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Health in Union County: Overview

Dear Community Members & Stakeholders of Union 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 Union County ranks across various health measures compared to the rest of the state and similarly-sized counties. This comparison allows us to identify Union 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 Union 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
Binge Drinking	28th	23rd	Binge Drinking	13th	5th
High Cholesterol	28th	10th	Cancer (except skin)	26th	14th
Obesity	37th	19th	Taking BP Medication	28th	15th
Cancer (except skin)	37th	14th	Annual Checkup	28th	11th
Diabetes	39th	19th	Mammography	40th	19th

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
Sleep <7 hours	91st	59th	Sleep <7 hours	93rd	58th
Cholesterol Screening	79th	54th	Dental Visit	76th	47th
Dental Visit	76th	47th	Arthritis	72nd	47th
Mental Health	67th	46th	Cholesterol Screening	70th	38th
All Teeth Lost	67th	41st	Cervical Cancer Screening	68th	39th

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 Union County.

Sincerely,



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How to Use this Report

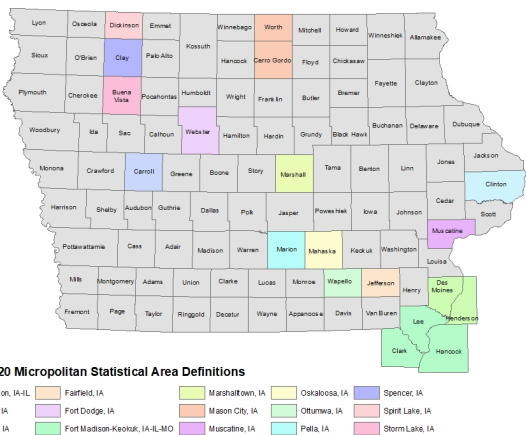
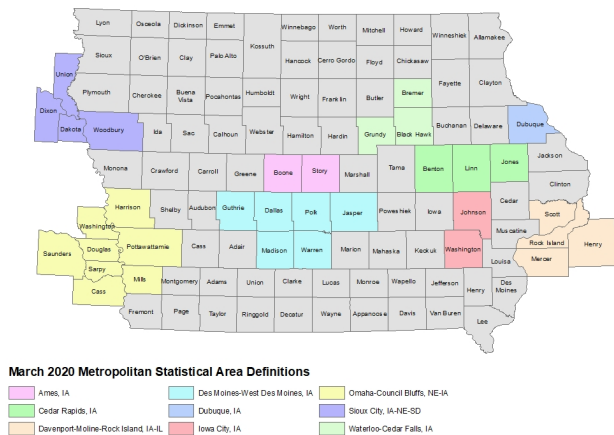
The purpose of the Iowa County Health Snapshot Series is to provide an overview of health in Union County that can be used to help inform health-related interventions and programming. This report contains five sections, including the overall health status of Union County, a review of risky behaviors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

With a population of 12,018, Union County’s similarly sized counties are defined as rural counties. In Iowa, 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 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

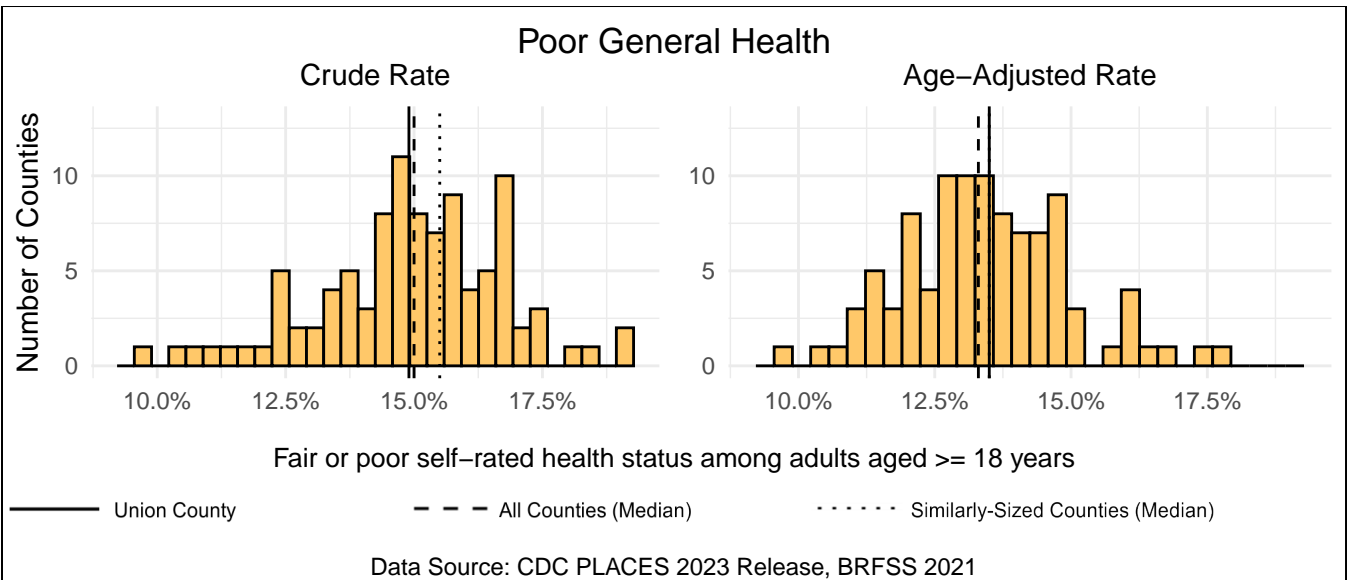
This section reflects measures for overall health, including general, physical, and mental health. These measures are a valuable way to see a simple summary of the health of a country’s population. The questions to calculate these measures ask respondents to evaluate their health status. General health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

Union County has a crude rate of 14.9% for fair or poor self-rated health status among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 45th out of 99 Iowa counties (20th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Union County is 13.5%, which ranks 53rd out of 99 Iowa counties (30th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

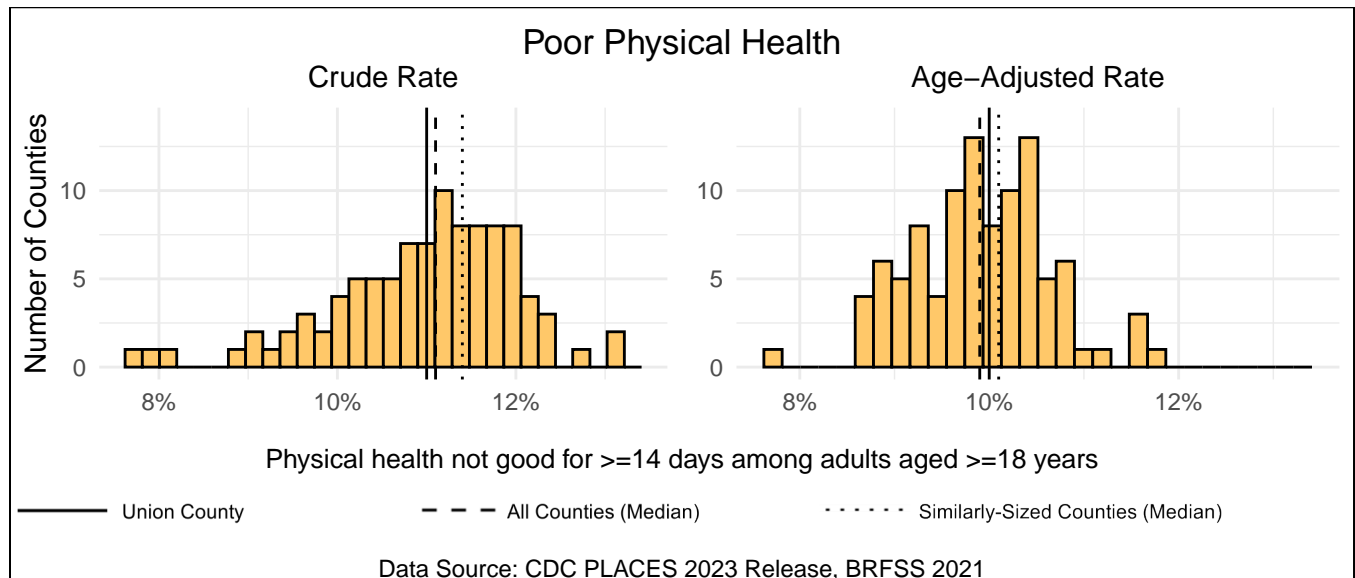
Measure Type	Union County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	14.9%	15.0%	15.5%
Age-Adjusted	13.5%	13.3%	13.5%



Poor Physical Health

Union County has a crude rate of 11.0% for physical health not good for ≥ 14 days among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 41st out of 99 Iowa counties (18th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Union County is 10.0%, which ranks 52nd out of 99 Iowa counties (27th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

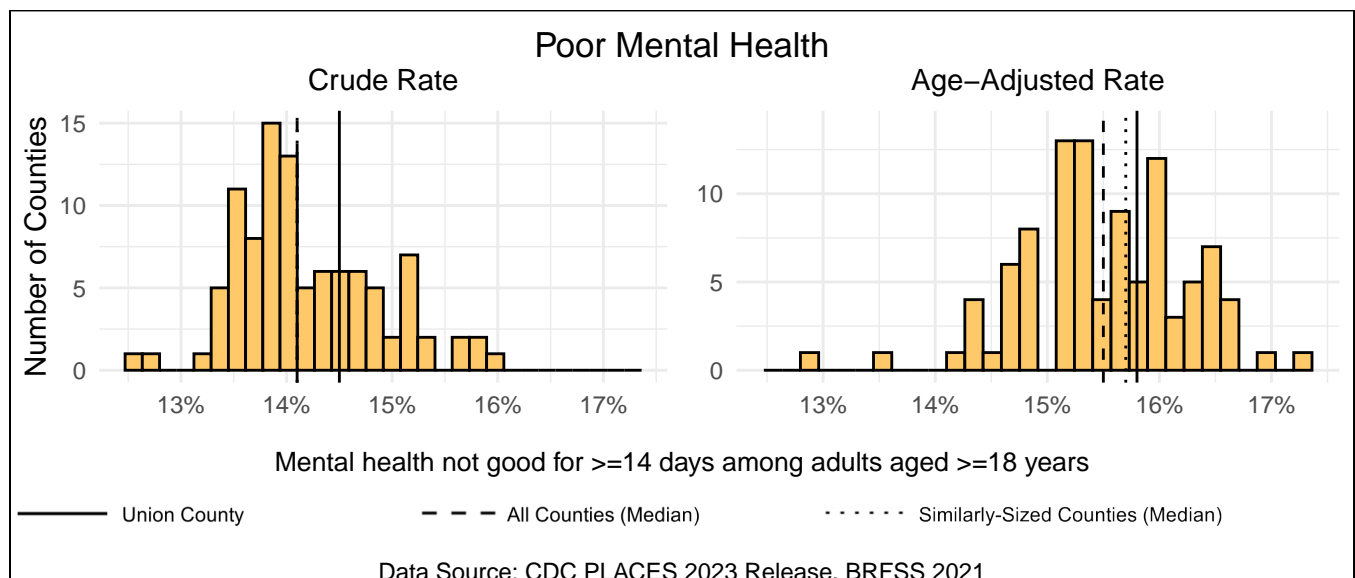
Measure Type	Union County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	11.0%	11.1%	11.4%
Age-Adjusted	10.0%	9.9%	10.1%



Poor Mental Health

Union County has a crude rate of 14.5% for mental health not good for ≥ 14 days among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 67th out of 99 Iowa counties (46th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Union County is 15.8%, which ranks 62nd out of 99 Iowa counties (36th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

Measure Type	Union County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	14.5%	14.1%	14.1%
Age-Adjusted	15.8%	15.5%	15.7%



Health Risk Behaviors

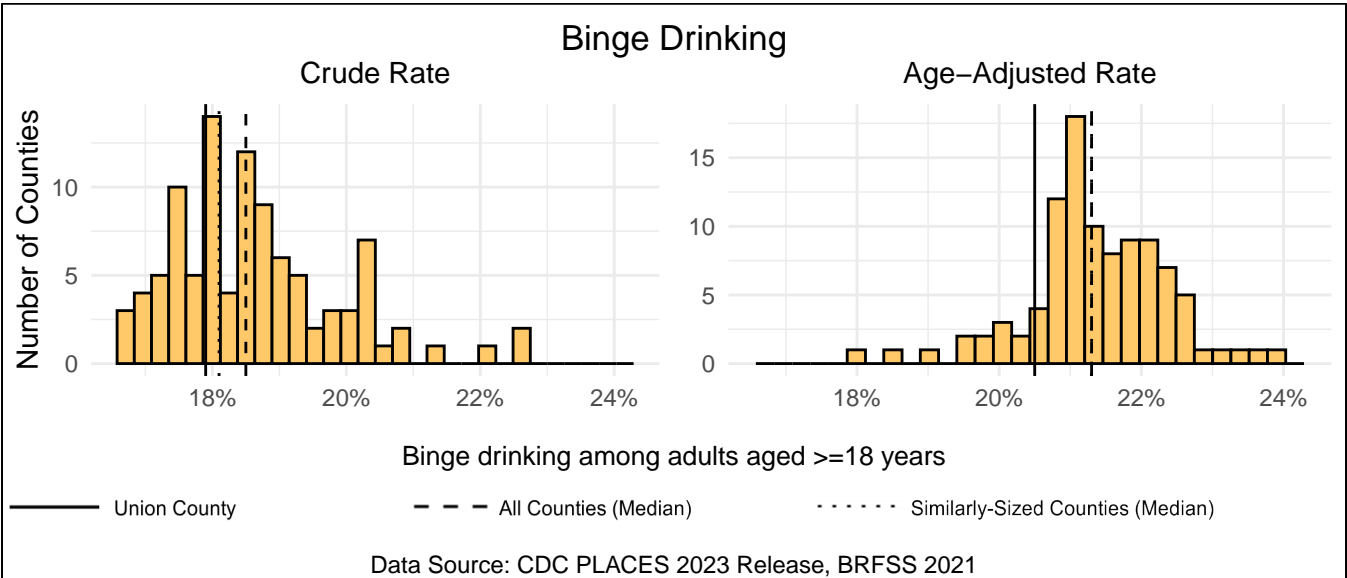
Health risk measures are measures of individual behaviors that can lead to poor health outcomes. These include binge drinking, current smoking, physical inactivity, and getting less than seven hours of nightly sleep. Risk behaviors are the most critical intervention points as they can help save lives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

Union County has a crude rate of 17.9% for binge drinking among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 28th out of 99 Iowa counties (23rd out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Union County is 20.5%, which ranks 13th out of 99 Iowa counties (5th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

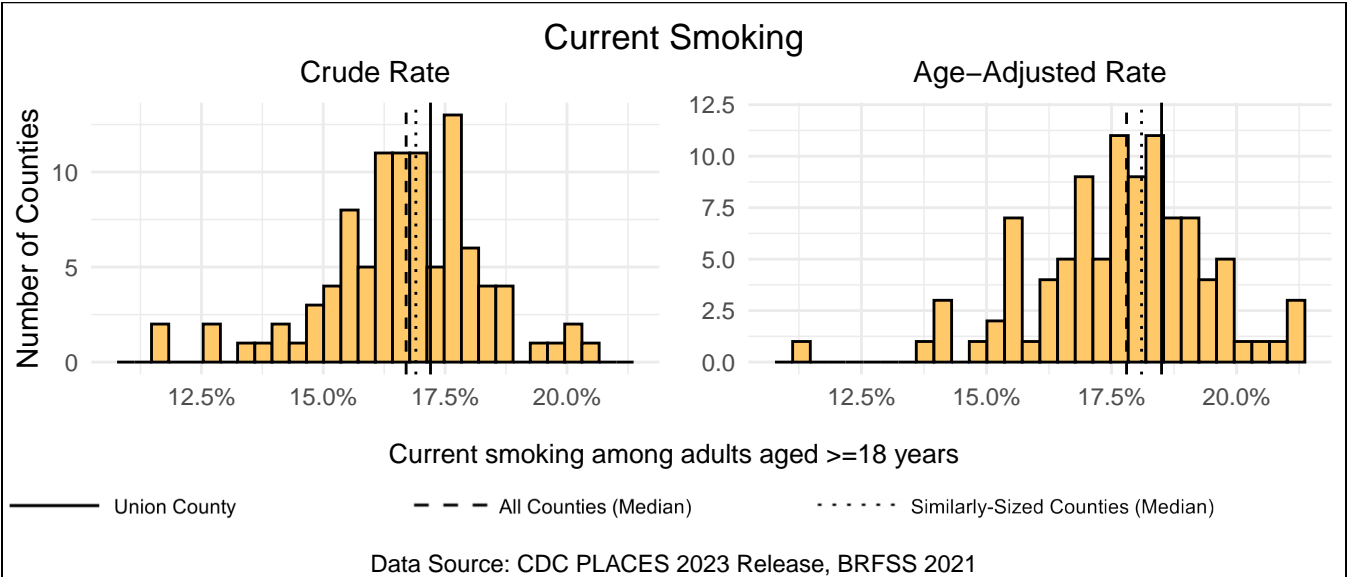
Measure Type	Union County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	17.9%	18.5%	18.1%
Age-Adjusted	20.5%	21.3%	21.3%



Current Smoking

Union County has a crude rate of 17.2% for current smoking among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 63rd out of 99 Iowa counties (37th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Union County is 18.5%, which ranks 68th out of 99 Iowa counties (39th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

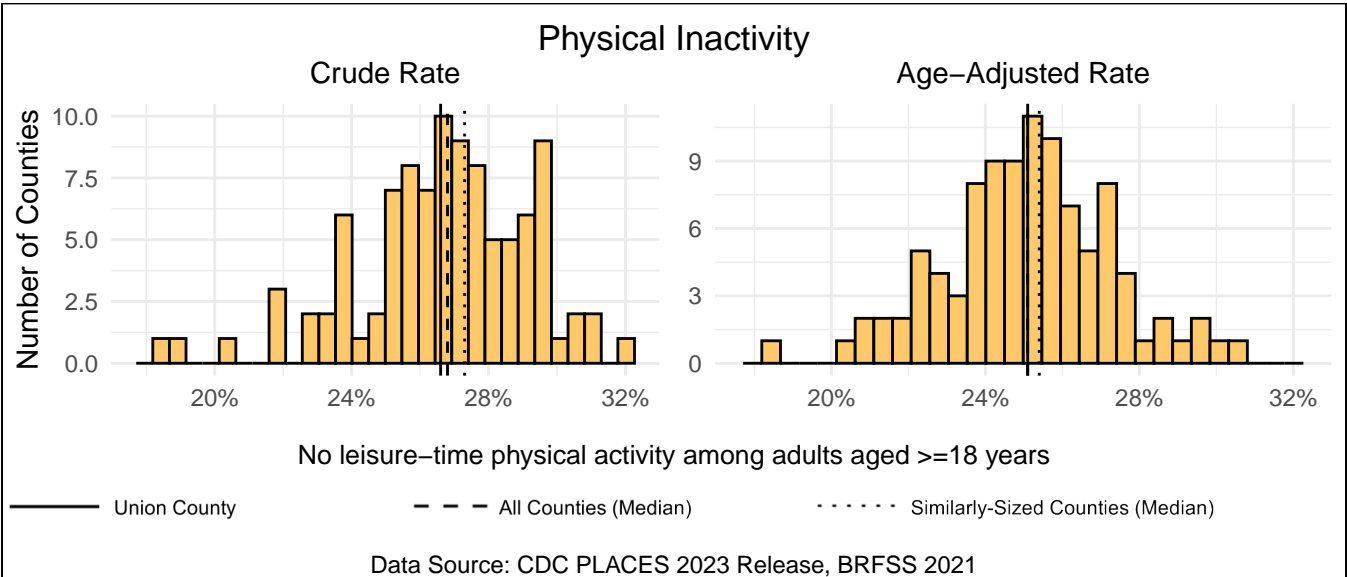
Measure Type	Union County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	17.2%	16.7%	16.9%
Age-Adjusted	18.5%	17.8%	18.1%



Physical Inactivity

Union County has a crude rate of 26.6% for no leisure-time physical activity among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 44th out of 99 Iowa counties (22nd out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Union County is 25.1%, which ranks 48th out of 99 Iowa counties (26th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

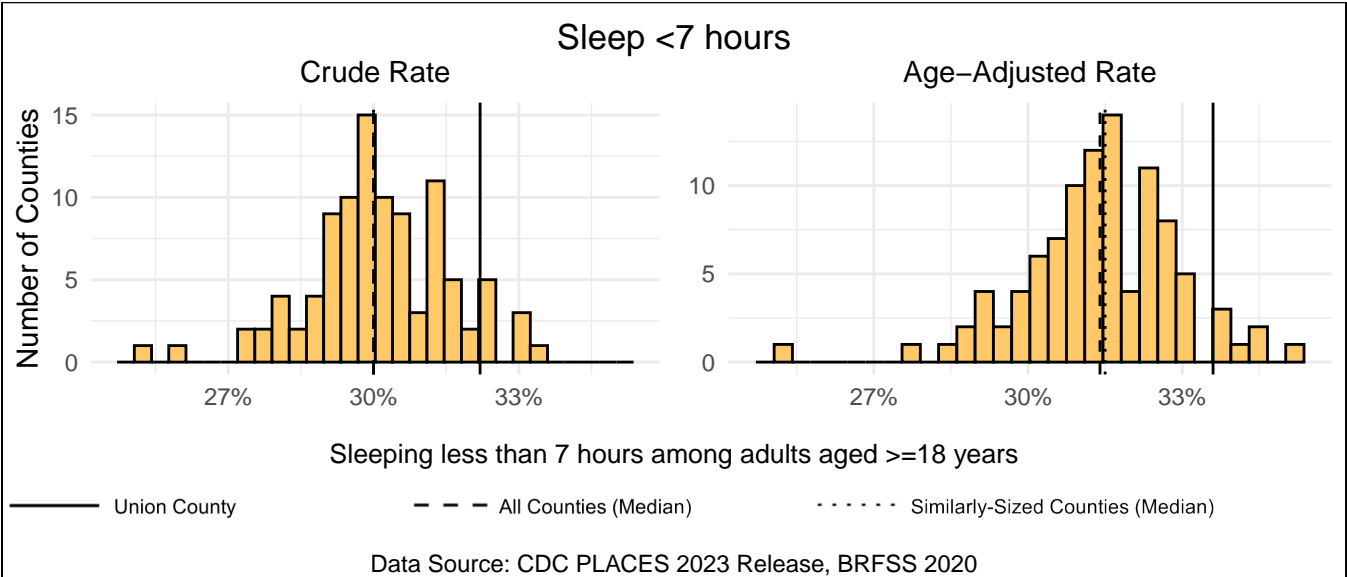
Measure Type	Union County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	26.6%	26.8%	27.3%
Age-Adjusted	25.1%	25.1%	25.4%



Sleep <7 hours

Union County has a crude rate of 32.2% for sleeping less than 7 hours among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 91st out of 99 Iowa counties (59th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Union County is 33.6%, which ranks 93rd out of 99 Iowa counties (58th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

Measure Type	Union County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	32.2%	30.0%	30.0%
Age-Adjusted	33.6%	31.4%	31.5%



Health Outcomes

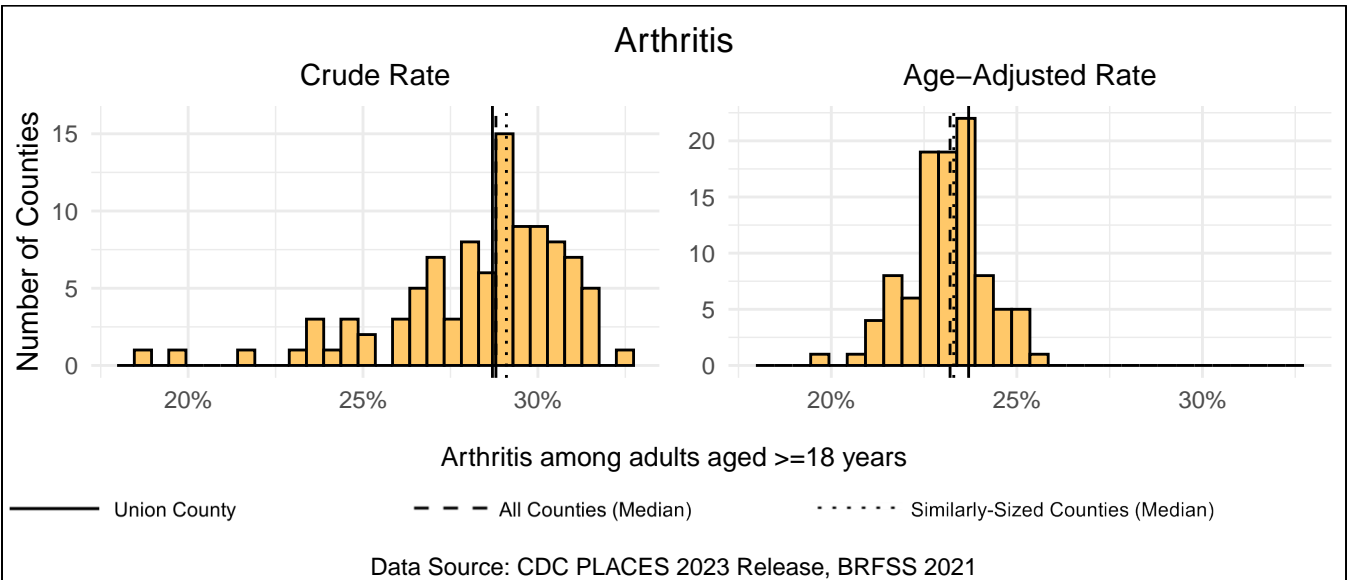
This section includes measures about specific health outcomes such as chronic illness, mental health conditions, and risk factors for future disease. Health outcome measures include but are not limited to arthritis, high blood pressure, cancer, depression, and obesity. Each measure is the percentage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

Union County has a crude rate of 28.7% for arthritis among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 43rd out of 99 Iowa counties (19th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Union County is 23.7%, which ranks 72nd out of 99 Iowa counties (47th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

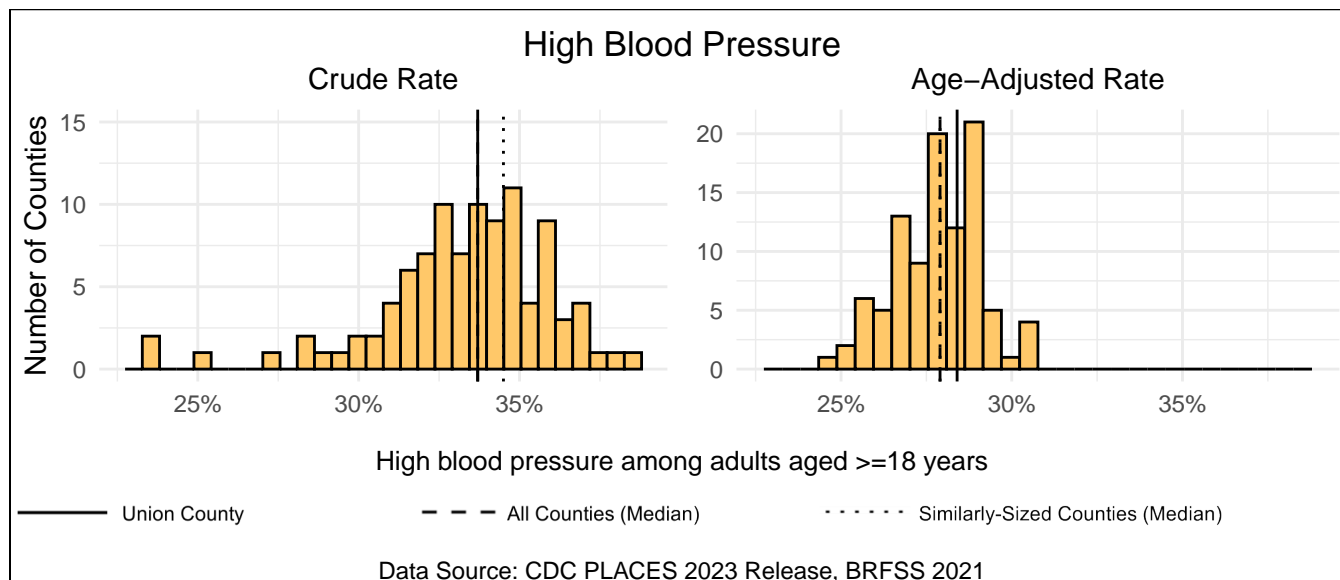
Measure Type	Union County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	28.7%	28.8%	29.1%
Age-Adjusted	23.7%	23.2%	23.3%



High Blood Pressure

Union County has a crude rate of 33.7% for high blood pressure among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 49th out of 99 Iowa counties (23rd out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Union County is 28.4%, which ranks 64th out of 99 Iowa counties (40th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

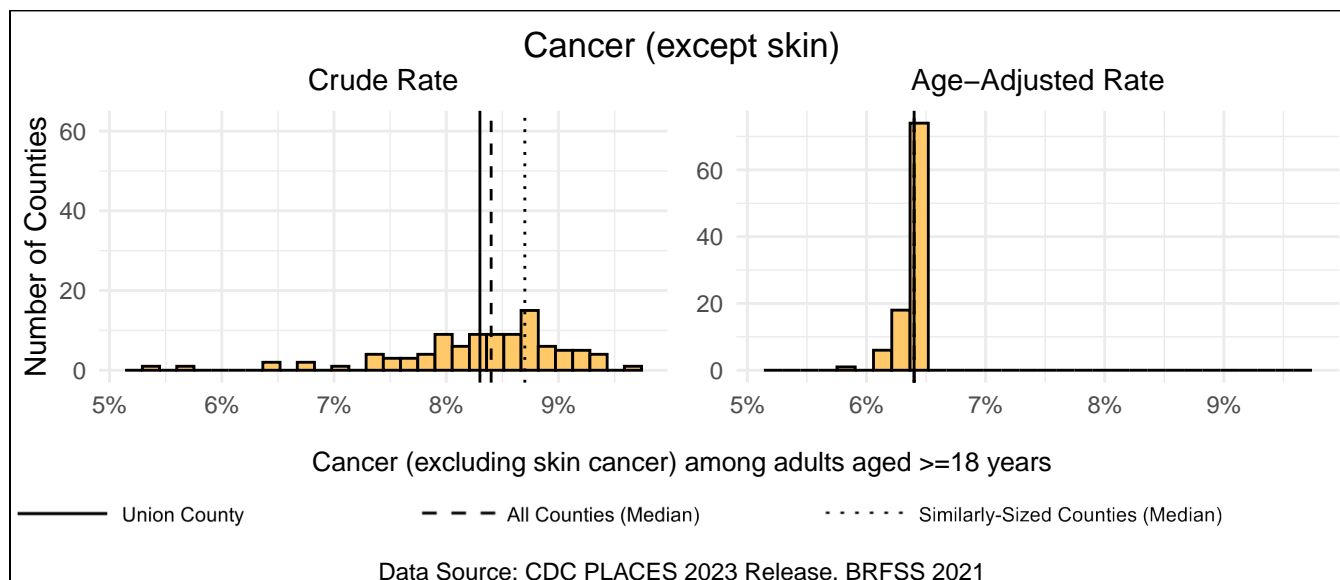
Measure Type	Union County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	33.7%	33.7%	34.5%
Age-Adjusted	28.4%	27.9%	27.9%



Cancer (except skin)

Union 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 (14th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Union County is 6.4%, which ranks 26th out of 99 Iowa counties (14th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

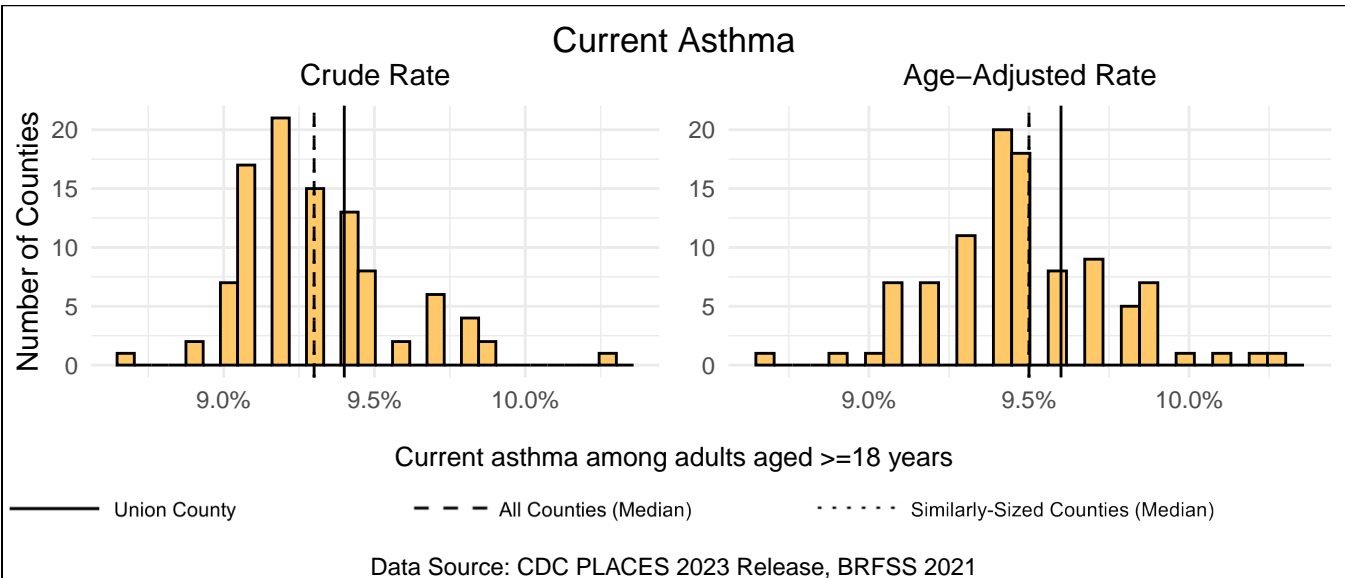
Measure Type	Union County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	8.3%	8.4%	8.7%
Age-Adjusted	6.4%	6.4%	6.4%



Current Asthma

Union County has a crude rate of 9.4% for current asthma among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 64th out of 99 Iowa counties (42nd out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Union County is 9.6%, which ranks 67th out of 99 Iowa counties (39th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

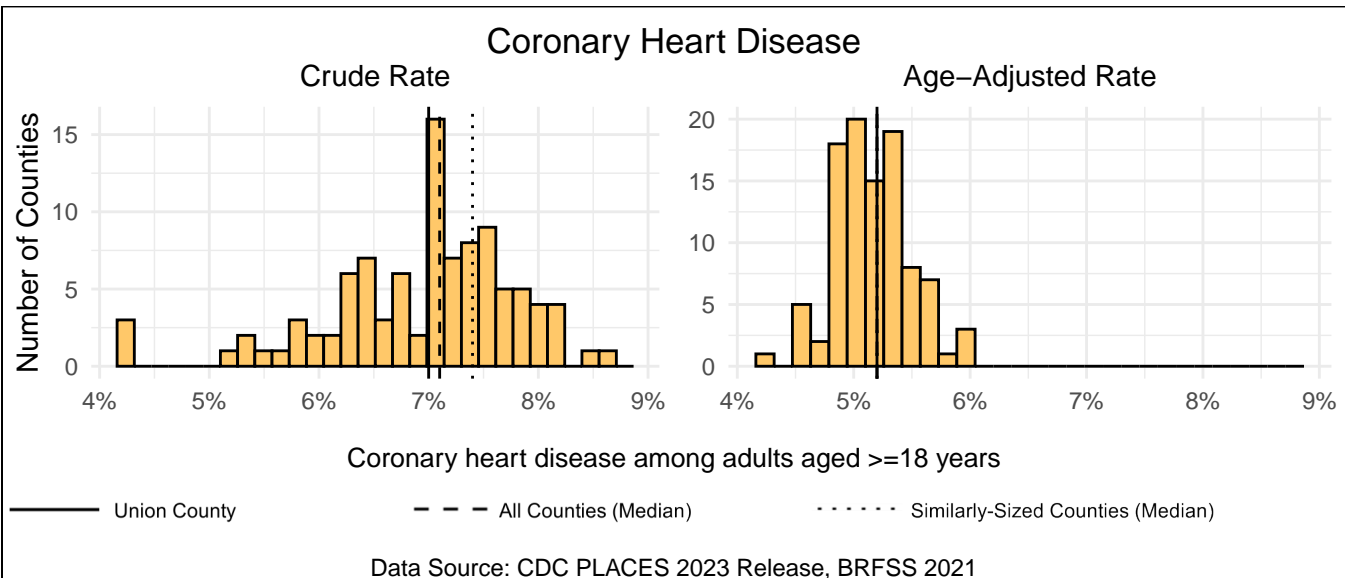
Measure Type	Union County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	9.4%	9.3%	9.3%
Age-Adjusted	9.6%	9.5%	9.5%



Coronary Heart Disease

Union County has a crude rate of 7.0% for coronary heart disease among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 40th out of 99 Iowa counties (15th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Union County is 5.2%, which ranks 47th out of 99 Iowa counties (25th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

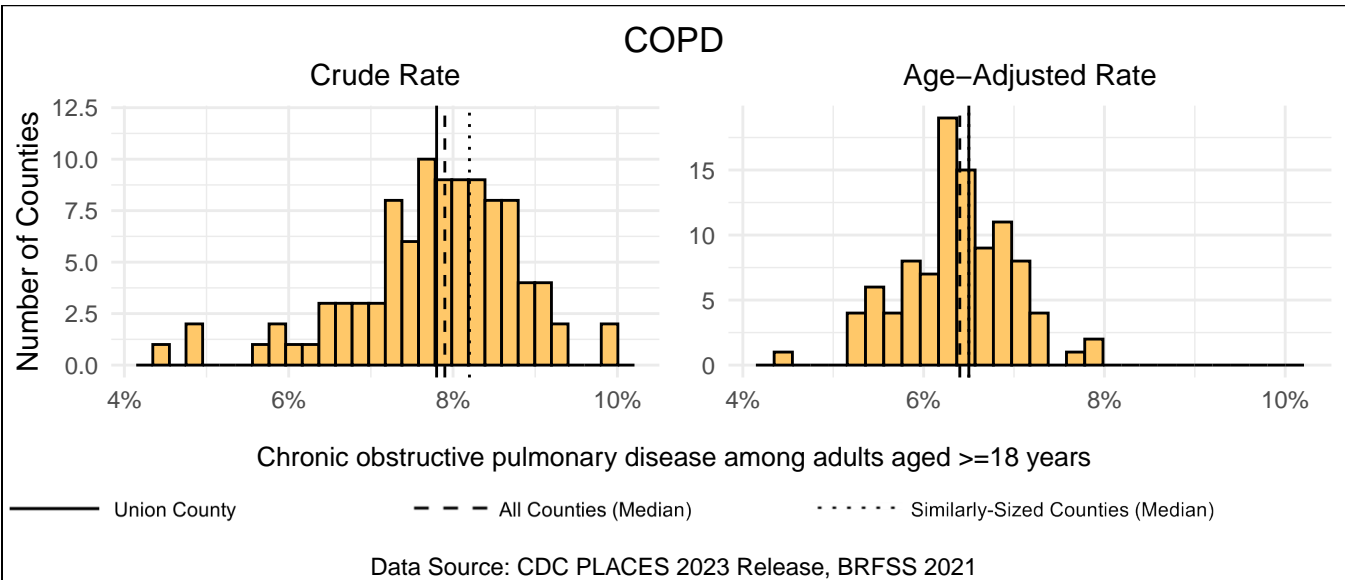
Measure Type	Union County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	7.0%	7.1%	7.4%
Age-Adjusted	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%



COPD

Union County has a crude rate of 7.8% for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 45th out of 99 Iowa counties (17th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Union County is 6.5%, which ranks 60th out of 99 Iowa counties (32nd out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

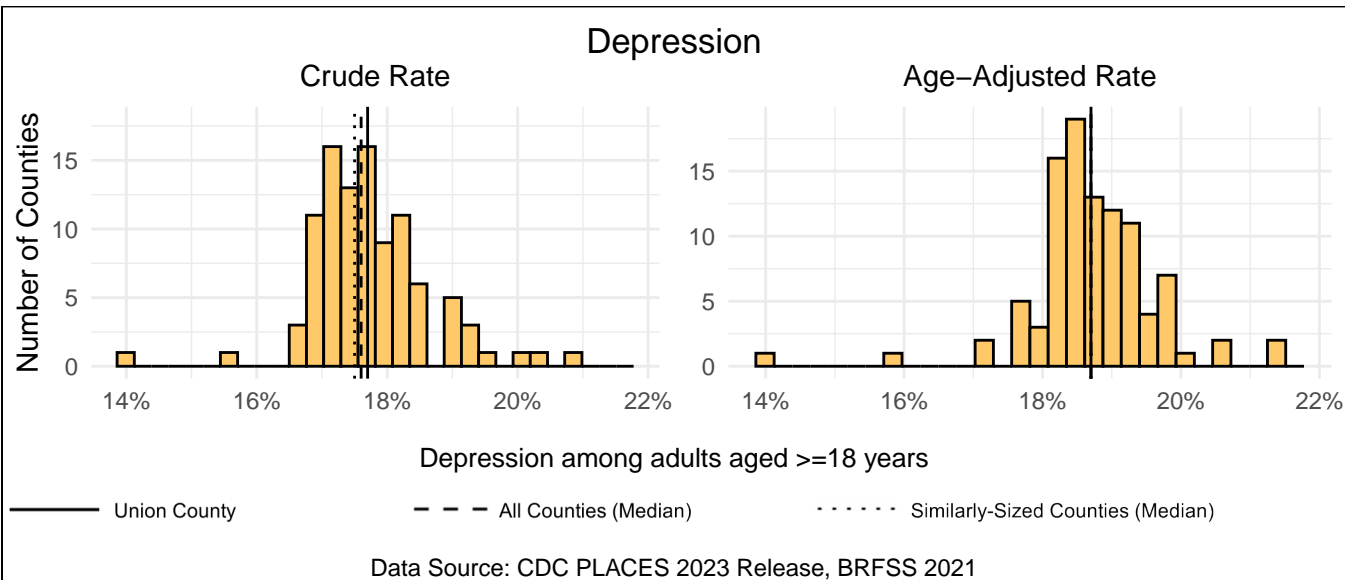
Measure Type	Union County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	7.8%	7.9%	8.2%
Age-Adjusted	6.5%	6.4%	6.5%



Depression

Union County has a crude rate of 17.7% for depression among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 52nd out of 99 Iowa counties (36th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Union County is 18.7%, which ranks 48th out of 99 Iowa counties (32nd out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

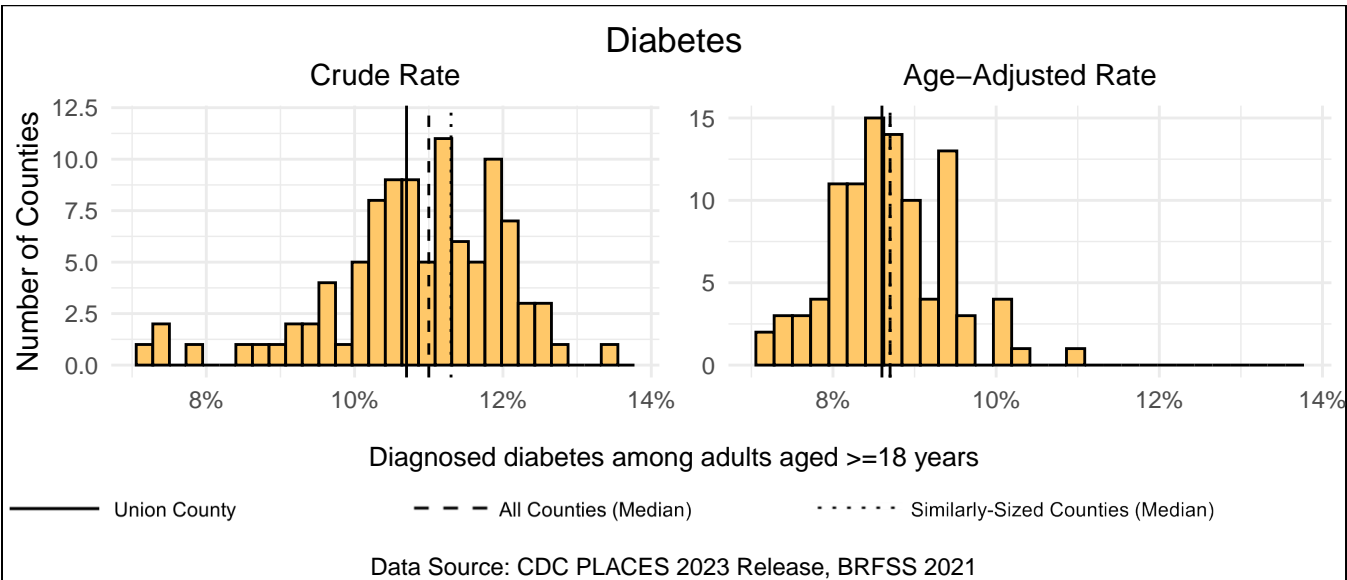
Measure Type	Union County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	17.7%	17.6%	17.5%
Age-Adjusted	18.7%	18.7%	18.7%



Diabetes

Union County has a crude rate of 10.7% for diagnosed diabetes among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 39th out of 99 Iowa counties (19th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Union County is 8.6%, which ranks 46th out of 99 Iowa counties (26th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

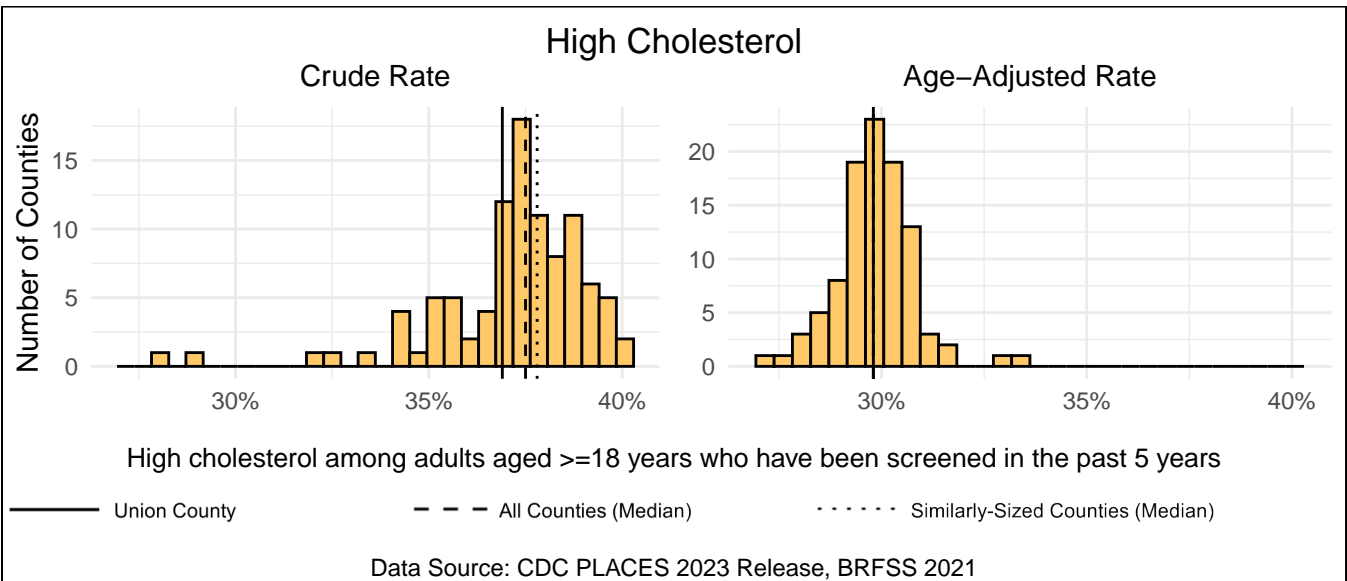
Measure Type	Union County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	10.7%	11.0%	11.3%
Age-Adjusted	8.6%	8.7%	8.7%



High Cholesterol

Union County has a crude rate of 36.9% for high cholesterol among adults aged ≥ 18 years who have been screened in the past 5 years, which ranks 28th out of 99 Iowa counties (10th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Union County is 29.8%, which ranks 47th out of 99 Iowa counties (28th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

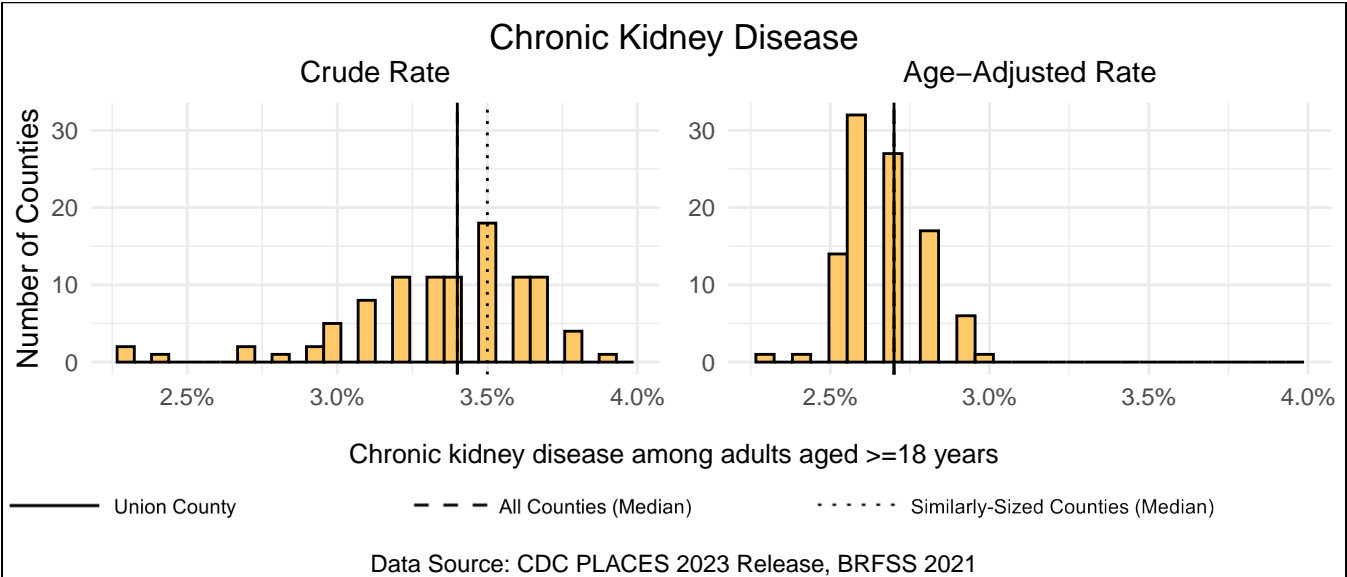
Measure Type	Union County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	36.9%	37.5%	37.8%
Age-Adjusted	29.8%	29.8%	29.8%



Chronic Kidney Disease

Union County has a crude rate of 3.4% for chronic kidney disease among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 44th out of 99 Iowa counties (17th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Union County is 2.7%, which ranks 49th out of 99 Iowa counties (26th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

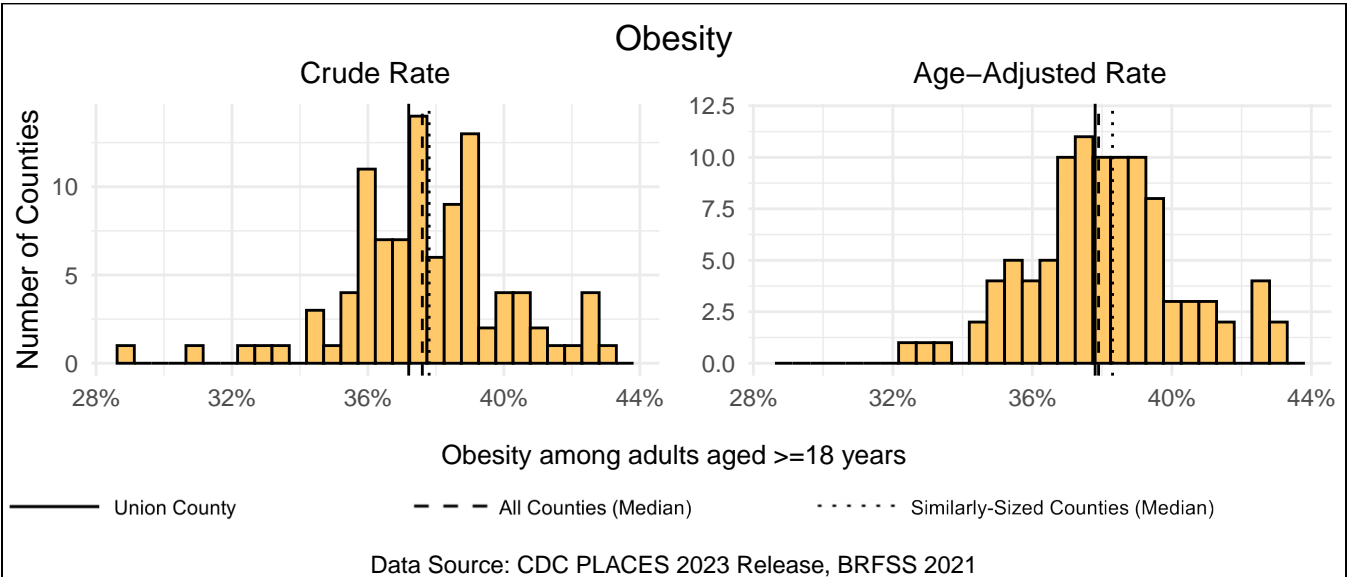
Measure Type	Union County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	3.4%	3.4%	3.5%
Age-Adjusted	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%



Obesity

Union County has a crude rate of 37.2% for obesity among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 37th out of 99 Iowa counties (19th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Union County is 37.8%, which ranks 45th out of 99 Iowa counties (23rd out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

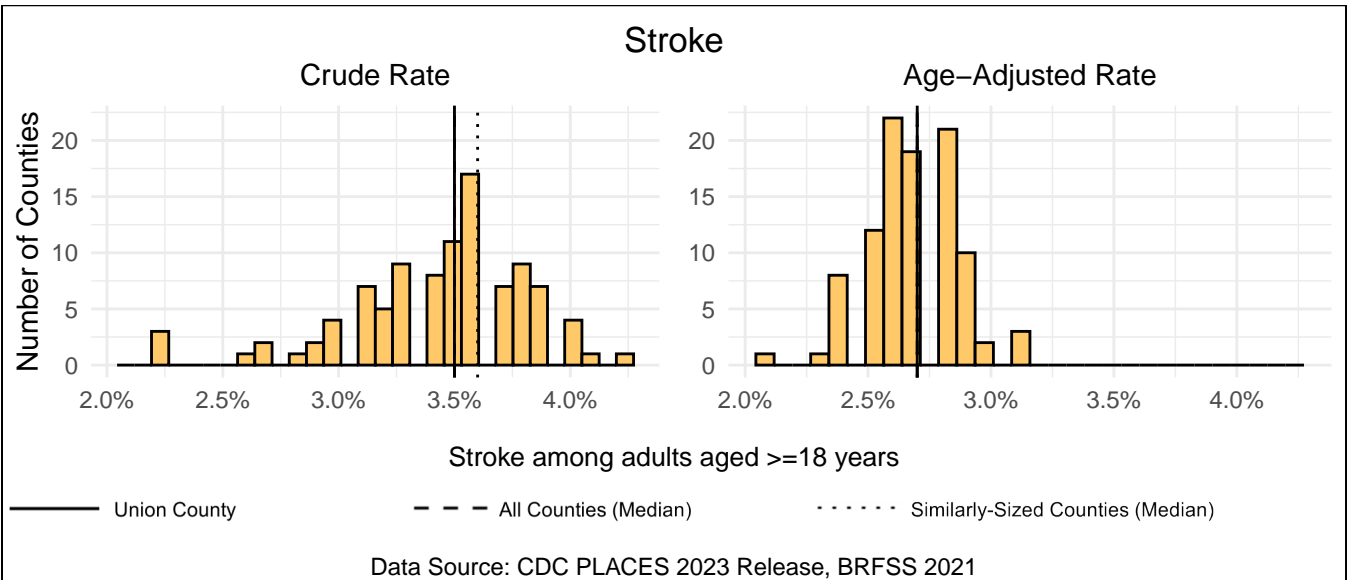
Measure Type	Union County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	37.2%	37.6%	37.8%
Age-Adjusted	37.8%	37.9%	38.3%



Stroke

Union County has a crude rate of 3.5% for stroke among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 43rd out of 99 Iowa counties (17th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Union County is 2.7%, which ranks 45th out of 99 Iowa counties (23rd out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

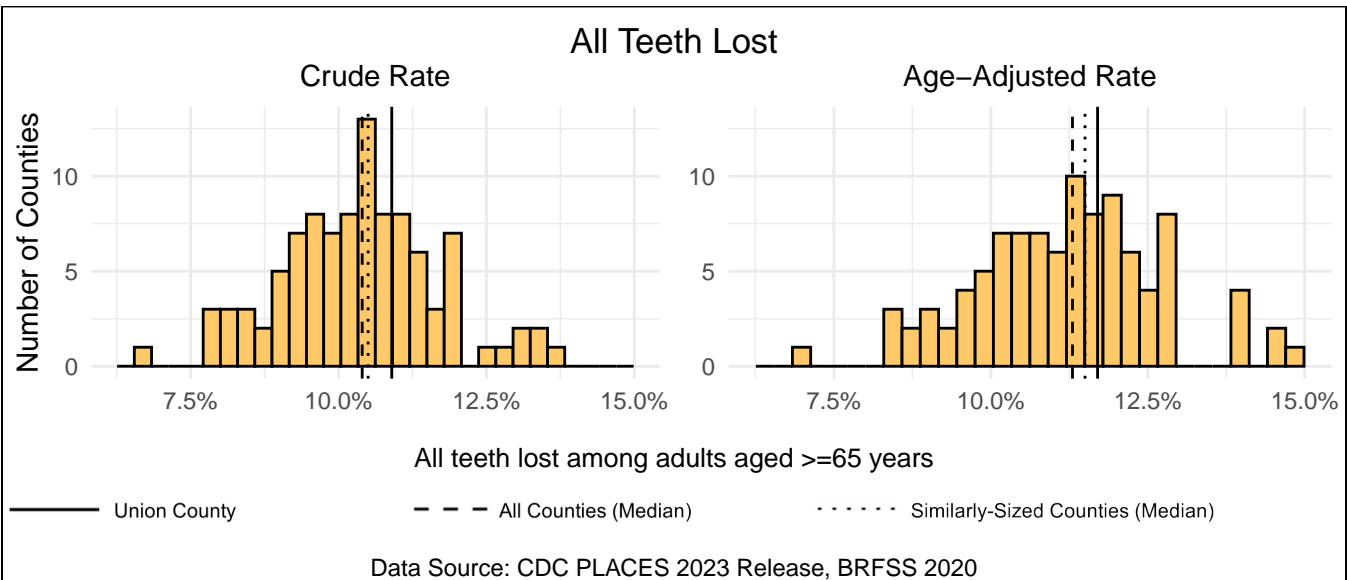
Measure Type	Union County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	3.5%	3.5%	3.6%
Age-Adjusted	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%



All Teeth Lost

Union County has a crude rate of 10.9% for all teeth lost among adults aged ≥ 65 years, which ranks 67th out of 99 Iowa counties (41st out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Union County is 11.7%, which ranks 62nd out of 99 Iowa counties (36th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

Measure Type	Union County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	10.9%	10.4%	10.5%
Age-Adjusted	11.7%	11.3%	11.5%



Prevention

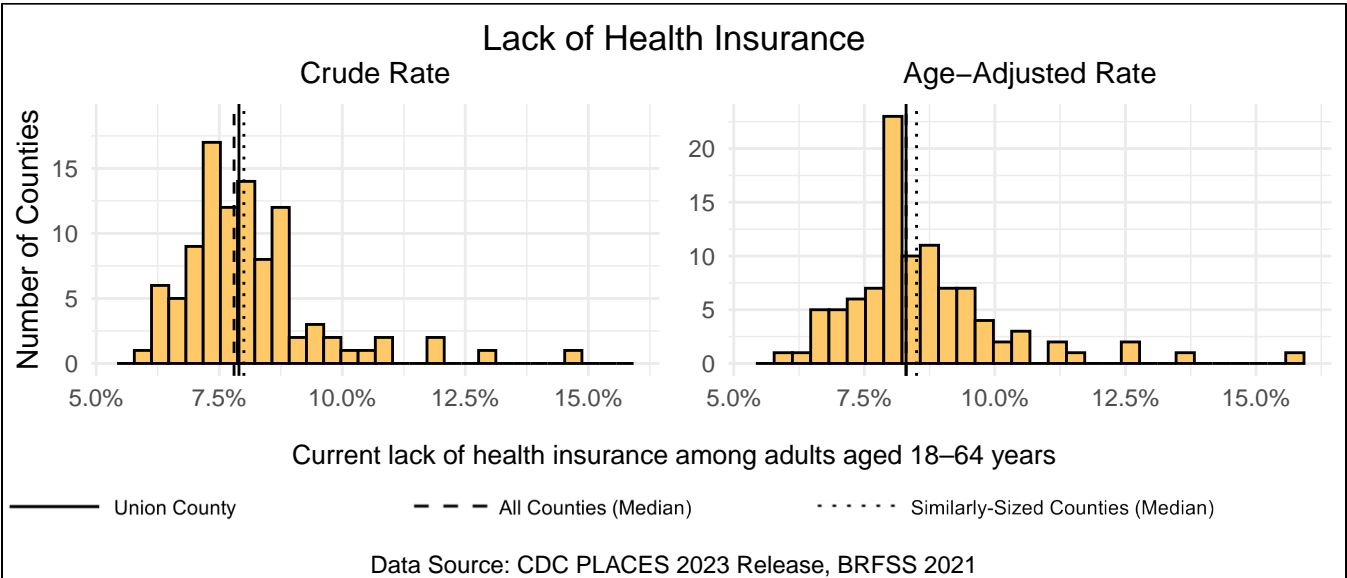
Preventive measures are another practical intervention point for public health professionals as they allow for the early detection of health conditions and improve overall treatment efficacy. This section includes a review of your county’s prevention measures, including preventive screenings and doctor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

Union County has a crude rate of 7.9% for current lack of health insurance among adults aged 18–64 years, which ranks 51st out of 99 Iowa counties (30th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Union County is 8.3%, which ranks 49th out of 99 Iowa counties (26th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

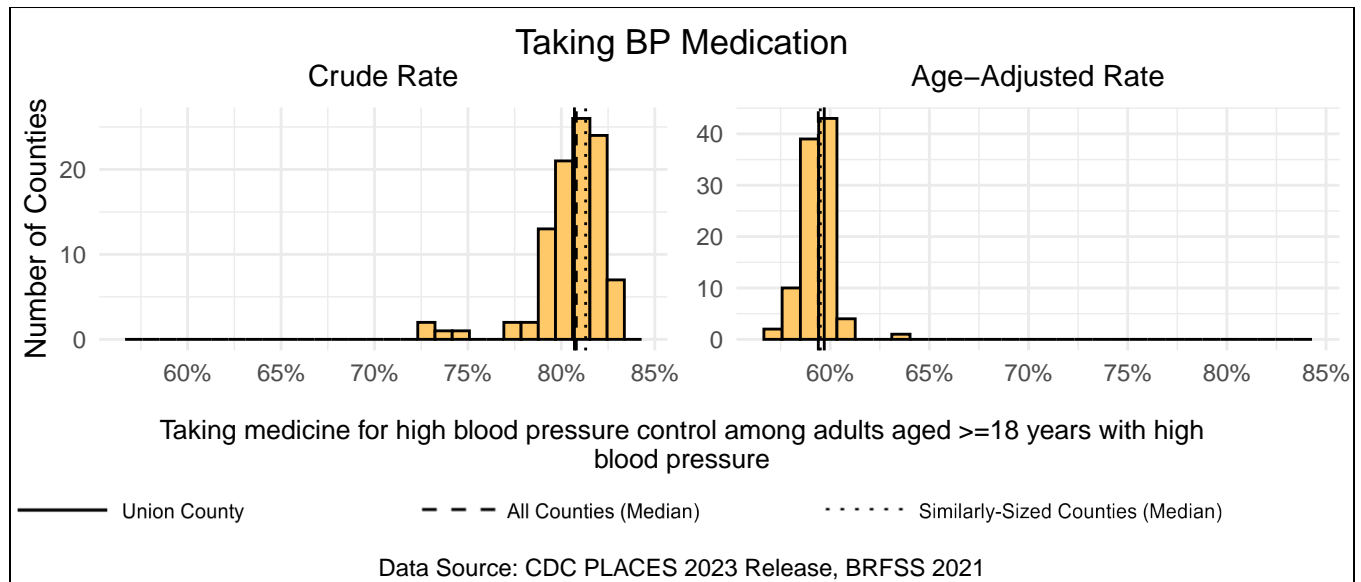
Measure Type	Union County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	7.9%	7.8%	8.0%
Age-Adjusted	8.3%	8.3%	8.5%



Taking BP Medication

Union County has a crude rate of 80.7% for taking medicine for high blood pressure control among adults aged ≥ 18 years with high blood pressure, which ranks 52nd out of 99 Iowa counties (44th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Union County is 59.7%, which ranks 28th out of 99 Iowa counties (15th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

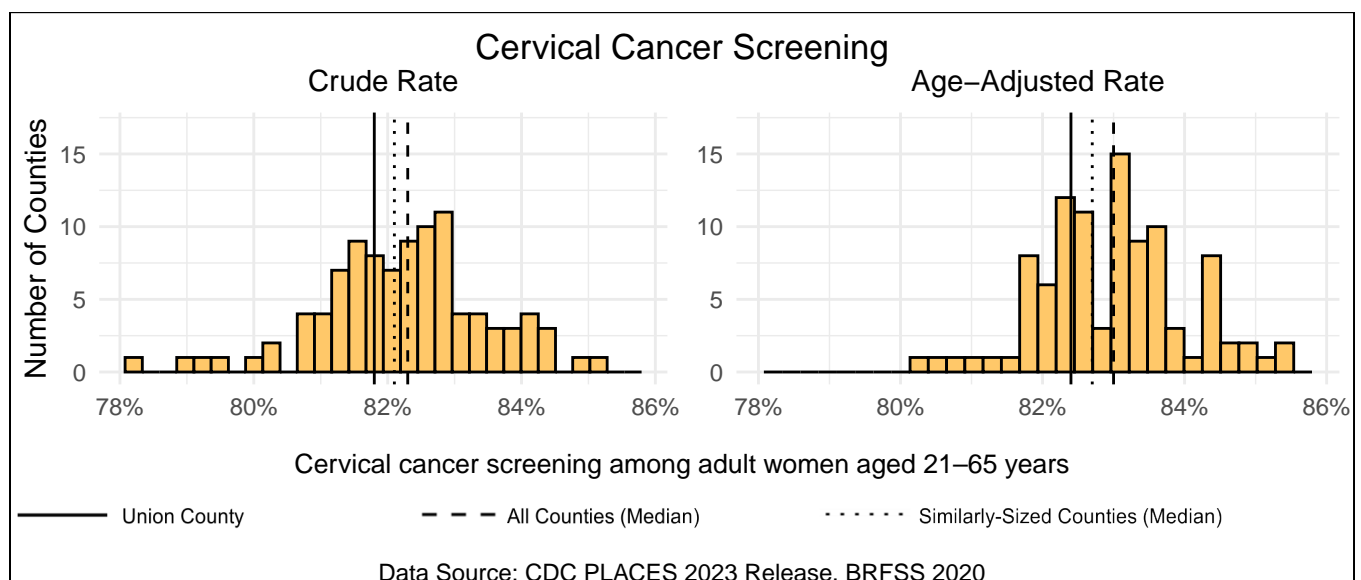
Measure Type	Union County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	80.7%	80.8%	81.3%
Age-Adjusted	59.7%	59.4%	59.5%



Cervical Cancer Screening

Union County has a crude rate of 81.8% for cervical cancer screening among adult women aged 21–65 years, which ranks 64th out of 99 Iowa counties (38th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Union County is 82.4%, which ranks 68th out of 99 Iowa counties (39th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

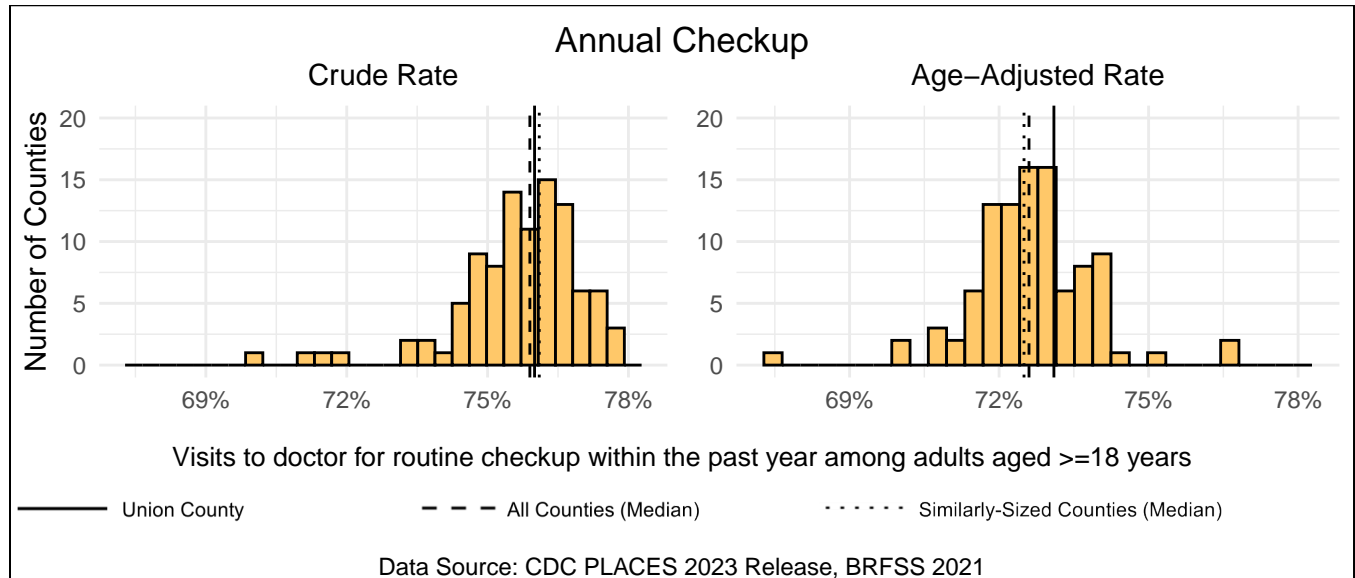
Measure Type	Union County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	81.8%	82.3%	82.1%
Age-Adjusted	82.4%	83.0%	82.7%



Annual Checkup

Union County has a crude rate of 76.0% for visits to doctor for routine checkup within the past year among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 44th out of 99 Iowa counties (33rd out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Union County is 73.1%, which ranks 28th out of 99 Iowa counties (11th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

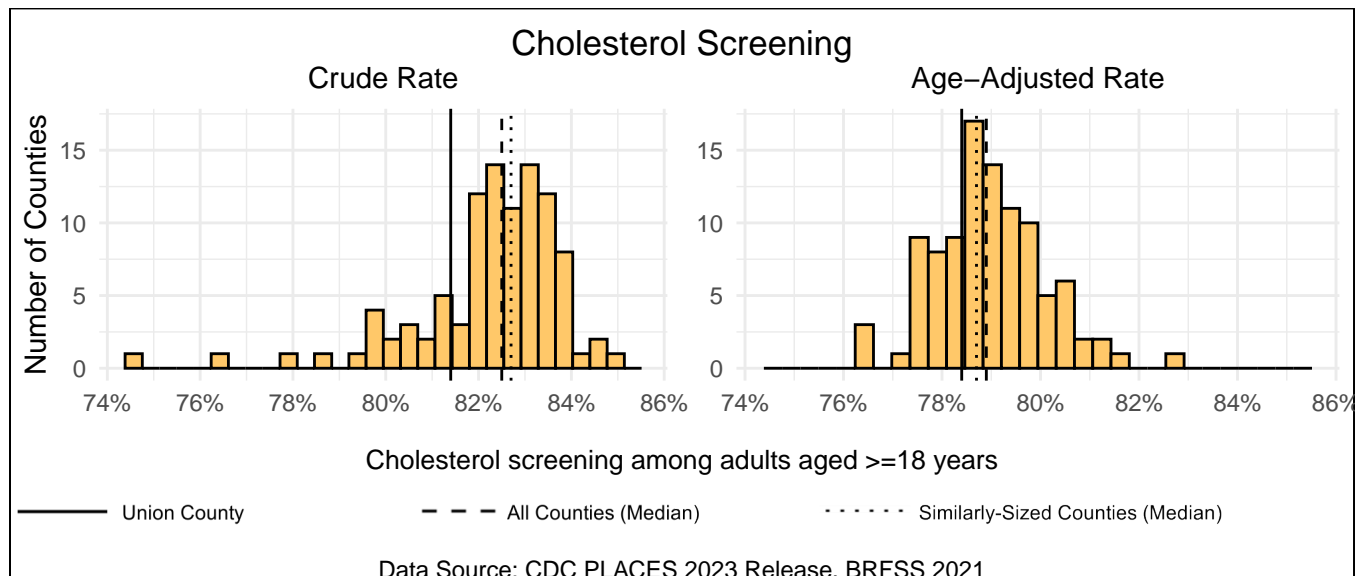
Measure Type	Union County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	76.0%	75.9%	76.1%
Age-Adjusted	73.1%	72.6%	72.5%



Cholesterol Screening

Union County has a crude rate of 81.4% for cholesterol screening among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 79th out of 99 Iowa counties (54th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Union County is 78.4%, which ranks 70th out of 99 Iowa counties (38th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

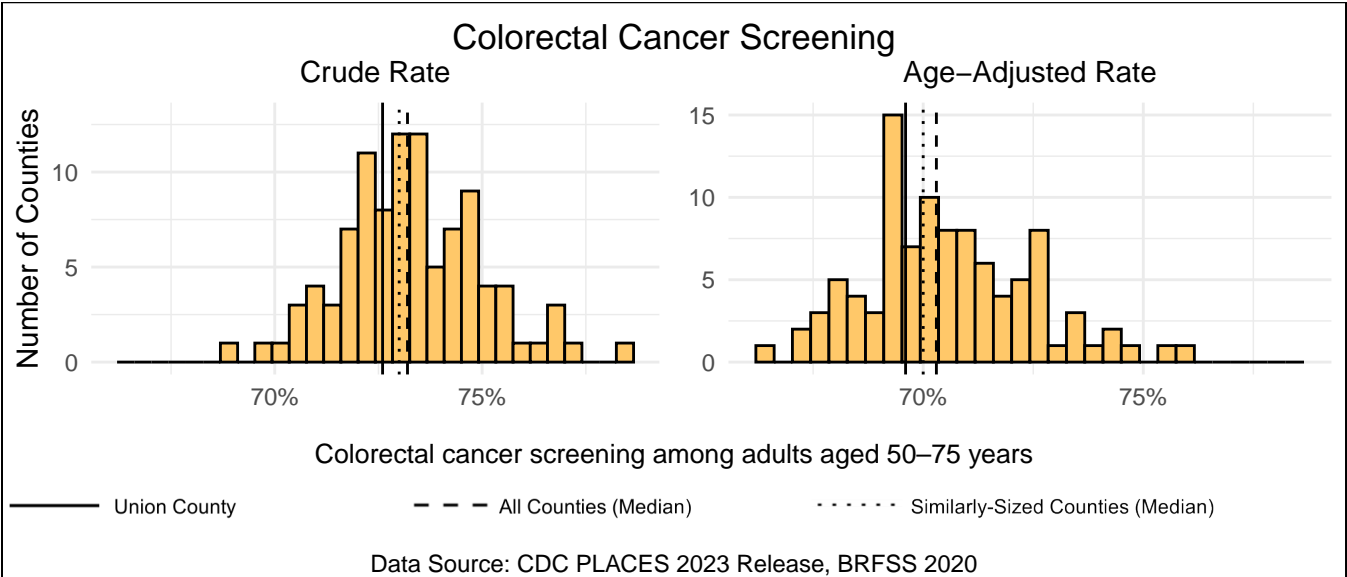
Measure Type	Union County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	81.4%	82.5%	82.7%
Age-Adjusted	78.4%	78.9%	78.7%



Colorectal Cancer Screening

Union County has a crude rate of 72.6% for colorectal cancer screening among adults aged 50–75 years, which ranks 66th out of 99 Iowa counties (42nd out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Union County is 69.6%, which ranks 63rd out of 99 Iowa counties (37th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

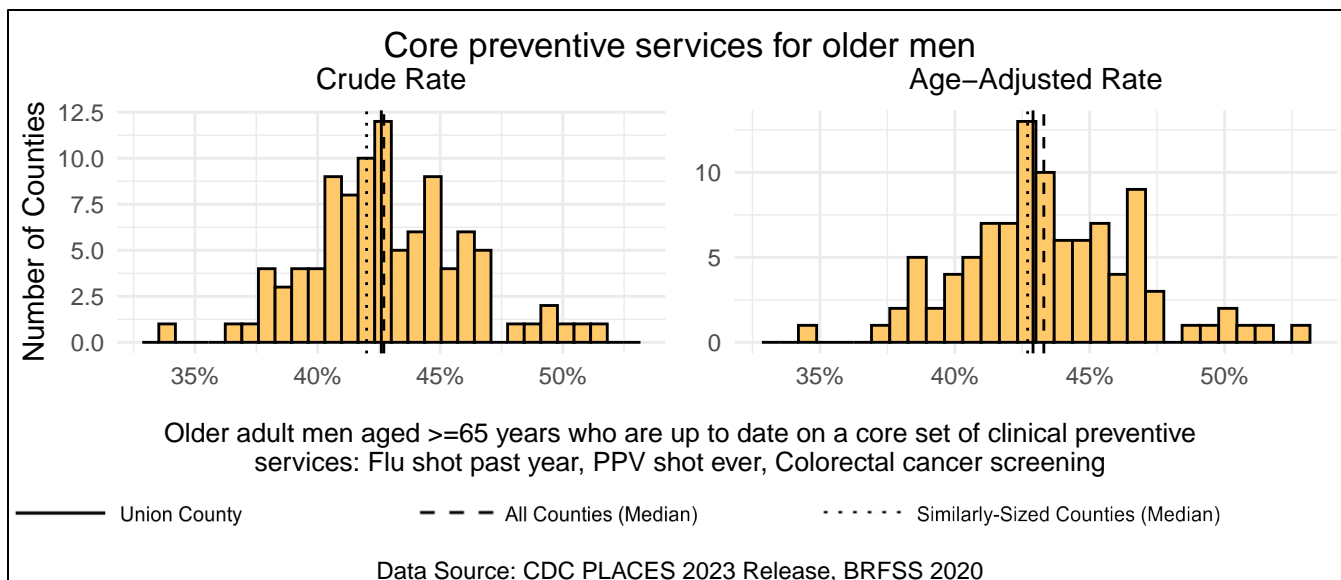
Measure Type	Union County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	72.6%	73.2%	73.0%
Age-Adjusted	69.6%	70.3%	70.0%



Core preventive services for older men

Union County has a crude rate of 42.6% 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 51st out of 99 Iowa counties (25th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Union County is 42.9%, which ranks 55th out of 99 Iowa counties (28th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

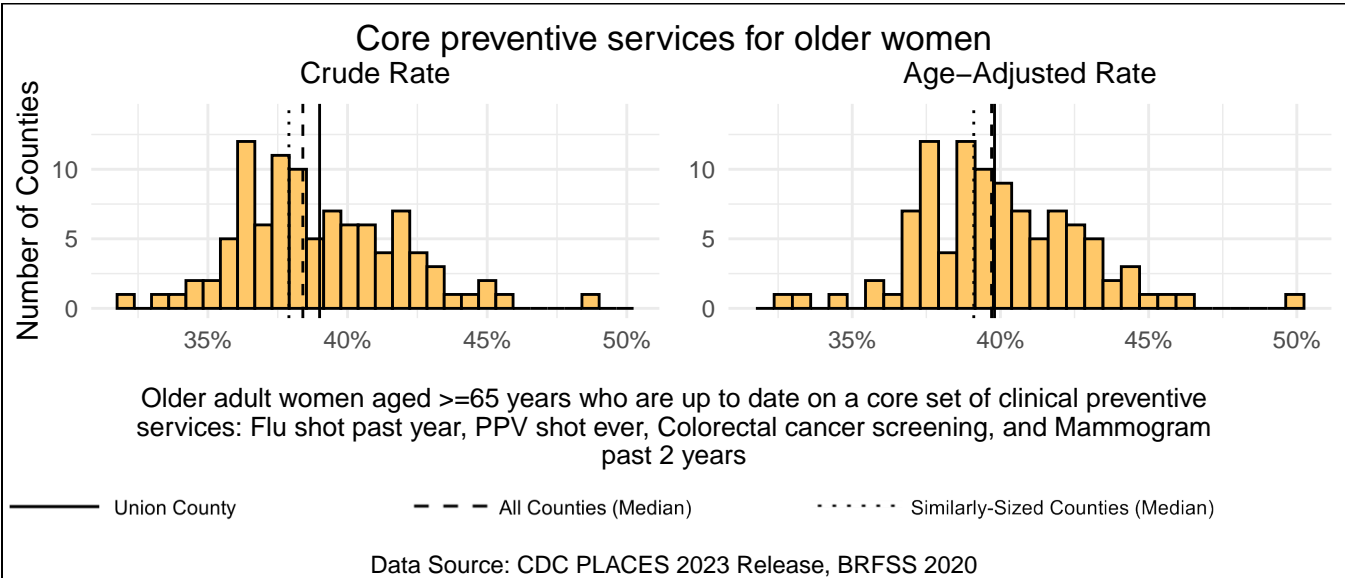
Measure Type	Union County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	42.6%	42.7%	42.0%
Age-Adjusted	42.9%	43.3%	42.7%



Core preventive services for older women

Union County has a crude rate of 39.0% 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 44th out of 99 Iowa counties (17th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Union County is 39.8%, which ranks 48th out of 99 Iowa counties (22nd out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

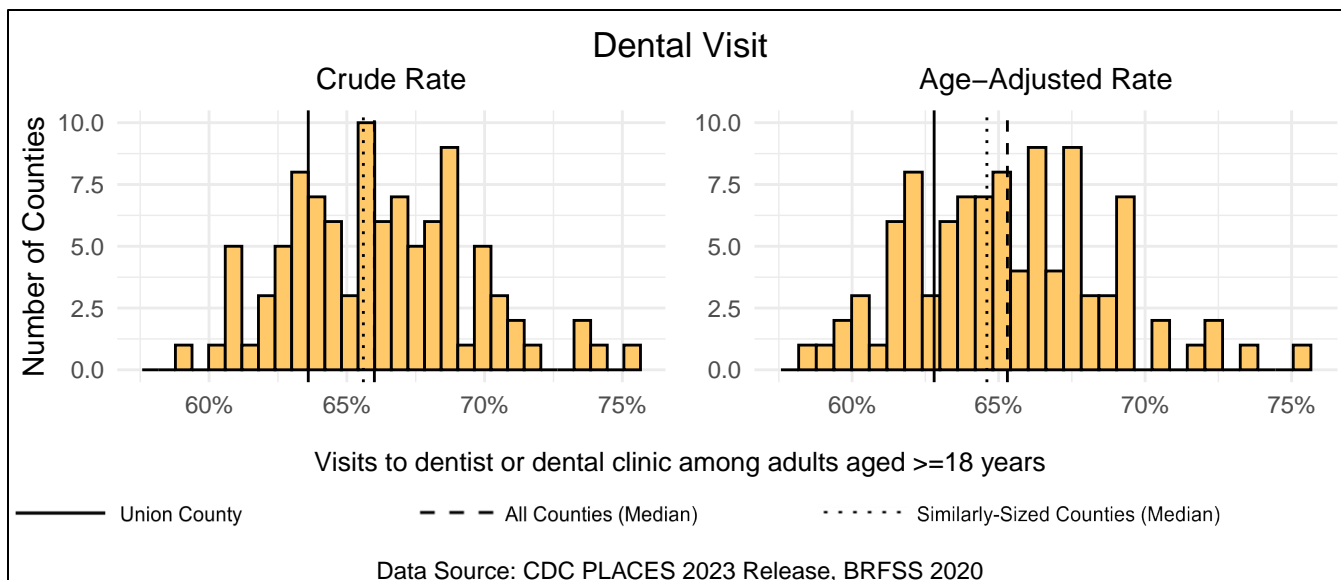
Measure Type	Union County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	39.0%	38.4%	37.9%
Age-Adjusted	39.8%	39.7%	39.1%



Dental Visit

Union County has a crude rate of 63.6% for visits to dentist or dental clinic among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 76th out of 99 Iowa counties (47th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Union County is 62.8%, which ranks 76th out of 99 Iowa counties (47th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

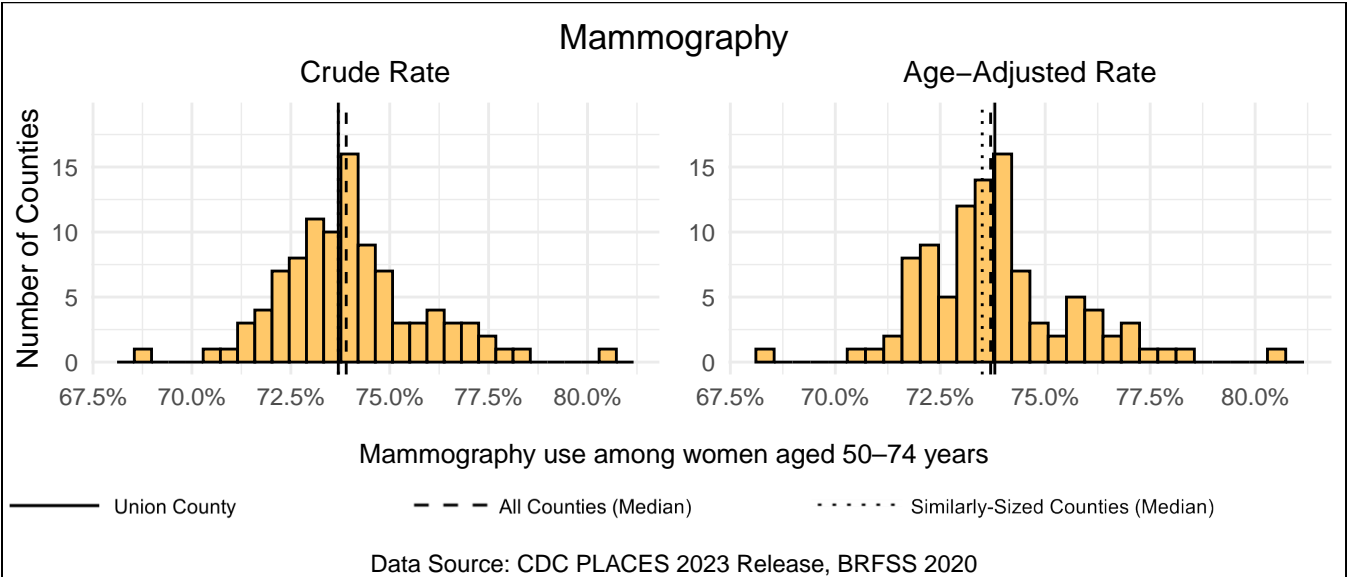
Measure Type	Union County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	63.6%	66.0%	65.6%
Age-Adjusted	62.8%	65.3%	64.6%



Mammography

Union County has a crude rate of 73.7% for mammography use among women aged 50–74 years, which ranks 54th out of 99 Iowa counties (32nd out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Union County is 73.8%, which ranks 40th out of 99 Iowa counties (19th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

Measure Type	Union County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	73.7%	73.9%	73.7%
Age-Adjusted	73.8%	73.7%	73.5%



Disability

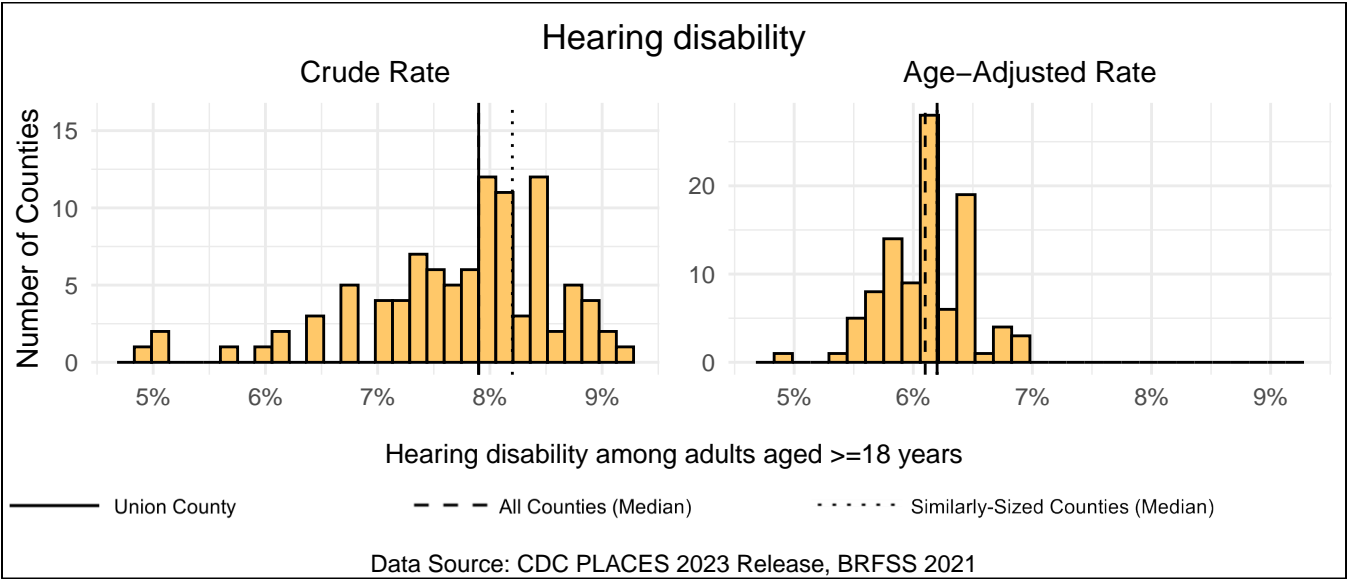
This section includes measures of physical and cognitive disabilities. Respondents were asked to report on six disabilities: hearing, vision, cognition, mobility, self-care, and independent living. The final measure reports the rate of respondents that answered yes to any of the previous six disabilities.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

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

Hearing disability

Union County has a crude rate of 7.9% for hearing disability among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 48th out of 99 Iowa counties (17th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Union County is 6.2%, which ranks 53rd out of 99 Iowa counties (28th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

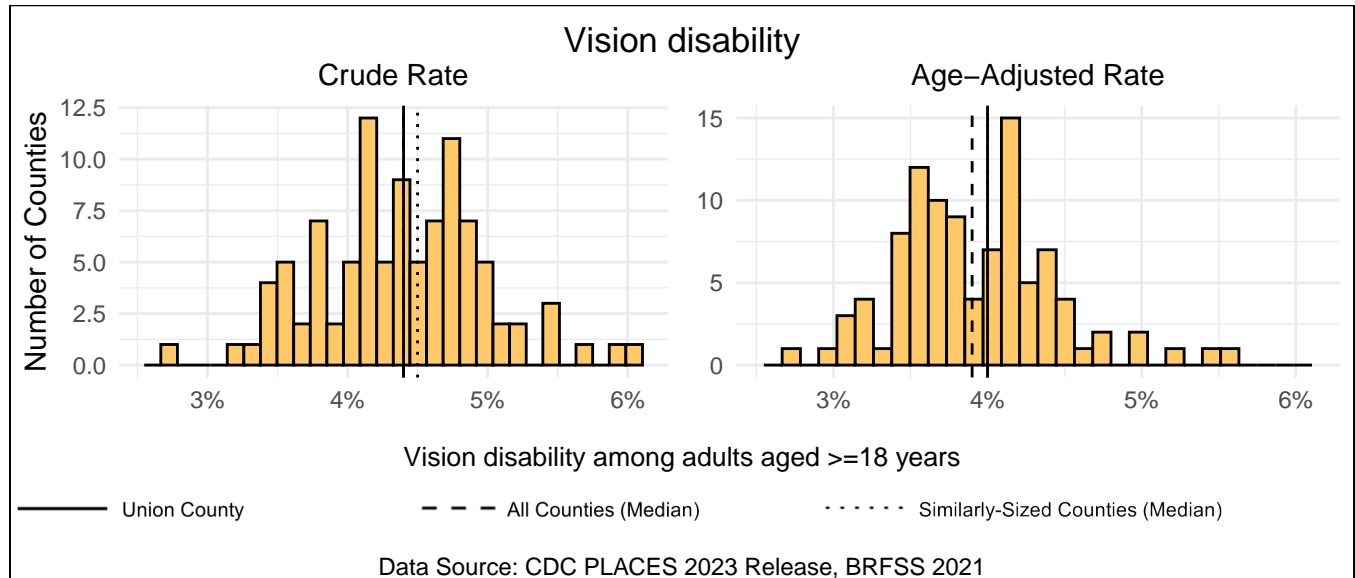
Measure Type	Union County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	7.9%	7.9%	8.2%
Age-Adjusted	6.2%	6.1%	6.2%



Vision disability

Union County has a crude rate of 4.4% for vision disability among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 46th out of 99 Iowa counties (22nd out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Union County is 4.0%, which ranks 54th out of 99 Iowa counties (31st out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

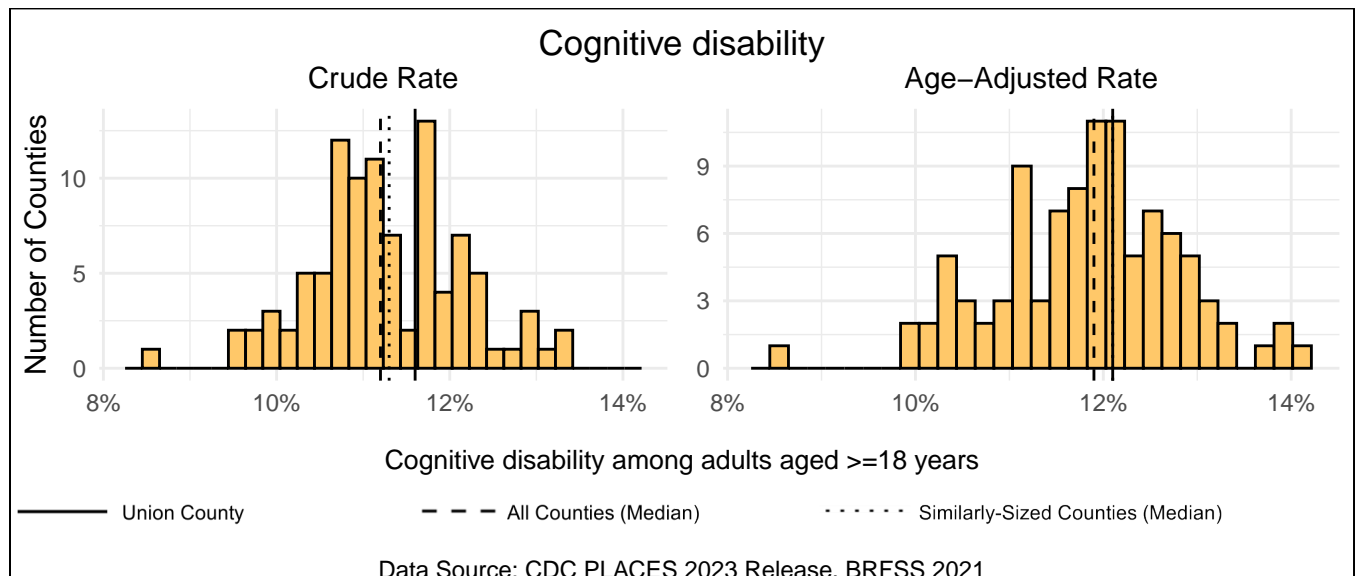
Measure Type	Union County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	4.4%	4.4%	4.5%
Age-Adjusted	4.0%	3.9%	4.0%



Cognitive disability

Union County has a crude rate of 11.6% for cognitive disability among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 61st out of 99 Iowa counties (38th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Union County is 12.1%, which ranks 57th out of 99 Iowa counties (32nd out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

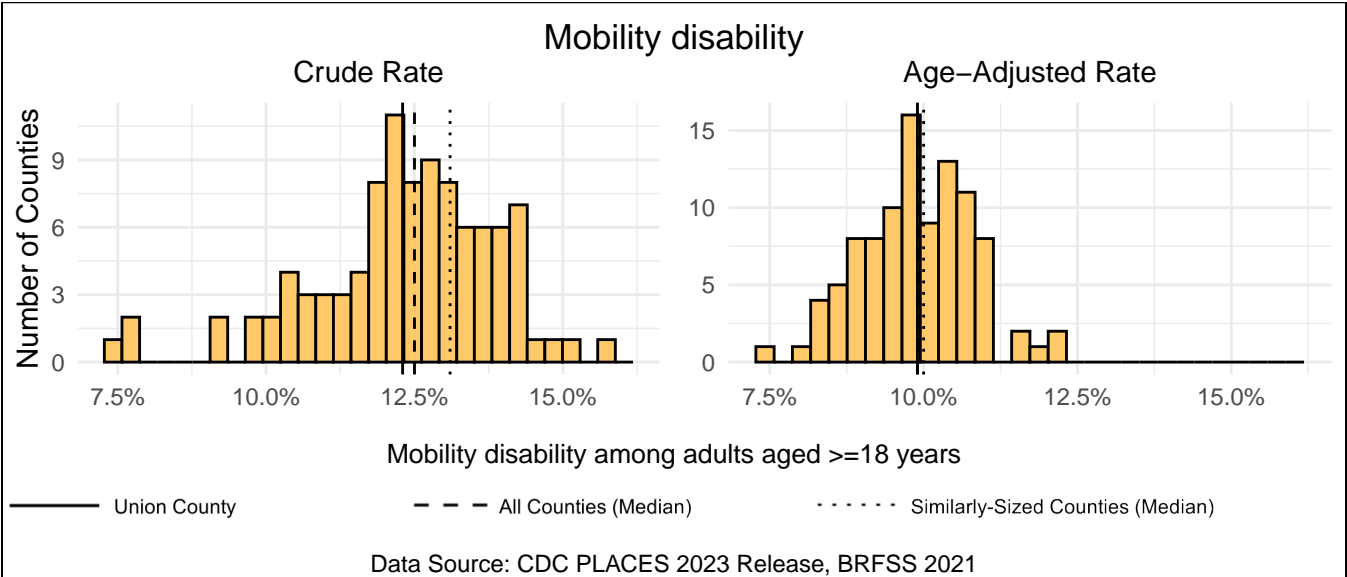
Measure Type	Union County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	11.6%	11.2%	11.3%
Age-Adjusted	12.1%	11.9%	12.1%



Mobility disability

Union County has a crude rate of 12.3% for mobility disability among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 43rd out of 99 Iowa counties (16th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Union County is 9.9%, which ranks 49th out of 99 Iowa counties (27th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

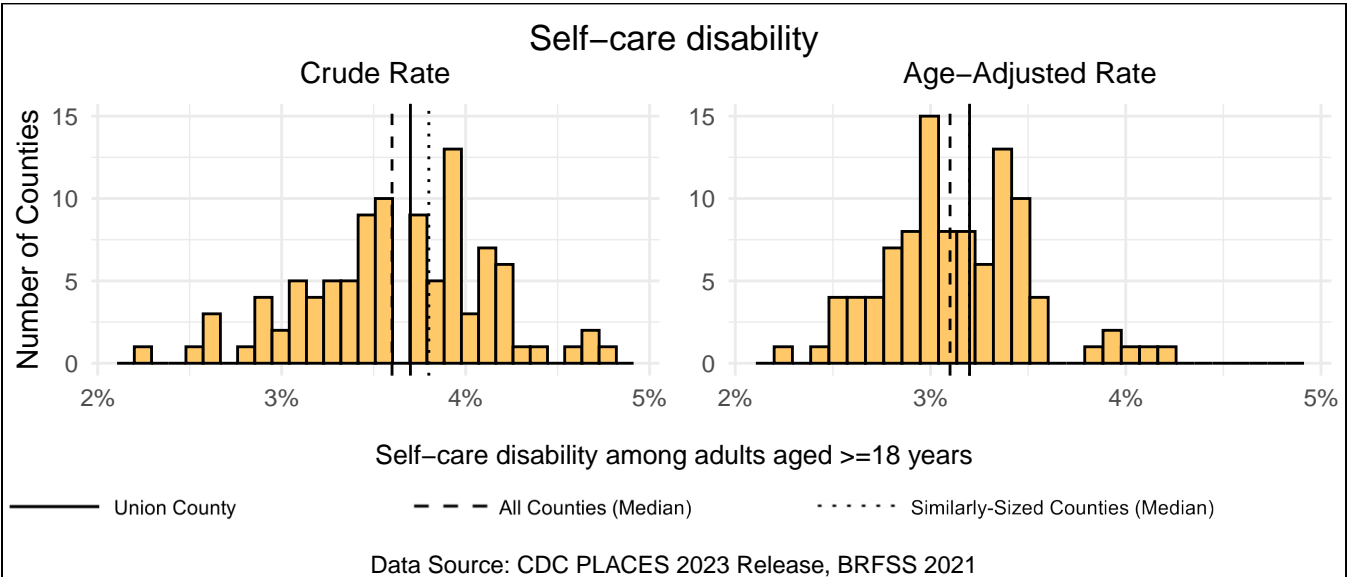
Measure Type	Union County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	12.3%	12.5%	13.1%
Age-Adjusted	9.9%	9.9%	10.0%



Self-care disability

Union County has a crude rate of 3.7% for self-care disability among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 51st out of 99 Iowa counties (24th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Union County is 3.2%, which ranks 53rd out of 99 Iowa counties (30th out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

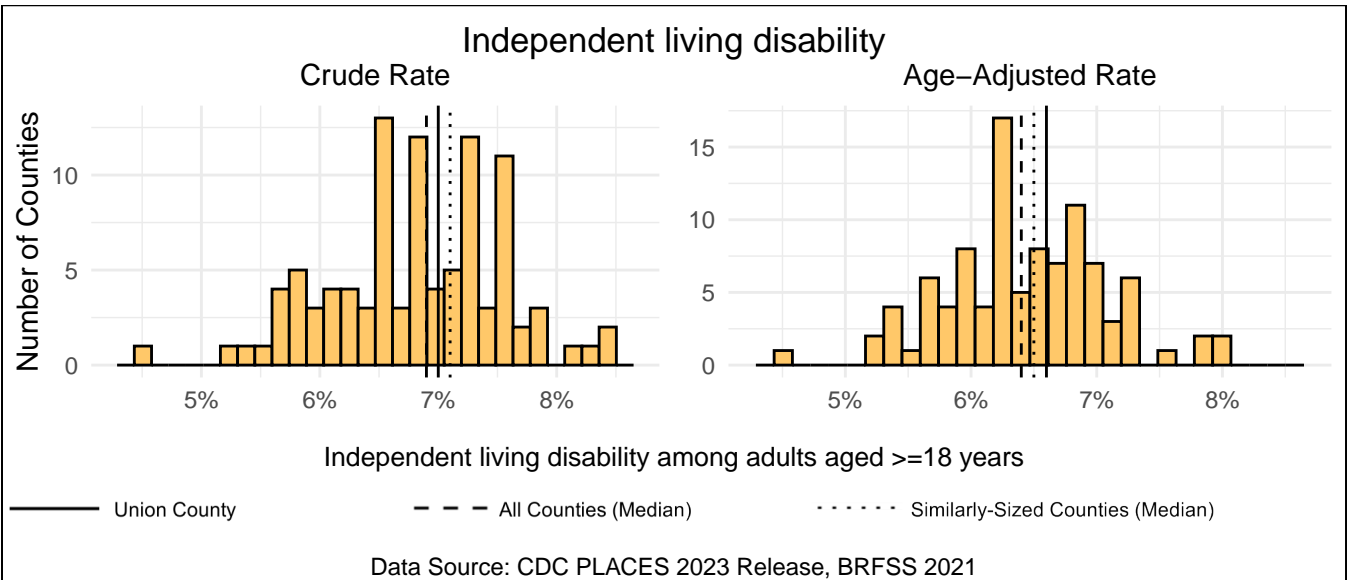
Measure Type	Union County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	3.7%	3.6%	3.8%
Age-Adjusted	3.2%	3.1%	3.2%



Independent living disability

Union County has a crude rate of 7.0% for independent living disability among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 56th out of 99 Iowa counties (29th out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Union County is 6.6%, which ranks 58th out of 99 Iowa counties (33rd out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

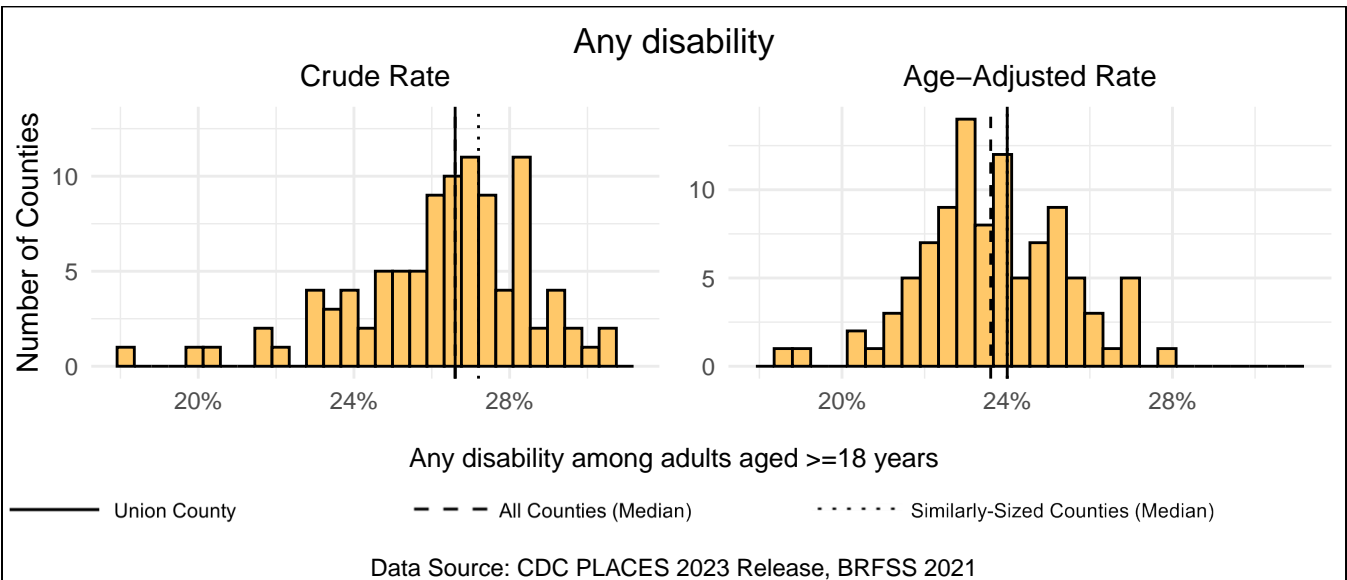
Measure Type	Union County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	7.0%	6.9%	7.1%
Age-Adjusted	6.6%	6.4%	6.5%



Any disability

Union County has a crude rate of 26.6% for any disability among adults aged ≥ 18 years, which ranks 50th out of 99 Iowa counties (23rd out of 63 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Union County is 24.0%, which ranks 55th out of 99 Iowa counties (32nd out of 63 similarly-sized counties).

Measure Type	Union County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	26.6%	26.6%	27.2%
Age-Adjusted	24.0%	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: Union 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	41	11.0% (9.3% - 12.9%)	52	10.0% (8.5% - 11.7%)
Health Status	Mental Health	67	14.5% (12.4% - 16.7%)	62	15.8% (13.4% - 18.2%)
Health Status	General Health	45	14.9% (12.4% - 17.9%)	53	13.5% (11.2% - 16.1%)
Health Risk Behaviors	Sleep <7 hours	91	32.2% (30.5% - 33.8%)	93	33.6% (31.7% - 35.3%)
Health Risk Behaviors	Current Smoking	63	17.2% (13.7% - 21.2%)	68	18.5% (14.6% - 22.8%)
Health Risk Behaviors	Binge Drinking	28	17.9% (14.8% - 21.4%)	13	20.5% (17.0% - 24.4%)
Health Risk Behaviors	Physical Inactivity	44	26.6% (21.6% - 31.7%)	48	25.1% (20.4% - 30.1%)
Health Outcomes	COPD	45	7.8% (6.4% - 9.6%)	60	6.5% (5.3% - 7.9%)
Health Outcomes	Stroke	43	3.5% (3.0% - 4.0%)	45	2.7% (2.4% - 3.1%)
Health Outcomes	Arthritis	43	28.7% (24.6% - 32.8%)	72	23.7% (20.0% - 27.3%)
Health Outcomes	Coronary Heart Disease	40	7.0% (6.0% - 8.1%)	47	5.2% (4.5% - 6.0%)
Health Outcomes	Current Asthma	64	9.4% (8.3% - 10.8%)	67	9.6% (8.4% - 11.0%)
Health Outcomes	Obesity	37	37.2% (29.8% - 44.6%)	45	37.8% (30.4% - 45.3%)
Health Outcomes	Depression	52	17.7% (14.5% - 21.2%)	48	18.7% (15.3% - 22.3%)
Health Outcomes	Cancer (except skin)	37	8.3% (7.5% - 9.2%)	26	6.4% (5.7% - 7.1%)
Health Outcomes	All Teeth Lost	67	10.9% (7.1% - 15.4%)	62	11.7% (7.6% - 16.9%)
Health Outcomes	Diabetes	39	10.7% (9.0% - 12.5%)	46	8.6% (7.3% - 10.1%)
Health Outcomes	Chronic Kidney Disease	44	3.4% (3.0% - 3.8%)	49	2.7% (2.4% - 3.0%)
Health Outcomes	High Cholesterol	28	36.9% (32.3% - 41.7%)	47	29.8% (25.4% - 34.3%)
Health Outcomes	High Blood Pressure	49	33.7% (29.5% - 37.8%)	64	28.4% (24.6% - 32.1%)
Prevention	Taking BP Medication	52	80.7% (77.5% - 83.4%)	28	59.7% (54.7% - 64.4%)
Prevention	Mammography	54	73.7% (69.4% - 78.0%)	40	73.8% (69.6% - 78.3%)
Prevention	Dental Visit	76	63.6% (59.8% - 67.3%)	76	62.8% (58.6% - 66.8%)
Prevention	Health Insurance	51	7.9% (6.0% - 10.3%)	49	8.3% (6.4% - 11.0%)
Prevention	Core preventive services for older men	51	42.6% (33.0% - 52.3%)	55	42.9% (33.4% - 52.2%)
Prevention	Colorectal Cancer Screening	66	72.6% (69.5% - 75.7%)	63	69.6% (66.0% - 73.2%)

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 women	44	39.0% (30.9% - 47.4%)	48	39.8% (31.5% - 48.3%)
Prevention	Cervical Cancer Screening	64	81.8% (78.8% - 84.6%)	68	82.4% (79.6% - 85.0%)
Prevention	Cholesterol Screening	79	81.4% (78.2% - 84.5%)	70	78.4% (74.8% - 82.0%)
Prevention	Annual Checkup	44	76.0% (71.2% - 80.3%)	28	73.1% (67.9% - 77.8%)
Disability	Hearing Disability	48	7.9% (6.9% - 8.9%)	53	6.2% (5.4% - 7.0%)
Disability	Self-care Disability	51	3.7% (3.0% - 4.4%)	53	3.2% (2.7% - 3.8%)
Disability	Independent Living Disability	56	7.0% (5.9% - 8.4%)	58	6.6% (5.6% - 7.9%)
Disability	Vision Disability	46	4.4% (3.7% - 5.3%)	54	4.0% (3.3% - 4.7%)
Disability	Cognitive Disability	61	11.6% (9.5% - 13.8%)	57	12.1% (10.0% - 14.4%)
Disability	Any Disability	50	26.6% (22.4% - 31.2%)	55	24.0% (20.0% - 28.4%)
Disability	Mobility Disability	43	12.3% (10.1% - 14.7%)	49	9.9% (8.2% - 11.8%)

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

Union 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		

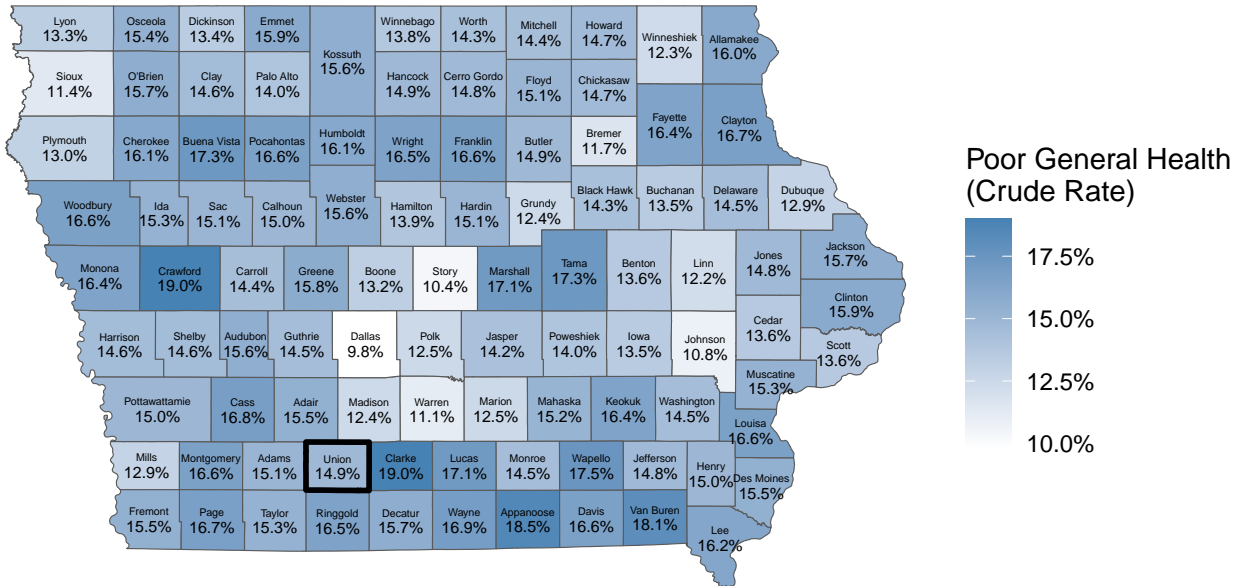
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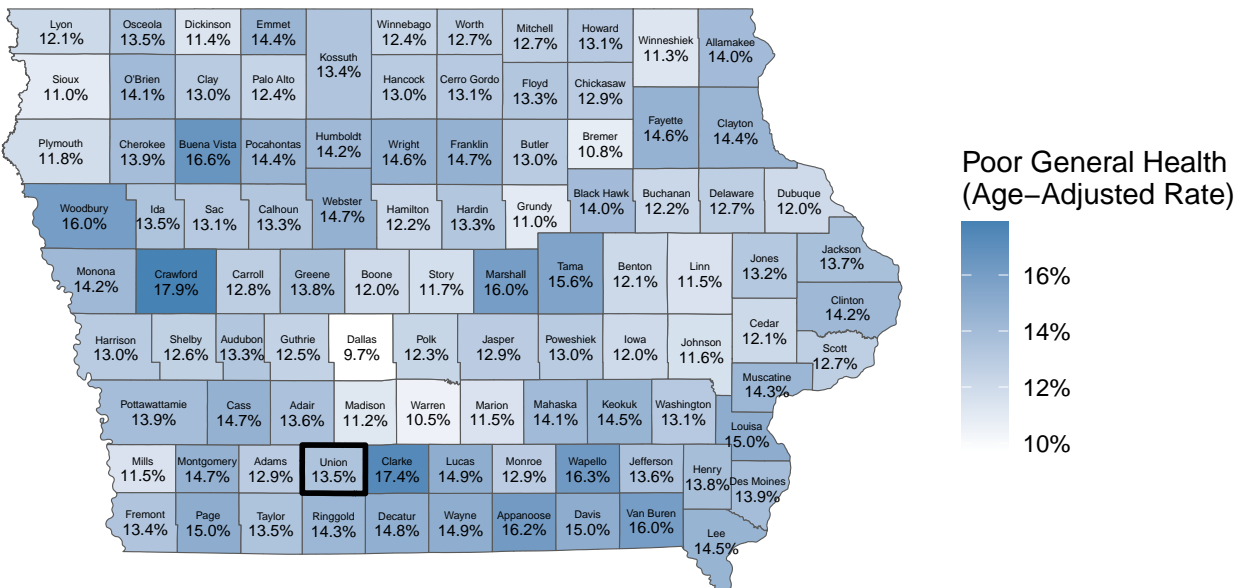
Appendix 4: County Maps

Poor General Health

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



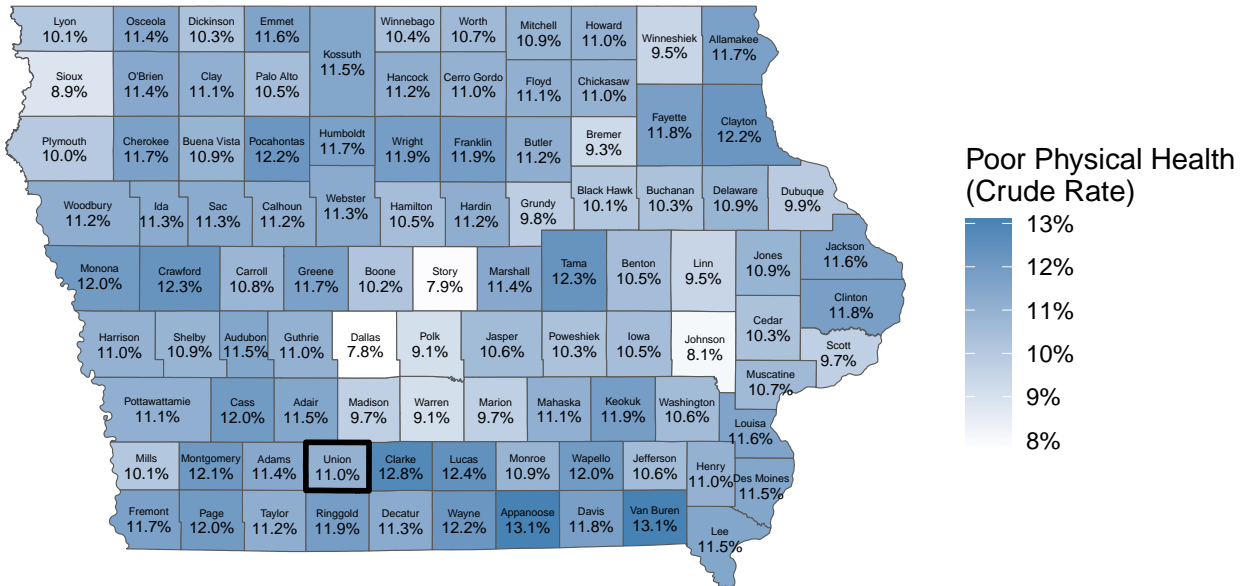
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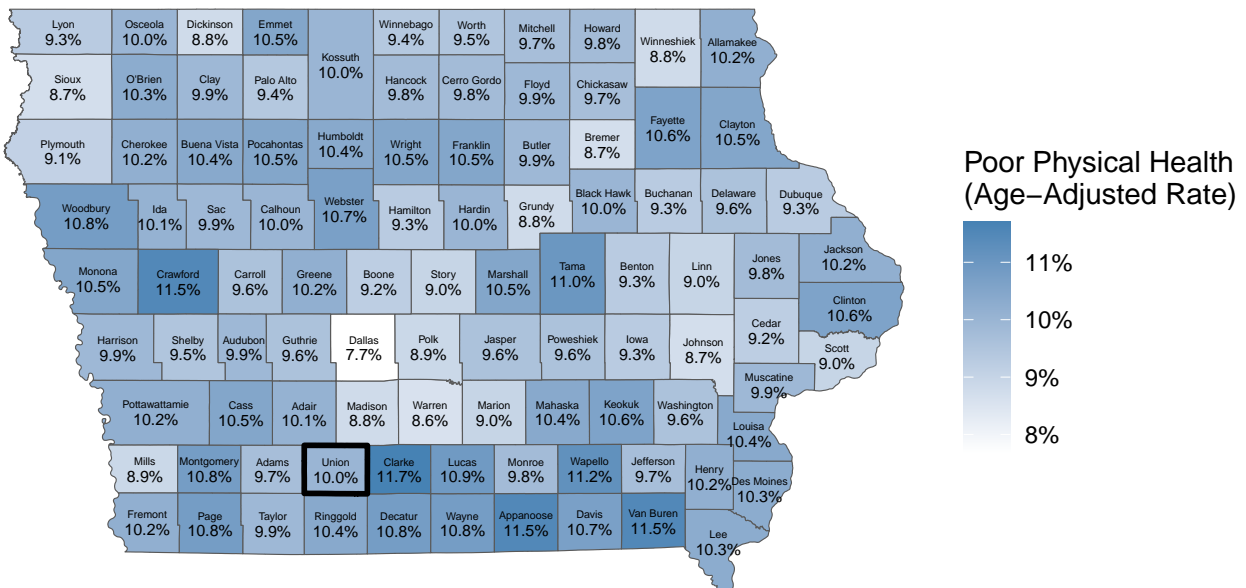
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Poor Physical Health

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



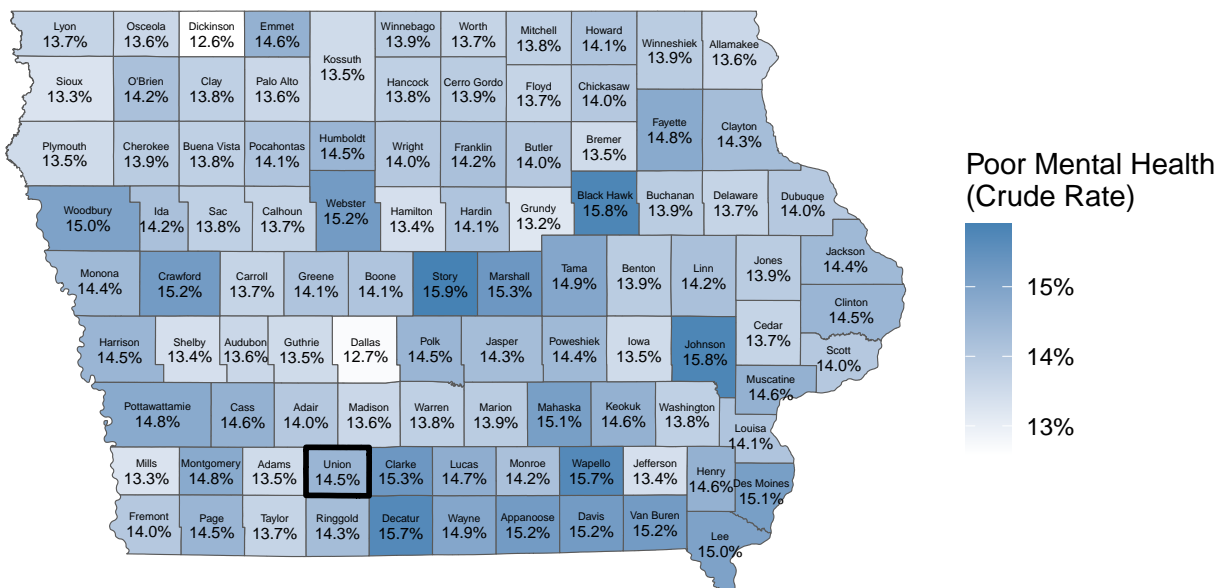
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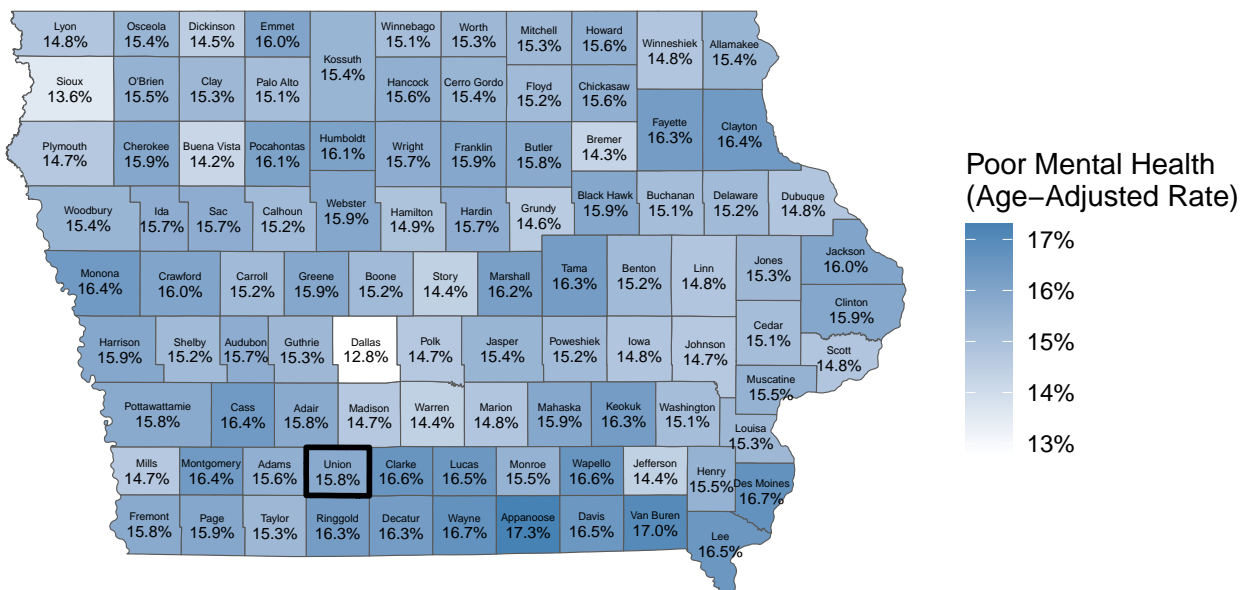
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Poor Mental Health

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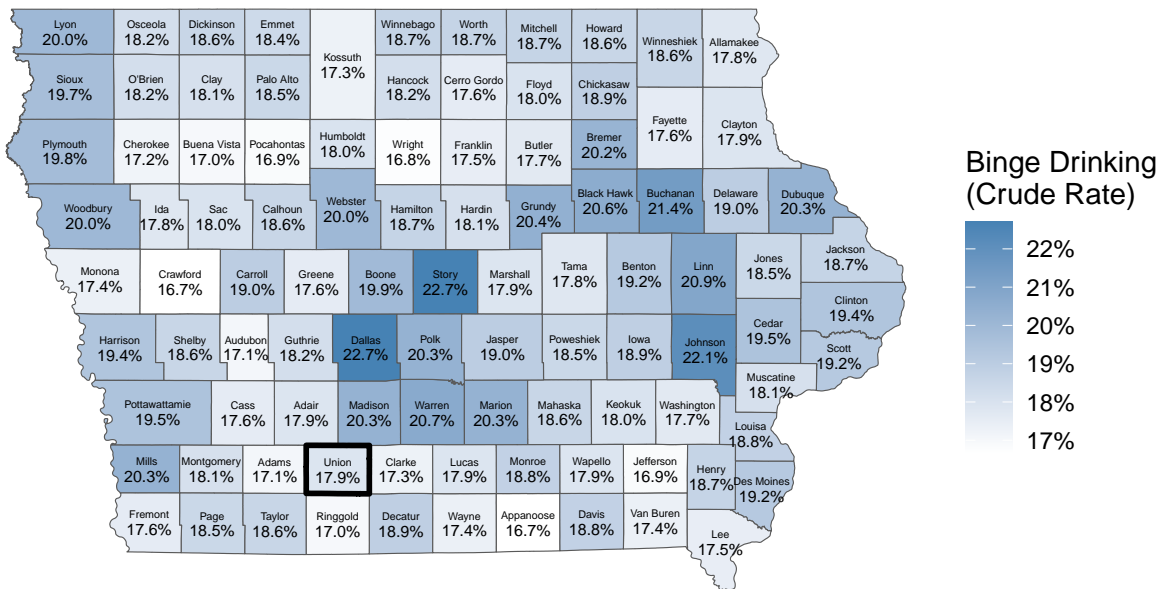
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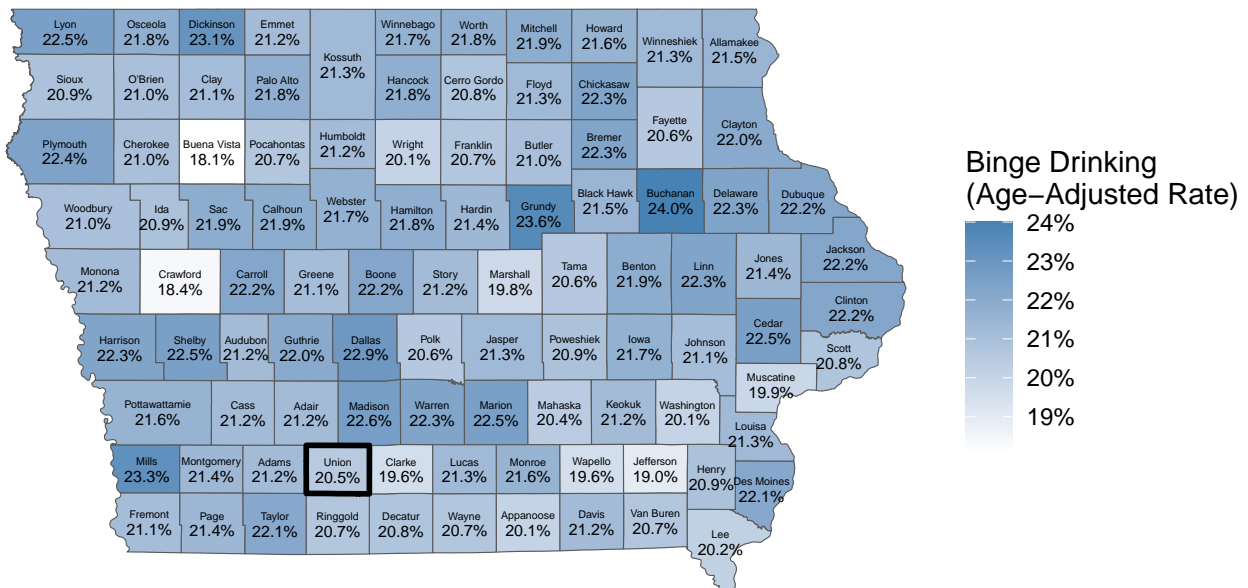
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Binge Drinking

Binge drinking among adults aged ≥ 18 years



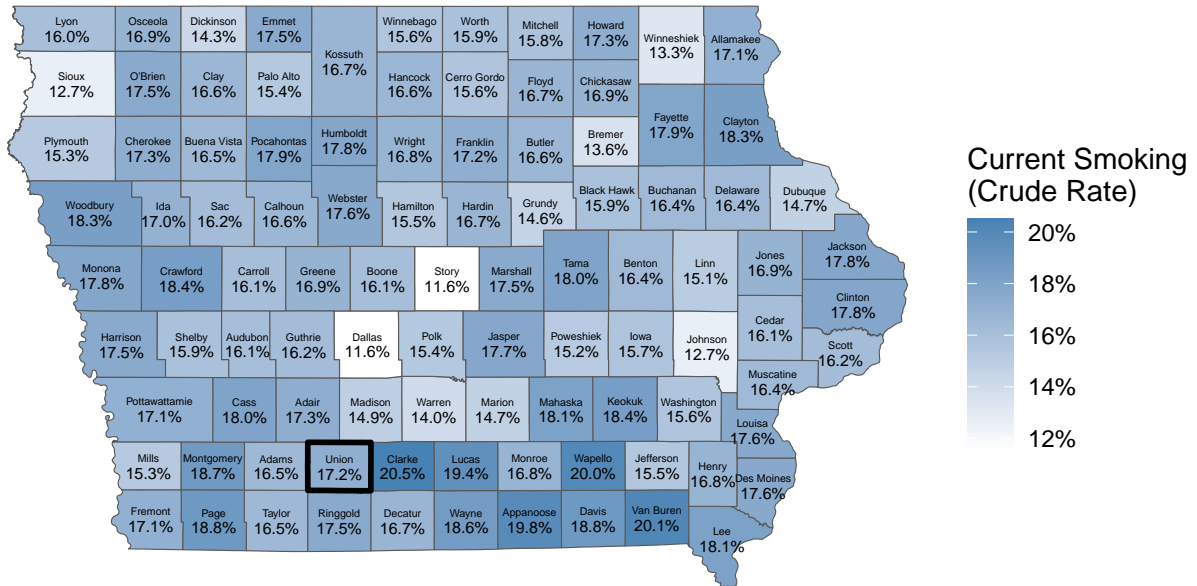
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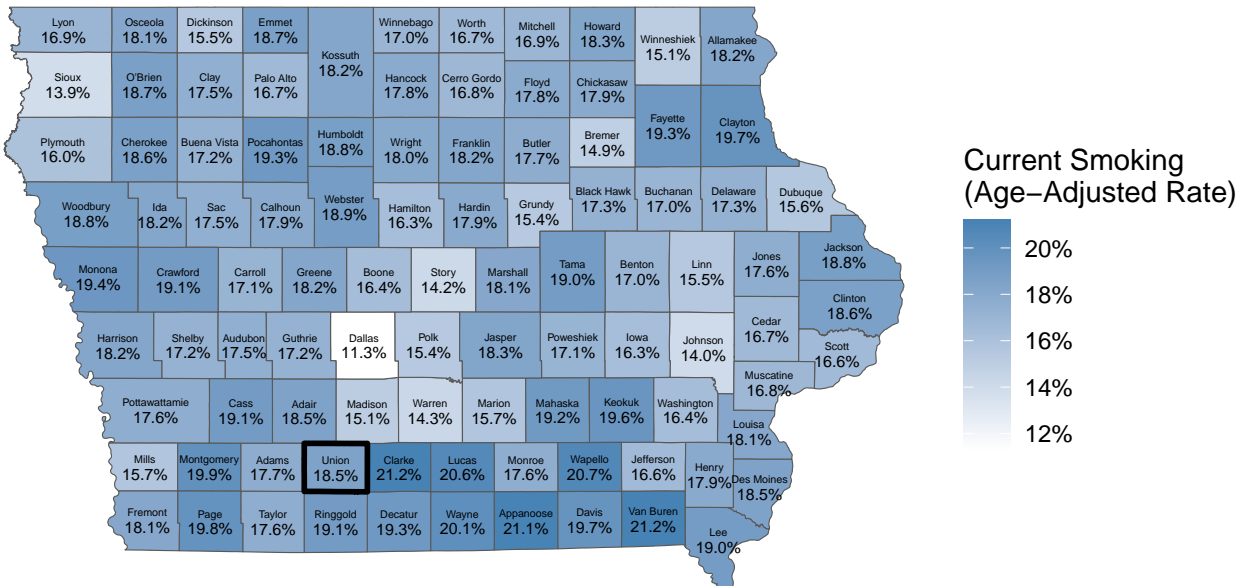
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Current Smoking

Current smoking among adults aged ≥ 18 years



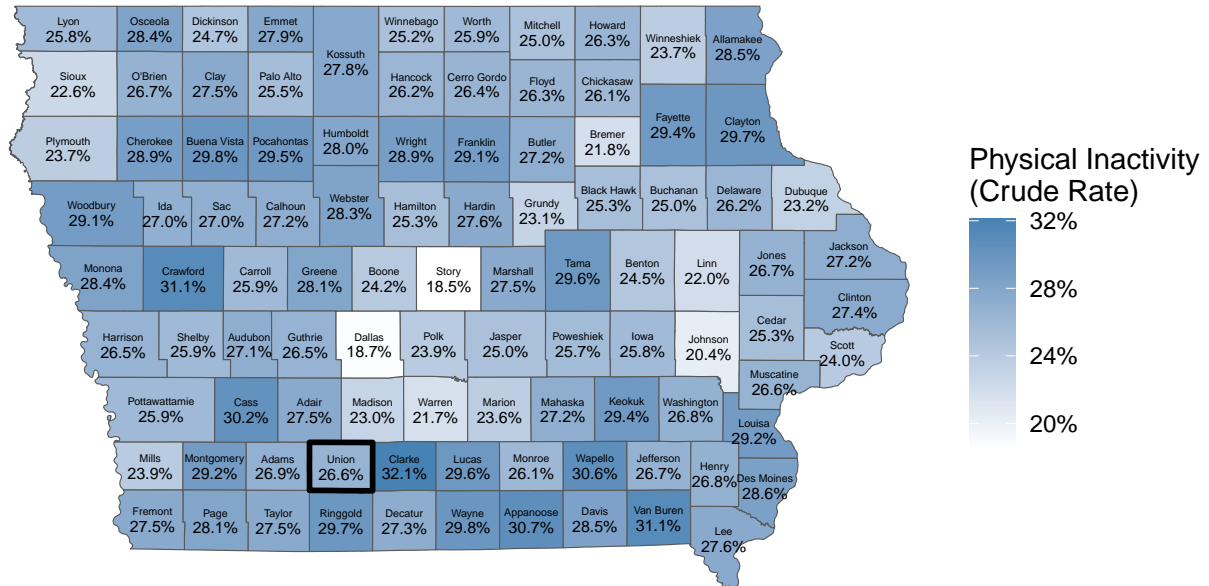
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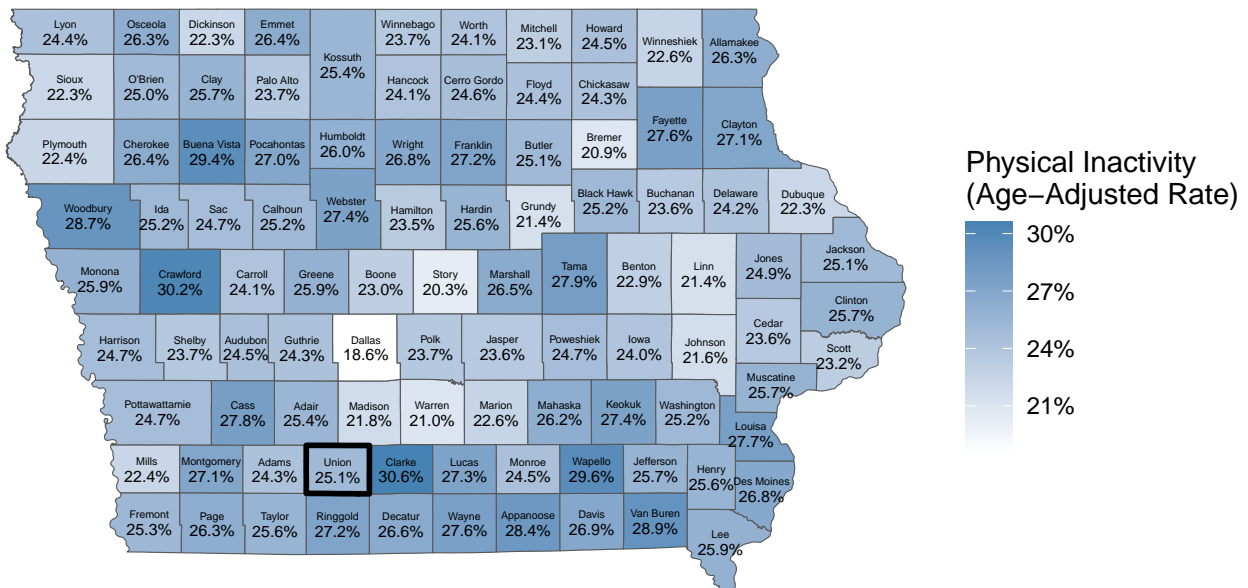
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Physical Inactivity

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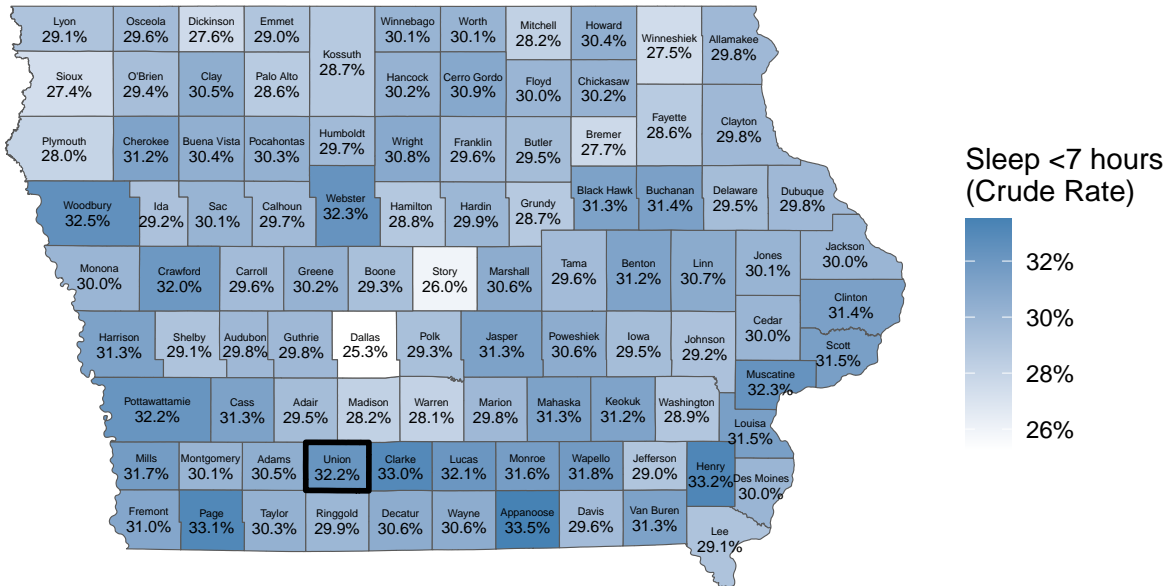
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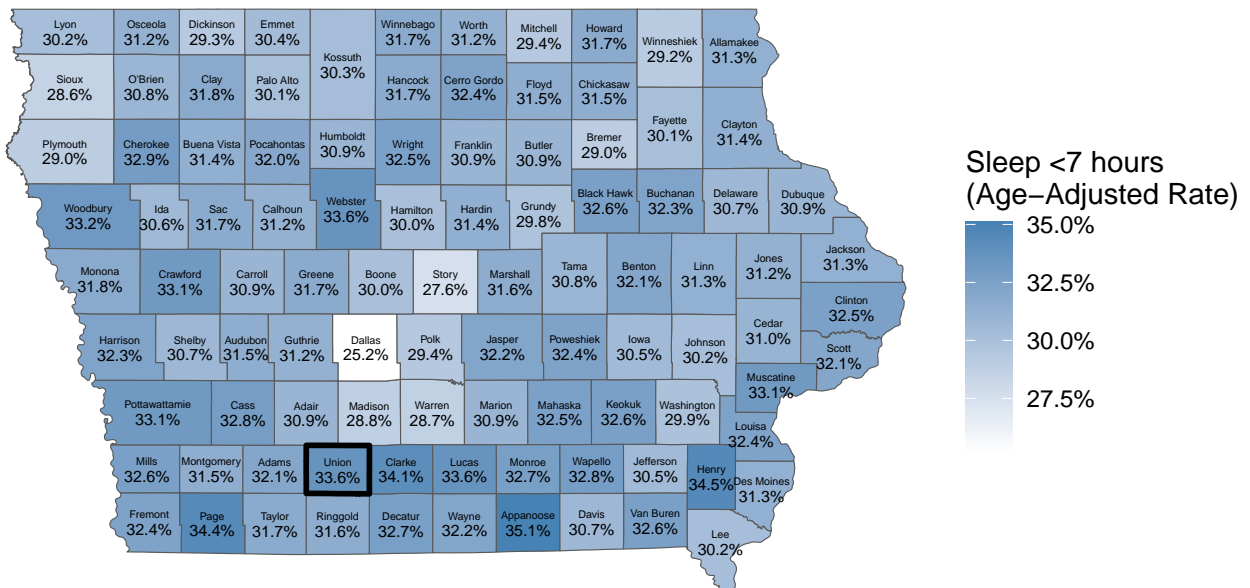
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Sleep <7 hours

Sleeping less than 7 hours among adults aged ≥ 18 years



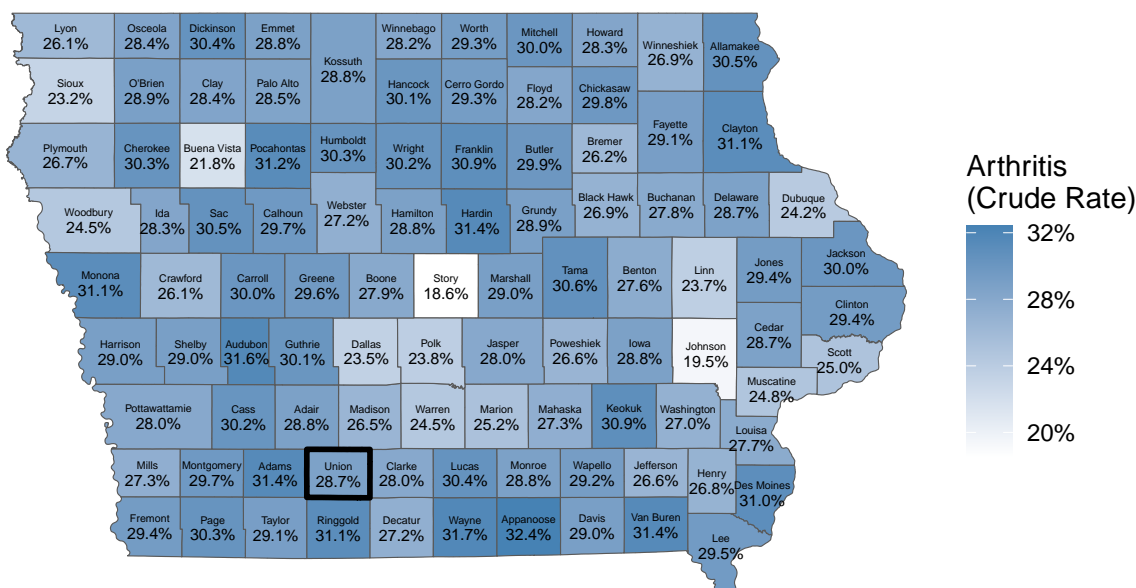
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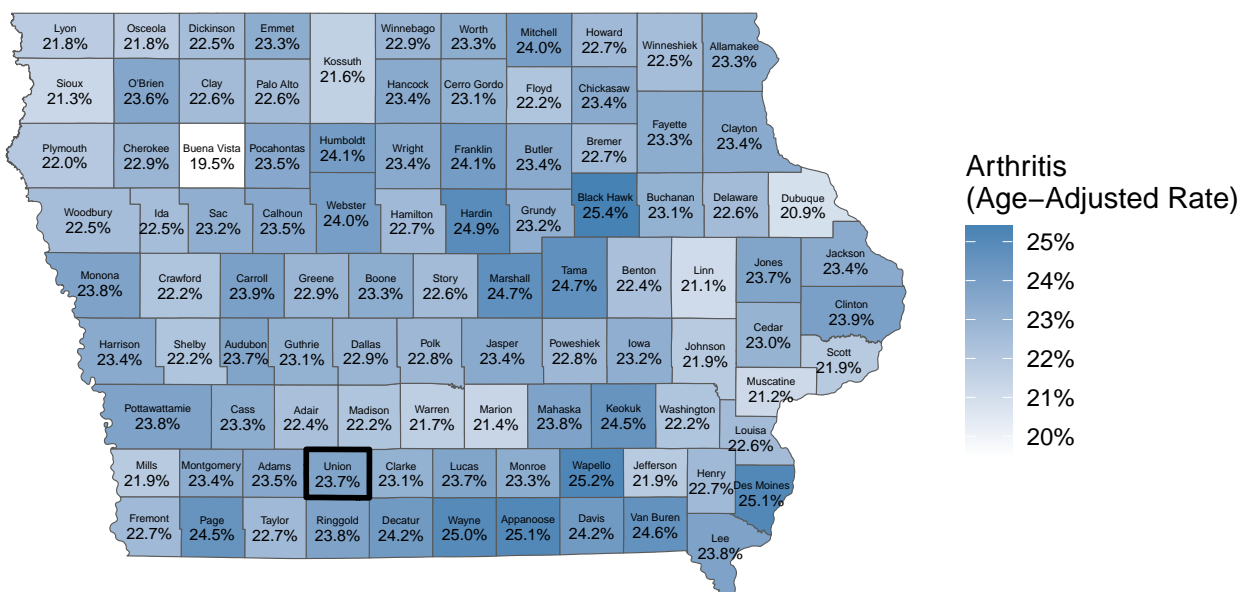
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Arthritis

Arthritis among adults aged >=18 years



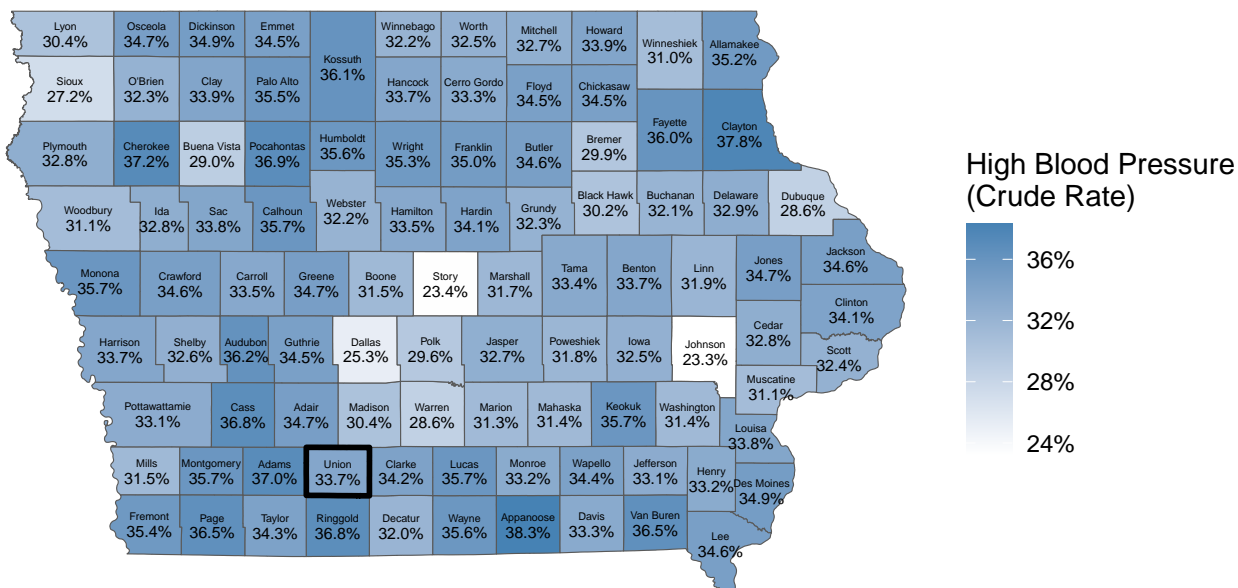
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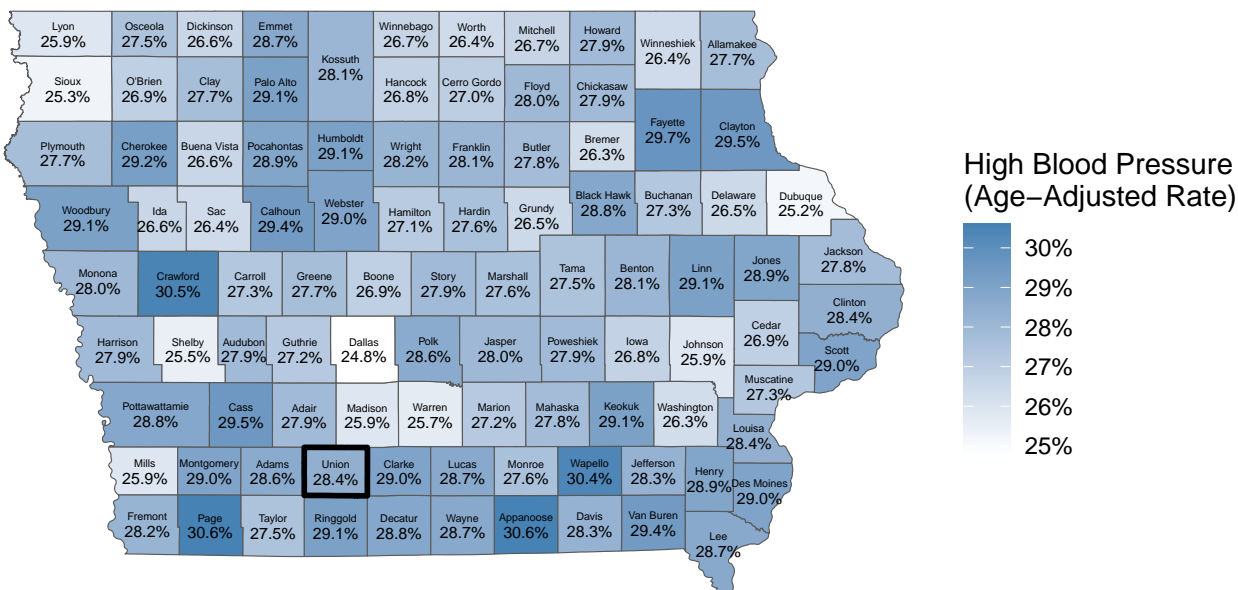
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High Blood Pressure

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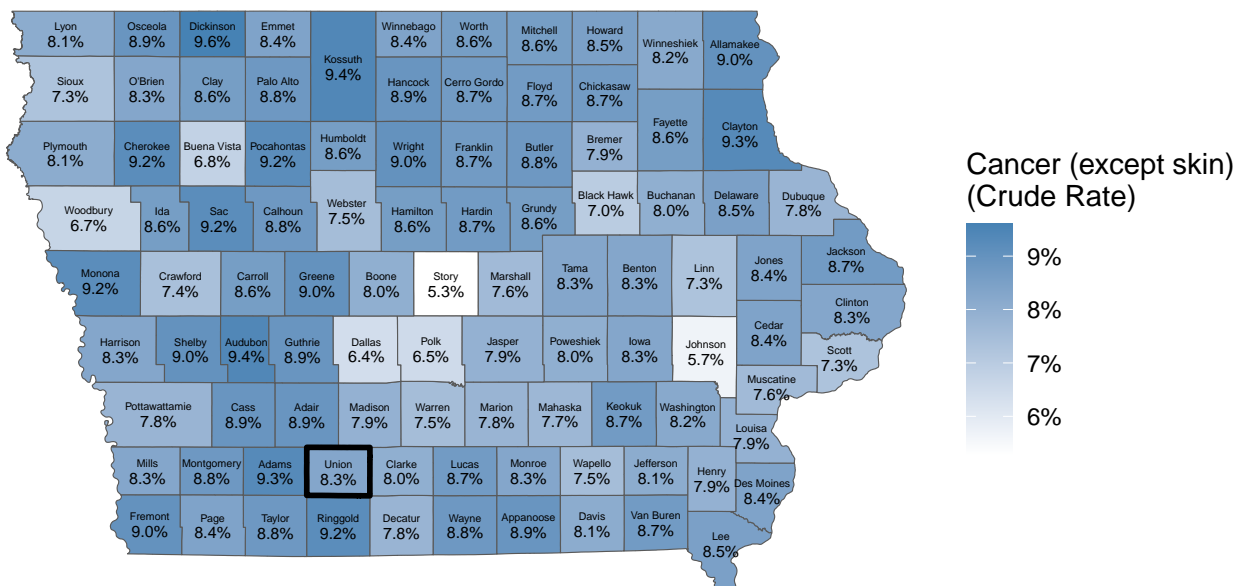
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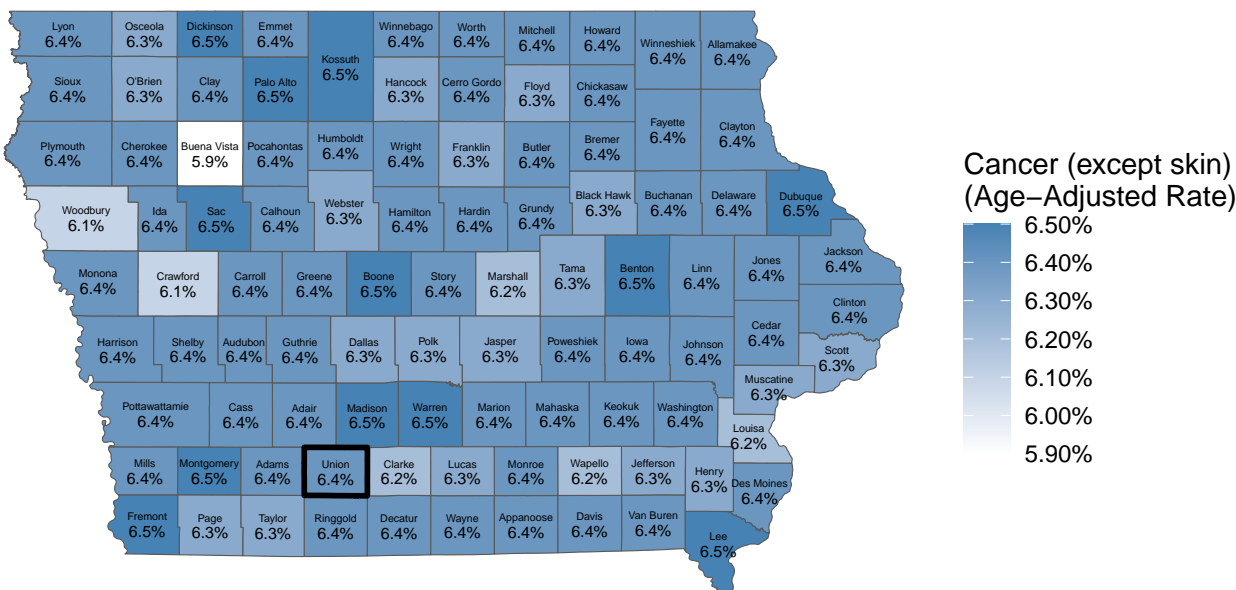
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Cancer (except skin)

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



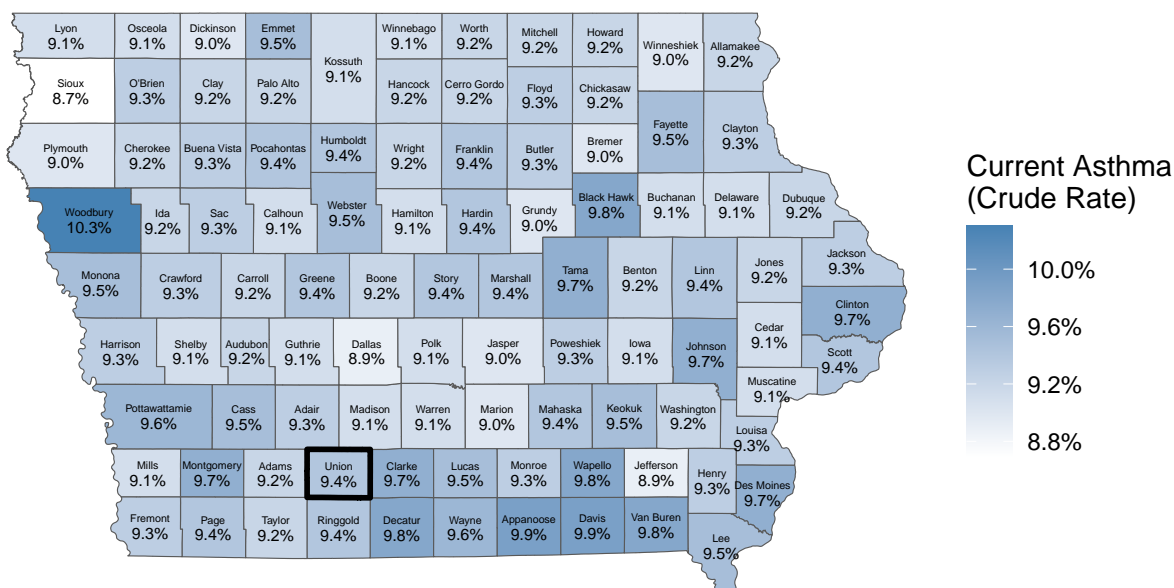
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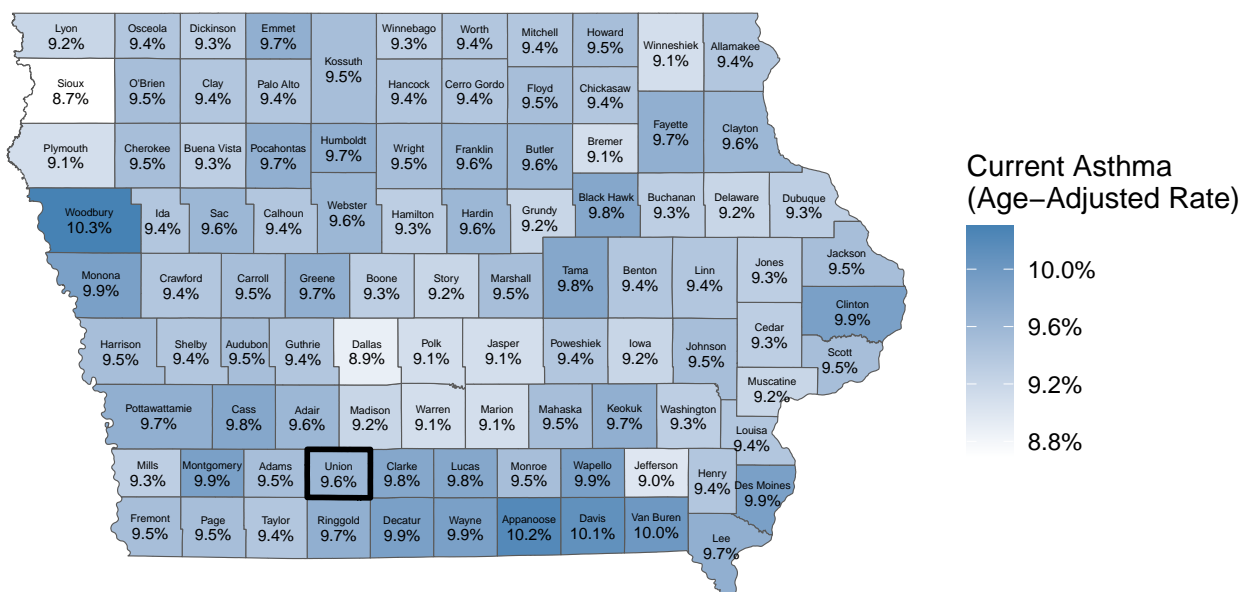
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Current Asthma

Current asthma among adults aged ≥ 18 years



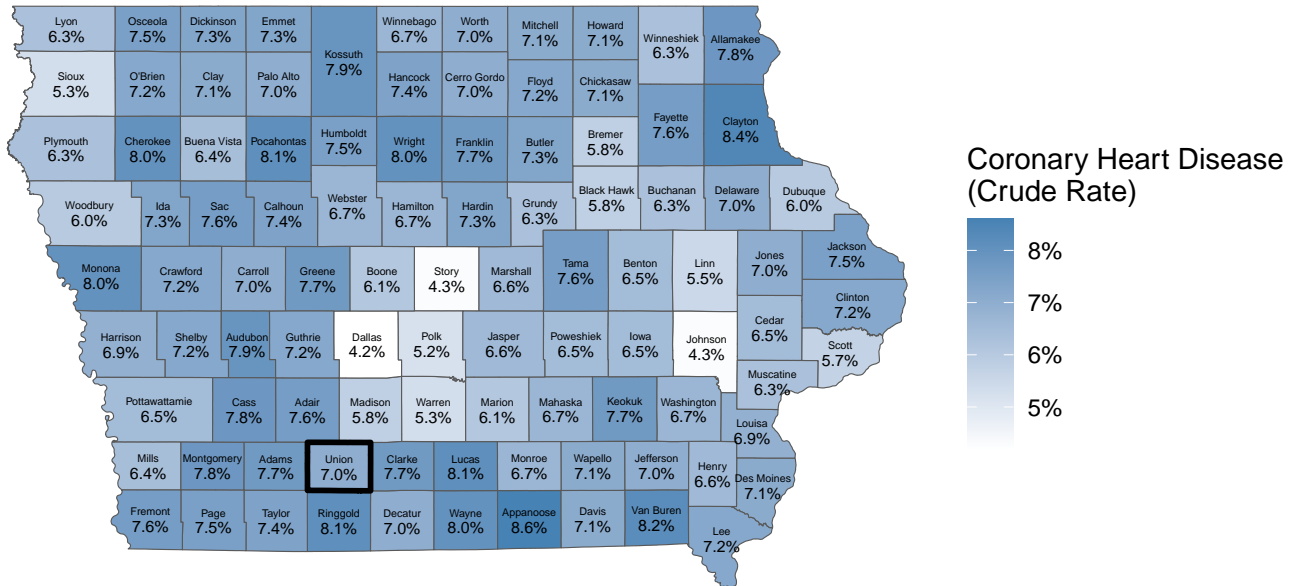
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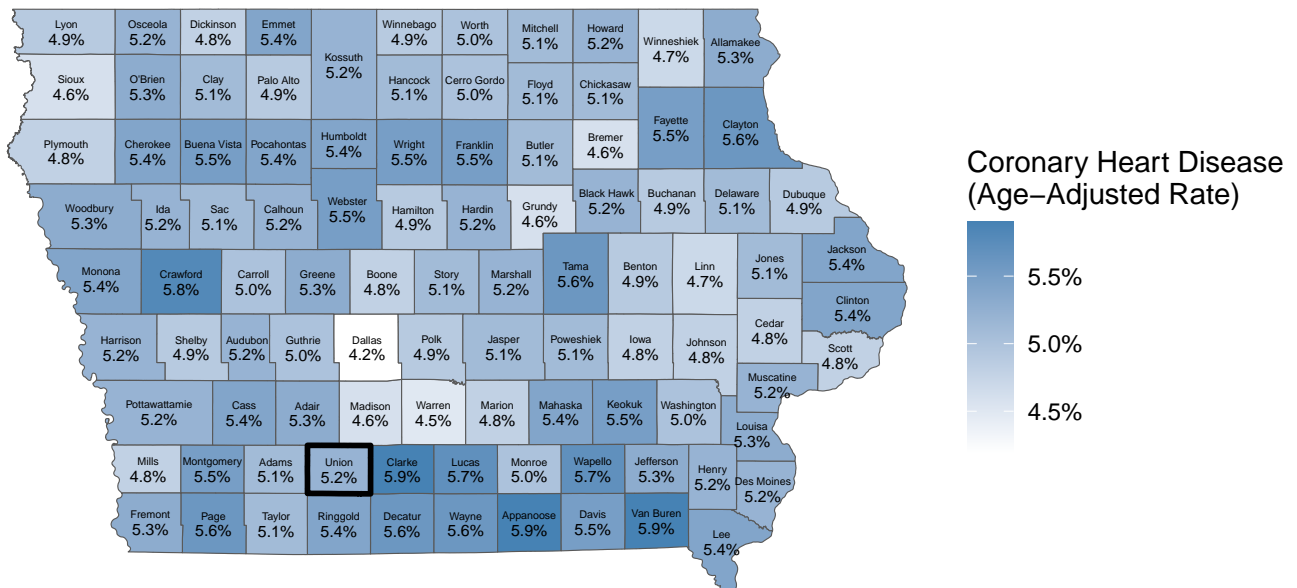
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Coronary Heart Disease

Coronary heart disease among adults aged ≥ 18 years



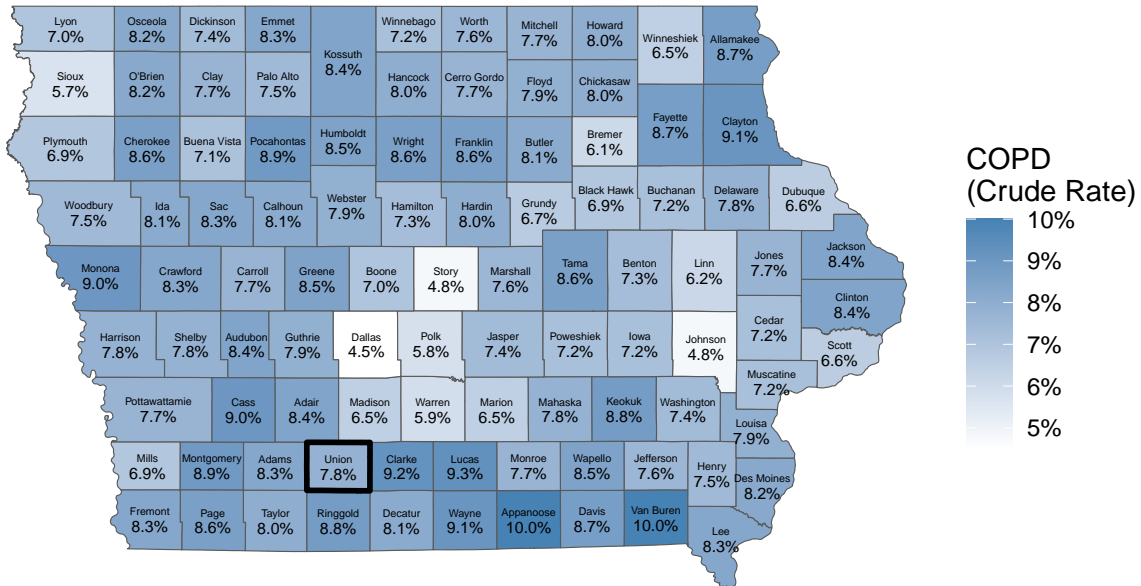
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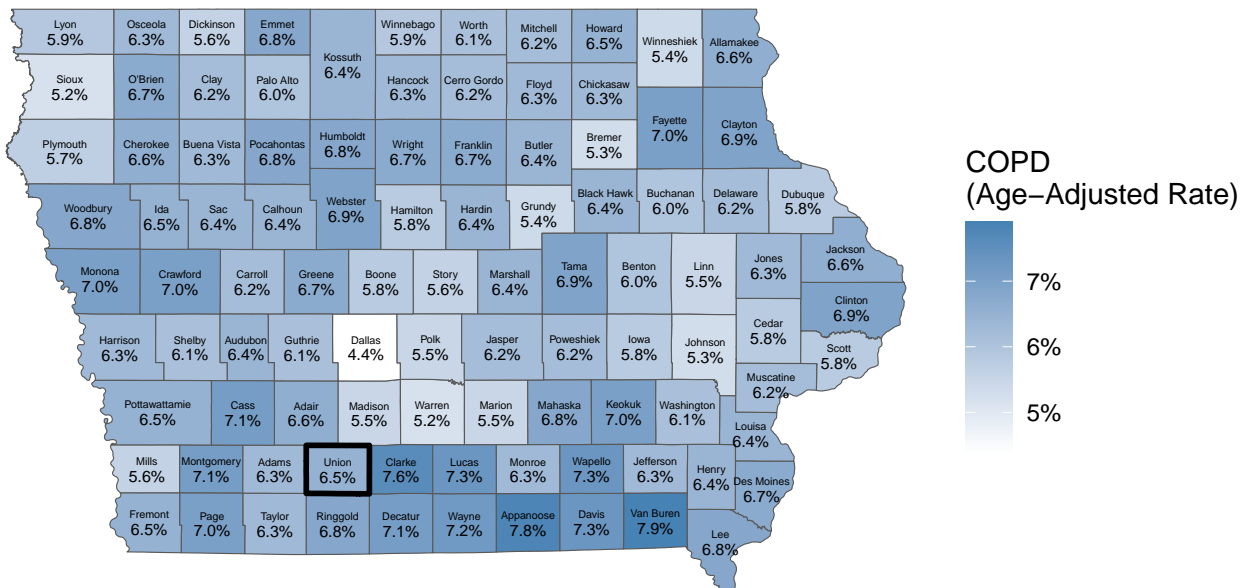
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COPD

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease among adults aged >=18 years



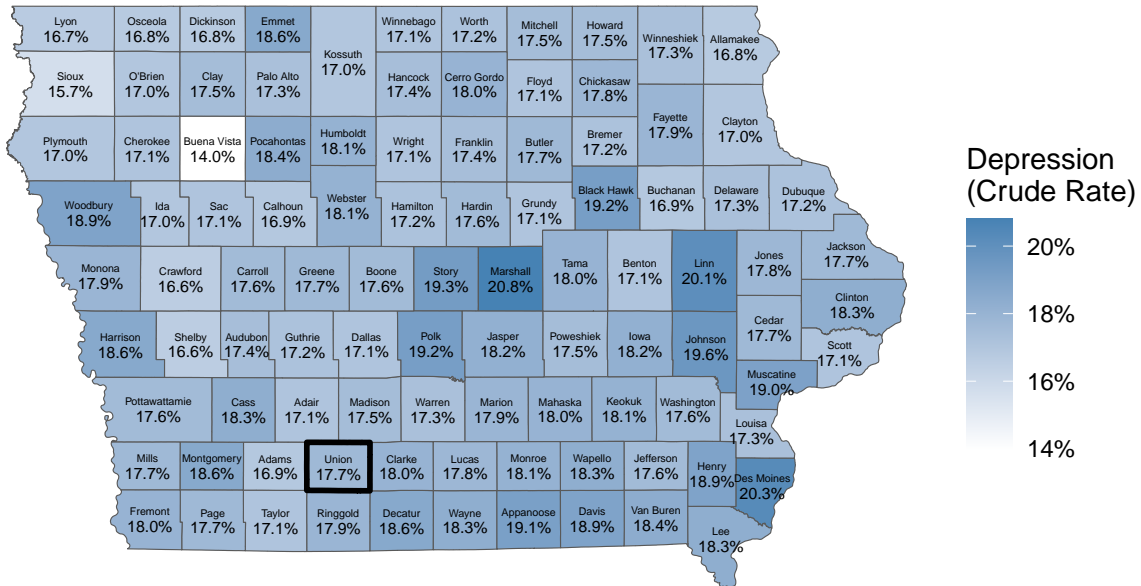
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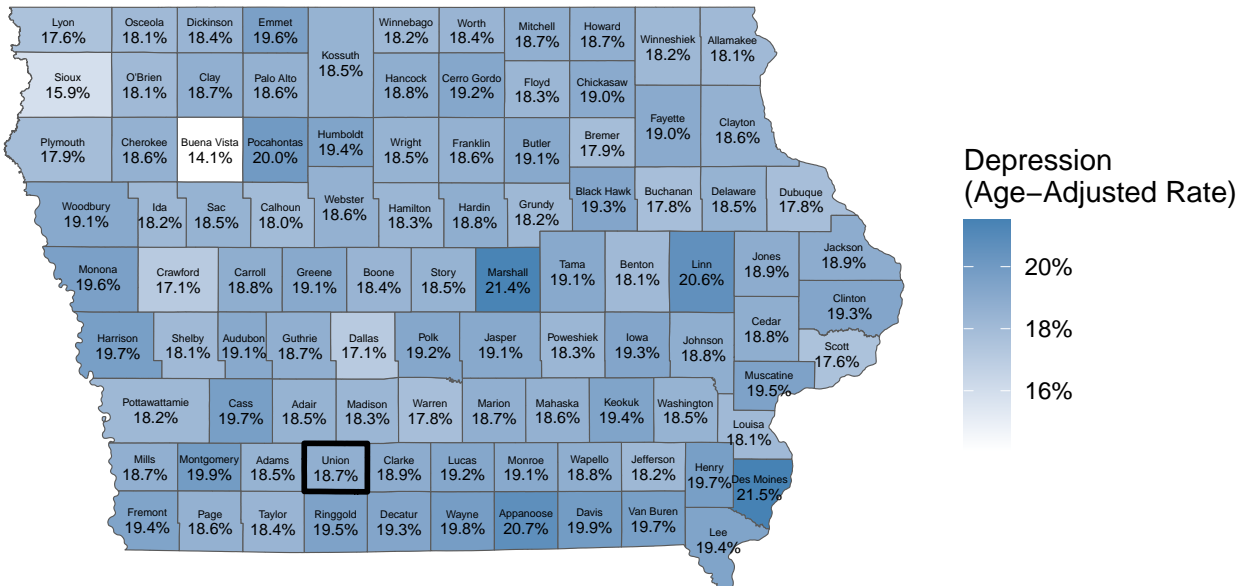
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Depression among adults aged >=18 years



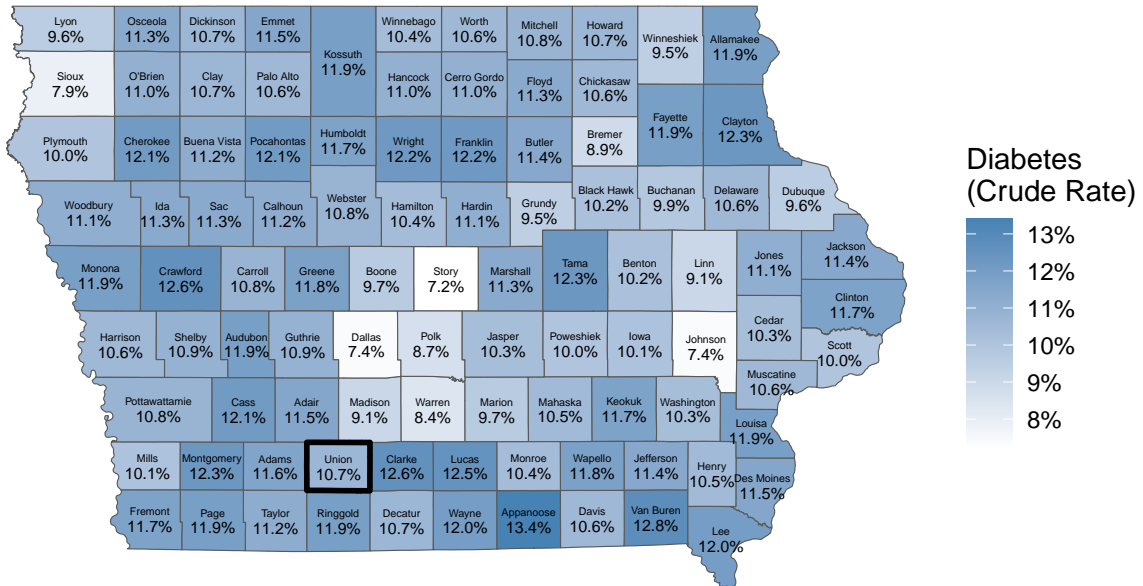
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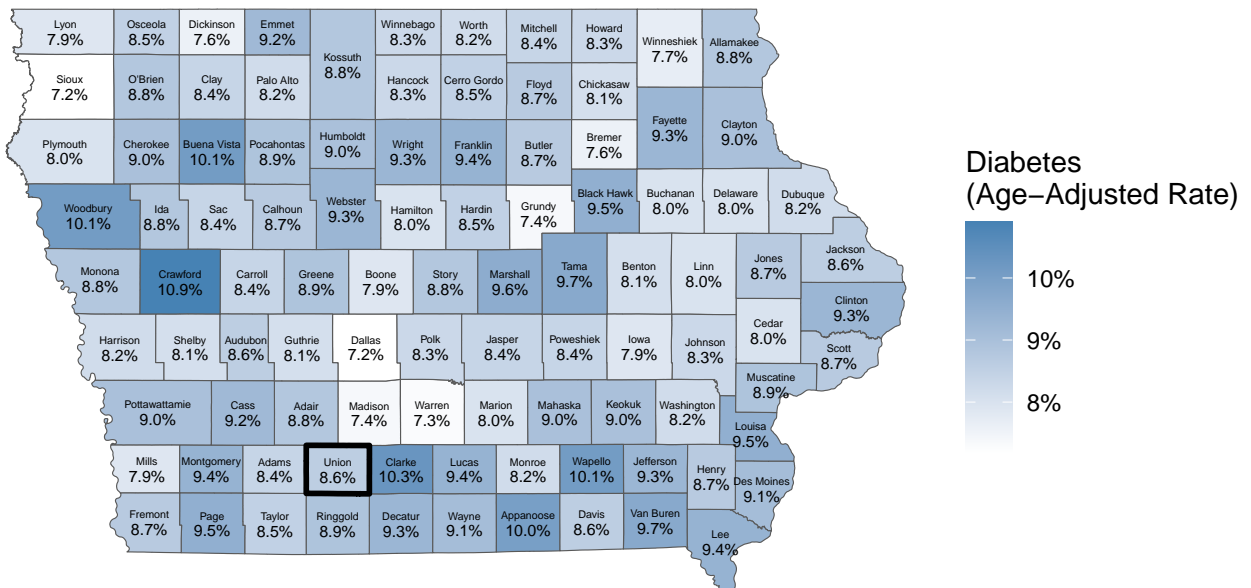
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Diabetes

Diagnosed diabetes among adults aged >=18 years



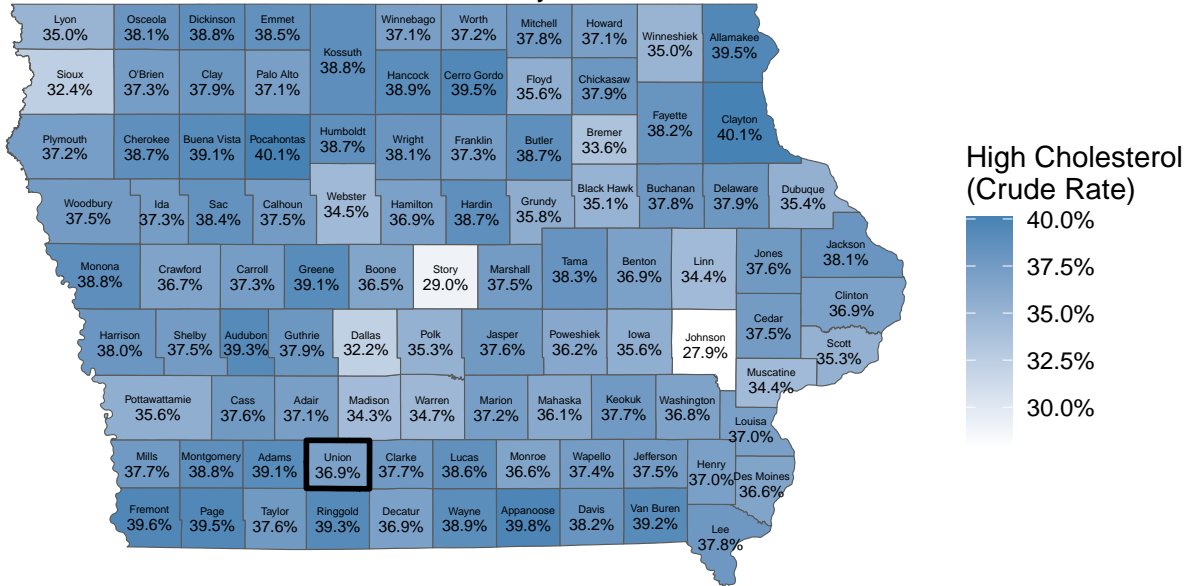
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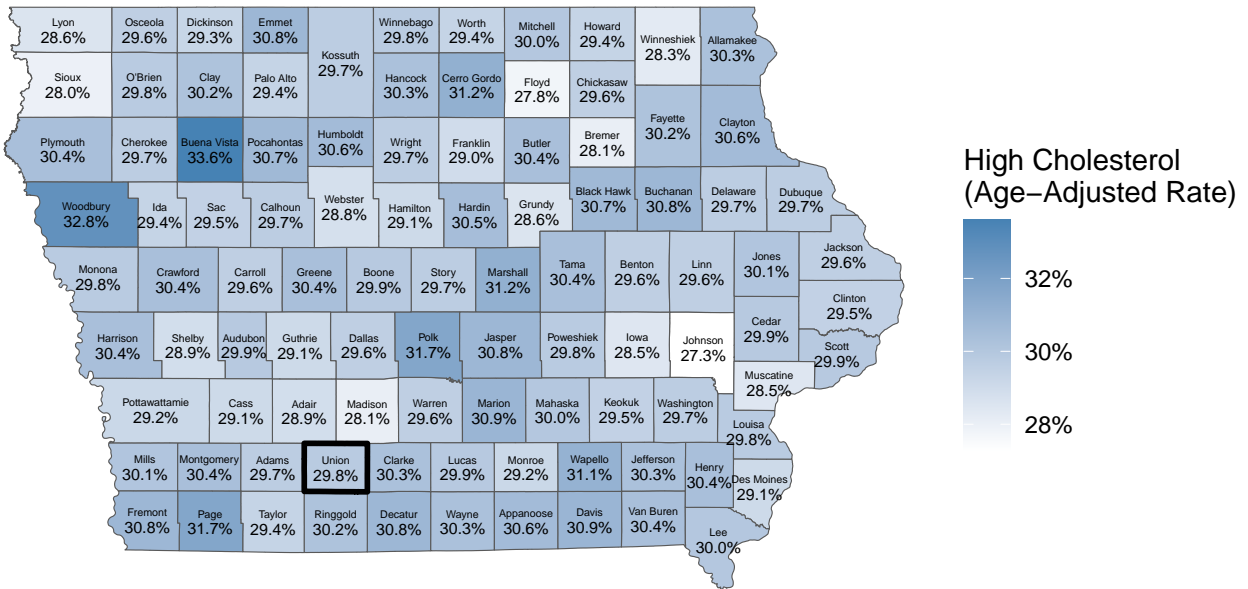
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High Cholesterol

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



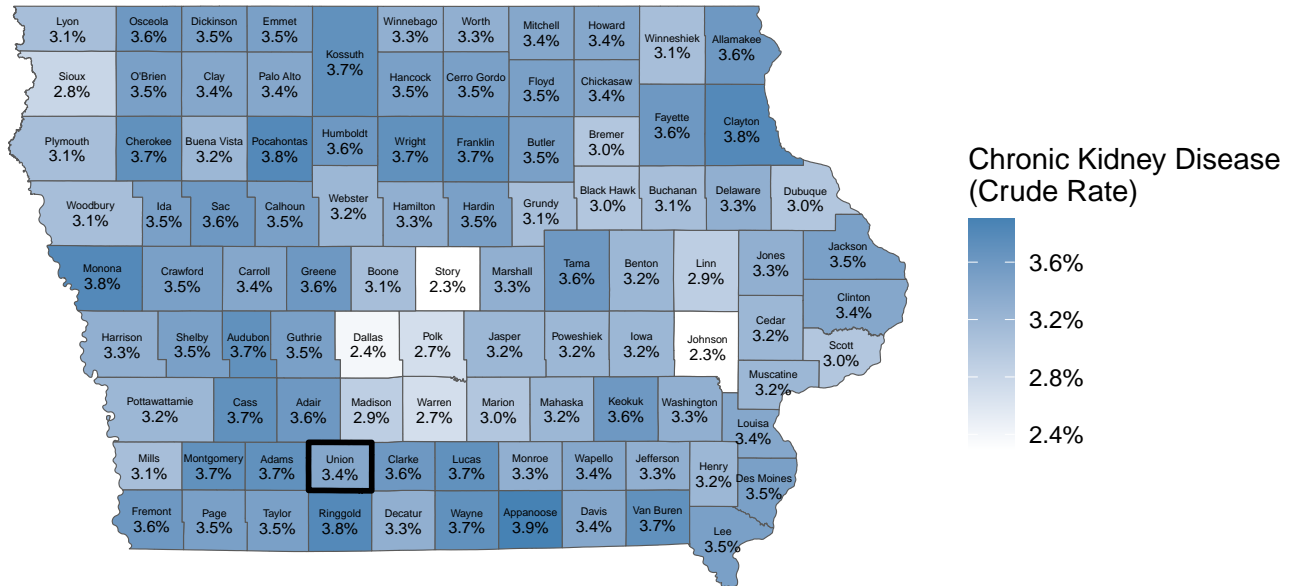
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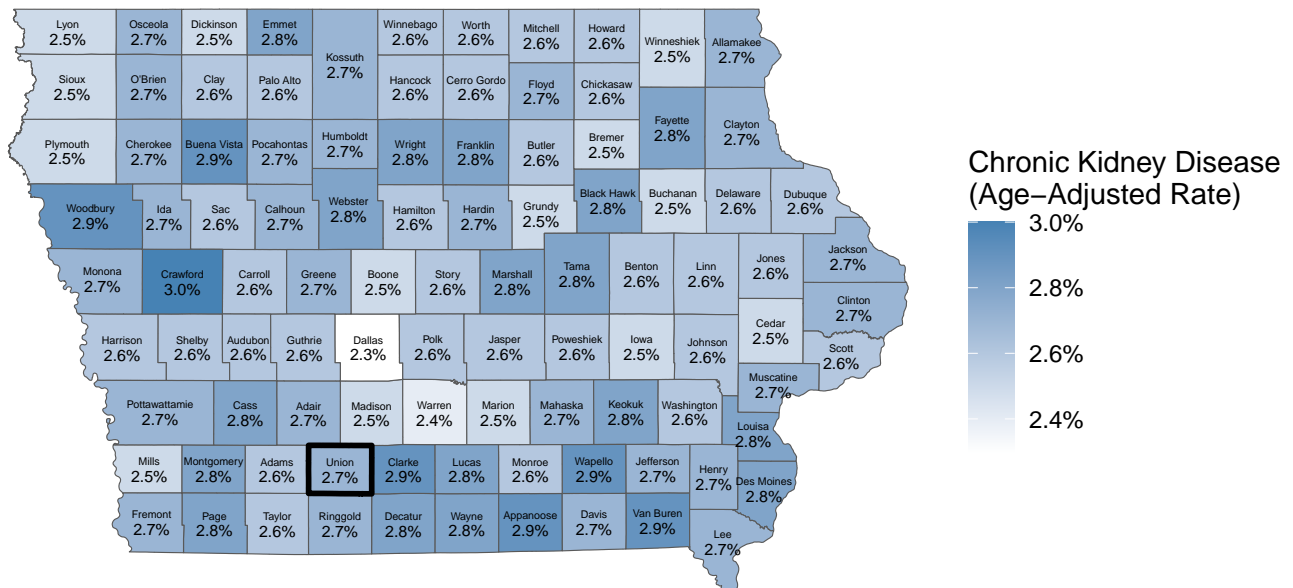
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Chronic Kidney Disease

Chronic kidney disease among adults aged ≥ 18 years



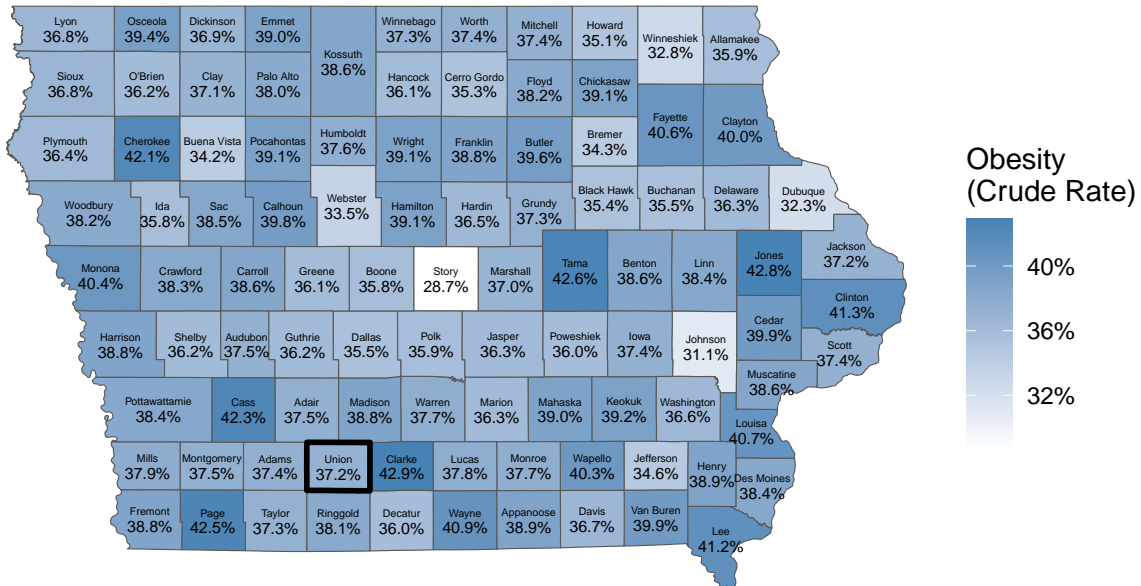
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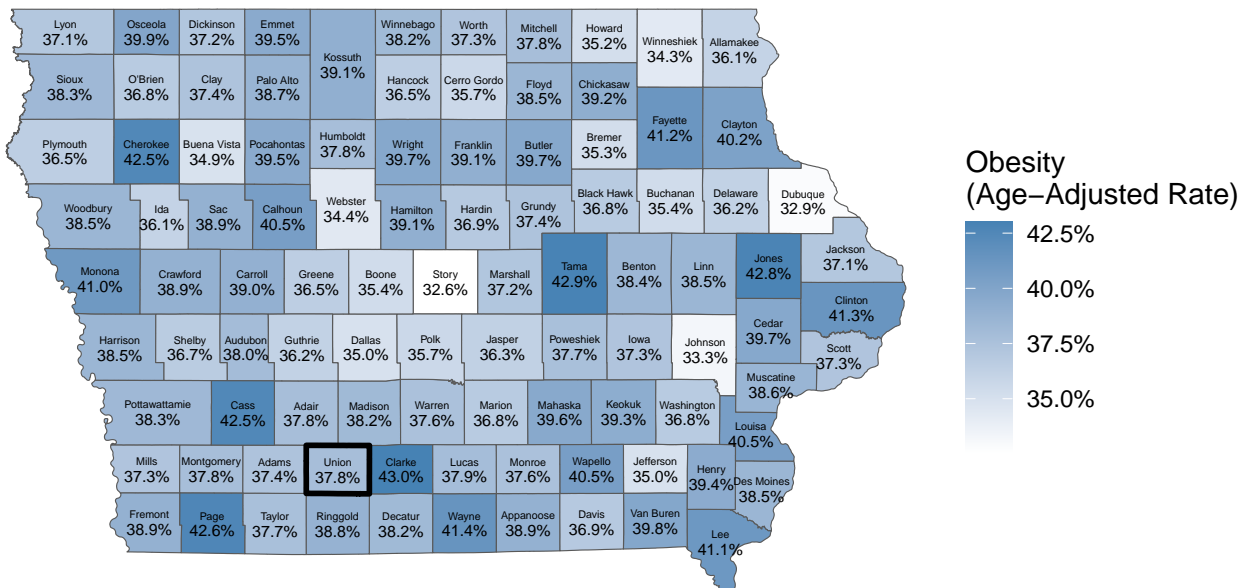
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Obesity

Obesity among adults aged >=18 years



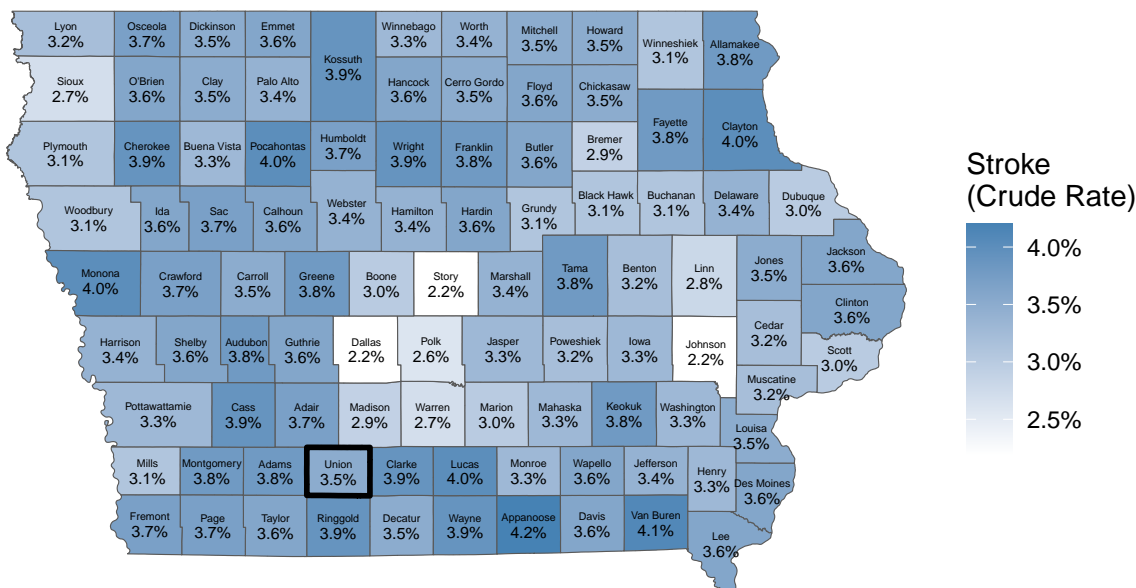
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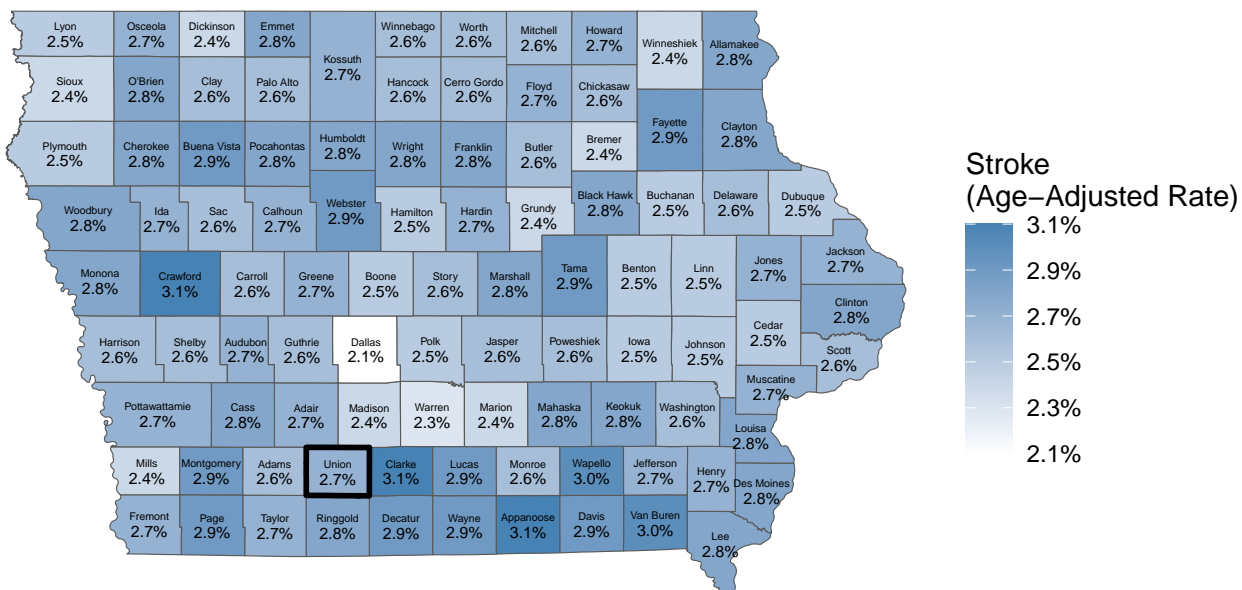
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Stroke

Stroke among adults aged ≥ 18 years



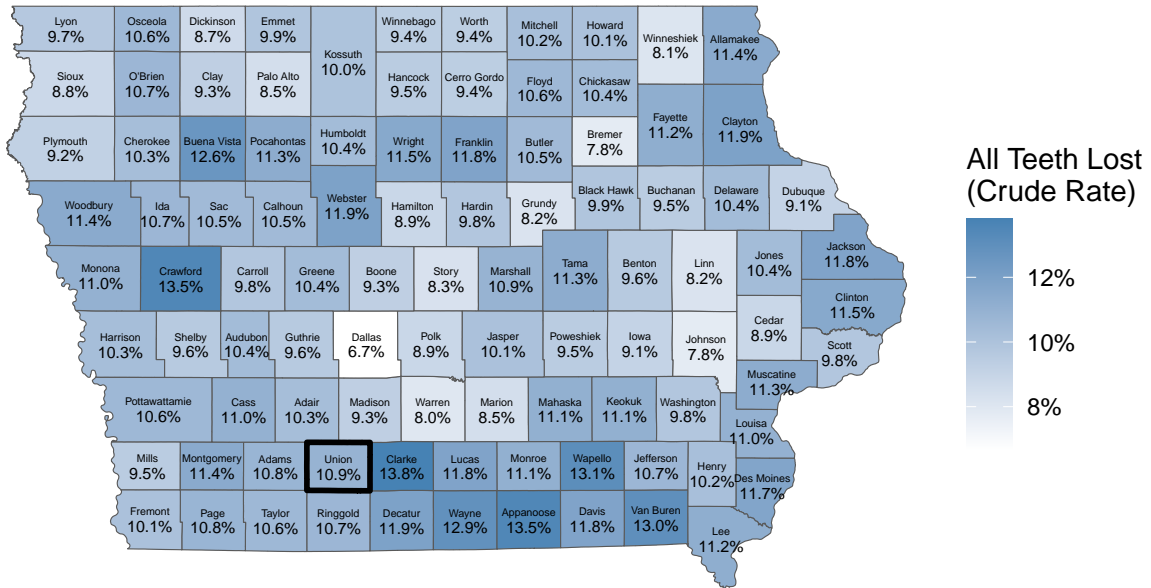
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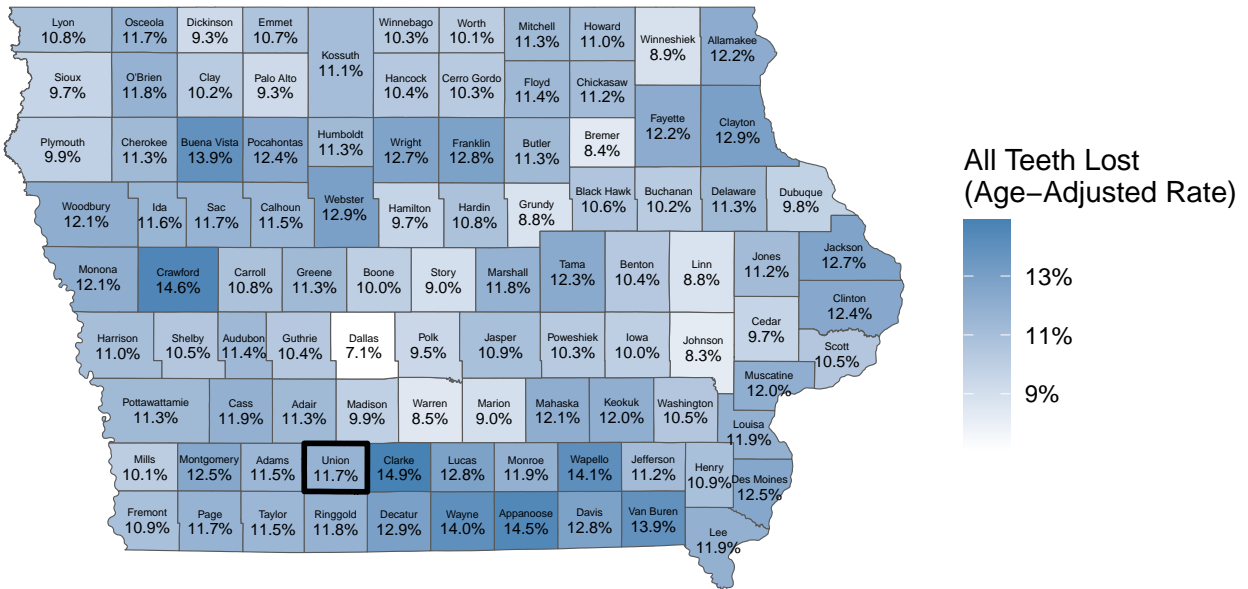
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All Teeth Lost

All teeth lost among adults aged ≥ 65 years



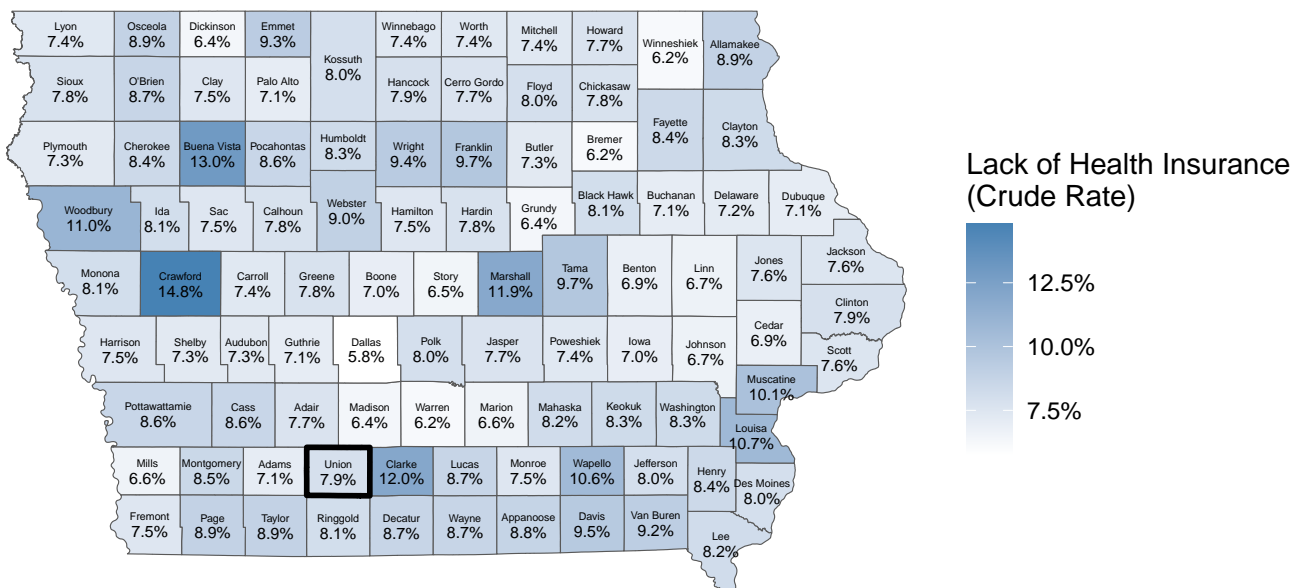
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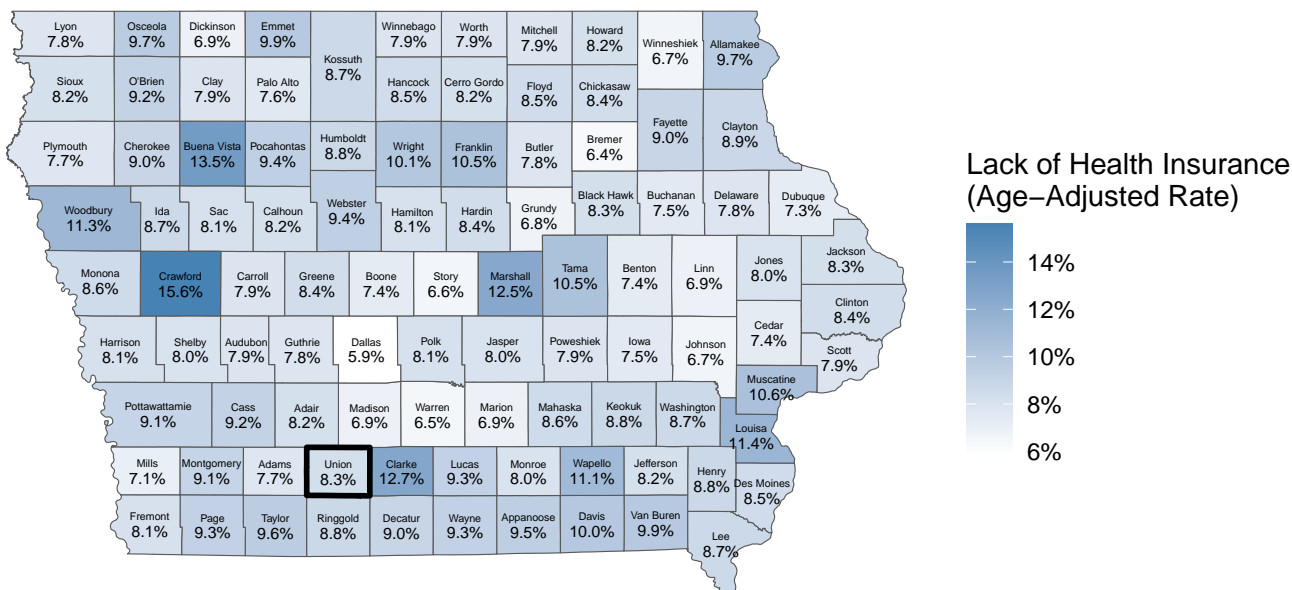
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Lack of Health Insurance

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



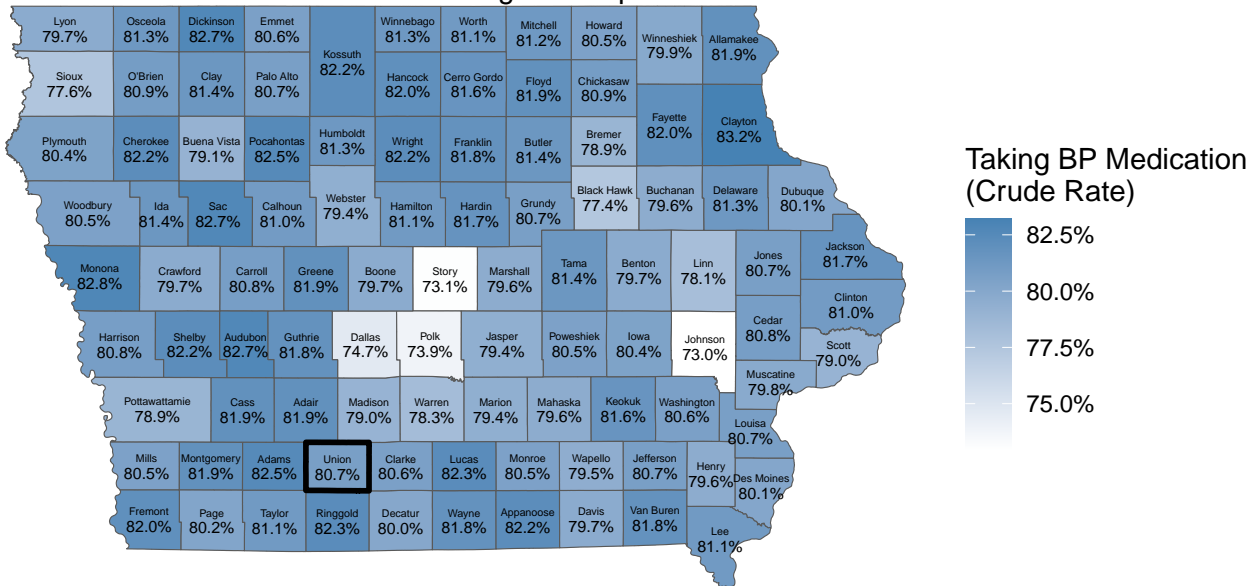
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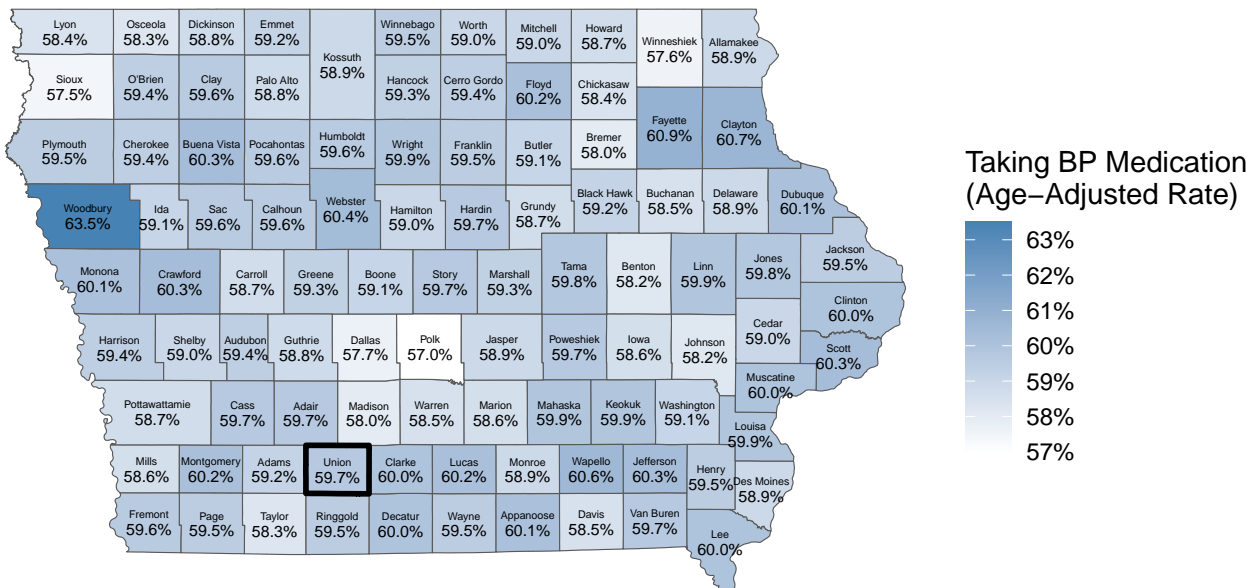
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Taking BP Medication

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



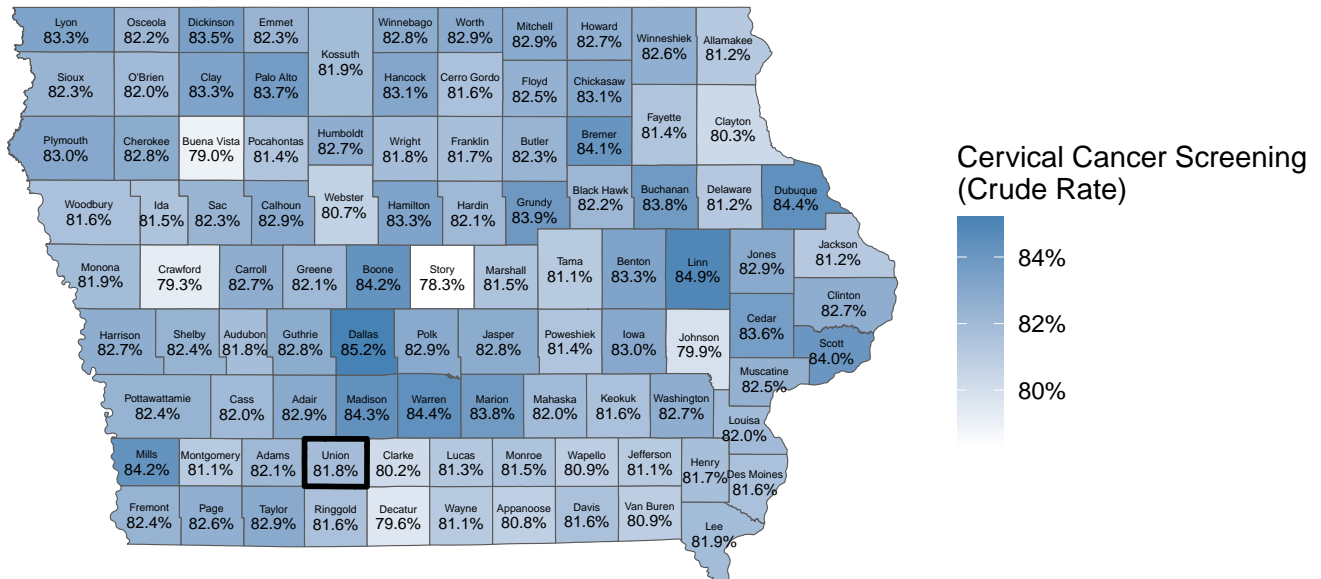
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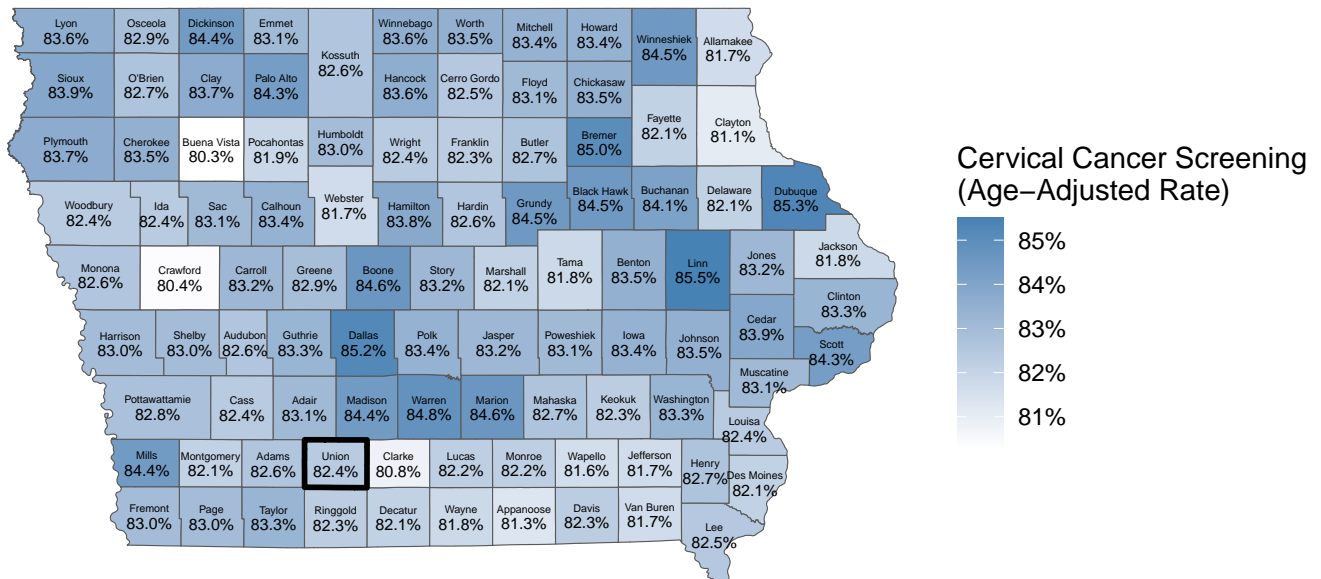
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Cervical Cancer Screening

Cervical cancer screening among adult women aged 21–65 years



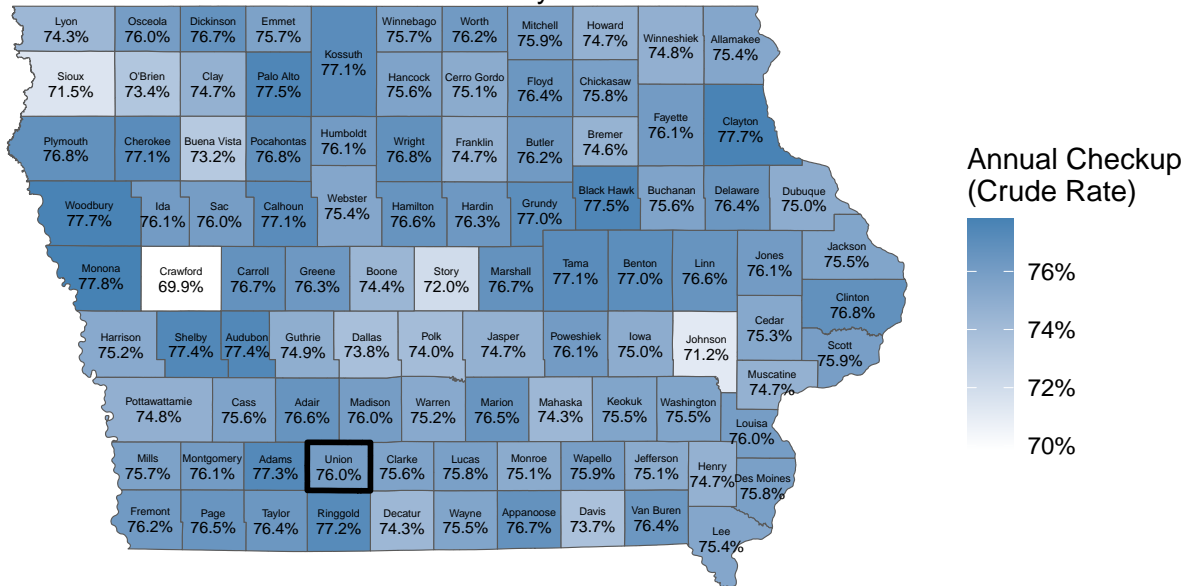
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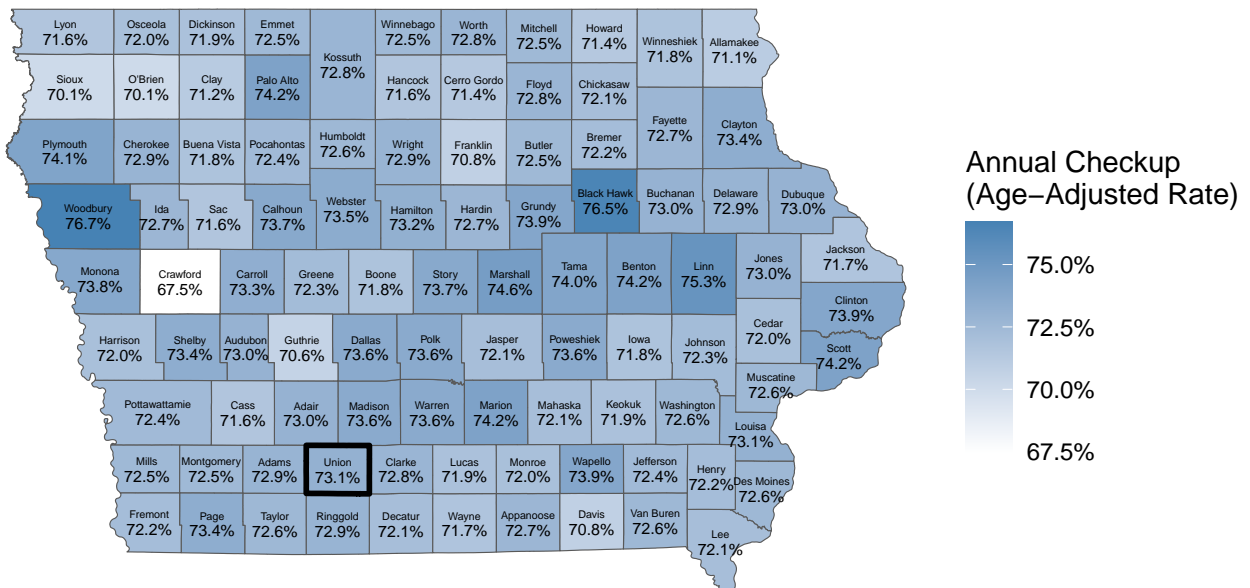
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Annual Checkup

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



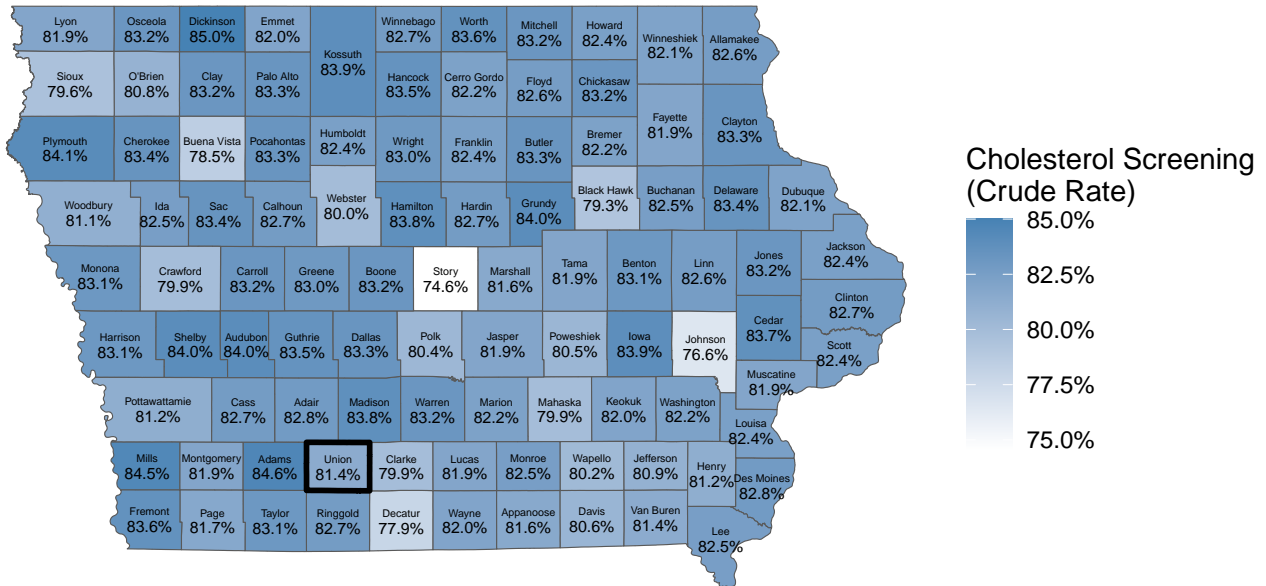
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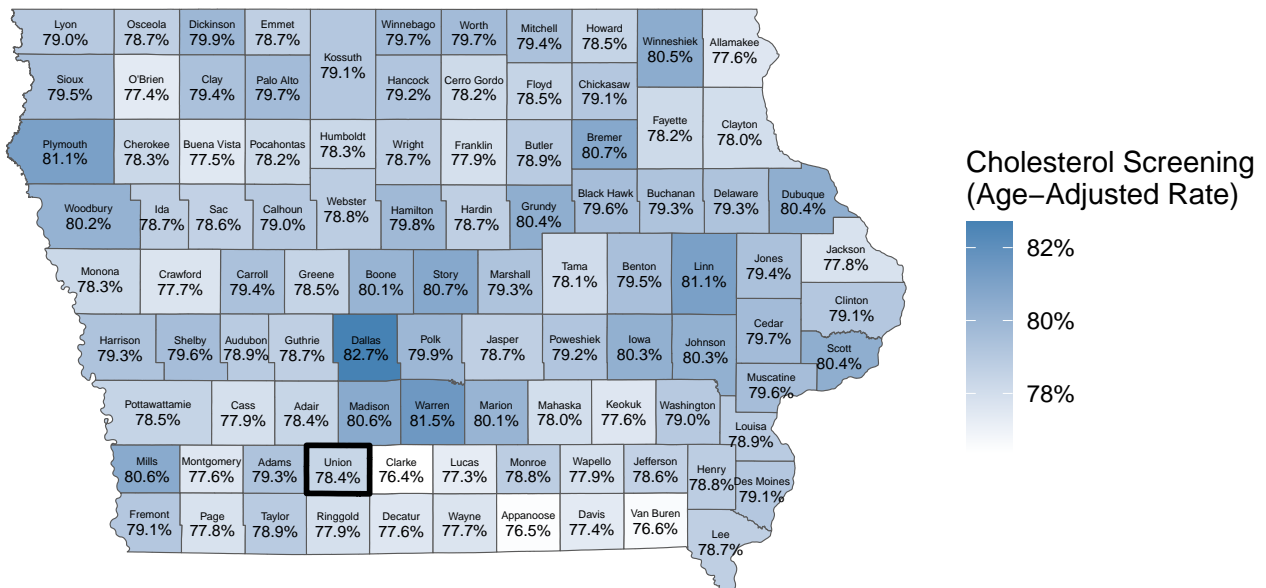
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Cholesterol Screening

Cholesterol screening among adults aged ≥ 18 years



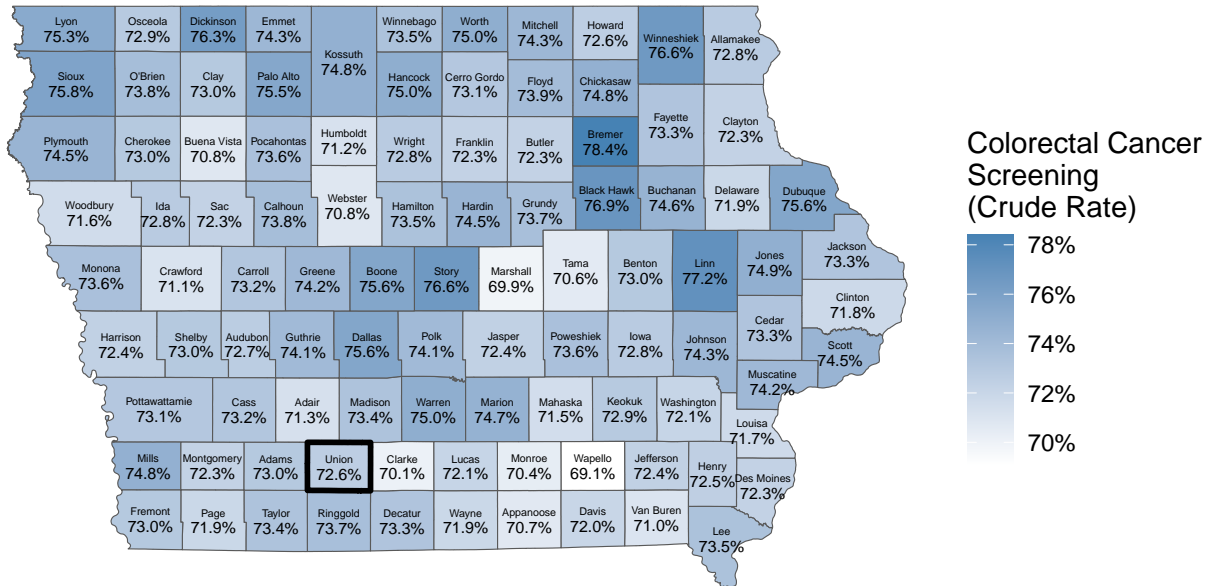
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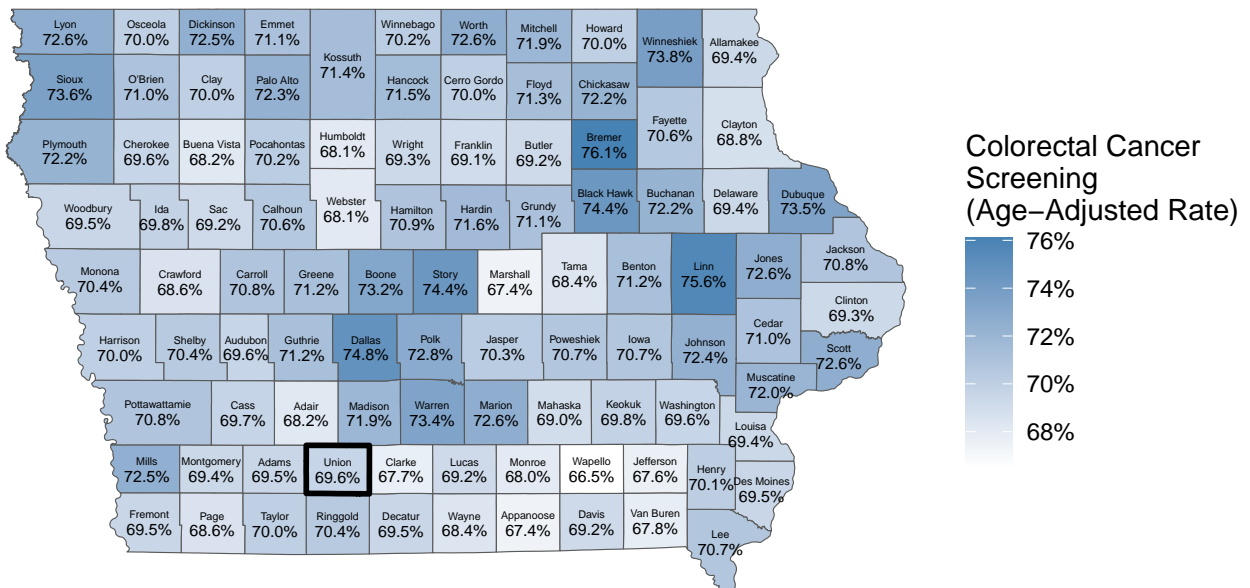
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Colorectal Cancer Screening

Colorectal cancer screening among adults aged 50–75 years



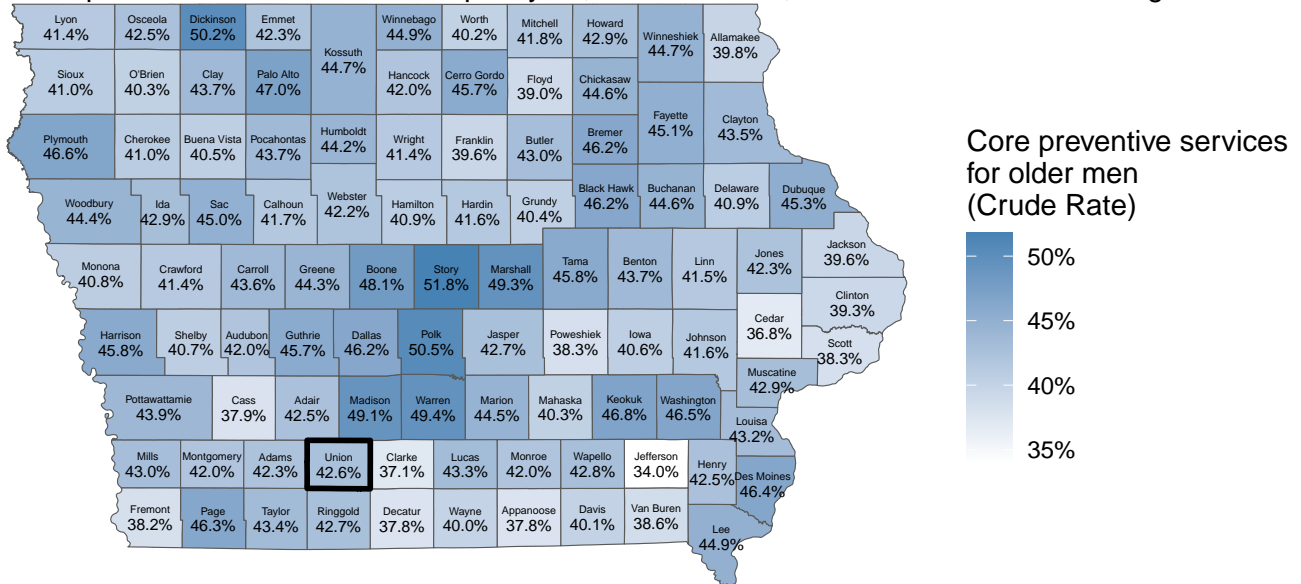
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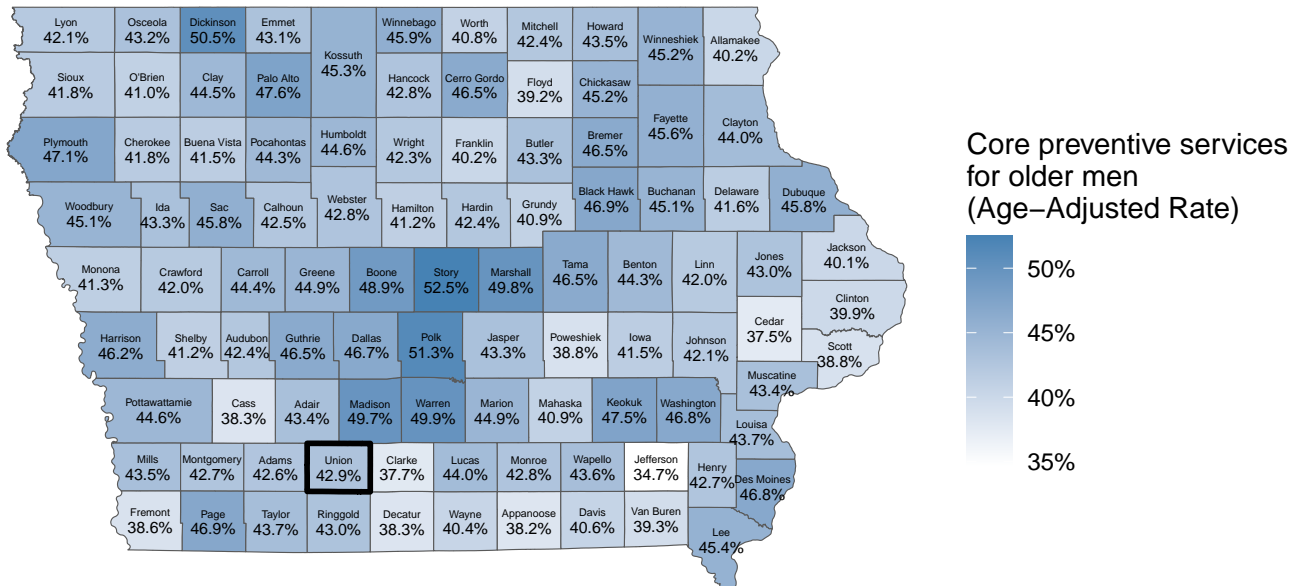
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Core preventive services for older men

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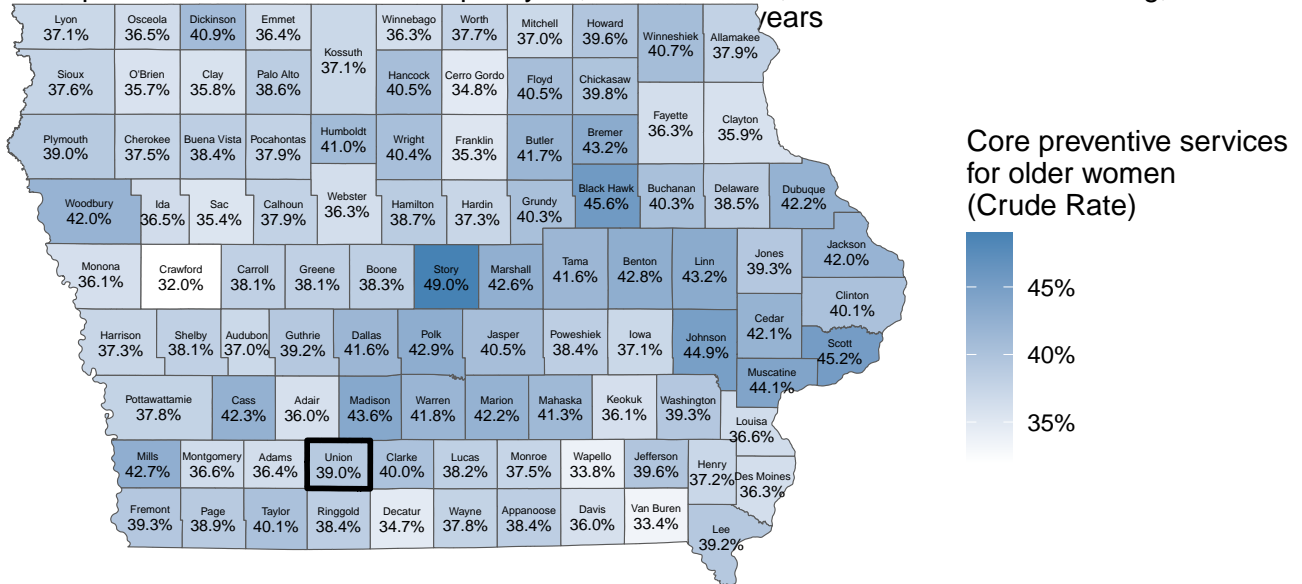
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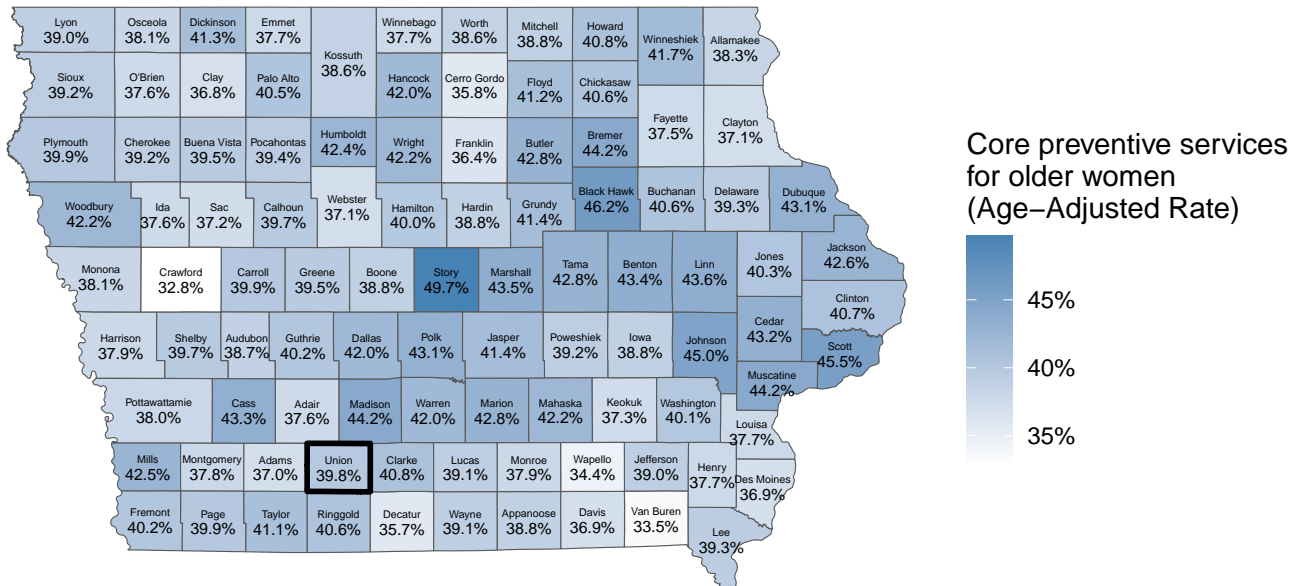
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Core preventive services for older women

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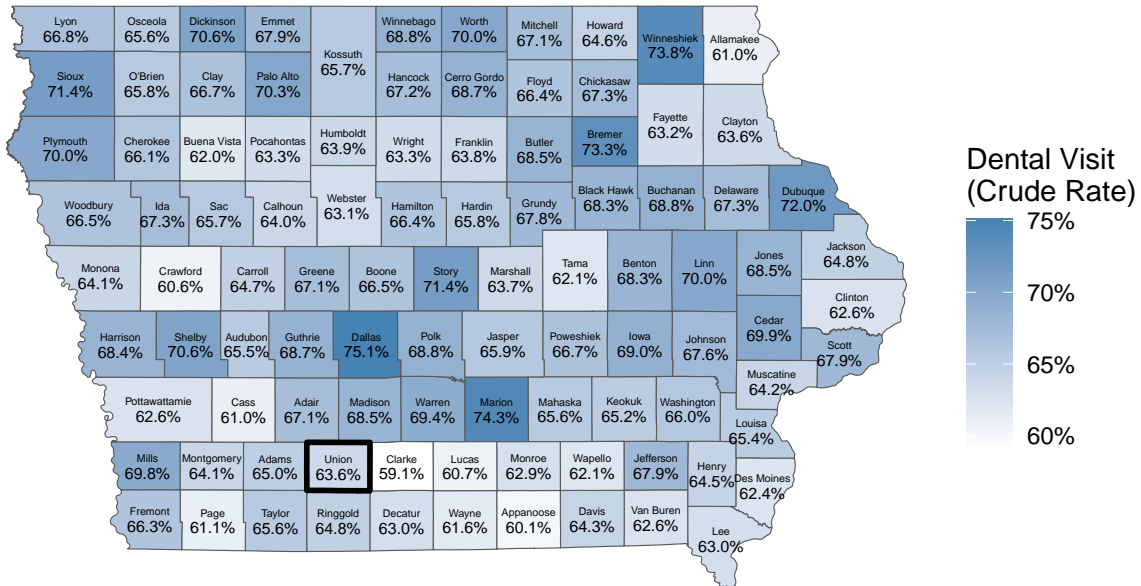
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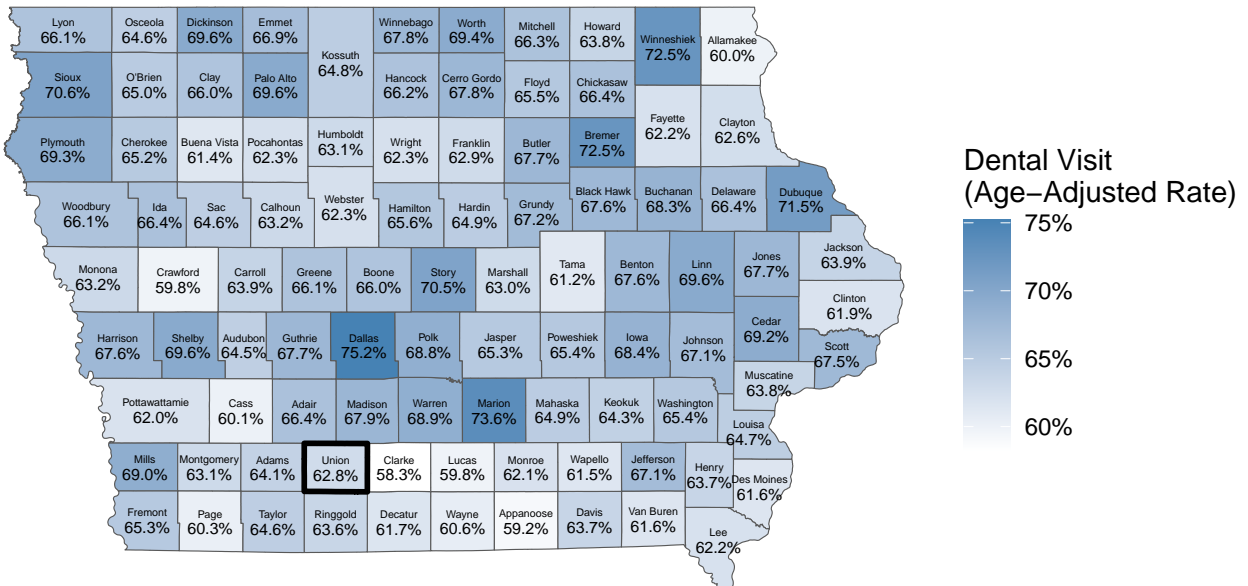
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Dental Visit

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



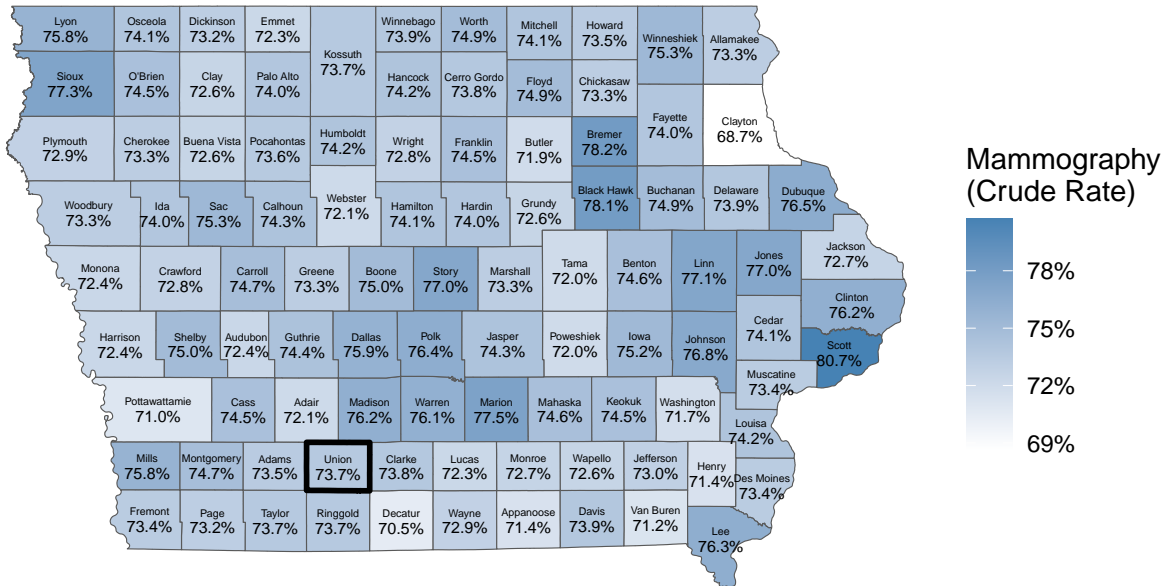
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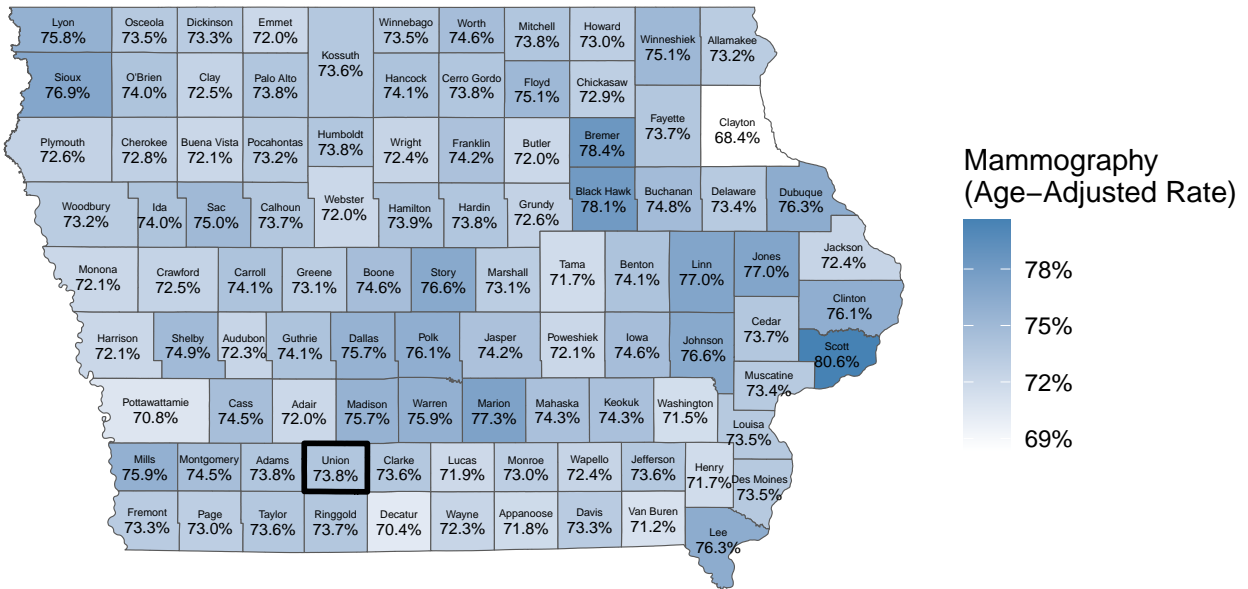
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Mammography

Mammography use among women aged 50–74 years



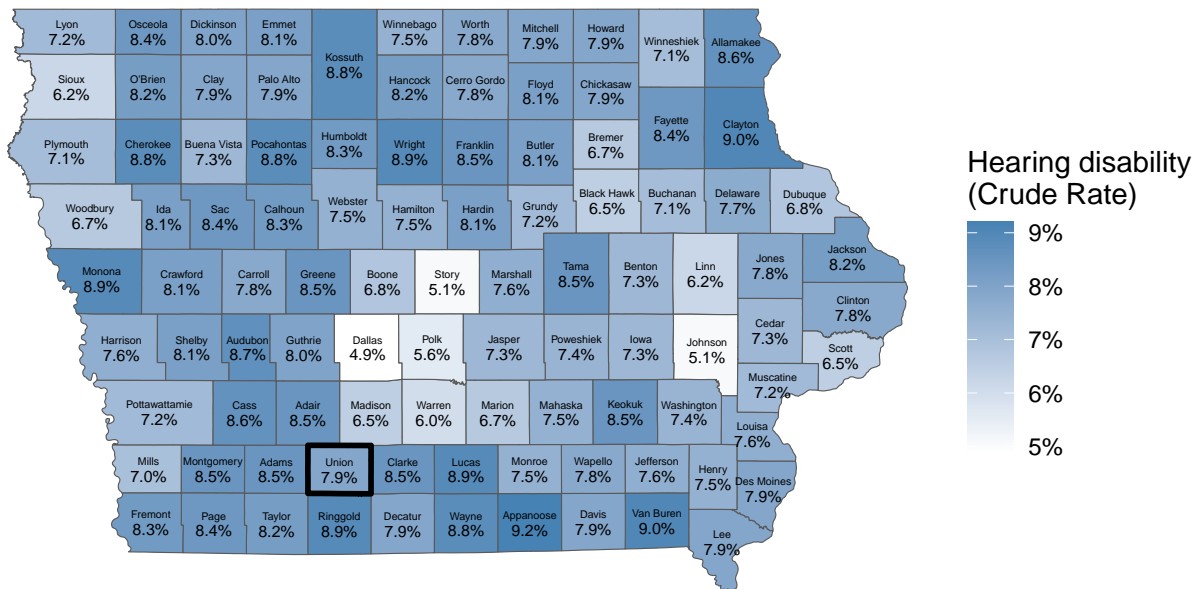
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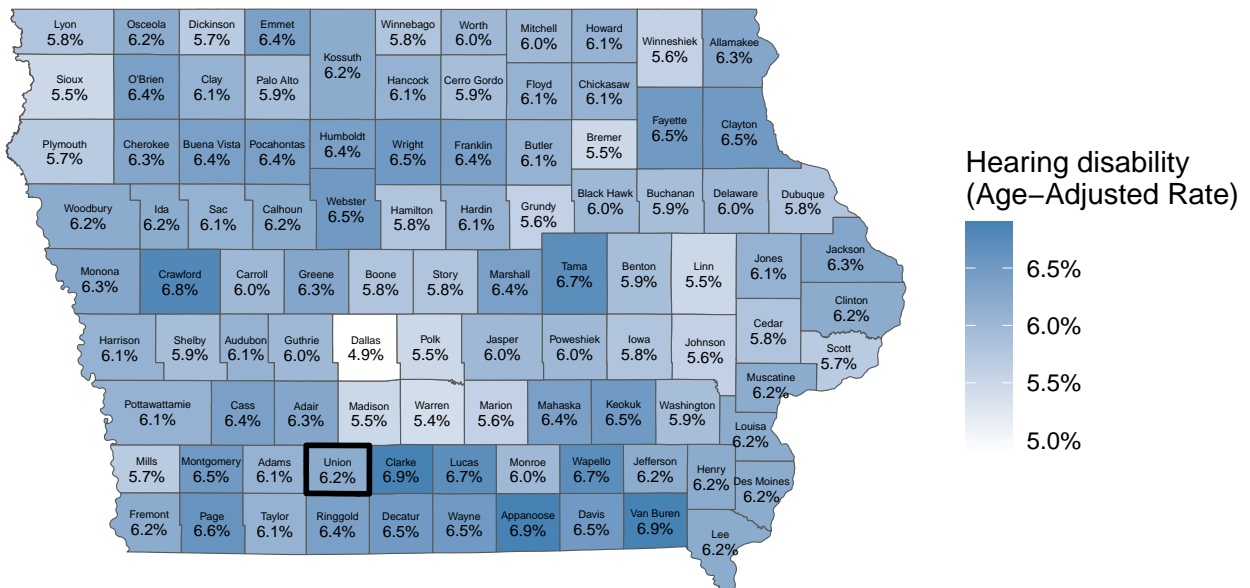
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Hearing disability

Hearing disability among adults aged ≥ 18 years



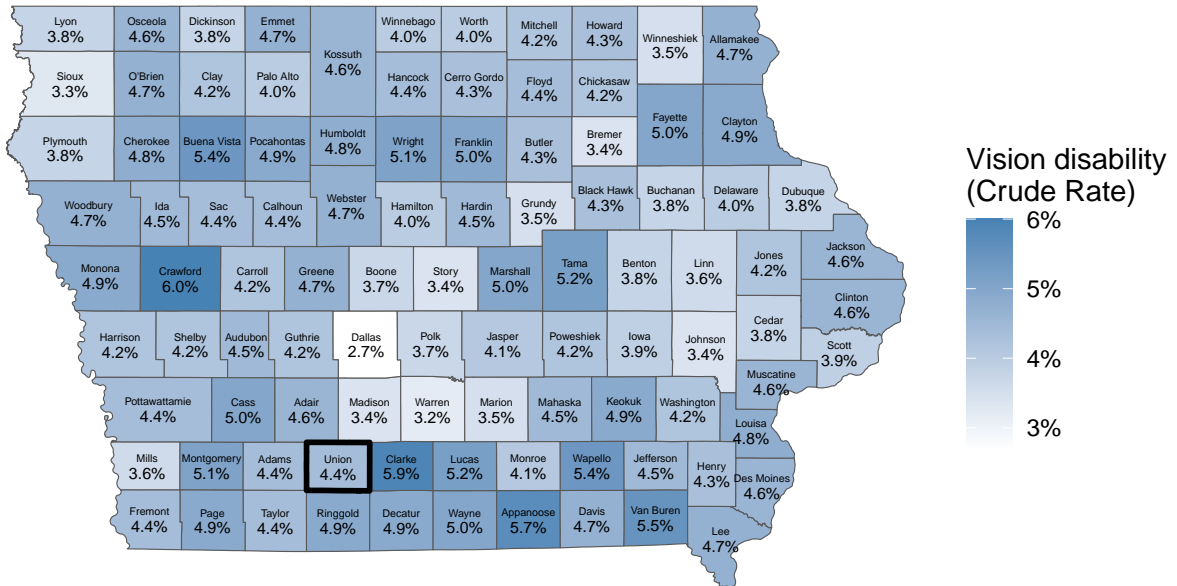
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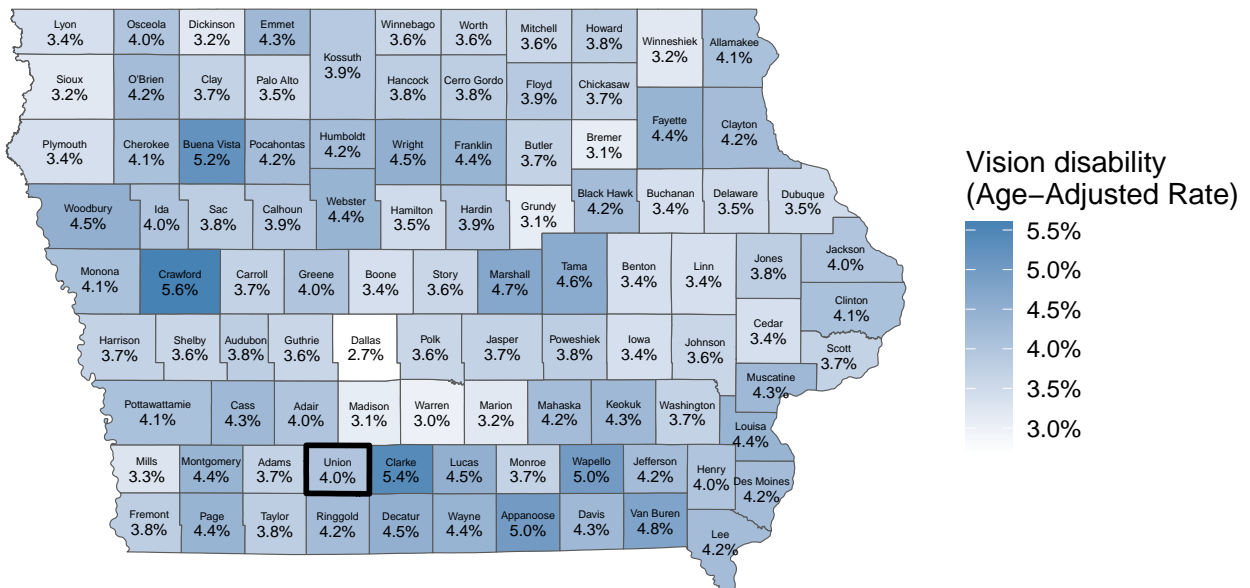
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Vision disability

Vision disability among adults aged >=18 years



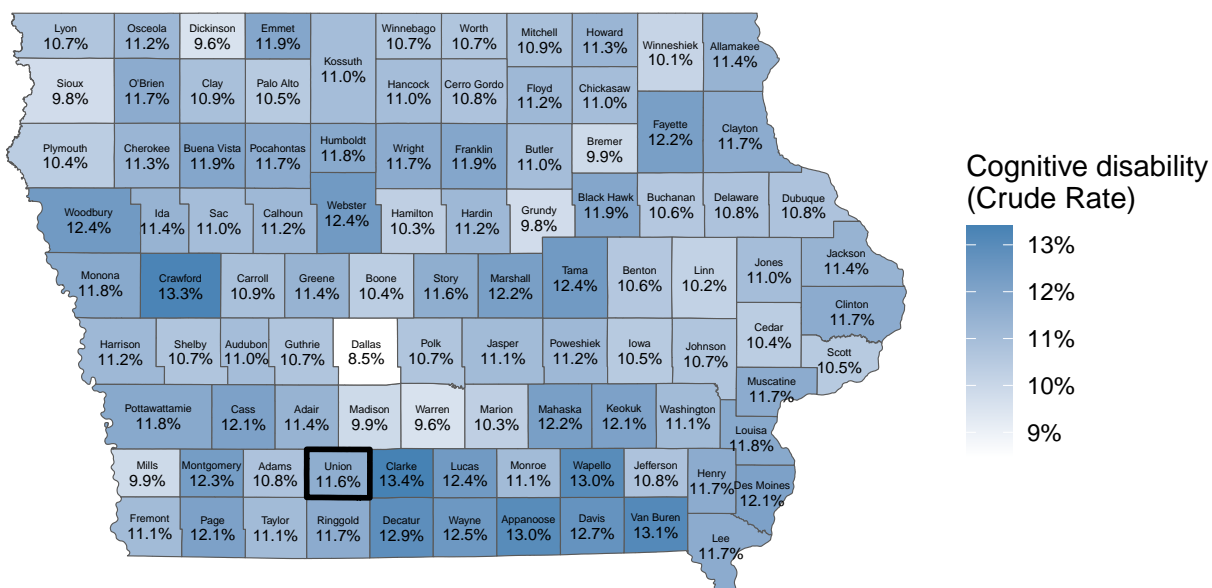
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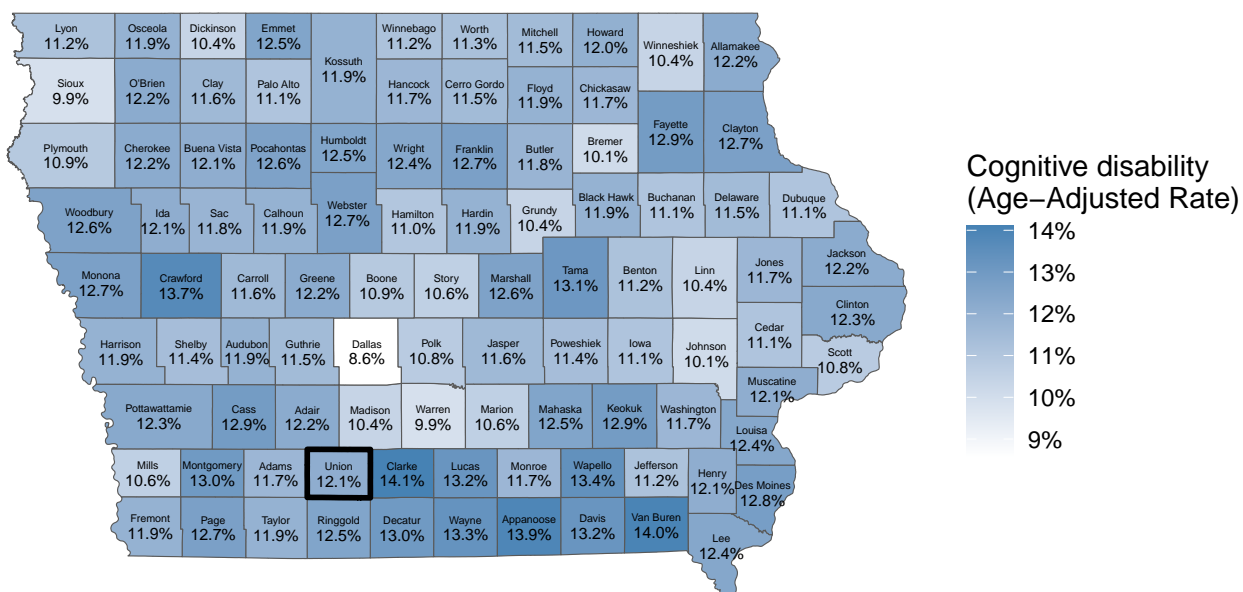
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Cognitive disability

Cognitive disability among adults aged >=18 years



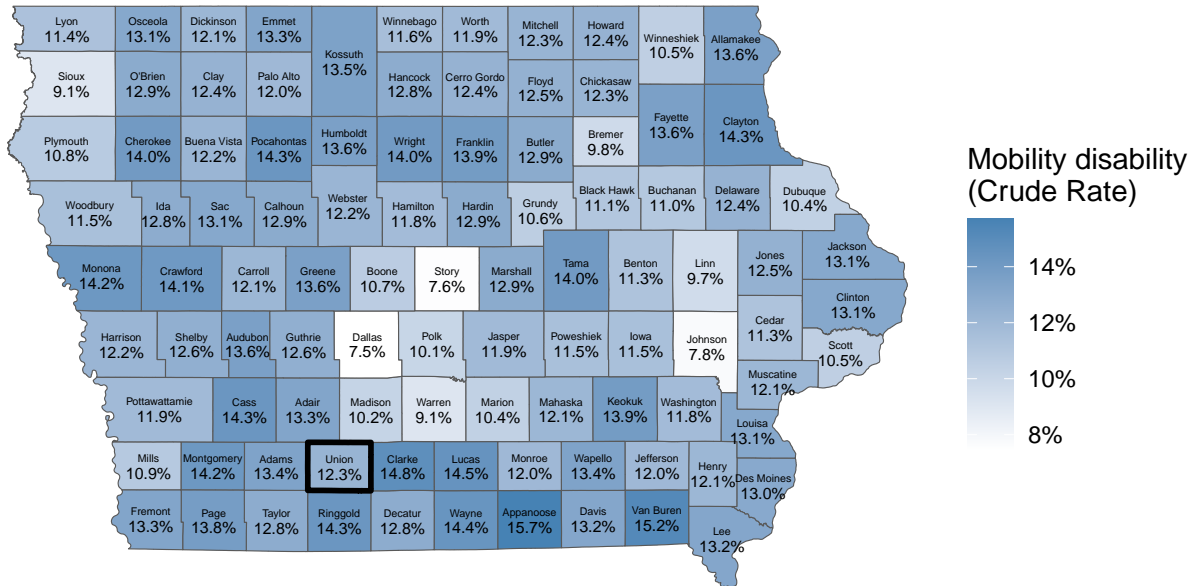
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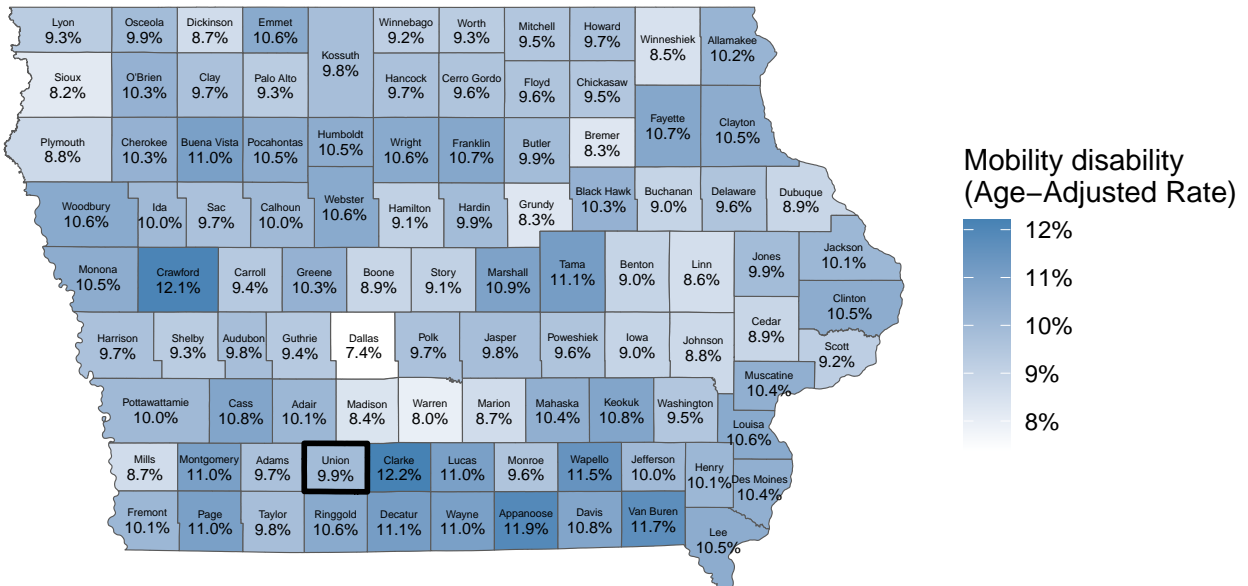
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Mobility disability

Mobility disability among adults aged ≥ 18 years



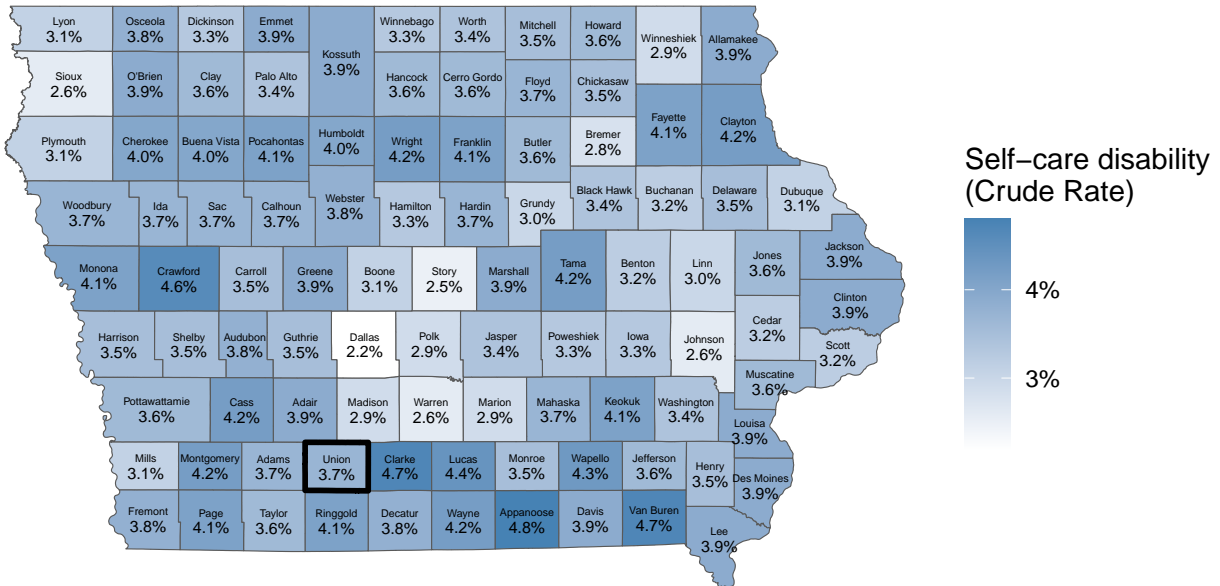
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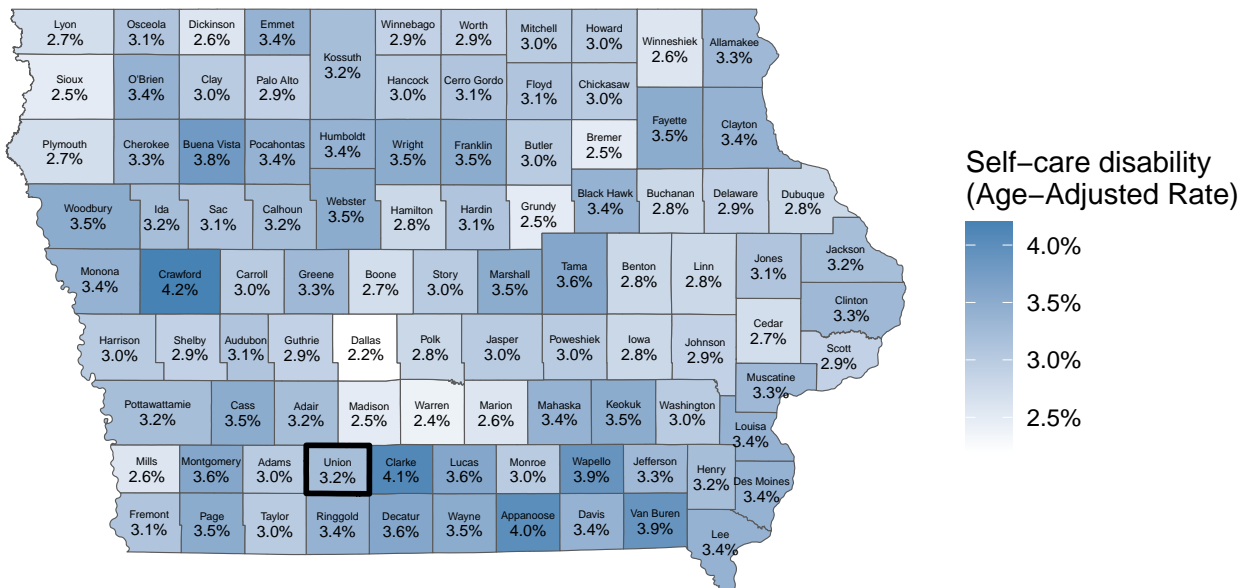
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Self-care disability

Self-care disability among adults aged >=18 years



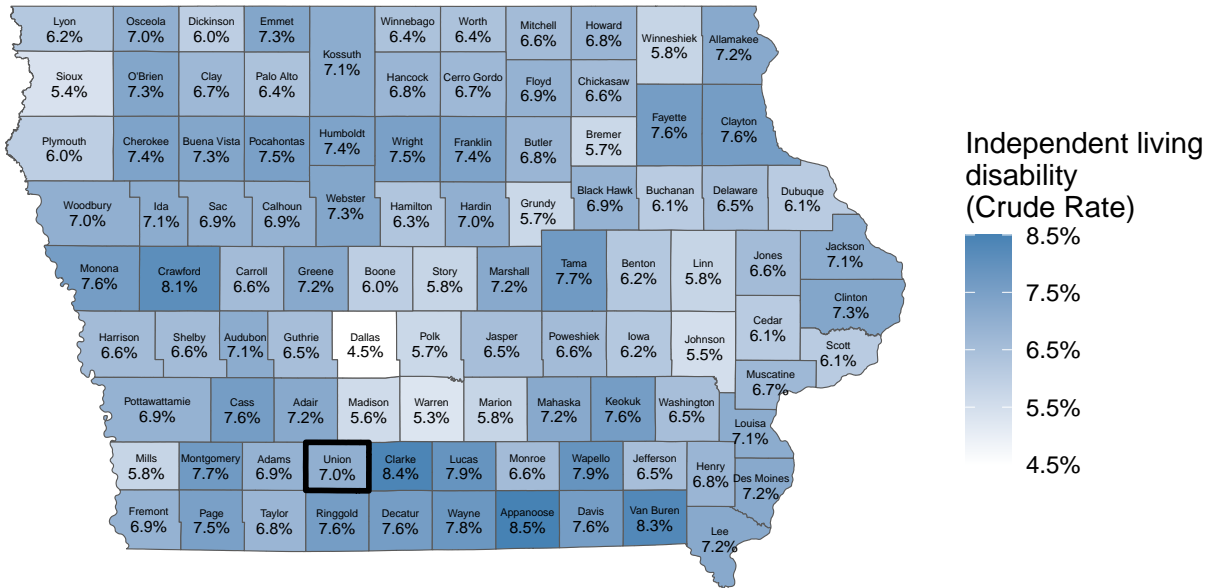
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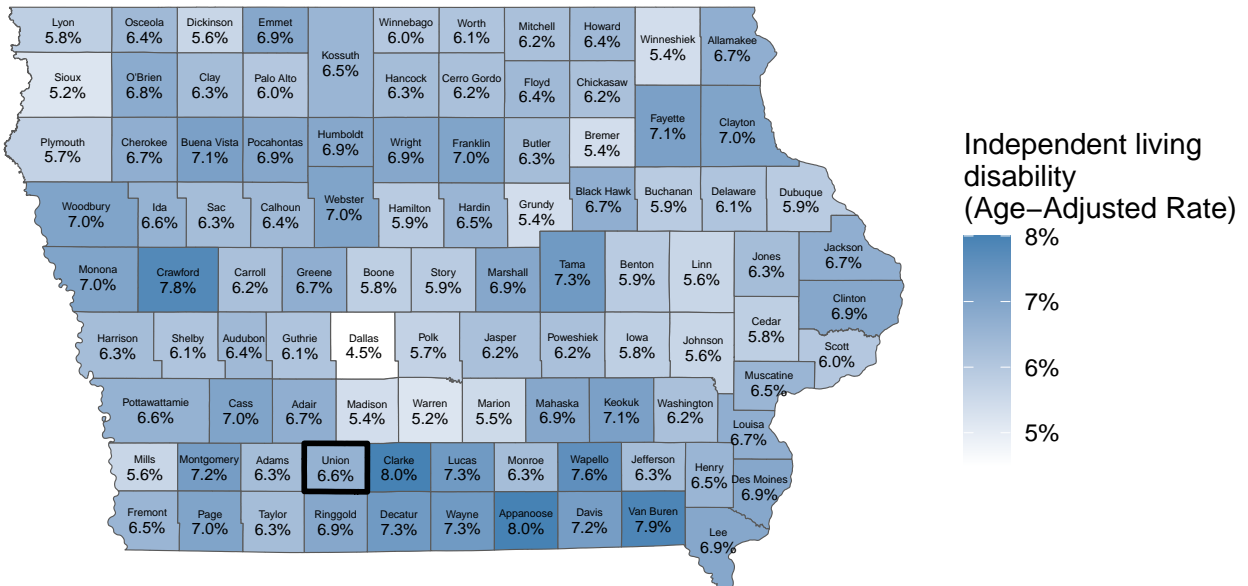
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Independent living disability

Independent living disability among adults aged ≥ 18 years



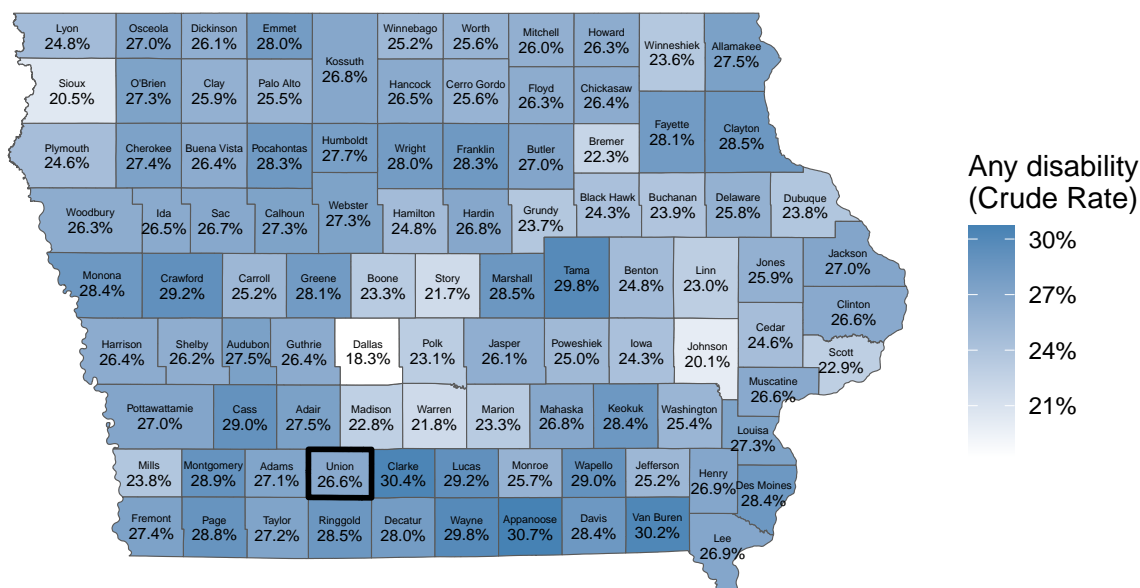
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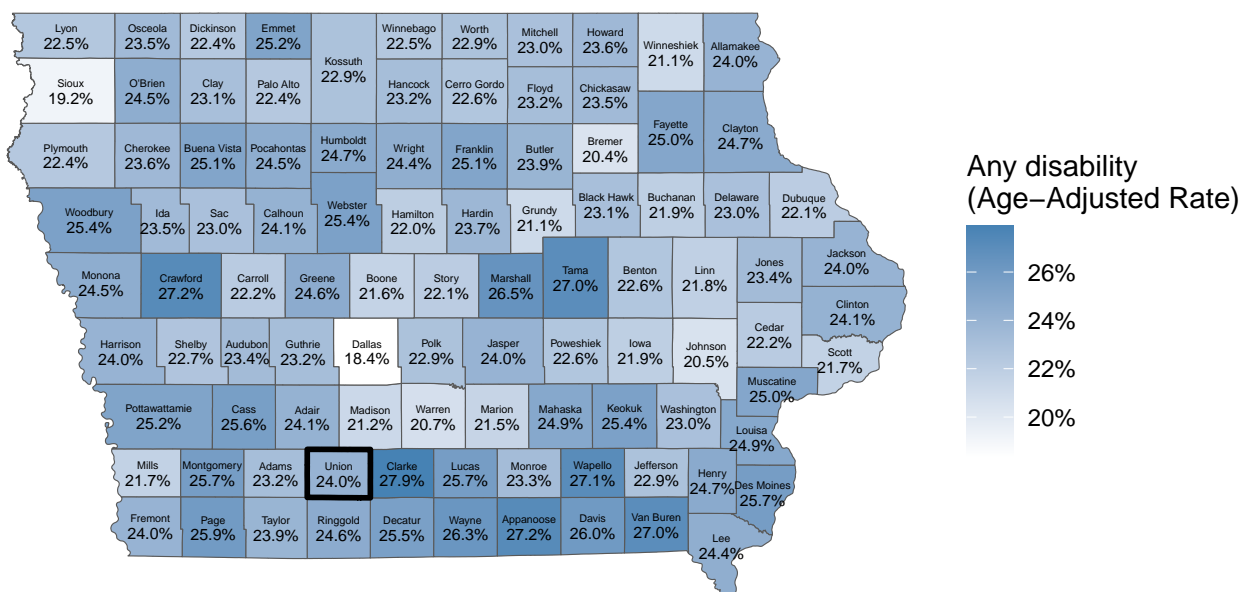
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Any disability

Any disability among adults aged >=18 years



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