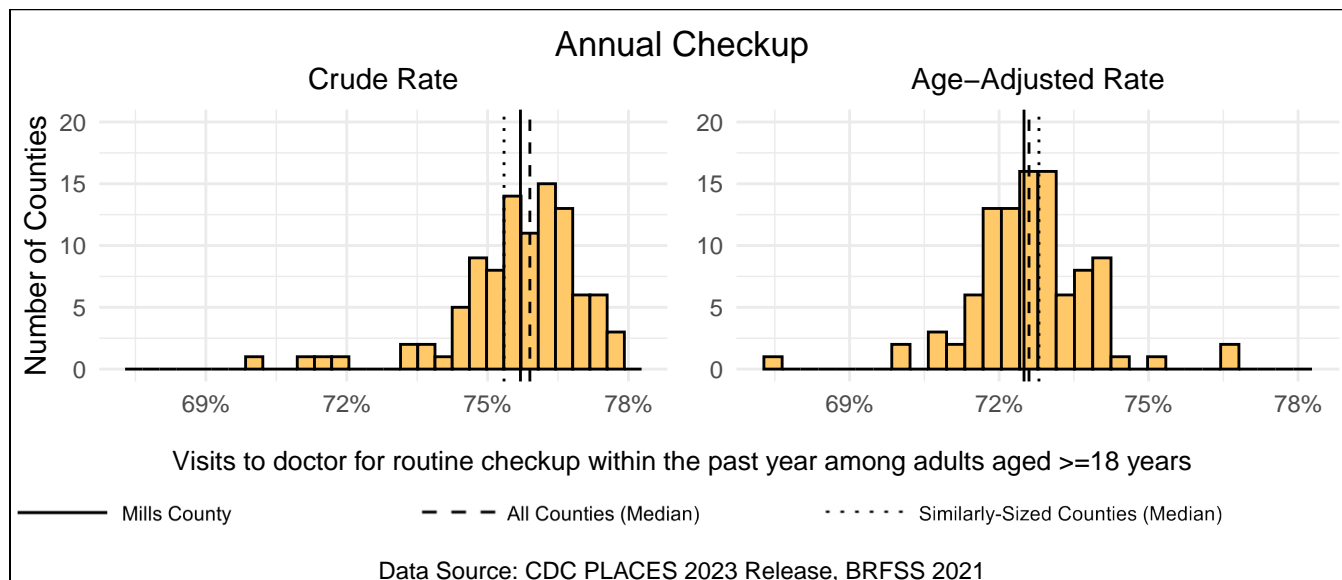
Measure Type	Mills County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	84.2%	82.3%	83.6%
Age-Adjusted	84.4%	83.0%	84.0%



Annual Checkup

Mills County has a crude rate of 75.7% for visits to doctor for routine checkup within the past year among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 55th out of 99 Iowa counties (5th out of 12 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Mills County is 72.5%, which ranks 54th out of 99 Iowa counties (8th out of 12 similarly-sized counties).

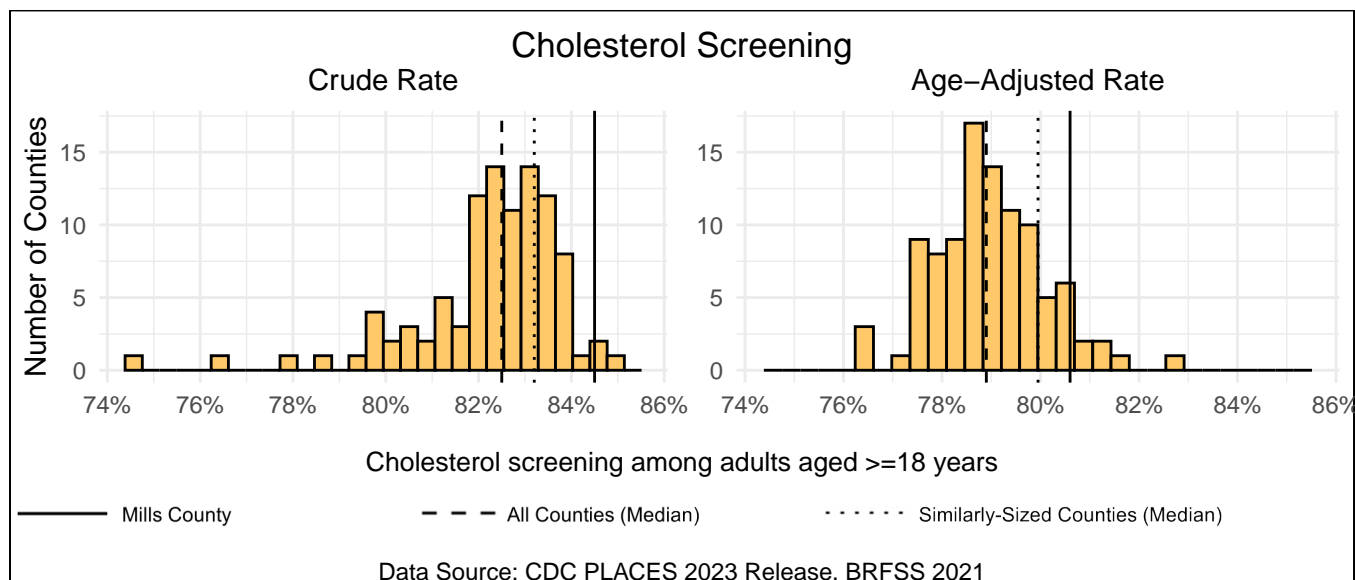
Measure Type	Mills County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	75.7%	75.9%	75.3%
Age-Adjusted	72.5%	72.6%	72.8%



Cholesterol Screening

Mills County has a crude rate of 84.5% for cholesterol screening among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 3rd out of 99 Iowa counties (1st out of 12 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Mills County is 80.6%, which ranks 7th out of 99 Iowa counties (4th out of 12 similarly-sized counties).

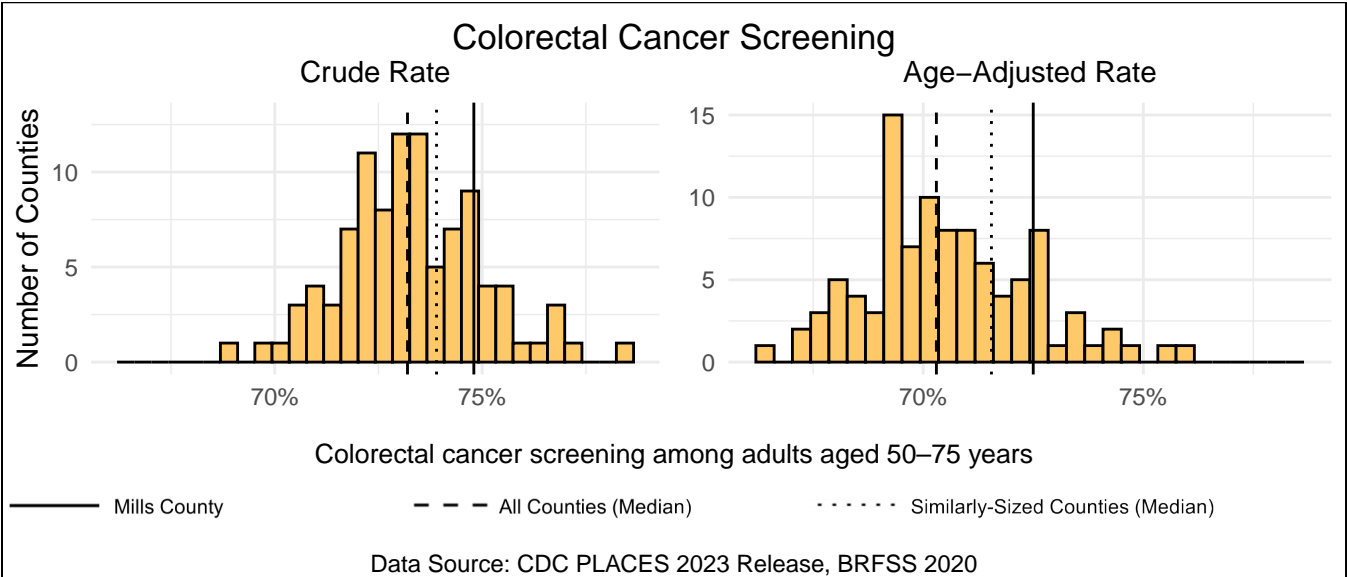
Measure Type	Mills County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	84.5%	82.5%	83.2%
Age-Adjusted	80.6%	78.9%	80.0%



Colorectal Cancer Screening

Mills County has a crude rate of 74.8% for colorectal cancer screening among adults aged 50–75 years, which ranks 17th out of 99 Iowa counties (5th out of 12 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Mills County is 72.5%, which ranks 17th out of 99 Iowa counties (5th out of 12 similarly-sized counties).

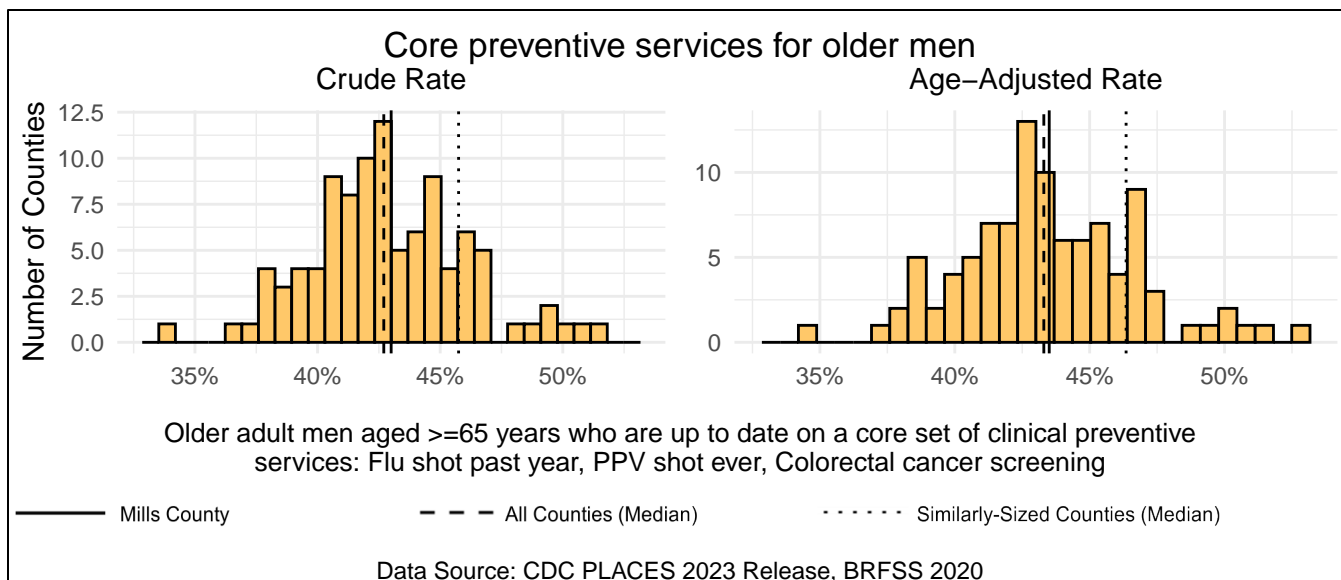
Measure Type	Mills County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	74.8%	73.2%	73.9%
Age-Adjusted	72.5%	70.3%	71.6%



Core preventive services for older men

Mills County has a crude rate of 43.0% 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 43rd out of 99 Iowa counties (9th out of 12 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Mills County is 43.5%, which ranks 44th out of 99 Iowa counties (9th out of 12 similarly-sized counties).

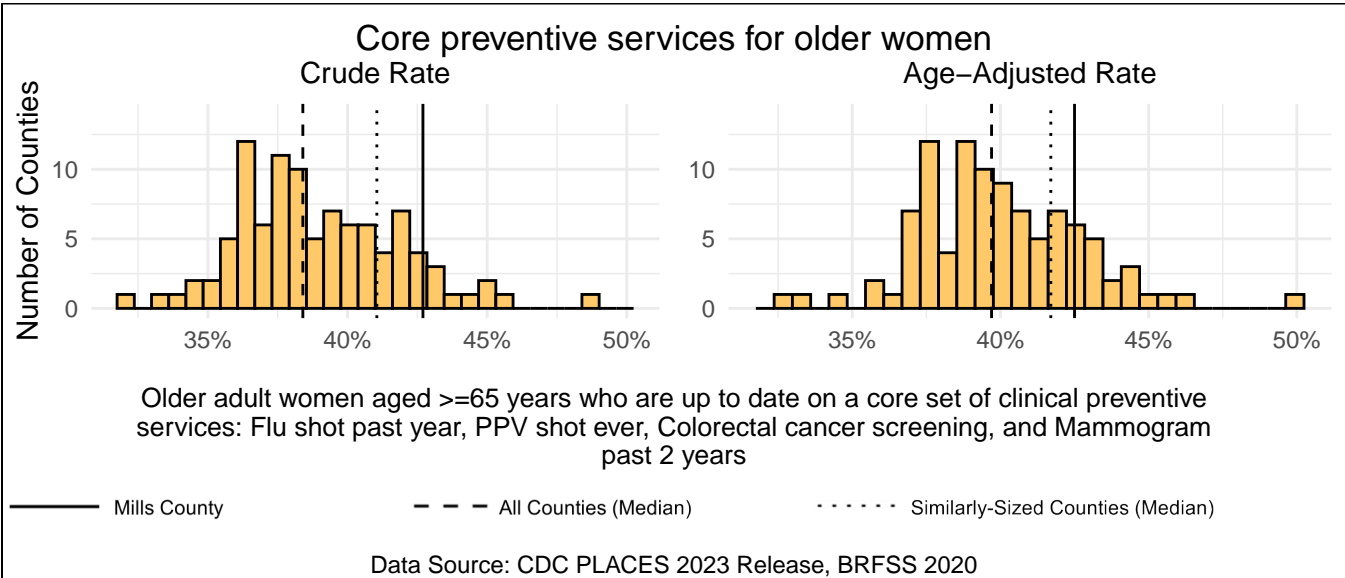
Measure Type	Mills County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	43.0%	42.7%	45.8%
Age-Adjusted	43.5%	43.3%	46.4%



Core preventive services for older women

Mills County has a crude rate of 42.7% 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 11th out of 99 Iowa counties (4th out of 12 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Mills County is 42.5%, which ranks 19th out of 99 Iowa counties (4th out of 12 similarly-sized counties).

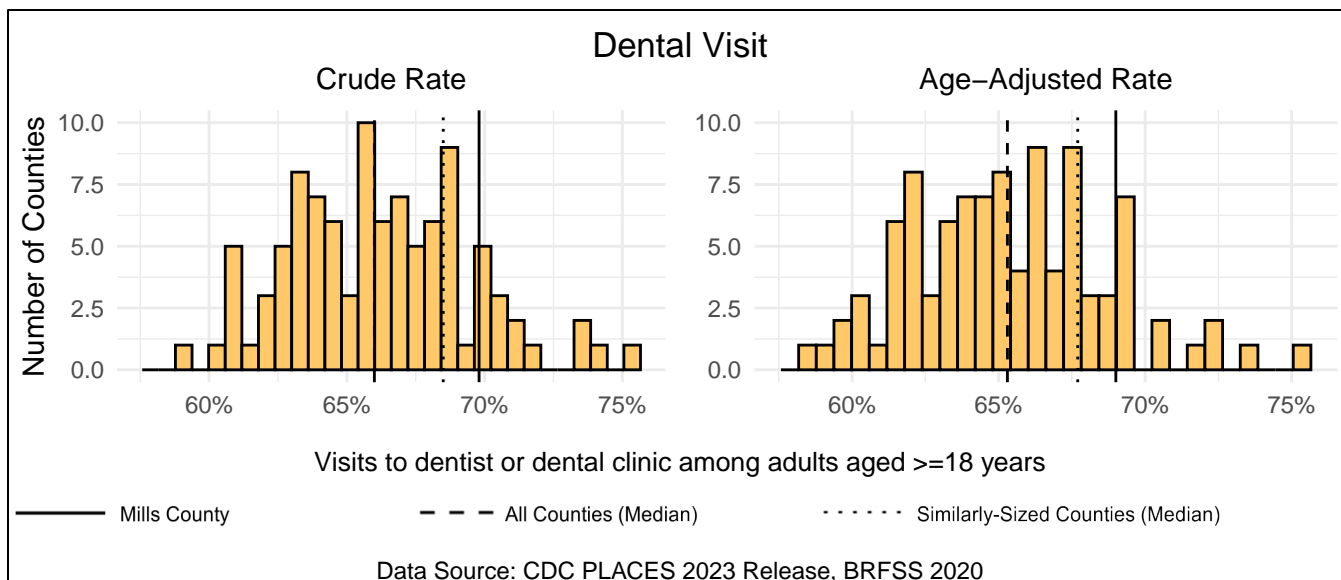
Measure Type	Mills County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	42.7%	38.4%	41.0%
Age-Adjusted	42.5%	39.7%	41.7%



Dental Visit

Mills County has a crude rate of 69.8% for visits to dentist or dental clinic among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 15th out of 99 Iowa counties (3rd out of 12 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Mills County is 69.0%, which ranks 15th out of 99 Iowa counties (3rd out of 12 similarly-sized counties).

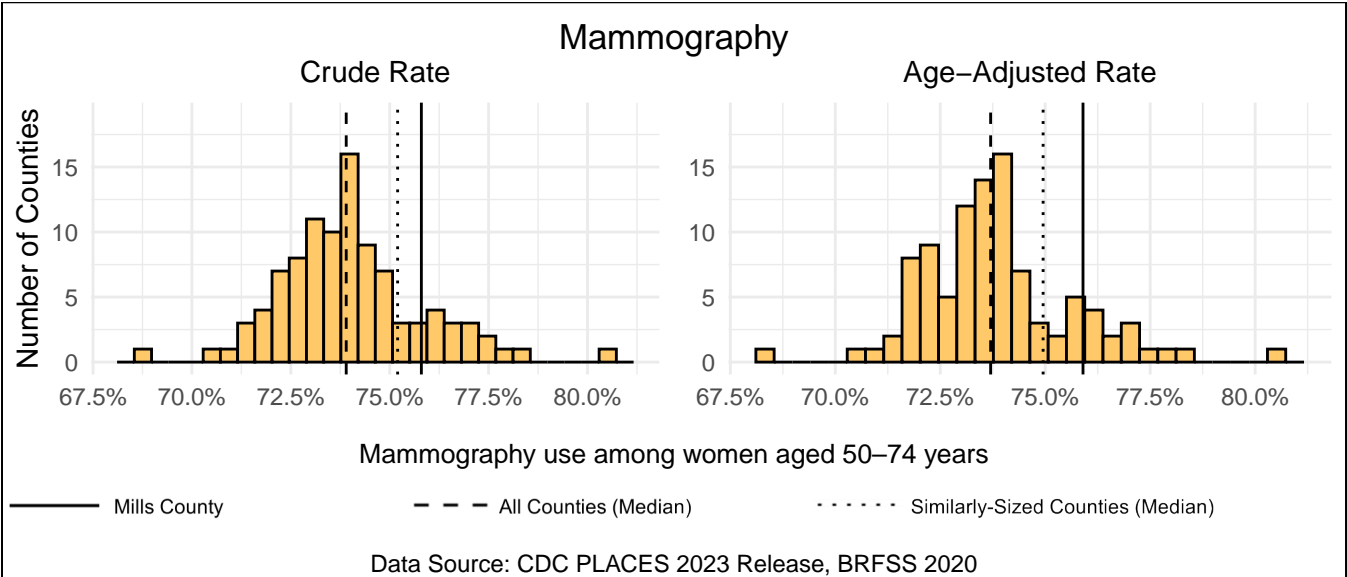
Measure Type	Mills County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	69.8%	66.0%	68.5%
Age-Adjusted	69.0%	65.3%	67.7%



Mammography

Mills County has a crude rate of 75.8% for mammography use among women aged 50–74 years, which ranks 17th out of 99 Iowa counties (6th out of 12 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Mills County is 75.9%, which ranks 14th out of 99 Iowa counties (3rd out of 12 similarly-sized counties).

Measure Type	Mills County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	75.8%	73.9%	75.2%
Age-Adjusted	75.9%	73.7%	75.0%



Disability

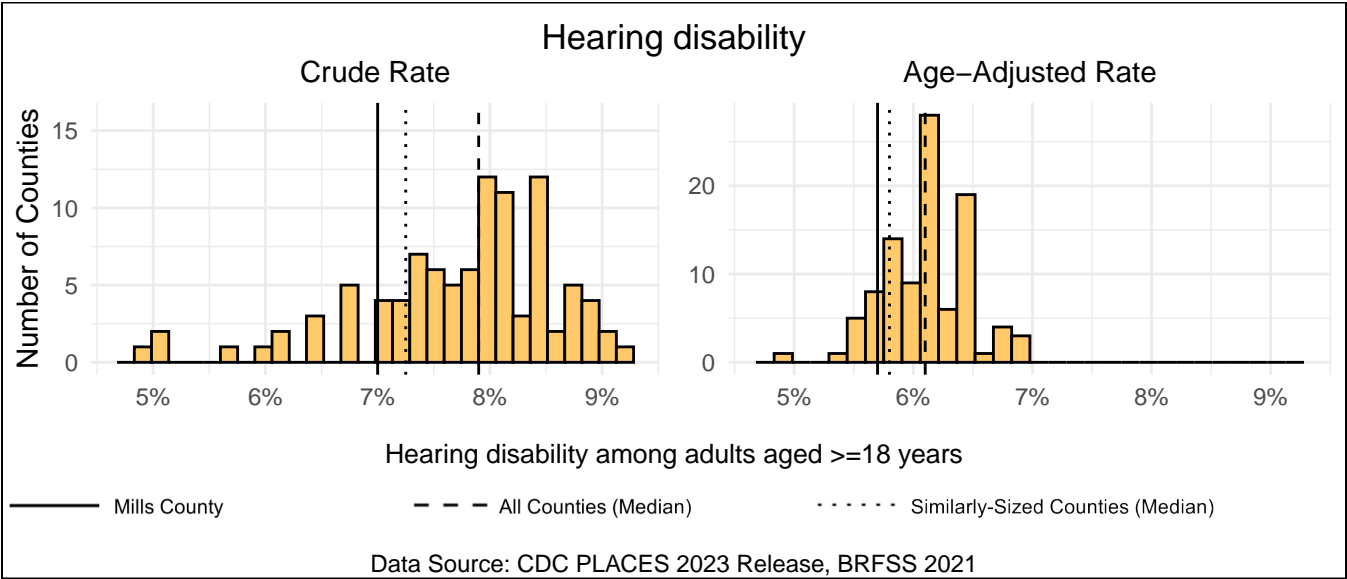
This section includes measures of physical and cognitive disabilities. Respondents were asked to report on six disabilities: hearing, vision, cognition, mobility, self-care, and independent living. The final measure reports the rate of respondents that answered yes to any of the previous six disabilities.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

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

Hearing disability

Mills County has a crude rate of 7.0% for hearing disability among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 16th out of 99 Iowa counties (5th out of 12 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Mills County is 5.7%, which ranks 12th out of 99 Iowa counties (6th out of 12 similarly-sized counties).

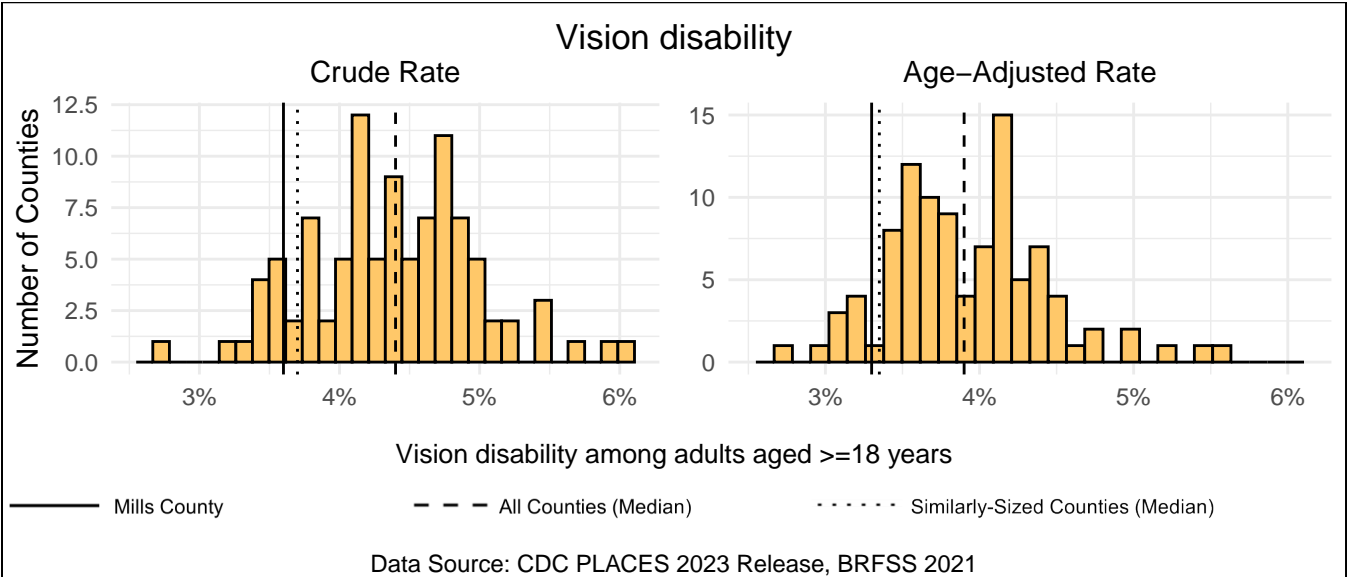
Measure Type	Mills County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	7.0%	7.9%	7.2%
Age-Adjusted	5.7%	6.1%	5.8%



Vision disability

Mills County has a crude rate of 3.6% for vision disability among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 11th out of 99 Iowa counties (6th out of 12 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Mills County is 3.3%, which ranks 10th out of 99 Iowa counties (6th out of 12 similarly-sized counties).

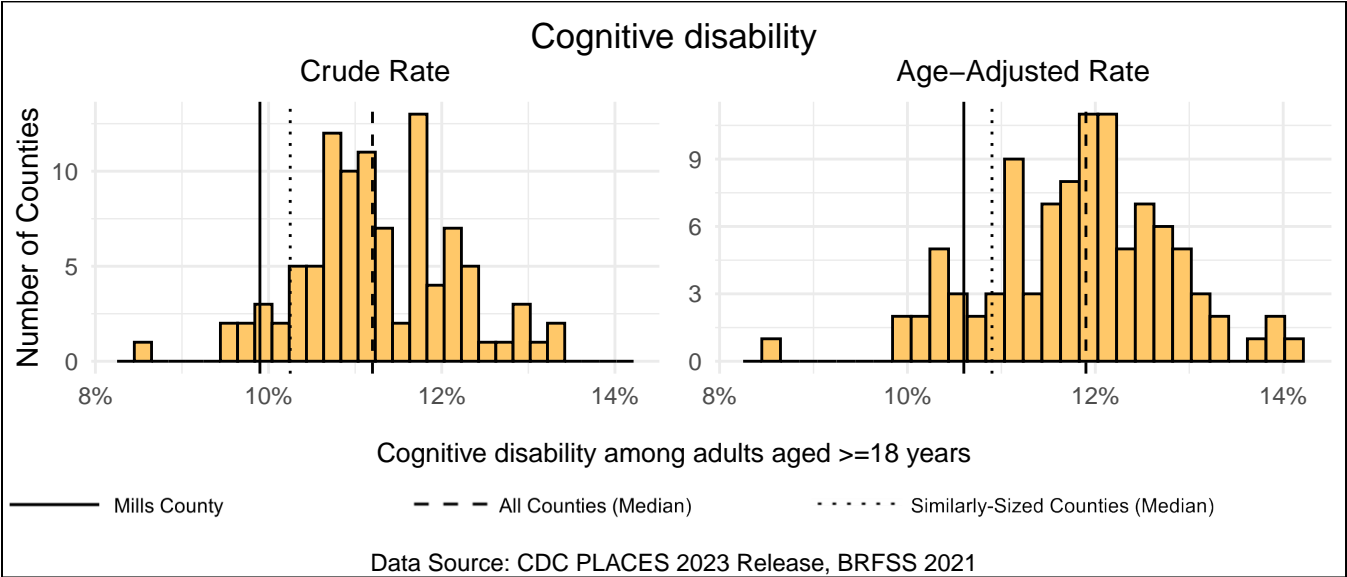
Measure Type	Mills County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	3.6%	4.4%	3.7%
Age-Adjusted	3.3%	3.9%	3.3%



Cognitive disability

Mills County has a crude rate of 9.9% for cognitive disability among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 6th out of 99 Iowa counties (4th out of 12 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Mills County is 10.6%, which ranks 11th out of 99 Iowa counties (6th out of 12 similarly-sized counties).

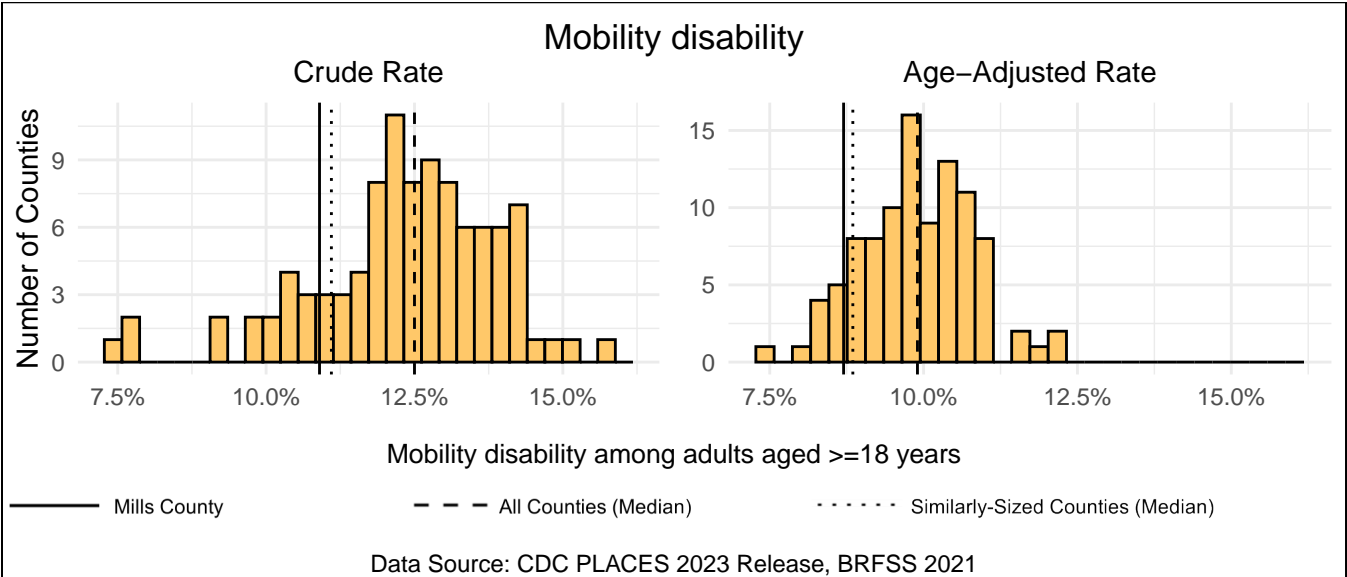
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Crude	9.9%	11.2%	10.2%
Age-Adjusted	10.6%	11.9%	10.9%



Mobility disability

Mills County has a crude rate of 10.9% for mobility disability among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 17th out of 99 Iowa counties (6th out of 12 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Mills County is 8.7%, which ranks 9th out of 99 Iowa counties (6th out of 12 similarly-sized counties).

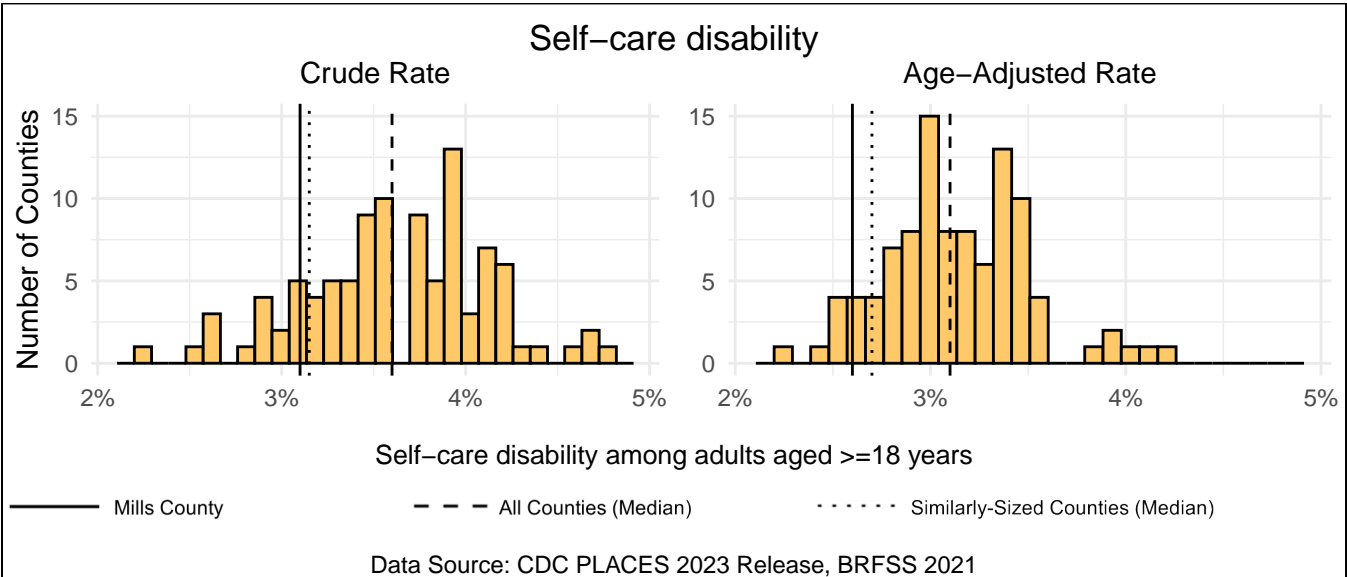
Measure Type	Mills County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	10.9%	12.5%	11.1%
Age-Adjusted	8.7%	9.9%	8.8%



Self-care disability

Mills County has a crude rate of 3.1% for self-care disability among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 13th out of 99 Iowa counties (6th out of 12 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Mills County is 2.6%, which ranks 7th out of 99 Iowa counties (6th out of 12 similarly-sized counties).

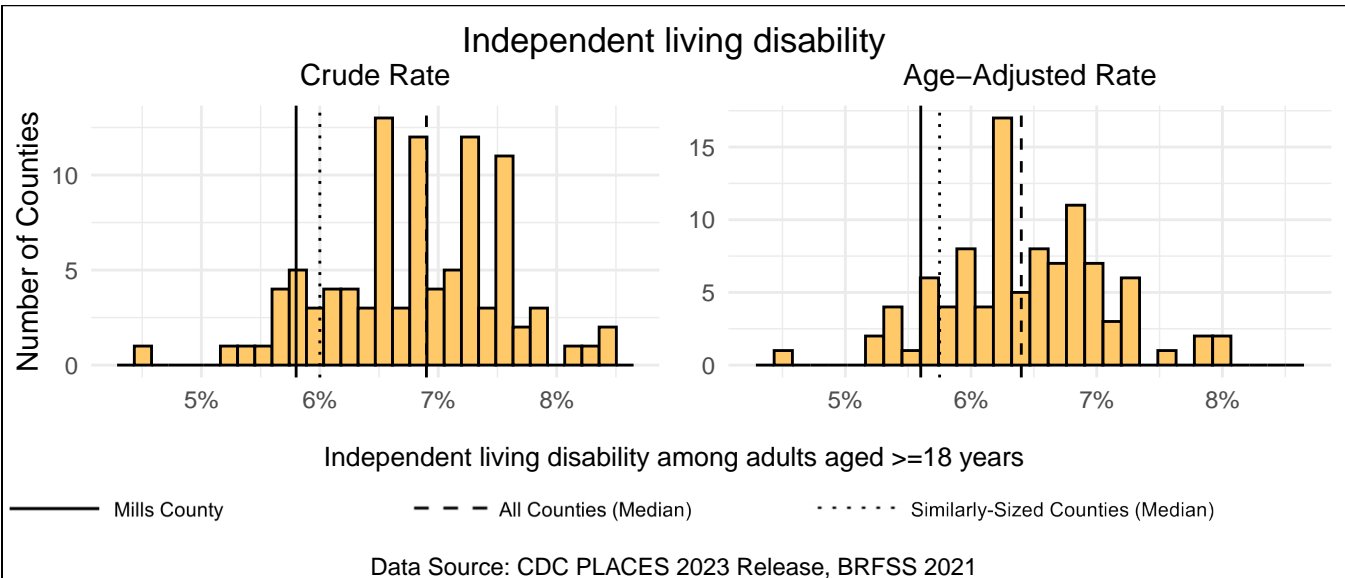
Measure Type	Mills County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	3.1%	3.6%	3.2%
Age-Adjusted	2.6%	3.1%	2.7%



Independent living disability

Mills County has a crude rate of 5.8% for independent living disability among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 9th out of 99 Iowa counties (6th out of 12 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Mills County is 5.6%, which ranks 9th out of 99 Iowa counties (6th out of 12 similarly-sized counties).

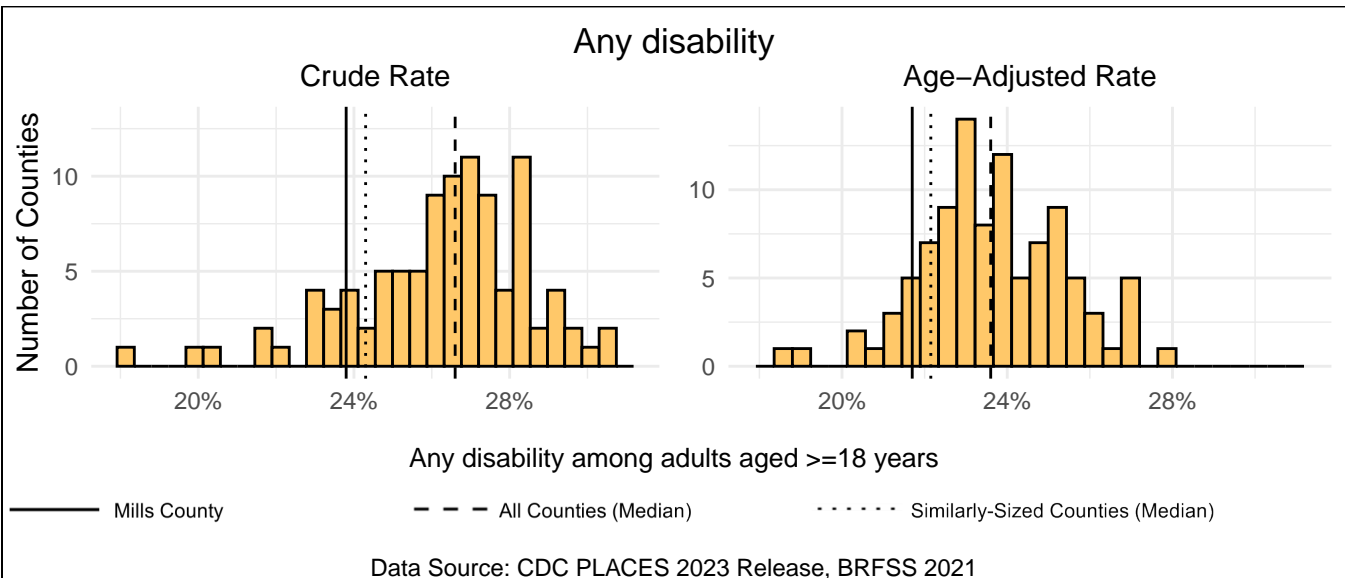
Measure Type	Mills County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	5.8%	6.9%	6.0%
Age-Adjusted	5.6%	6.4%	5.8%



Any disability

Mills County has a crude rate of 23.8% for any disability among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 15th out of 99 Iowa counties (6th out of 12 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Mills County is 21.7%, which ranks 11th out of 99 Iowa counties (6th out of 12 similarly-sized counties).

Measure Type	Mills County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	23.8%	26.6%	24.3%
Age-Adjusted	21.7%	23.6%	22.1%



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: Mills County PLACES Data

Category	Health Domain	Crude Rate Rank	Crude Rate (95% CI)	Age-Adj. Rate Rank	Age-Adj. Rate (95% CI)
Health Status	General Health	13	12.9% (10.6% - 15.4%)	9	11.5% (9.5% - 13.7%)
Health Status	Mental Health	4	13.3% (11.3% - 15.4%)	10	14.7% (12.5% - 17.1%)
Health Status	Physical Health	16	10.1% (8.4% - 11.8%)	10	8.9% (7.5% - 10.4%)
Health Risk Behaviors	Binge Drinking	87	20.3% (16.6% - 24.1%)	97	23.3% (19.2% - 27.6%)
Health Risk Behaviors	Current Smoking	15	15.3% (11.9% - 18.8%)	14	15.7% (12.2% - 19.5%)
Health Risk Behaviors	Physical Inactivity	14	23.9% (19.0% - 29.0%)	12	22.4% (17.8% - 27.1%)
Health Risk Behaviors	Sleep <7 hours	87	31.7% (29.8% - 33.3%)	80	32.6% (30.7% - 34.3%)
Health Outcomes	High Blood Pressure	19	31.5% (26.9% - 35.9%)	6	25.9% (22.1% - 29.8%)
Health Outcomes	Stroke	14	3.1% (2.7% - 3.6%)	3	2.4% (2.1% - 2.8%)
Health Outcomes	Chronic Kidney Disease	14	3.1% (2.8% - 3.5%)	3	2.5% (2.2% - 2.8%)
Health Outcomes	Diabetes	20	10.1% (8.3% - 12.0%)	9	7.9% (6.5% - 9.3%)
Health Outcomes	Obesity	54	37.9% (29.7% - 46.0%)	34	37.3% (29.3% - 45.4%)
Health Outcomes	High Cholesterol	57	37.7% (32.5% - 42.4%)	61	30.1% (25.3% - 34.7%)
Health Outcomes	Cancer (except skin)	37	8.3% (7.4% - 9.2%)	26	6.4% (5.8% - 7.2%)
Health Outcomes	Depression	52	17.7% (14.1% - 21.4%)	48	18.7% (15.0% - 22.7%)
Health Outcomes	Arthritis	27	27.3% (22.7% - 31.7%)	11	21.9% (18.1% - 25.7%)
Health Outcomes	Current Asthma	11	9.1% (8.0% - 10.4%)	18	9.3% (8.1% - 10.6%)
Health Outcomes	All Teeth Lost	25	9.5% (6.1% - 13.6%)	21	10.1% (6.5% - 14.3%)
Health Outcomes	COPD	15	6.9% (5.5% - 8.3%)	12	5.6% (4.5% - 6.7%)
Health Outcomes	Coronary Heart Disease	22	6.4% (5.4% - 7.3%)	9	4.8% (4.1% - 5.5%)
Prevention	Annual Checkup	55	75.7% (70.5% - 80.2%)	54	72.5% (66.8% - 77.5%)
Prevention	Cervical Cancer Screening	6	84.2% (81.8% - 86.6%)	11	84.4% (82.0% - 86.9%)
Prevention	Core preventive services for older women	11	42.7% (34.8% - 50.8%)	19	42.5% (35.0% - 50.0%)
Prevention	Core preventive services for older men	43	43.0% (34.4% - 52.0%)	44	43.5% (34.9% - 51.9%)
Prevention	Mammography	17	75.8% (71.6% - 80.0%)	14	75.9% (71.3% - 80.1%)

Category	Health Domain	Crude Rate Rank	Crude Rate (95% CI)	Age-Adj. Rate Rank	Age-Adj. Rate (95% CI)
Prevention	Dental Visit	15	69.8% (66.1% - 73.1%)	15	69.0% (65.1% - 72.5%)
Prevention	Taking BP Medication	61	80.5% (76.9% - 83.5%)	82	58.6% (53.0% - 63.5%)
Prevention	Health Insurance	9	6.6% (5.0% - 8.5%)	12	7.1% (5.3% - 9.3%)
Prevention	Cholesterol Screening	3	84.5% (81.6% - 87.2%)	7	80.6% (77.2% - 84.0%)
Prevention	Colorectal Cancer Screening	17	74.8% (71.9% - 77.8%)	17	72.5% (69.1% - 75.8%)
Disability	Self-care Disability	13	3.1% (2.6% - 3.7%)	7	2.6% (2.2% - 3.1%)
Disability	Cognitive Disability	6	9.9% (8.3% - 11.7%)	11	10.6% (8.8% - 12.6%)
Disability	Vision Disability	11	3.6% (3.1% - 4.3%)	10	3.3% (2.8% - 3.8%)
Disability	Any Disability	15	23.8% (19.8% - 28.3%)	11	21.7% (18.2% - 25.7%)
Disability	Hearing Disability	16	7.0% (6.0% - 7.9%)	12	5.7% (4.9% - 6.4%)
Disability	Mobility Disability	17	10.9% (8.8% - 13.0%)	9	8.7% (7.1% - 10.3%)
Disability	Independent Living Disability	9	5.8% (4.9% - 6.8%)	9	5.6% (4.7% - 6.6%)

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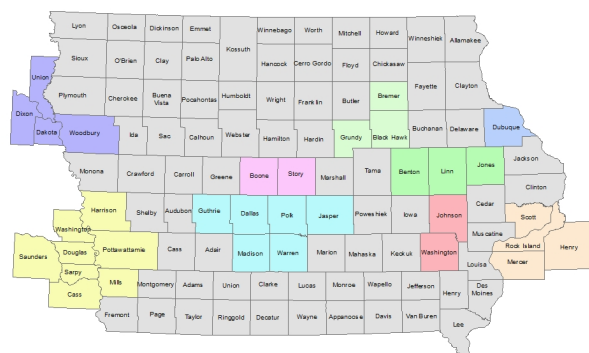
Appendix 3: Metropolitan Non-Core Counties

Mills County falls into the group of metropolitan non-core counties. In this data, 12 counties fall into this group. The table below lists all counties in the group, sorted by the population estimate in the CDC PLACES dataset.

County	Population Group	Population
Dallas County	Metropolitan Non-Core	103,796
Warren County	Metropolitan Non-Core	53,402
Jasper County	Metropolitan Non-Core	37,764
Benton County	Metropolitan Non-Core	25,691
Bremer County	Metropolitan Non-Core	25,081
Washington County	Metropolitan Non-Core	22,491
Jones County	Metropolitan Non-Core	20,805
Madison County	Metropolitan Non-Core	16,773
Harrison County	Metropolitan Non-Core	14,669
Mills County	Metropolitan Non-Core	14,465
Grundy County	Metropolitan Non-Core	12,347
Guthrie County	Metropolitan Non-Core	10,567

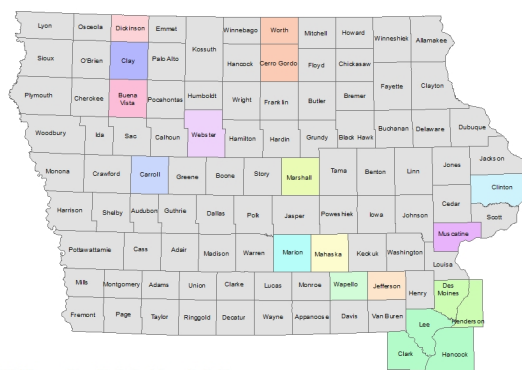
Metropolitan and micropolitan areas can be found in the link and the maps below.

<https://www.icip.iastate.edu/maps/refmaps/cofips>



March 2020 Metropolitan Statistical Area Definitions

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| Ames, IA | Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA | Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA |
| Cedar Rapids, IA | Dubuque, IA | Sioux City, IA-NE-SD |
| Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL | Iowa City, IA | Waterloo-Cedar Falls, IA |



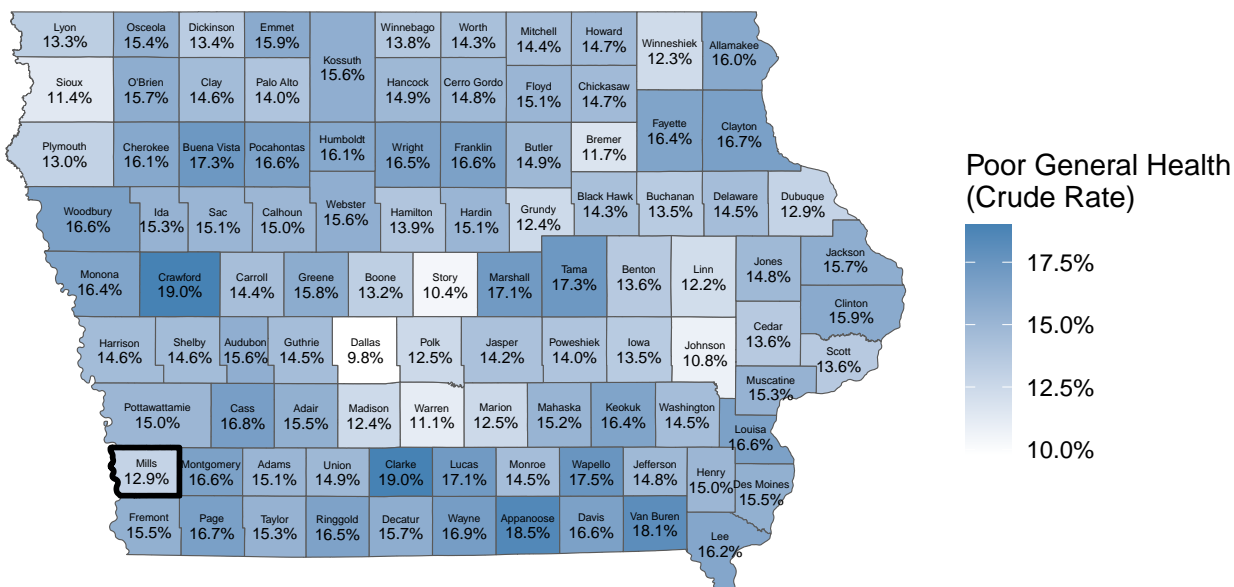
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| Burlington, IA-IL | Fairfield, IA | Marshalltown, IA | Oskaloosa, IA | Spencer, IA |
| Carroll, IA | Fort Dodge, IA | Mason City, IA | Ottumwa, IA | Spirit Lake, IA |
| Clinton, IA | Fort Madison-Keokuk, IA-IL-MO | Muscatine, IA | Pella, IA | Storm Lake, IA |

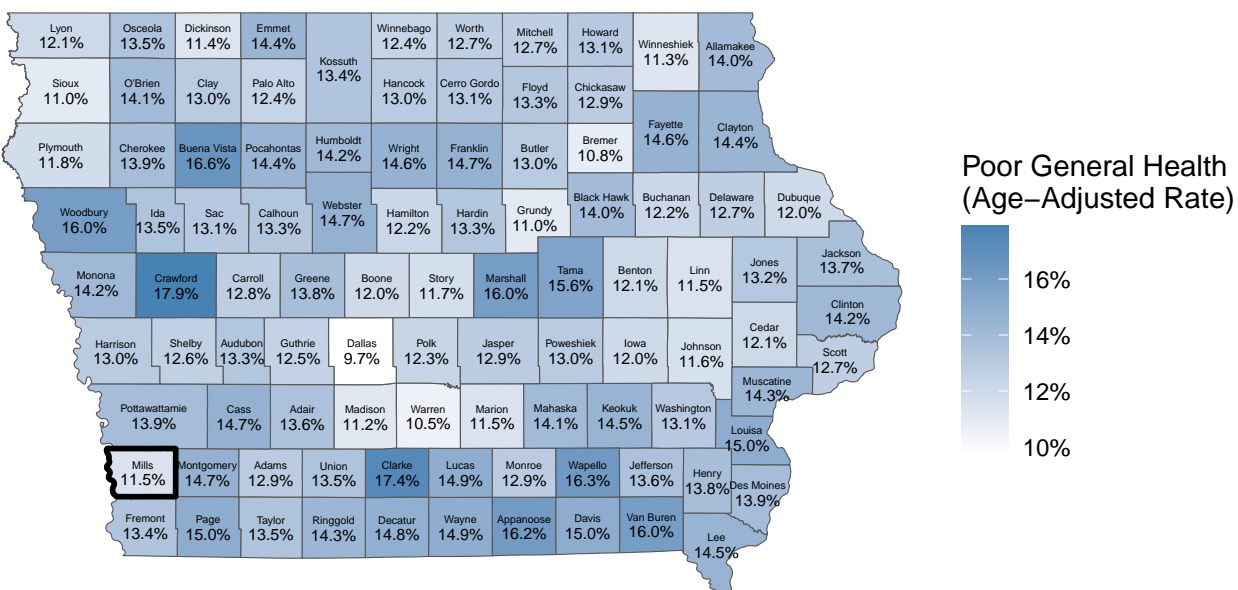
Appendix 4: County Maps

Poor General Health

Fair or poor self-rated health status among adults aged ≥ 18 years



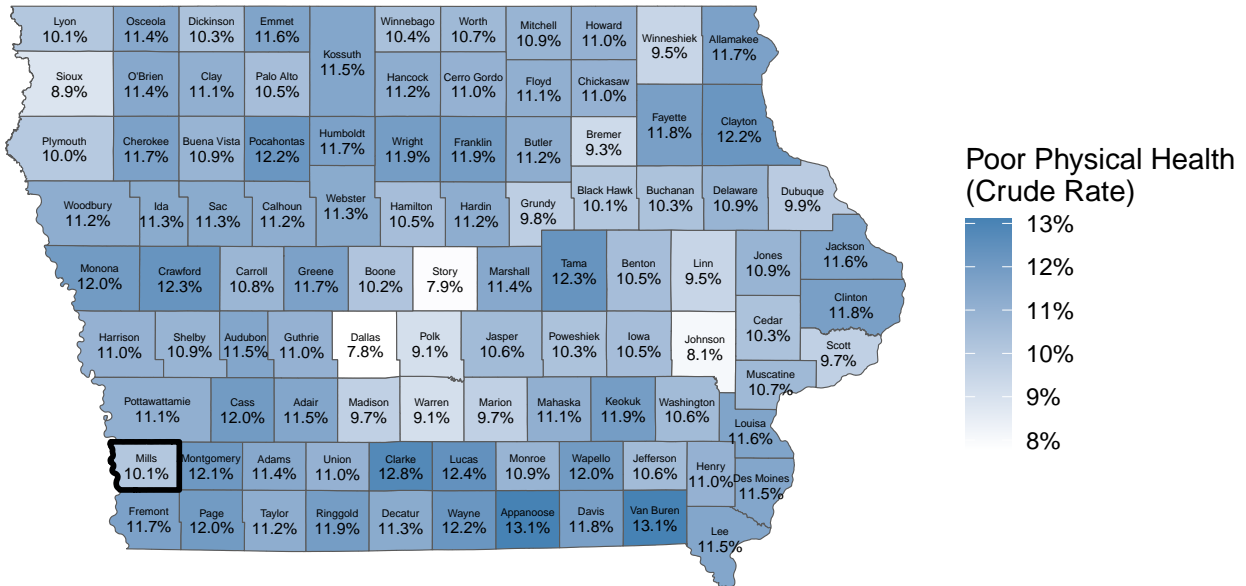
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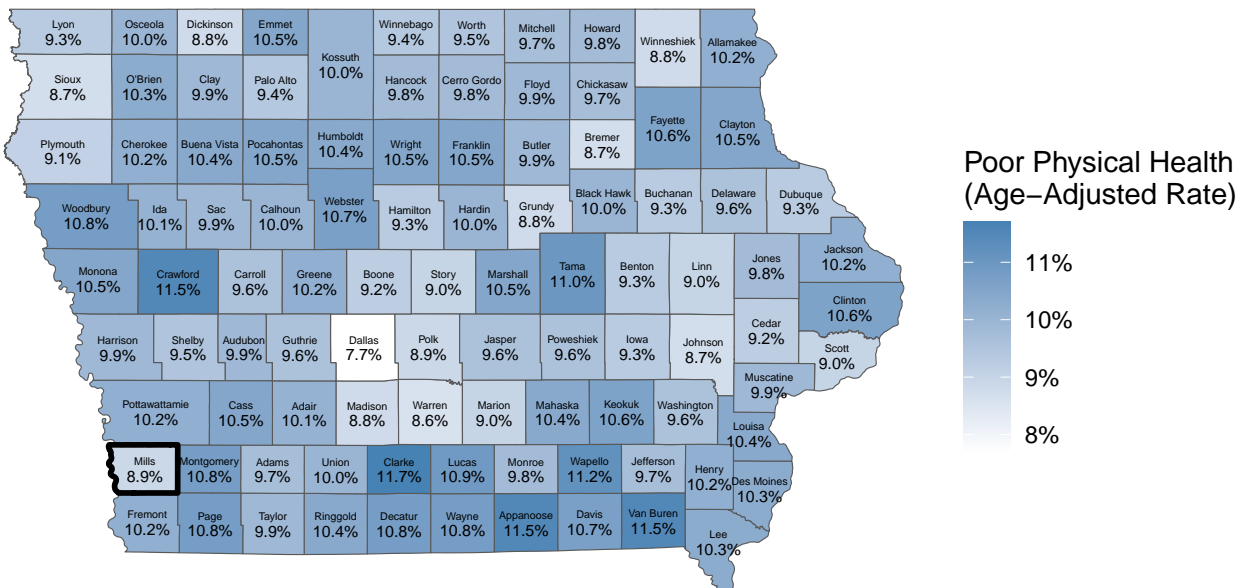
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Poor Physical Health

Physical health not good for ≥ 14 days among adults aged ≥ 18 years



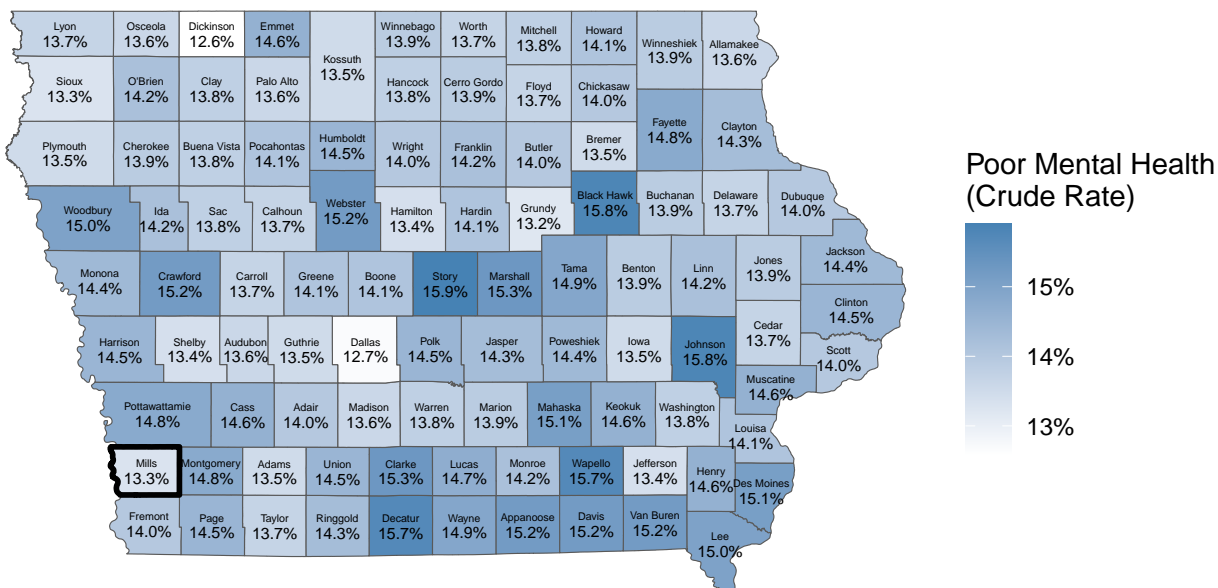
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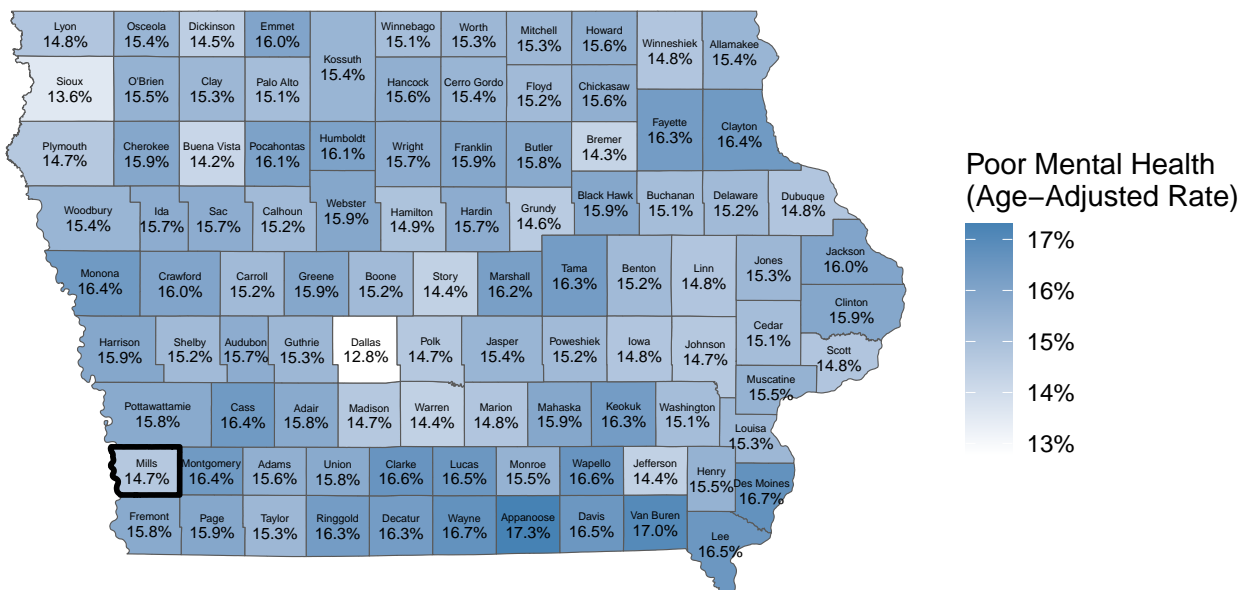
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Poor Mental Health

Mental health not good for ≥ 14 days among adults aged ≥ 18 years



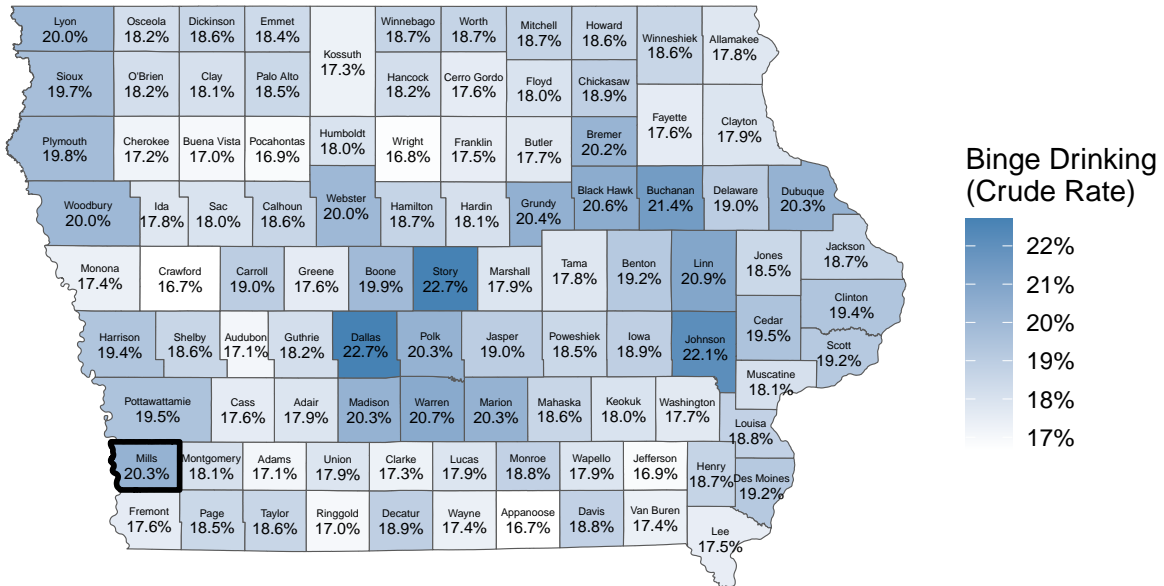
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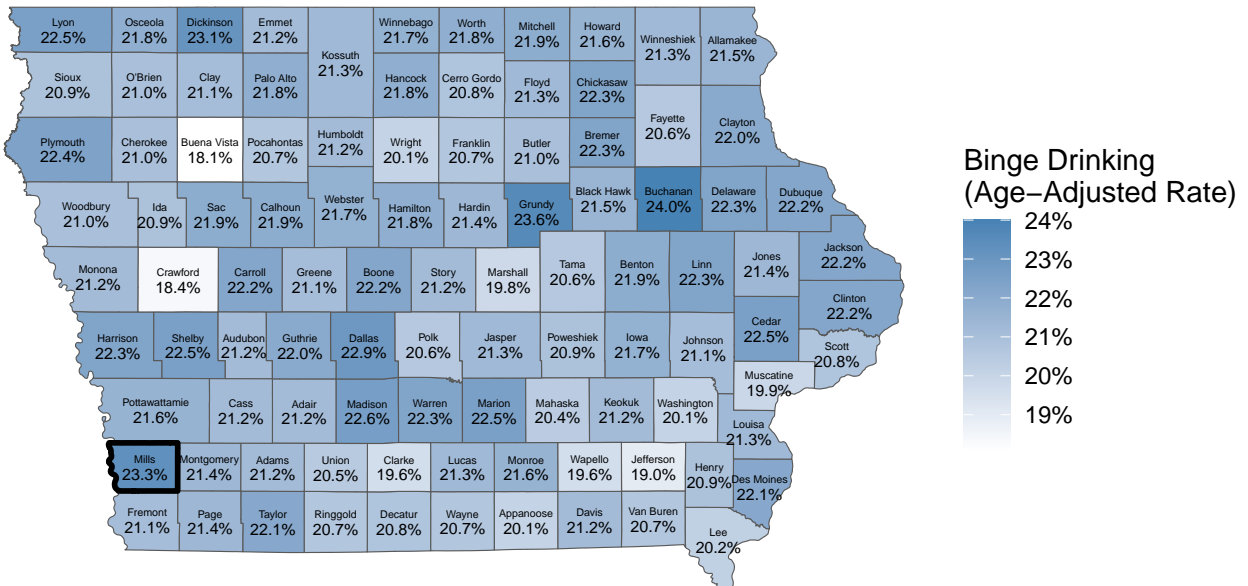
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Binge Drinking

Binge drinking among adults aged ≥ 18 years



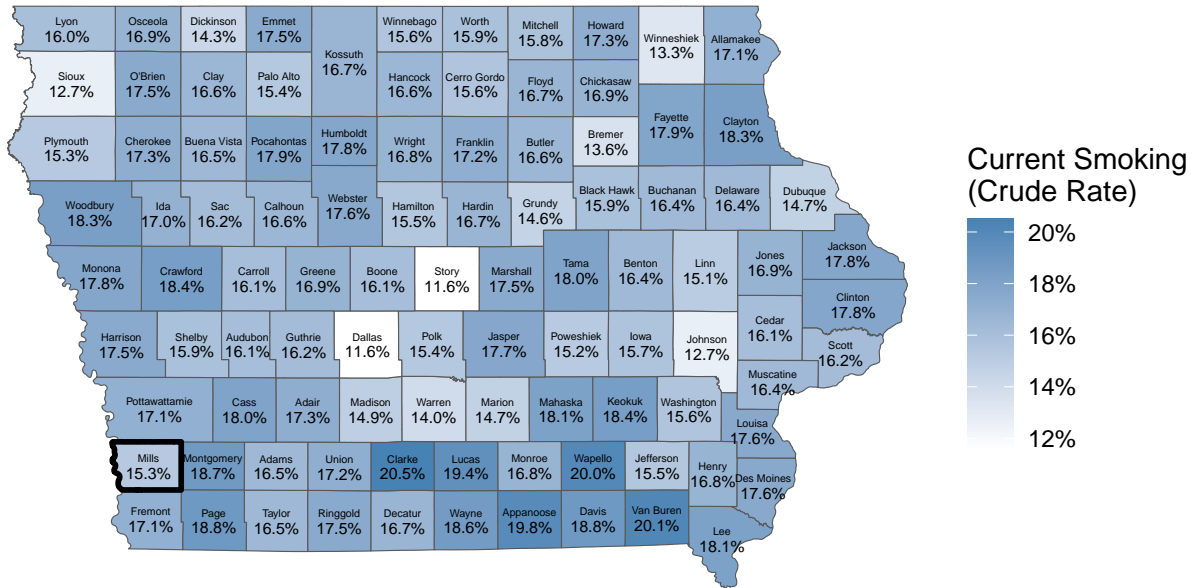
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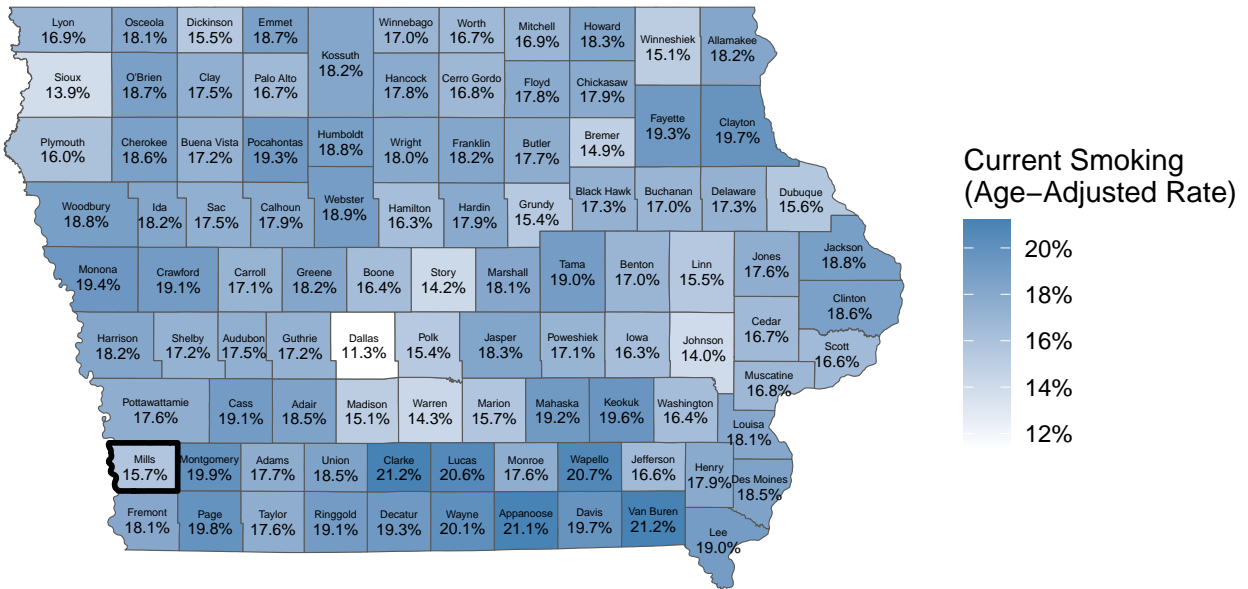
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Current Smoking

Current smoking among adults aged ≥ 18 years



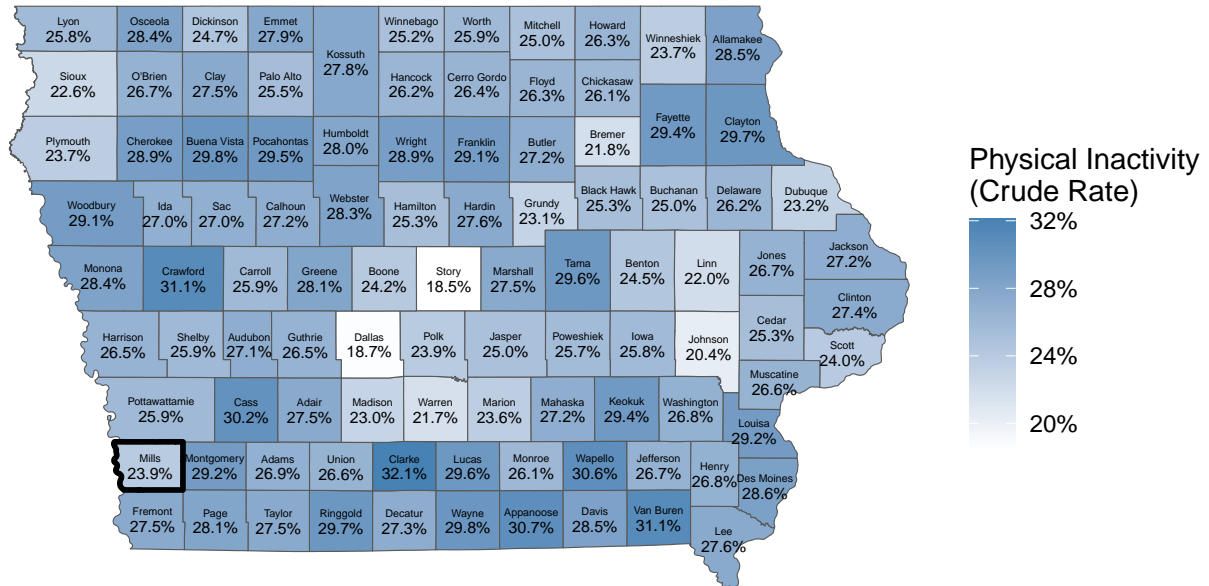
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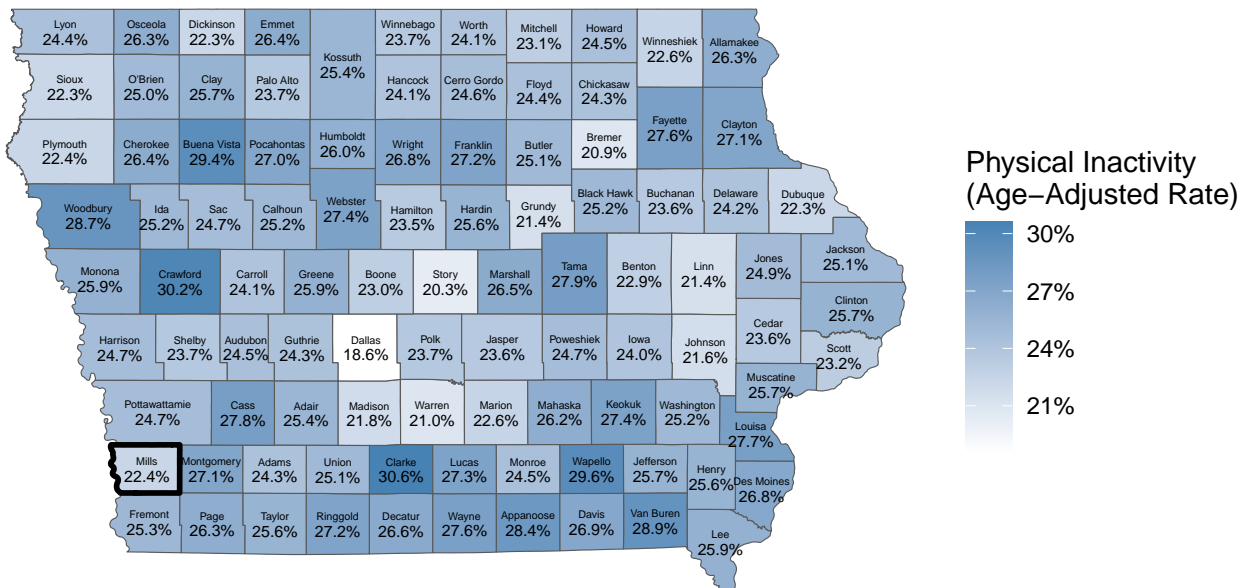
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Physical Inactivity

No leisure-time physical activity among adults aged ≥ 18 years



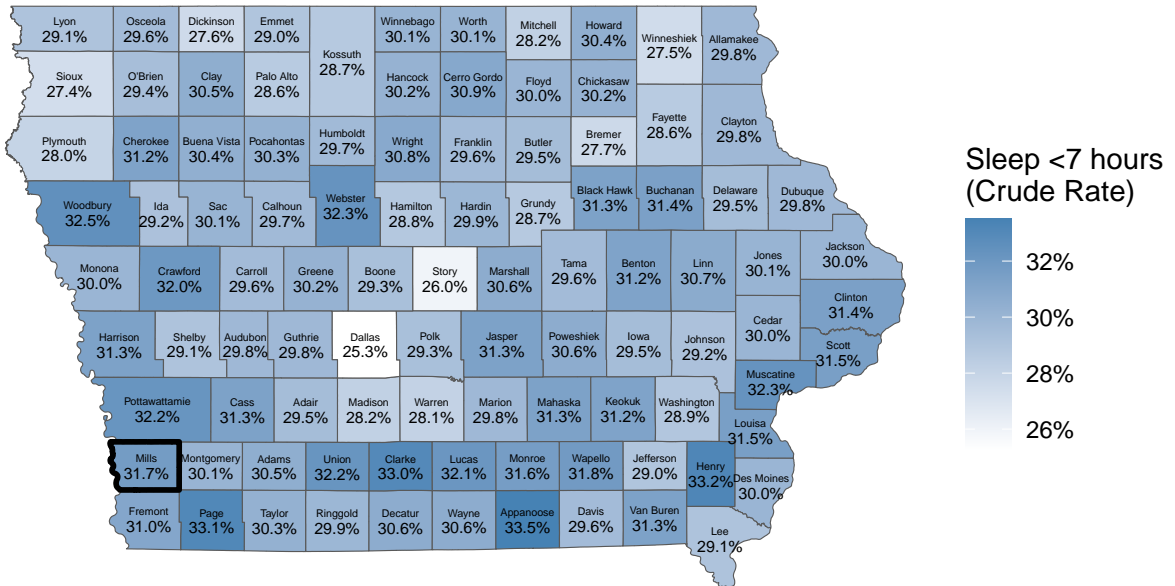
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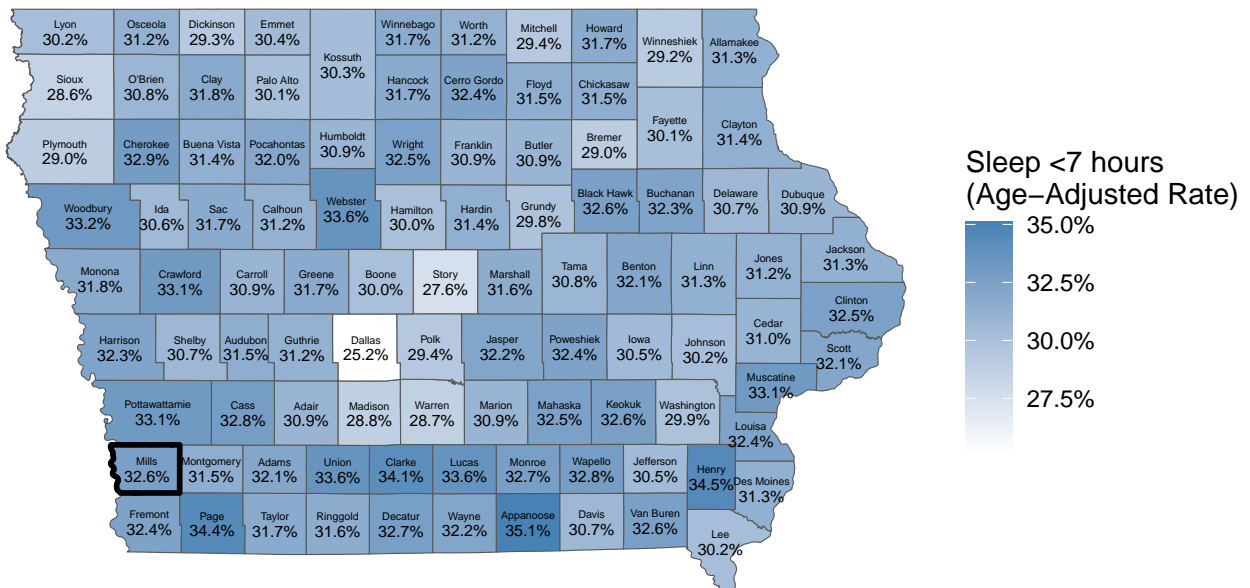
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Sleep <7 hours

Sleeping less than 7 hours among adults aged ≥ 18 years



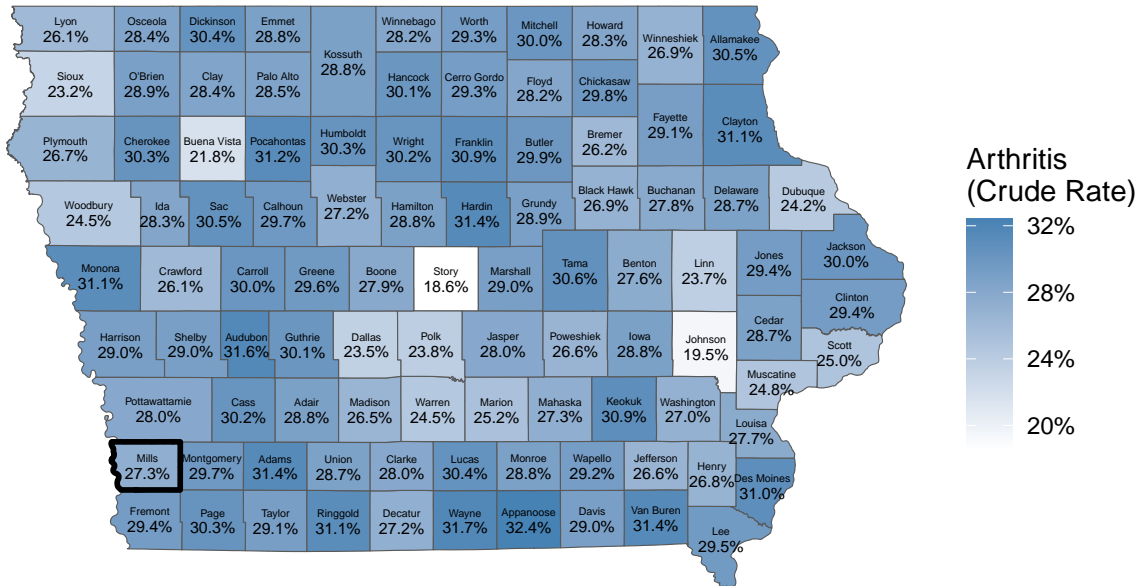
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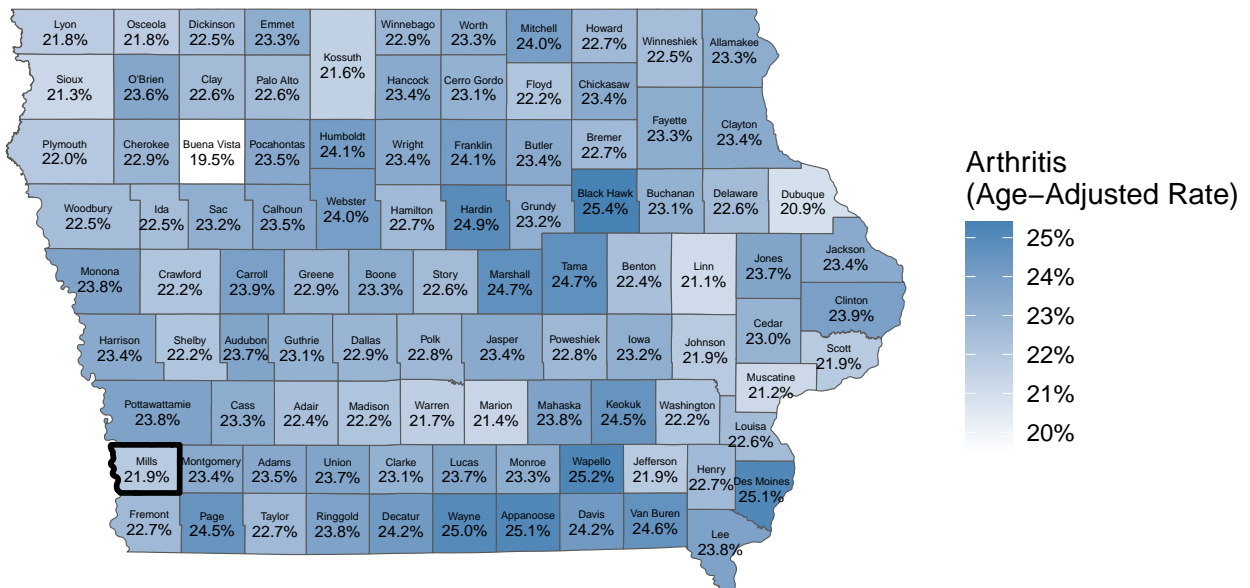
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Arthritis

Arthritis among adults aged ≥ 18 years



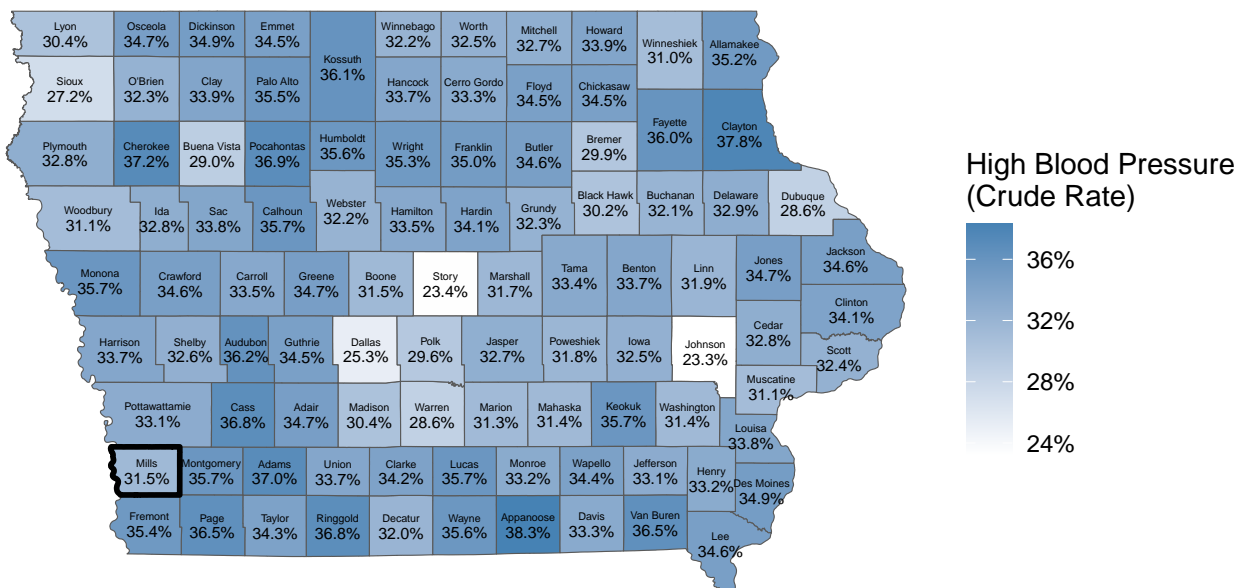
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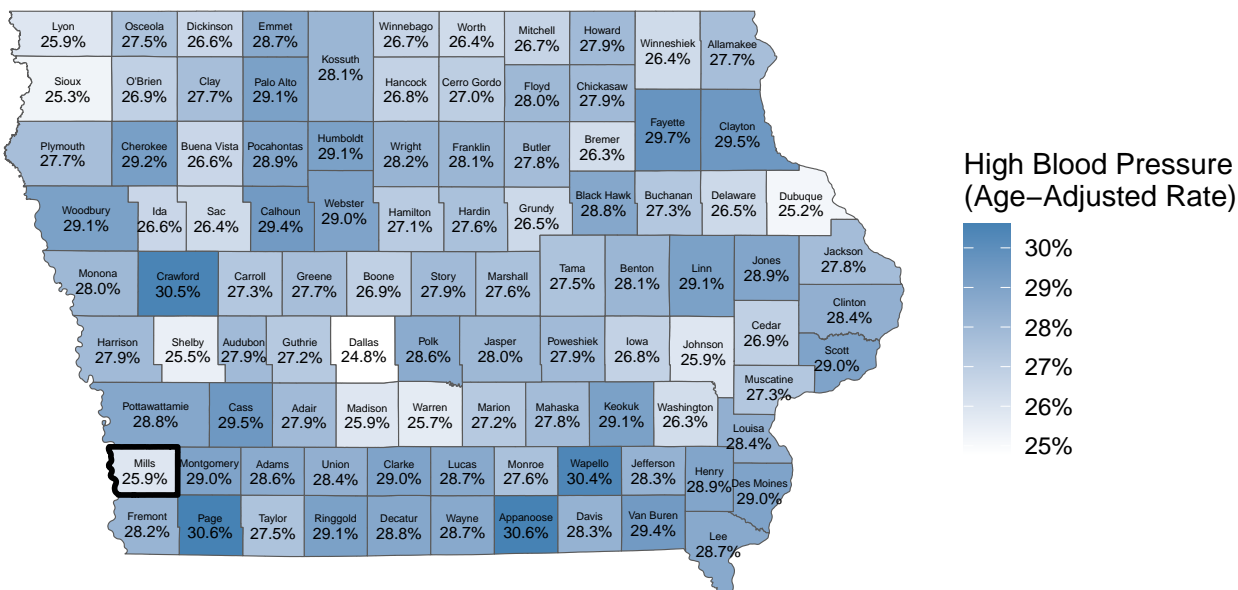
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High blood pressure among adults aged ≥ 18 years

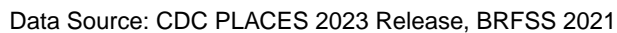
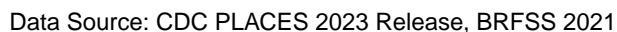


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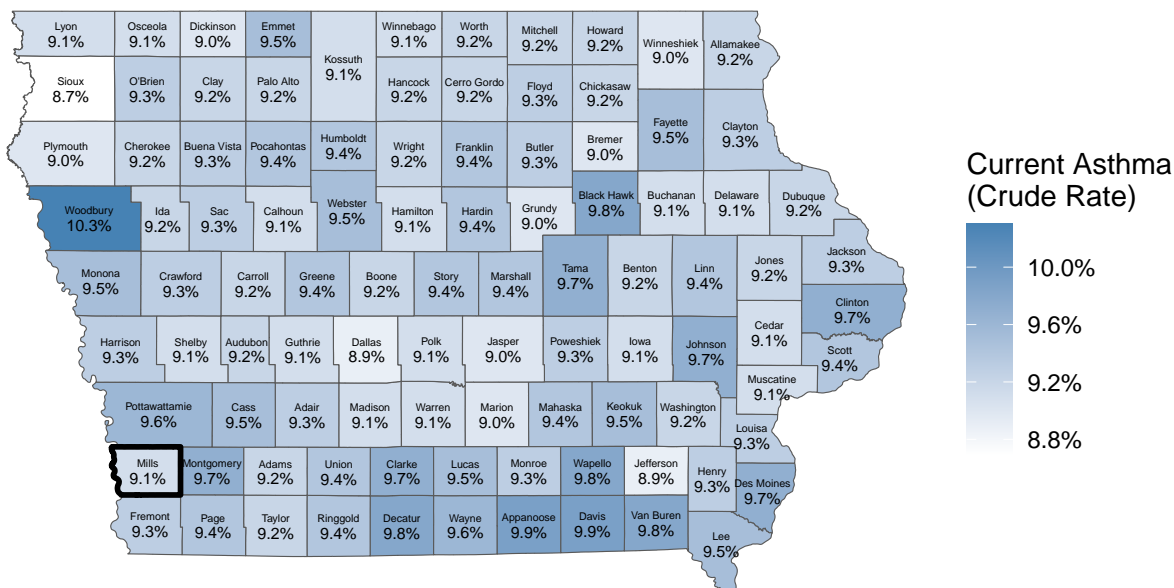
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Cancer (excluding skin cancer) among adults aged ≥ 18 years

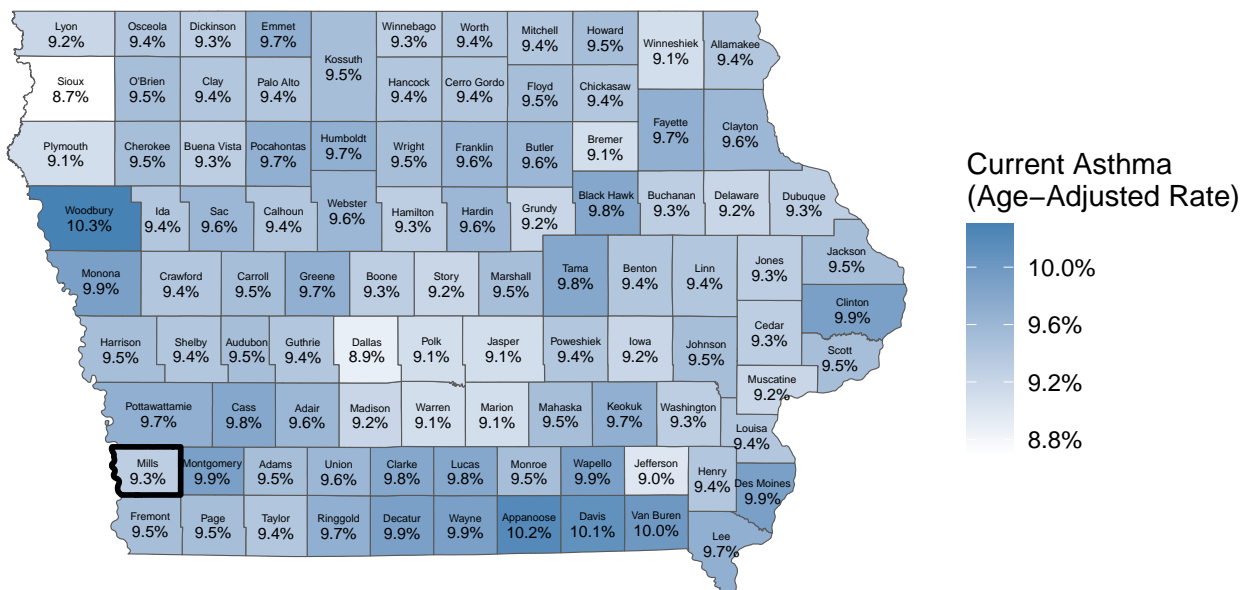


Current Asthma

Current asthma among adults aged ≥ 18 years



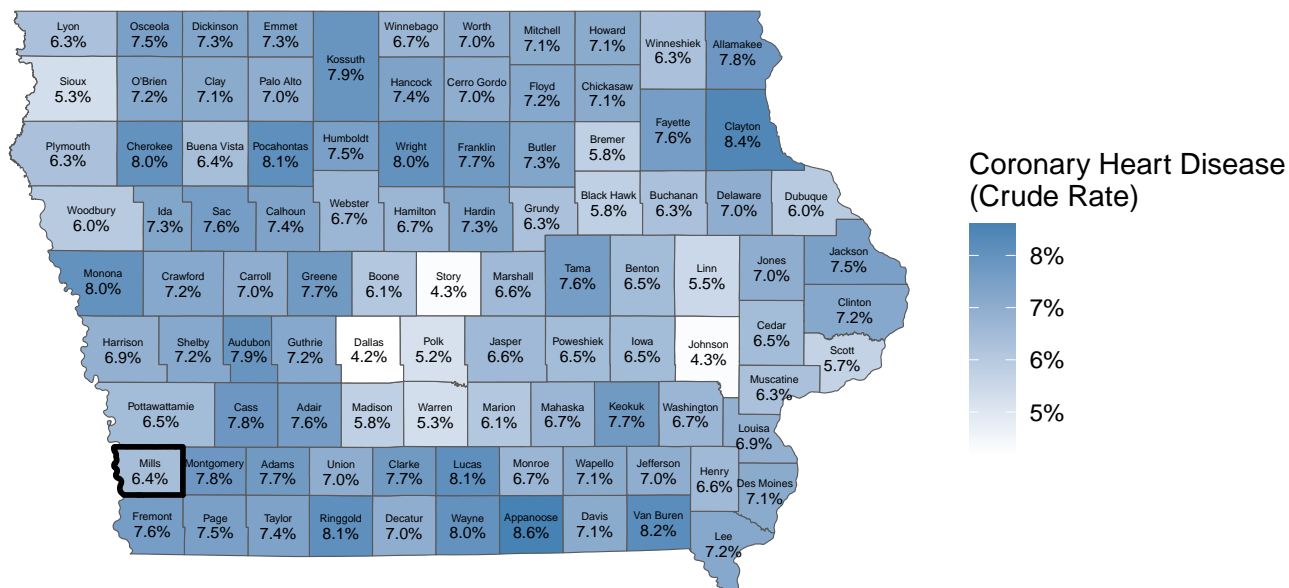
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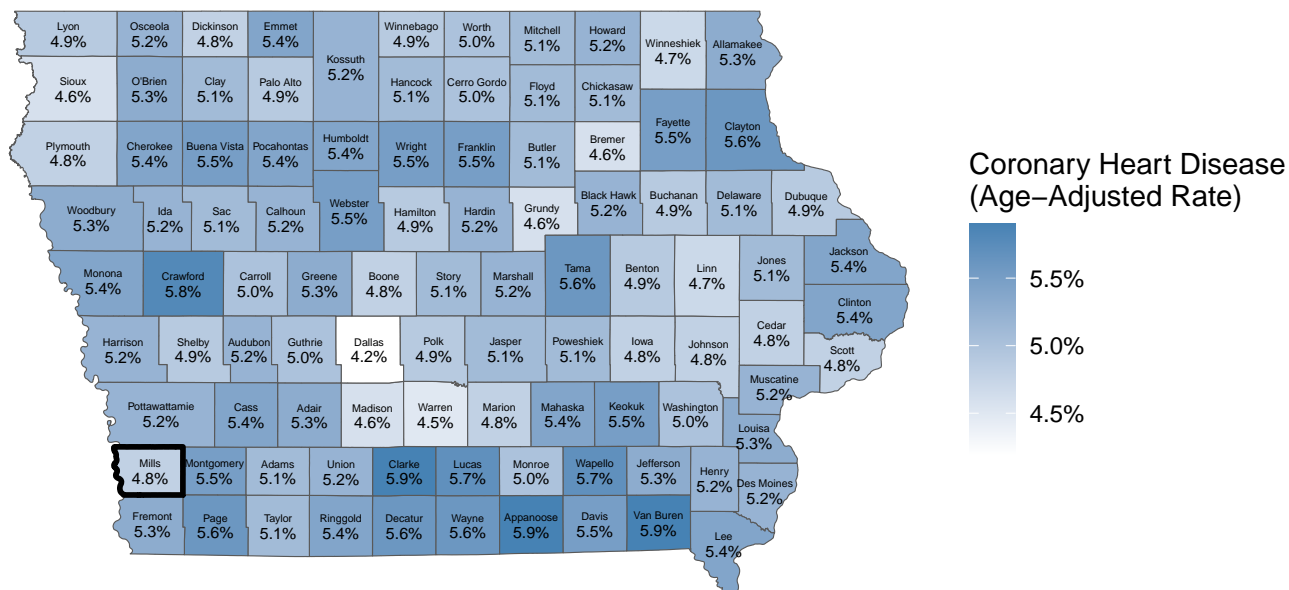
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Coronary Heart Disease

Coronary heart disease among adults aged ≥ 18 years



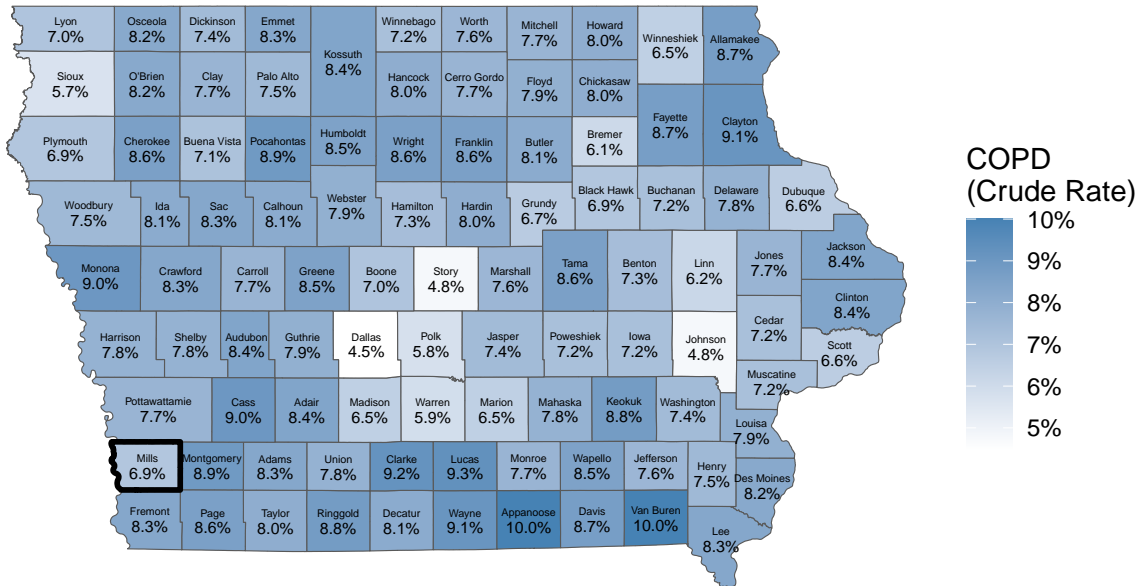
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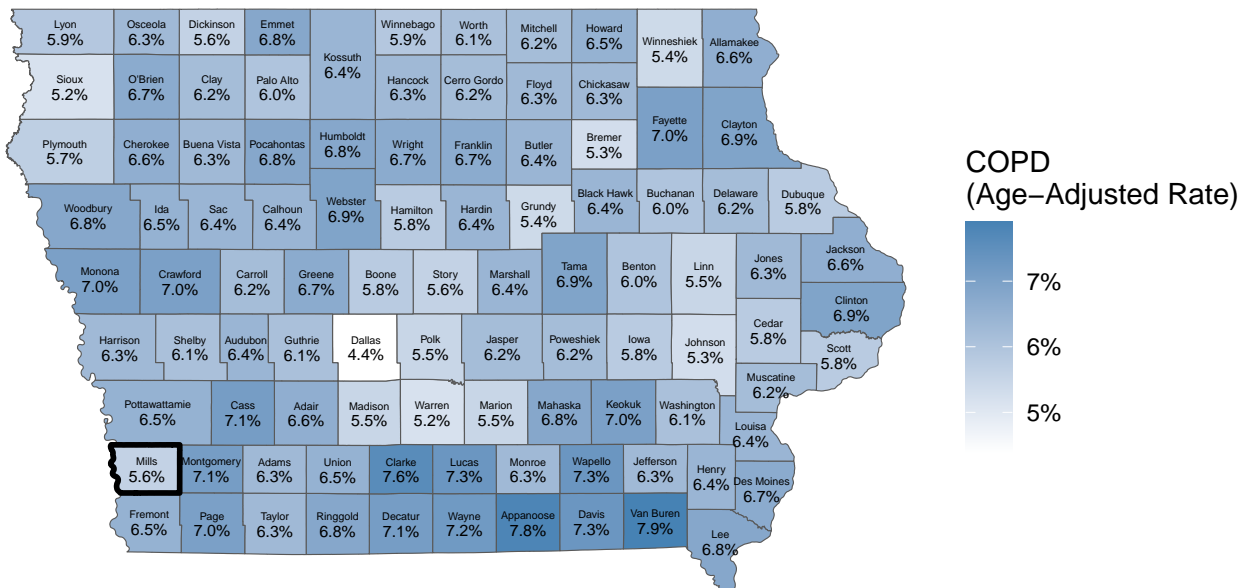
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COPD

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease among adults aged ≥ 18 years



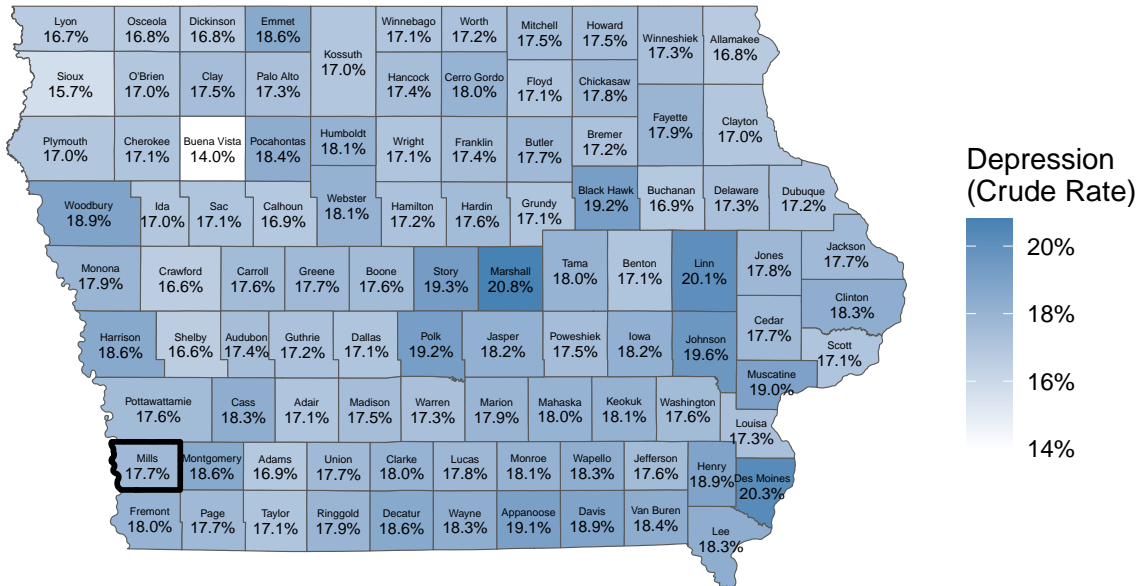
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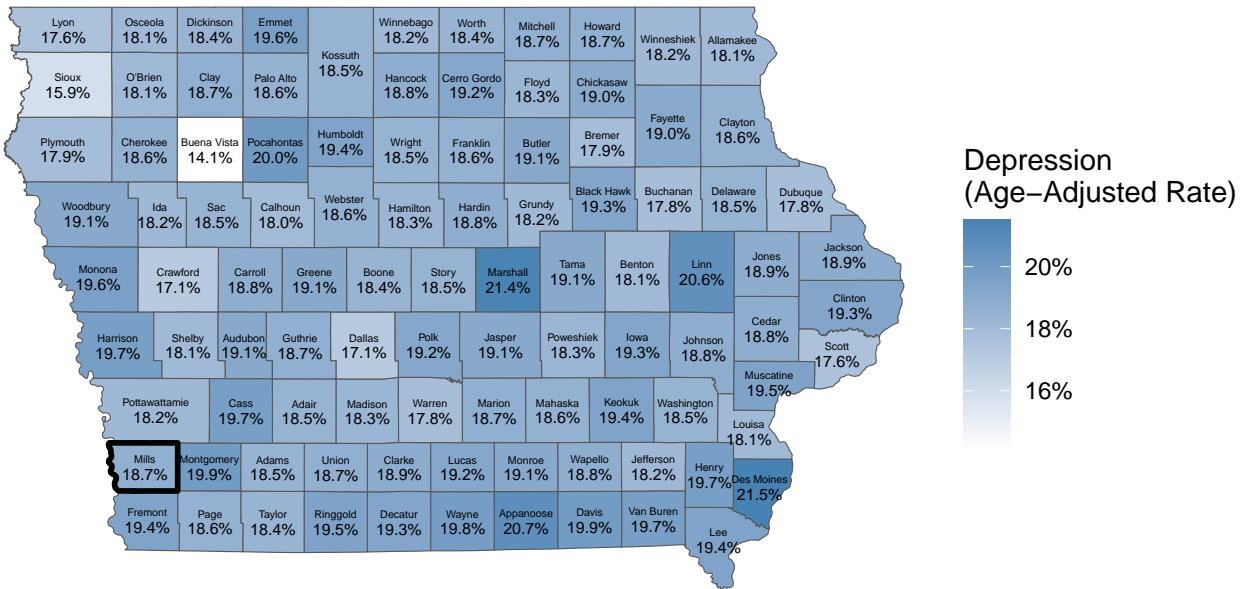
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Depression

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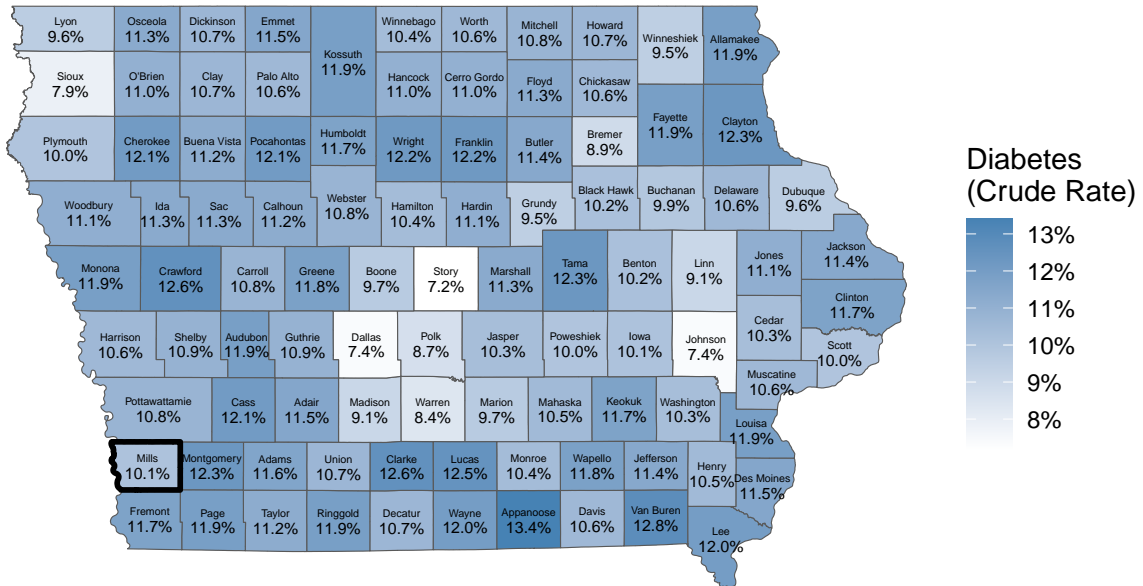
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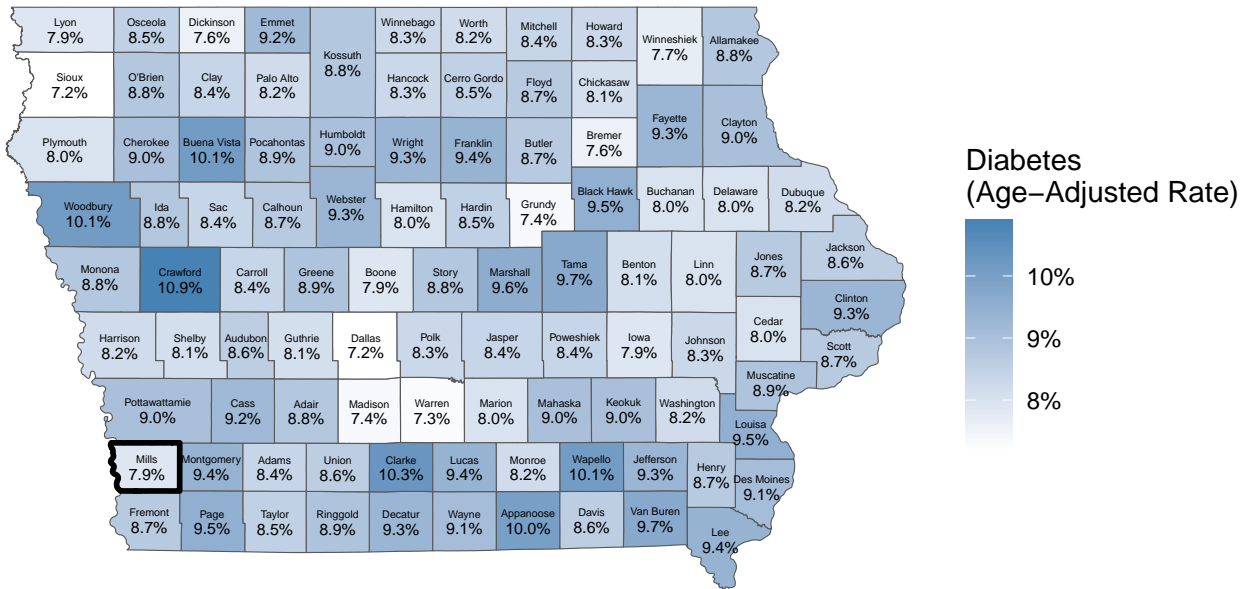
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Diabetes

Diagnosed diabetes among adults aged >=18 years



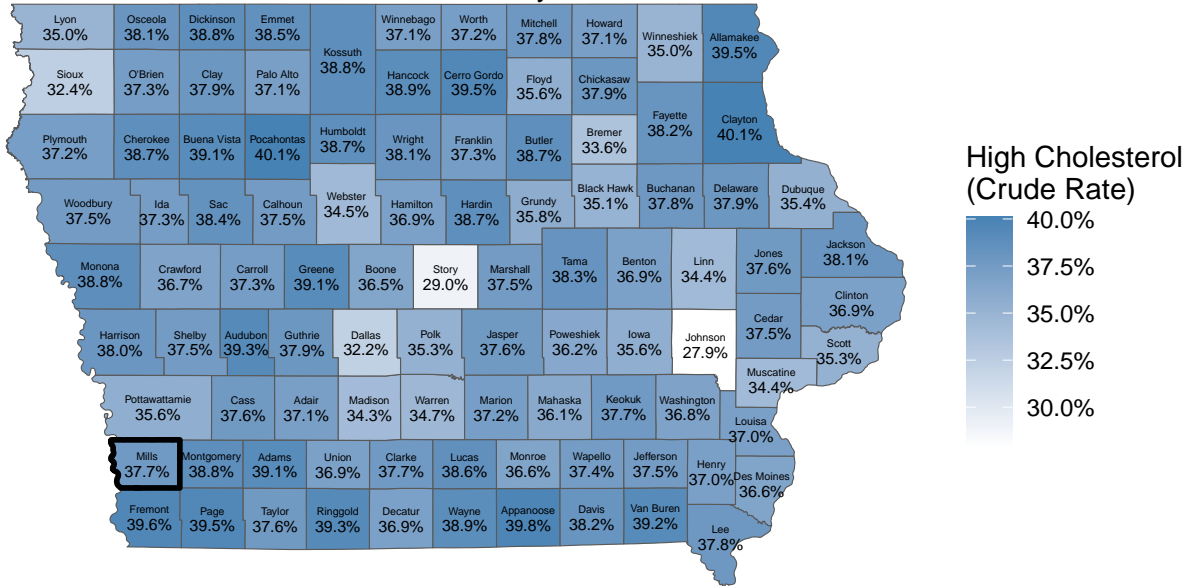
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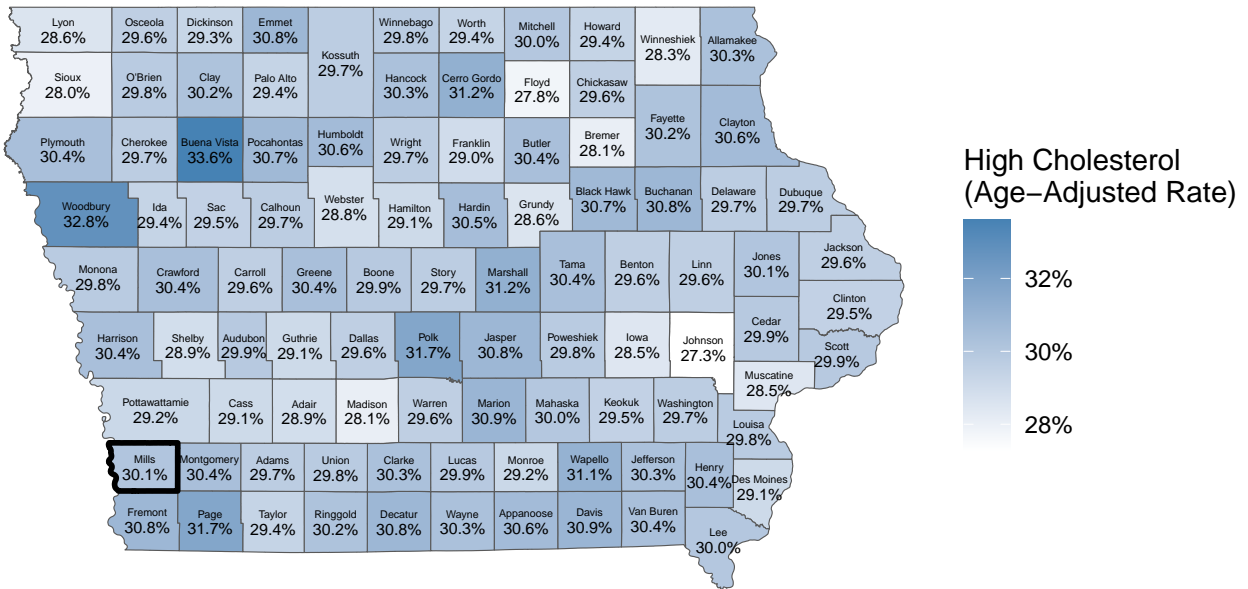
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High Cholesterol

High cholesterol among adults aged ≥ 18 years who have been screened in the past 5 years



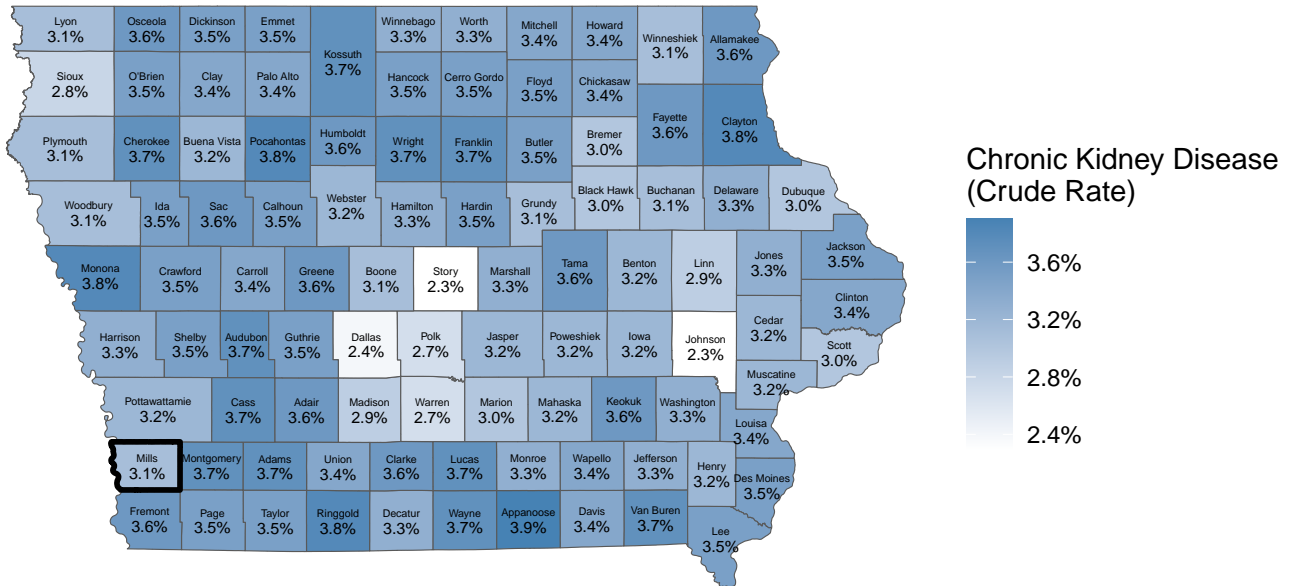
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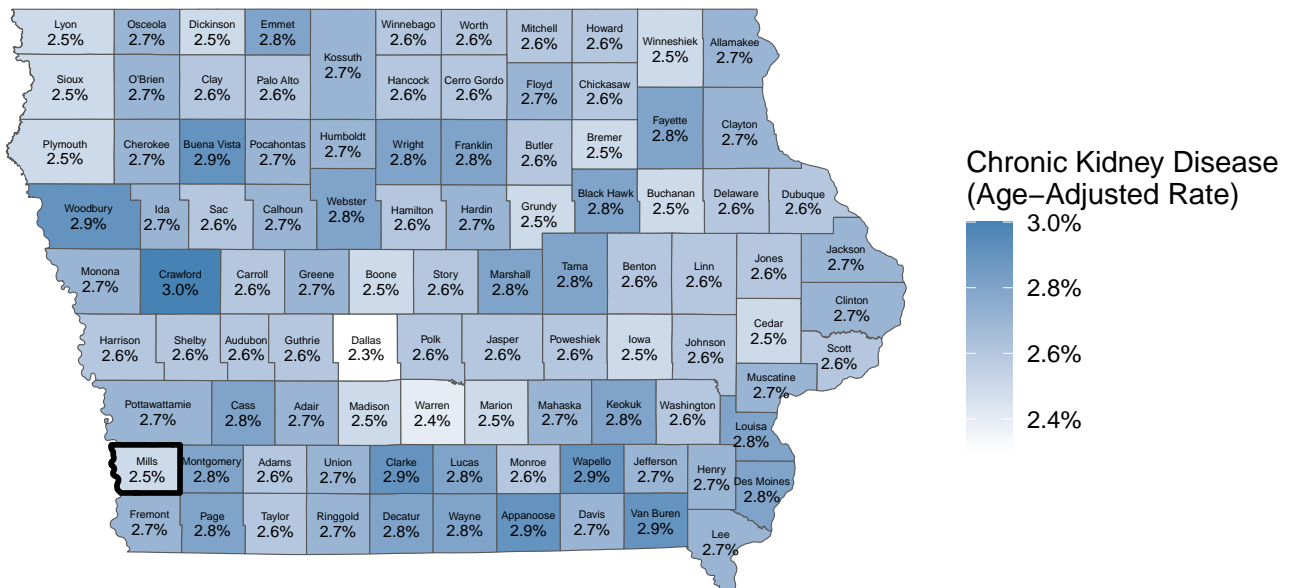
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Chronic Kidney Disease

Chronic kidney disease among adults aged ≥ 18 years



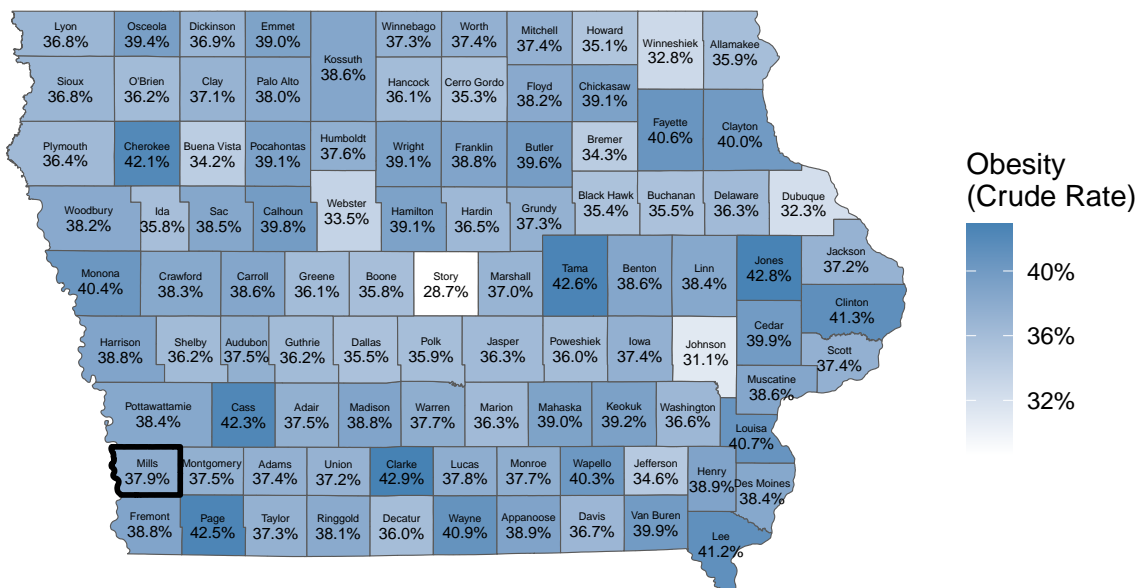
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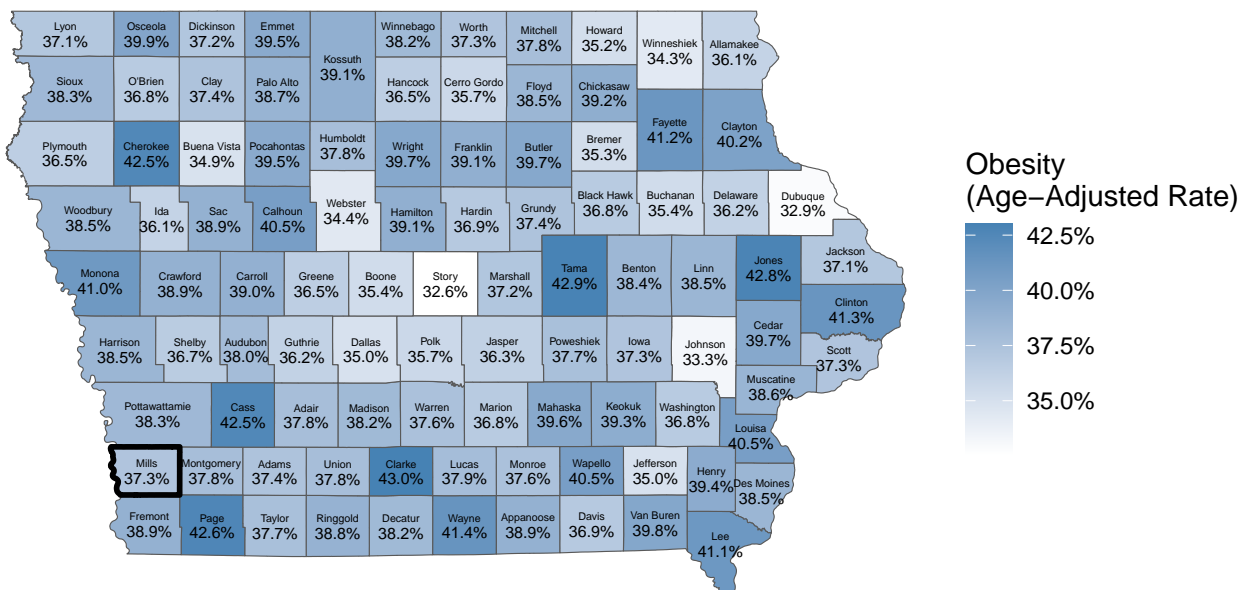
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Obesity

Obesity among adults aged >=18 years



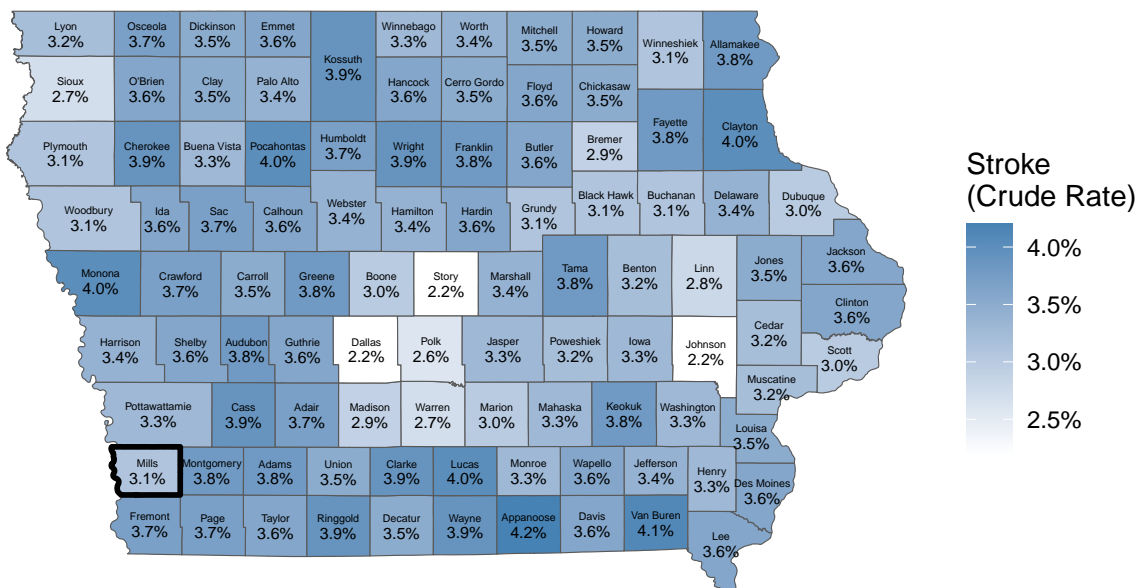
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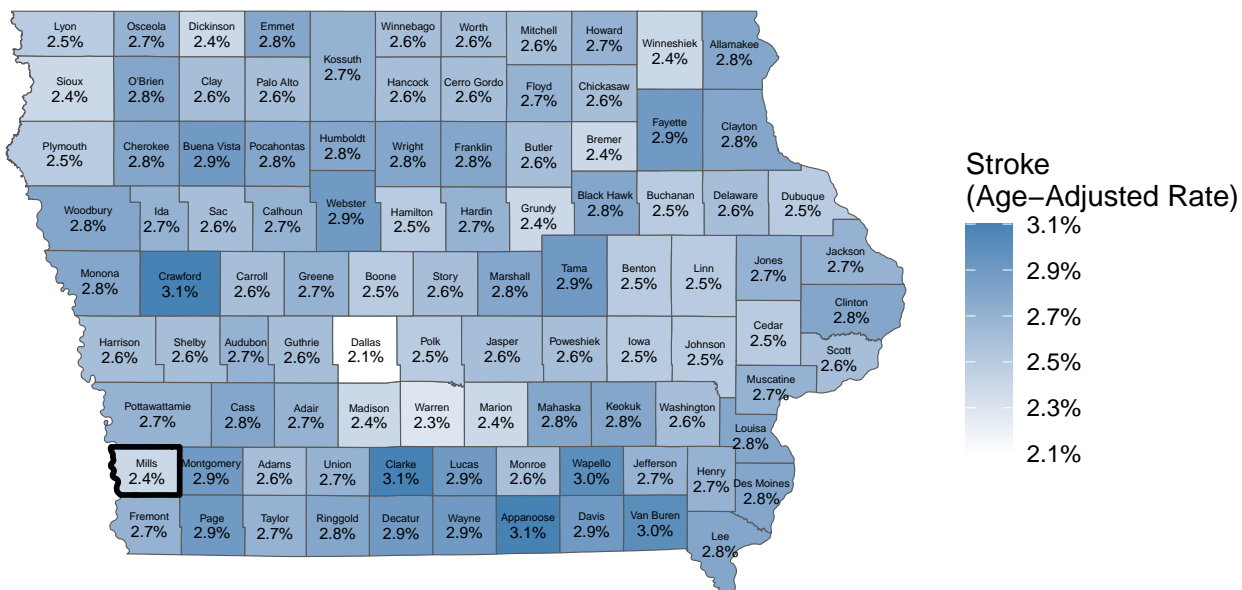
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Stroke

Stroke among adults aged ≥ 18 years



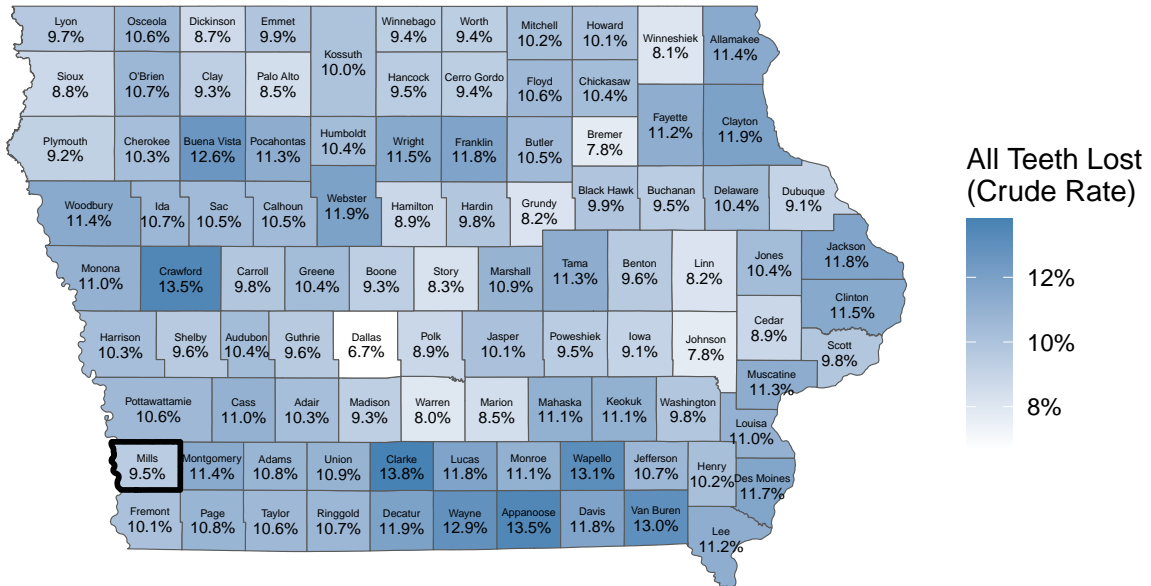
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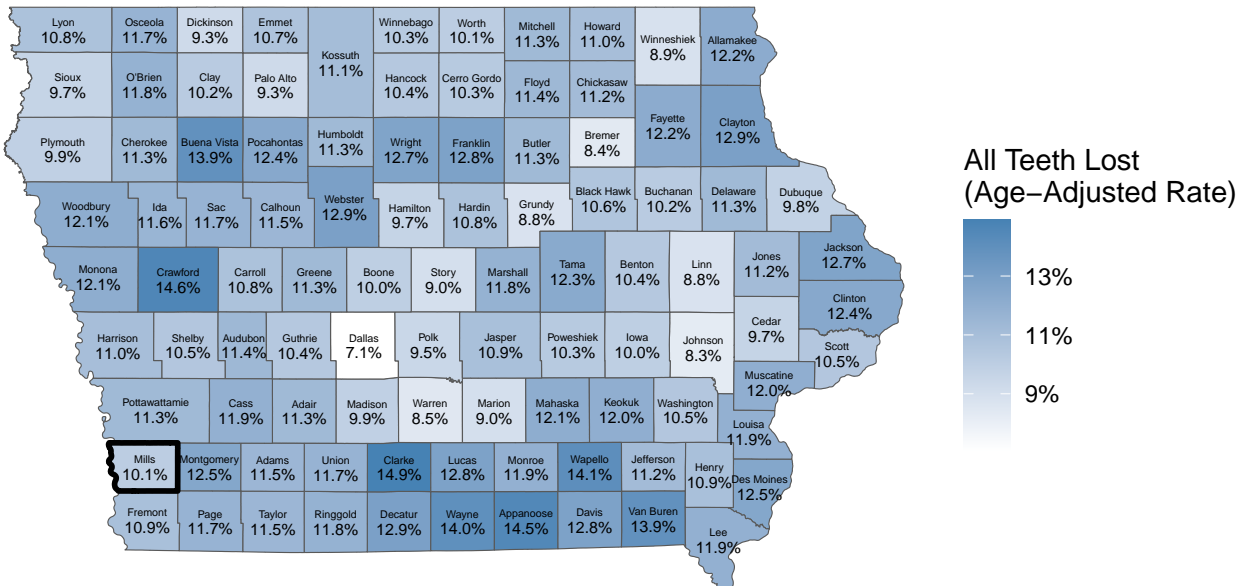
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All Teeth Lost

All teeth lost among adults aged ≥ 65 years



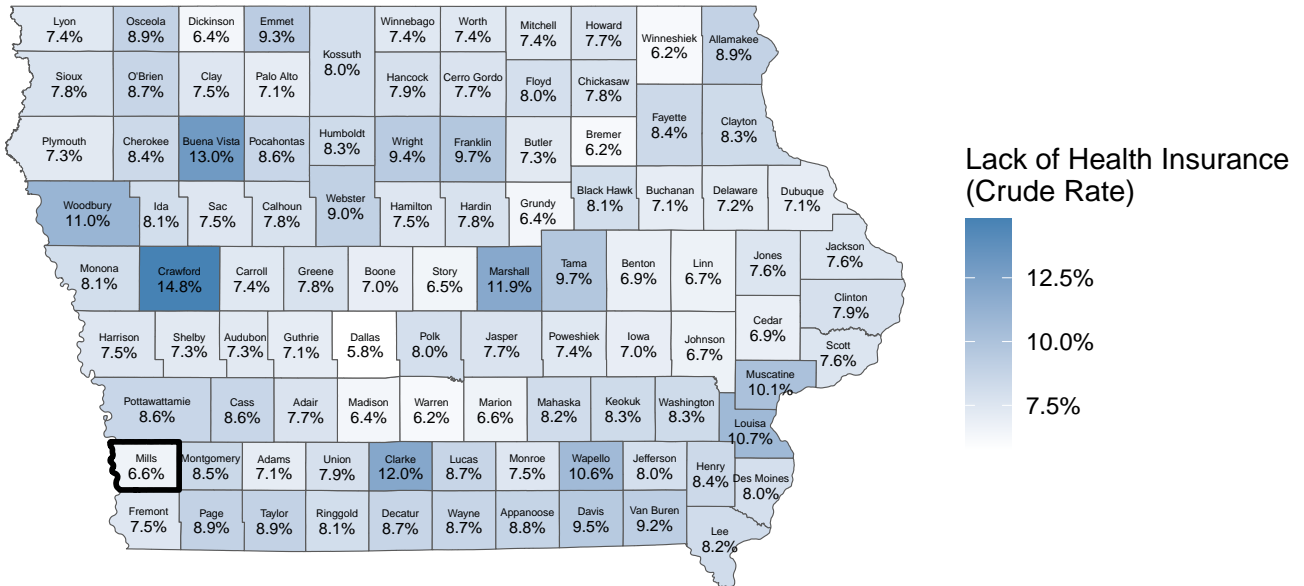
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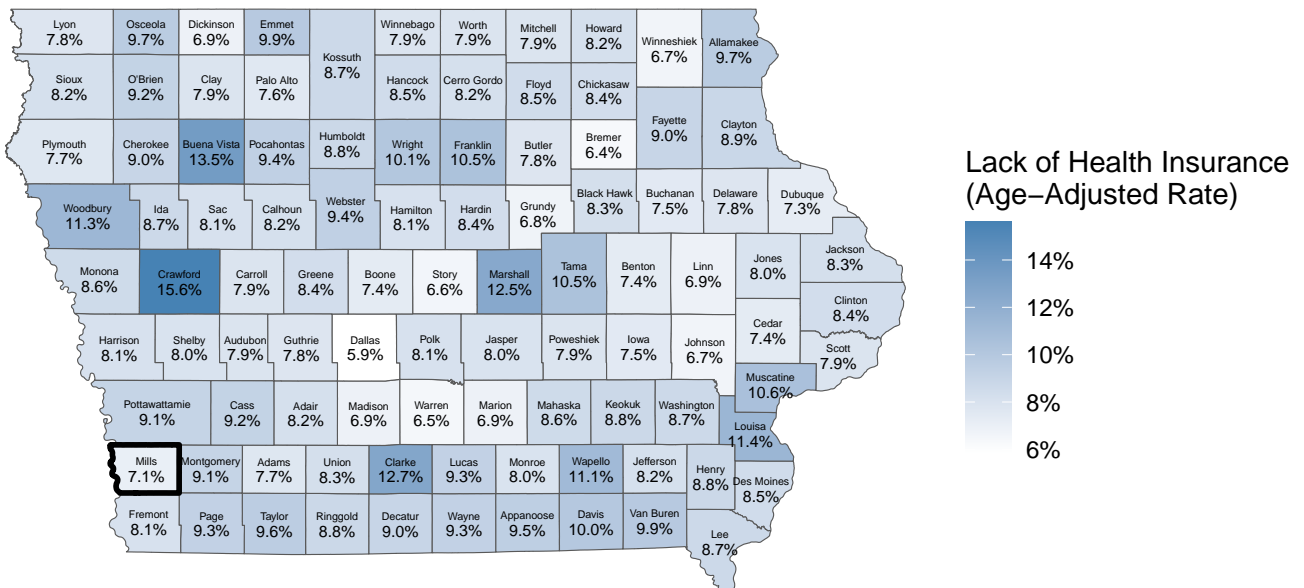
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Lack of Health Insurance

Current lack of health insurance among adults aged 18–64 years



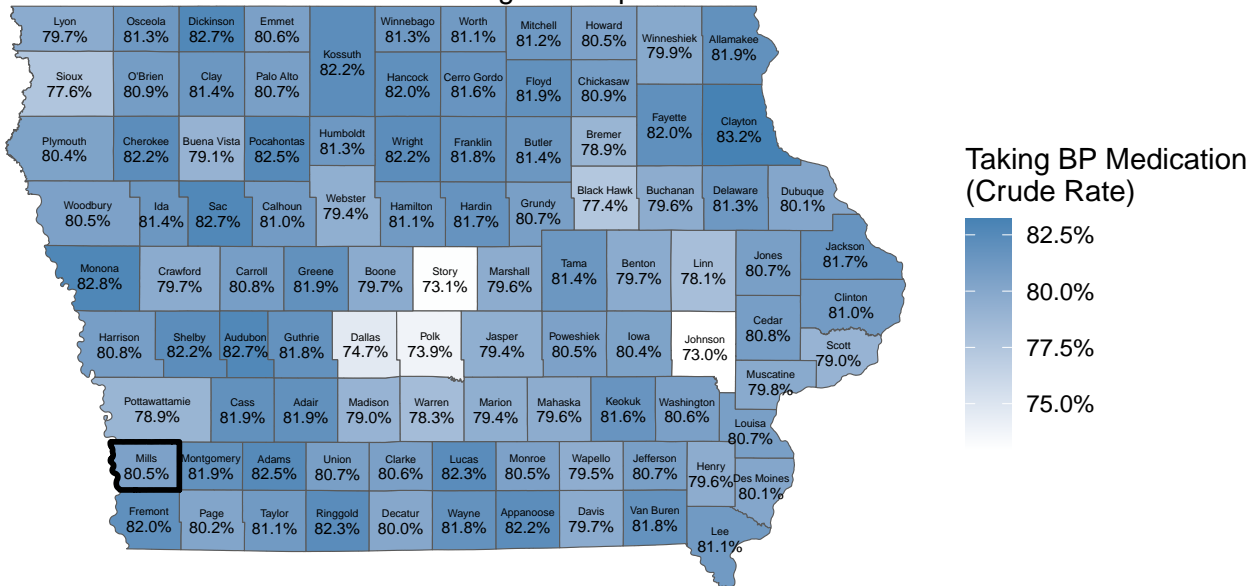
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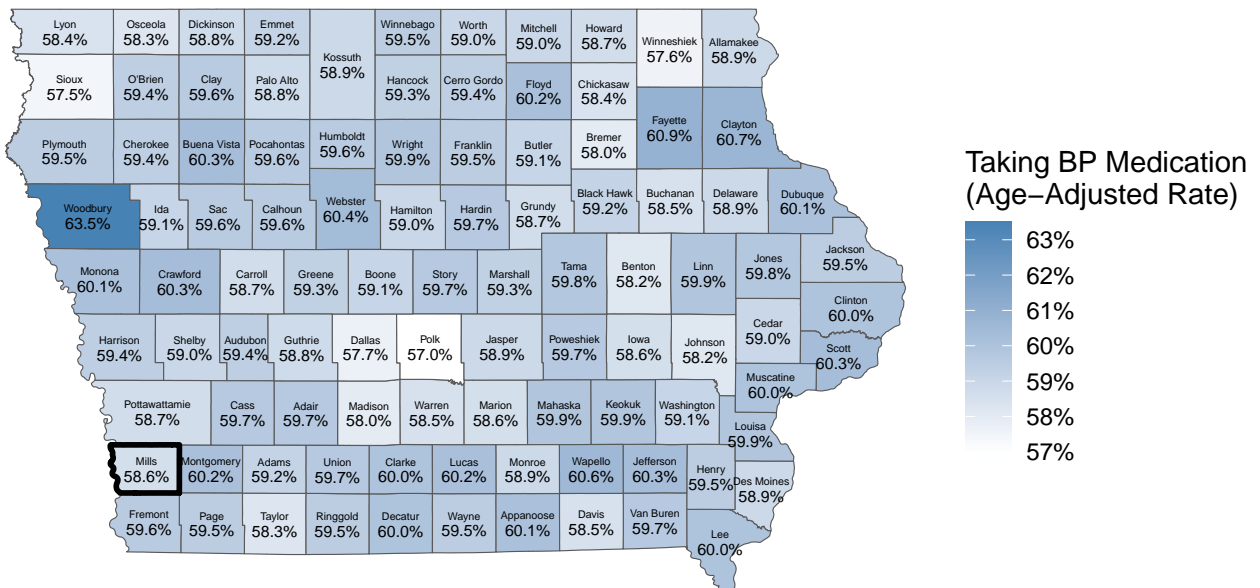
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Taking BP Medication

Taking medicine for high blood pressure control among adults aged ≥ 18 years with high blood pressure



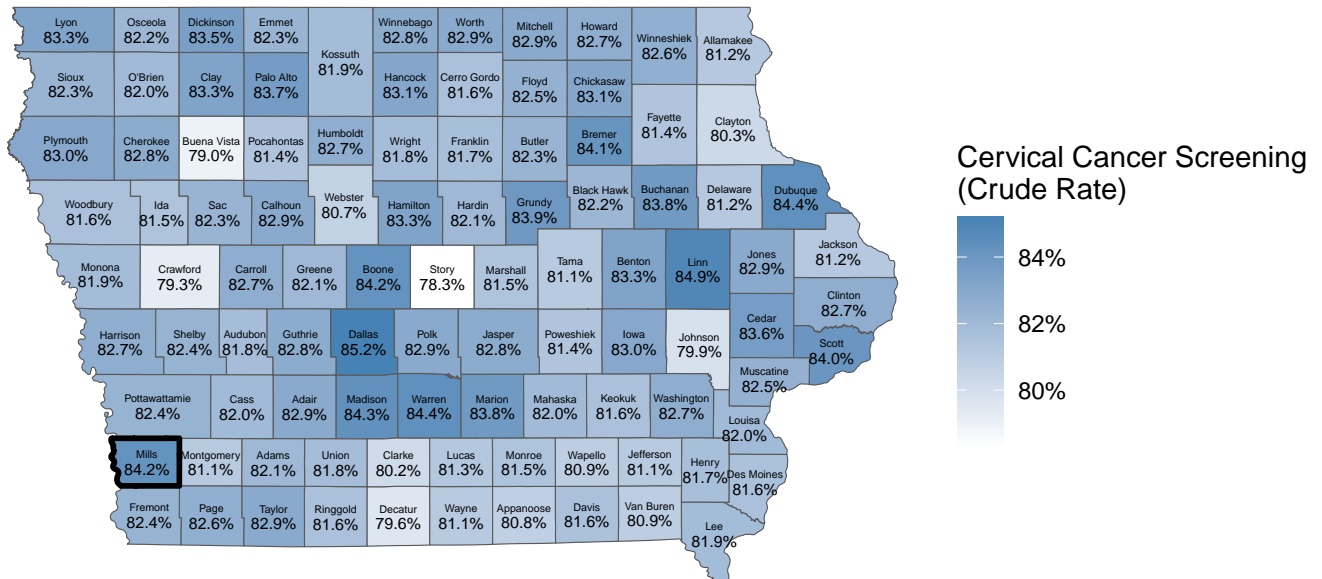
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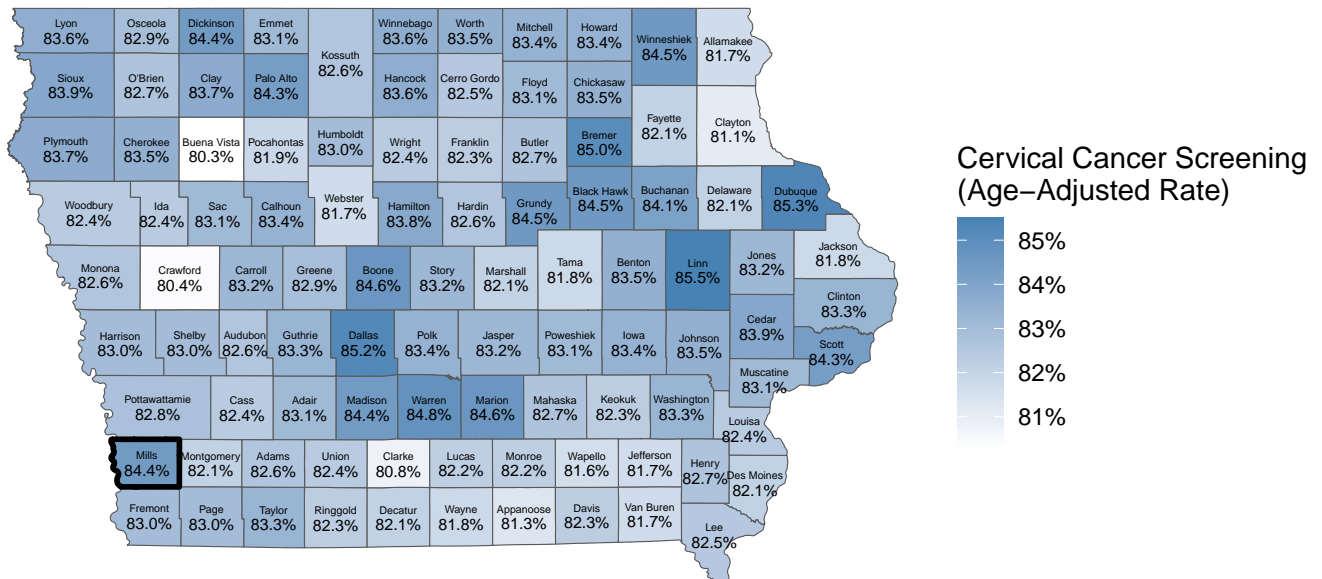
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Cervical Cancer Screening

Cervical cancer screening among adult women aged 21–65 years



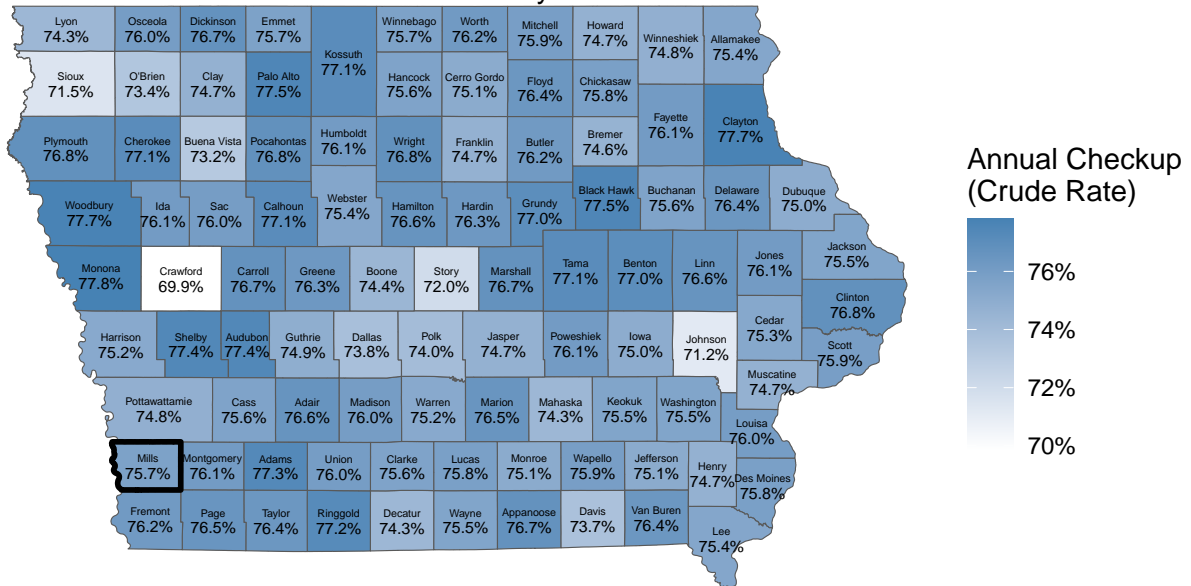
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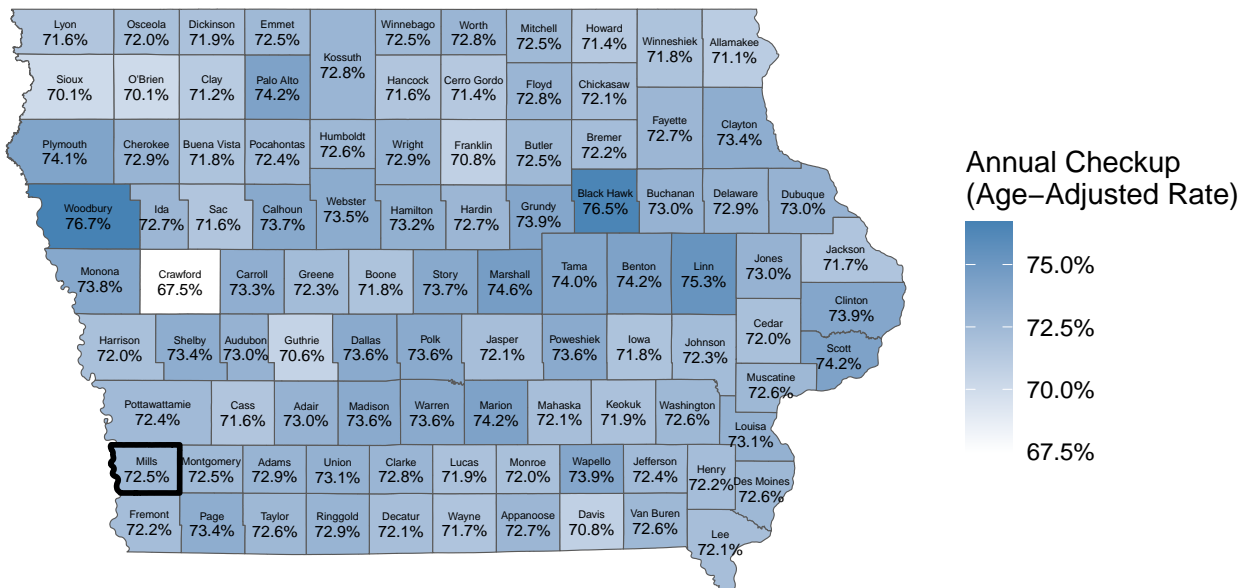
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Annual Checkup

Visits to doctor for routine checkup within the past year among adults aged ≥ 18 years



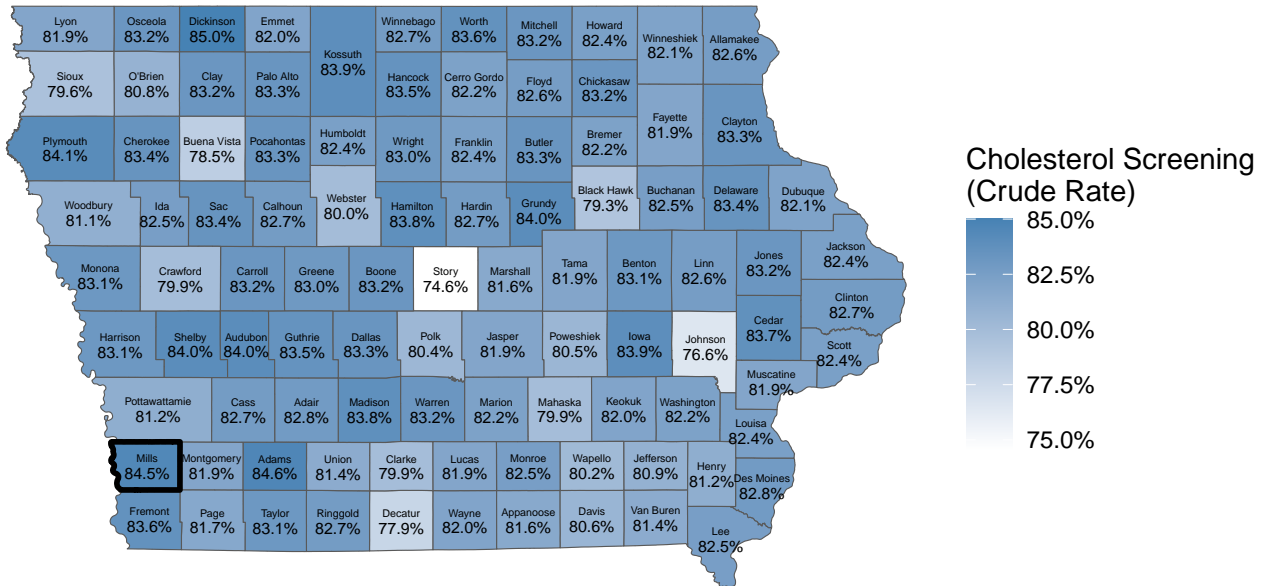
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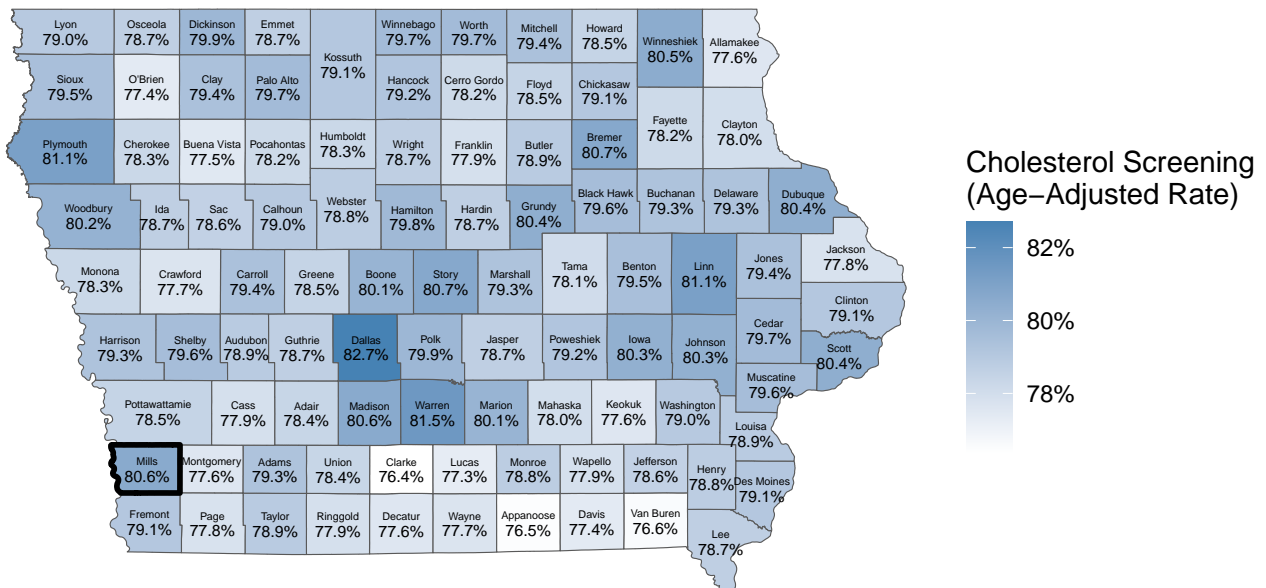
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Cholesterol Screening

Cholesterol screening among adults aged ≥ 18 years



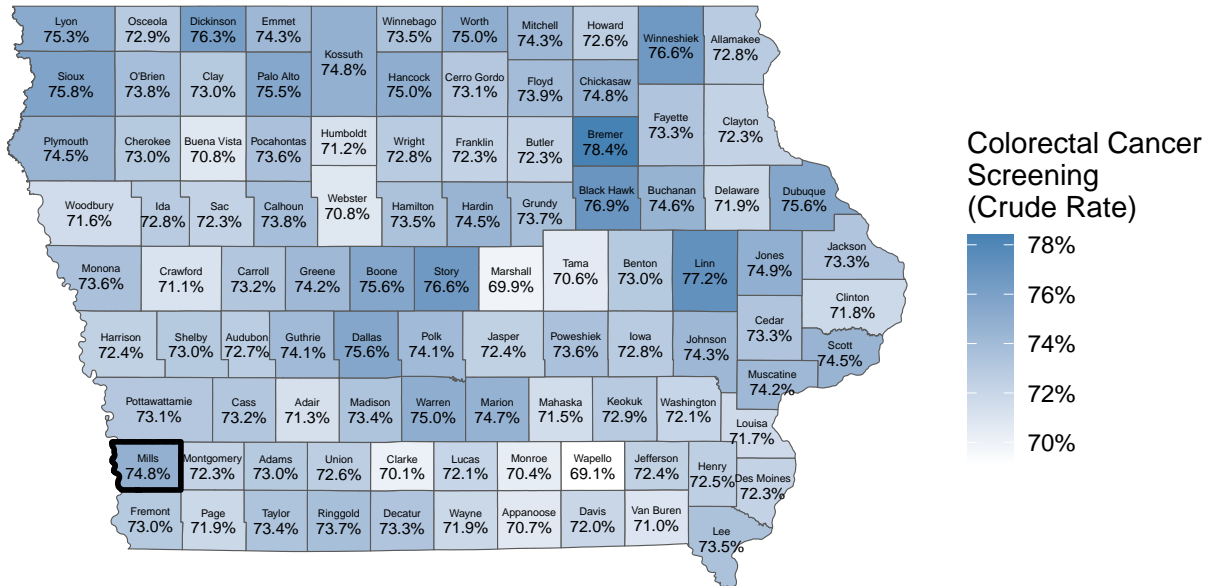
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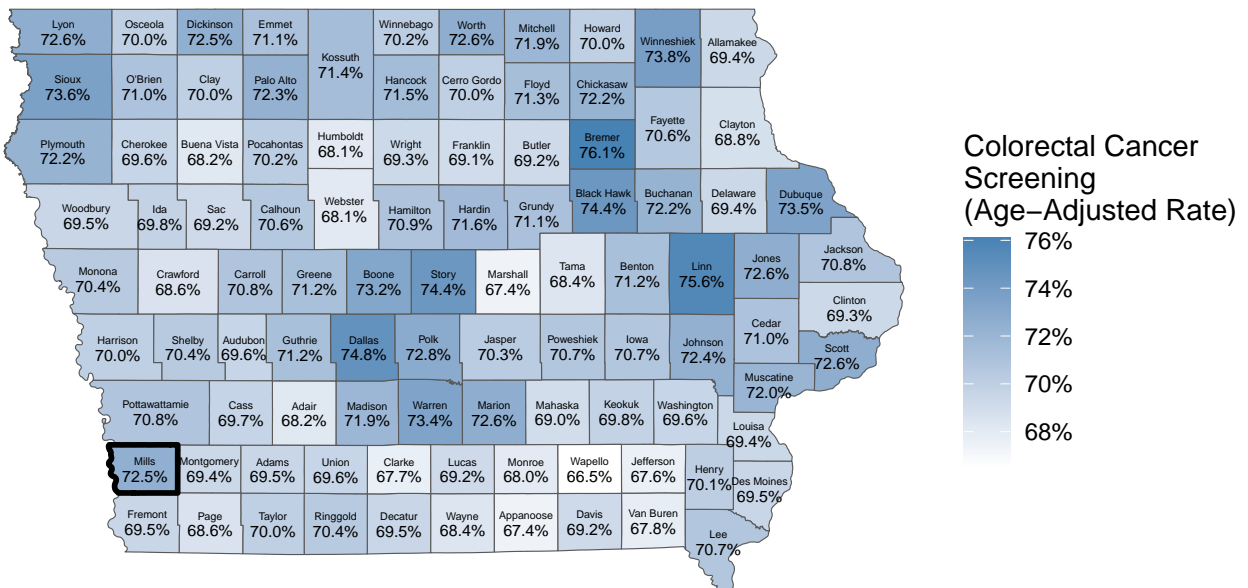
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Colorectal Cancer Screening

Colorectal cancer screening among adults aged 50–75 years



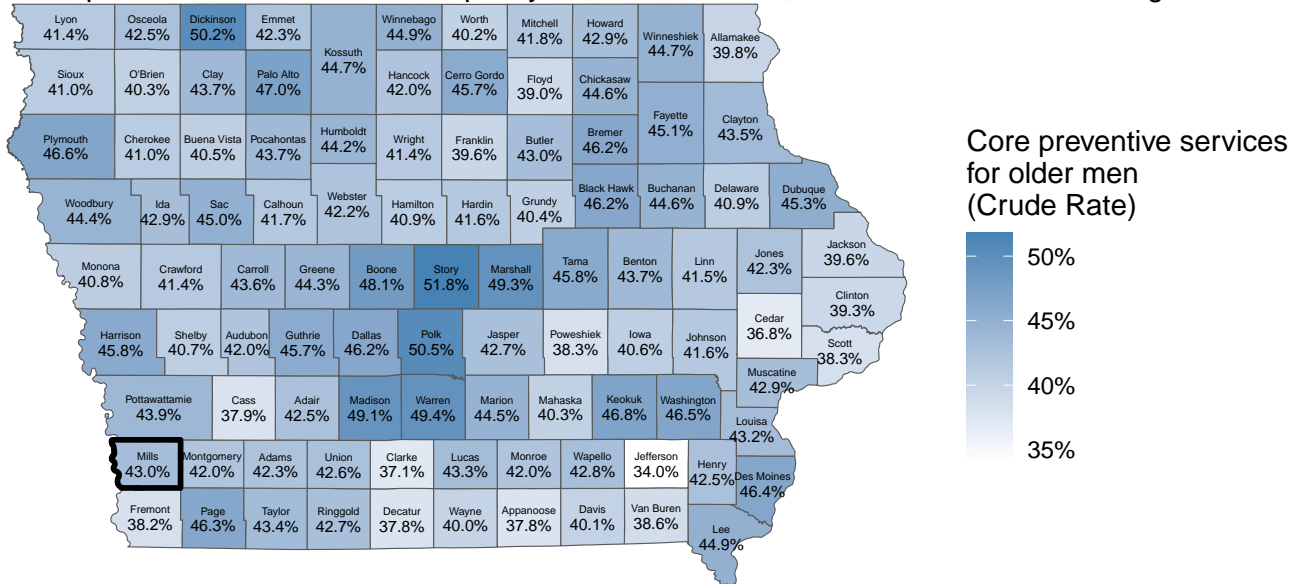
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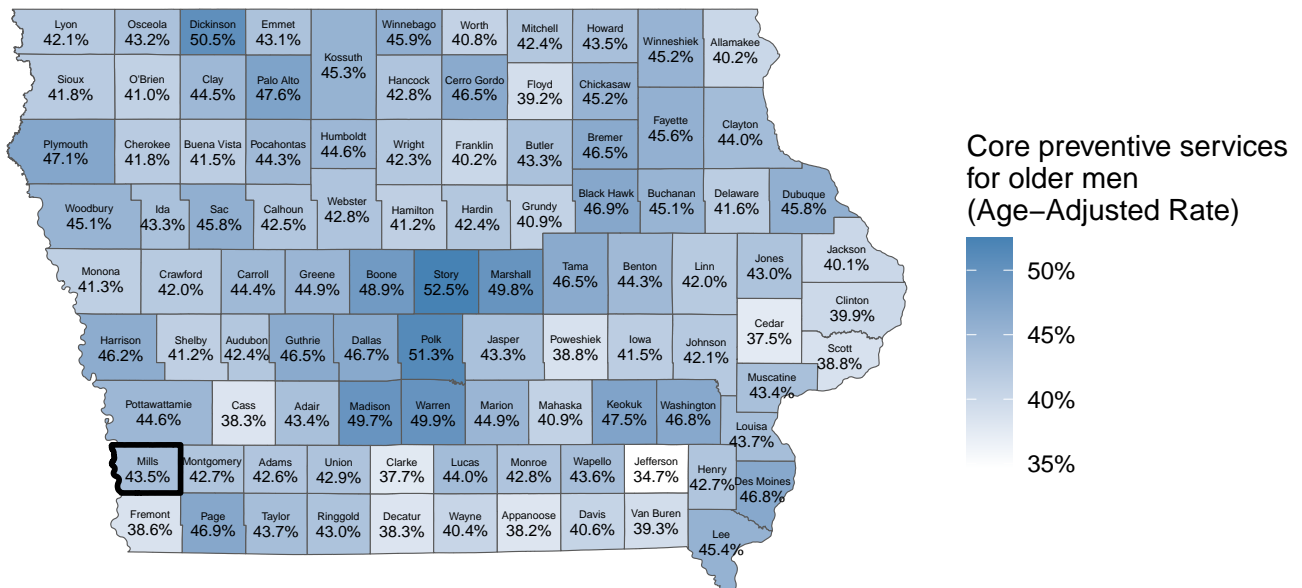
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Core preventive services for older men

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



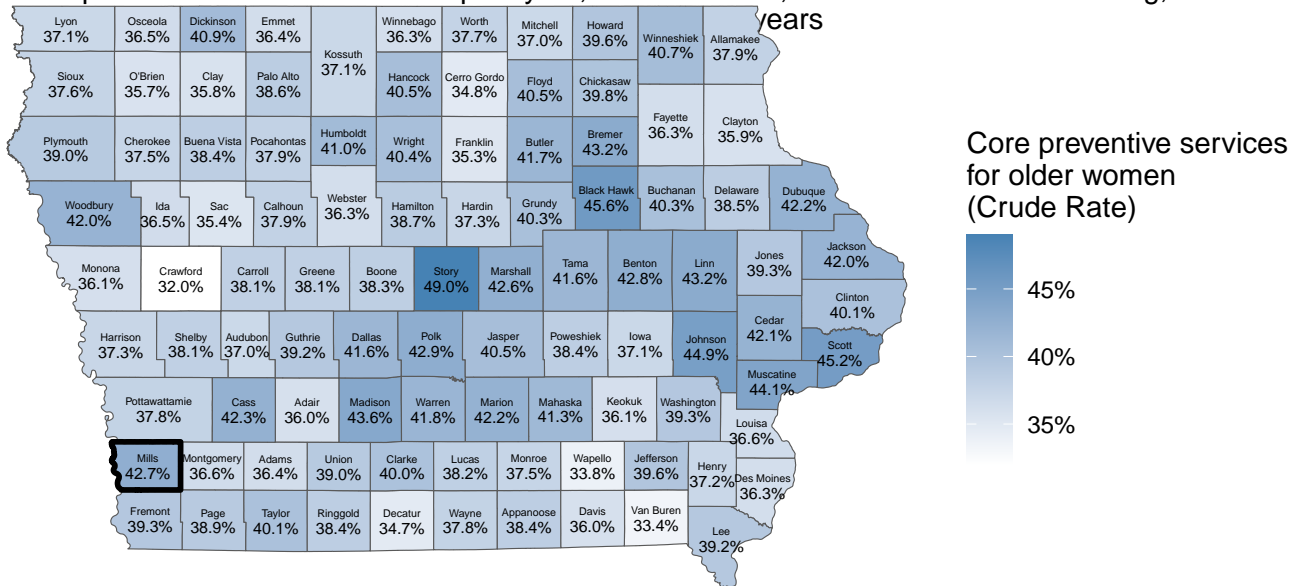
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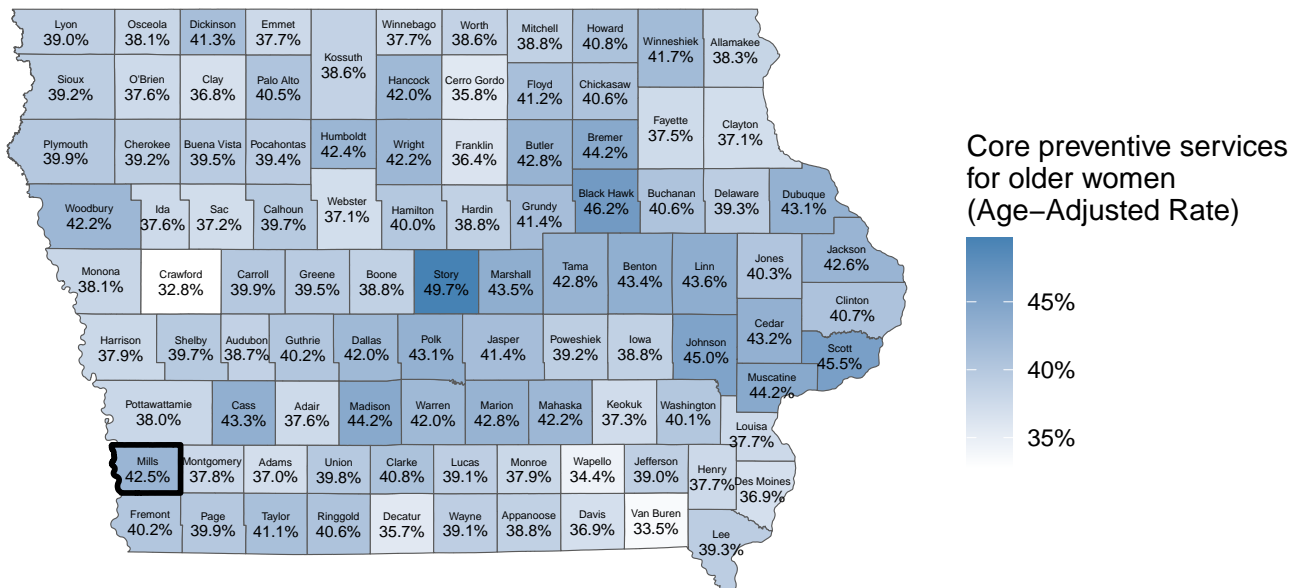
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Core preventive services for older women

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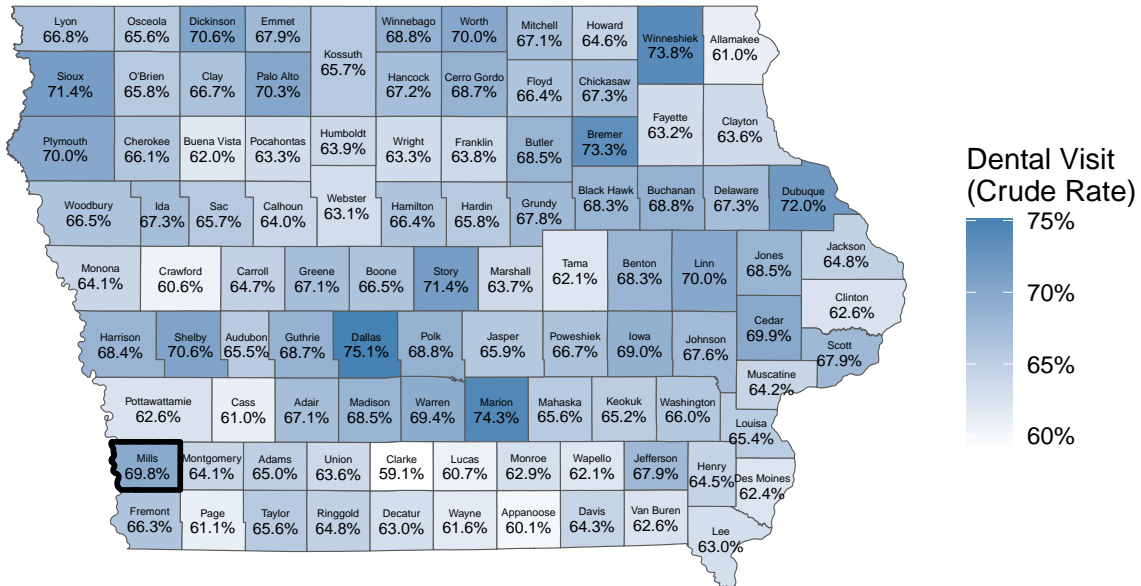
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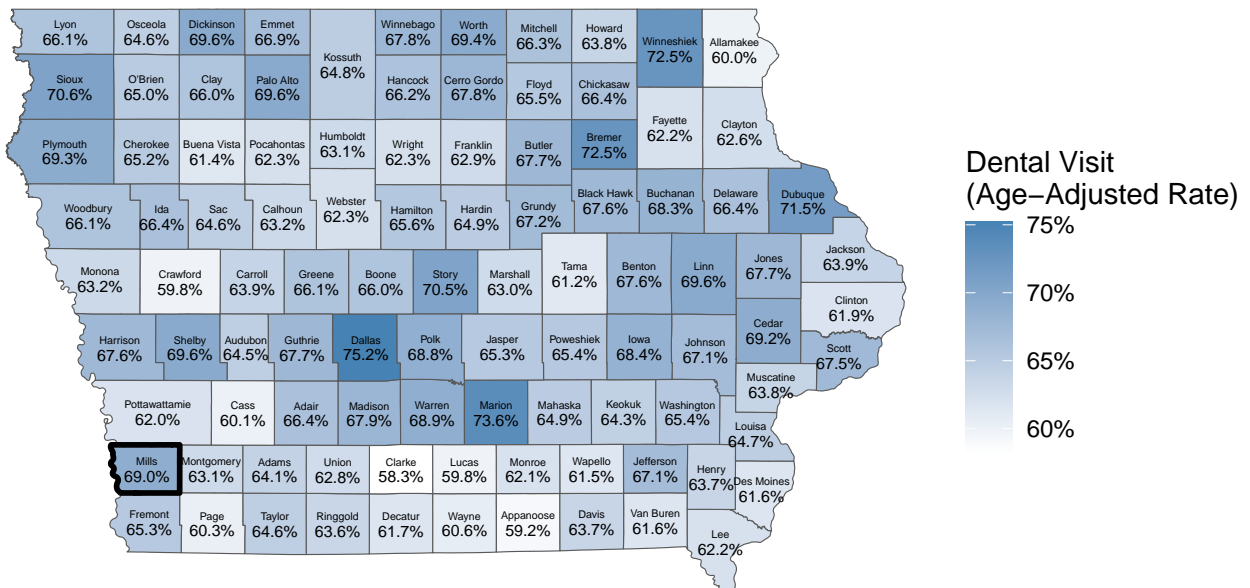
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Dental Visit

Visits to dentist or dental clinic among adults aged >=18 years



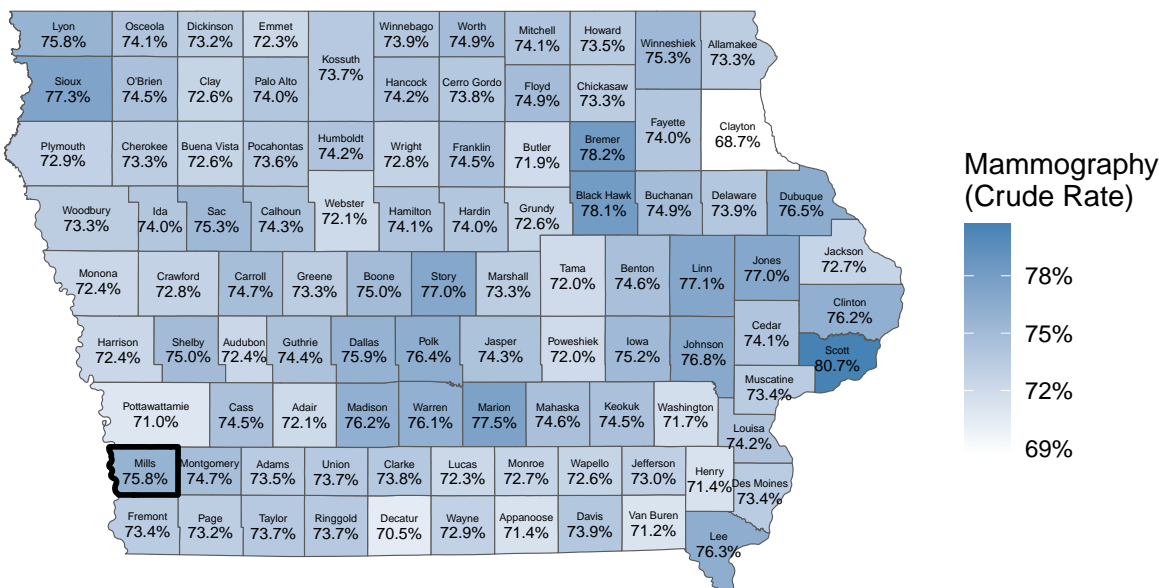
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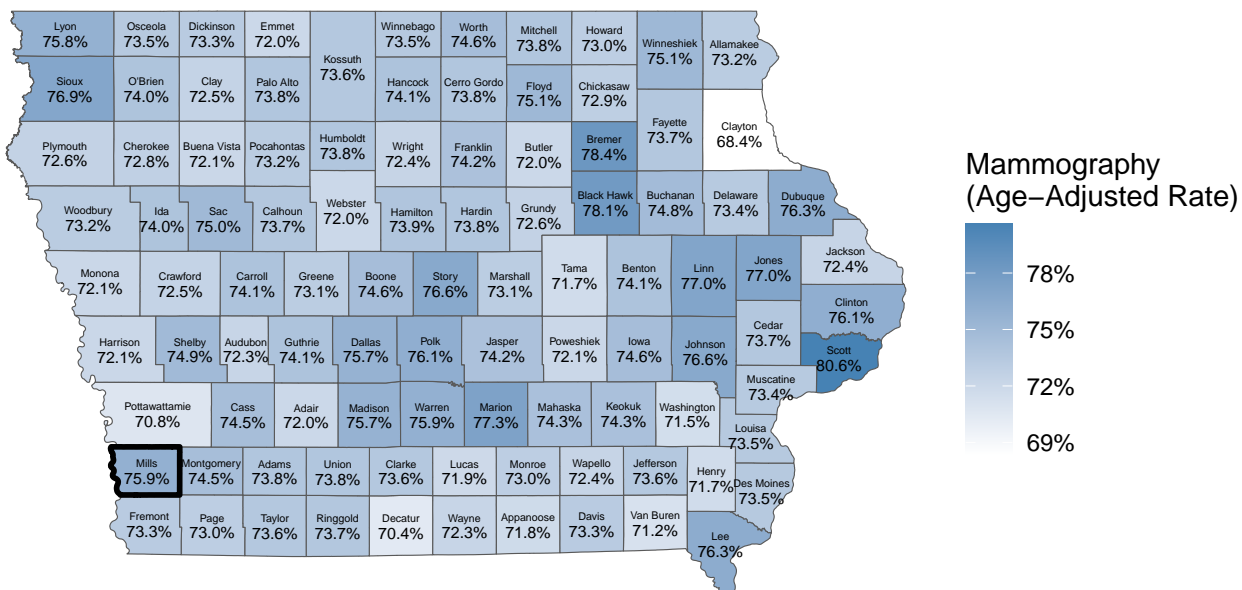
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Mammography

Mammography use among women aged 50–74 years



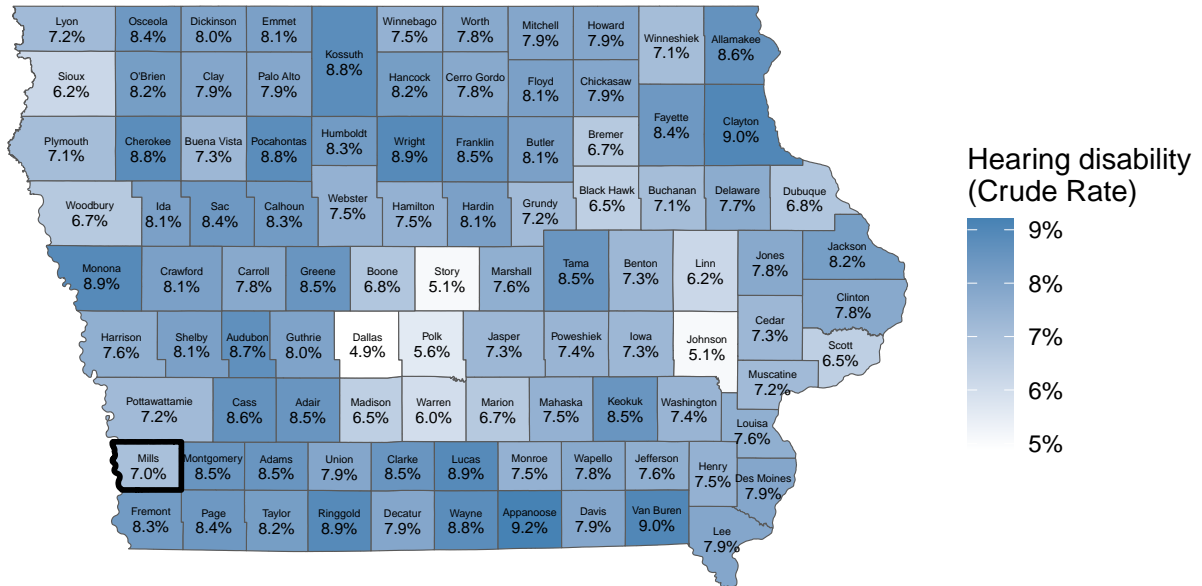
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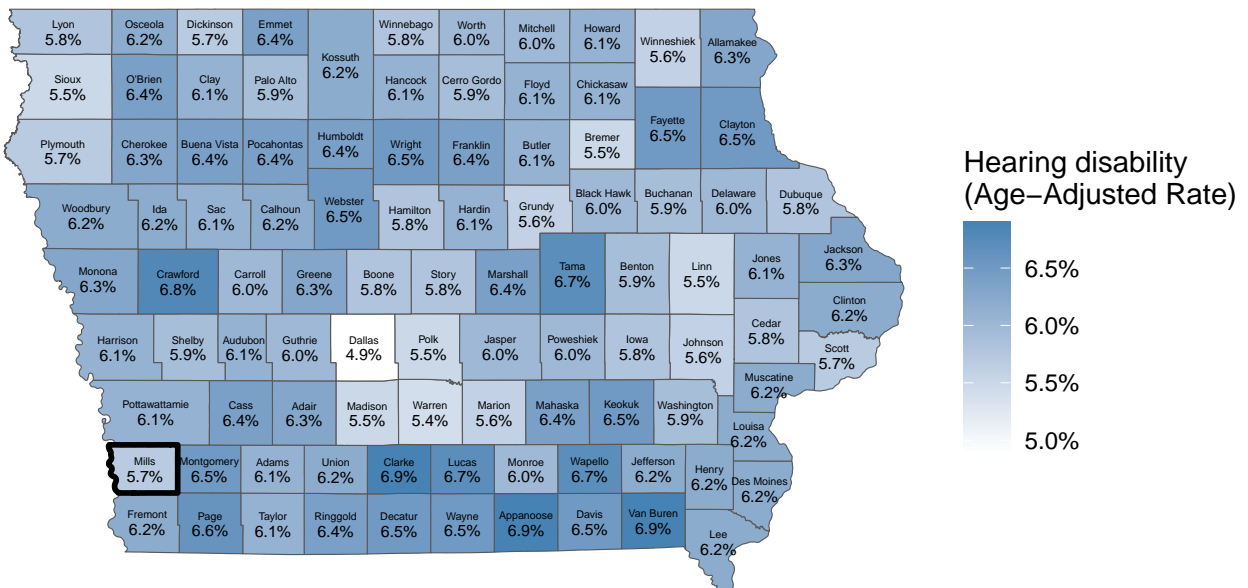
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Hearing disability

Hearing disability among adults aged ≥ 18 years



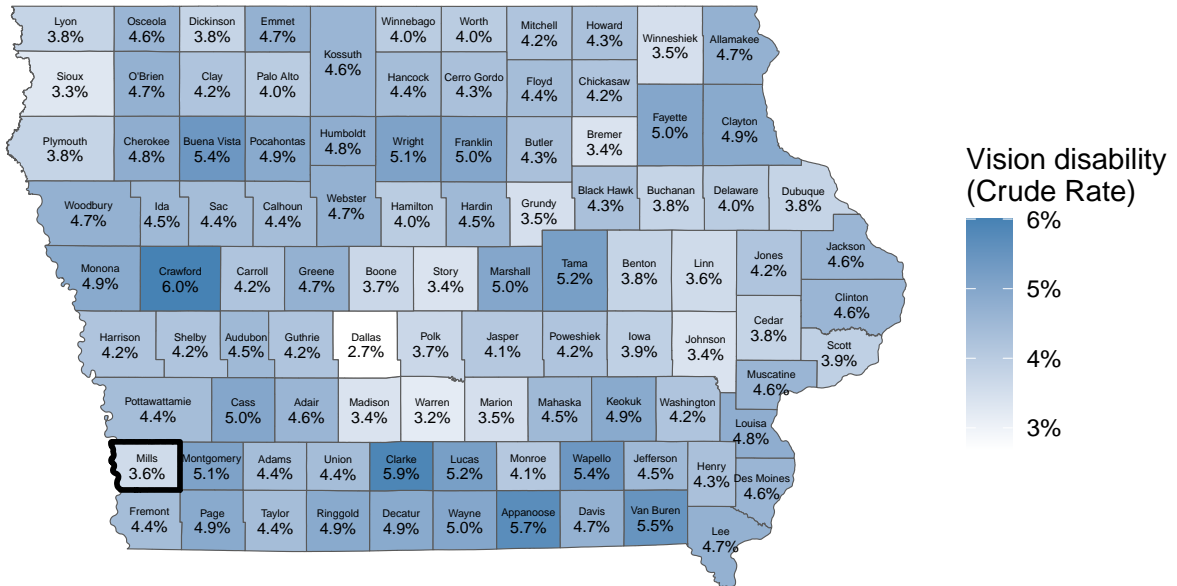
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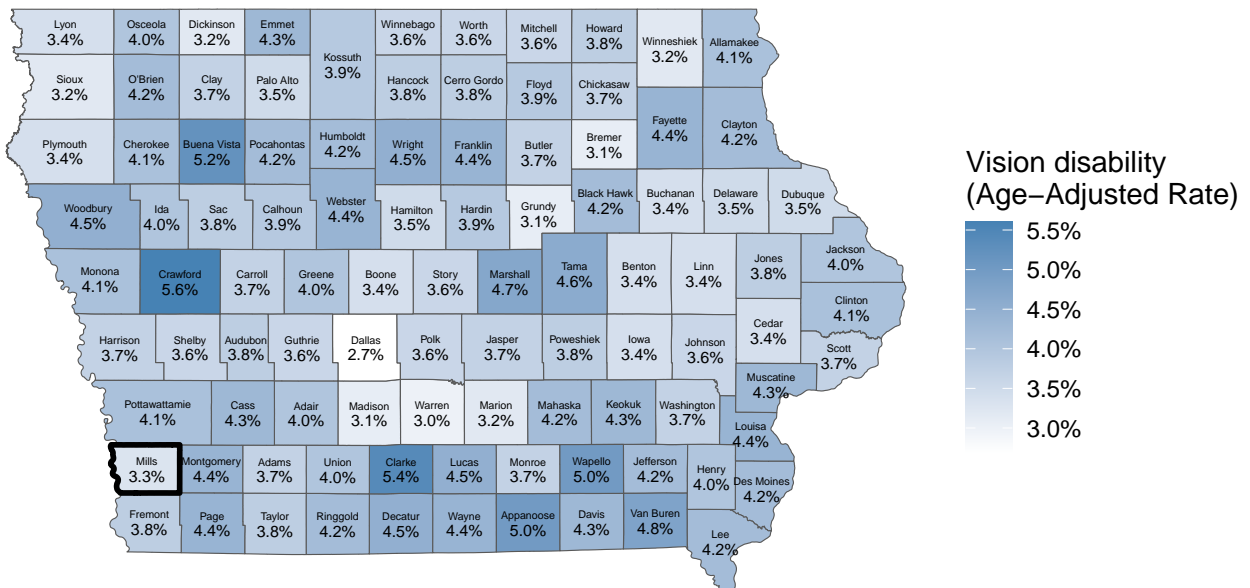
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Vision disability

Vision disability among adults aged >=18 years



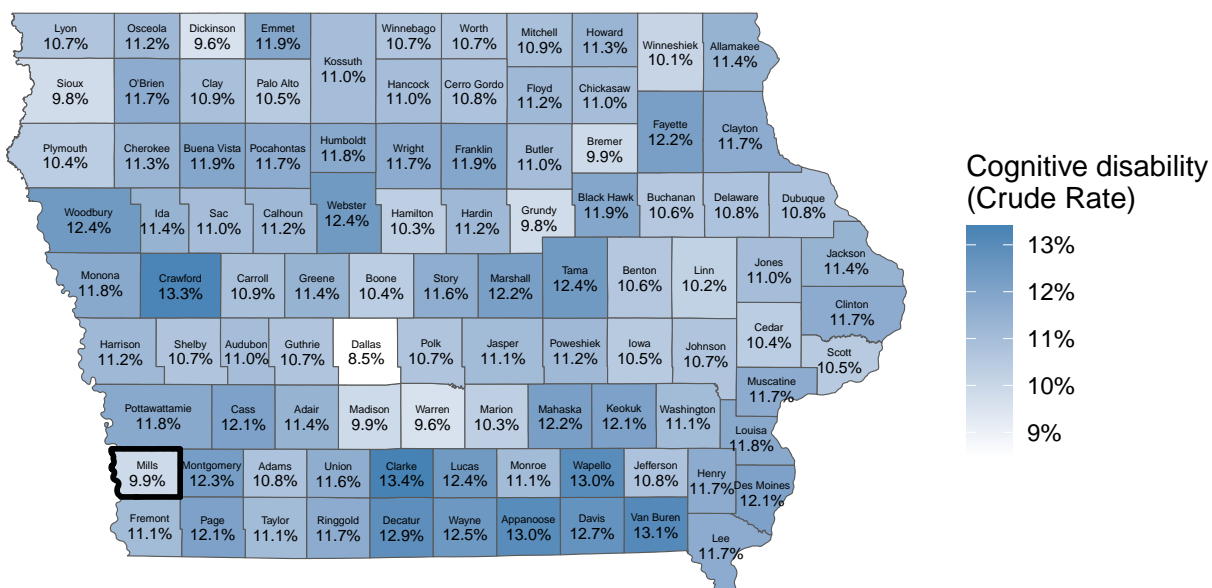
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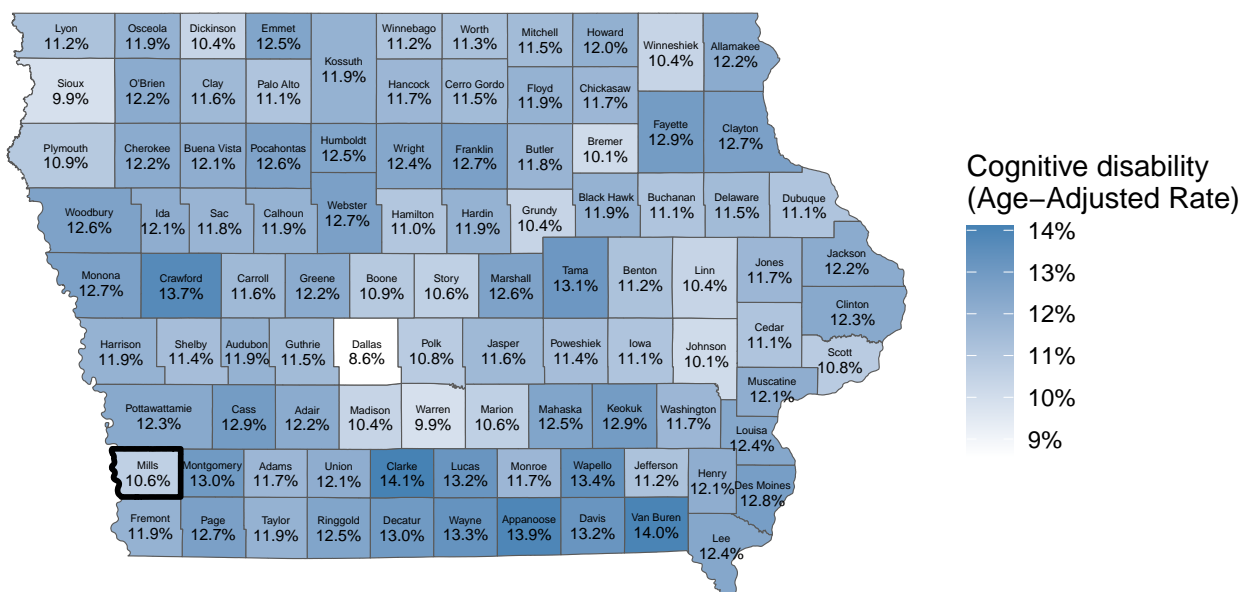
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Cognitive disability

Cognitive disability among adults aged >=18 years



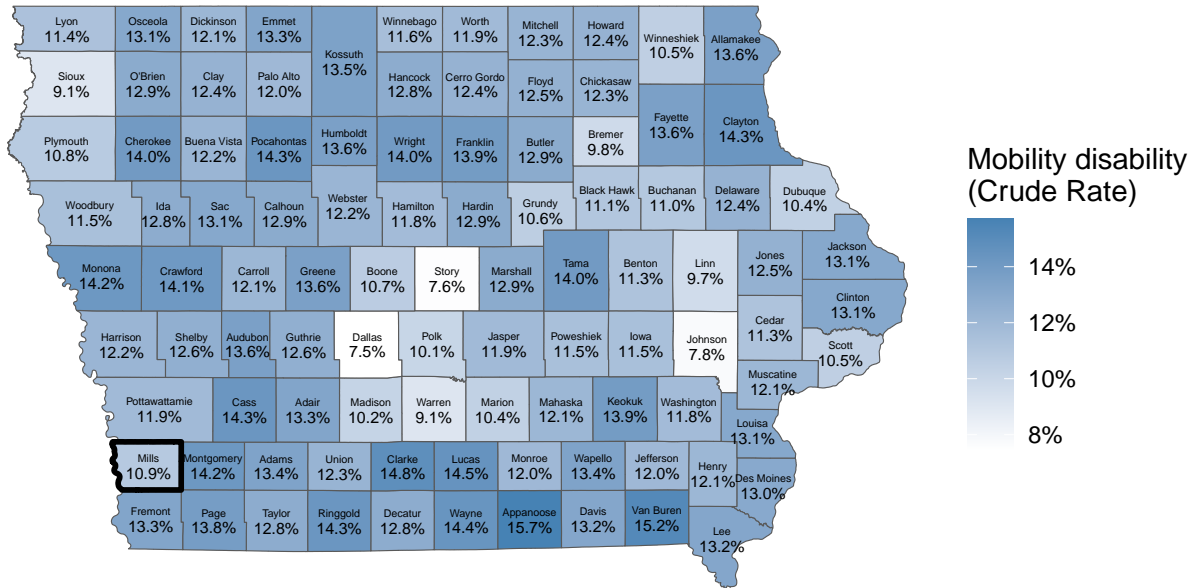
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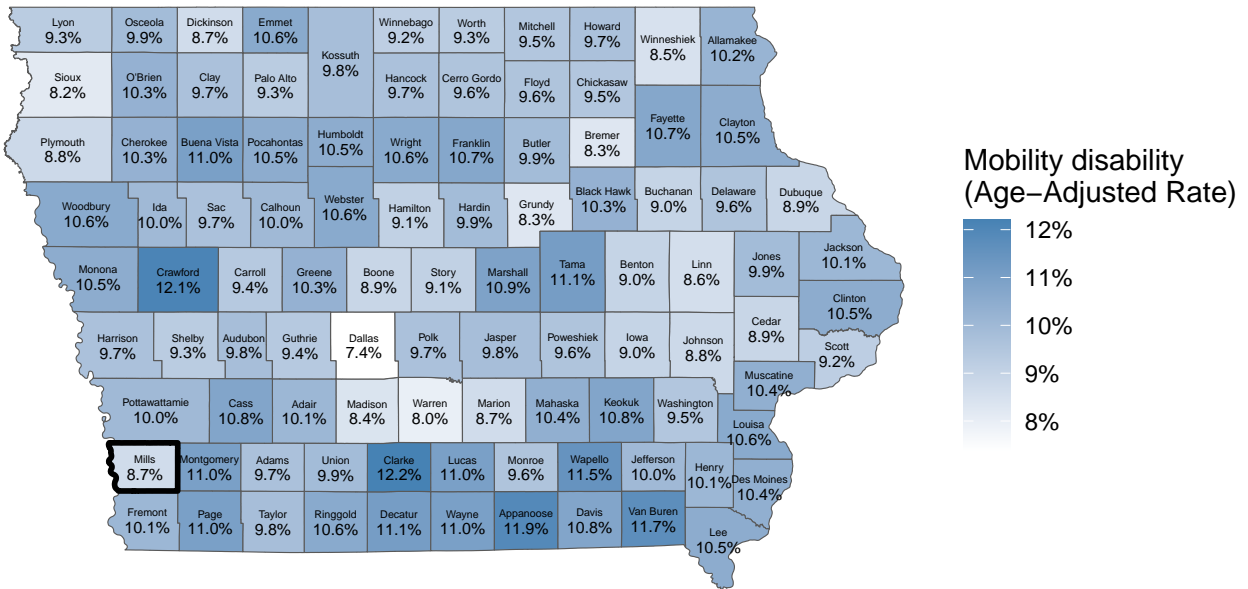
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Mobility disability

Mobility disability among adults aged ≥ 18 years



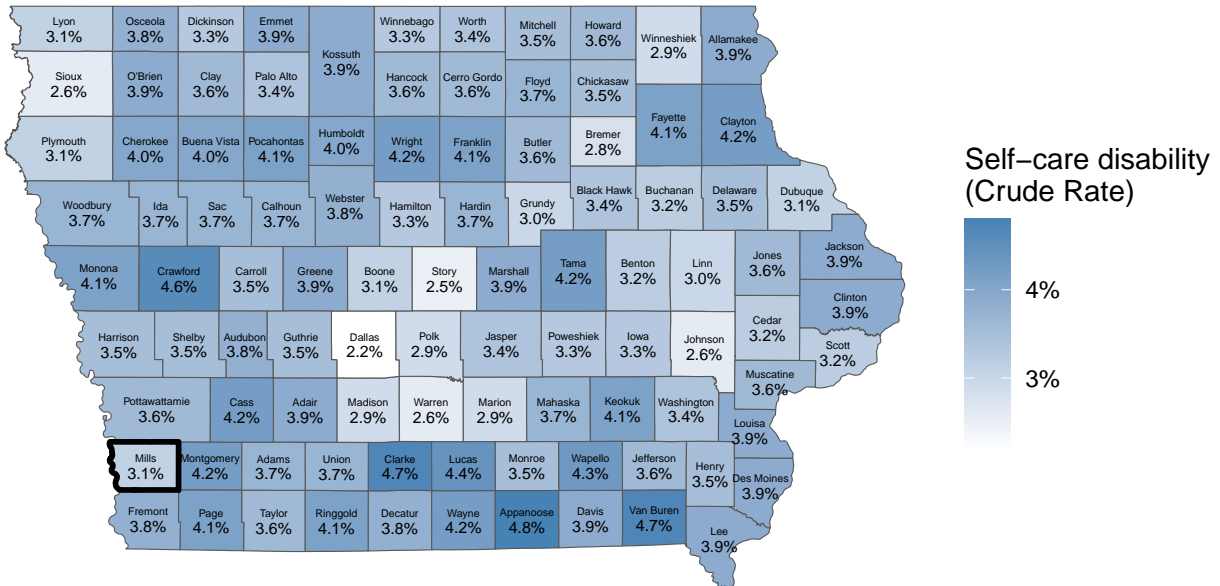
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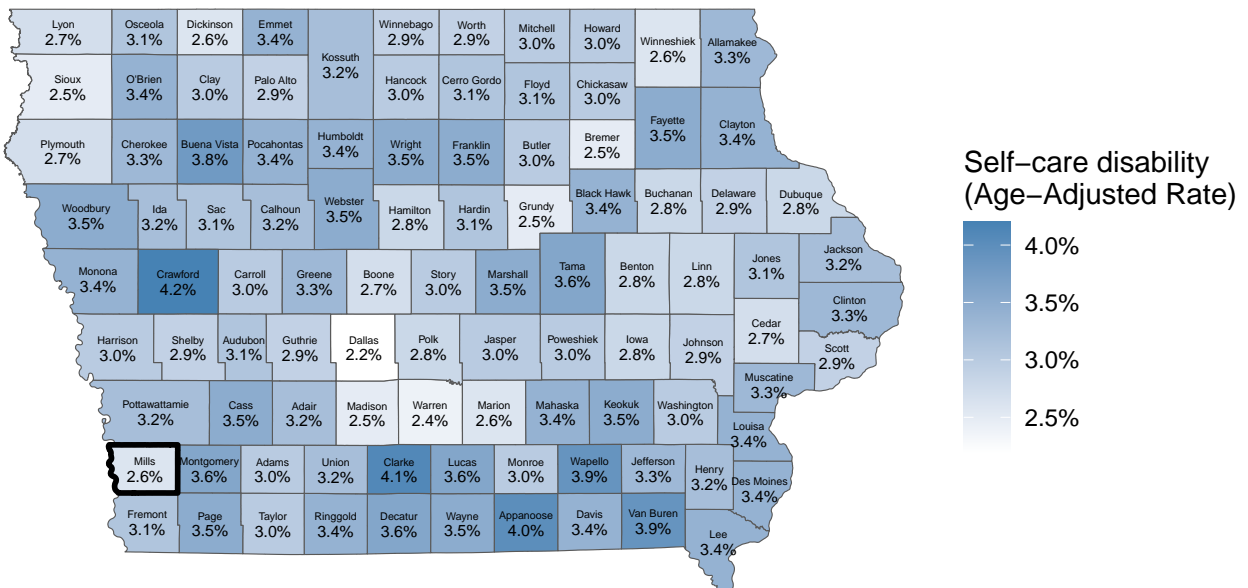
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Self-care disability

Self-care disability among adults aged >=18 years



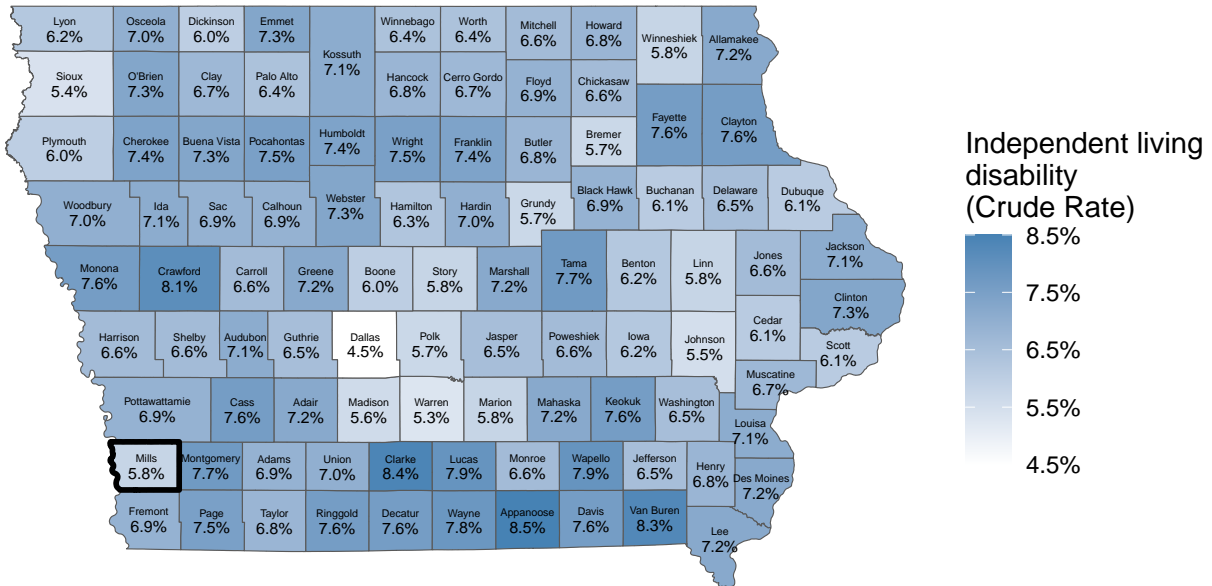
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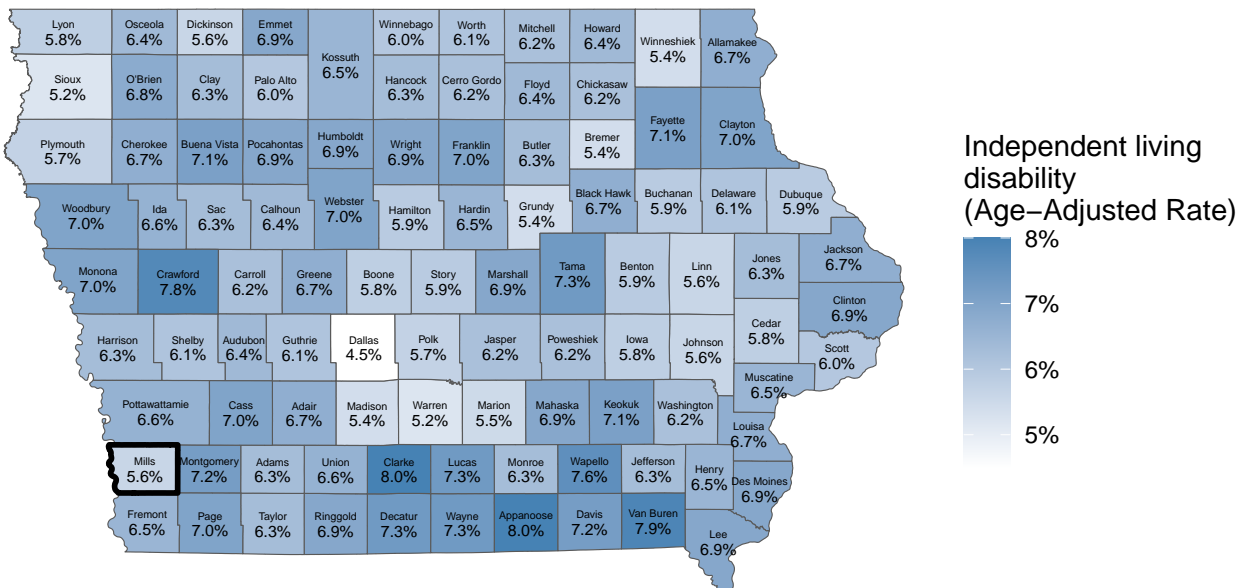
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Independent living disability

Independent living disability among adults aged ≥ 18 years



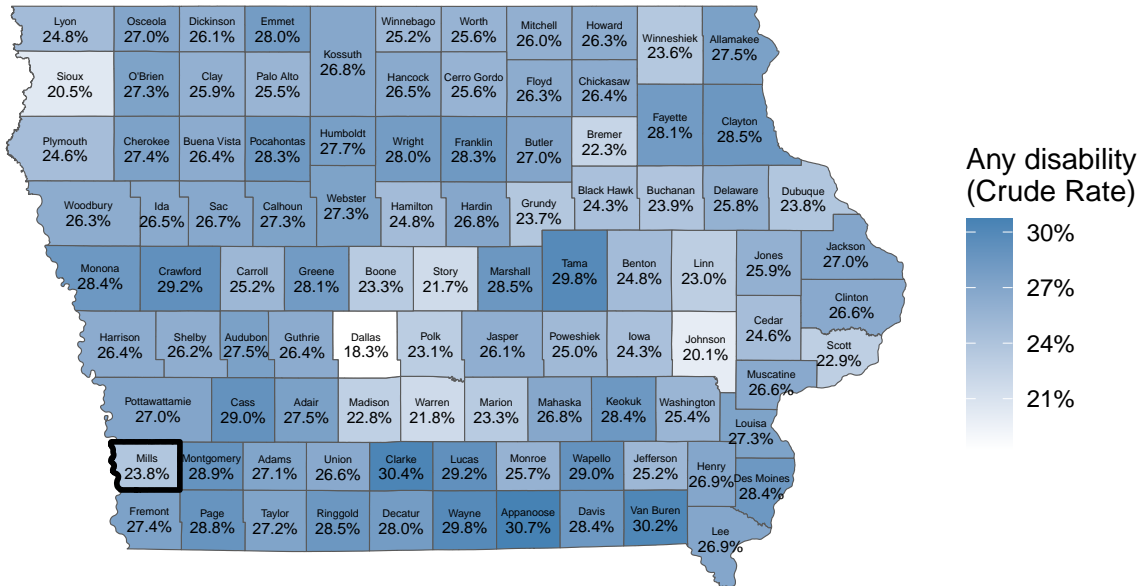
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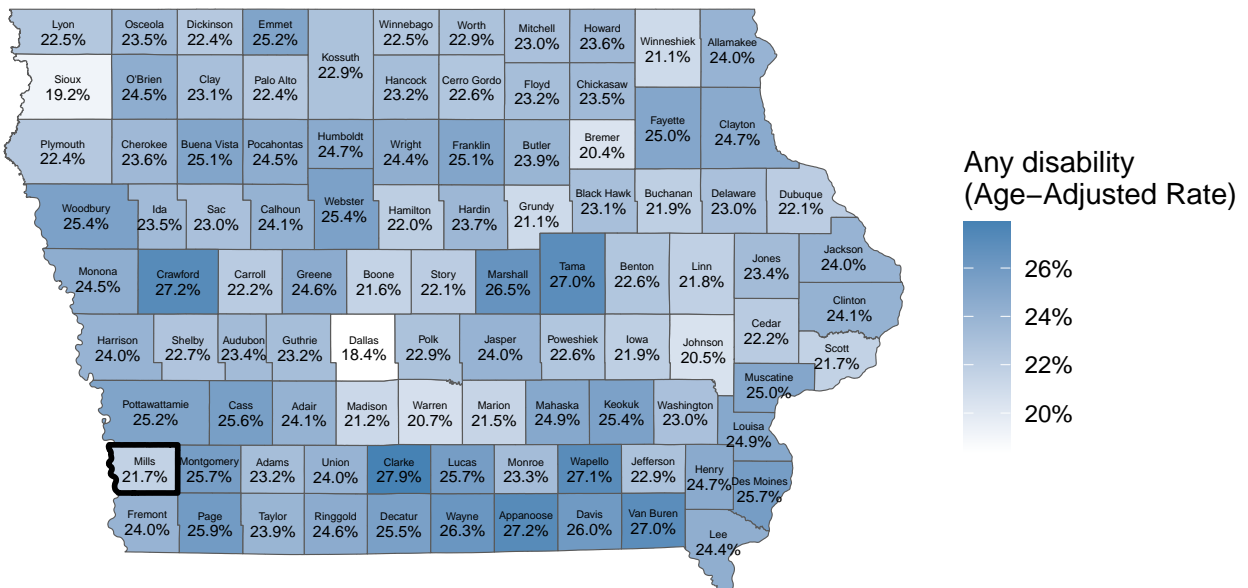
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Any disability

Any disability among adults aged >=18 years



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