

Iowa County Health Snapshot Series

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Health in O'Brien County: Overview

Dear Community Members & Stakeholders of O'Brien 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 O'Brien County ranks across various health measures compared to the rest of the state and similarly-sized counties. This comparison allows us to identify O'Brien 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 O'Brien 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	Rural County Rank	Health Domain	Statewide County Rank	Rural County Rank
Depression	12th	10th	Cancer (except skin)	8th	4th
Obesity	22nd	11th	Depression	13th	7th
Sleep <7 hours	26th	14th	High Blood Pressure	24th	13th
High Blood Pressure	28th	9th	Obesity	24th	12th
Mammography	31st	12th	Binge Drinking	29th	18th

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	Rural County Rank	Health Domain	Statewide County Rank	Rural County Rank
Annual Checkup	94th	61st	Annual Checkup	97th	61st
Core preventive services for older women	92nd	58th	Cholesterol Screening	94th	58th
Cholesterol Screening	85th	57th	Core preventive services for older women	82nd	51st
Core preventive services for older men	80th	48th	Core preventive services for older men	79th	48th
Health Insurance	76th	46th	Health Insurance	75th	45th

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 O'Brien County.

Sincerely,

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How to Use this Report

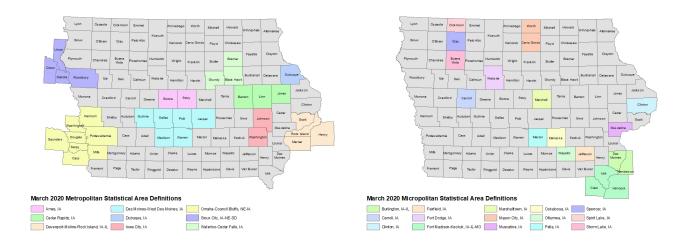
The purpose of the Iowa County Health Snapshot Series is to provide an overview of health in O'Brien County that can be used to help inform health-related interventions and programming. This report contains five sections, including the overall health status of O'Brien County, a review of risky behaviors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

With a population of 14,015, O'Brien County's similarly sized counties are defined as rural counties. In lowa, rural counties have an average population of 12,547, and there are 63 counties that are considered rural 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

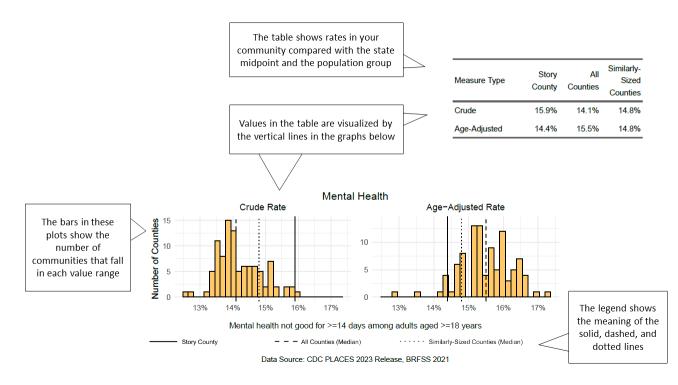
The counties included in each category above are determined by the United States Office of Management and Budget. Iowa has counties in nine metropolitan statistical areas and 15 micropolitan statistical areas. The counties identified as metropolitan and micropolitan can be found in the link and the maps 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 lowa 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 lowa 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

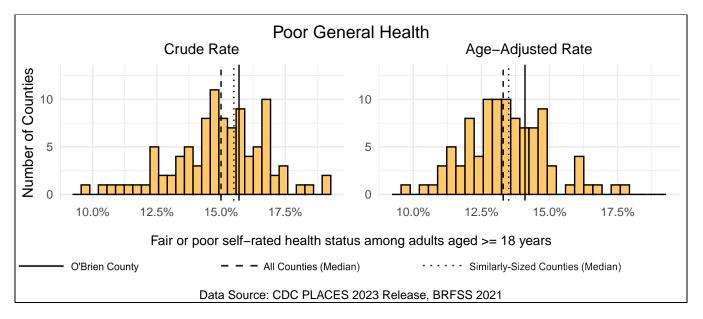
This section reflects measures for overall health, including general, physical, and mental health. These measures are a valuable way to see a simple summary of the health of a country's population. The questions to calculate these measures ask respondents to evaluate their health status. General health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

O'Brien County has a crude rate of 15.7% for fair or poor self-rated health status among adults aged >= 18 years, which ranks 66th out of 99 lowa counties (36th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for O'Brien County is 14.1%, which ranks 67th out of 99 lowa counties (40th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

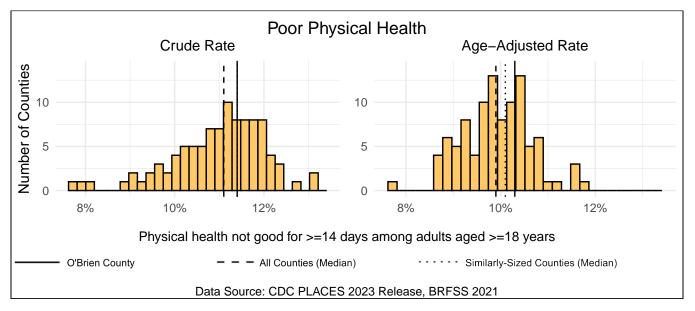
Measure Type	O'Brien County	All Counties	Similarly- Sized Counties
Crude	15.7%	15.0%	15.5%
Age-Adjusted	14.1%	13.3%	13.5%



Poor Physical Health

O'Brien County has a crude rate of 11.4% for physical health not good for >=14 days among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 62nd out of 99 lowa counties (31st out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for O'Brien County is 10.3%, which ranks 67th out of 99 lowa counties (40th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

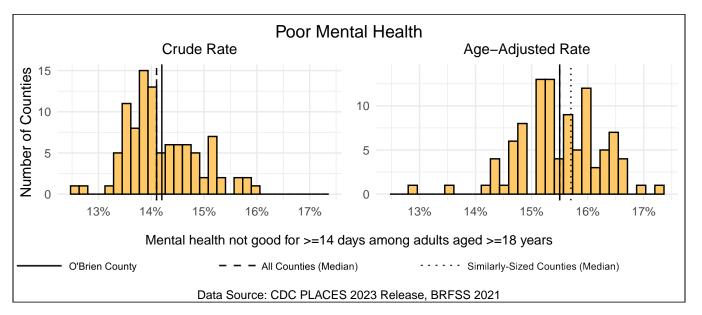
Measure Type	O'Brien County	All Counties	Similarly- Sized Counties
Crude	11.4%	11.1%	11.4%
Age-Adjusted	10.3%	9.9%	10.1%



Poor Mental Health

O'Brien County has a crude rate of 14.2% for mental health not good for >=14 days among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 56th out of 99 lowa counties (37th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for O'Brien County is 15.5%, which ranks 49th out of 99 lowa counties (24th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

Measure Type	O'Brien County	All Counties	Similarly- Sized Counties
Crude	14.2%	14.1%	14.1%
Age-Adjusted	15.5%	15.5%	15.7%



Health Risk Behaviors

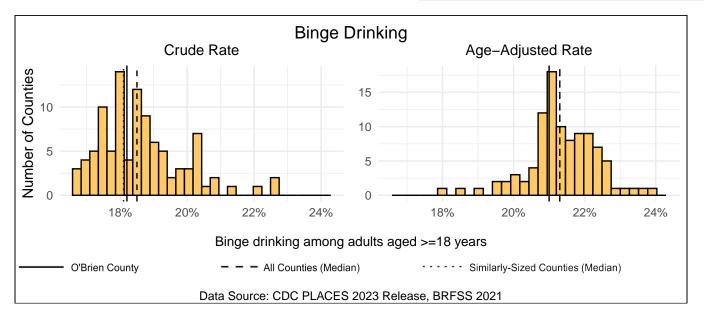
Health risk measures are measures of individual behaviors that can lead to poor health outcomes. These include binge drinking, current smoking, physical inactivity, and getting less than seven hours of nightly sleep. Risk behaviors are the most critical intervention points as they can help save lives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

O'Brien County has a crude rate of 18.2% for binge drinking among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 42nd out of 99 lowa counties (33rd out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for O'Brien County is 21.0%, which ranks 29th out of 99 lowa counties (18th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

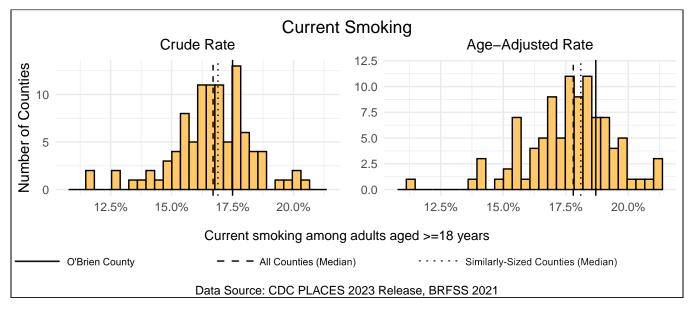
Measure Type	O'Brien County	All Counties	Similarly- Sized Counties
Crude	18.2%	18.5%	18.1%
Age-Adjusted	21.0%	21.3%	21.3%



Current Smoking

O'Brien County has a crude rate of 17.5% for current smoking among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 68th out of 99 lowa counties (42nd out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for O'Brien County is 18.7%, which ranks 73rd out of 99 lowa counties (42nd out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

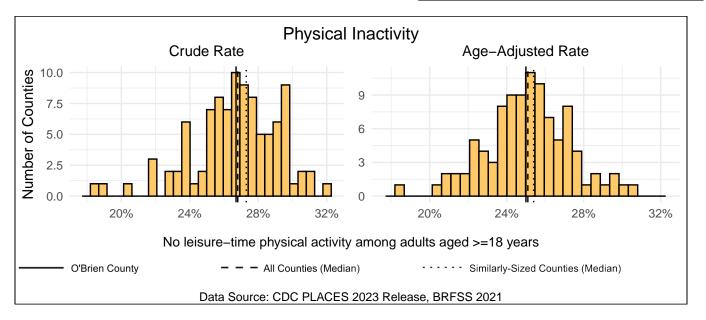
Measure Type	O'Brien County	All Counties	Similarly- Sized Counties
Crude	17.5%	16.7%	16.9%
Age-Adjusted	18.7%	17.8%	18.1%



Physical Inactivity

O'Brien County has a crude rate of 26.7% for no leisuretime physical activity among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 46th out of 99 lowa counties (23rd out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for O'Brien County is 25.0%, which ranks 47th out of 99 lowa counties (25th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

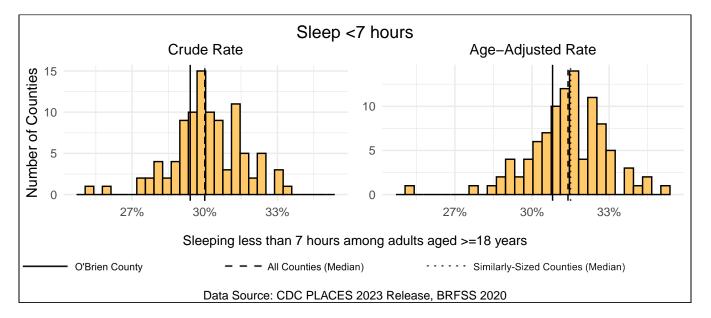
Measure Type	O'Brien County	All Counties	Similarly- Sized Counties
Crude	26.7%	26.8%	27.3%
Age-Adjusted	25.0%	25.1%	25.4%



Sleep <7 hours

O'Brien County has a crude rate of 29.4% for sleeping less than 7 hours among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 26th out of 99 lowa counties (14th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for O'Brien County is 30.8%, which ranks 29th out of 99 lowa counties (17th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

Measure Type	O'Brien County	All Counties	Similarly- Sized Counties
Crude	29.4%	30.0%	30.0%
Age-Adjusted	30.8%	31.4%	31.5%



Health Outcomes

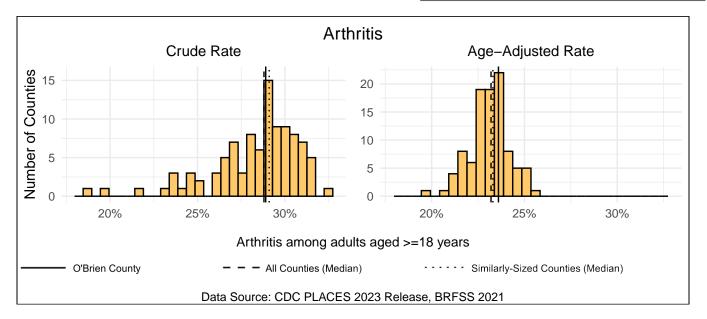
This section includes measures about specific health outcomes such as chronic illness, mental health conditions, and risk factors for future disease. Health outcome measures include but are not limited to arthritis, high blood pressure, cancer, depression, and obesity. Each measure is the percentage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

O'Brien County has a crude rate of 28.9% for arthritis among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 52nd out of 99 lowa counties (28th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for O'Brien County is 23.6%, which ranks 71st out of 99 lowa counties (46th out of 63 similarlysized counties).

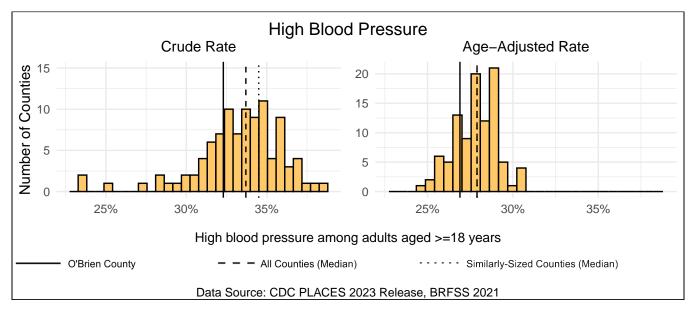
Measure Type	O'Brien County	All Counties	Similarly- Sized Counties
Crude	28.9%	28.8%	29.1%
Age-Adjusted	23.6%	23.2%	23.3%



High Blood Pressure

O'Brien County has a crude rate of 32.3% for high blood pressure among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 28th out of 99 lowa counties (9th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for O'Brien County is 26.9%, which ranks 24th out of 99 lowa counties (13th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

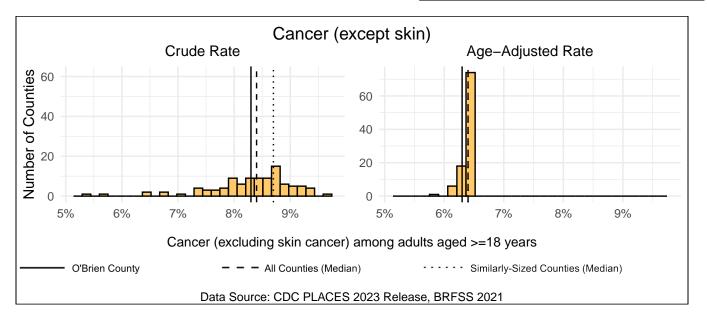
Measure Type	O'Brien County	All Counties	Similarly- Sized Counties
Crude	32.3%	33.7%	34.5%
Age-Adjusted	26.9%	27.9%	27.9%



Cancer (except skin)

O'Brien County has a crude rate of 8.3% for cancer (excluding skin cancer) among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 37th out of 99 lowa counties (14th out of 63 similarlysized counties). The age-adjusted rate for O'Brien County is 6.3%, which ranks 8th out of 99 lowa counties (4th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

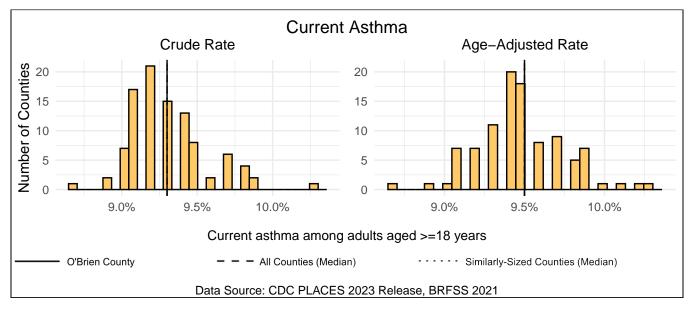
Measure Type	O'Brien County	All Counties	Similarly- Sized Counties
Crude	8.3%	8.4%	8.7%
Age-Adjusted	6.3%	6.4%	6.4%



Current Asthma

O'Brien County has a crude rate of 9.3% for current asthma among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 49th out of 99 lowa counties (29th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for O'Brien County is 9.5%, which ranks 49th out of 99 lowa counties (27th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

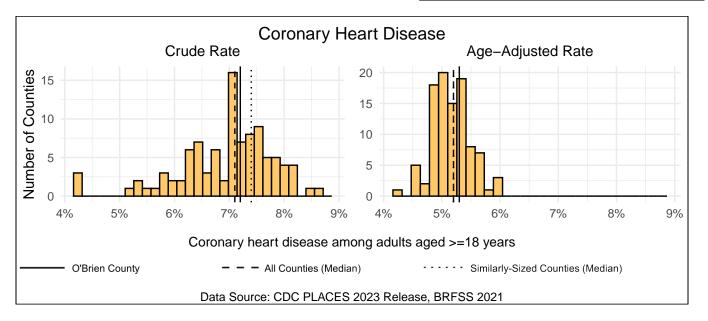
Measure Type	O'Brien County	All Counties	Similarly- Sized Counties
Crude	9.3%	9.3%	9.3%
Age-Adjusted	9.5%	9.5%	9.5%



Coronary Heart Disease

O'Brien County has a crude rate of 7.2% for coronary heart disease among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 56th out of 99 lowa counties (24th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for O'Brien County is 5.3%, which ranks 62nd out of 99 lowa counties (34th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

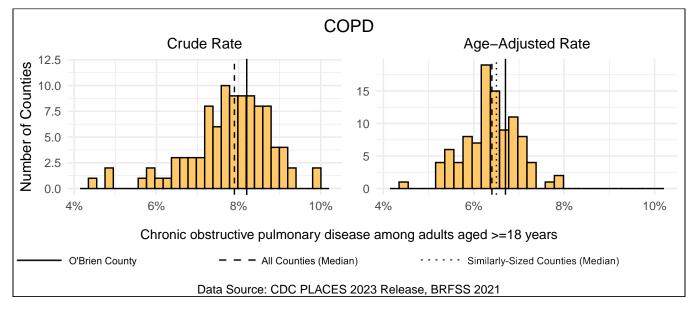
Measure Type	O'Brien County	All Counties	Similarly- Sized Counties
Crude	7.2%	7.1%	7.4%
Age-Adjusted	5.3%	5.2%	5.2%



COPD

O'Brien County has a crude rate of 8.2% for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 63rd out of 99 lowa counties (31st out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for O'Brien County is 6.7%, which ranks 69th out of 99 lowa counties (40th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

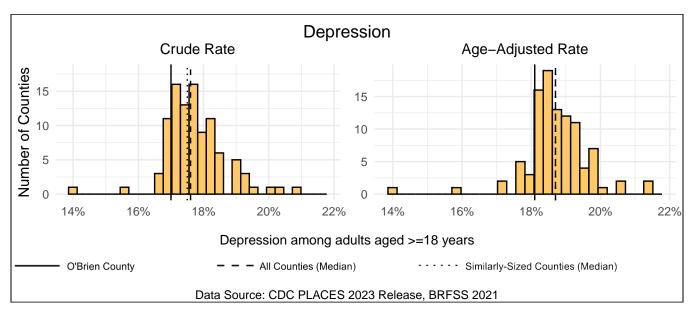
Measure Type	O'Brien County	All Counties	Similarly- Sized Counties
Crude	8.2%	7.9%	8.2%
Age-Adjusted	6.7%	6.4%	6.5%



Depression

O'Brien County has a crude rate of 17.0% for depression among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 12th out of 99 lowa counties (10th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for O'Brien County is 18.1%, which ranks 13th out of 99 lowa counties (7th out of 63 similarlysized counties).

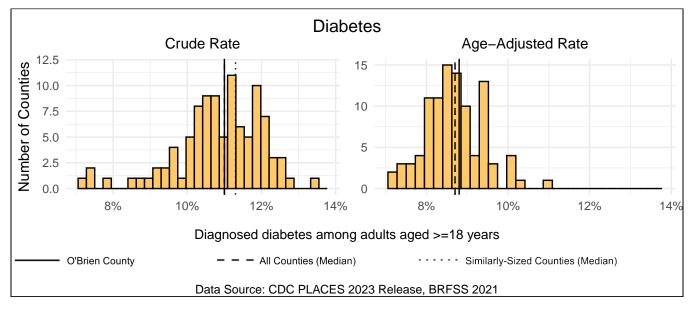
Measure Type	O'Brien County	All Counties	Similarly- Sized Counties
Crude	17.0%	17.6%	17.5%
Age-Adjusted	18.1%	18.7%	18.7%



Diabetes

O'Brien County has a crude rate of 11.0% for diagnosed diabetes among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 50th out of 99 lowa counties (24th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for O'Brien County is 8.8%, which ranks 57th out of 99 lowa counties (35th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

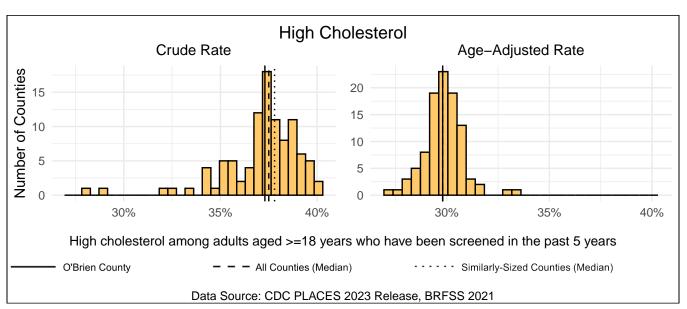
Measure Type	O'Brien County	All Counties	Similarly- Sized Counties
Crude	11.0%	11.0%	11.3%
Age-Adjusted	8.8%	8.7%	8.7%



High Cholesterol

O'Brien County has a crude rate of 37.3% for high cholesterol among adults aged >=18 years who have been screened in the past 5 years, which ranks 42nd out of 99 lowa counties (21st out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for O'Brien County is 29.8%, which ranks 47th out of 99 lowa counties (28th out of 63 similarlysized counties).

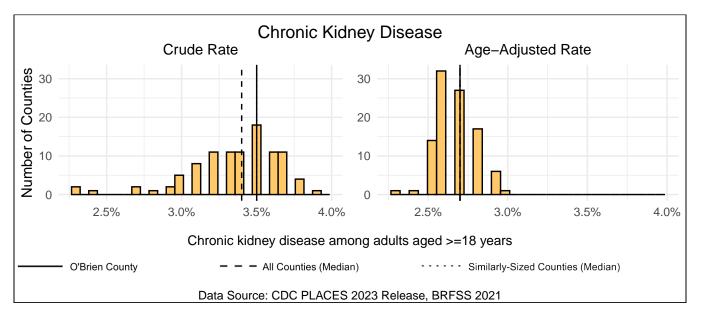
Measure Type	O'Brien County	All Counties	Similarly- Sized Counties
Crude	37.3%	37.5%	37.8%
Age-Adjusted	29.8%	29.8%	29.8%



Chronic Kidney Disease

O'Brien County has a crude rate of 3.5% for chronic kidney disease among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 55th out of 99 lowa counties (24th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for O'Brien County is 2.7%, which ranks 49th out of 99 lowa counties (26th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

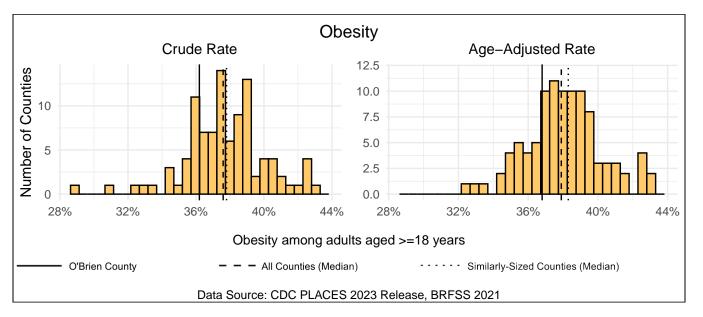
Measure Type	O'Brien County	All Counties	Similarly- Sized Counties
Crude	3.5%	3.4%	3.5%
Age-Adjusted	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%



Obesity

O'Brien County has a crude rate of 36.2% for obesity among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 22nd out of 99 lowa counties (11th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for O'Brien County is 36.8%, which ranks 24th out of 99 lowa counties (12th out of 63 similarlysized counties).

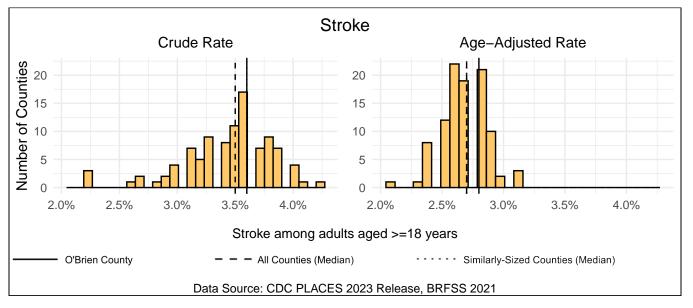
Measure Type	O'Brien County	All Counties	Similarly- Sized Counties
Crude	36.2%	37.6%	37.8%
Age-Adjusted	36.8%	37.9%	38.3%



Stroke

O'Brien County has a crude rate of 3.6% for stroke among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 54th out of 99 Iowa counties (23rd out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for O'Brien County is 2.8%, which ranks 64th out of 99 Iowa counties (38th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

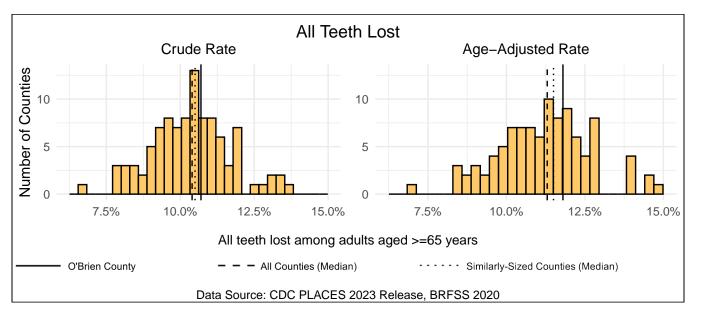
Measure Type	O'Brien County	All Counties	Similarly- Sized Counties
Crude	3.6%	3.5%	3.6%
Age-Adjusted	2.8%	2.7%	2.7%



All Teeth Lost

O'Brien County has a crude rate of 10.7% for all teeth lost among adults aged >=65 years, which ranks 61st out of 99 lowa counties (36th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for O'Brien County is 11.8%, which ranks 66th out of 99 lowa counties (40th out of 63 similarlysized counties).

Measure Type	O'Brien County	All Counties	Similarly- Sized Counties
Crude	10.7%	10.4%	10.5%
Age-Adjusted	11.8%	11.3%	11.5%



Prevention

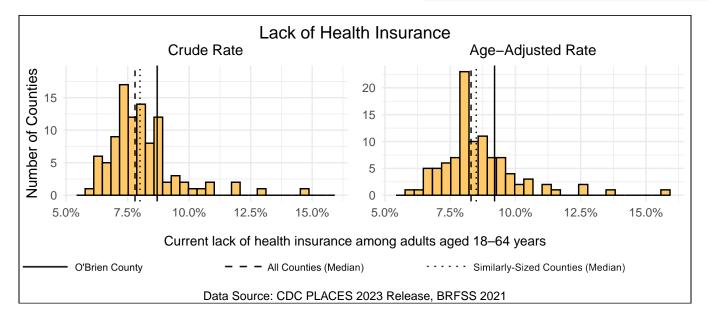
Preventive measures are another practical intervention point for public health professionals as they allow for the early detection of health conditions and improve overall treatment efficacy. This section includes a review of your county's prevention measures, including preventive screenings and doctor 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

O'Brien County has a crude rate of 8.7% for current lack of health insurance among adults aged 18–64 years, which ranks 76th out of 99 lowa counties (46th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for O'Brien County is 9.2%, which ranks 75th out of 99 lowa counties (45th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

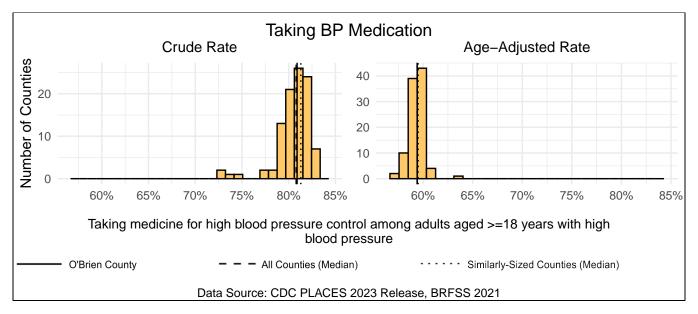
Measure Type	O'Brien County	All Counties	Similarly- Sized Counties
Crude	8.7%	7.8%	8.0%
Age-Adjusted	9.2%	8.3%	8.5%



Taking BP Medication

O'Brien County has a crude rate of 80.9% for taking medicine for high blood pressure control among adults aged >=18 years with high blood pressure, which ranks 47th out of 99 lowa counties (41st out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for O'Brien County is 59.4%, which ranks 49th out of 99 lowa counties (34th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

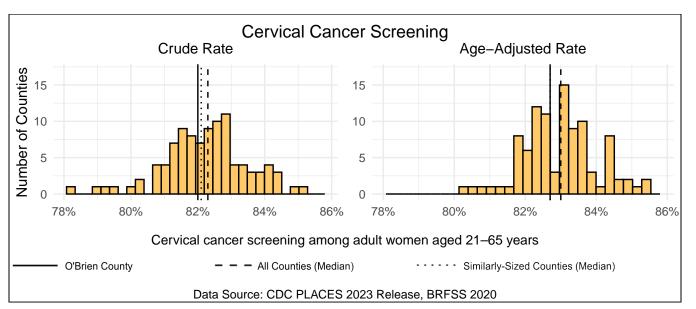
Measure Type	O'Brien County	All Counties	Similarly- Sized Counties
Crude	80.9%	80.8%	81.3%
Age-Adjusted	59.4%	59.4%	59.5%



Cervical Cancer Screening

O'Brien County has a crude rate of 82.0% for cervical cancer screening among adult women aged 21–65 years, which ranks 57th out of 99 lowa counties (33rd out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for O'Brien County is 82.7%, which ranks 57th out of 99 lowa counties (31st out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

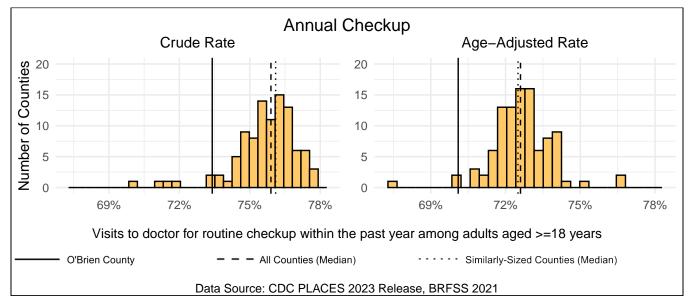
Measure Type	O'Brien County	All Counties	Similarly- Sized Counties
Crude	82.0%	82.3%	82.1%
Age-Adjusted	82.7%	83.0%	82.7%



Annual Checkup

O'Brien County has a crude rate of 73.4% for visits to doctor for routine checkup within the past year among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 94th out of 99 lowa counties (61st out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for O'Brien County is 70.1%, which ranks 97th out of 99 lowa counties (61st out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

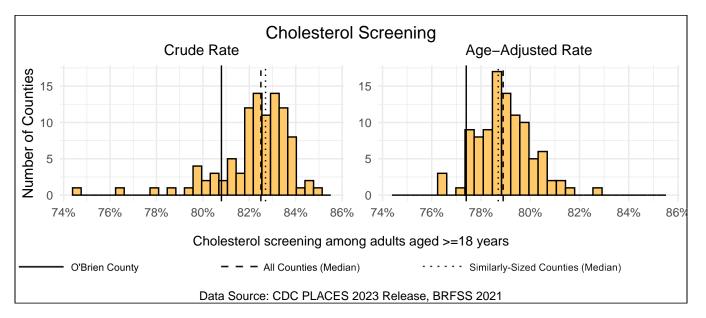
Measure Type	O'Brien County	All Counties	Similarly- Sized Counties
Crude	73.4%	75.9%	76.1%
Age-Adjusted	70.1%	72.6%	72.5%



Cholesterol Screening

O'Brien County has a crude rate of 80.8% for cholesterol screening among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 85th out of 99 lowa counties (57th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for O'Brien County is 77.4%, which ranks 94th out of 99 lowa counties (58th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

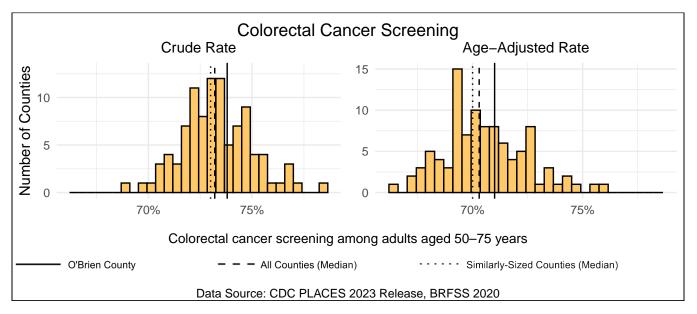
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Crude	80.8%	82.5%	82.7%
Age-Adjusted	77.4%	78.9%	78.7%



Colorectal Cancer Screening

O'Brien County has a crude rate of 73.8% for colorectal cancer screening among adults aged 50–75 years, which ranks 33rd out of 99 lowa counties (17th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for O'Brien County is 71.0%, which ranks 36th out of 99 lowa counties (17th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

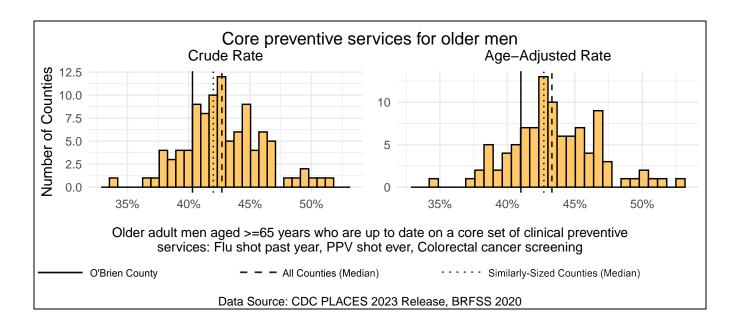
Measure Type	O'Brien County	All Counties	Similarly- Sized Counties
Crude	73.8%	73.2%	73.0%
Age-Adjusted	71.0%	70.3%	70.0%



Core preventive services for older men

O'Brien County has a crude rate of 40.3% 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 80th out of 99 lowa counties (48th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for O'Brien County is 41.0%, which ranks 79th out of 99 lowa counties (48th out of 63 similarlysized counties).

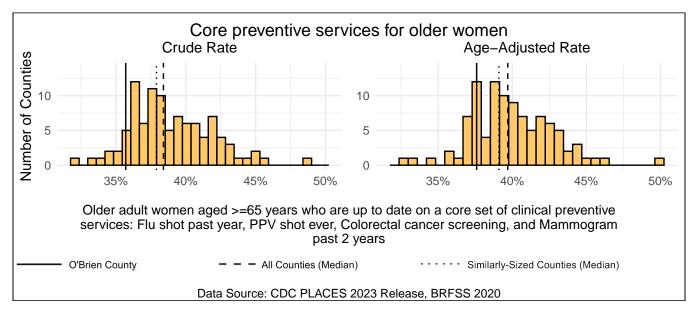
Measure Type	O'Brien County	All Counties	Similarly- Sized Counties
Crude	40.3%	42.7%	42.0%
Age-Adjusted	41.0%	43.3%	42.7%



Core preventive services for older women

O'Brien County has a crude rate of 35.7% 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 92nd out of 99 lowa counties (58th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for O'Brien County is 37.6%, which ranks 82nd out of 99 lowa counties (51st out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

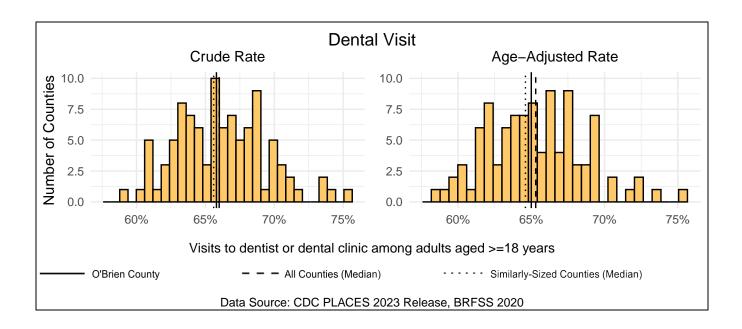
Measure Type	O'Brien County	All Counties	Similarly- Sized Counties
Crude	35.7%	38.4%	37.9%
Age-Adjusted	37.6%	39.7%	39.1%



Dental Visit

O'Brien County has a crude rate of 65.8% for visits to dentist or dental clinic among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 52nd out of 99 lowa counties (27th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for O'Brien County is 65.0%, which ranks 52nd out of 99 lowa counties (27th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

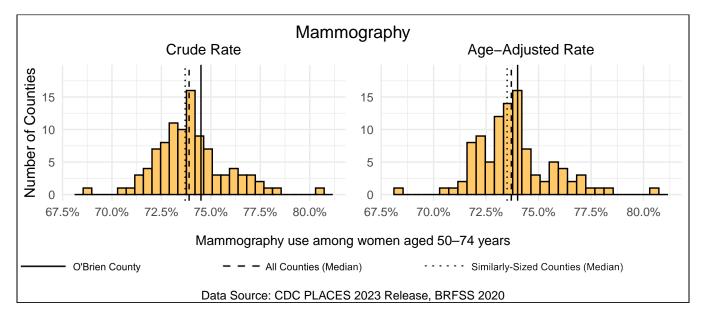
Measure Type	O'Brien County	All Counties	Similarly- Sized Counties
Crude	65.8%	66.0%	65.6%
Age-Adjusted	65.0%	65.3%	64.6%



Mammography

O'Brien County has a crude rate of 74.5% for mammography use among women aged 50–74 years, which ranks 31st out of 99 lowa counties (12th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for O'Brien County is 74.0%, which ranks 37th out of 99 lowa counties (16th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

Measure Type	O'Brien County	All Counties	Similarly- Sized Counties
Crude	74.5%	73.9%	73.7%
Age-Adjusted	74.0%	73.7%	73.5%



Disability

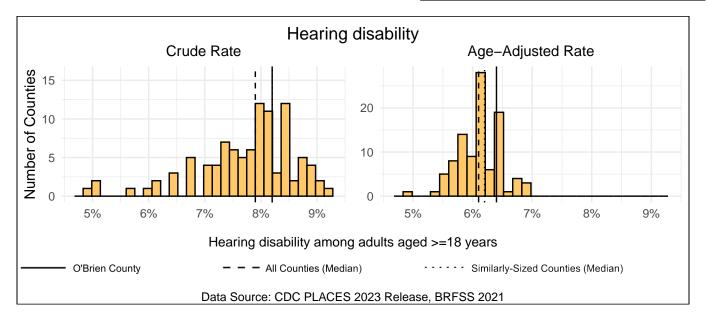
This section includes measures of physical and cognitive disabilities. Respondents were asked to report on six disabilities: hearing, vision, cognition, mobility, self-care, and independent living. The final measure reports the rate of respondents that answered yes to any of the previous six disabilities.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

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

Hearing disability

O'Brien County has a crude rate of 8.2% for hearing disability among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 67th out of 99 lowa counties (31st out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for O'Brien County is 6.4%, which ranks 73rd out of 99 lowa counties (42nd out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

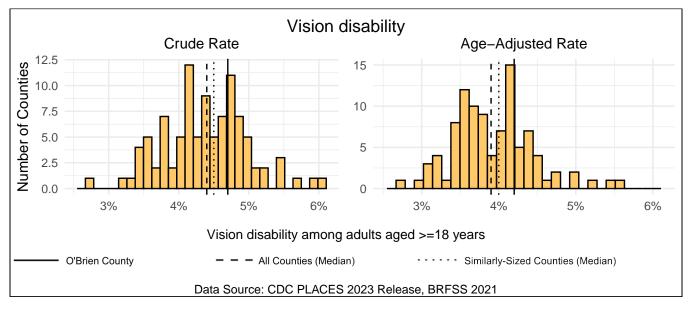
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Crude	8.2%	7.9%	8.2%
Age-Adjusted	6.4%	6.1%	6.2%



Vision disability

O'Brien County has a crude rate of 4.7% for vision disability among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 67th out of 99 lowa counties (37th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for O'Brien County is 4.2%, which ranks 66th out of 99 lowa counties (41st out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

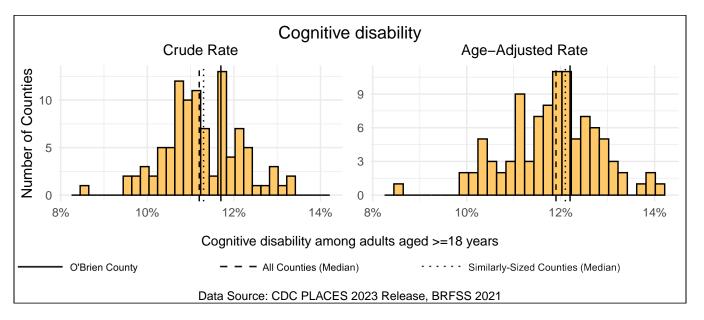
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Crude	4.7%	4.4%	4.5%	
Age-Adjusted	4.2%	3.9%	4.0%	



Cognitive disability

O'Brien County has a crude rate of 11.7% for cognitive disability among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 63rd out of 99 lowa counties (39th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for O'Brien County is 12.2%, which ranks 62nd out of 99 lowa counties (35th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

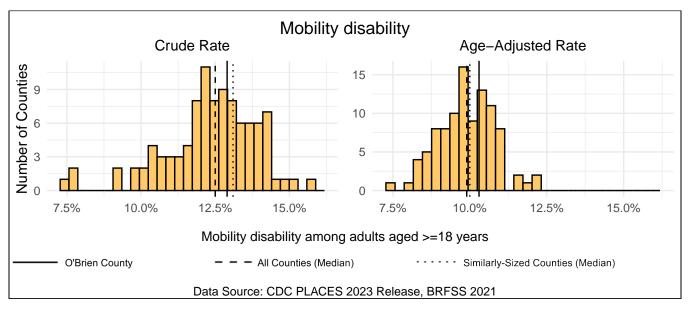
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Crude	11.7%	11.2%	11.3%	
Age-Adjusted	12.2%	11.9%	12.1%	



Mobility disability

O'Brien County has a crude rate of 12.9% for mobility disability among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 58th out of 99 lowa counties (27th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for O'Brien County is 10.3%, which ranks 63rd out of 99 lowa counties (38th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

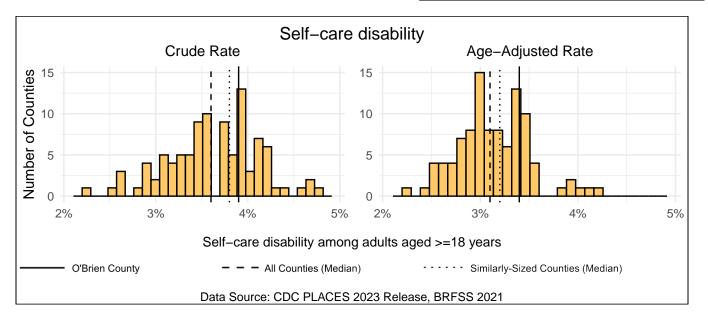
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Crude	12.9%	12.5%	13.1%	
Age-Adjusted	10.3%	9.9%	10.0%	



Self-care disability

O'Brien County has a crude rate of 3.9% for self-care disability among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 65th out of 99 lowa counties (35th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for O'Brien County is 3.4%, which ranks 67th out of 99 lowa counties (40th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

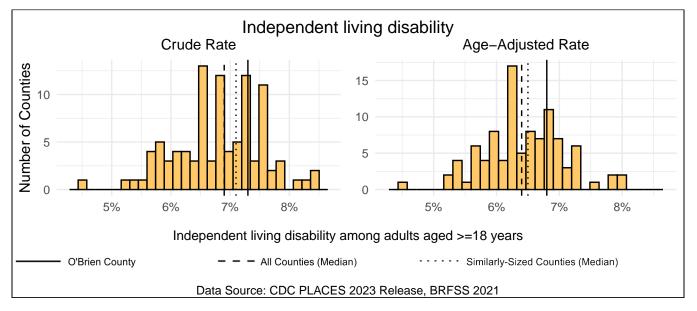
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Crude	3.9%	3.6%	3.8%
Age-Adjusted	3.4%	3.1%	3.2%



Independent living disability

O'Brien County has a crude rate of 7.3% for independent living disability among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 72nd out of 99 lowa counties (40th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for O'Brien County is 6.8%, which ranks 68th out of 99 lowa counties (41st out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

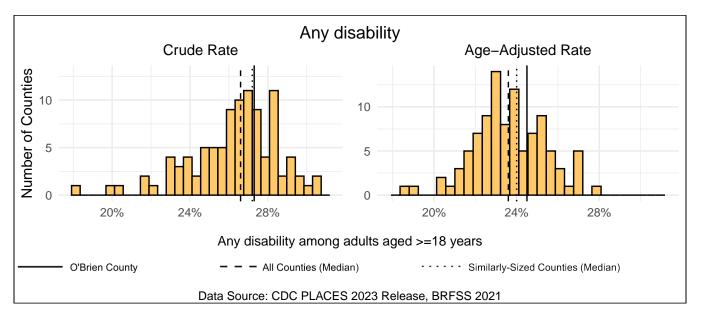
Measure Type	O'Brien County	All Counties	Similarly- Sized Counties	
Crude	7.3%	6.9%	7.1%	
Age-Adjusted	6.8%	6.4%	6.5%	



Any disability

O'Brien County has a crude rate of 27.3% for any disability among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 65th out of 99 lowa counties (33rd out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for O'Brien County is 24.5%, which ranks 66th out of 99 lowa counties (39th out of 63 similarlysized counties).

Measure Type	O'Brien County	All Counties	Similarly- Sized Counties
Crude	27.3%	26.6%	27.2%
Age-Adjusted	24.5%	23.6%	24.0%



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: O'Brien County 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	62	11.4% (9.7% - 13.4%)	67	10.3% (8.8% - 12.0%)
Health Status	Mental Health	56	14.2% (12.3% - 16.4%)	49	15.5% (13.4% - 17.9%)
Health Status	General Health	66	15.7% (13.0% - 18.9%)	67	14.1% (11.8% - 16.8%)
Health Risk Behaviors	Sleep <7 hours	26	29.4% (27.9% - 31.0%)	29	30.8% (29.1% - 32.5%)
Health Risk Behaviors	Physical Inactivity	46	26.7% (21.9% - 32.3%)	47	25.0% (20.6% - 30.4%)
Health Risk Behaviors	Current Smoking	68	17.5% (14.1% - 21.5%)	73	18.7% (15.0% - 22.9%)
Health Risk Behaviors	Binge Drinking	42	18.2% (15.0% - 21.6%)	29	21.0% (17.4% - 24.8%)
Health Outcomes	Diabetes	50	11.0% (9.3% - 12.9%)	57	8.8% (7.4% - 10.3%)
Health Outcomes	Arthritis	52	28.9% (24.8% - 33.2%)	71	23.6% (20.1% - 27.4%)
Health Outcomes	Current Asthma	49	9.3% (8.2% - 10.6%)	49	9.5% (8.3% - 10.9%)
Health Outcomes	All Teeth Lost	61	10.7% (6.8% - 15.4%)	66	11.8% (7.6% - 16.4%)
Health Outcomes	COPD	63	8.2% (6.7% - 10.0%)	69	6.7% (5.6% - 8.1%)
Health Outcomes	High Cholesterol	42	37.3% (32.6% - 42.0%)	47	29.8% (25.5% - 34.4%)
Health Outcomes	High Blood Pressure	28	32.3% (28.2% - 36.6%)	24	26.9% (23.4% - 30.8%)
Health Outcomes	Obesity	22	36.2% (29.5% - 43.5%)	24	36.8% (30.1% - 44.2%)
Health Outcomes	Chronic Kidney Disease	55	3.5% (3.1% - 3.9%)	49	2.7% (2.5% - 3.0%)
Health Outcomes	Stroke	54	3.6% (3.1% - 4.2%)	64	2.8% (2.4% - 3.2%)
Health Outcomes	Cancer (except skin)	37	8.3% (7.5% - 9.3%)	8	6.3% (5.7% - 7.0%)
Health Outcomes	Depression	12	17.0% (14.1% - 20.6%)	13	18.1% (15.0% - 21.8%)
Health Outcomes	Coronary Heart Disease	56	7.2% (6.2% - 8.4%)	62	5.3% (4.6% - 6.2%)
Prevention	Mammography	31	74.5% (69.9% - 78.6%)	37	74.0% (69.3% - 78.1%)
Prevention	Cervical Cancer Screening	57	82.0% (79.1% - 85.0%)	57	82.7% (80.0% - 85.5%)
Prevention	Cholesterol Screening	85	80.8% (77.7% - 83.8%)	94	77.4% (73.8% - 80.8%)
Prevention	Core preventive services for older women	92	35.7% (28.7% - 43.8%)	82	37.6% (30.9% - 45.5%)
Prevention	Dental Visit	52	65.8% (62.1% - 69.6%)	52	65.0% (61.0% - 68.8%)
Prevention	Health Insurance	76	8.7% (6.7% - 11.1%)	75	9.2% (7.0% - 11.8%)

Category	Health Domain	Crude Rate Rank	Crude Rate (95% CI)	Age-Adj. Rate Rank	Age-Adj. Rate (95% CI)
Prevention	Core preventive services for older men	80	40.3% (32.2% - 49.2%)	79	41.0% (33.1% - 50.2%)
Prevention	Colorectal Cancer Screening	33	73.8% (71.1% - 76.7%)	36	71.0% (67.8% - 74.1%)
Prevention	Taking BP Medication	47	80.9% (77.7% - 83.9%)	49	59.4% (54.4% - 64.2%)
Prevention	Annual Checkup	94	73.4% (68.6% - 78.0%)	97	70.1% (64.9% - 75.1%)
Disability	Cognitive Disability	63	11.7% (9.8% - 13.9%)	62	12.2% (10.3% - 14.5%)
Disability	Hearing Disability	67	8.2% (7.1% - 9.4%)	73	6.4% (5.6% - 7.3%)
Disability	Mobility Disability	58	12.9% (10.6% - 15.4%)	63	10.3% (8.5% - 12.2%)
Disability	Vision Disability	67	4.7% (4.0% - 5.6%)	66	4.2% (3.6% - 4.9%)
Disability	Any Disability	65	27.3% (22.9% - 31.9%)	66	24.5% (20.5% - 28.7%)
Disability	Self-care Disability	65	3.9% (3.3% - 4.6%)	67	3.4% (2.9% - 4.0%)
Disability	Independent Living Disability	72	7.3% (6.1% - 8.7%)	68	6.8% (5.7% - 8.0%)

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: Rural Counties

O'Brien County falls into the group of rural counties. In this data, 63 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	County	Population	County	Population
Sioux County	35,893	Lyon County	12,011	Pocahontas County	7,074
Boone County	26,723	Chickasaw County	11,887	Ida County	6,956
Plymouth County	25,650	Shelby County	11,770	Fremont County	6,567
Buchanan County	20,657	Cherokee County	11,503	Wayne County	6,508
Henry County	20,387	Louisa County	10,749	Osceola County	6,159
Winneshiek County	19,892	Hancock County	10,663	Taylor County	5,868
Jackson County	19,368	Winnebago County	10,656	Audubon County	5,635
Fayette County	19,258	Mitchell County	10,555	Ringgold County	4,639
Poweshiek County	18,586	Montgomery County	10,322	Adams County	3,641
Cedar County	18,410	Franklin County	9,952		
Delaware County	17,510	Calhoun County	9,915		
Clayton County	16,998	Keokuk County	9,914		
Tama County	16,867	Clarke County	9,785		
Hardin County	16,708	Sac County	9,752		
Iowa County	16,568	Humboldt County	9,634		
Crawford County	16,193	Howard County	9,478		
Floyd County	15,413	Emmet County	9,321		
Page County	15,197	Davis County	9,138		
Hamilton County	14,887	Palo Alto County	8,906		
Kossuth County	14,529	Greene County	8,717		
Butler County	14,332	Lucas County	8,710		
O'Brien County	14,015	Monona County	8,574		
Allamakee County	13,926	Decatur County	7,659		
Cass County	13,050	Monroe County	7,610		
Wright County	12,785	Adair County	7,541		
Appanoose County	12,257	Worth County	7,385		
Union County	12,018	Van Buren County	7,243		

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

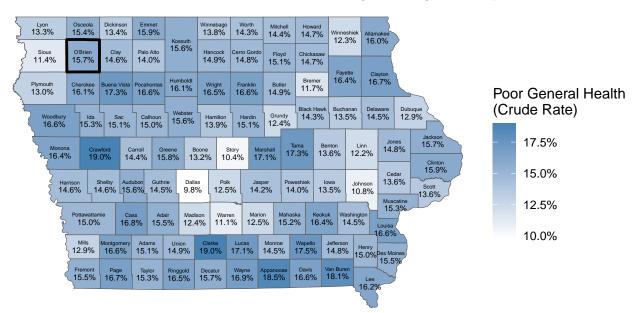
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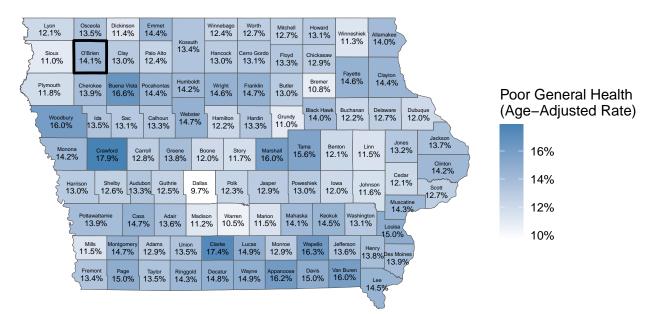
Appendix 4: County Maps



Poor General Health

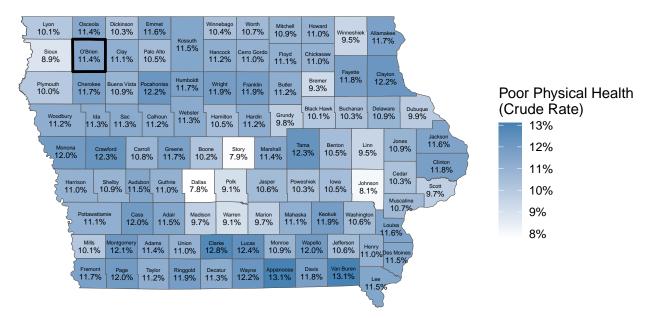
Fair or poor self-rated health status among adults aged >= 18 years

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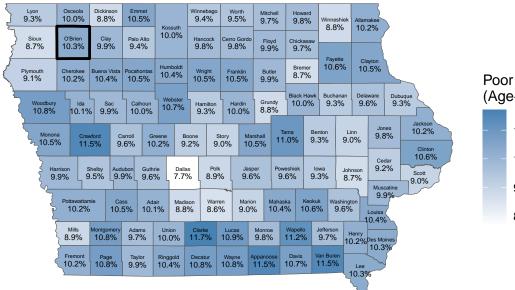


Poor Physical Health

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



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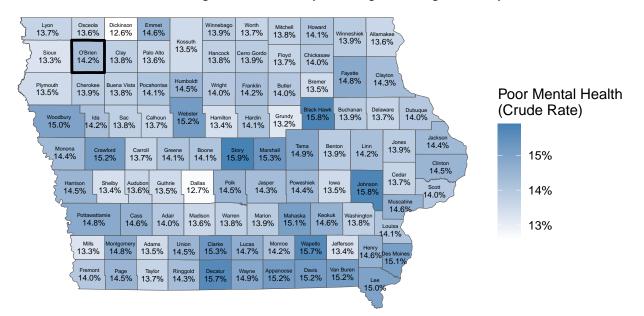


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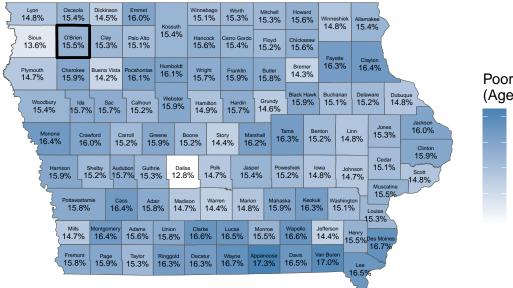


Poor Mental Health

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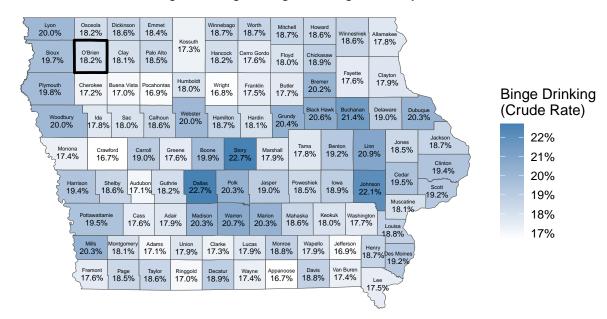


Poor Mental Health (Age–Adjusted Rate)



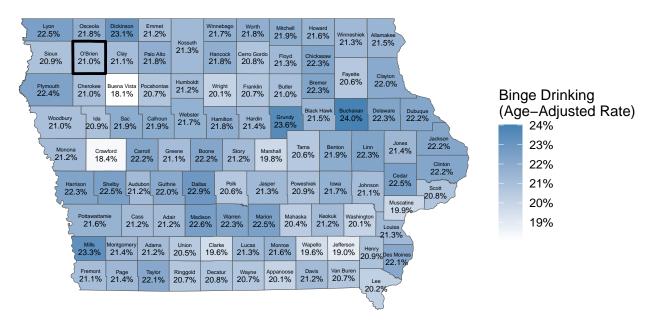
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Binge Drinking

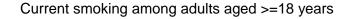


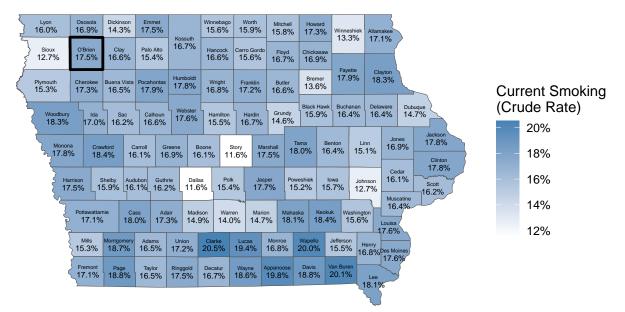
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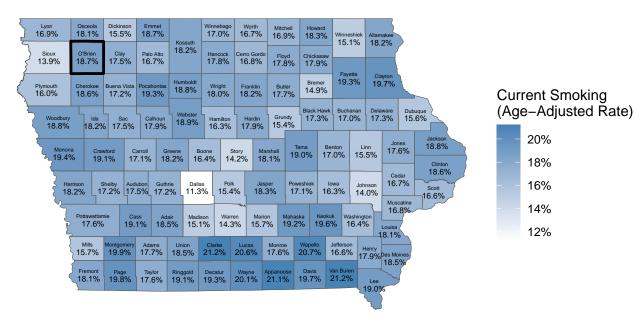


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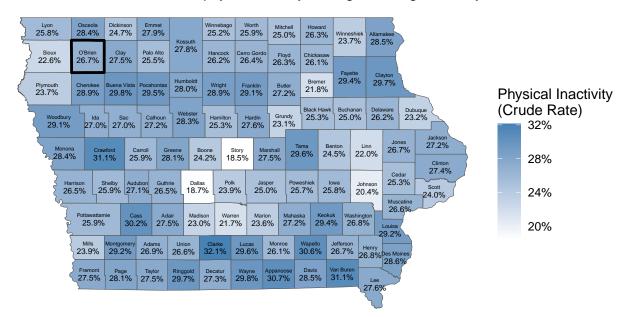


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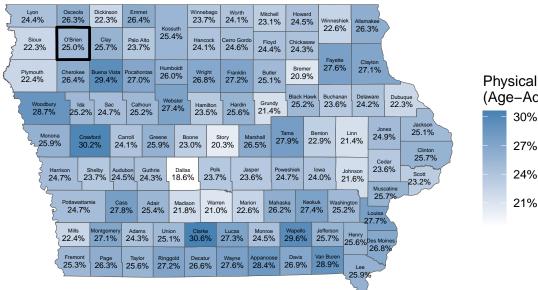
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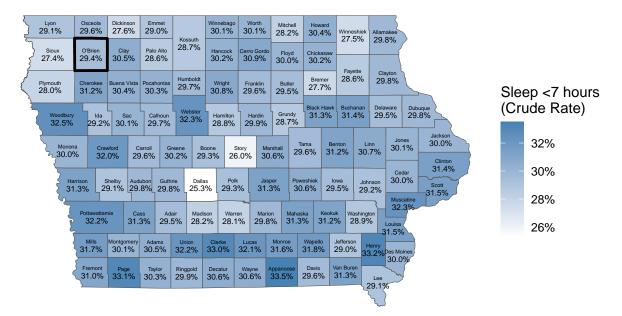


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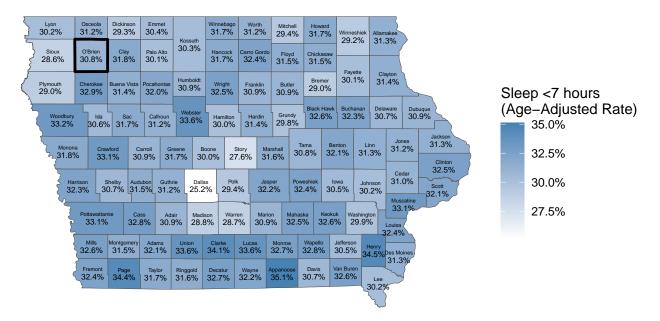


Sleep <7 hours

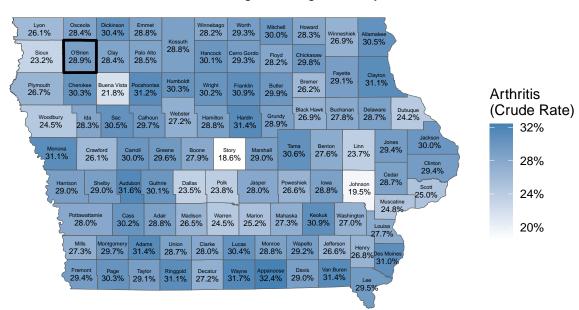
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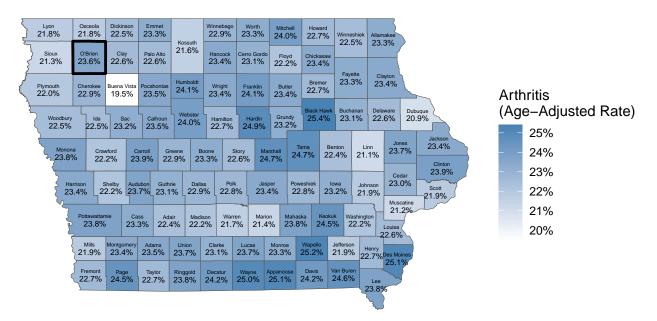


Arthritis



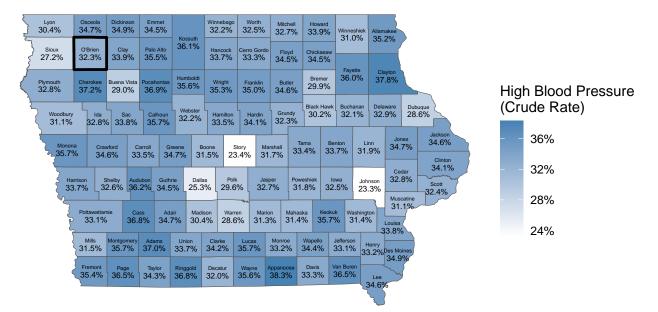
Arthritis among adults aged >=18 years

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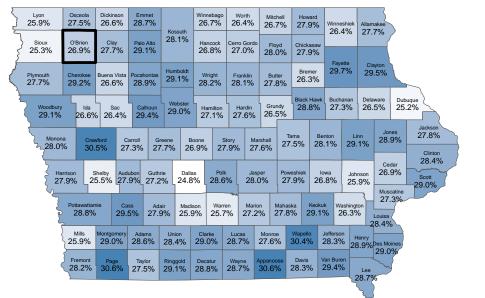


High Blood Pressure

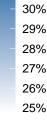
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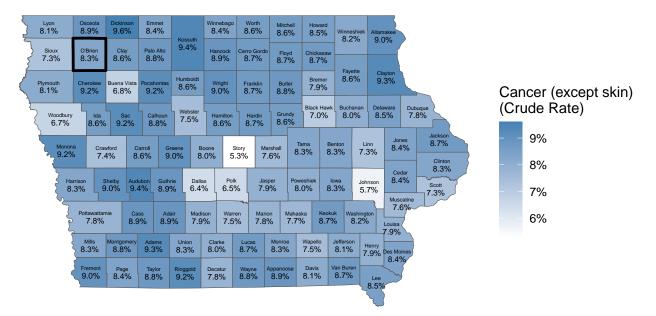
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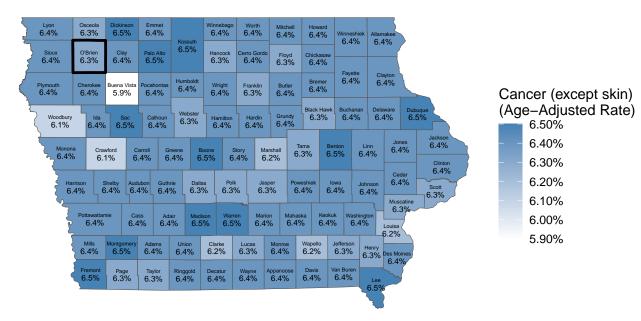
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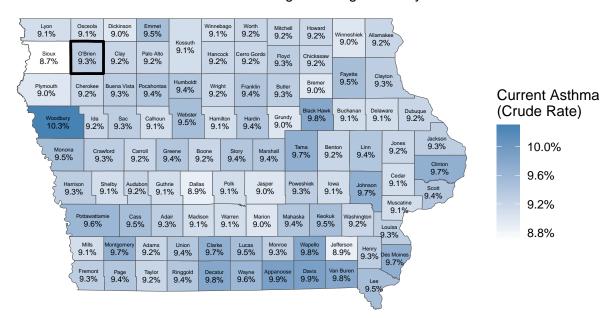
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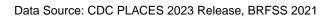
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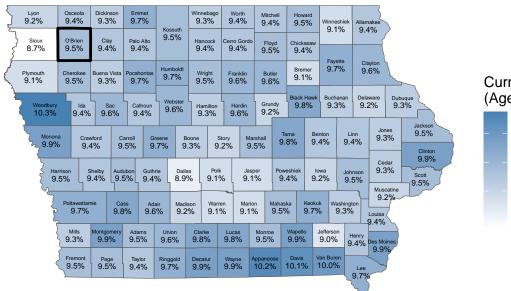


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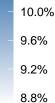


Current asthma among adults aged >=18 years



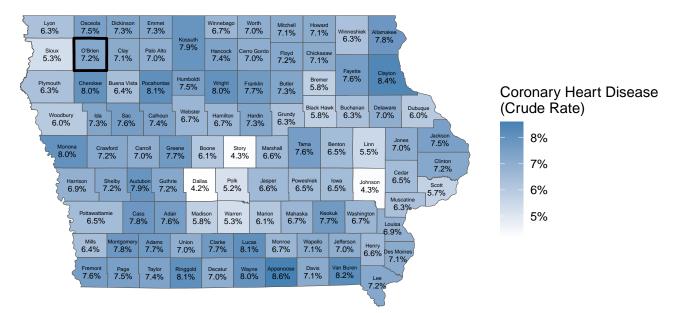


Current Asthma (Age–Adjusted Rate)

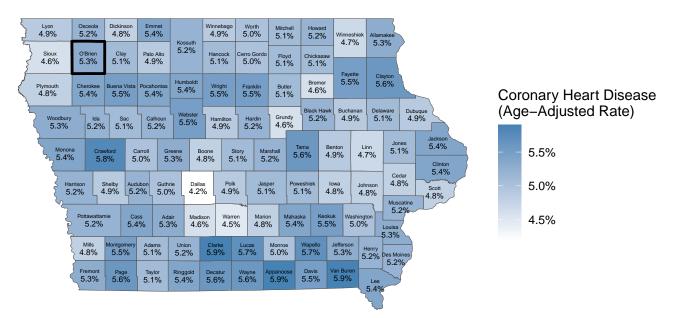


Coronary Heart Disease

Coronary heart disease among adults aged >=18 years

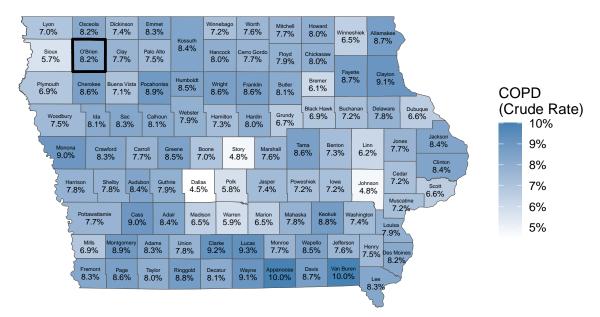


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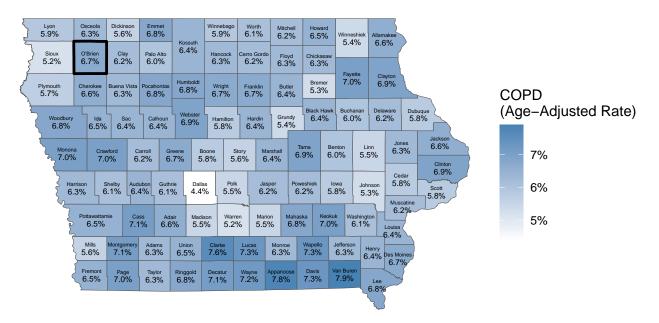


COPD

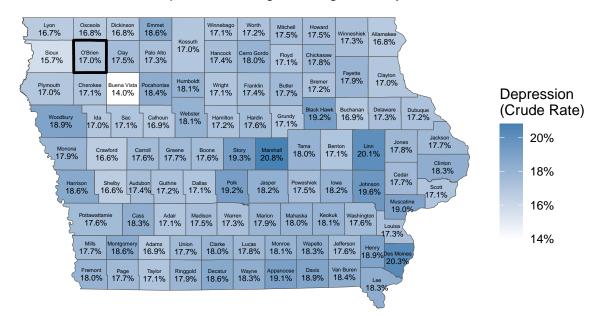
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease among adults aged >=18 years



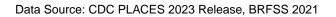
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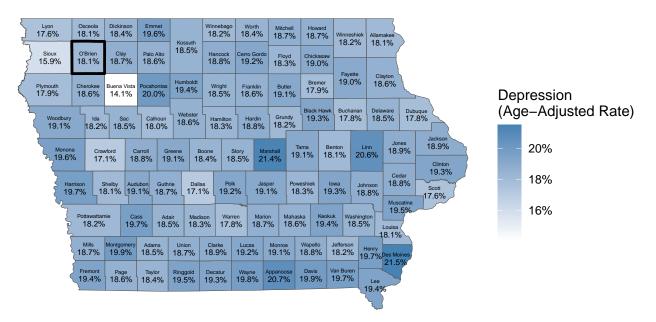


Depression

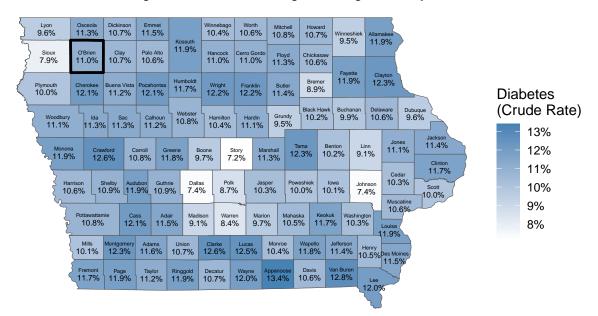


Depression among adults aged >=18 years



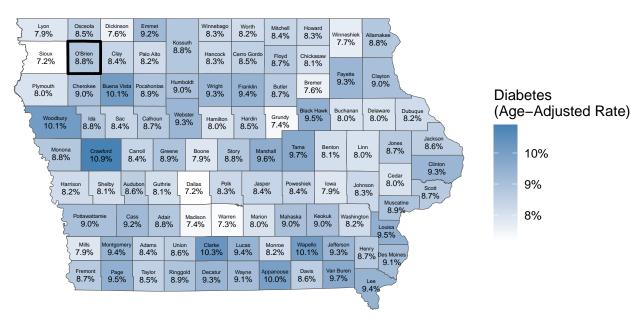


Diabetes



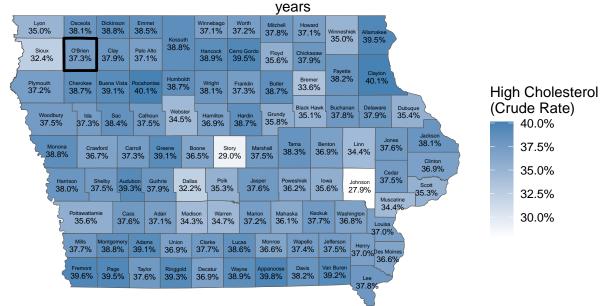
Diagnosed diabetes among adults aged >=18 years

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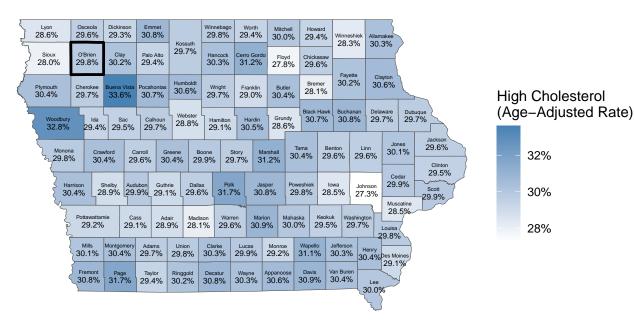


High Cholesterol

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

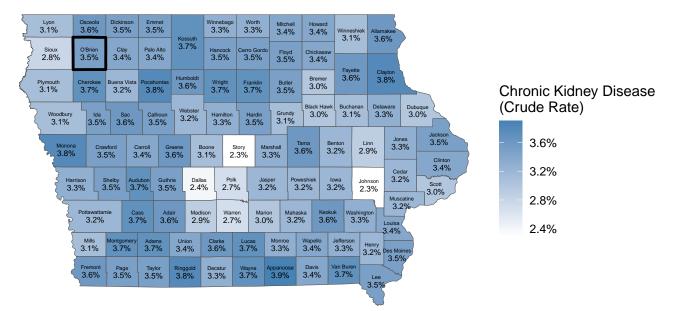


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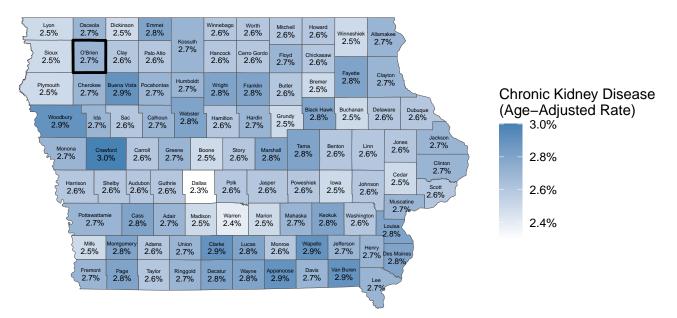


Chronic Kidney Disease

Chronic kidney disease among adults aged >=18 years

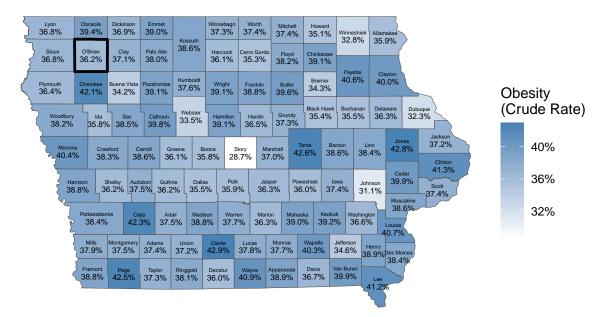


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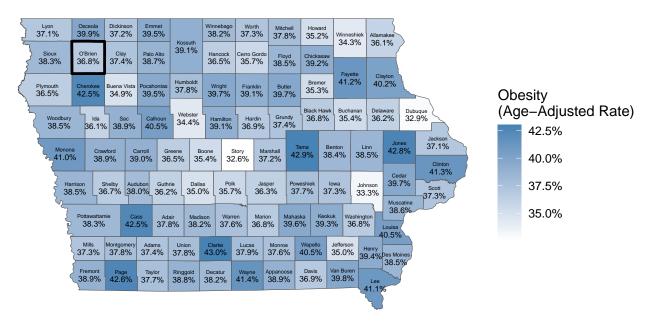


Obesity

Obesity among adults aged >=18 years

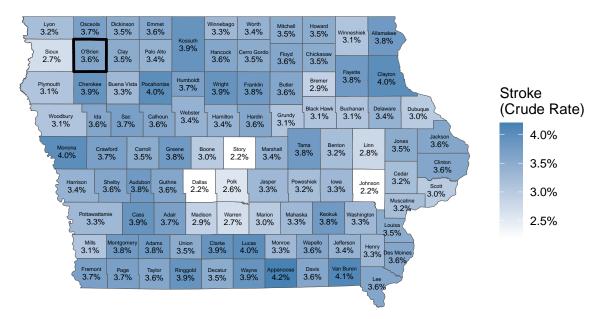


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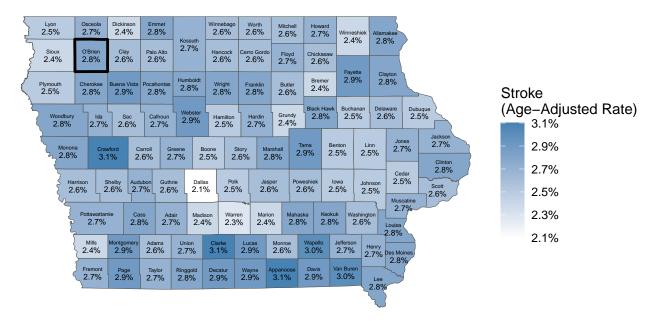


Stroke

Stroke among adults aged >=18 years

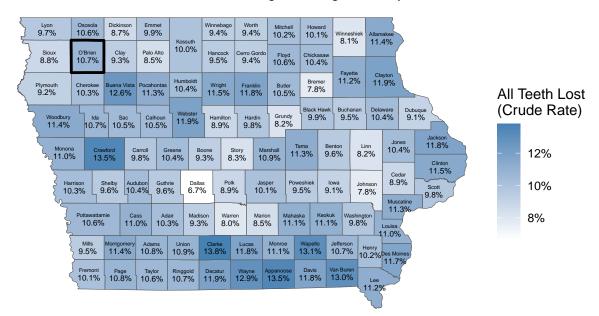


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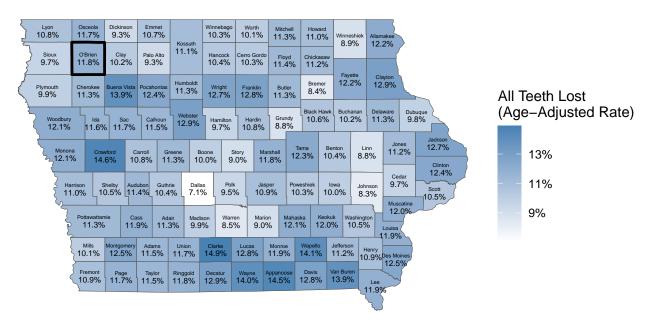
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All Teeth Lost



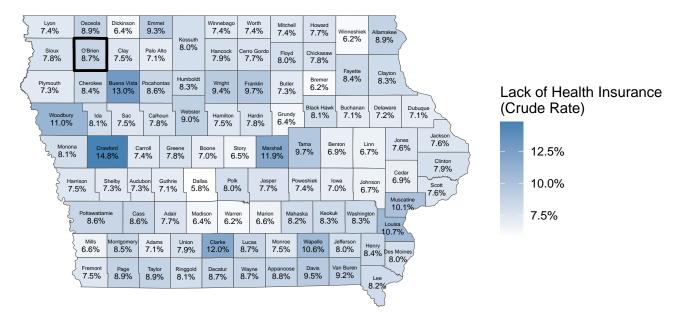
All teeth lost among adults aged >=65 years

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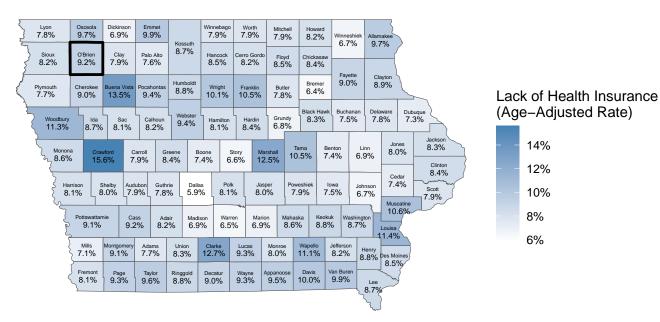


Lack of Health Insurance

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

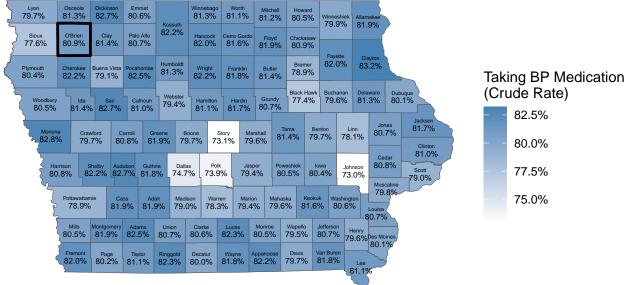


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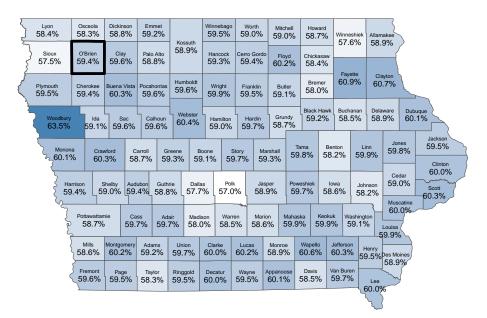


Taking BP Medication

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



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Taking BP Medication (Age-Adjusted Rate)



59%

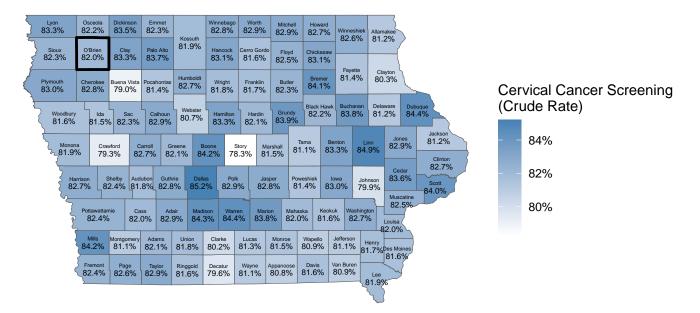
58%

57%

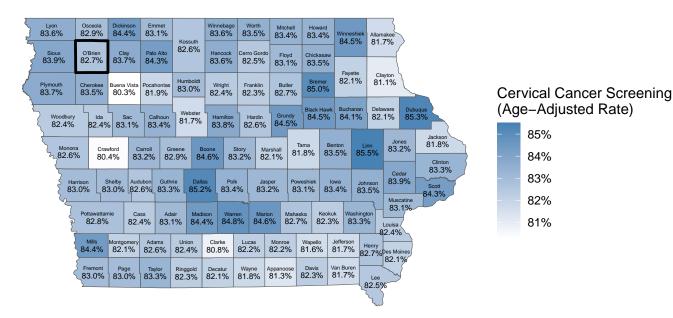
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Cervical Cancer Screening

Cervical cancer screening among adult women aged 21-65 years

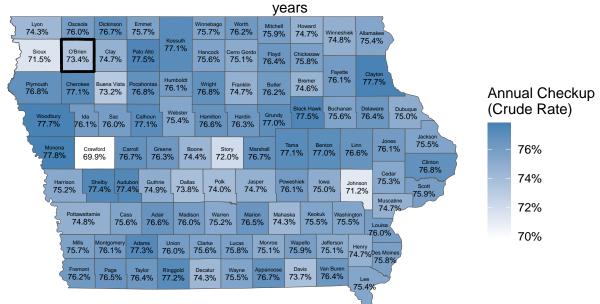


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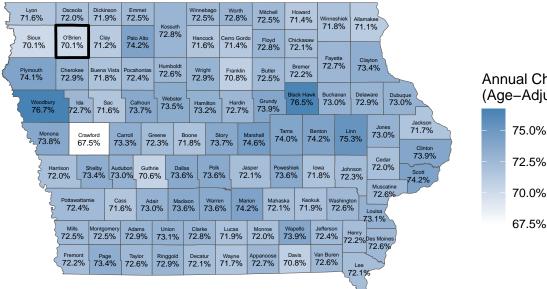
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Annual Checkup



Visits to doctor for routine checkup within the past year among adults aged >=18

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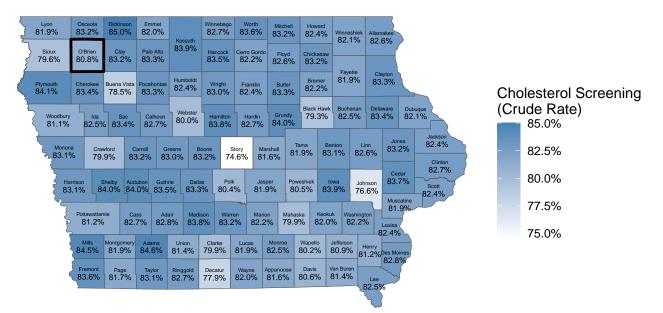


Annual Checkup (Age-Adjusted Rate)

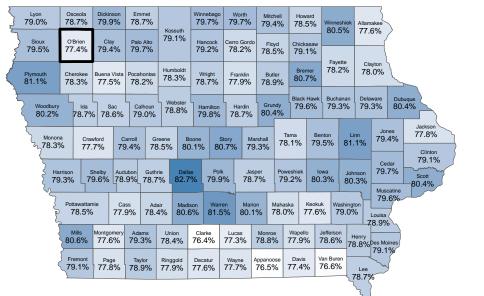
> 75.0% 72.5% 70.0%

Cholesterol Screening

Cholesterol screening among adults aged >=18 years



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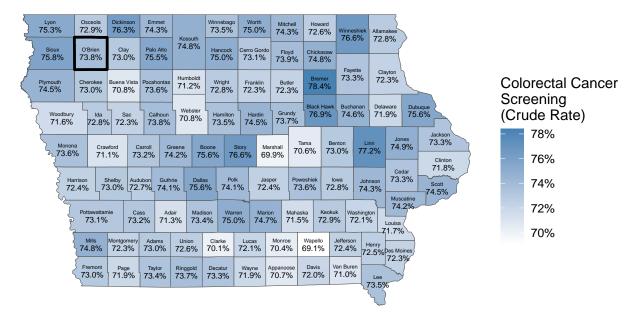
Cholesterol Screening (Age-Adjusted Rate)



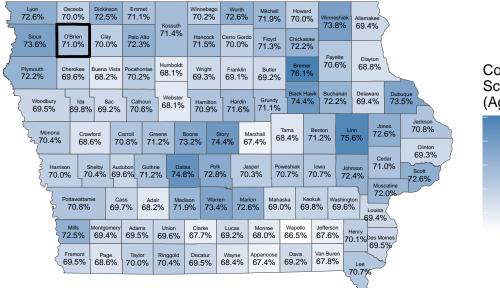
78%

Colorectal Cancer Screening

Colorectal cancer screening among adults aged 50-75 years



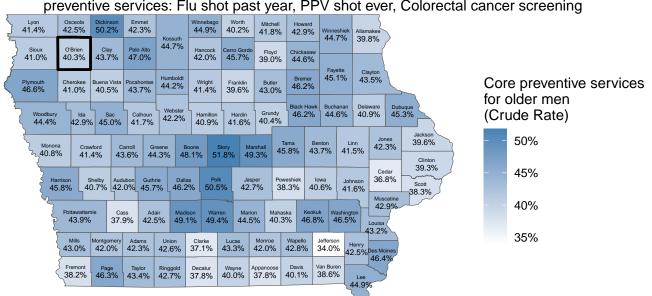
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Colorectal Cancer Screening (Age-Adjusted Rate) 76% 74% 72% 70% 68%

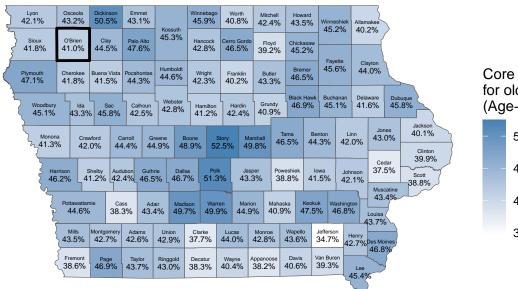
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Core preventive services for older men



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

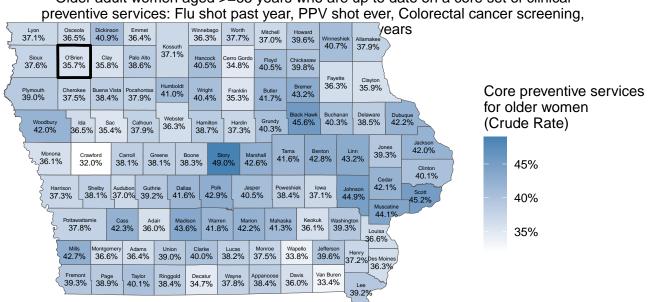
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Core preventive services for older men (Age–Adjusted Rate)

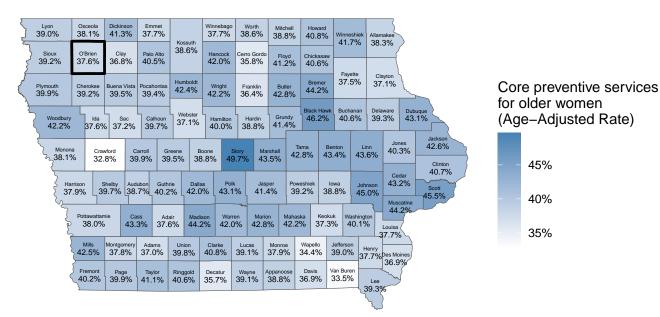


Core preventive services for older women



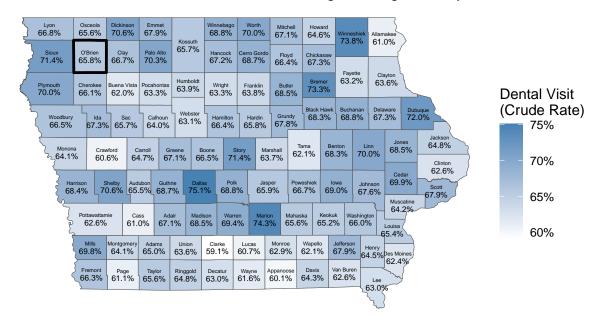
Older adult women aged >=65 years who are up to date on a core set of clinical

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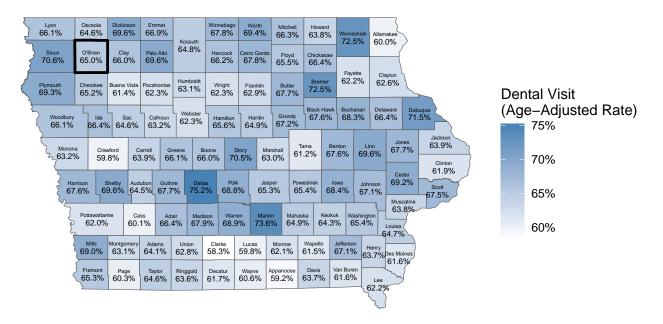
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Dental Visit

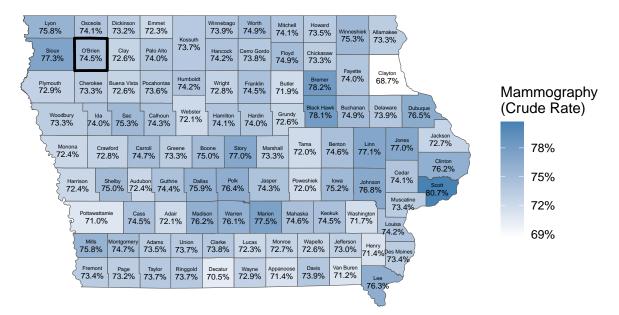


Visits to dentist or dental clinic among adults aged >=18 years

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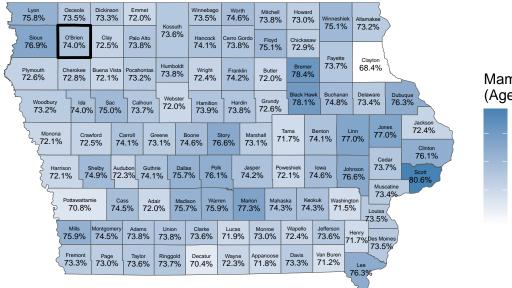


Mammography



Mammography use among women aged 50-74 years

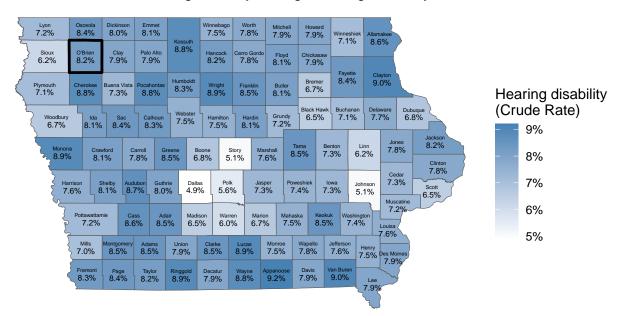
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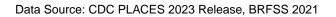
Mammography (Age–Adjusted Rate)

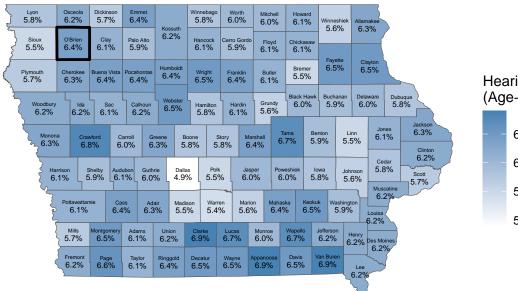


Hearing disability

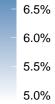


Hearing disability among adults aged >=18 years



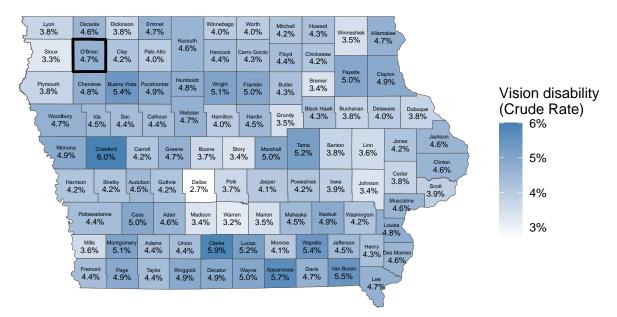


Hearing disability (Age–Adjusted Rate)

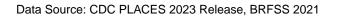


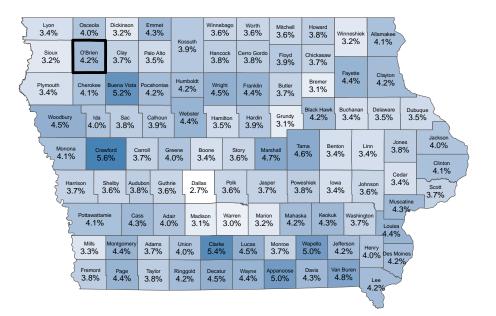
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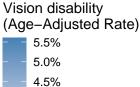
Vision disability



Vision disability among adults aged >=18 years



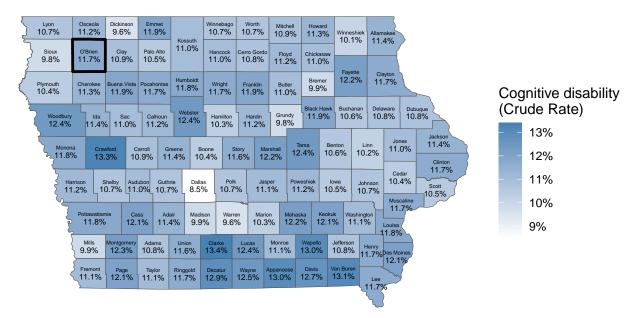






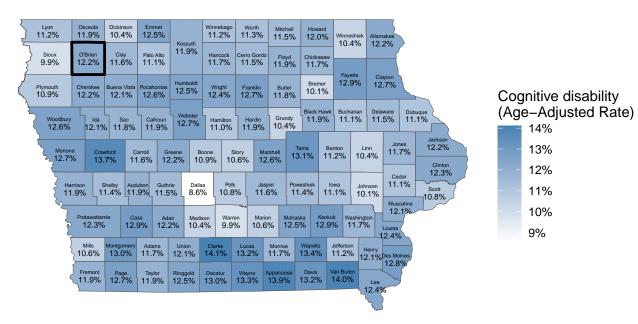
3.5% 3.0%

Cognitive disability

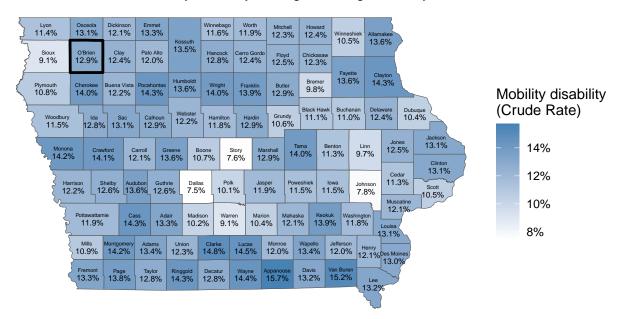


Cognitive disability among adults aged >=18 years

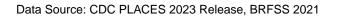
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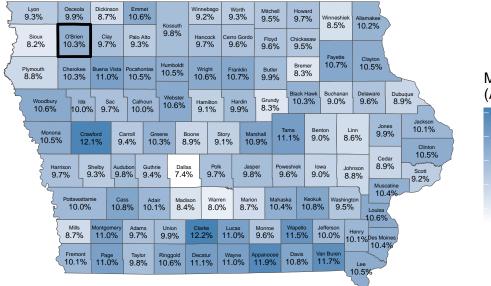


Mobility disability



Mobility disability among adults aged >=18 years



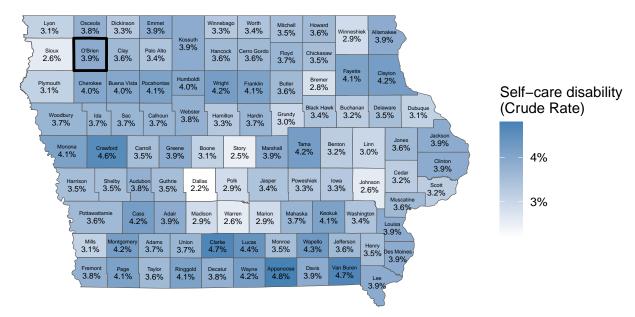


Mobility disability (Age–Adjusted Rate)

- 11% - 10%
- 9%

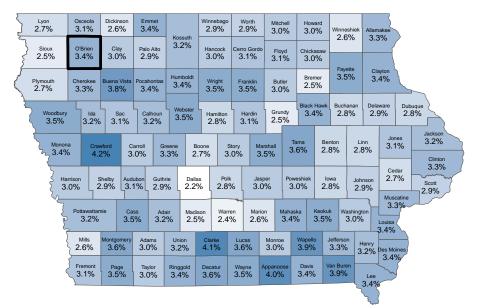
8%

Self-care disability

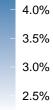


Self-care disability among adults aged >=18 years

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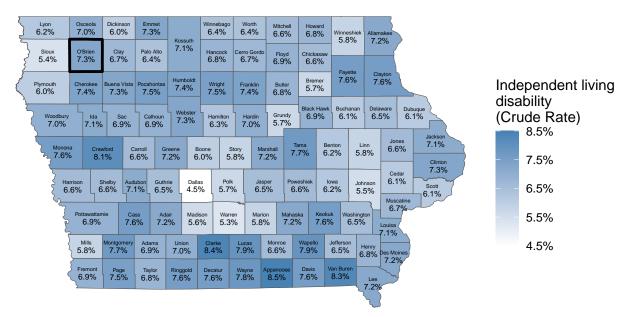


Self–care disability (Age–Adjusted Rate)



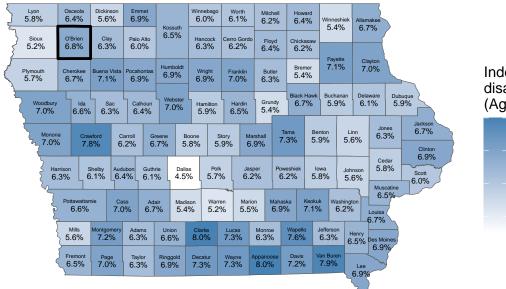
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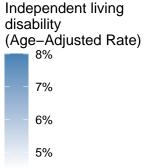
Independent living disability



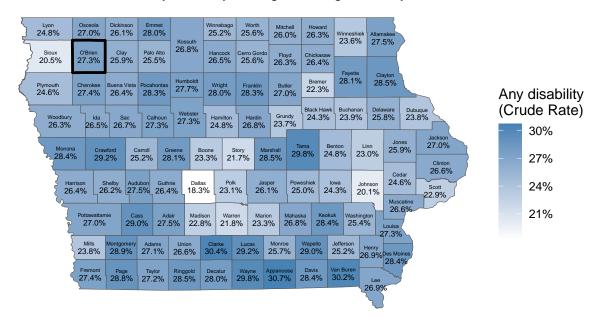
Independent living disability among adults aged >=18 years

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Any disability



Any disability among adults aged >=18 years

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