



## Iowa County Health Snapshot Series

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# Health in Webster County: Overview

Dear Community Members & Stakeholders of Webster 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 Webster County ranks across various health measures compared to the rest of the state and similarly-sized counties. This comparison allows us to identify Webster 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 Webster 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	Micropolitan County Rank	Health Domain	Statewide County Rank	Micropolitan County Rank
Obesity	5th	1st	Obesity	5th	1st
High Cholesterol	9th	2nd	Taking BP Medication	5th	2nd
Cancer (except skin)	12th	2nd	Cancer (except skin)	8th	4th
Chronic Kidney Disease	22nd	2nd	High Cholesterol	11th	2nd
Arthritis	25th	5th	Annual Checkup	22nd	5th



# 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	Micropolitan County Rank	Health Domain	Statewide County Rank	Micropolitan County Rank
Sleep <7 hours	93rd	14th	Sleep <7 hours	93rd	15th
Colorectal Cancer Screening	92nd	12th	Colorectal Cancer Screening	91st	12th
Cervical Cancer Screening	92nd	14th	All Teeth Lost	90th	13th
Cholesterol Screening	90th	13th	Cervical Cancer Screening	90th	12th
All Teeth Lost	90th	13th	Core preventive services for older women	88th	11th

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 Webster County.

Sincerely,



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# How to Use this Report

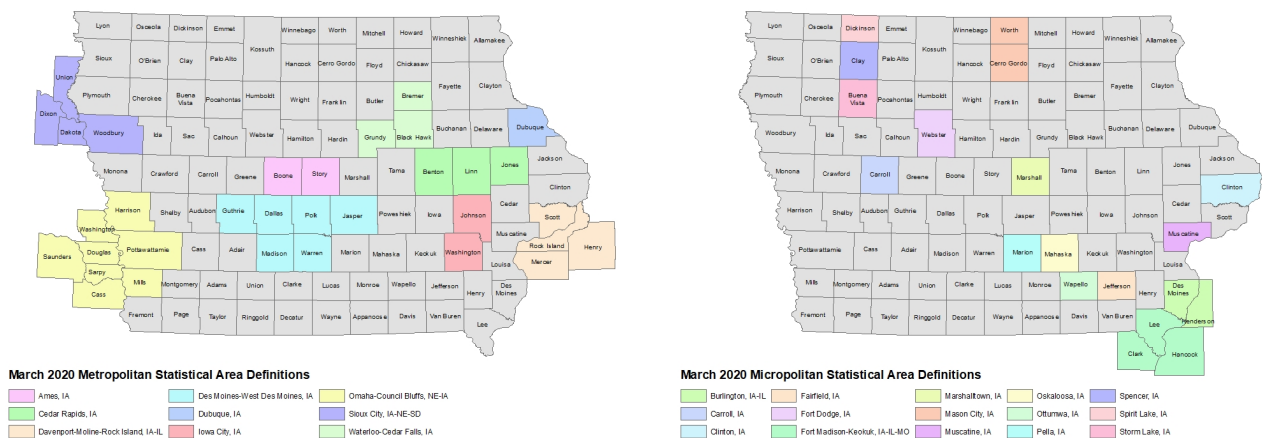
The purpose of the Iowa County Health Snapshot Series is to provide an overview of health in Webster County that can be used to help inform health-related interventions and programming. This report contains five sections, including the overall health status of Webster County, a review of risky behaviors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

With a population of 37,147, Webster County’s similarly sized counties are defined as micropolitan counties. In Iowa, micropolitan counties have an average population of 30,839, and there are 15 counties that are considered micropolitan 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

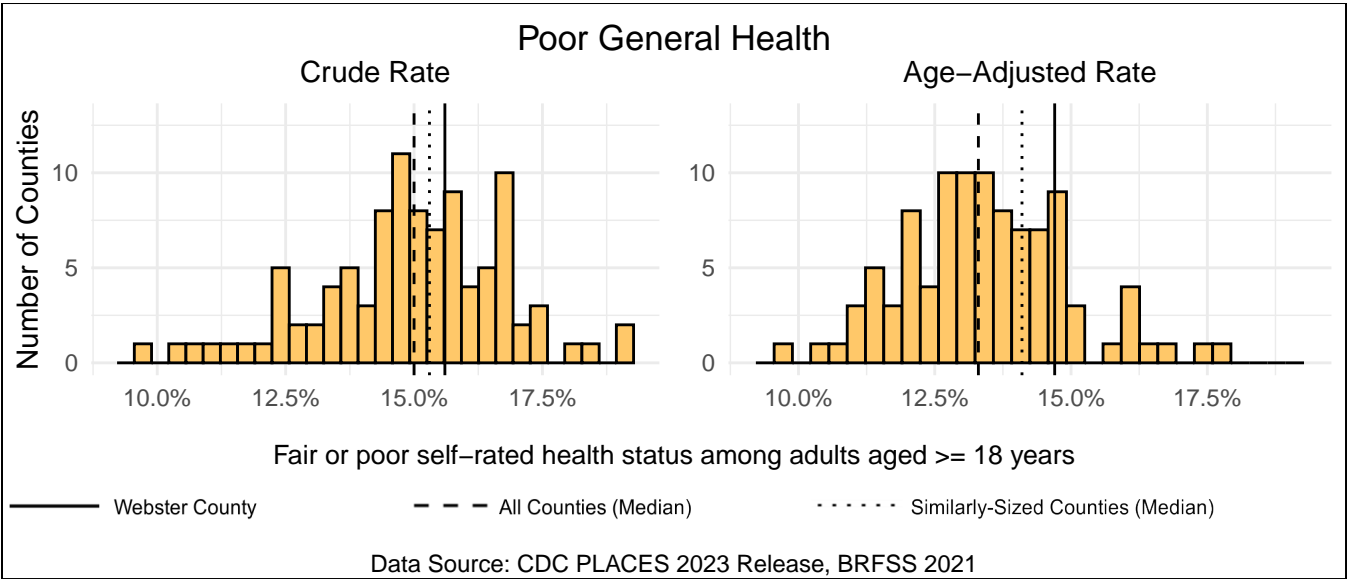
This section reflects measures for overall health, including general, physical, and mental health. These measures are a valuable way to see a simple summary of the health of a country’s population. The questions to calculate these measures ask respondents to evaluate their health status. General health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

Webster County has a crude rate of 15.6% for fair or poor self-rated health status among adults aged >= 18 years, which ranks 63rd out of 99 Iowa counties (10th out of 15 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Webster County is 14.7%, which ranks 81st out of 99 Iowa counties (12th out of 15 similarly-sized counties).

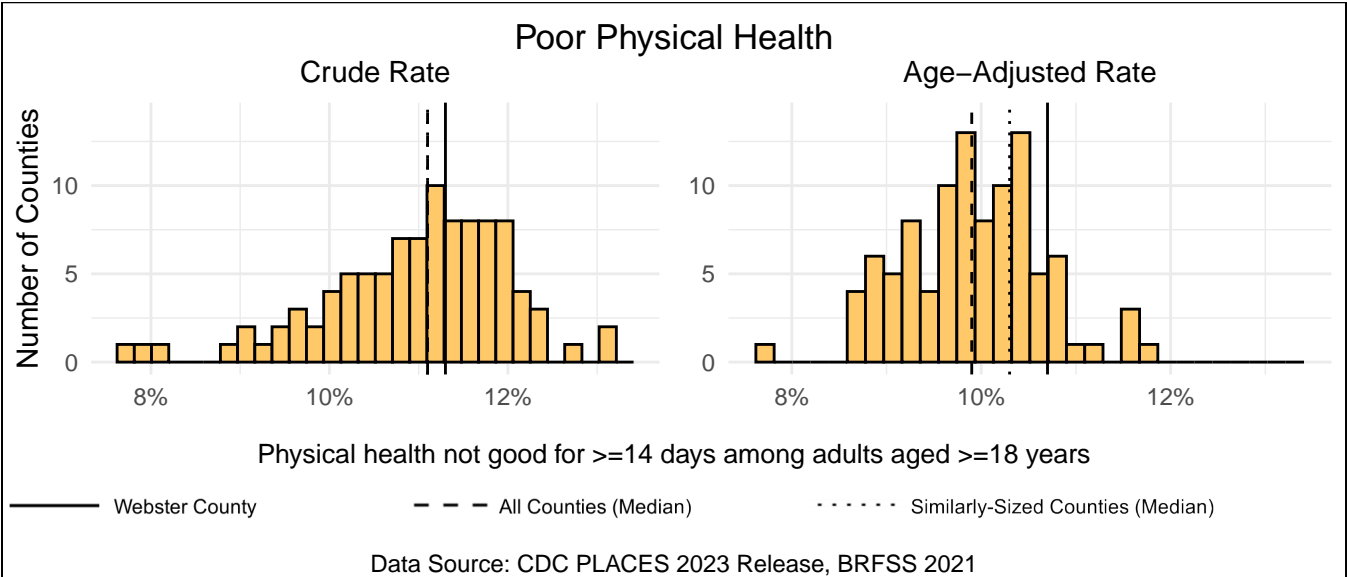
Measure Type	Webster County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	15.6%	15.0%	15.3%
Age-Adjusted	14.7%	13.3%	14.1%



## Poor Physical Health

Webster County has a crude rate of 11.3% for physical health not good for  $\geq 14$  days among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years, which ranks 58th out of 99 Iowa counties (10th out of 15 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Webster County is 10.7%, which ranks 86th out of 99 Iowa counties (14th out of 15 similarly-sized counties).

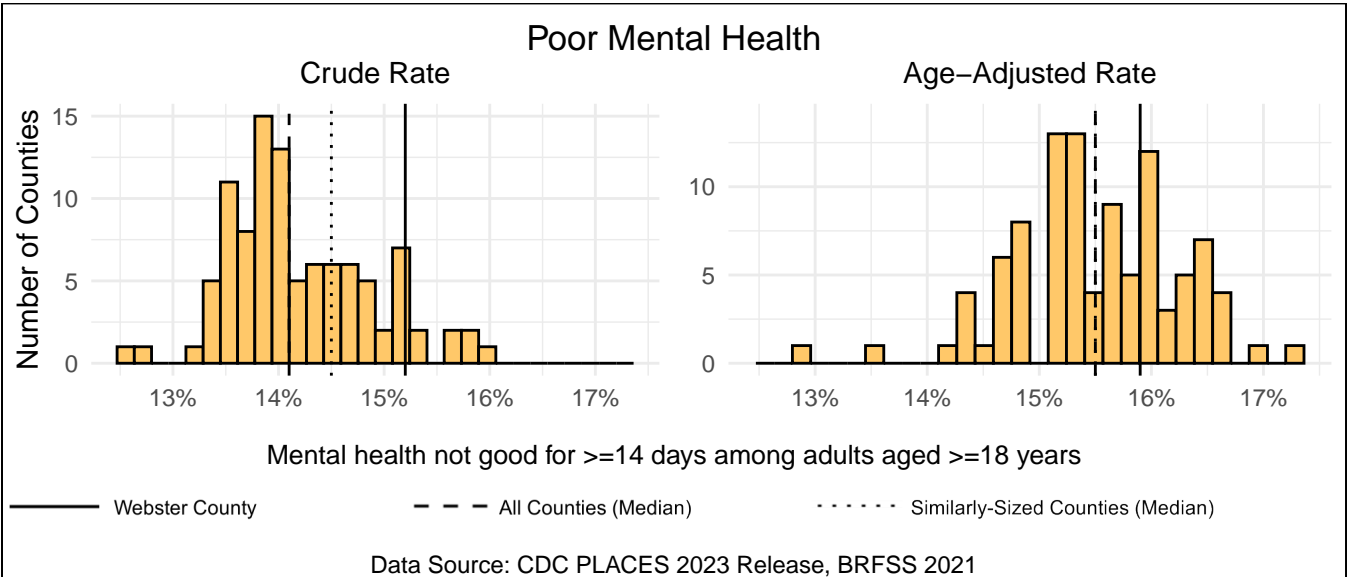
Measure Type	Webster County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	11.3%	11.1%	11.1%
Age-Adjusted	10.7%	9.9%	10.3%



## Poor Mental Health

Webster County has a crude rate of 15.2% for mental health not good for  $\geq 14$  days among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years, which ranks 88th out of 99 Iowa counties (13th out of 15 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Webster County is 15.9%, which ranks 67th out of 99 Iowa counties (9th out of 15 similarly-sized counties).

Measure Type	Webster County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	15.2%	14.1%	14.5%
Age-Adjusted	15.9%	15.5%	15.5%



# Health Risk Behaviors

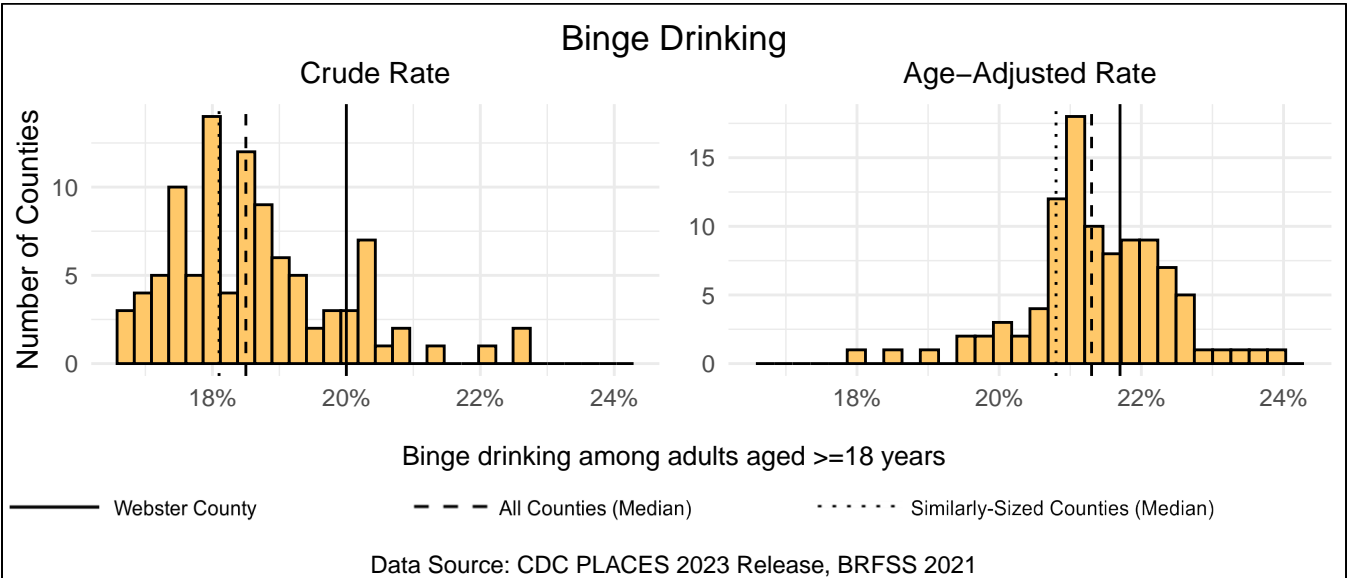
Health risk measures are measures of individual behaviors that can lead to poor health outcomes. These include binge drinking, current smoking, physical inactivity, and getting less than seven hours of nightly sleep. Risk behaviors are the most critical intervention points as they can help save lives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

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

## Binge Drinking

Webster County has a crude rate of 20.0% for binge drinking among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years, which ranks 83rd out of 99 Iowa counties (14th out of 15 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Webster County is 21.7%, which ranks 62nd out of 99 Iowa counties (10th out of 15 similarly-sized counties).

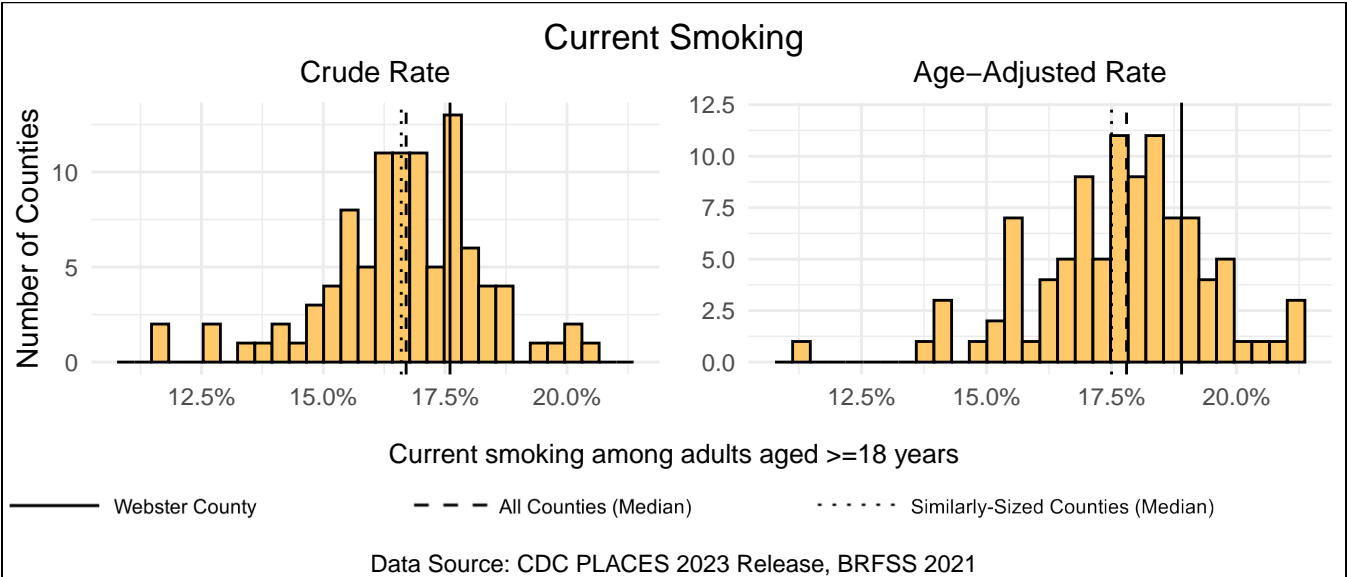
Measure Type	Webster County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	20.0%	18.5%	18.1%
Age-Adjusted	21.7%	21.3%	20.8%



# Current Smoking

Webster County has a crude rate of 17.6% for current smoking among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 73rd out of 99 Iowa counties (10th out of 15 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Webster County is 18.9%, which ranks 78th out of 99 Iowa counties (12th out of 15 similarly-sized counties).

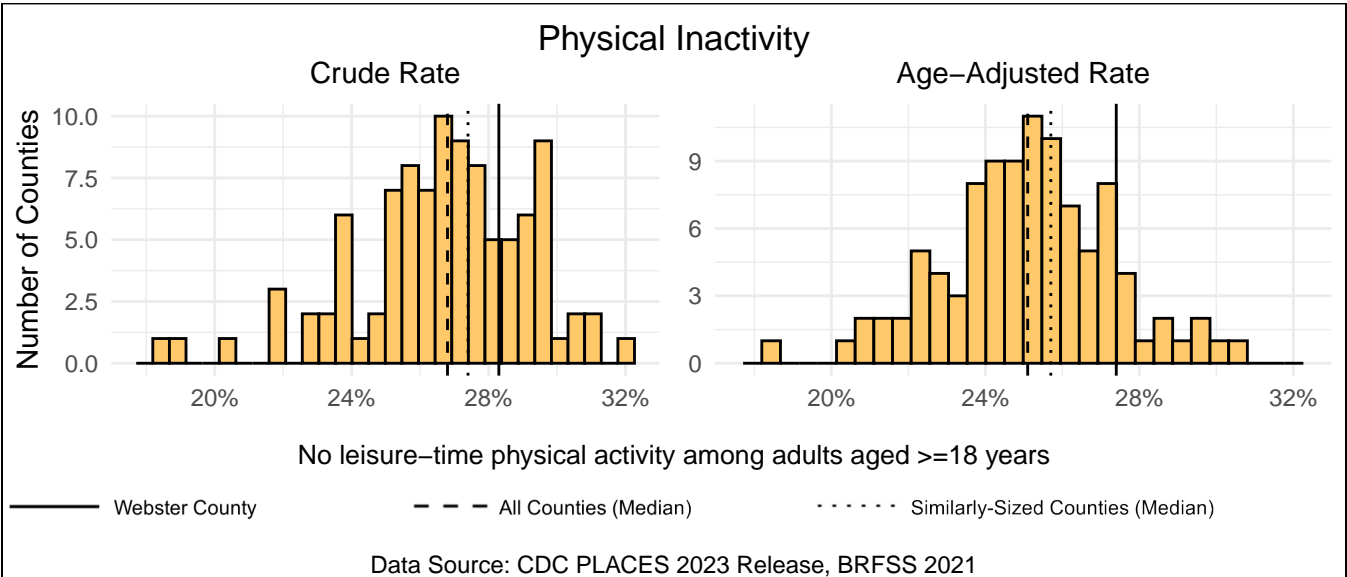
Measure Type	Webster County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	17.6%	16.7%	16.6%
Age-Adjusted	18.9%	17.8%	17.5%



# Physical Inactivity

Webster County has a crude rate of 28.3% for no leisure-time physical activity among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 73rd out of 99 Iowa counties (12th out of 15 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Webster County is 27.4%, which ranks 86th out of 99 Iowa counties (13th out of 15 similarly-sized counties).

Measure Type	Webster County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	28.3%	26.8%	27.4%
Age-Adjusted	27.4%	25.1%	25.7%

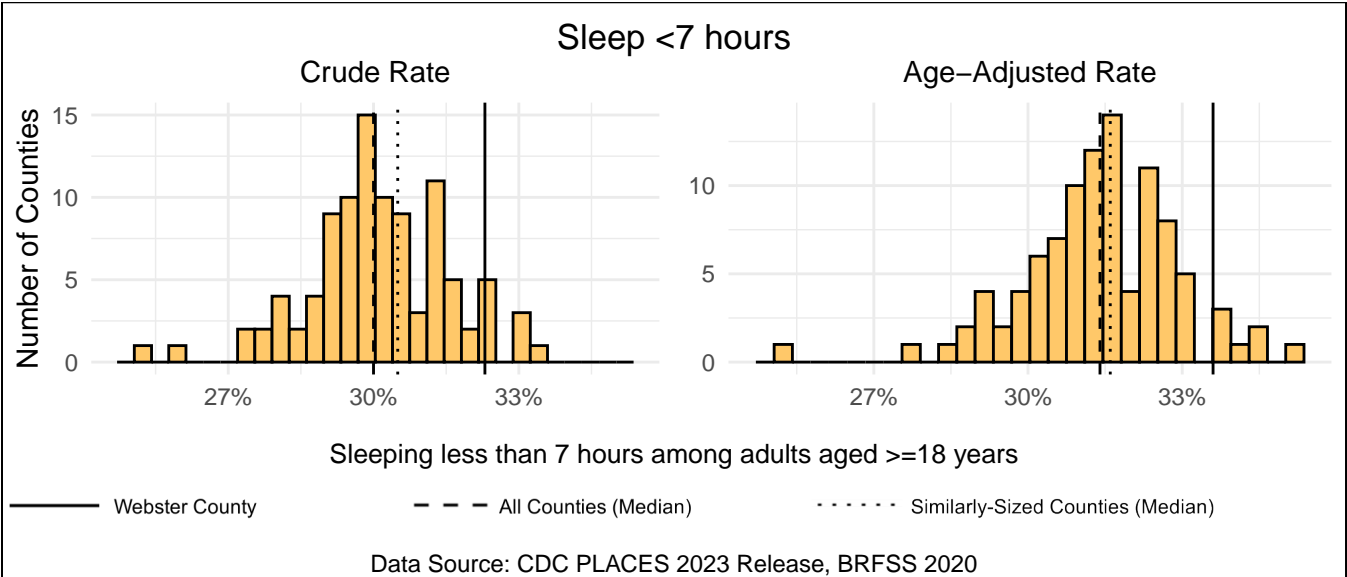




### Sleep <7 hours

Webster County has a crude rate of 32.3% for sleeping less than 7 hours among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years, which ranks 93rd out of 99 Iowa counties (14th out of 15 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Webster County is 33.6%, which ranks 93rd out of 99 Iowa counties (15th out of 15 similarly-sized counties).

Measure Type	Webster County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	32.3%	30.0%	30.5%
Age-Adjusted	33.6%	31.4%	31.6%



# Health Outcomes

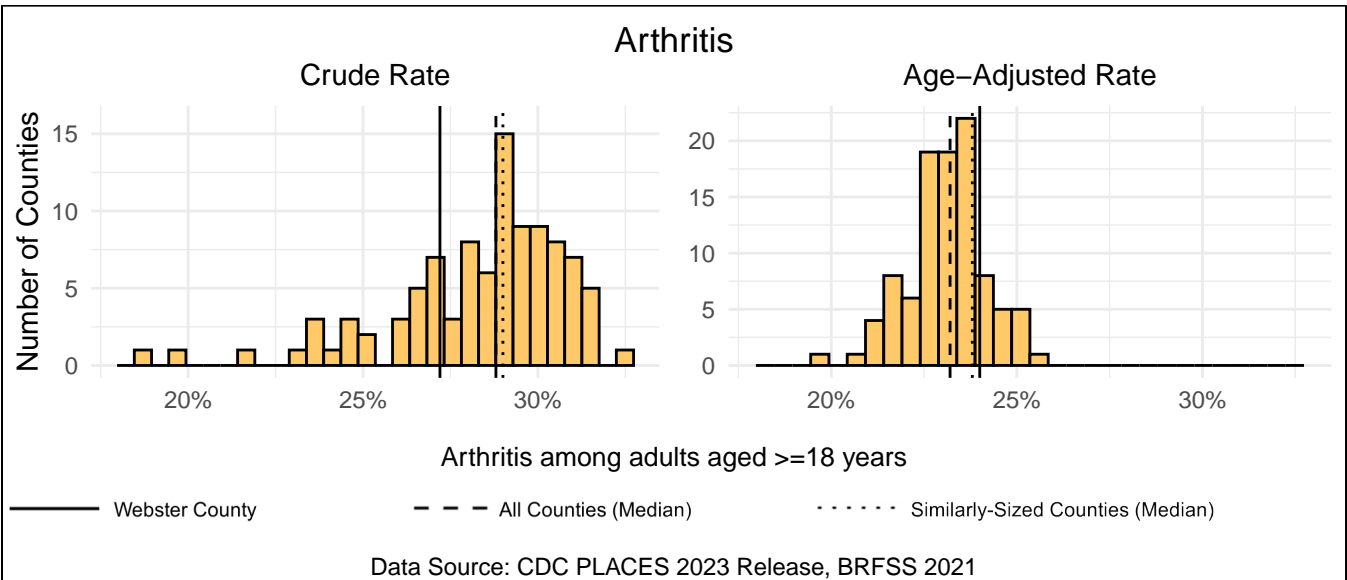
This section includes measures about specific health outcomes such as chronic illness, mental health conditions, and risk factors for future disease. Health outcome measures include but are not limited to arthritis, high blood pressure, cancer, depression, and obesity. Each measure is the percentage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

Webster County has a crude rate of 27.2% for arthritis among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years, which ranks 25th out of 99 Iowa counties (5th out of 15 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Webster County is 24.0%, which ranks 83rd out of 99 Iowa counties (12th out of 15 similarly-sized counties).

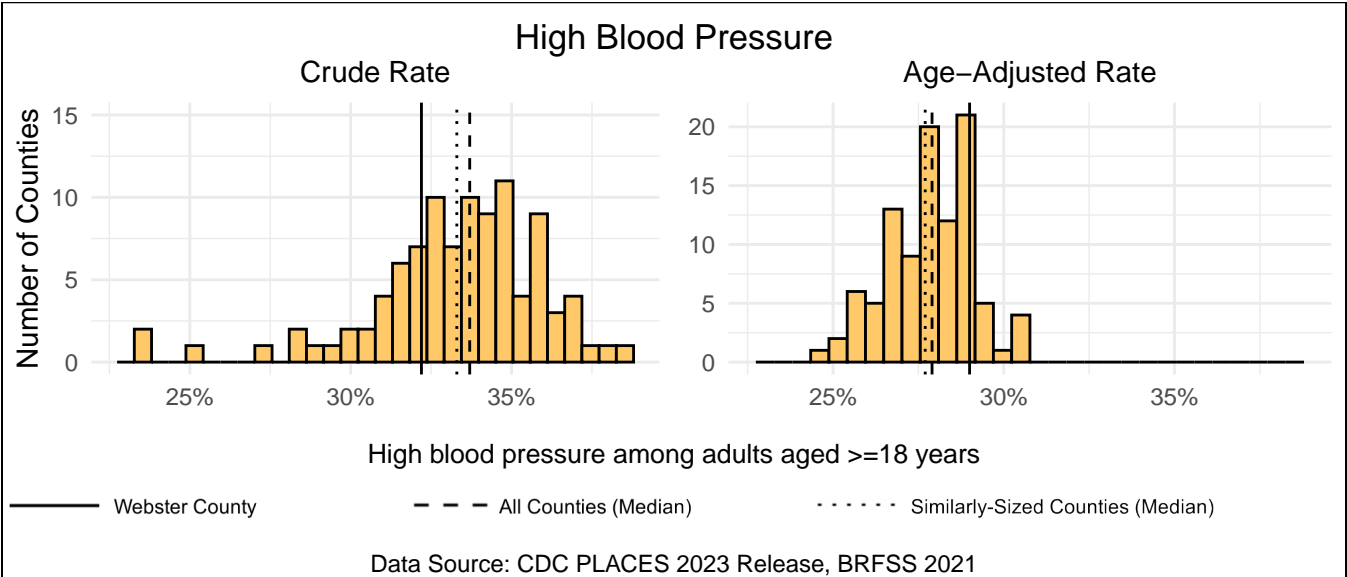
Measure Type	Webster County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	27.2%	28.8%	29.0%
Age-Adjusted	24.0%	23.2%	23.8%



# High Blood Pressure

Webster County has a crude rate of 32.2% for high blood pressure among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 26th out of 99 Iowa counties (6th out of 15 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Webster County is 29.0%, which ranks 79th out of 99 Iowa counties (13th out of 15 similarly-sized counties).

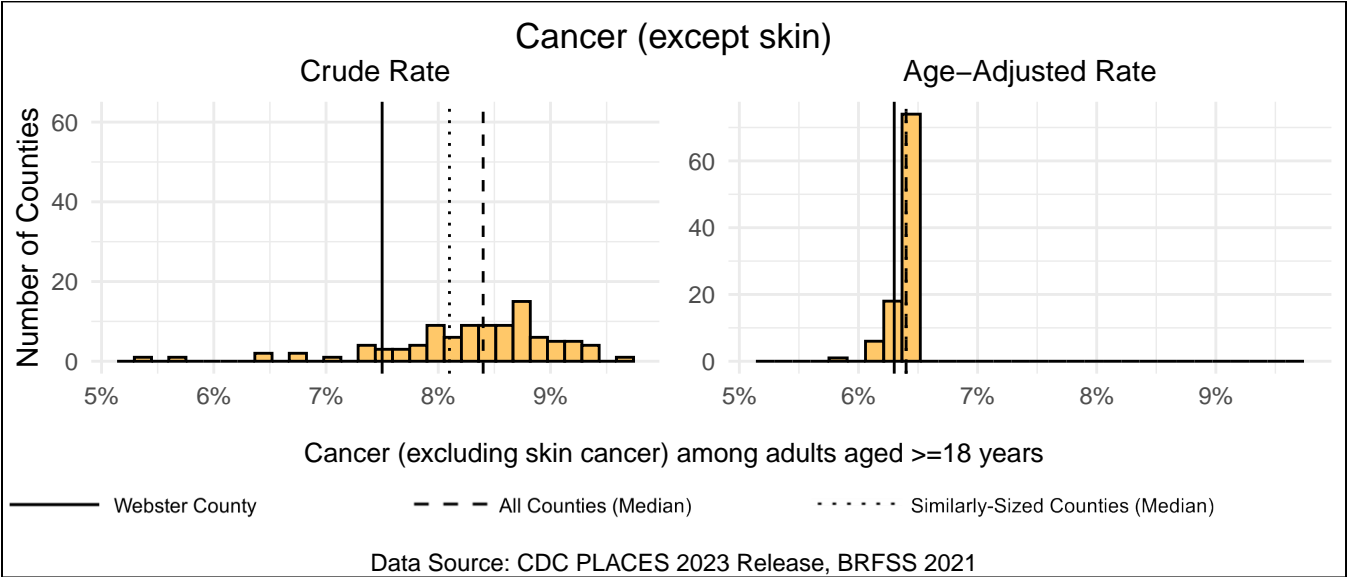
Measure Type	Webster County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	32.2%	33.7%	33.3%
Age-Adjusted	29.0%	27.9%	27.7%



# Cancer (except skin)

Webster County has a crude rate of 7.5% for cancer (excluding skin cancer) among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 12th out of 99 Iowa counties (2nd out of 15 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Webster County is 6.3%, which ranks 8th out of 99 Iowa counties (4th out of 15 similarly-sized counties).

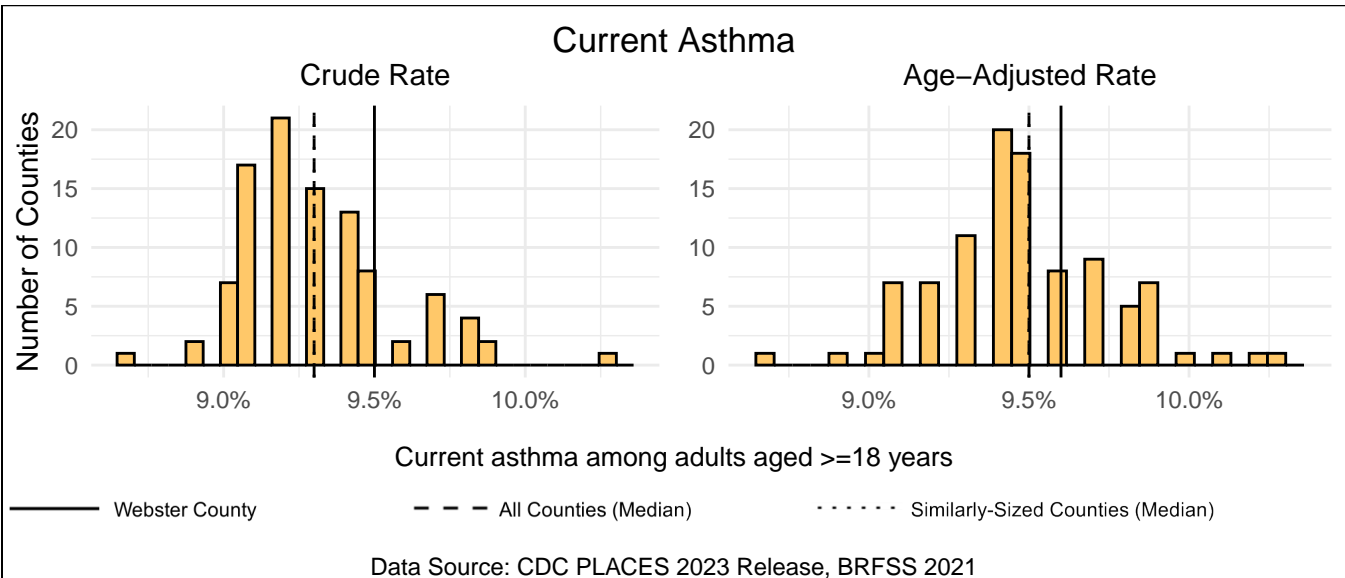
Measure Type	Webster County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	7.5%	8.4%	8.1%
Age-Adjusted	6.3%	6.4%	6.4%



## Current Asthma

Webster County has a crude rate of 9.5% for current asthma among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years, which ranks 77th out of 99 Iowa counties (11th out of 15 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Webster County is 9.6%, which ranks 67th out of 99 Iowa counties (11th out of 15 similarly-sized counties).

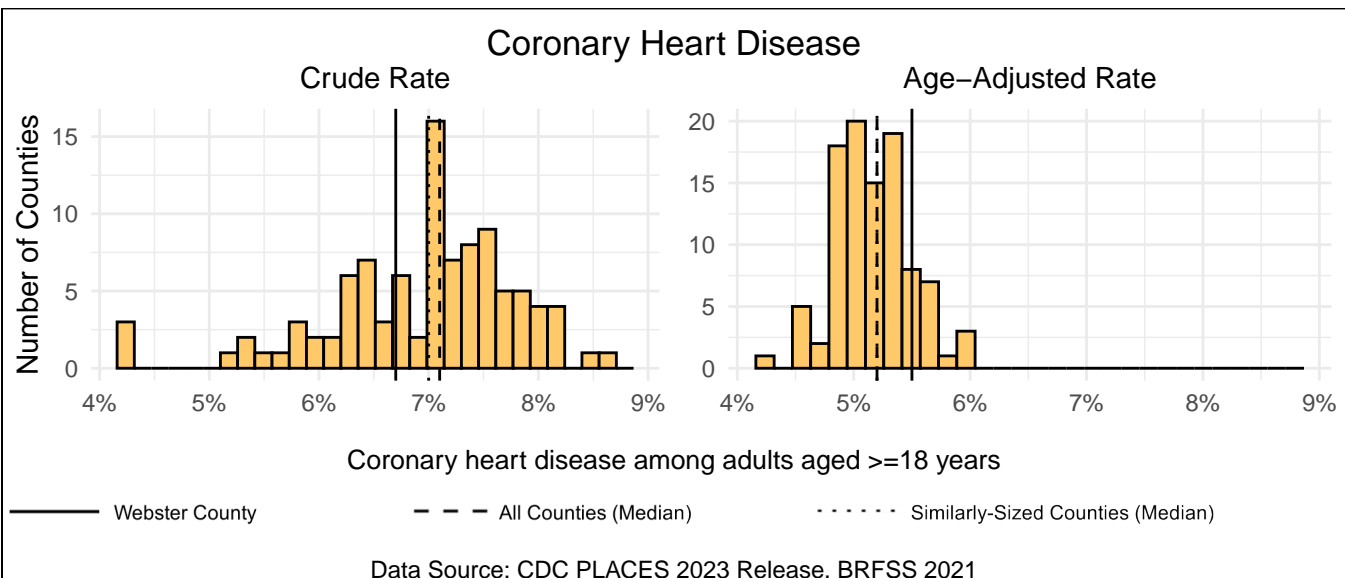
Measure Type	Webster County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	9.5%	9.3%	9.3%
Age-Adjusted	9.6%	9.5%	9.5%



## Coronary Heart Disease

Webster County has a crude rate of 6.7% for coronary heart disease among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years, which ranks 32nd out of 99 Iowa counties (5th out of 15 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Webster County is 5.5%, which ranks 81st out of 99 Iowa counties (13th out of 15 similarly-sized counties).

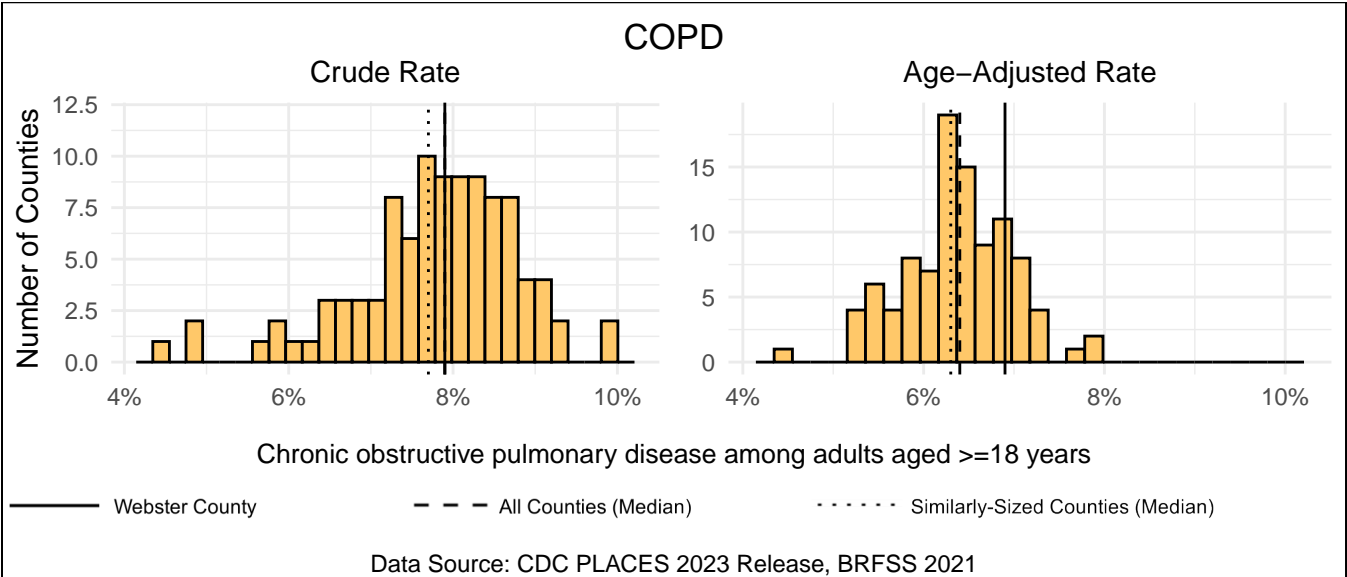
Measure Type	Webster County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	6.7%	7.1%	7.0%
Age-Adjusted	5.5%	5.2%	5.2%



# COPD

Webster County has a crude rate of 7.9% for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years, which ranks 50th out of 99 Iowa counties (11th out of 15 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Webster County is 6.9%, which ranks 81st out of 99 Iowa counties (13th out of 15 similarly-sized counties).

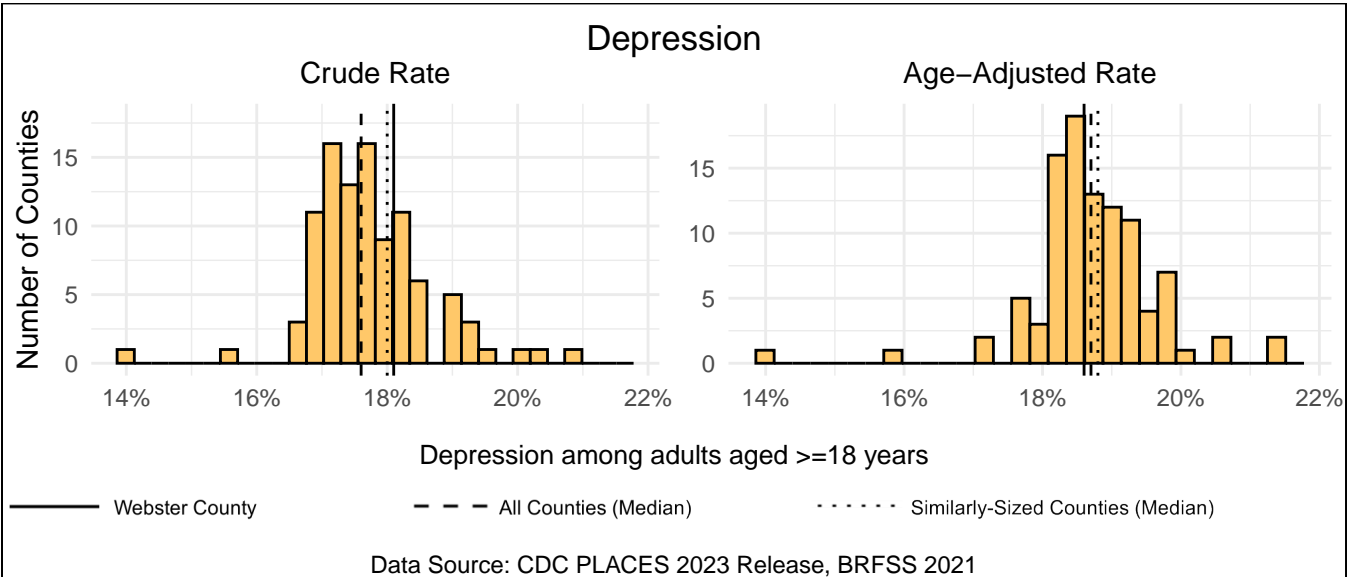
Measure Type	Webster County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	7.9%	7.9%	7.7%
Age-Adjusted	6.9%	6.4%	6.3%



# Depression

Webster County has a crude rate of 18.1% for depression among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years, which ranks 71st out of 99 Iowa counties (9th out of 15 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Webster County is 18.6%, which ranks 41st out of 99 Iowa counties (4th out of 15 similarly-sized counties).

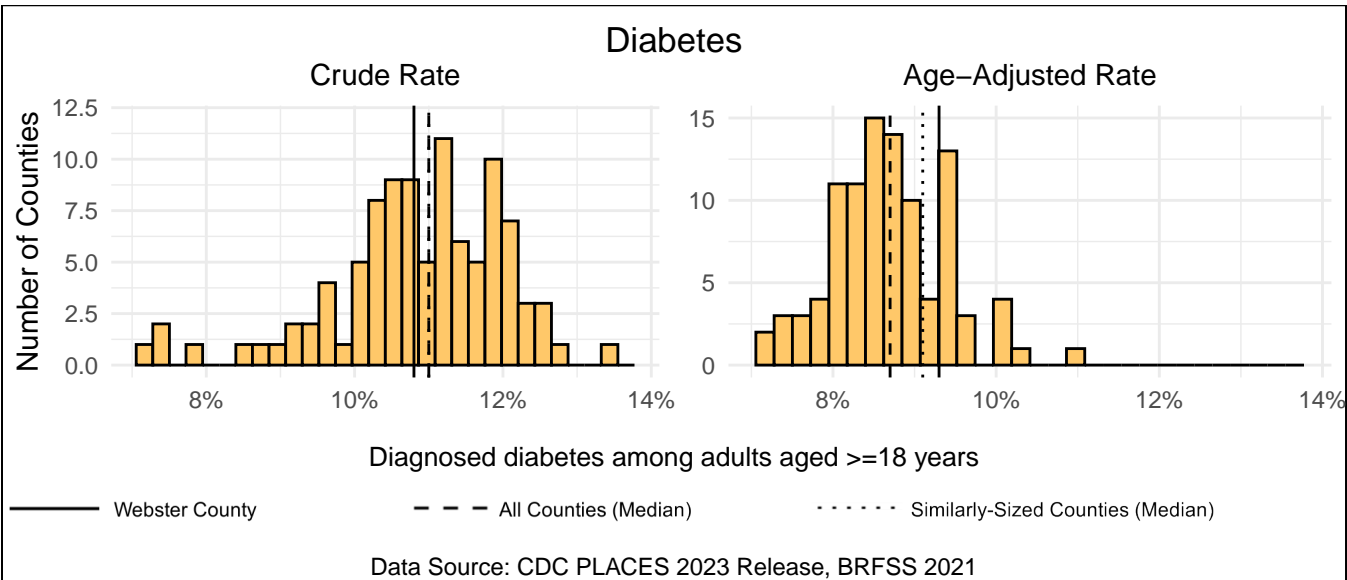
Measure Type	Webster County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	18.1%	17.6%	18.0%
Age-Adjusted	18.6%	18.7%	18.8%



# Diabetes

Webster County has a crude rate of 10.8% for diagnosed diabetes among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years, which ranks 44th out of 99 Iowa counties (6th out of 15 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Webster County is 9.3%, which ranks 78th out of 99 Iowa counties (9th out of 15 similarly-sized counties).

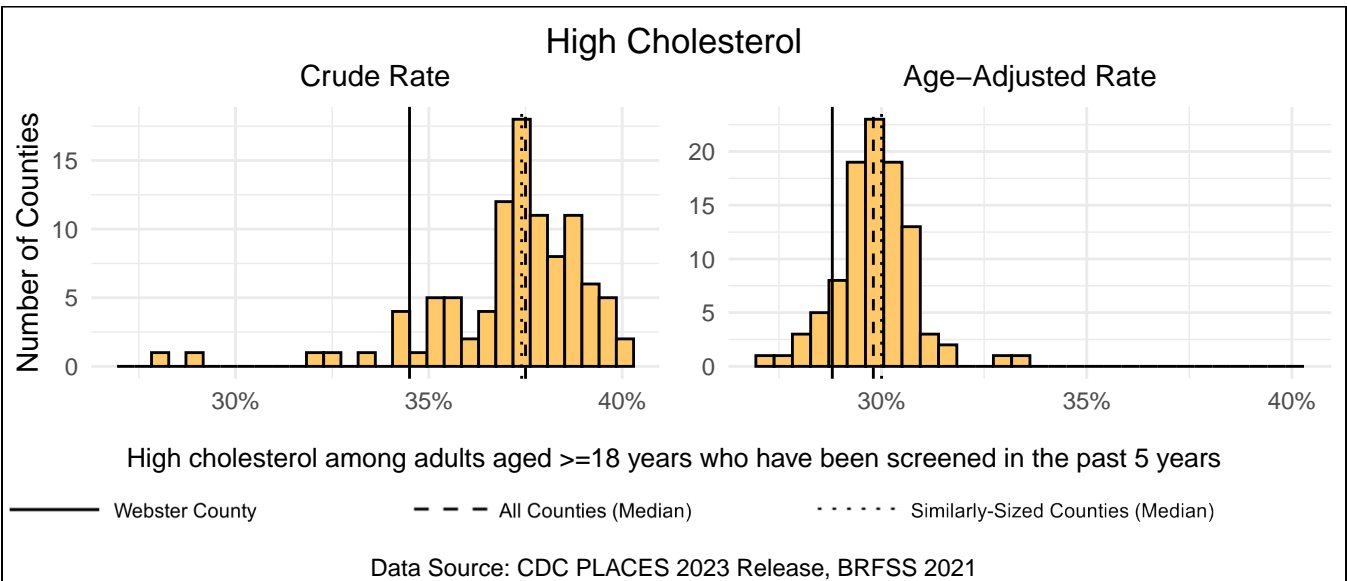
Measure Type	Webster County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	10.8%	11.0%	11.0%
Age-Adjusted	9.3%	8.7%	9.1%



# High Cholesterol

Webster County has a crude rate of 34.5% for high cholesterol among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years who have been screened in the past 5 years, which ranks 9th out of 99 Iowa counties (2nd out of 15 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Webster County is 28.8%, which ranks 11th out of 99 Iowa counties (2nd out of 15 similarly-sized counties).

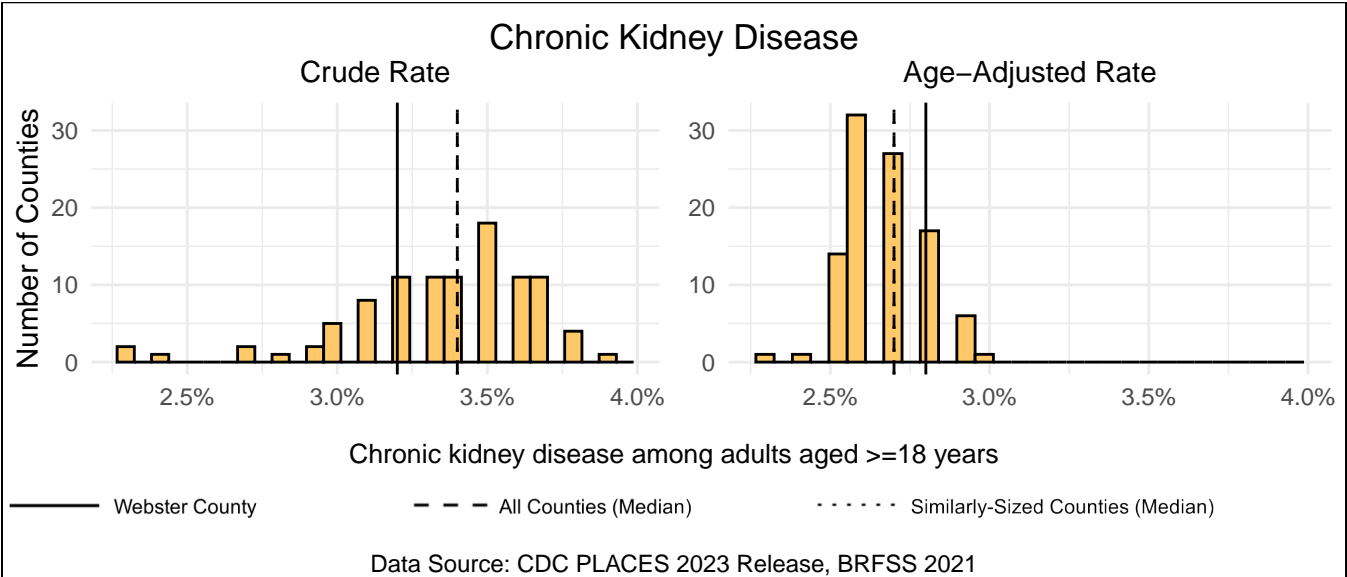
Measure Type	Webster County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	34.5%	37.5%	37.4%
Age-Adjusted	28.8%	29.8%	30.0%



# Chronic Kidney Disease

Webster County has a crude rate of 3.2% for chronic kidney disease among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years, which ranks 22nd out of 99 Iowa counties (2nd out of 15 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Webster County is 2.8%, which ranks 76th out of 99 Iowa counties (11th out of 15 similarly-sized counties).

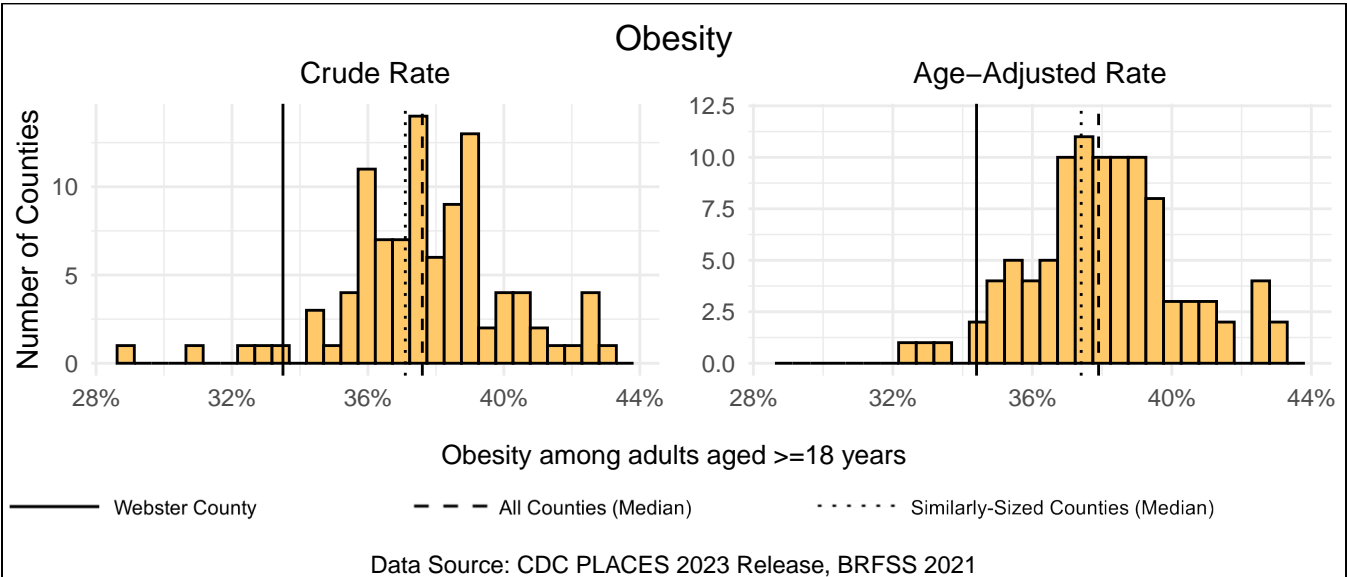
Measure Type	Webster County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	3.2%	3.4%	3.4%
Age-Adjusted	2.8%	2.7%	2.7%



# Obesity

Webster County has a crude rate of 33.5% for obesity among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years, which ranks 5th out of 99 Iowa counties (1st out of 15 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Webster County is 34.4%, which ranks 5th out of 99 Iowa counties (1st out of 15 similarly-sized counties).

Measure Type	Webster County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	33.5%	37.6%	37.1%
Age-Adjusted	34.4%	37.9%	37.4%

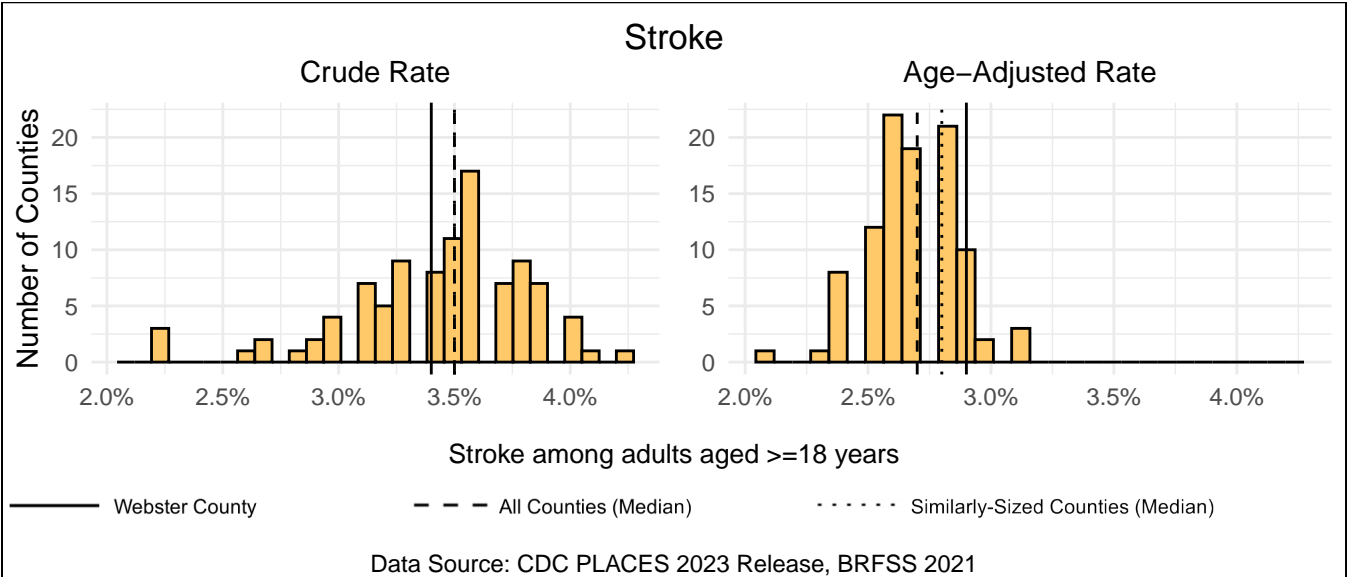




# Stroke

Webster County has a crude rate of 3.4% for stroke among adults aged >=18 years, which ranks 35th out of 99 Iowa counties (5th out of 15 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Webster County is 2.9%, which ranks 85th out of 99 Iowa counties (13th out of 15 similarly-sized counties).

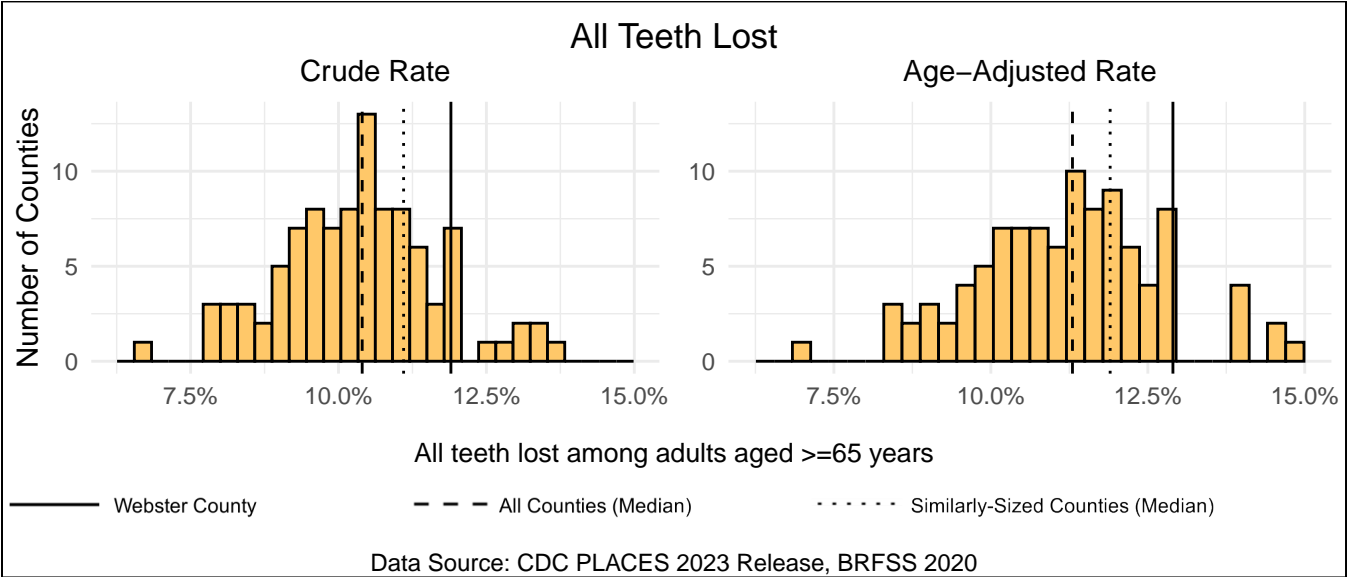
Measure Type	Webster County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	3.4%	3.5%	3.5%
Age-Adjusted	2.9%	2.7%	2.8%



# All Teeth Lost

Webster County has a crude rate of 11.9% for all teeth lost among adults aged >=65 years, which ranks 90th out of 99 Iowa counties (13th out of 15 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Webster County is 12.9%, which ranks 90th out of 99 Iowa counties (13th out of 15 similarly-sized counties).

Measure Type	Webster County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	11.9%	10.4%	11.1%
Age-Adjusted	12.9%	11.3%	11.9%



# Prevention

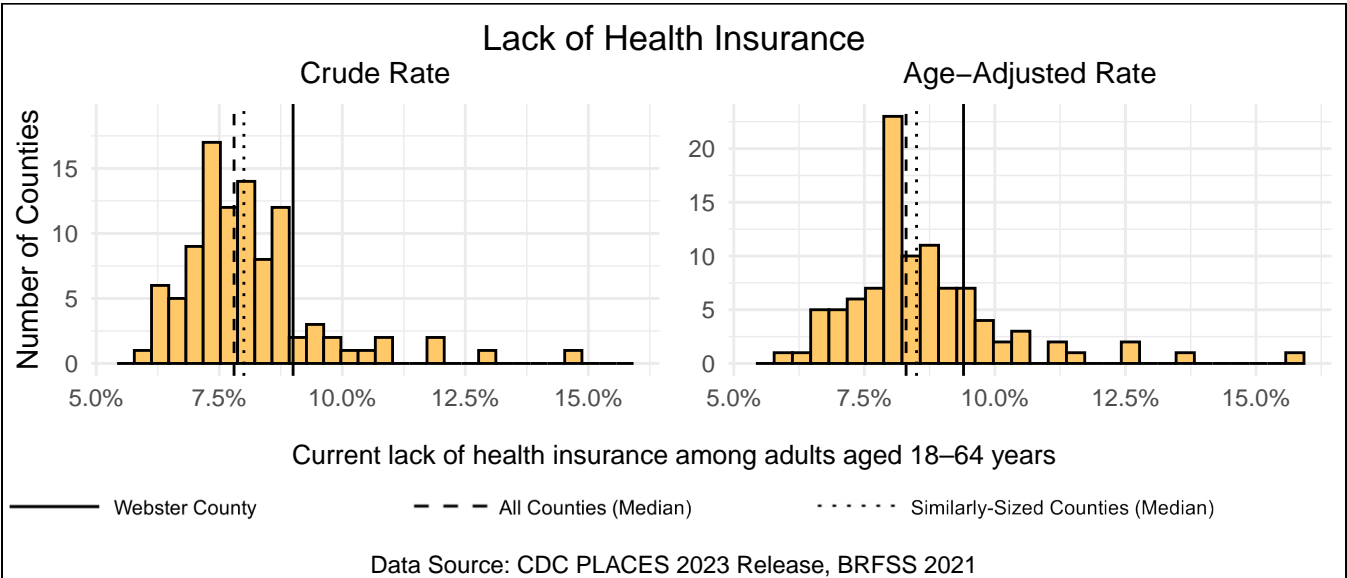
Preventive measures are another practical intervention point for public health professionals as they allow for the early detection of health conditions and improve overall treatment efficacy. This section includes a review of your county’s prevention measures, including preventive screenings and doctor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

Webster County has a crude rate of 9.0% for current lack of health insurance among adults aged 18–64 years, which ranks 85th out of 99 Iowa counties (11th out of 15 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Webster County is 9.4%, which ranks 80th out of 99 Iowa counties (11th out of 15 similarly-sized counties).

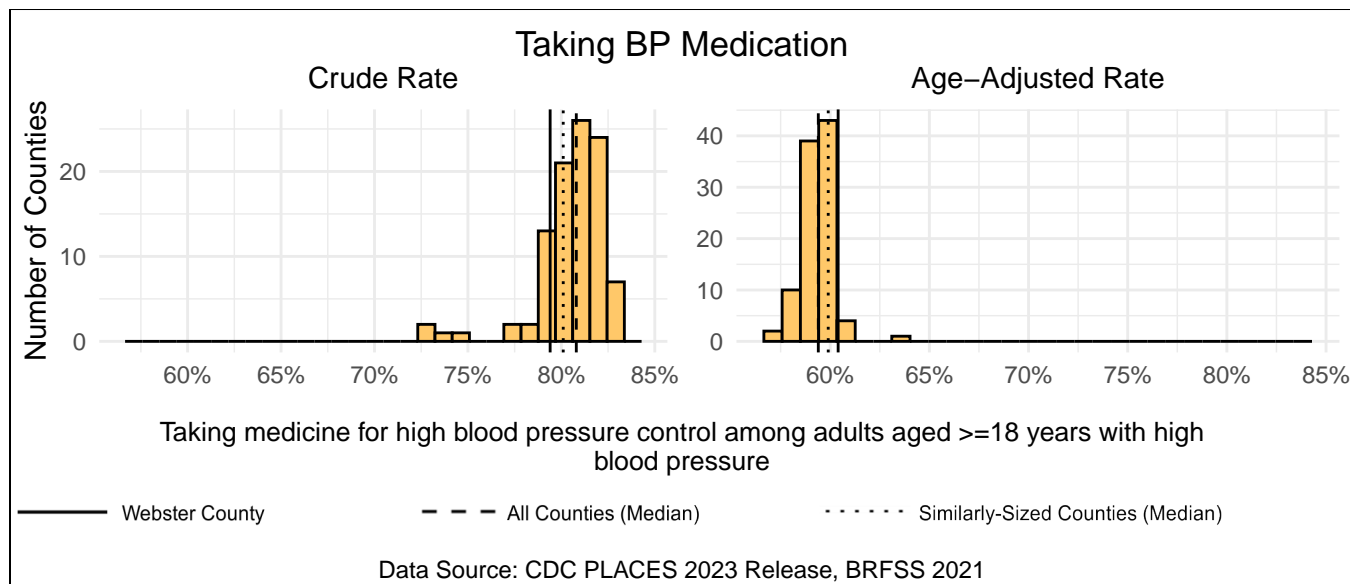
Measure Type	Webster County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	9.0%	7.8%	8.0%
Age-Adjusted	9.4%	8.3%	8.5%



## Taking BP Medication

Webster County has a crude rate of 79.4% for taking medicine for high blood pressure control among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years with high blood pressure, which ranks 84th out of 99 Iowa counties (13th out of 15 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Webster County is 60.4%, which ranks 5th out of 99 Iowa counties (2nd out of 15 similarly-sized counties).

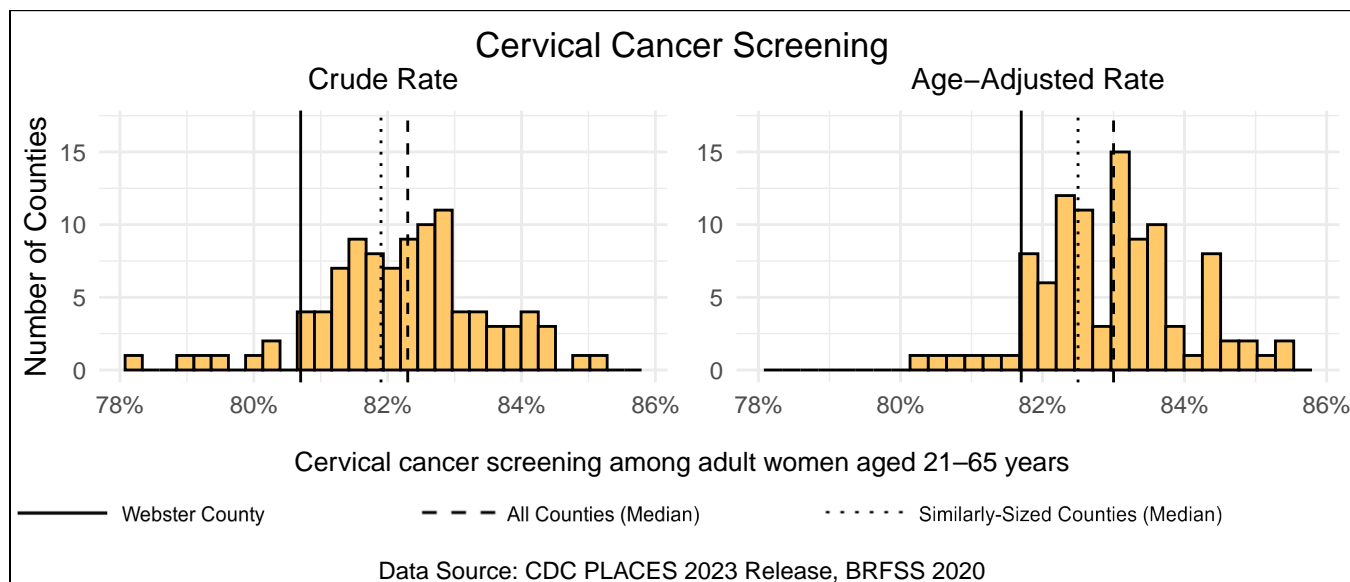
Measure Type	Webster County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	79.4%	80.8%	80.1%
Age-Adjusted	60.4%	59.4%	59.9%



## Cervical Cancer Screening

Webster County has a crude rate of 80.7% for cervical cancer screening among adult women aged 21–65 years, which ranks 92nd out of 99 Iowa counties (14th out of 15 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Webster County is 81.7%, which ranks 90th out of 99 Iowa counties (12th out of 15 similarly-sized counties).

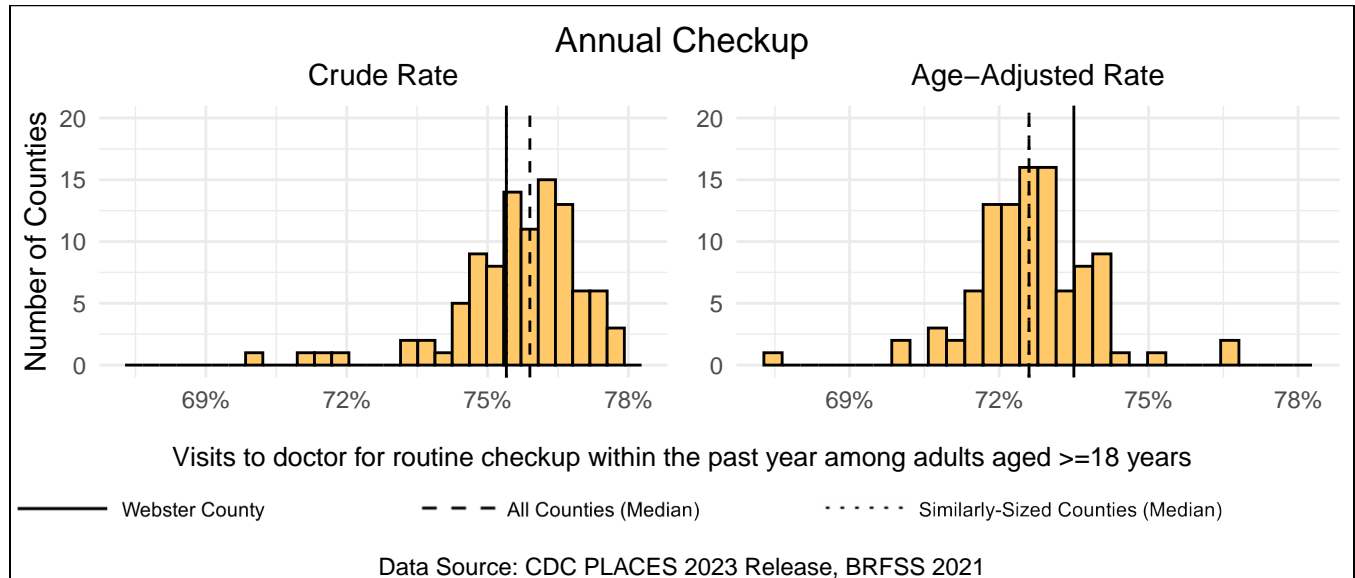
Measure Type	Webster County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	80.7%	82.3%	81.9%
Age-Adjusted	81.7%	83.0%	82.5%



## Annual Checkup

Webster County has a crude rate of 75.4% for visits to doctor for routine checkup within the past year among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years, which ranks 66th out of 99 Iowa counties (8th out of 15 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Webster County is 73.5%, which ranks 22nd out of 99 Iowa counties (5th out of 15 similarly-sized counties).

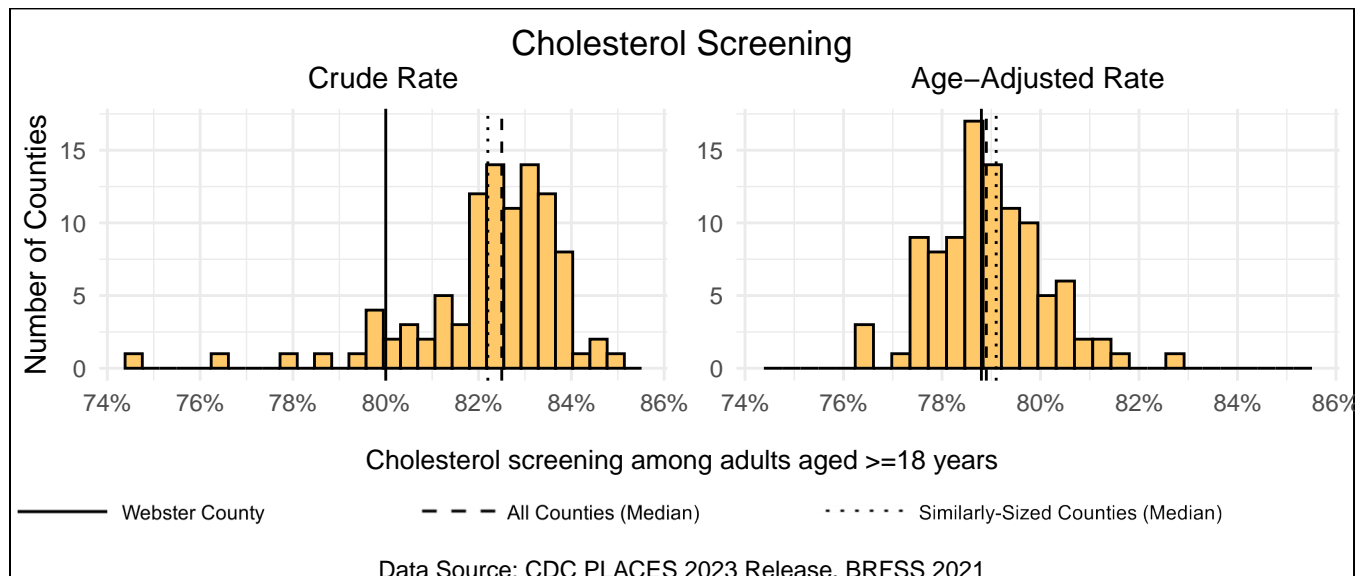
Measure Type	Webster County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	75.4%	75.9%	75.4%
Age-Adjusted	73.5%	72.6%	72.6%



## Cholesterol Screening

Webster County has a crude rate of 80.0% for cholesterol screening among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years, which ranks 90th out of 99 Iowa counties (13th out of 15 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Webster County is 78.8%, which ranks 53rd out of 99 Iowa counties (9th out of 15 similarly-sized counties).

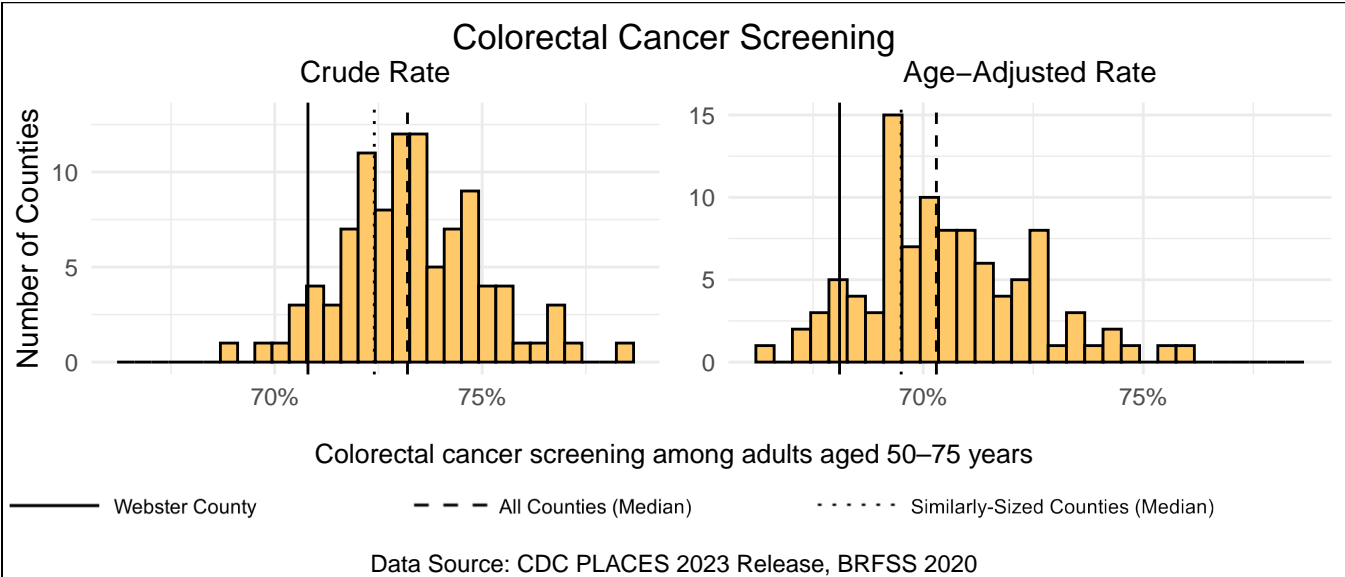
Measure Type	Webster County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	80.0%	82.5%	82.2%
Age-Adjusted	78.8%	78.9%	79.1%



## Colorectal Cancer Screening

Webster County has a crude rate of 70.8% for colorectal cancer screening among adults aged 50–75 years, which ranks 92nd out of 99 Iowa counties (12th out of 15 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Webster County is 68.1%, which ranks 91st out of 99 Iowa counties (12th out of 15 similarly-sized counties).

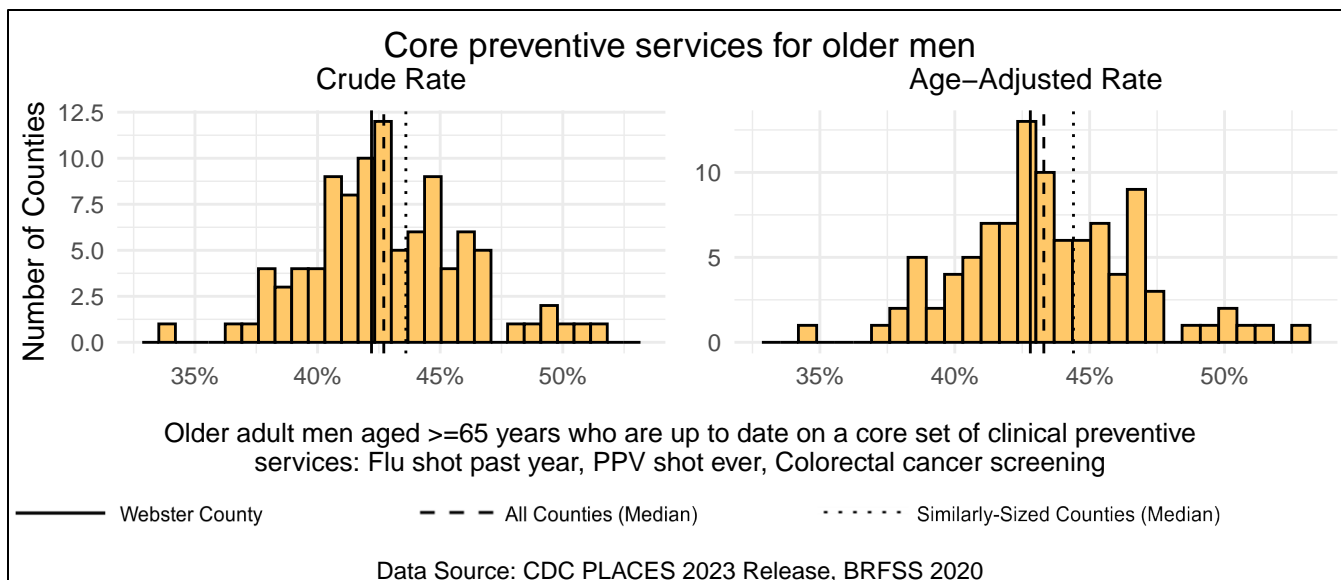
Measure Type	Webster County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	70.8%	73.2%	72.4%
Age-Adjusted	68.1%	70.3%	69.5%



## Core preventive services for older men

Webster County has a crude rate of 42.2% for older adult men aged  $\geq 65$  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 58th out of 99 Iowa counties (11th out of 15 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Webster County is 42.8%, which ranks 56th out of 99 Iowa counties (11th out of 15 similarly-sized counties).

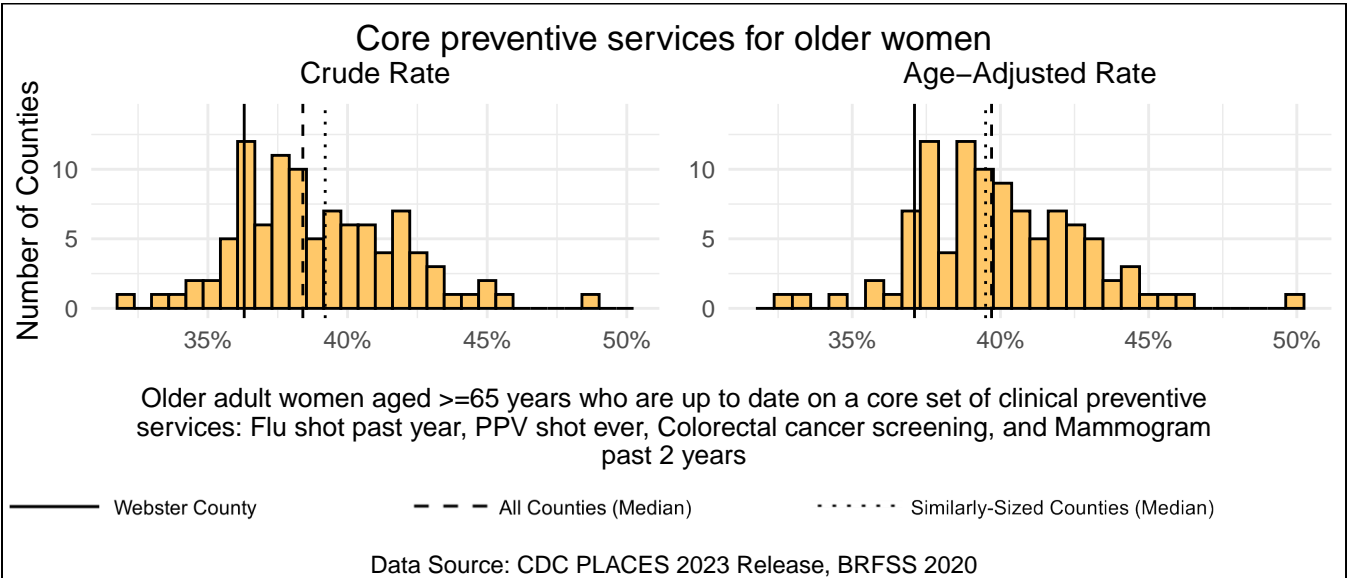
Measure Type	Webster County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	42.2%	42.7%	43.6%
Age-Adjusted	42.8%	43.3%	44.4%



### Core preventive services for older women

Webster County has a crude rate of 36.3% for older adult women aged  $\geq 65$  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 82nd out of 99 Iowa counties (11th out of 15 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Webster County is 37.1%, which ranks 88th out of 99 Iowa counties (11th out of 15 similarly-sized counties).

Measure Type	Webster County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	36.3%	38.4%	39.2%
Age-Adjusted	37.1%	39.7%	39.5%

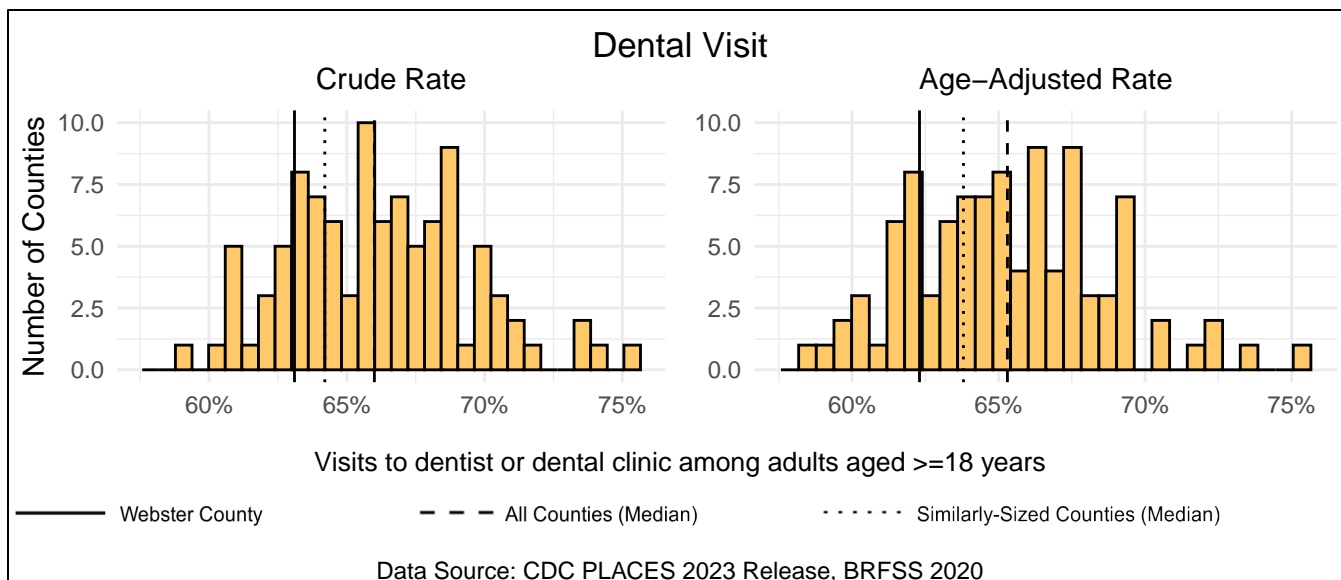


### Dental Visit

Webster County has a crude rate of 63.1% for visits to dentist or dental clinic among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years, which ranks 81st out of 99 Iowa counties (10th out of 15 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Webster County is 62.3%, which ranks 78th out of 99 Iowa counties (10th out of 15 similarly-sized counties).

Measure Type	Webster County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	63.1%	66.0%	64.2%
Age-Adjusted	62.3%	65.3%	63.8%

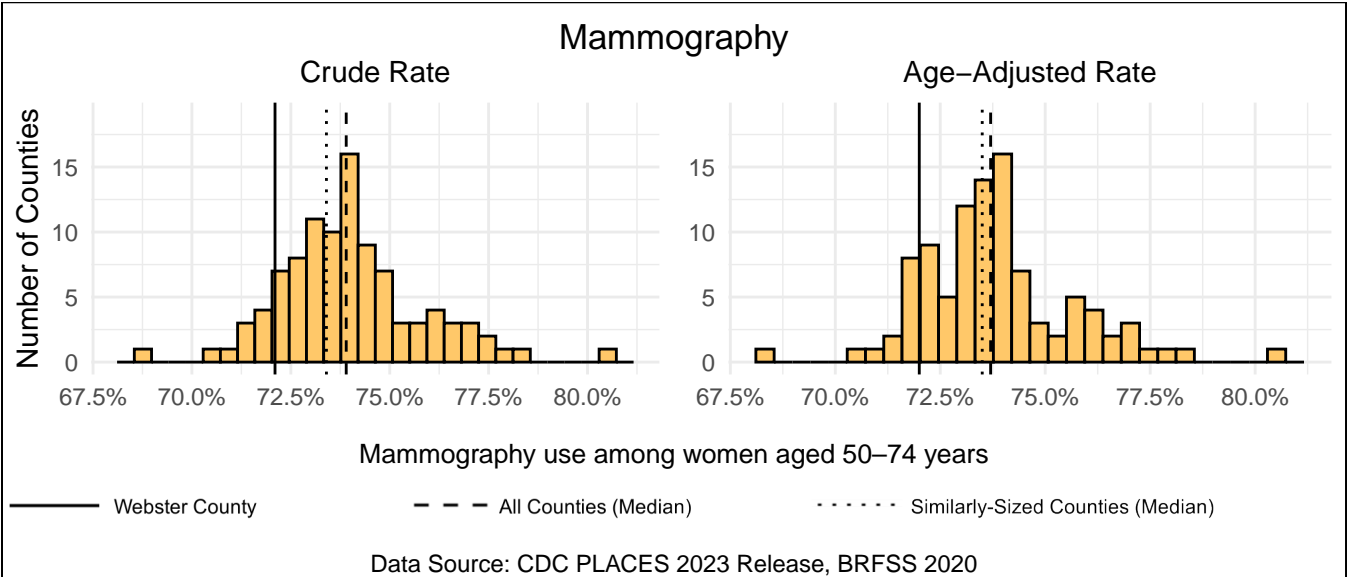




# Mammography

Webster County has a crude rate of 72.1% for mammography use among women aged 50–74 years, which ranks 88th out of 99 Iowa counties (15th out of 15 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Webster County is 72.0%, which ranks 87th out of 99 Iowa counties (15th out of 15 similarly-sized counties).

Measure Type	Webster County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	72.1%	73.9%	73.4%
Age-Adjusted	72.0%	73.7%	73.5%



# Disability

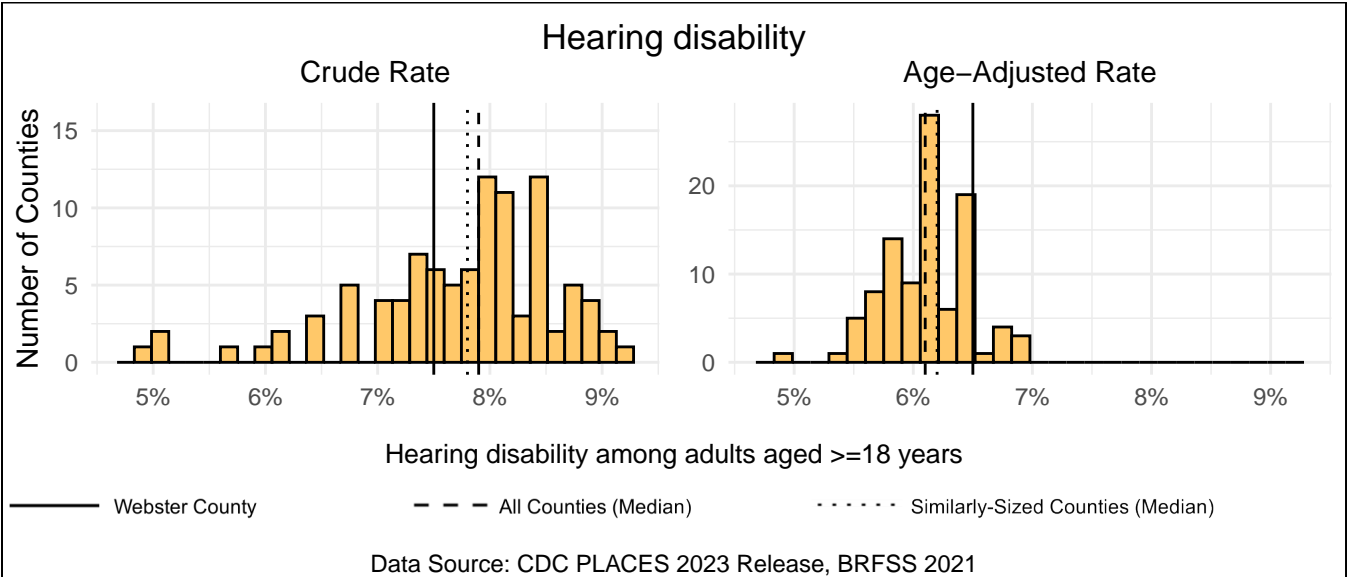
This section includes measures of physical and cognitive disabilities. Respondents were asked to report on six disabilities: hearing, vision, cognition, mobility, self-care, and independent living. The final measure reports the rate of respondents that answered yes to any of the previous six disabilities.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

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

## Hearing disability

Webster County has a crude rate of 7.5% for hearing disability among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years, which ranks 31st out of 99 Iowa counties (4th out of 15 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Webster County is 6.5%, which ranks 83rd out of 99 Iowa counties (14th out of 15 similarly-sized counties).

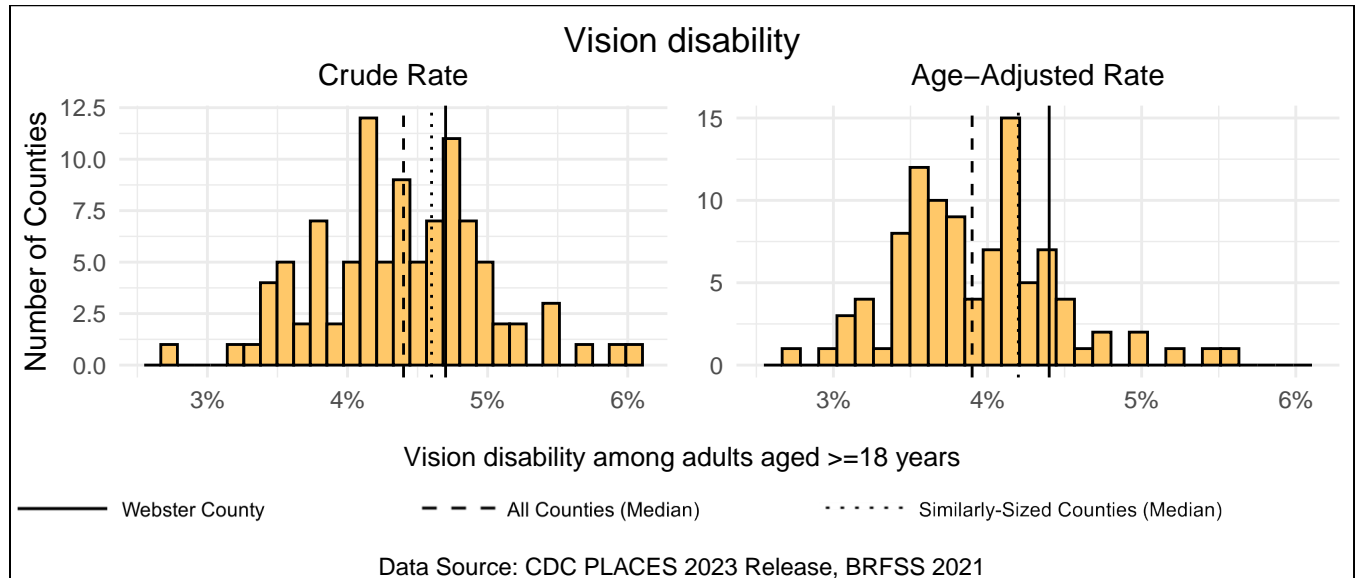
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Crude	7.5%	7.9%	7.8%
Age-Adjusted	6.5%	6.1%	6.2%



## Vision disability

Webster County has a crude rate of 4.7% for vision disability among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years, which ranks 67th out of 99 Iowa counties (11th out of 15 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Webster County is 4.4%, which ranks 81st out of 99 Iowa counties (12th out of 15 similarly-sized counties).

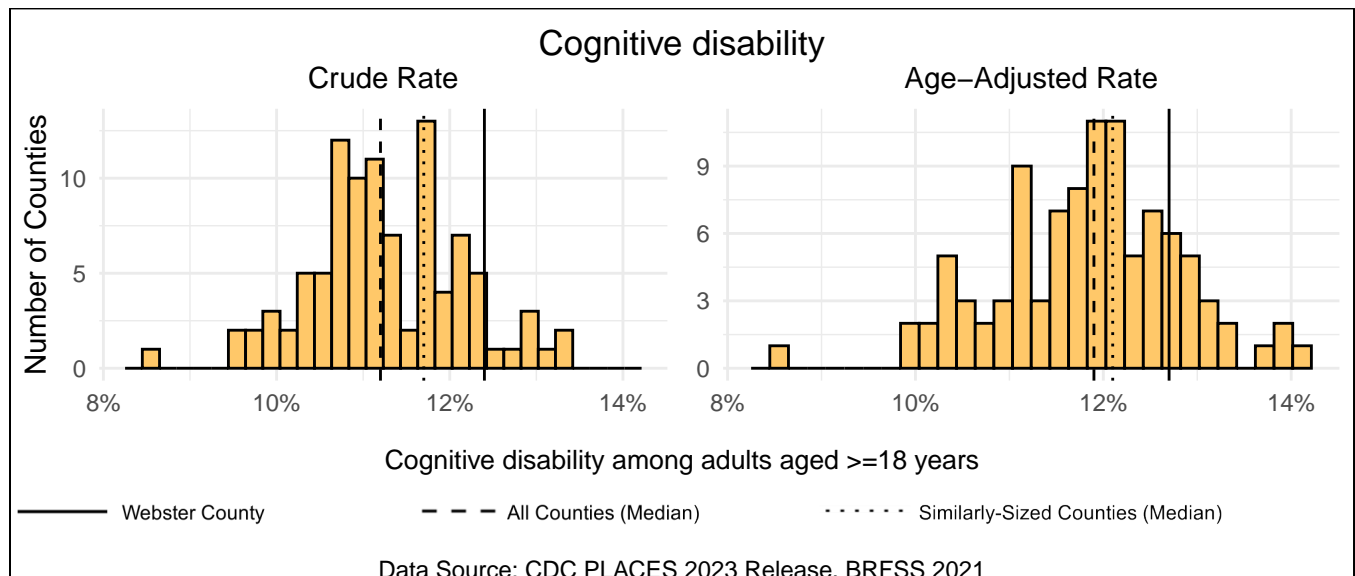
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Crude	4.7%	4.4%	4.6%
Age-Adjusted	4.4%	3.9%	4.2%



## Cognitive disability

Webster County has a crude rate of 12.4% for cognitive disability among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years, which ranks 88th out of 99 Iowa counties (14th out of 15 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Webster County is 12.7%, which ranks 80th out of 99 Iowa counties (13th out of 15 similarly-sized counties).

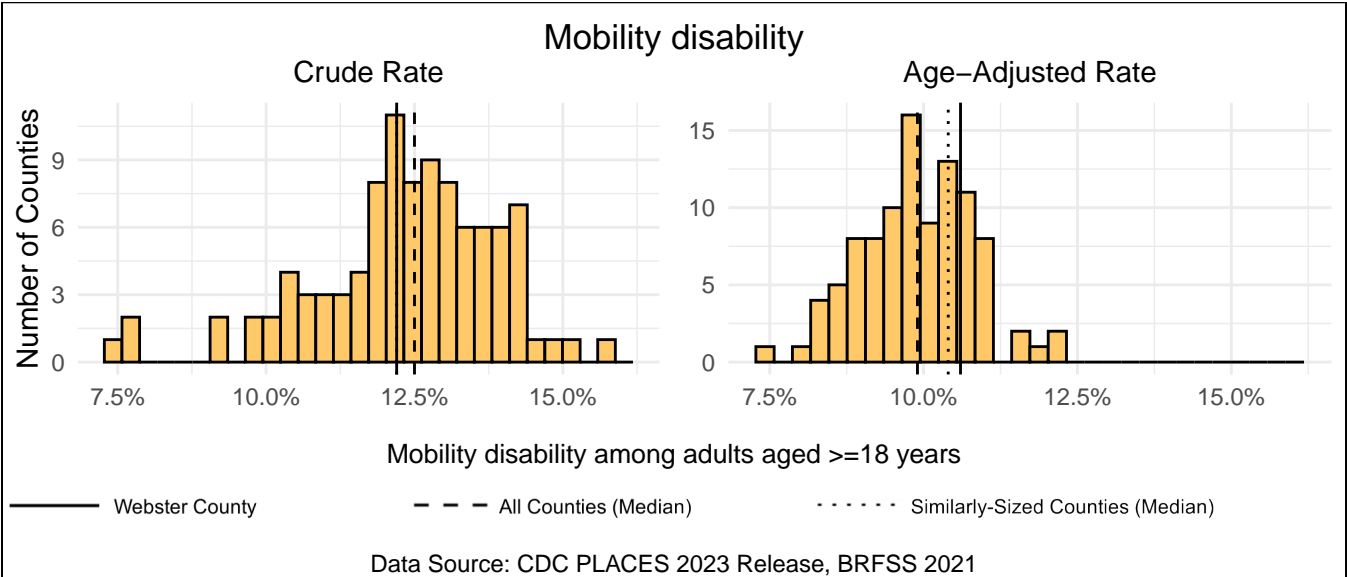
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Crude	12.4%	11.2%	11.7%
Age-Adjusted	12.7%	11.9%	12.1%



# Mobility disability

Webster County has a crude rate of 12.2% for mobility disability among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years, which ranks 40th out of 99 Iowa counties (7th out of 15 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Webster County is 10.6%, which ranks 76th out of 99 Iowa counties (12th out of 15 similarly-sized counties).

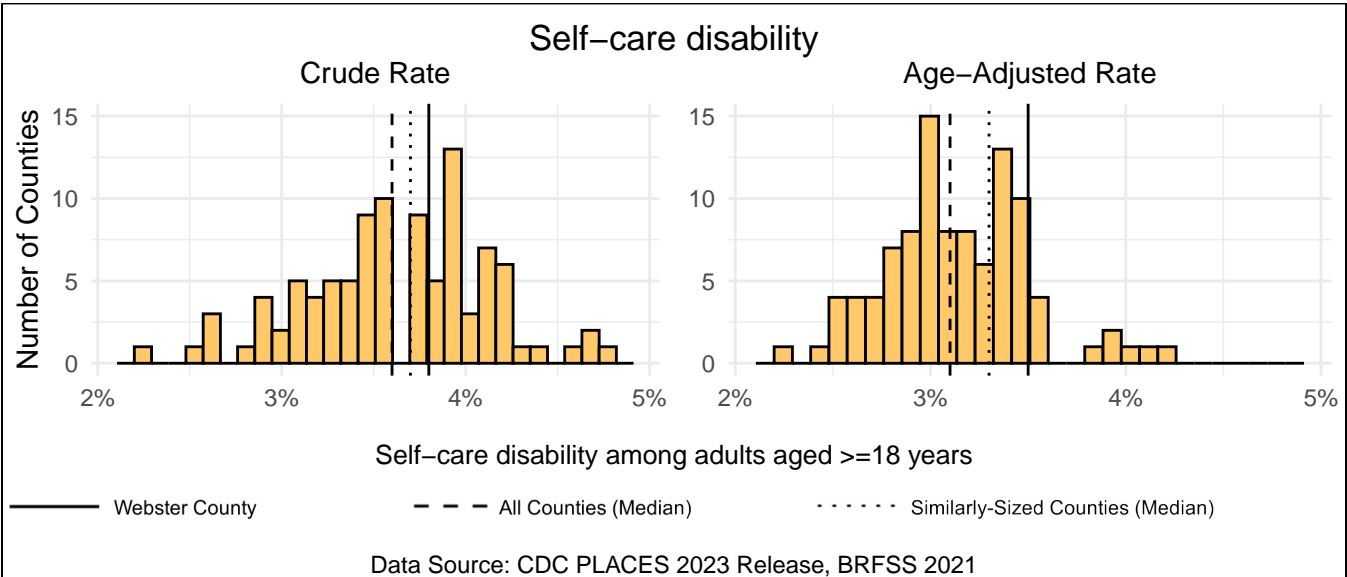
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Crude	12.2%	12.5%	12.2%
Age-Adjusted	10.6%	9.9%	10.4%



# Self-care disability

Webster County has a crude rate of 3.8% for self-care disability among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years, which ranks 60th out of 99 Iowa counties (9th out of 15 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Webster County is 3.5%, which ranks 80th out of 99 Iowa counties (12th out of 15 similarly-sized counties).

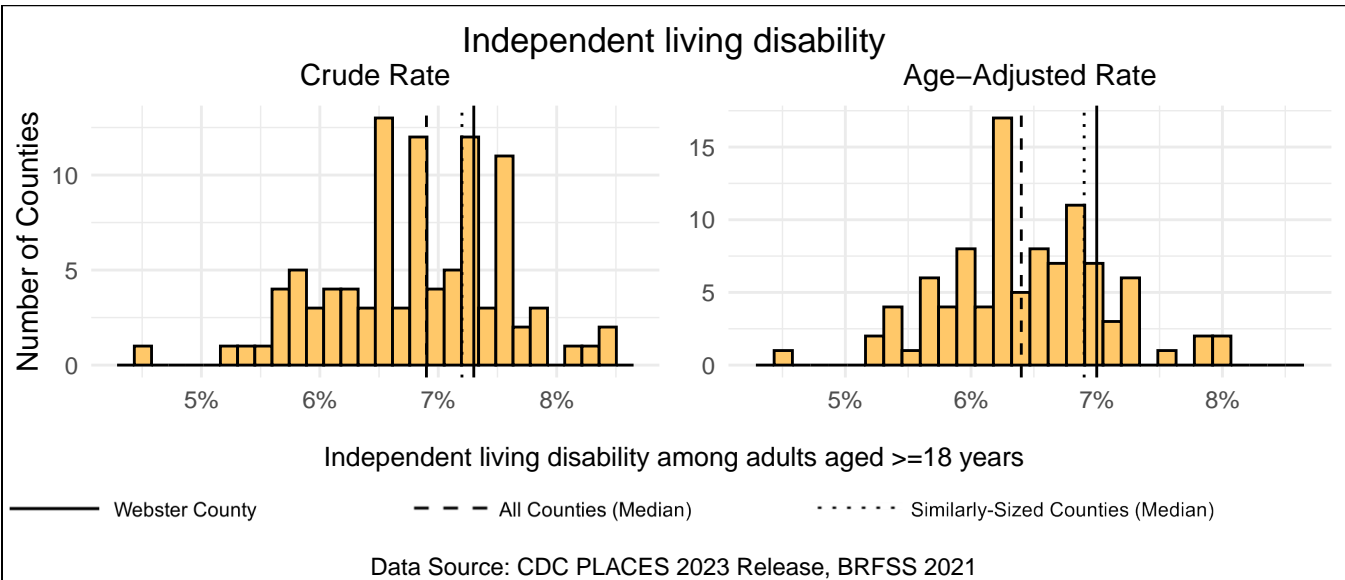
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Crude	3.8%	3.6%	3.7%
Age-Adjusted	3.5%	3.1%	3.3%



### Independent living disability

Webster County has a crude rate of 7.3% for independent living disability among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years, which ranks 72nd out of 99 Iowa counties (12th out of 15 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Webster County is 7.0%, which ranks 79th out of 99 Iowa counties (13th out of 15 similarly-sized counties).

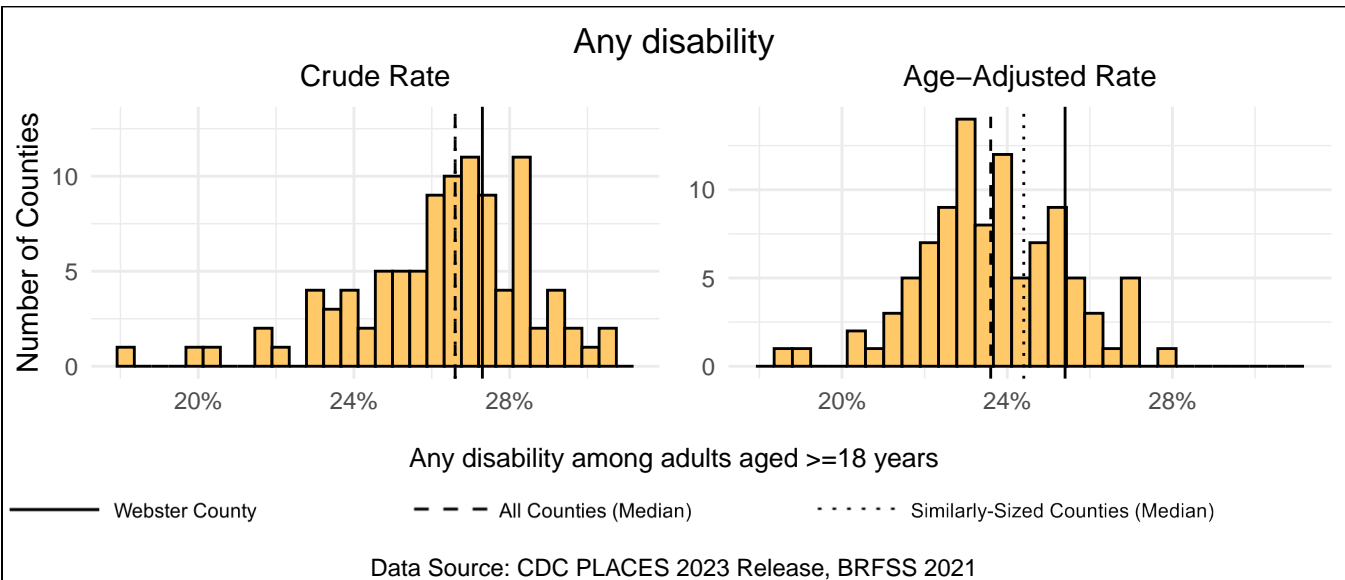
Measure Type	Webster County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	7.3%	6.9%	7.2%
Age-Adjusted	7.0%	6.4%	6.9%



### Any disability

Webster County has a crude rate of 27.3% for any disability among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years, which ranks 65th out of 99 Iowa counties (12th out of 15 similarly-sized counties). The age-adjusted rate for Webster County is 25.4%, which ranks 82nd out of 99 Iowa counties (12th out of 15 similarly-sized counties).

Measure Type	Webster County	All Counties	Similarly-Sized Counties
Crude	27.3%	26.6%	26.6%
Age-Adjusted	25.4%	23.6%	24.4%



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## 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: Webster County PLACES Data

Category	Health Domain	Crude Rate Rank	Crude Rate (95% CI)	Age-Adj. Rate Rank	Age-Adj. Rate (95% CI)
Health Status	Mental Health	88	15.2% (12.9% - 17.6%)	67	15.9% (13.5% - 18.3%)
Health Status	General Health	63	15.6% (13.1% - 18.3%)	81	14.7% (12.4% - 17.4%)
Health Status	Physical Health	58	11.3% (9.6% - 13.1%)	86	10.7% (9.1% - 12.5%)
Health Risk Behaviors	Binge Drinking	83	20.0% (16.6% - 23.6%)	62	21.7% (18.1% - 25.7%)
Health Risk Behaviors	Current Smoking	73	17.6% (14.1% - 21.7%)	78	18.9% (15.2% - 23.4%)
Health Risk Behaviors	Physical Inactivity	73	28.3% (23.3% - 34.0%)	86	27.4% (22.4% - 33.1%)
Health Risk Behaviors	Sleep <7 hours	93	32.3% (30.8% - 33.7%)	93	33.6% (32.0% - 35.2%)
Health Outcomes	Obesity	5	33.5% (27.0% - 40.6%)	5	34.4% (27.9% - 41.5%)
Health Outcomes	COPD	50	7.9% (6.5% - 9.4%)	81	6.9% (5.7% - 8.2%)
Health Outcomes	Current Asthma	77	9.5% (8.3% - 10.8%)	67	9.6% (8.4% - 10.9%)
Health Outcomes	Stroke	35	3.4% (2.9% - 3.8%)	85	2.9% (2.5% - 3.3%)
Health Outcomes	Chronic Kidney Disease	22	3.2% (2.9% - 3.6%)	76	2.8% (2.5% - 3.1%)
Health Outcomes	High Blood Pressure	26	32.2% (28.2% - 36.2%)	79	29.0% (25.2% - 33.0%)
Health Outcomes	All Teeth Lost	90	11.9% (7.9% - 16.7%)	90	12.9% (8.5% - 18.1%)
Health Outcomes	Diabetes	44	10.8% (9.1% - 12.6%)	78	9.3% (7.9% - 10.9%)
Health Outcomes	Depression	71	18.1% (14.8% - 21.7%)	41	18.6% (15.2% - 22.3%)
Health Outcomes	High Cholesterol	9	34.5% (30.2% - 38.9%)	11	28.8% (24.7% - 33.2%)
Health Outcomes	Coronary Heart Disease	32	6.7% (5.8% - 7.7%)	81	5.5% (4.8% - 6.3%)
Health Outcomes	Cancer (except skin)	12	7.5% (6.8% - 8.4%)	8	6.3% (5.7% - 7.0%)
Health Outcomes	Arthritis	25	27.2% (23.5% - 31.2%)	83	24.0% (20.5% - 27.8%)
Prevention	Taking BP Medication	84	79.4% (76.1% - 82.3%)	5	60.4% (55.3% - 65.4%)
Prevention	Mammography	88	72.1% (67.7% - 76.1%)	87	72.0% (67.3% - 76.1%)
Prevention	Annual Checkup	66	75.4% (70.6% - 79.7%)	22	73.5% (68.6% - 78.1%)
Prevention	Health Insurance	85	9.0% (7.0% - 11.3%)	80	9.4% (7.3% - 12.0%)
Prevention	Colorectal Cancer Screening	92	70.8% (67.7% - 73.8%)	91	68.1% (64.7% - 71.4%)
Prevention	Cervical Cancer Screening	92	80.7% (78.1% - 83.4%)	90	81.7% (79.1% - 84.3%)

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	58	42.2% (33.7% - 50.4%)	56	42.8% (34.5% - 51.0%)
Prevention	Cholesterol Screening	90	80.0% (76.6% - 83.1%)	53	78.8% (75.1% - 82.1%)
Prevention	Core preventive services for older women	82	36.3% (29.1% - 43.7%)	88	37.1% (29.9% - 44.3%)
Prevention	Dental Visit	81	63.1% (59.4% - 66.5%)	78	62.3% (58.5% - 65.9%)
Disability	Hearing Disability	31	7.5% (6.6% - 8.6%)	83	6.5% (5.7% - 7.4%)
Disability	Vision Disability	67	4.7% (4.0% - 5.5%)	81	4.4% (3.7% - 5.1%)
Disability	Any Disability	65	27.3% (23.3% - 31.8%)	82	25.4% (21.5% - 29.7%)
Disability	Cognitive Disability	88	12.4% (10.4% - 14.7%)	80	12.7% (10.7% - 14.9%)
Disability	Self-care Disability	60	3.8% (3.2% - 4.4%)	80	3.5% (3.0% - 4.1%)
Disability	Independent Living Disability	72	7.3% (6.2% - 8.6%)	79	7.0% (6.0% - 8.3%)
Disability	Mobility Disability	40	12.2% (10.2% - 14.4%)	76	10.6% (8.9% - 12.6%)

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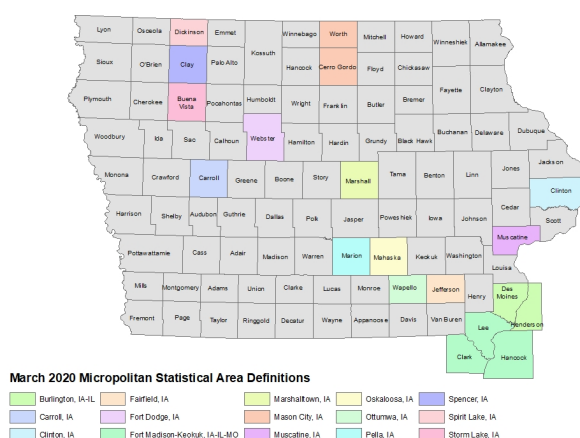
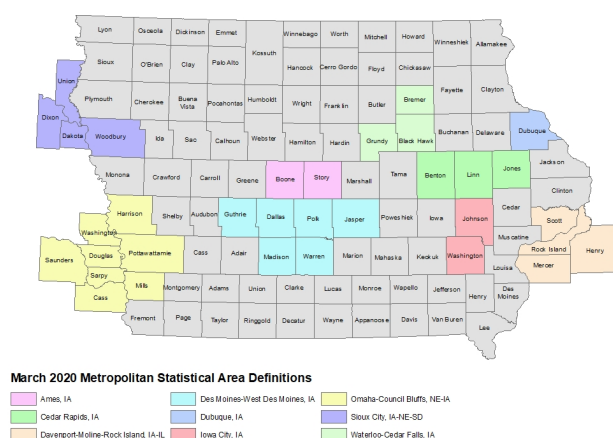
## Appendix 3: Micropolitan Counties

Webster County falls into the group of micropolitan counties. In this data, 15 counties fall into this group. The table below lists all counties in the group, sorted by the population estimate in the CDC PLACES dataset.

County	Population Group	Population
Clinton County	Micropolitan	46,463
Cerro Gordo County	Micropolitan	42,706
Muscatine County	Micropolitan	42,688
Marshall County	Micropolitan	39,853
Des Moines County	Micropolitan	38,491
Webster County	Micropolitan	37,147
Wapello County	Micropolitan	35,256
Marion County	Micropolitan	33,380
Lee County	Micropolitan	33,215
Mahaska County	Micropolitan	21,984
Buena Vista County	Micropolitan	20,771
Carroll County	Micropolitan	20,692
Dickinson County	Micropolitan	17,851
Clay County	Micropolitan	16,440
Jefferson County	Micropolitan	15,647

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

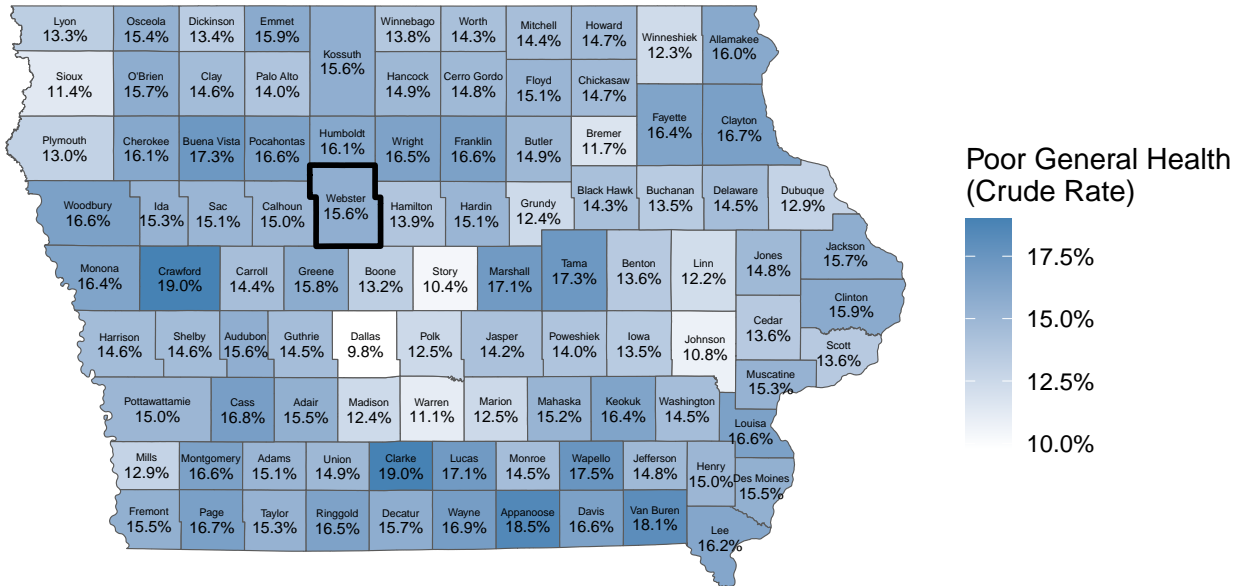
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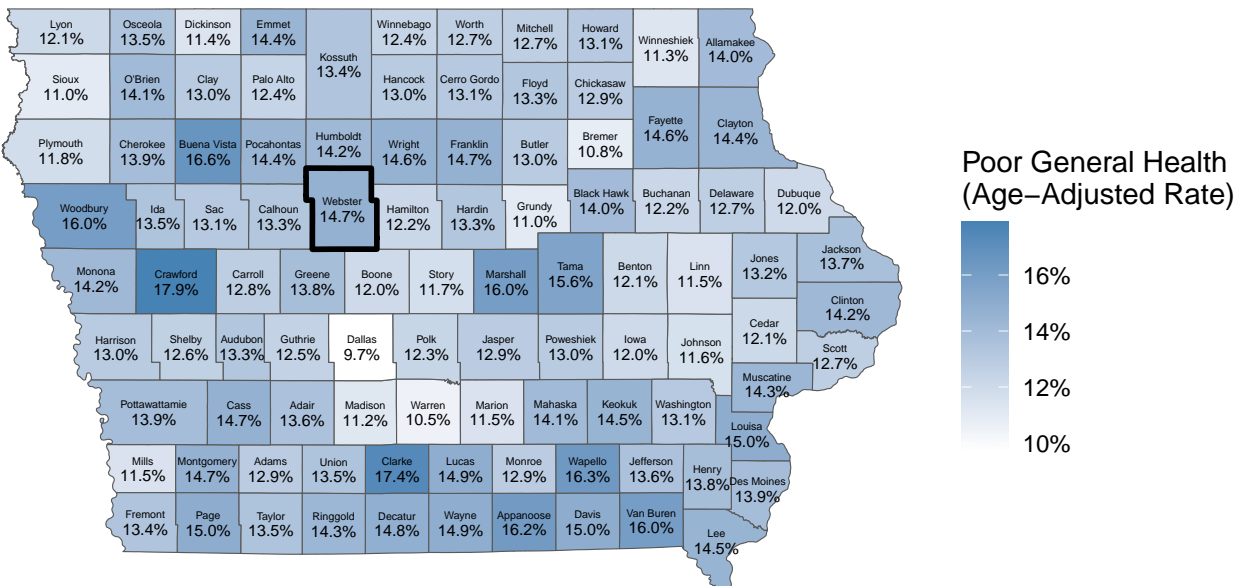
## Appendix 4: County Maps

### Poor General Health

Fair or poor self-rated health status among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years



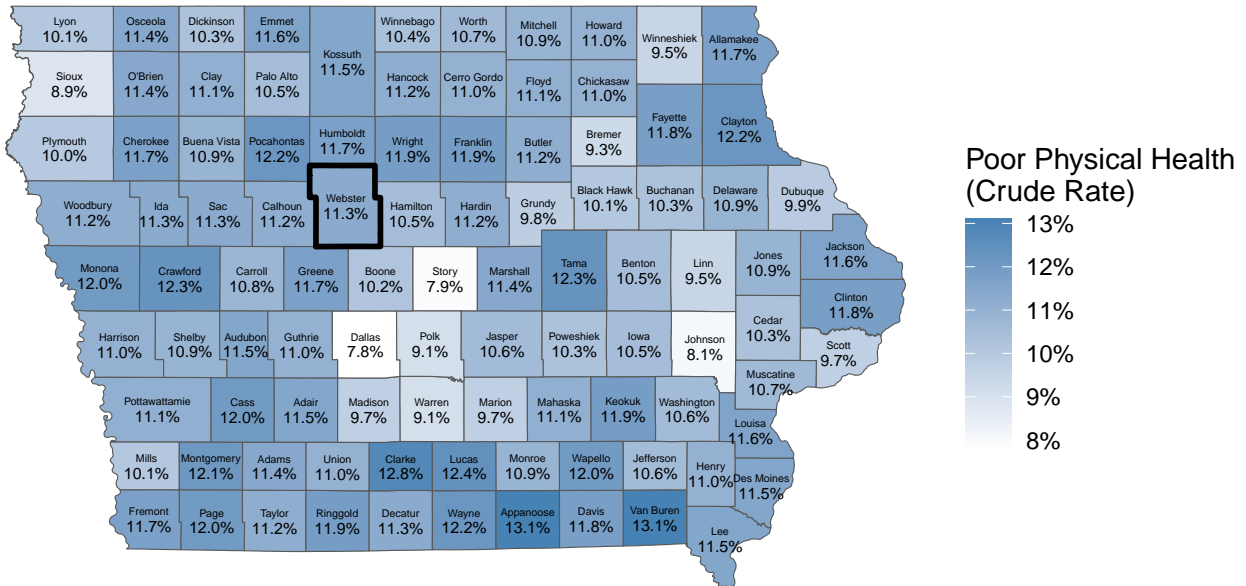
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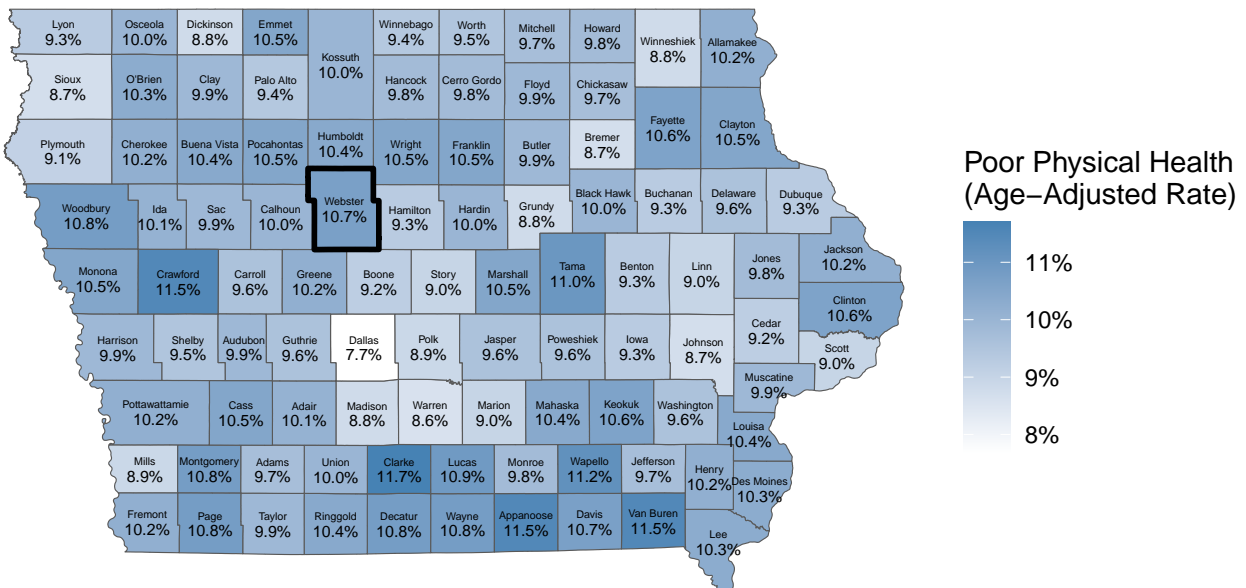
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## Poor Physical Health

Physical health not good for  $\geq 14$  days among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years



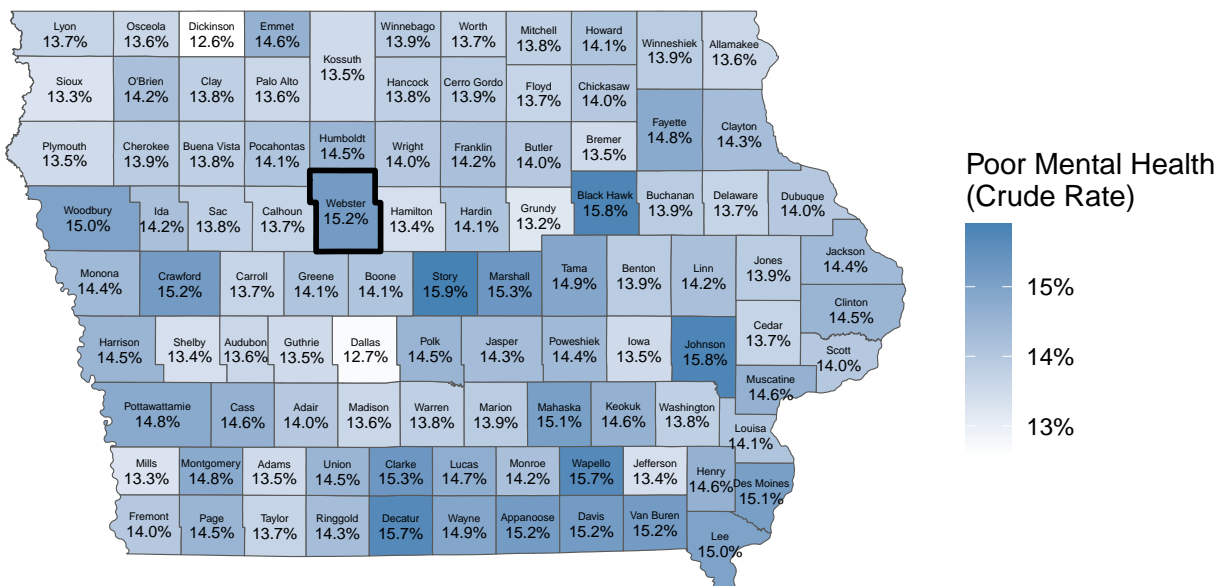
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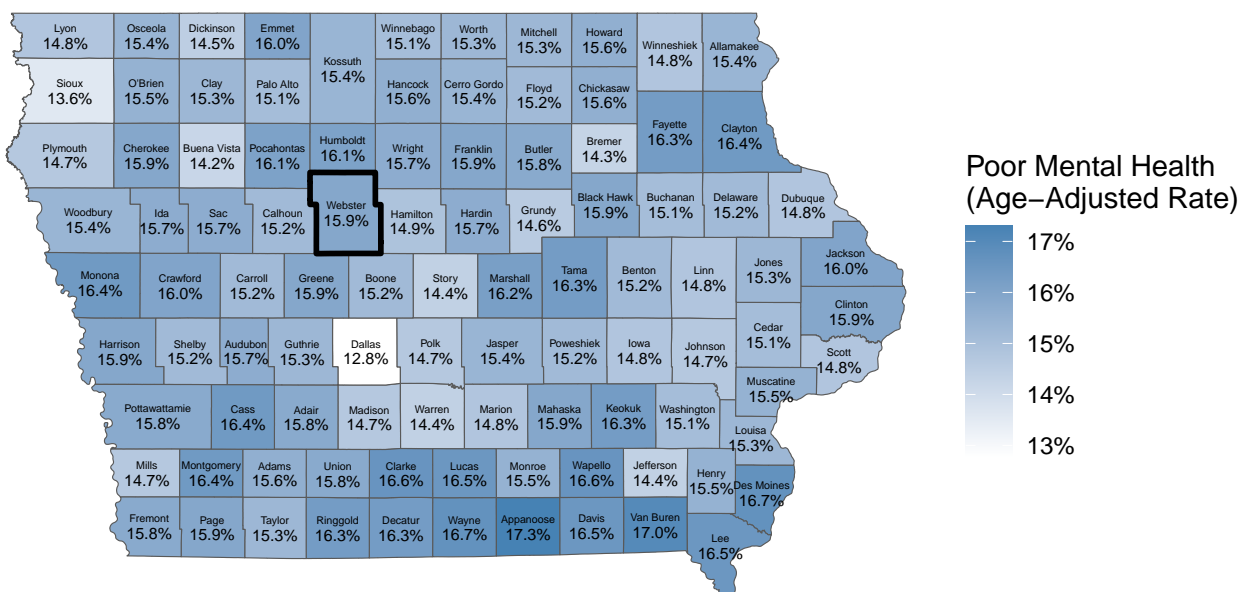
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Mental health not good for  $\geq 14$  days among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years



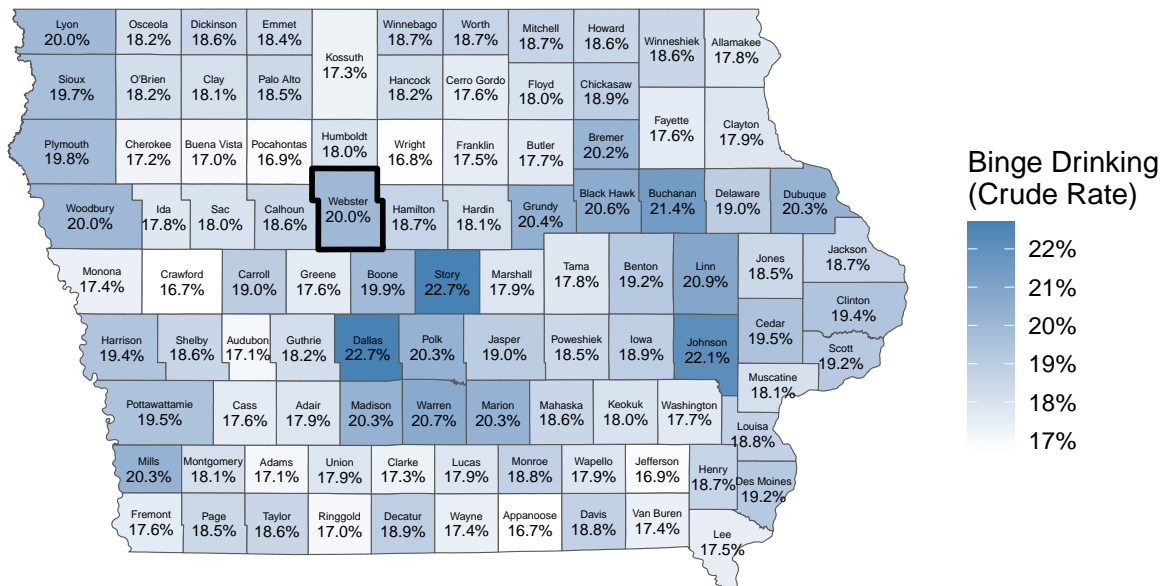
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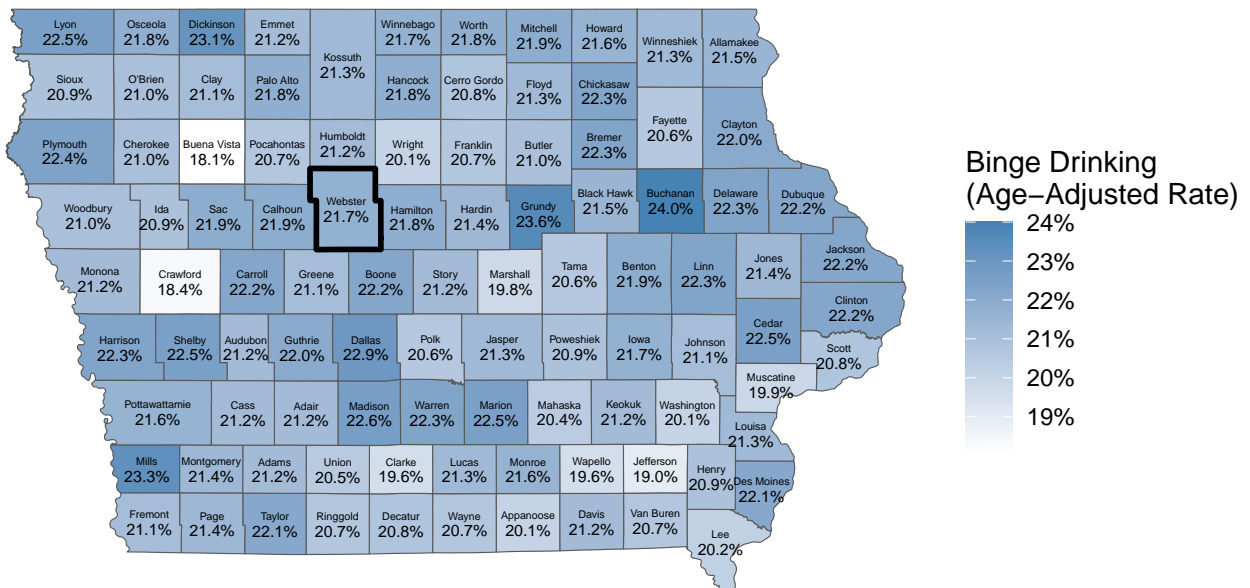
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# Binge Drinking

Binge drinking among adults aged >=18 years



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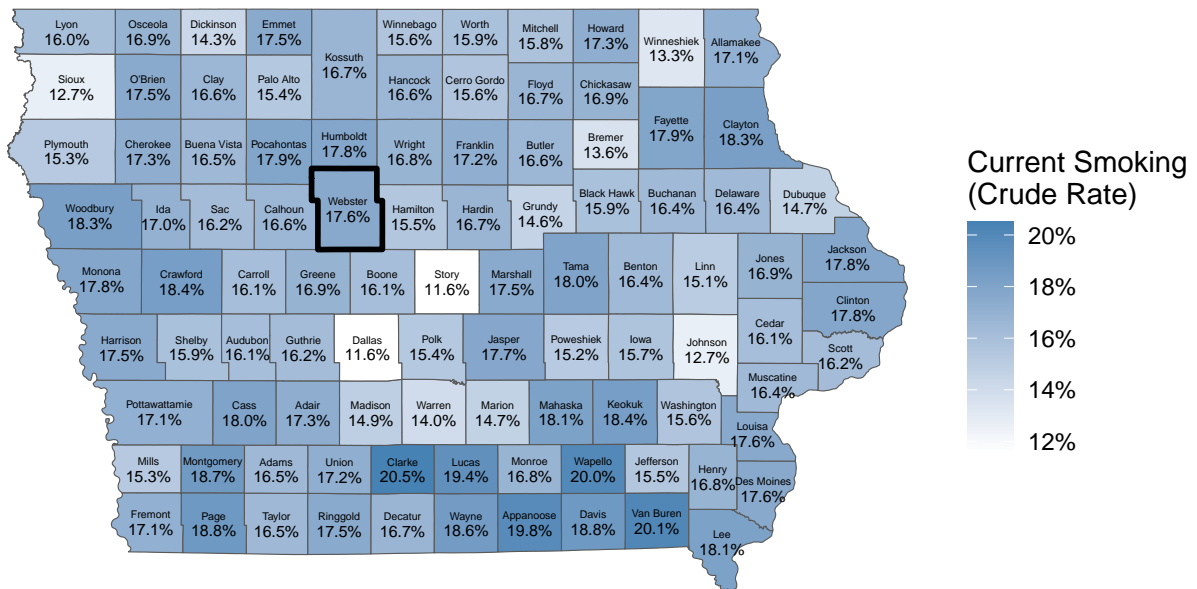


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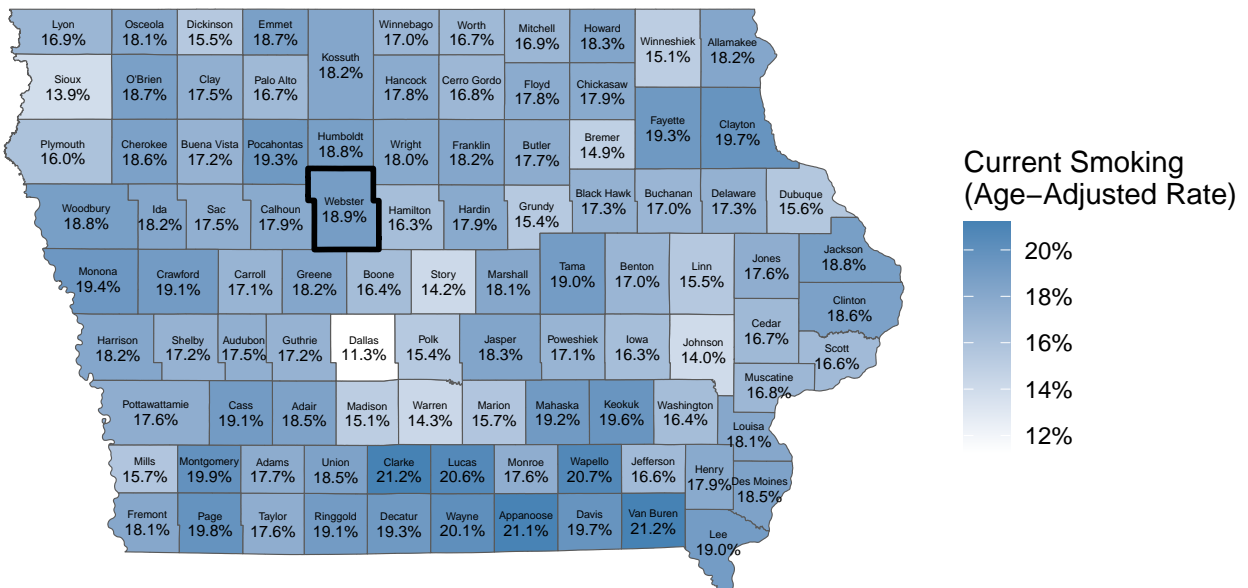


## Current Smoking

Current smoking among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years



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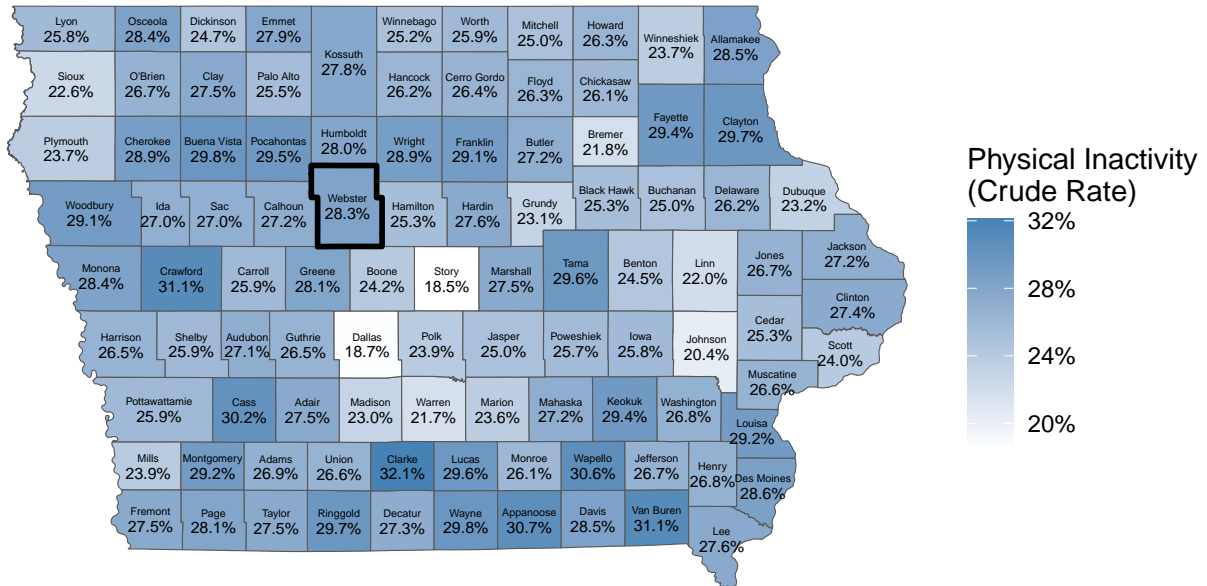


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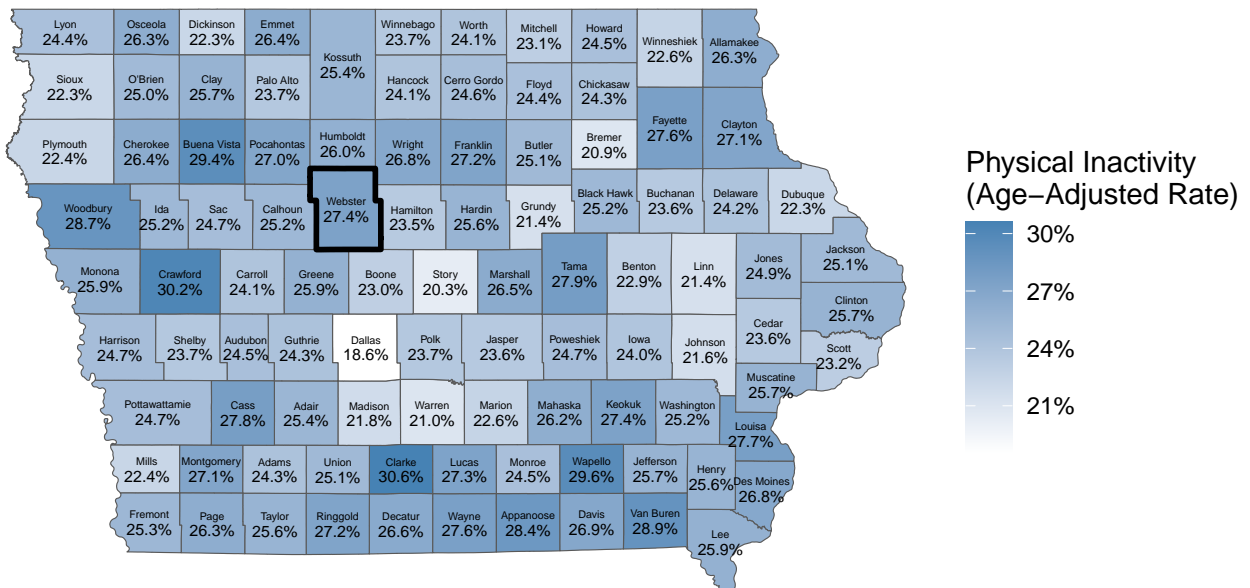


## Physical Inactivity

No leisure-time physical activity among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years



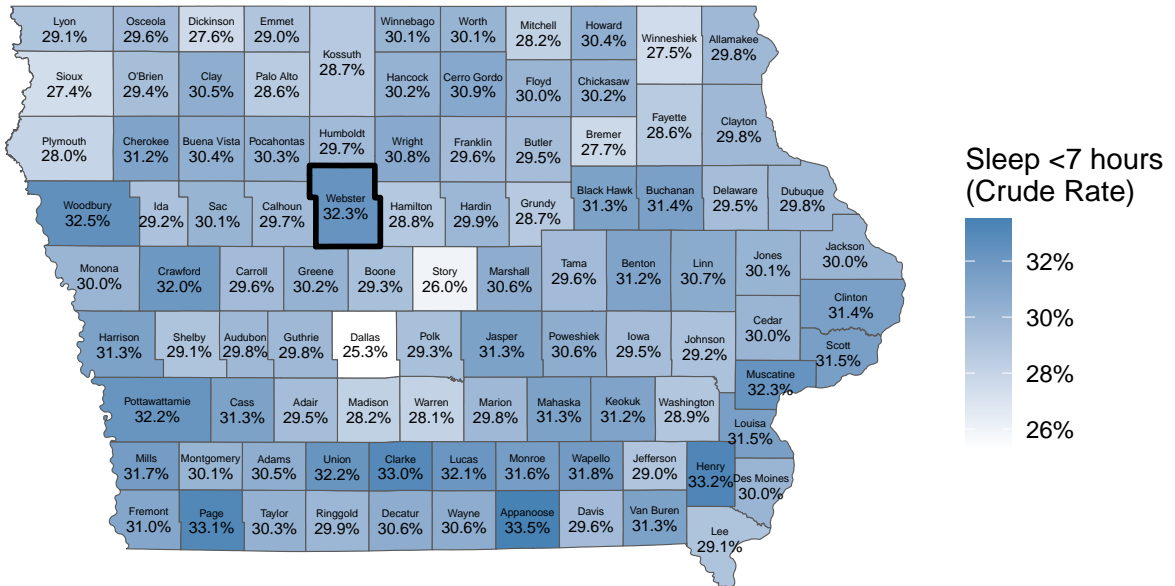
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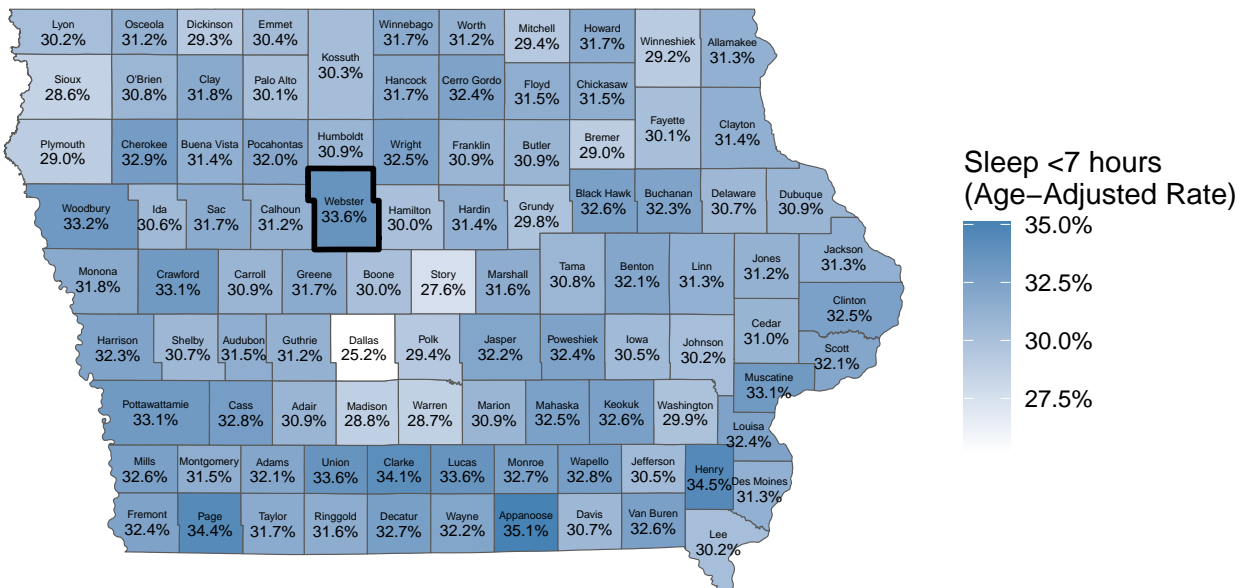
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## Sleep <7 hours

Sleeping less than 7 hours among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years



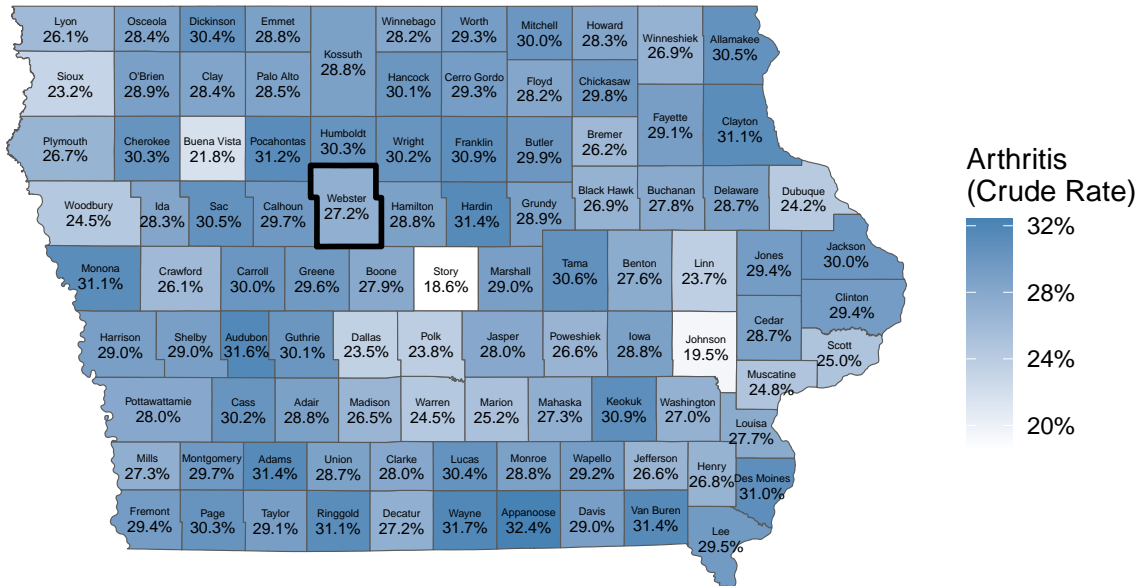
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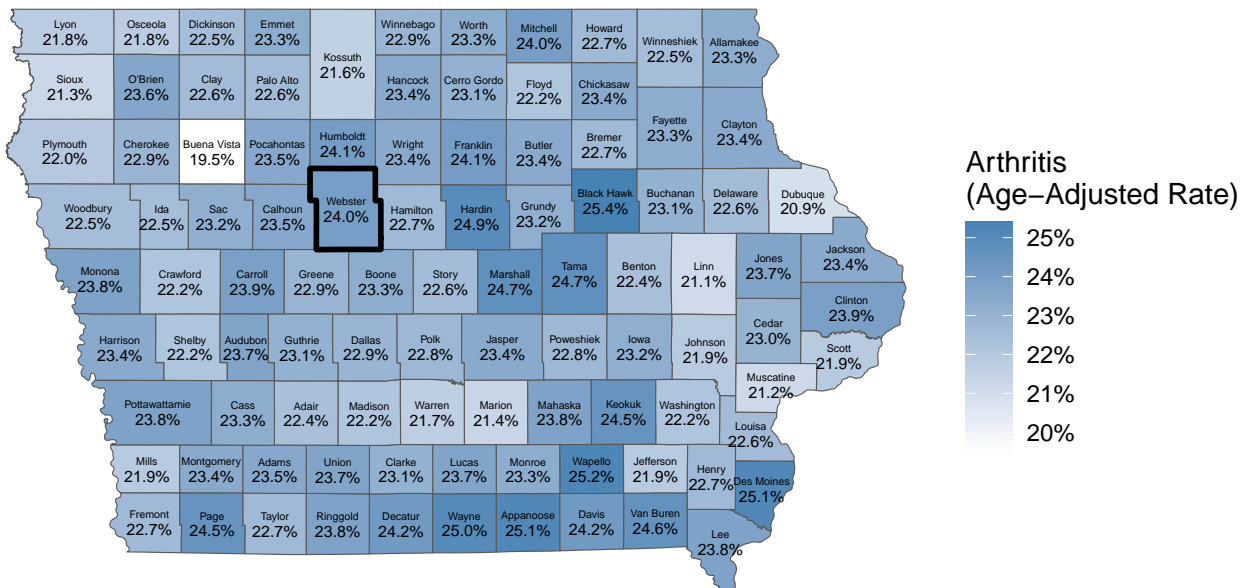
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## Arthritis

### Arthritis among adults aged $\geq 18$ years



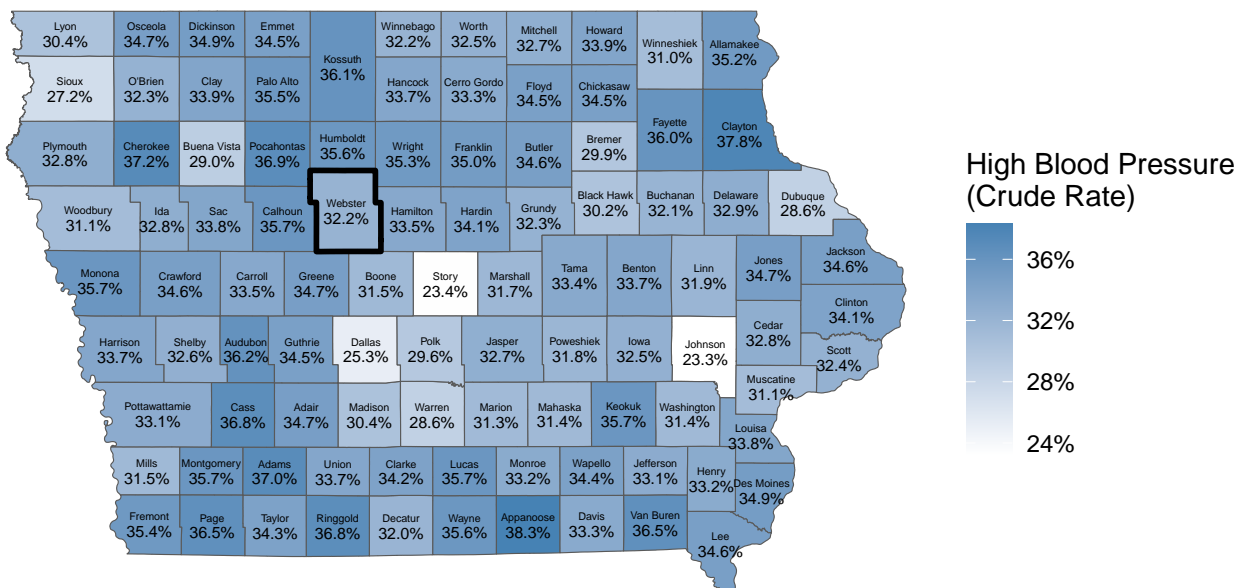
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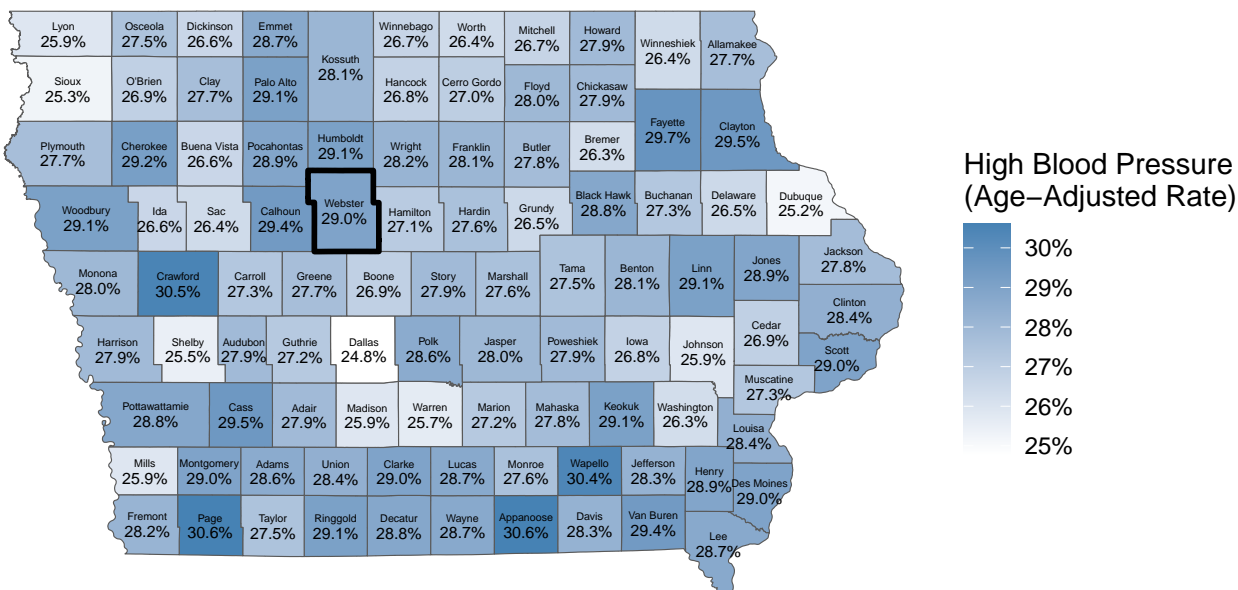
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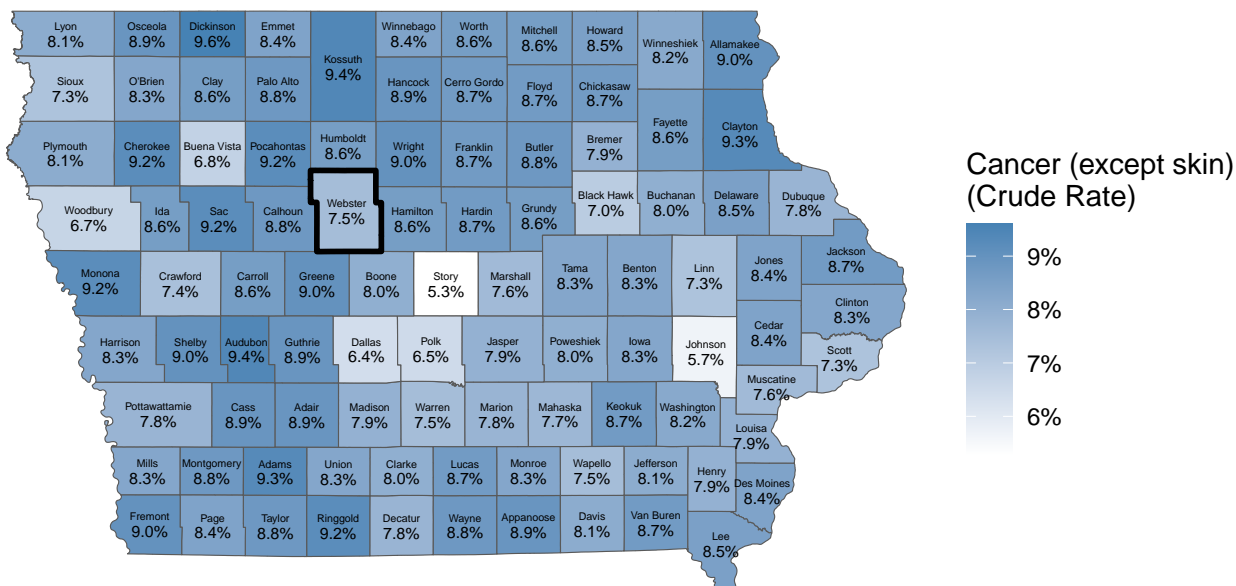
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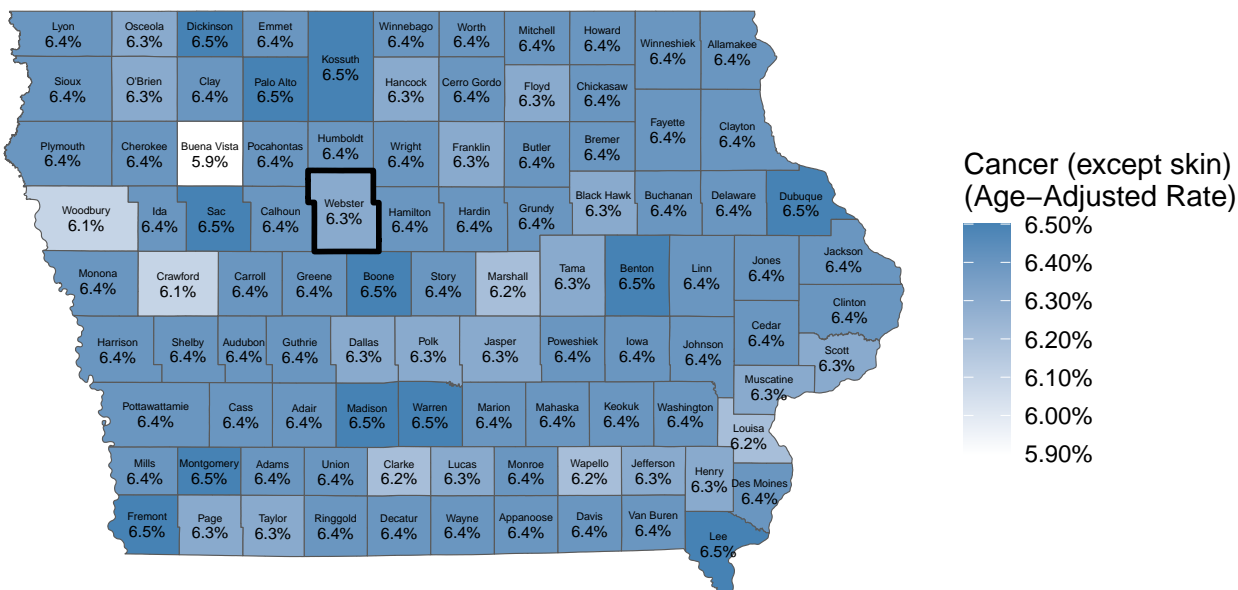
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## Cancer (except skin)

Cancer (excluding skin cancer) among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years



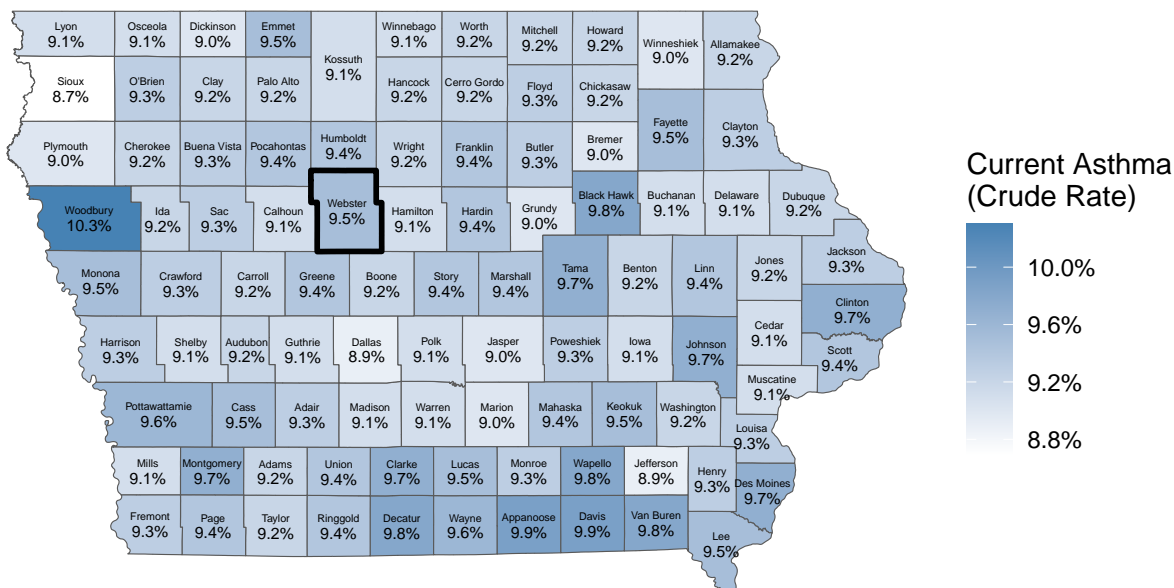
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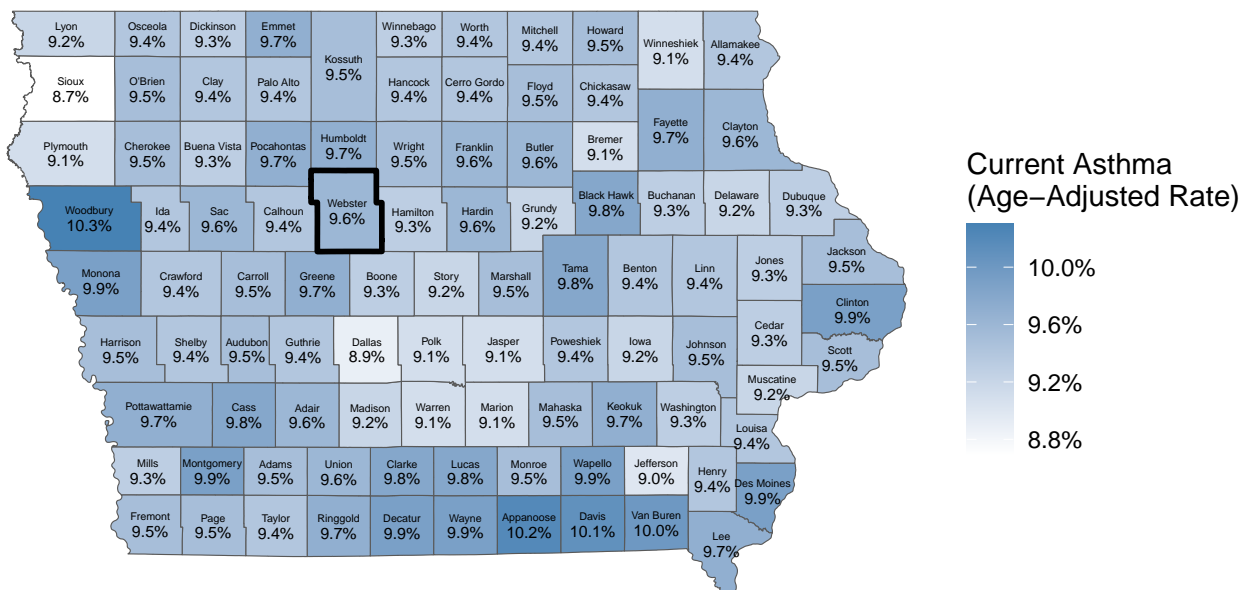
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## Current Asthma

Current asthma among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years



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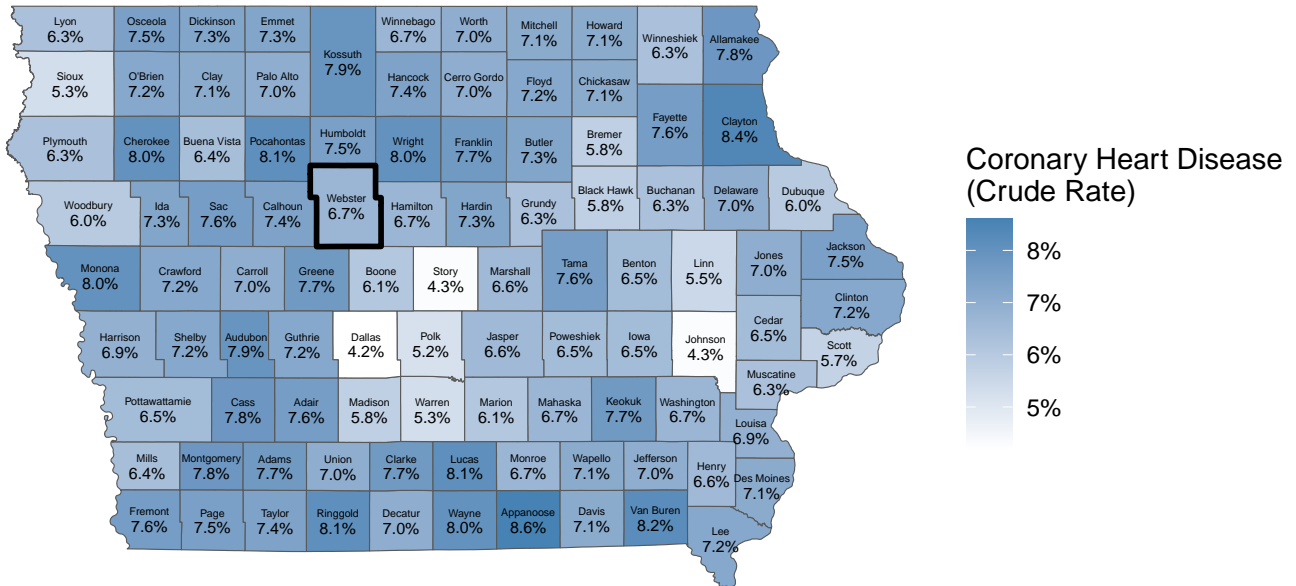


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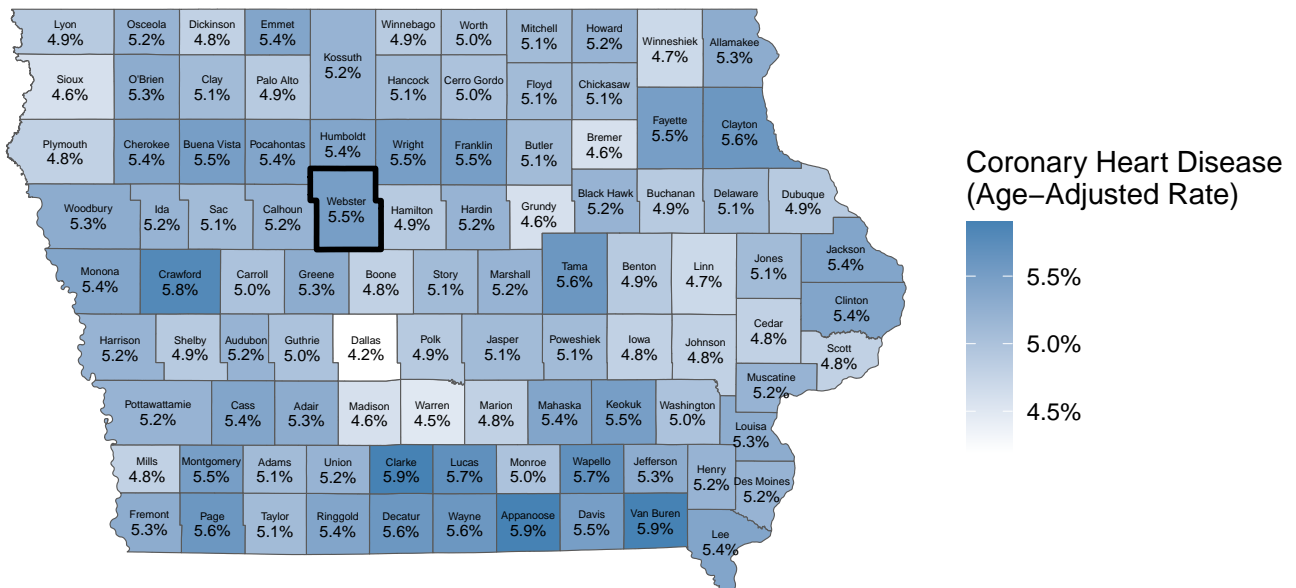


# Coronary Heart Disease

Coronary heart disease among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years



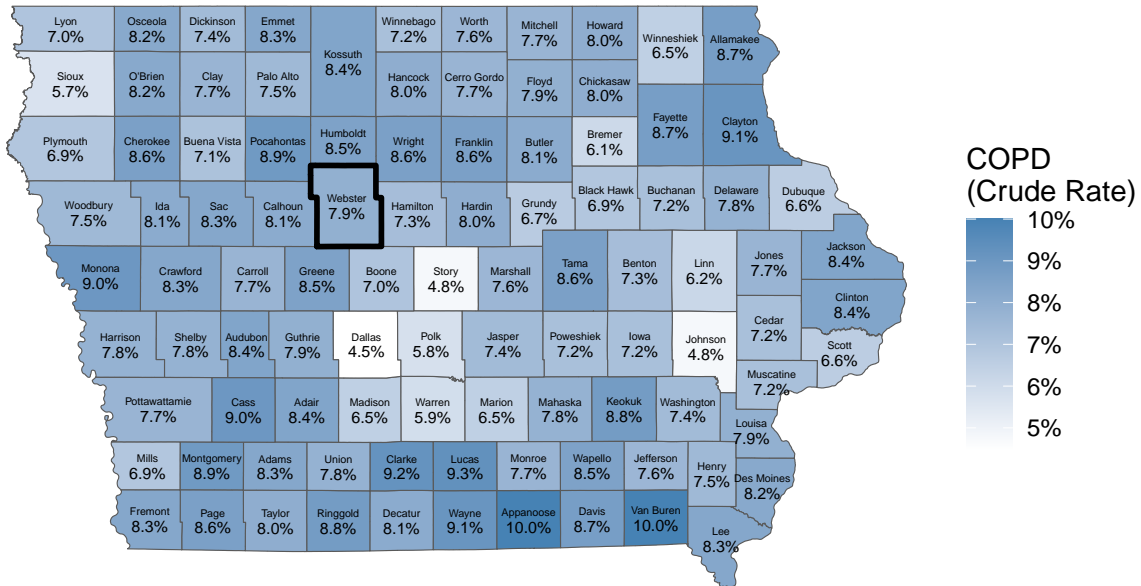
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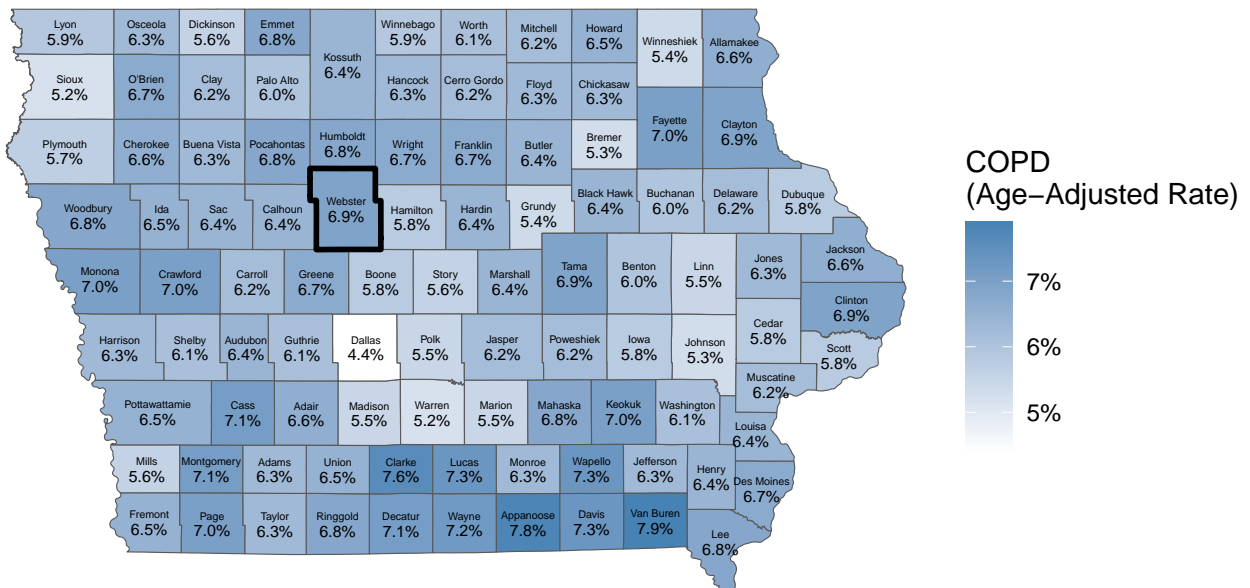
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## COPD

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years



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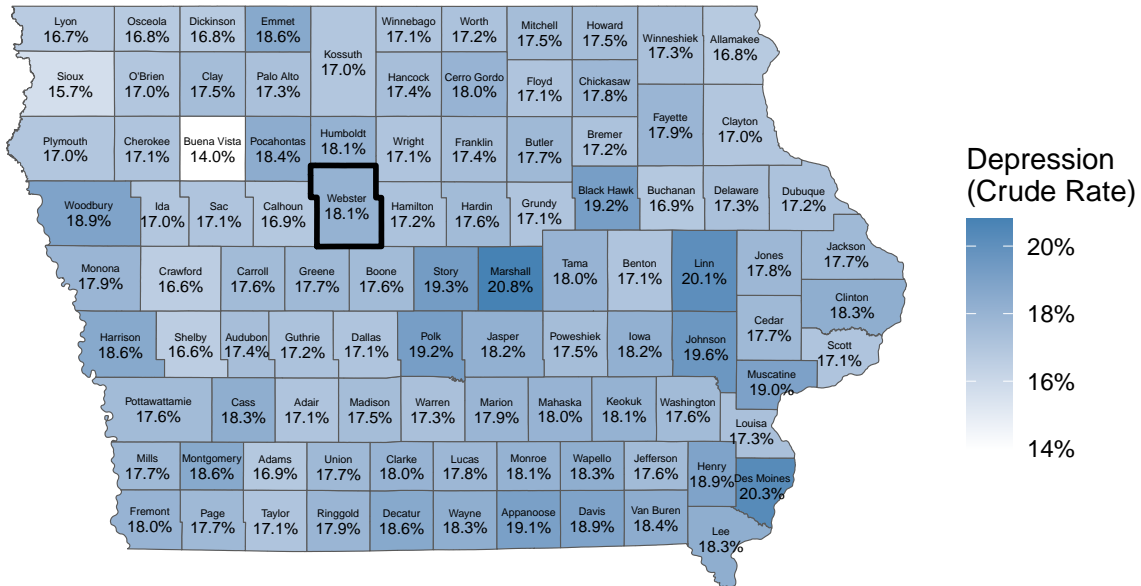


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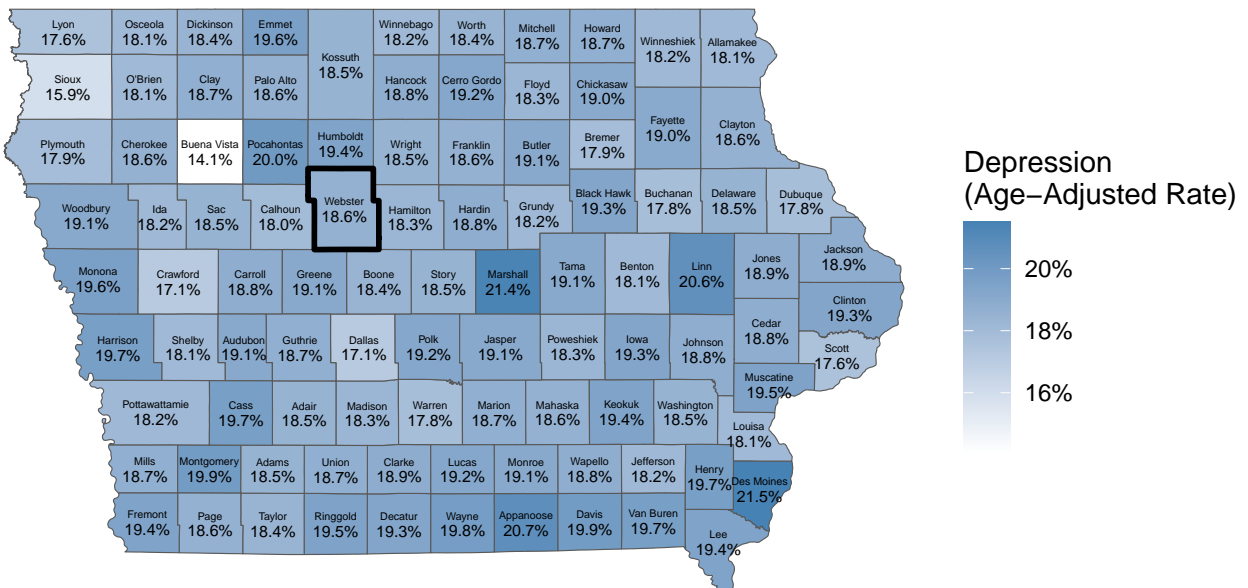


# Depression

## Depression among adults aged >=18 years



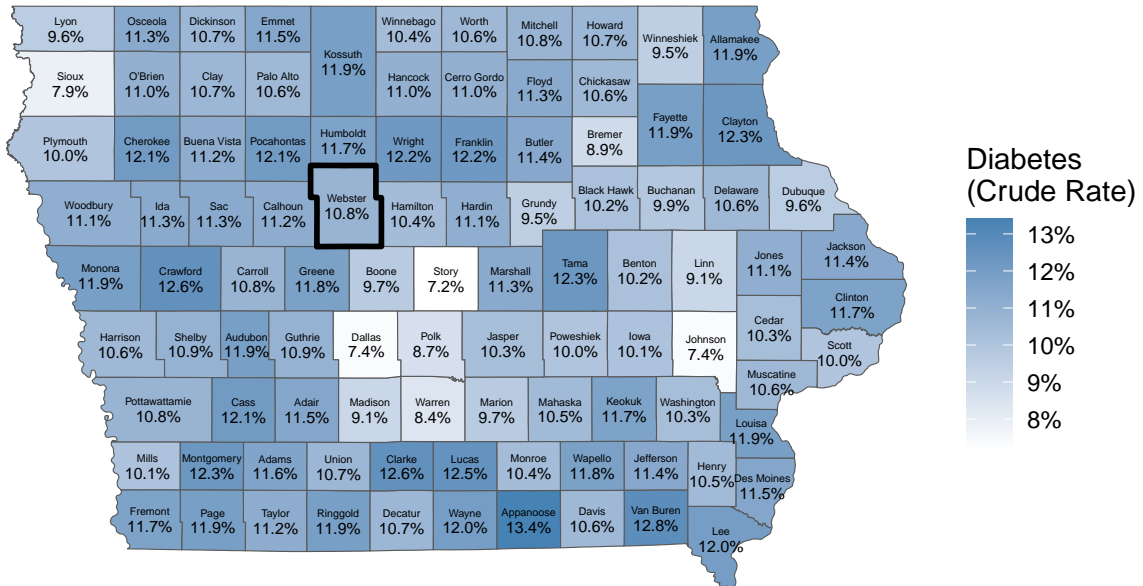
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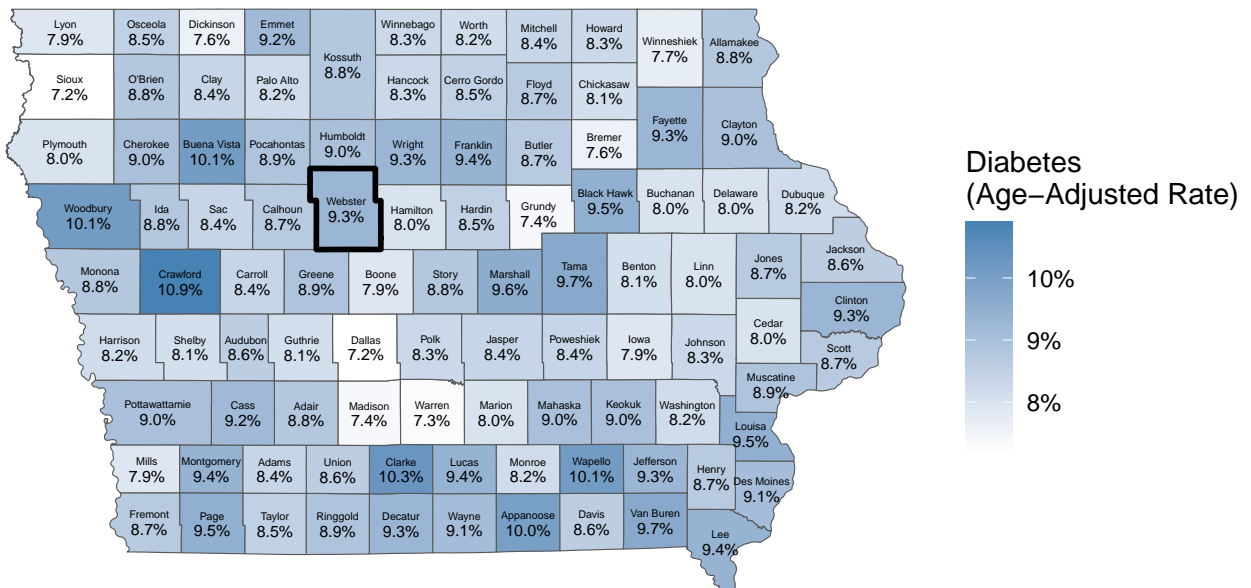
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# Diabetes

## Diagnosed diabetes among adults aged >=18 years



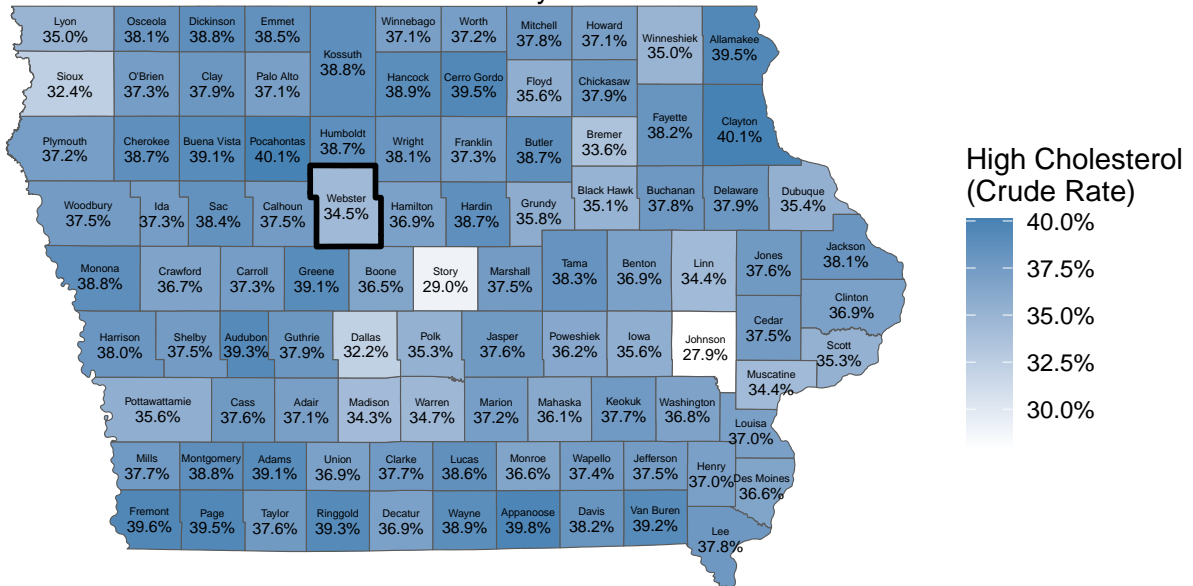
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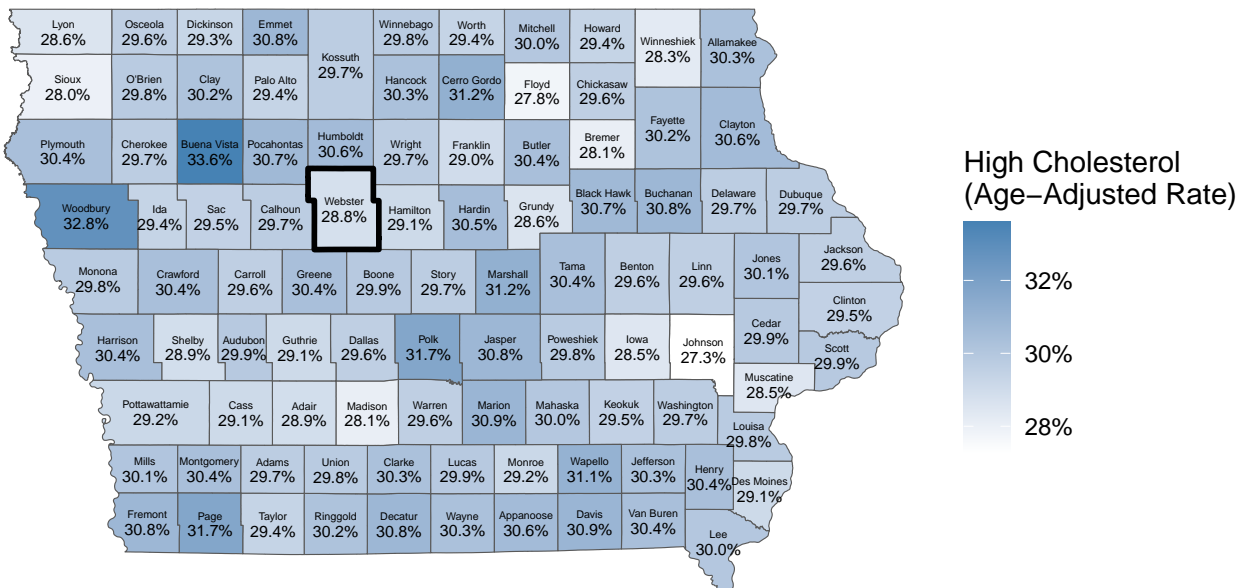
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## High Cholesterol

High cholesterol among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years who have been screened in the past 5 years



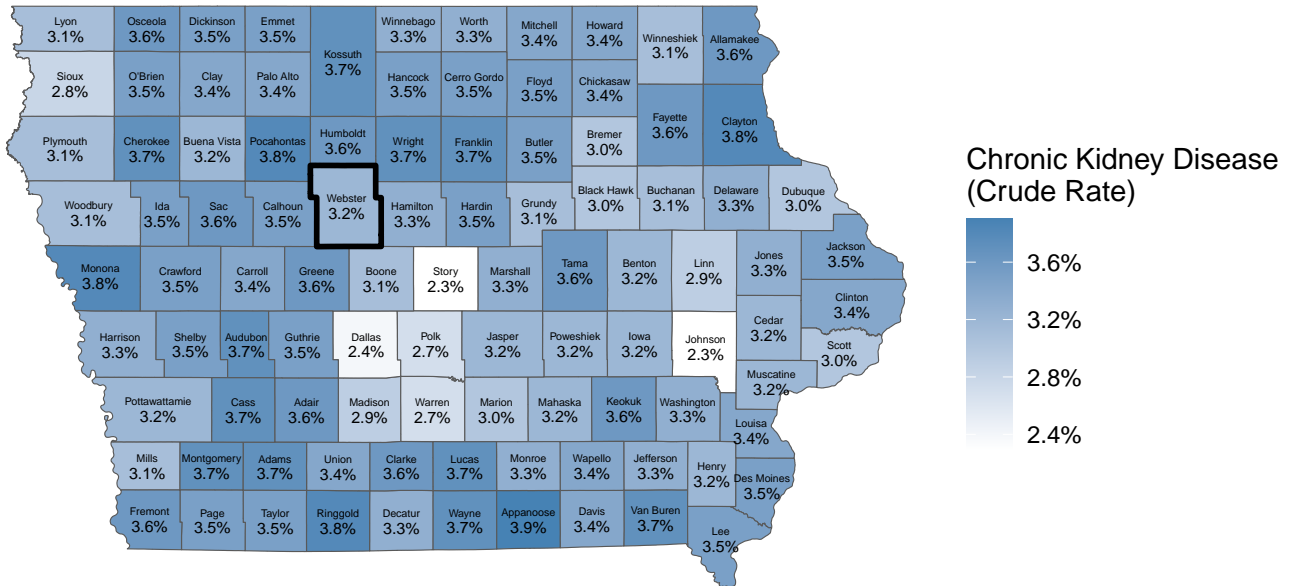
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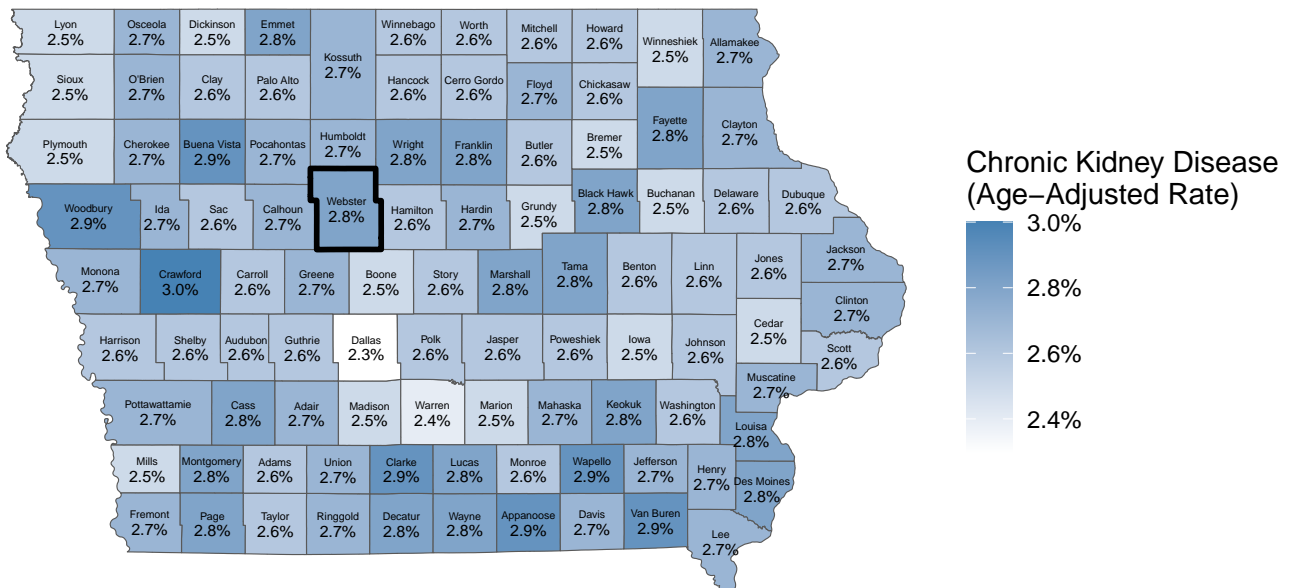
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# Chronic Kidney Disease

Chronic kidney disease among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years



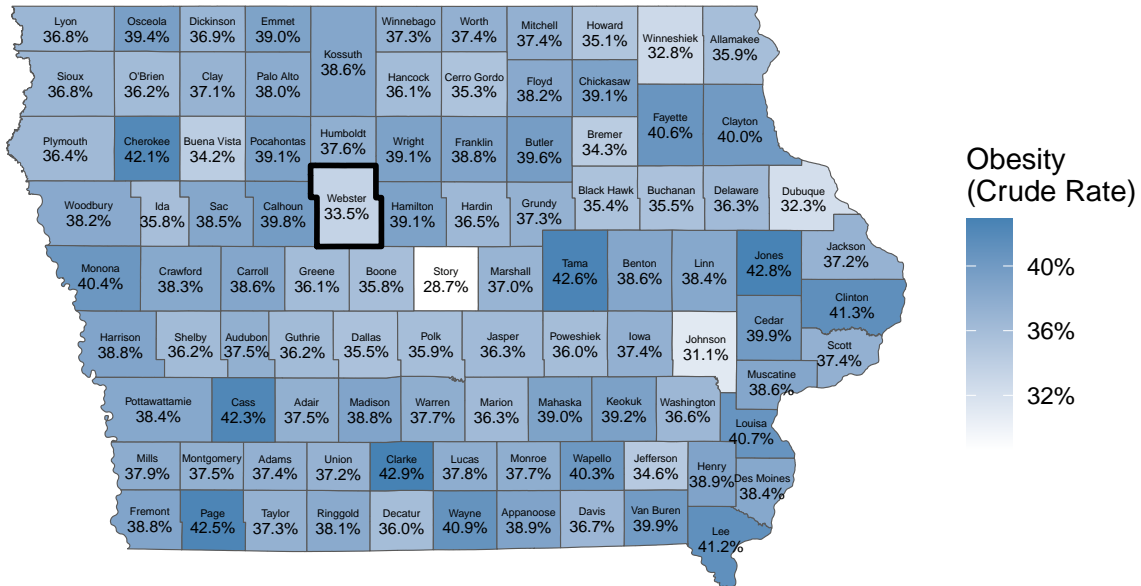
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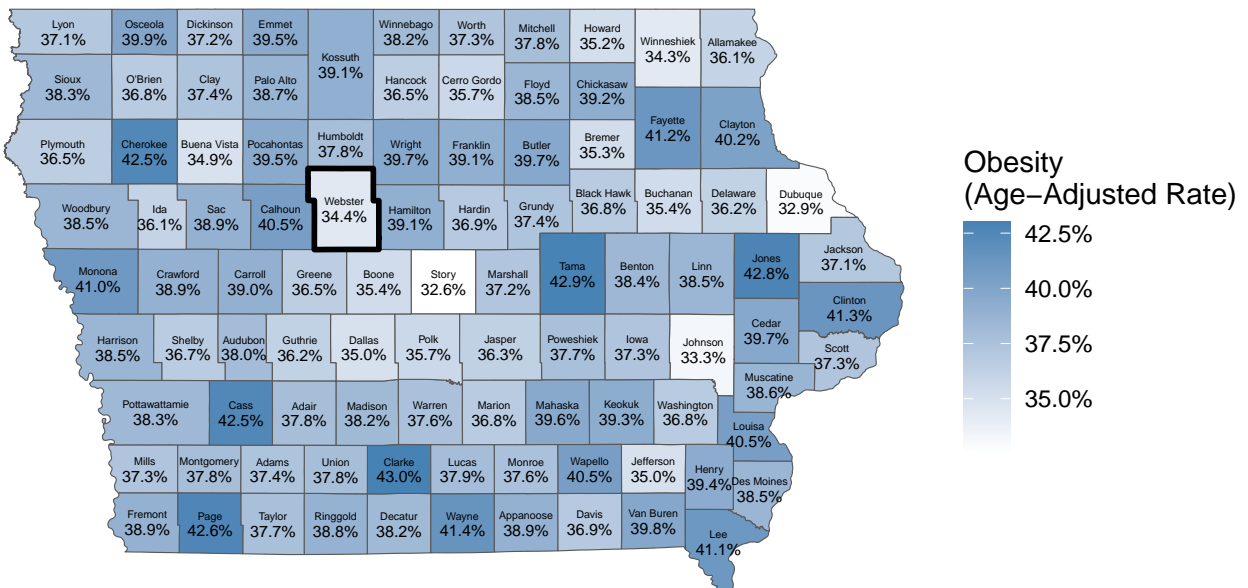
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# Obesity

## Obesity among adults aged >=18 years



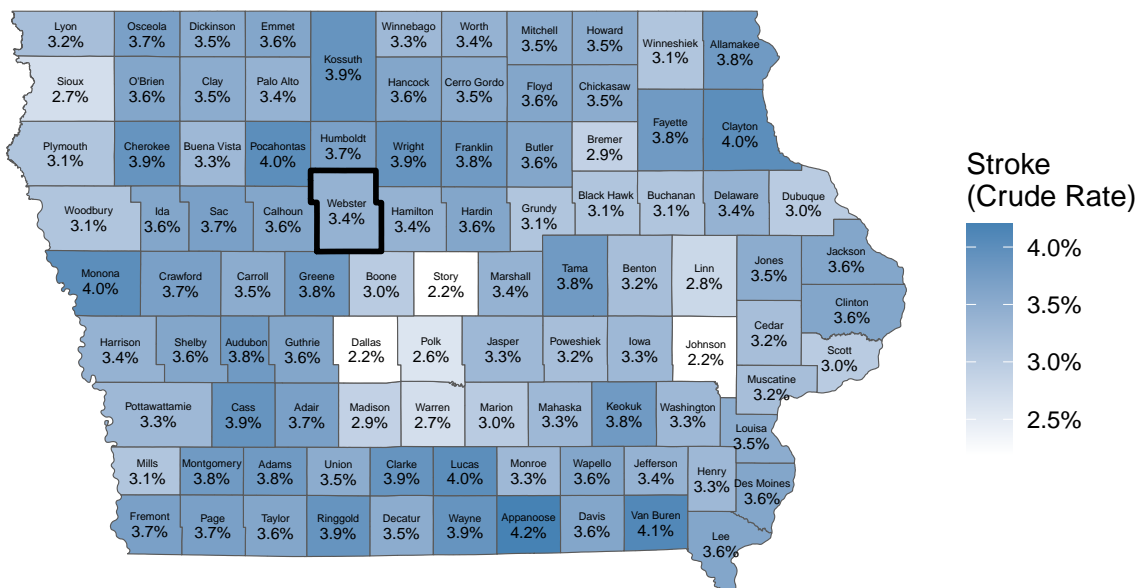
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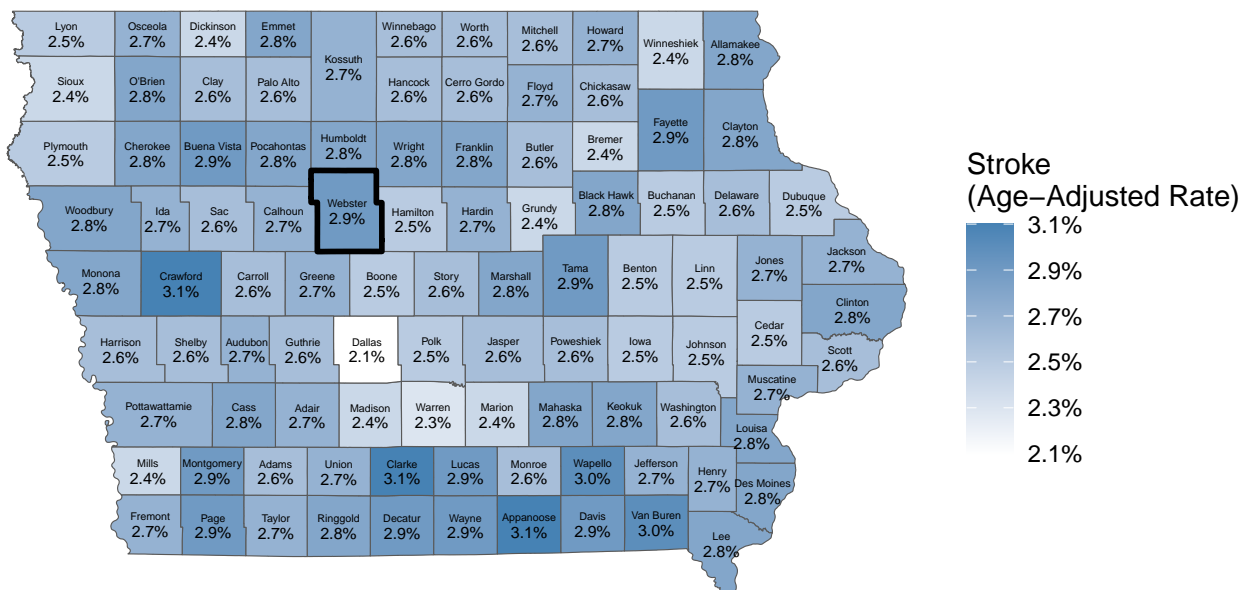
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# Stroke

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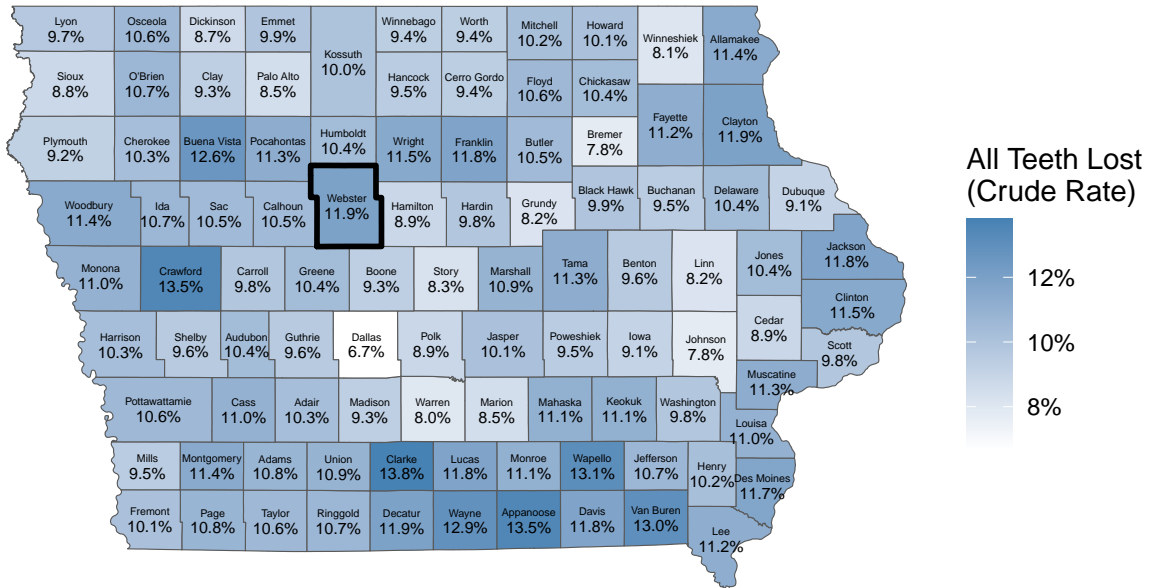


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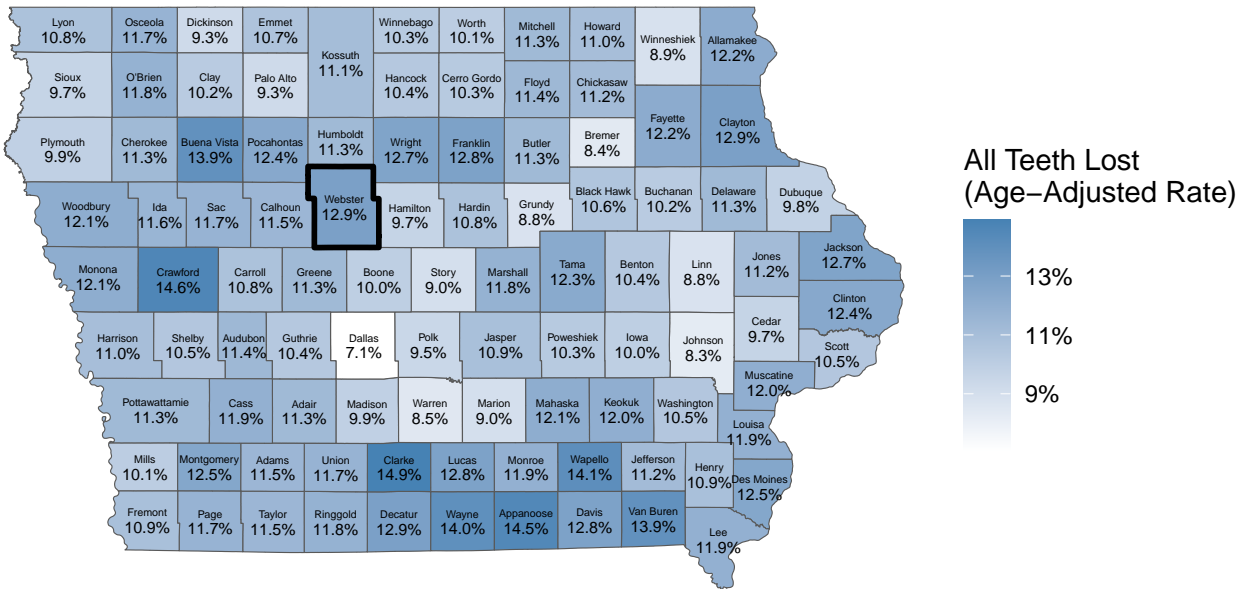


## All Teeth Lost

All teeth lost among adults aged  $\geq 65$  years



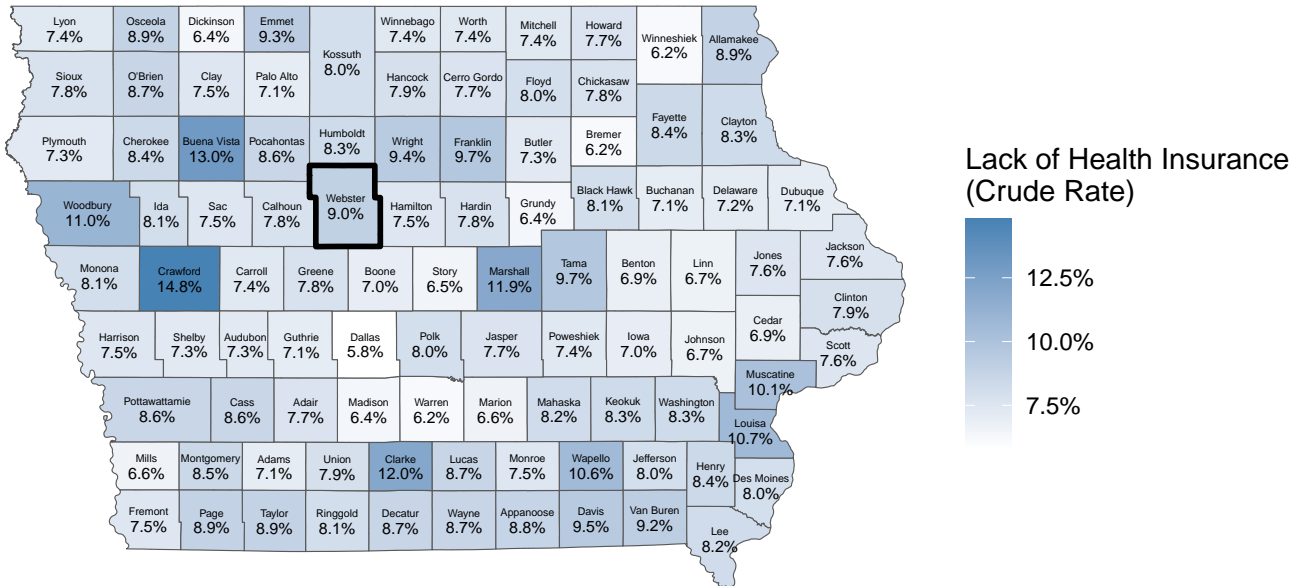
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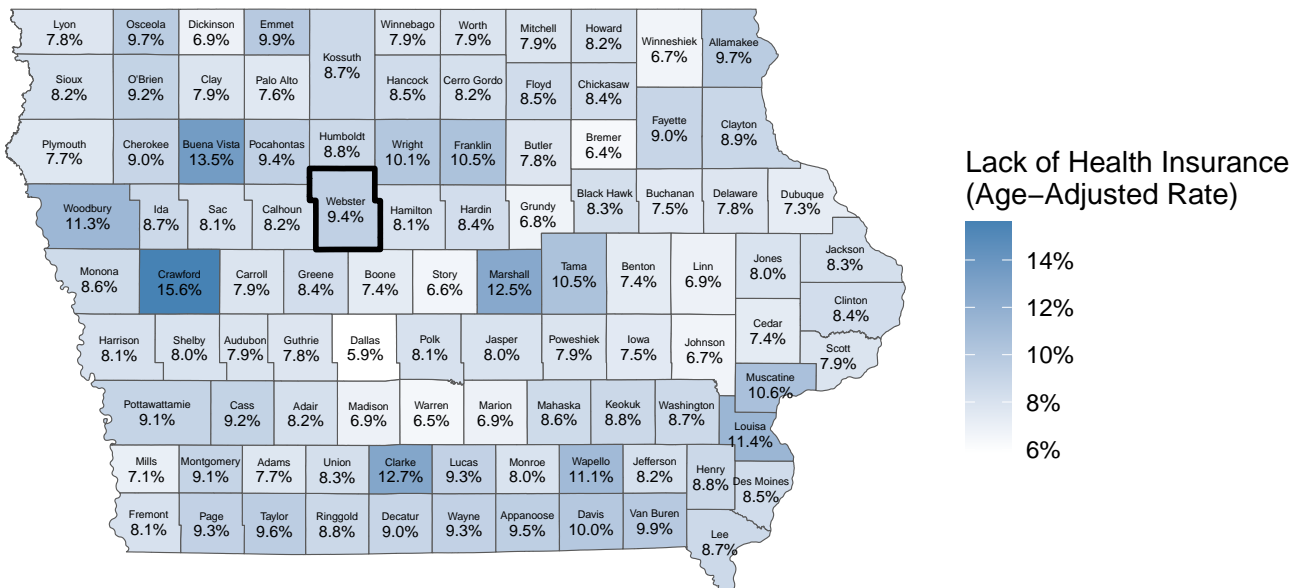
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## Lack of Health Insurance

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



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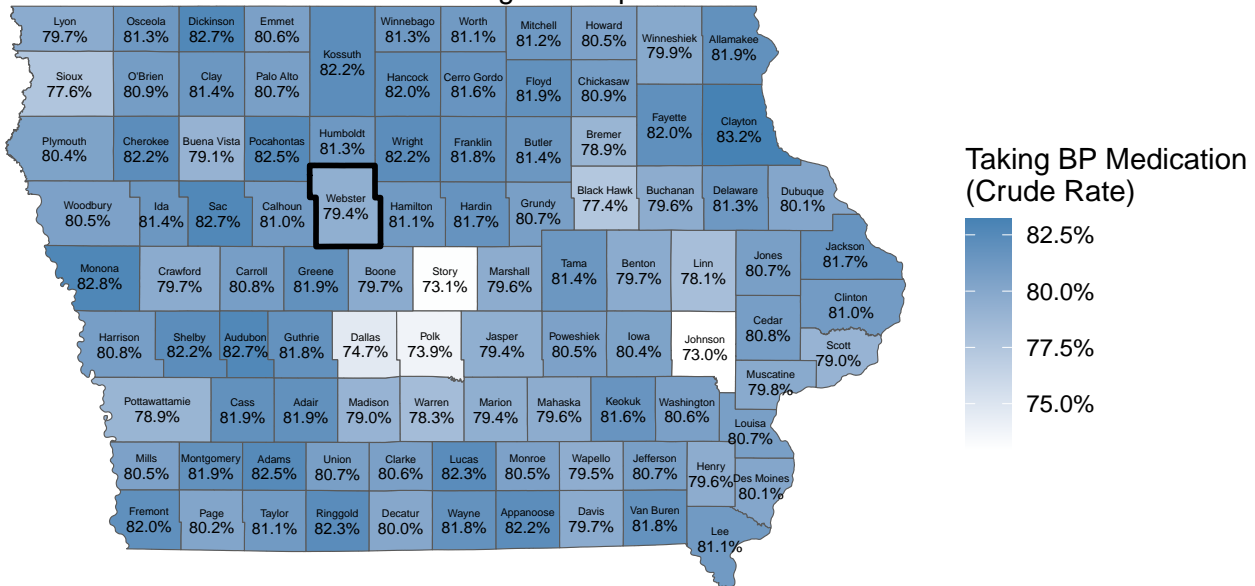


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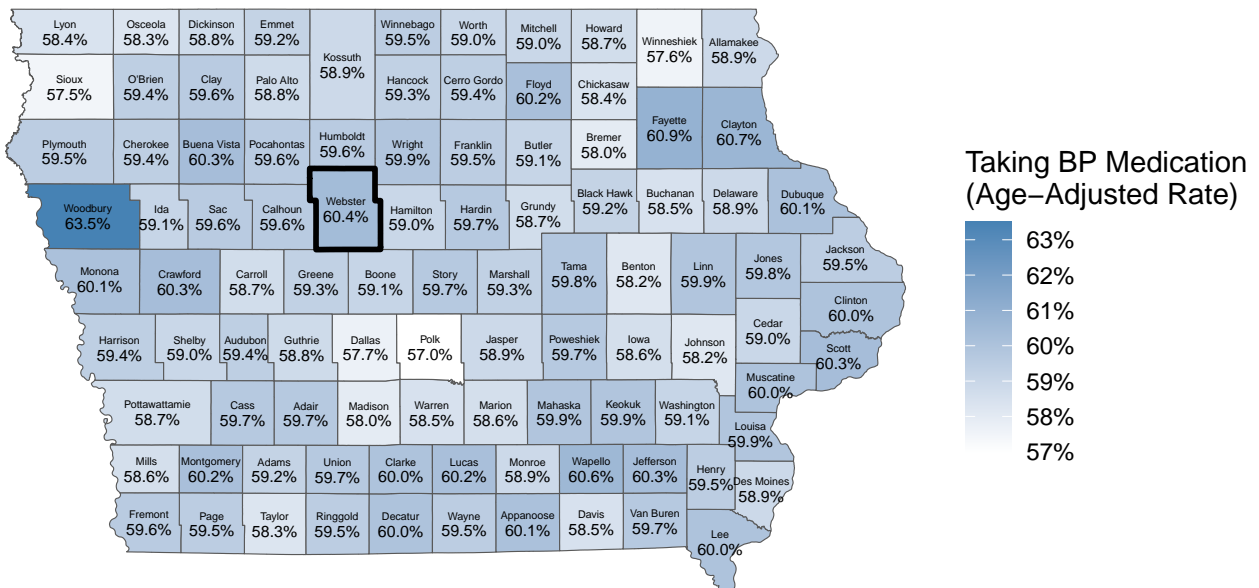


## Taking BP Medication

Taking medicine for high blood pressure control among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years with high blood pressure



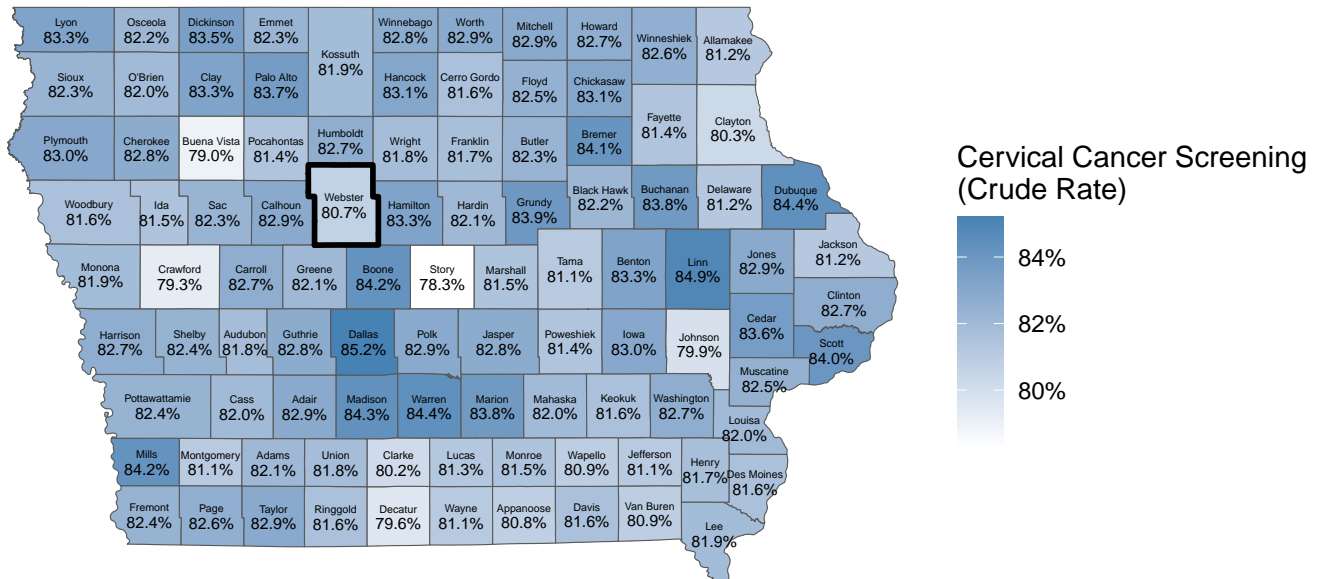
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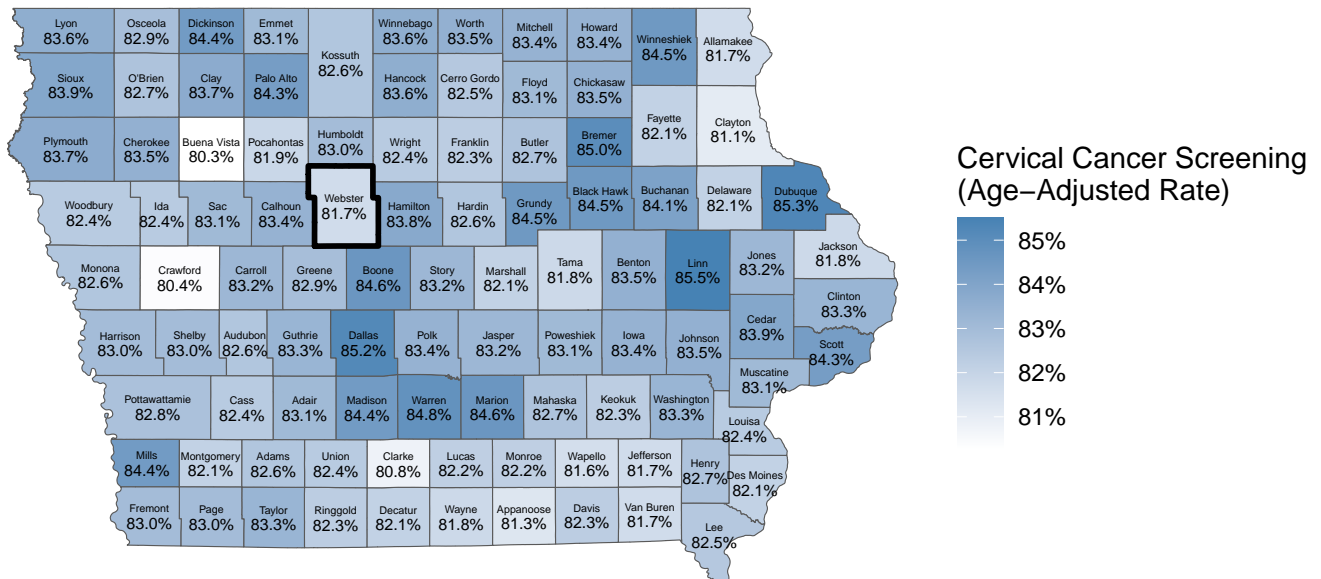
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# Cervical Cancer Screening

Cervical cancer screening among adult women aged 21–65 years



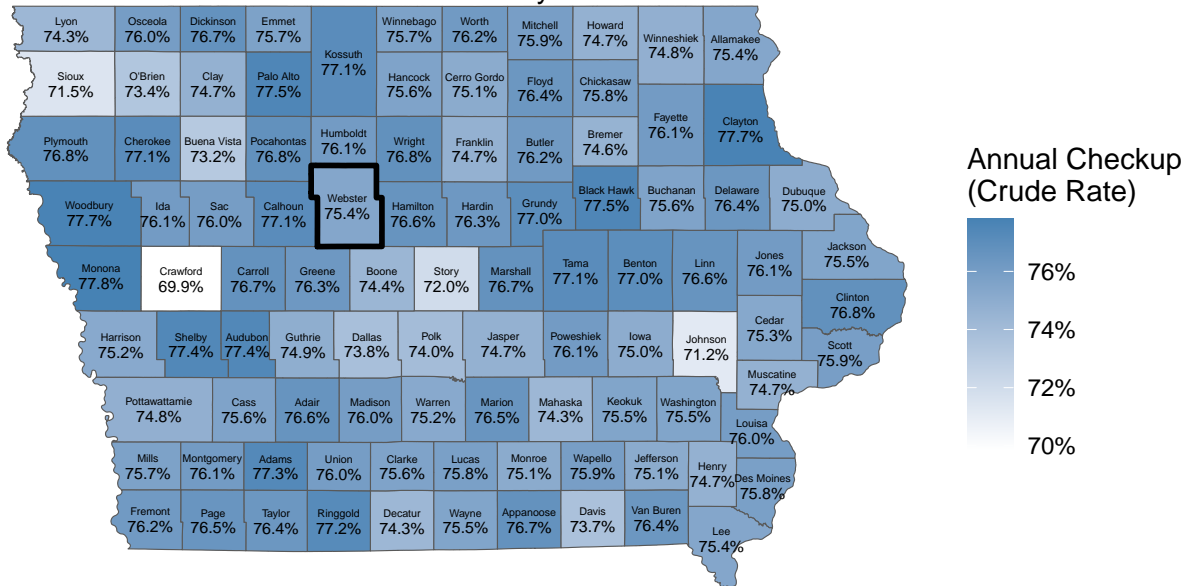
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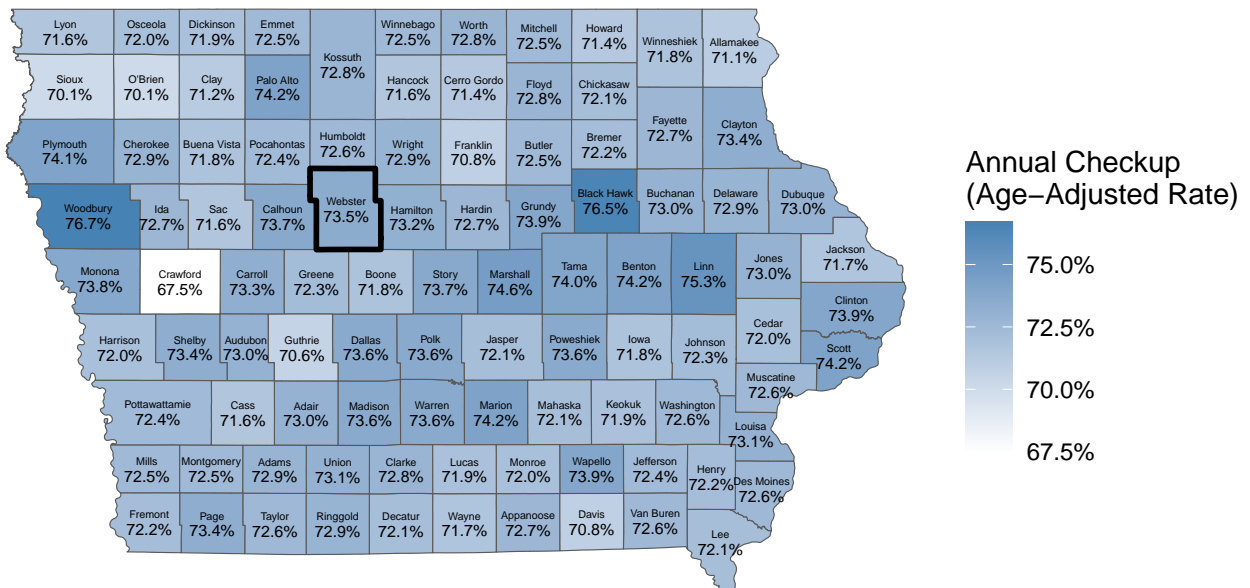
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## Annual Checkup

Visits to doctor for routine checkup within the past year among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years



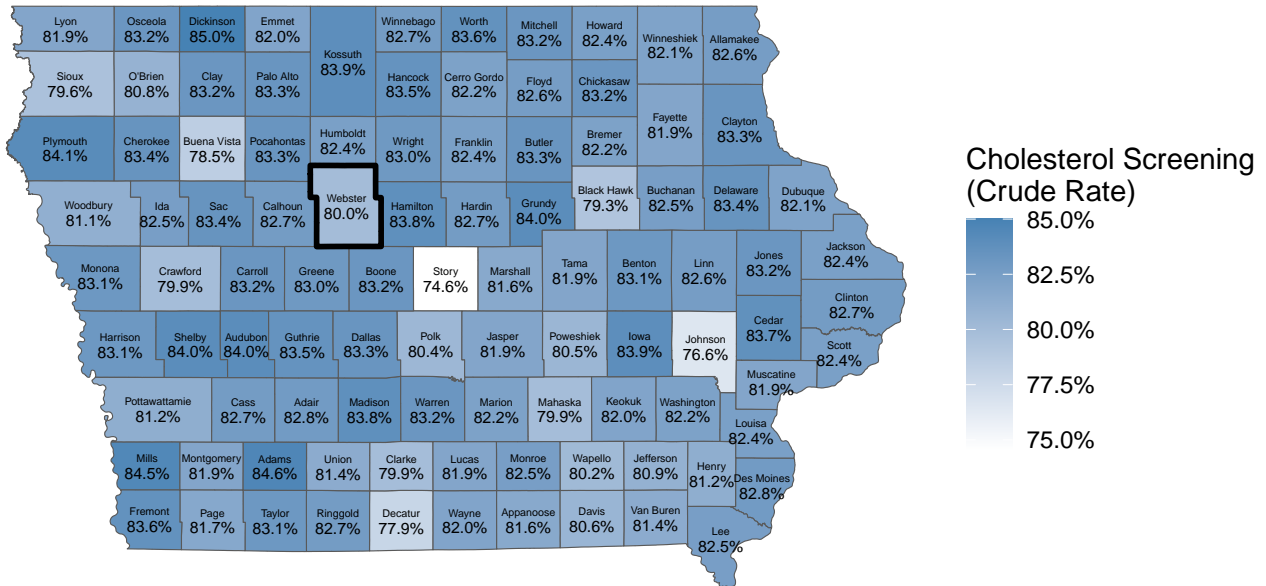
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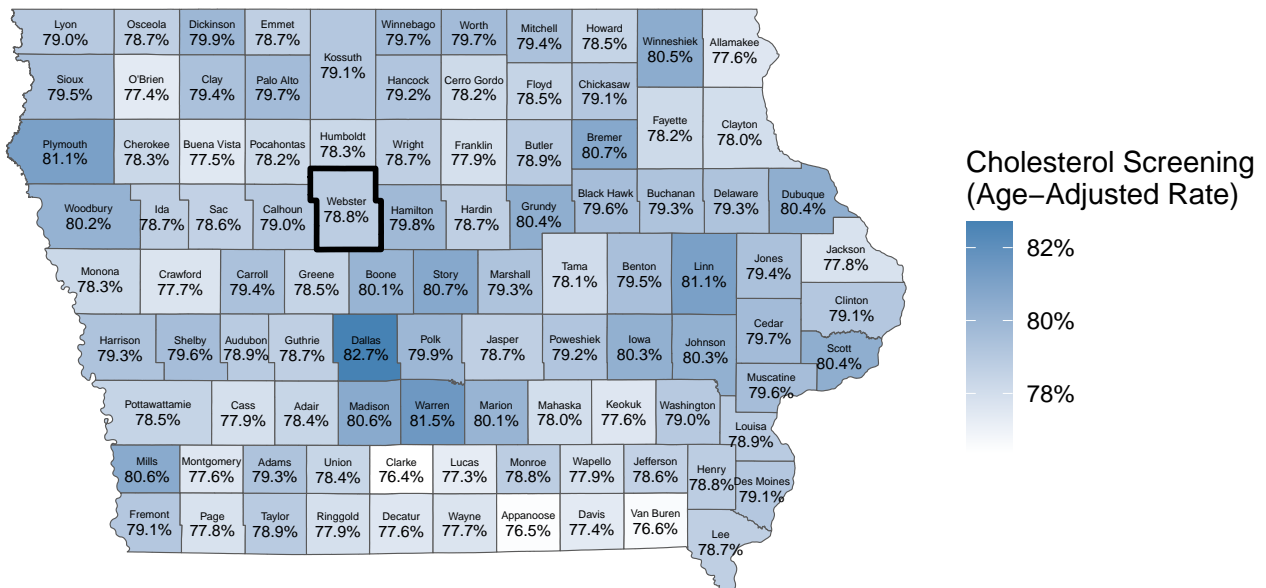
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# Cholesterol Screening

Cholesterol screening among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years



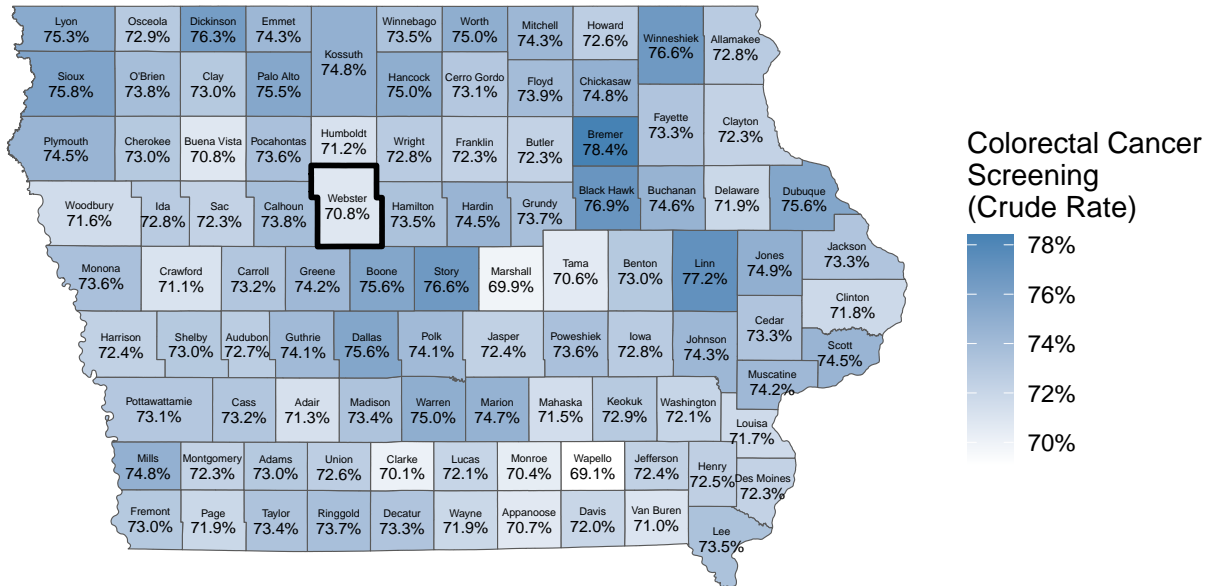
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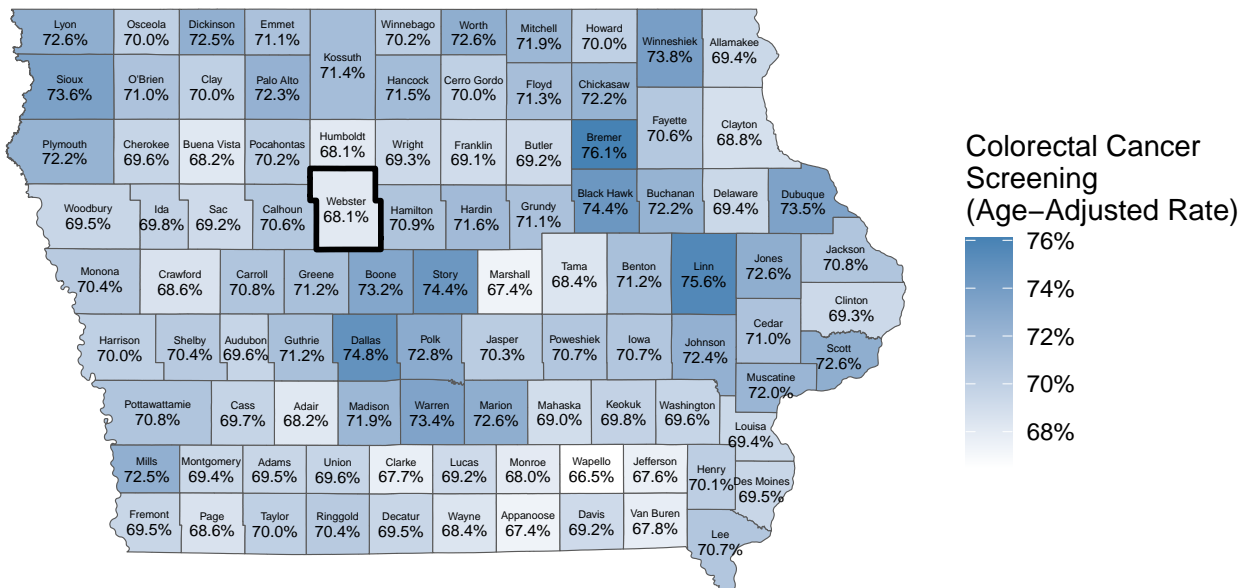
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# Colorectal Cancer Screening

Colorectal cancer screening among adults aged 50–75 years



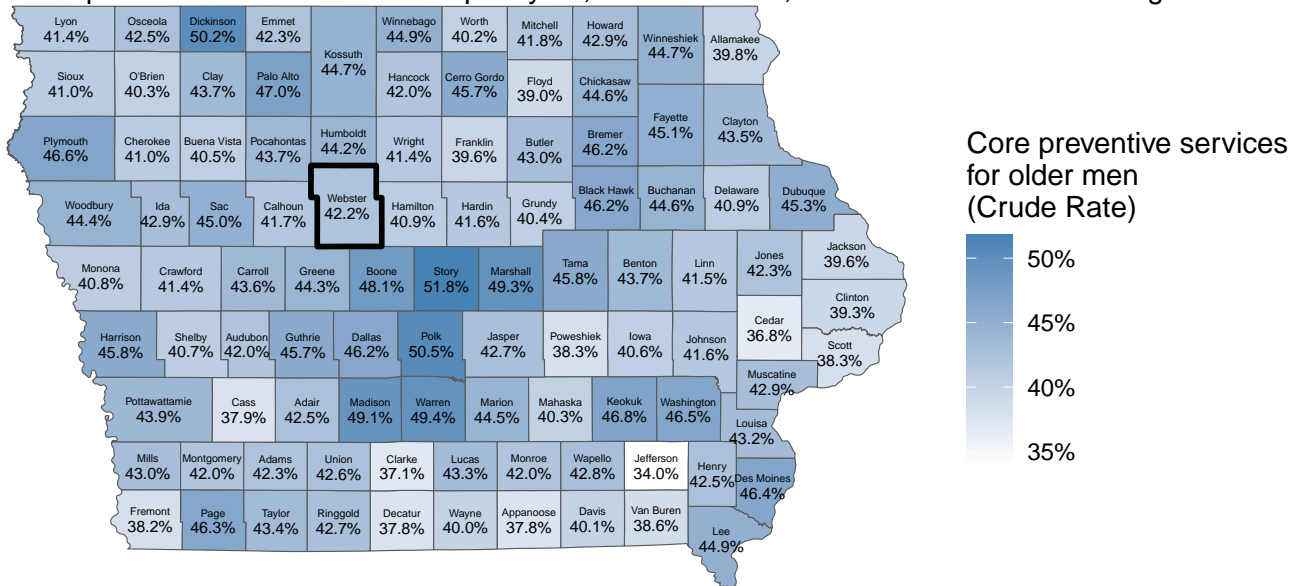
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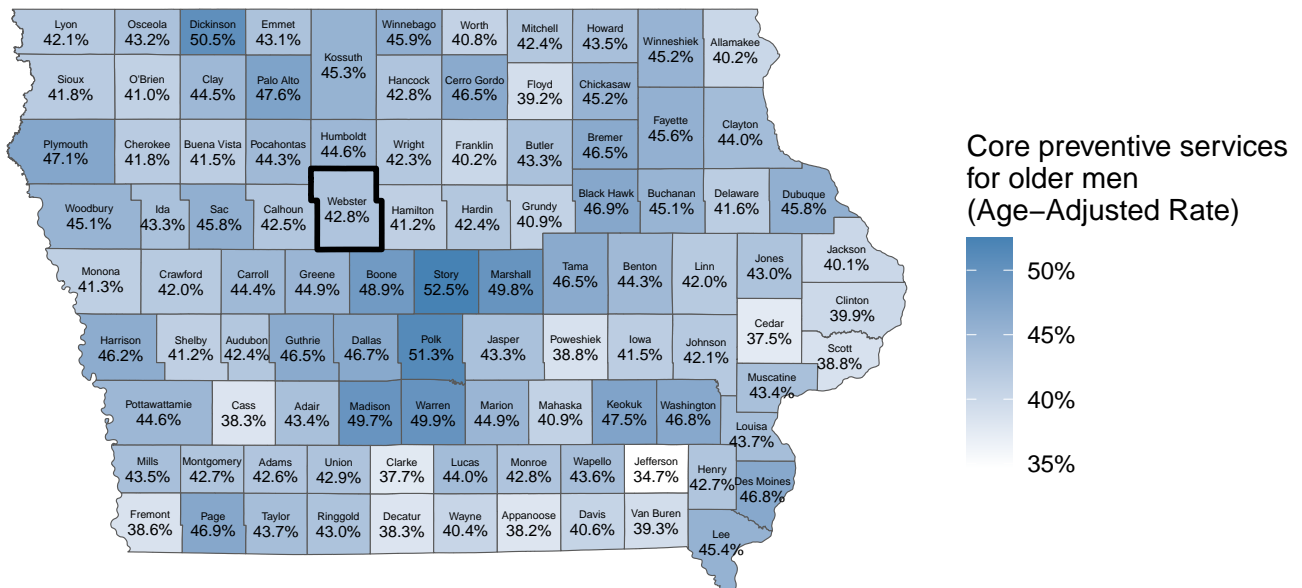
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## Core preventive services for older men

Older adult men aged  $\geq 65$  years who are up to date on a core set of clinical preventive services: Flu shot past year, PPV shot ever, Colorectal cancer screening



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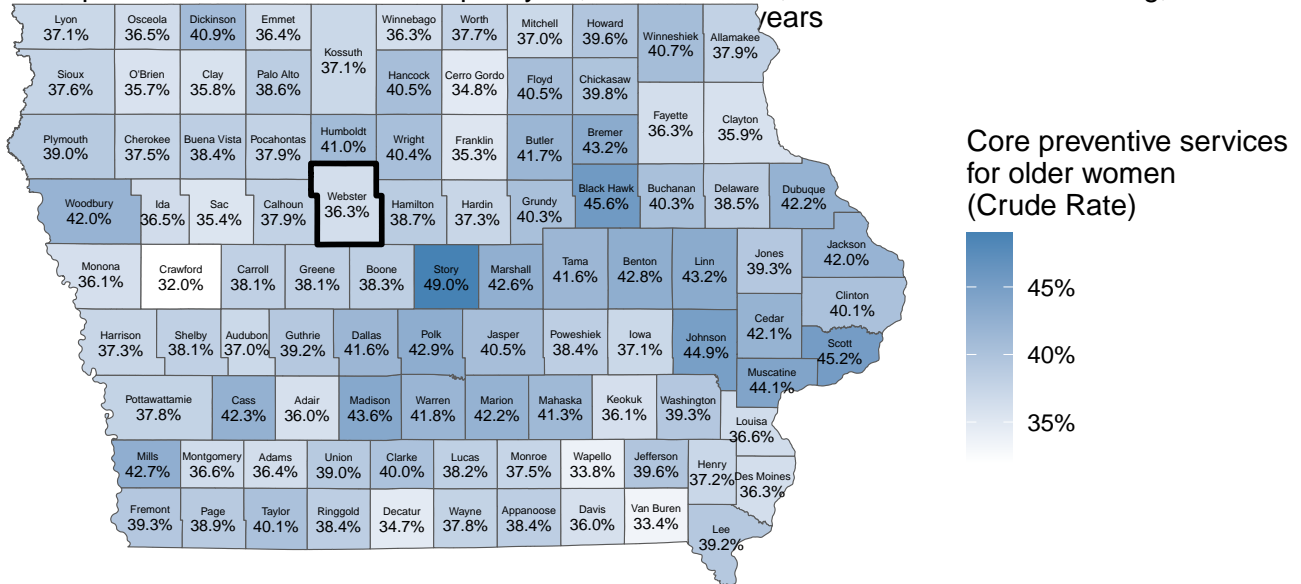


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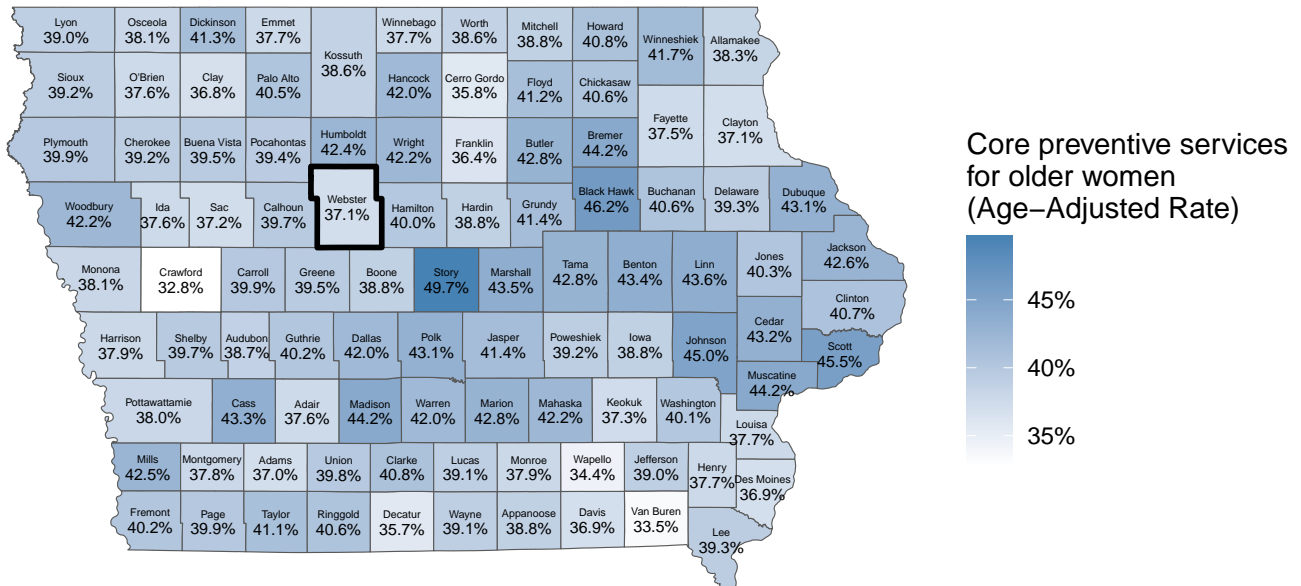


## Core preventive services for older women

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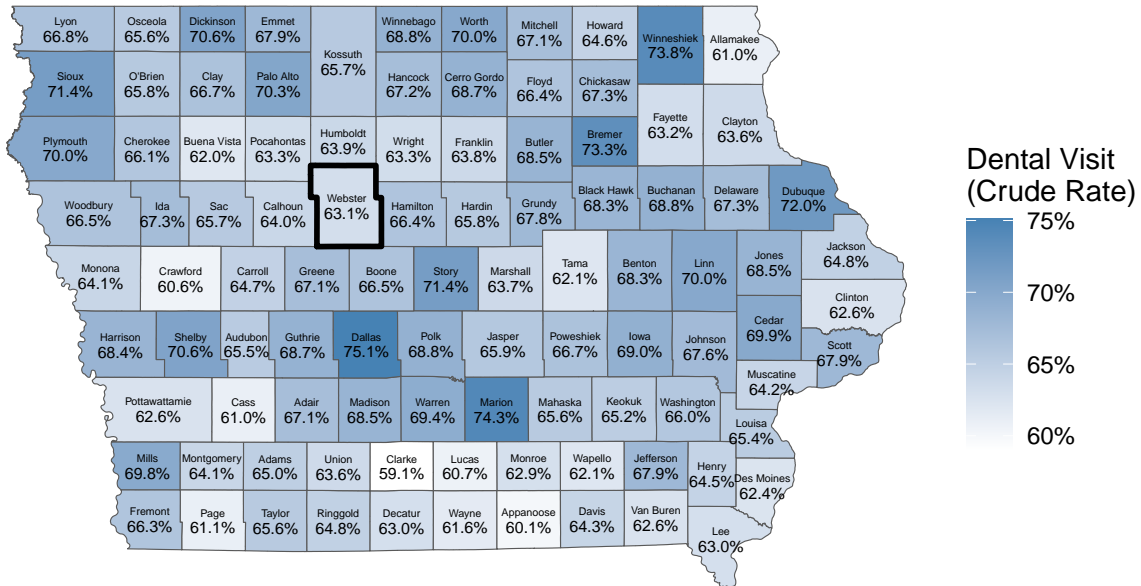
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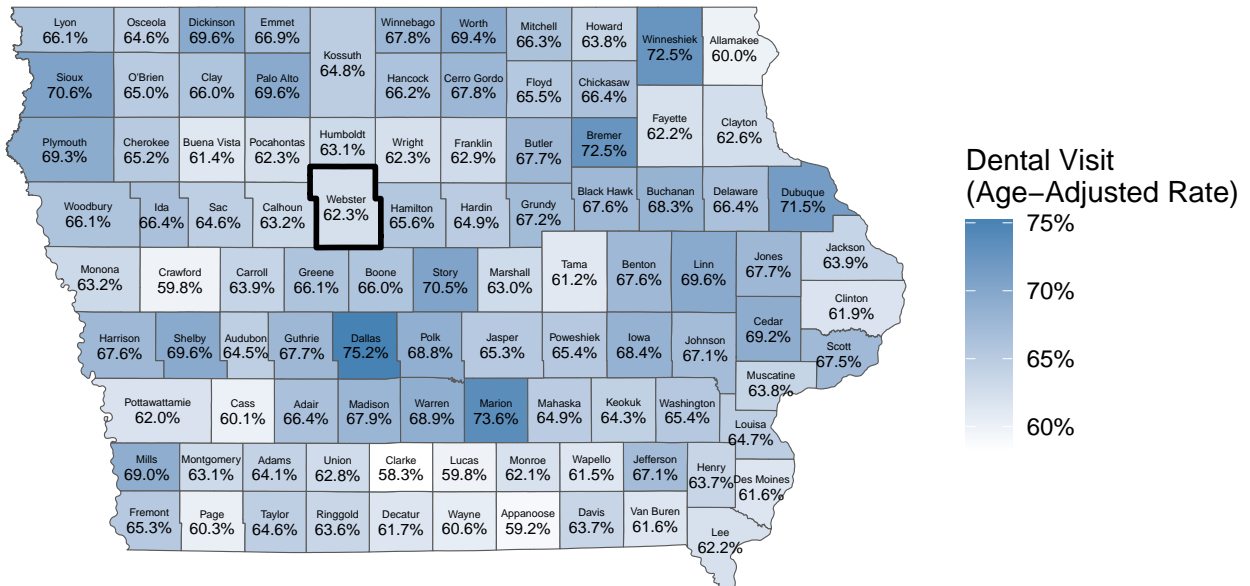
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## Dental Visit

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



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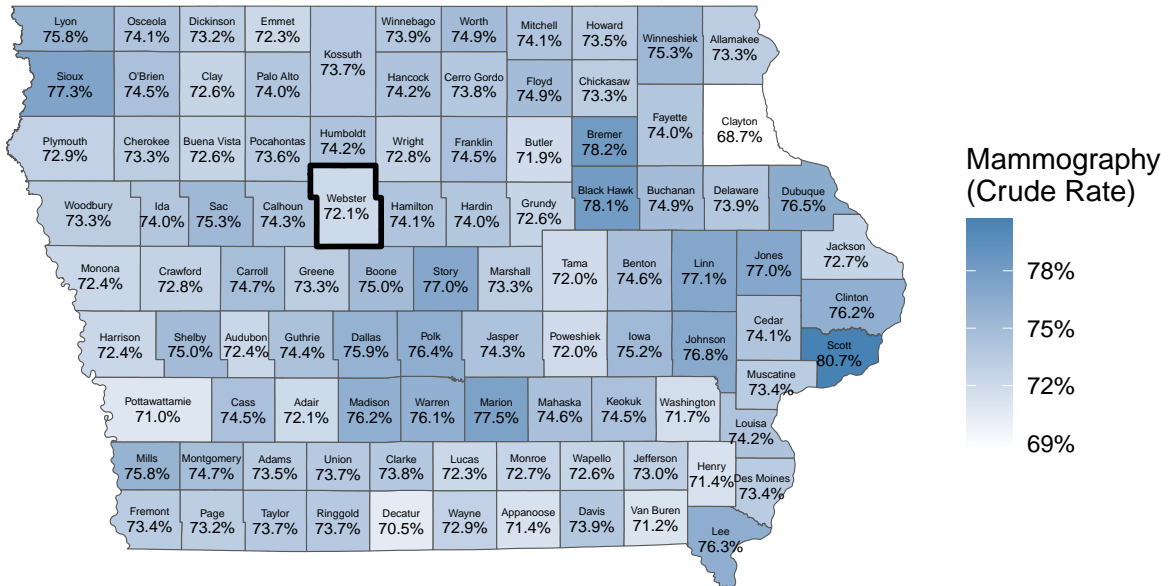


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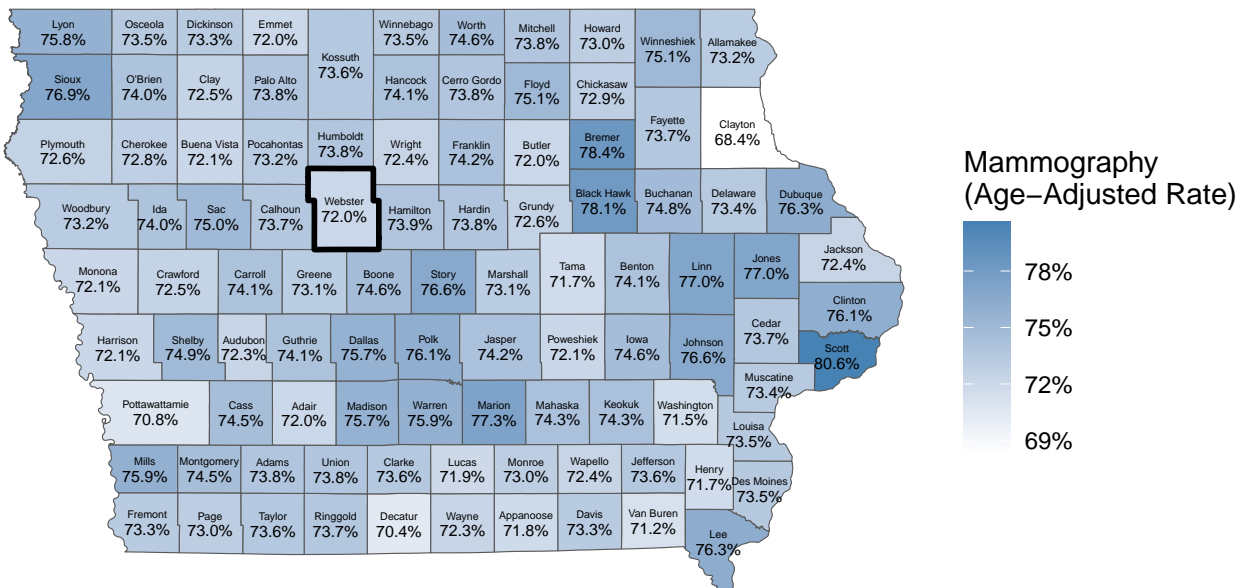


# Mammography

## Mammography use among women aged 50–74 years



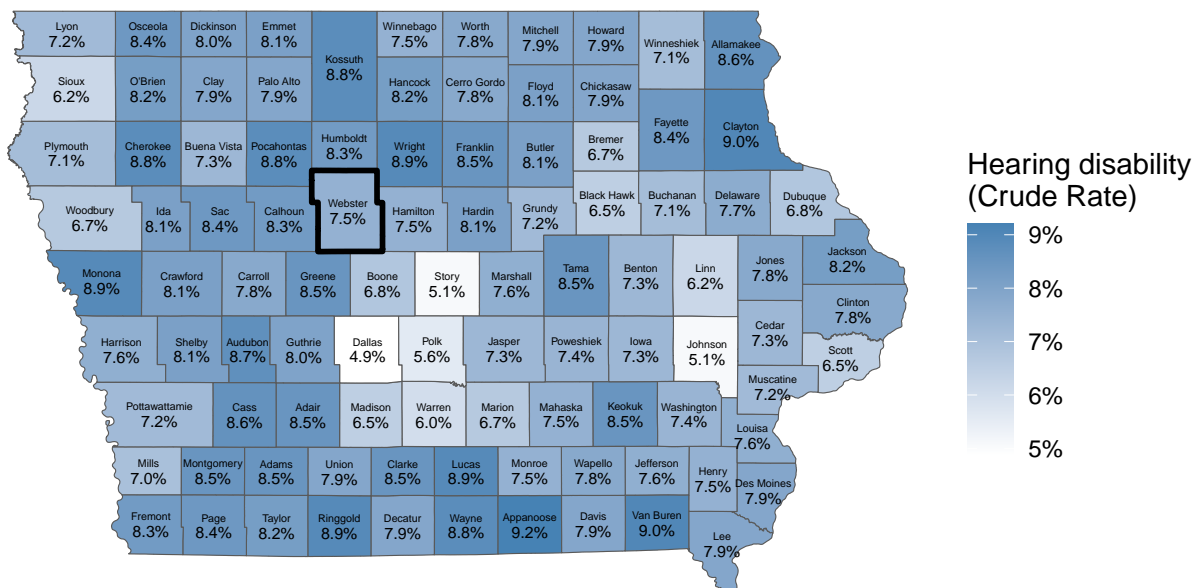
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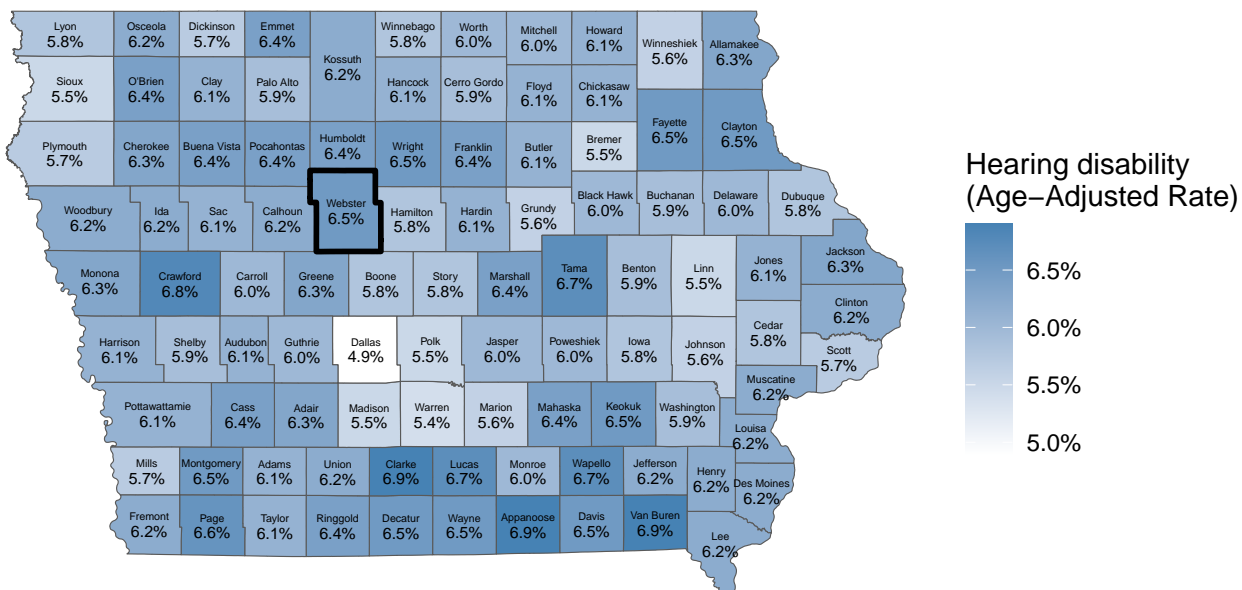
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## Hearing disability

### Hearing disability among adults aged $\geq 18$ years



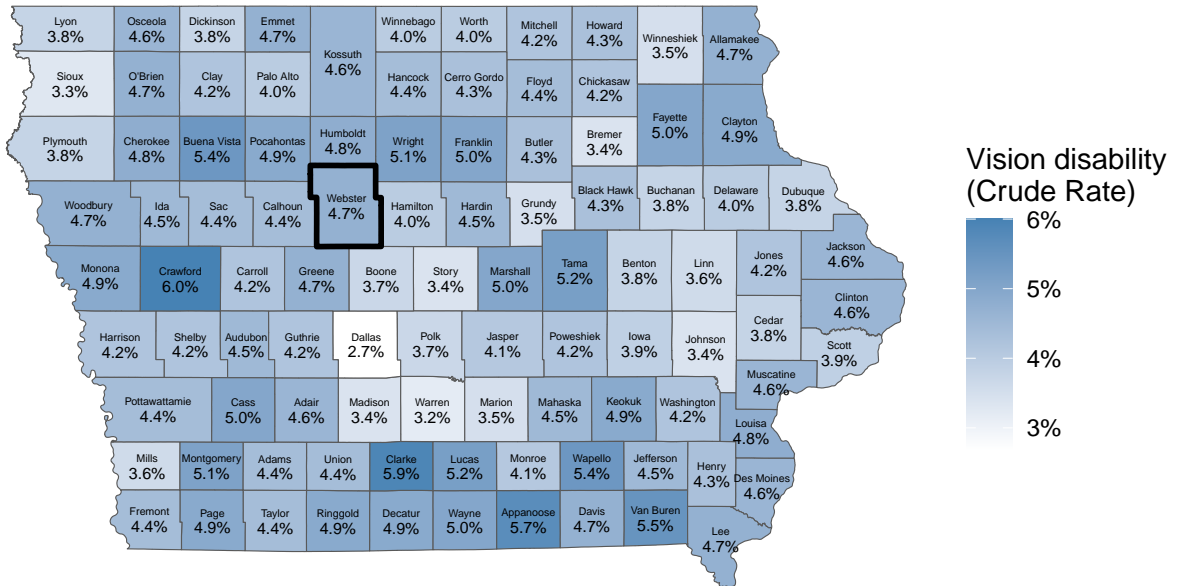
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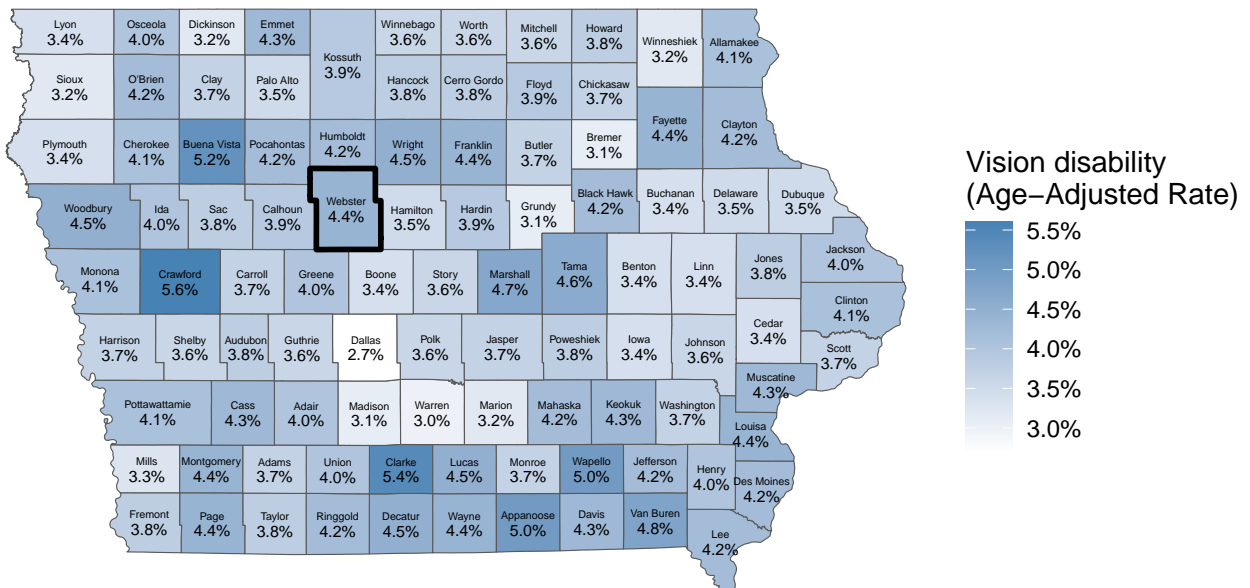
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## Vision disability

### Vision disability among adults aged >=18 years



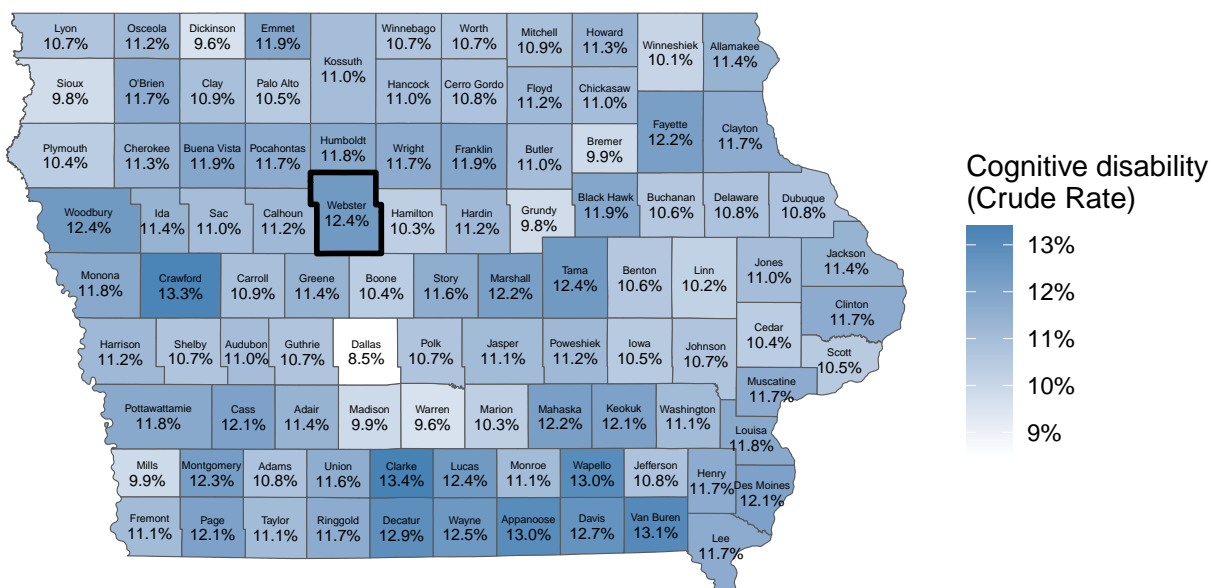
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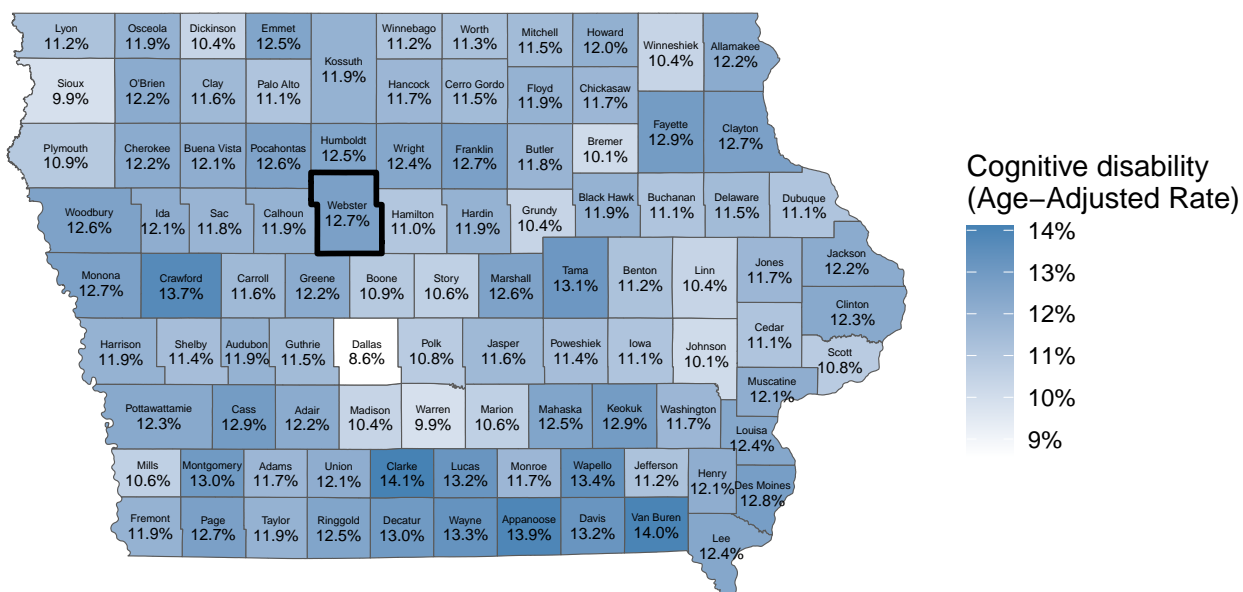
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## Cognitive disability

### Cognitive disability among adults aged >=18 years



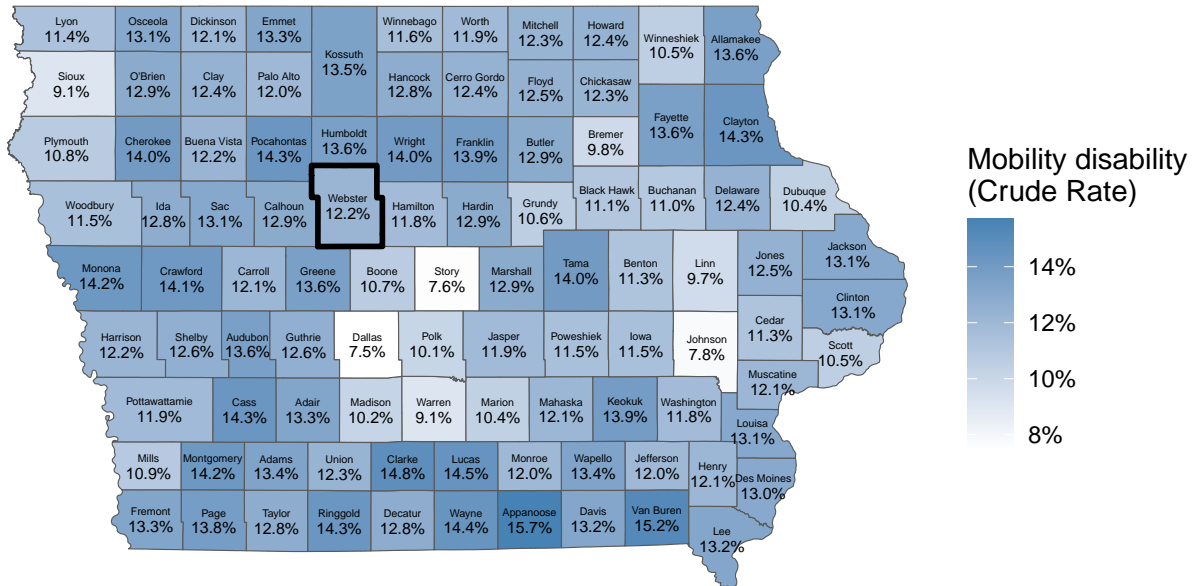
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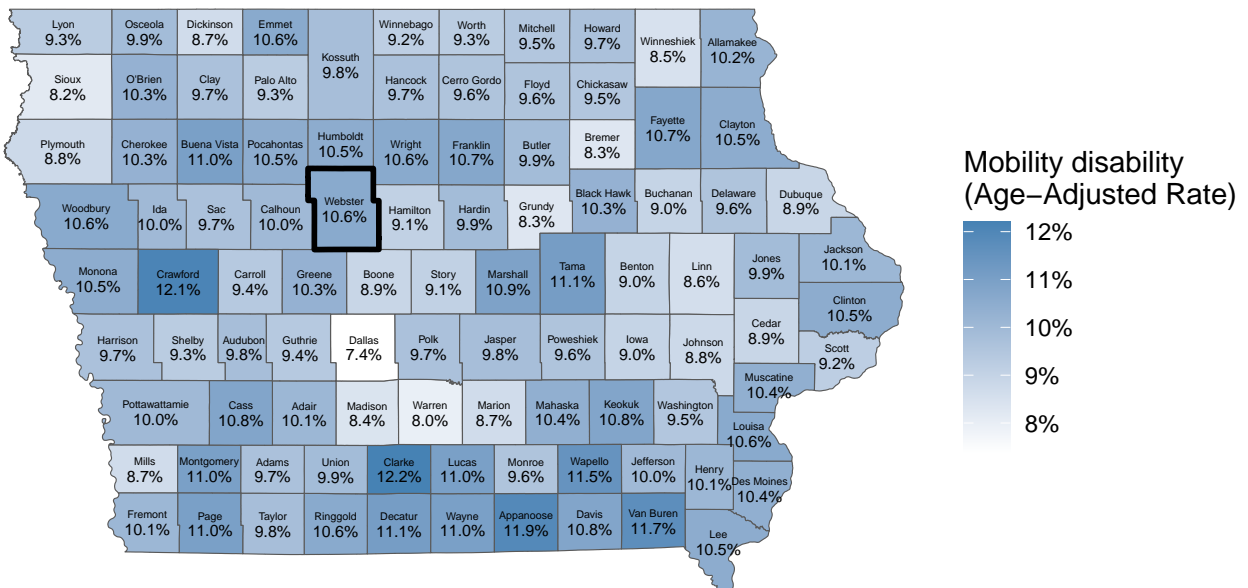
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## Mobility disability

### Mobility disability among adults aged $\geq 18$ years



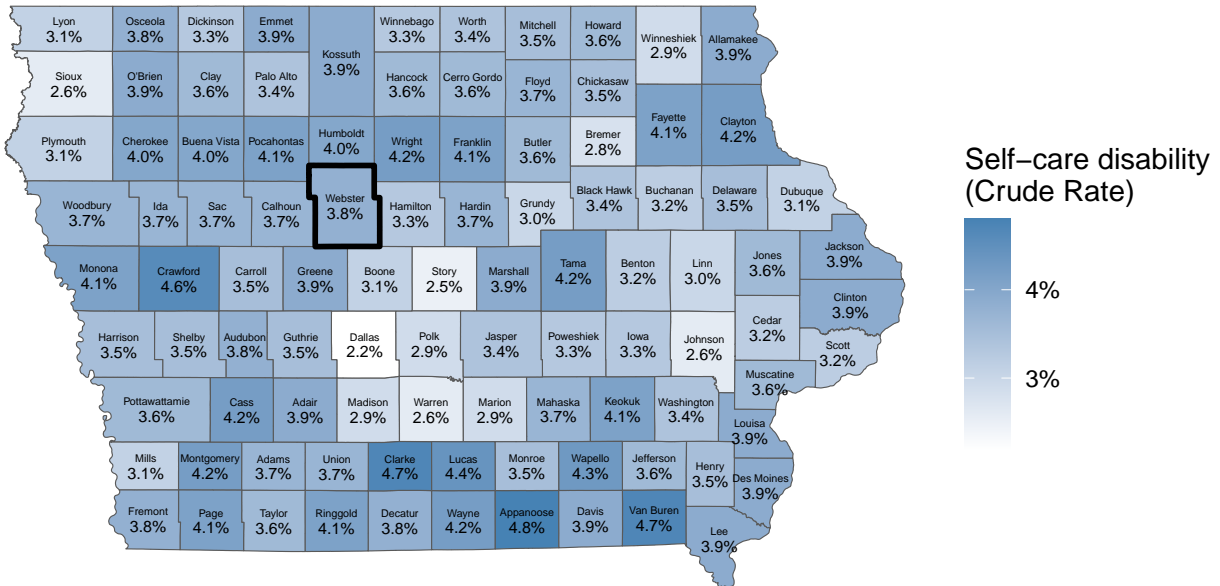
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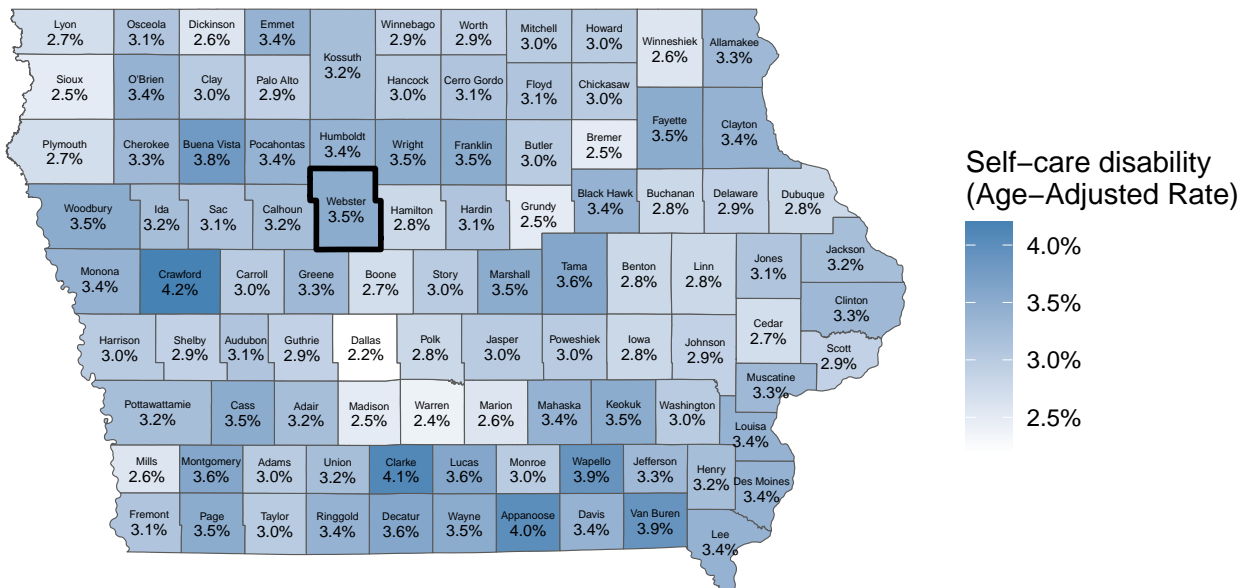
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## Self-care disability

### Self-care disability among adults aged >=18 years



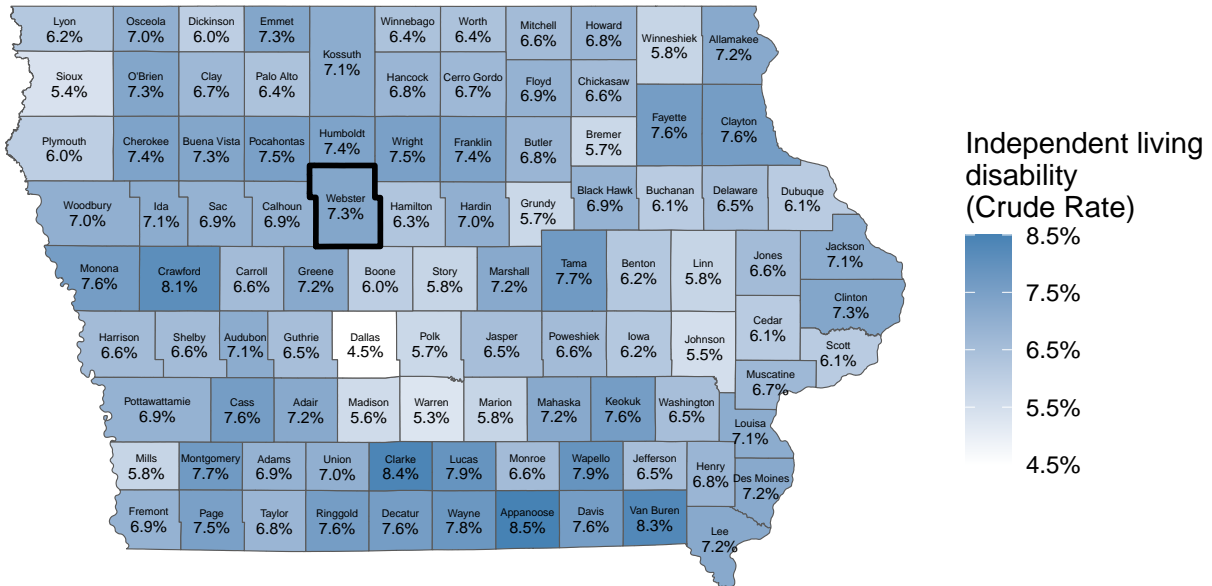
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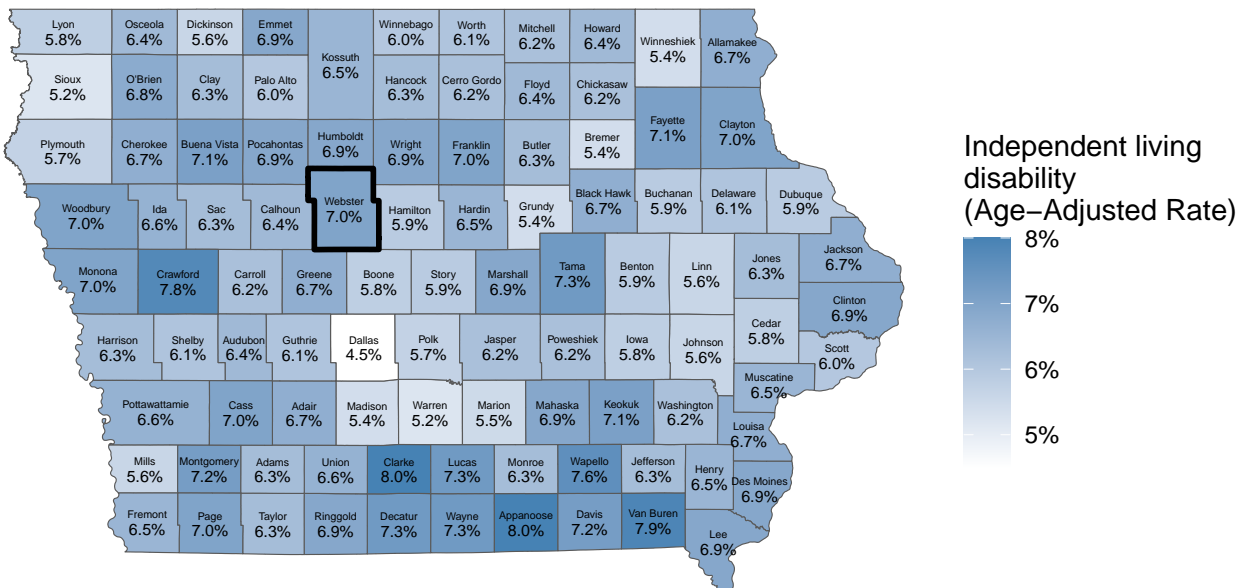
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## Independent living disability

Independent living disability among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years



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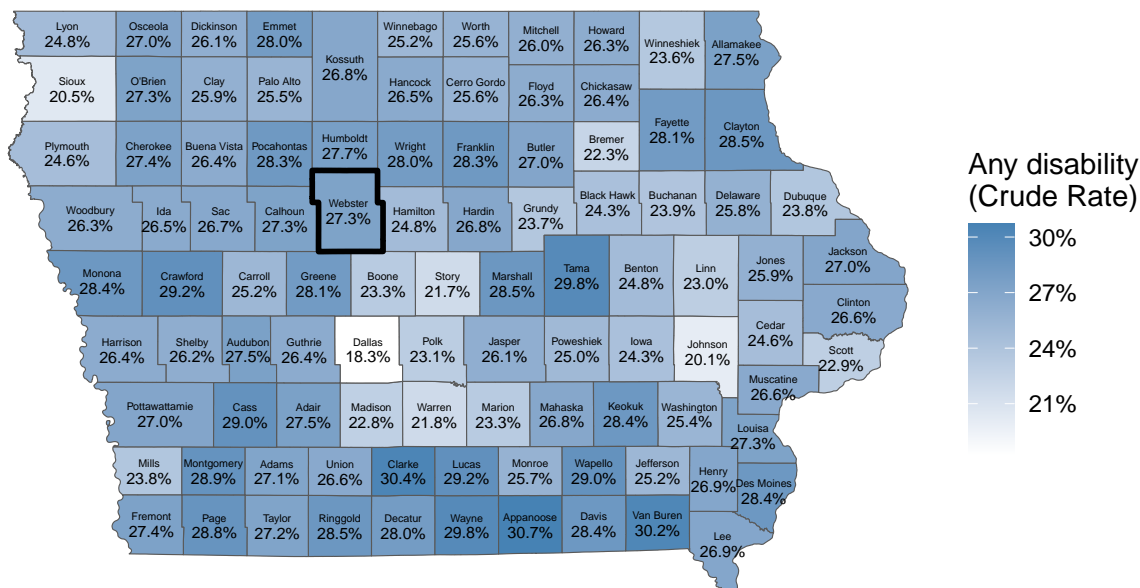


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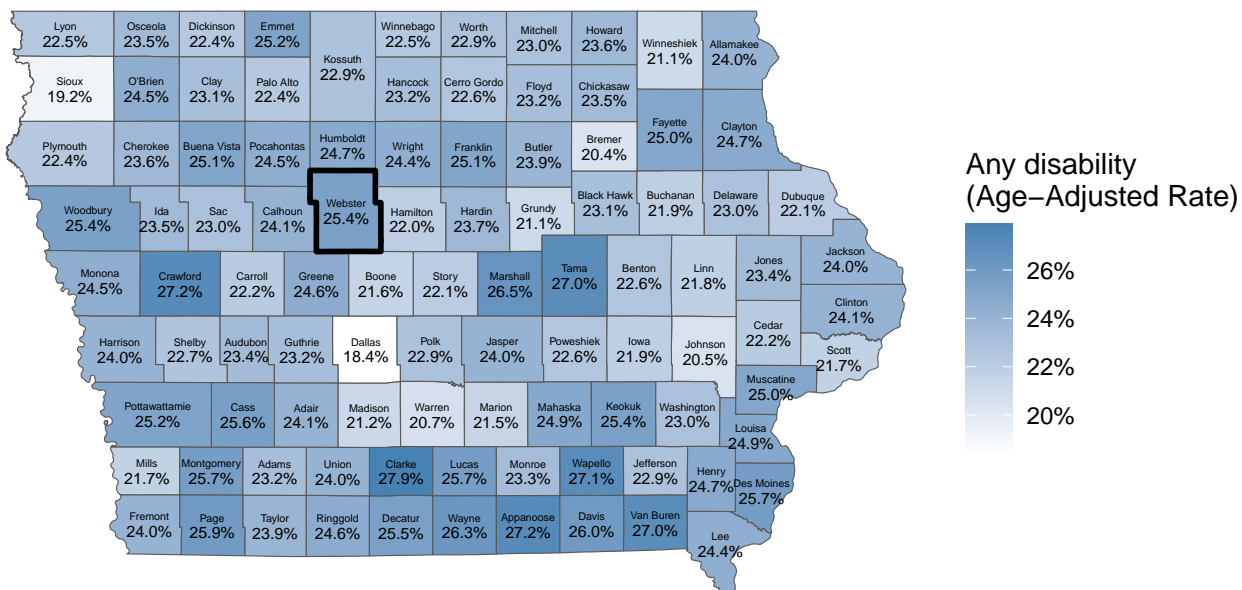


## Any disability

### Any disability among adults aged >=18 years



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