

# Recovery Readiness Assessment: Independence

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## Executive Summary

Iowa State University's Public Science Collaborative<sup>1</sup> (PSC) created Recovery Readiness Assessments for 300 communities, 99 counties, and Iowa's seven new behavioral health districts in Iowa (2025). The community, county and district Recovery Readiness Assessments are updated annually. The reports are commissioned by the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services to support the expansion of substance use recovery services across the state. Use this report:

1. To learn about Iowa's recovery movement and resource options
2. As a reference guide for recovery resources by community, county, and behavioral health district
3. To strengthen networks and build coalitions among communities high and low in recovery resources, organizing around community assets and services
4. As a tool to allocate funding to your at-risk neighborhoods and develop recovery-oriented services

This report examines recovery resources in Independence, which is in Buchanan County and is part of Iowa's Behavioral Health District 7 (see Figure 1). Independence has a population of 6,100.



Figure 1: Iowa's Behavioral Health Districts (Source: Iowa HHS)

The following pages define recovery, recovery-oriented services, and recovery-ready communities. We evaluate Independence's recovery resources to identify both strong recovery neighborhoods and areas with growth potential, using SAMHSA's recovery categories and the CDC's social determinants of health framework.

Our report also includes:

- **Substance use vulnerability maps** by drug type—such as opioids, methamphetamine, heroin, alcohol, cannabis, cocaine, and benzodiazepines—help identify prevalent recovery needs, guide resource allocation, and inform event planning in at-risk neighborhoods.
- **Social determinants of health maps** to explore overall health vulnerabilities and help local stakeholders understand neighborhoods that could use extra support, resources, and investments to improve the health and well-being of community members.

These reports can be combined with PSC's Health Snapshot Series<sup>2</sup> to give an overall view of health and recovery in Iowa counties and communities.

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<sup>1</sup><https://publicsciencecollaborative.org/>

<sup>2</sup><https://publicsciencecollaborative.org/research-project/iowas-health-snapshot-series/>

## What is Recovery?

The Iowa Department of Health and Human Services and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) define recovery as follows:

*“A process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live a self-directed life, and strive to reach their full potential.”*

A second useful definition of recovery, which shaped the PSC approach to recovery community readiness, was created by Bill White:

*“Recovery is the experience through which individuals, families, and communities impacted by severe alcohol and other drug (AOD) problems utilize internal and external resources to voluntarily resolve these problems, heal the wounds inflicted by AOD-related problems, actively manage their continued vulnerability to such problems, and develop a healthy, productive, and meaningful life.”*

Common to both definitions is that recovery is not a state or moment in life, but a process of moving toward better health in an actively managed and self-directed way. Recovery takes time and often involves not just the individual, but family and community. For this reason, the external resources noted in the White definition are what motivate our emphasis on recovery-ready communities. Resources outside of the individual, including housing, transportation, recreation, and schools, can promote early recovery, as well as longer and more stable recovery. Identifying resources that support long-term recovery can help identify towns and cities rich in these recovery tools. This, in turn, enables more effective development of new community-based recovery organizations.

### Peer Support

Peer support can take different forms, but it is often vital for supporting recovery in a community. Simply, peer support consists of people in recovery using their own experiences to support others in recovery who might have similar experiences. Peer support may include referring people in recovery to resources, being a model for how to recover, and being a general resource for helping someone reach and maintain their own recovery.

A common form of peer support is mutual aid meetings, such as Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous, where people in recovery meet in groups and have a safe setting to discuss their own recovery and support others.

There are also one-on-one opportunities for peer support. In these settings, trained specialists and coaches who have lived experience can give customized support to individuals with a similar substance use or recovery experience. These kinds of peer support include:

- **Peer Support Specialists (PSS):** people currently living well in recovery from a serious mental illness or substance use. They provide support and hope through their own recovery experiences and provide other useful information for the people they work with.
- **Family Peer Support Specialists (FSS):** specialists trained to specifically work with families and have their own experiences caring for children with behavioral health needs. FSS can give feedback that is designed and intended for parents and children, including helping families navigate support systems for children.
- **Recovery Coaches (RC):** people in recovery from a substance use disorder, or are a family member of a person in recovery from a substance use disorder. They are able to offer their own perspectives and experiences with recovery that can help a peer to stay engaged in their recovery.

Take a look at the “Peer Support Providers” section of this report to learn more about what resources your community already has, and where there is opportunity to expand resources. To learn more about types of peer support and training opportunities, you can also go to the [University of Iowa Peer Workforce Collaborative](https://iowapeersupport.sites.uiowa.edu/)<sup>3</sup>.

### Community-Based Recovery Organizations

Recovery organizations help people who are recovering from substance use disorders. They take various shapes, but they all aim to support individuals. They offer services and resources to help people stay in recovery, enhance their health, and reintegrate into society.

<sup>3</sup><https://iowapeersupport.sites.uiowa.edu/>

Most community-based recovery organizations will offer some form of peer support. This may include peer support specialists, recovery coaches, or mutual aid meetings, and a range of activities and services to grow community and connection among people in recovery. These organizations provide a substance-free environment where all are welcome. People in recovery can receive guidance in daily activities such as finding stable housing, a job, or volunteer opportunities. They might also offer recreation and social groups, or linkages to legal support.

A few of the most well-known recovery organizations include:

- **Recovery Community Centers:** These centers are free, universal access physical spaces that offer a variety of services to support individuals in recovery. A typical recovery community center will host mutual aid meetings, maintain a network of local recovery coaches, engage in community advocacy for people in recovery, and coordinate connections to general resources for recoverees. They will also coordinate with first responders, parole officers, and emergency departments to support people with substance use disorders.
- **Recovery Cafes:** These community spaces bring people in recovery together, providing a space to socialize with other people in recovery, support one another, and engage in service. Cafes often provide free hot meals, beverages, and other basic needs to support people in recovery. They might also offer peer support and other activities in a welcoming, substance-free environment. The [Recovery Café Network](https://recoverycafenetwork.org/)<sup>4</sup> is a good starting place to learn more.
- **Recovery Houses:** These are safe, substance-free living environments that support people in recovery from substance use disorders. Most recovery houses provide a structured and supportive community where residents can focus on their recovery journey and live among other people in recovery. Oxford Houses are among the most well-known recovery residences.
- **Recovery High Schools and Collegiate Recovery Programs:** These educational institutions provide a supportive environment for students in recovery, helping them succeed academi-

cally while maintaining their sobriety. They do this in a similar way as community centers and cafes, by offering peer support, community, and recovery-focused activities, but focused on student needs.

## Recovery Readiness

Resources such as peer support and community-based recovery organizations help promote recovery readiness in a community. However, a recovery-ready community also has other recovery and community resources that provide supports across prevention, treatment, and long-term recovery.

Key elements are:

- Accessible healthcare
- Peer support networks
- Educational and job opportunities
- Harm reduction services
- Anti-stigma initiatives
- A sense of purpose

A recovery-ready community unites members, institutions, and policymakers, working together towards a common goal. This approach helps promote lasting recovery and overall well-being.

In Iowa, a recovery-ready community provides multiple recovery pathways. It meets the needs of those in recovery through a vibrant recovery culture and it is well-coordinated across both formal and informal systems of care.

## How can this guide improve recovery readiness?

This report is intended to help communities, recovery organizations, treatment providers, and other local organizations and coalitions evaluate their own recovery readiness. It helps identify the resources that communities already have, resource areas that are lacking, and where are populations with a high risk of substance use or poor general health. We hope that readers will use this information to learn about their communities and develop strategies for increasing access to recovery resources and ensuring that people in recovery are connected to those resources to best support their own paths to recovery.

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<sup>4</sup><https://recoverycafenetwork.org/>

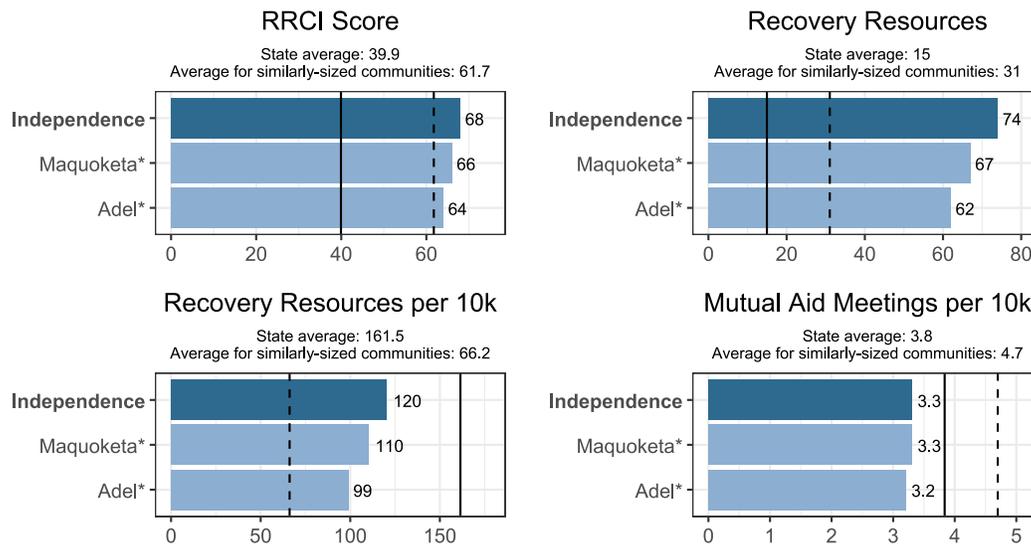
## Is Your Community Recovery Ready?

We consulted scientific literature on substance use recovery and engaged key stakeholders, including people in recovery and individuals from around the country and in Iowa who work directly with recoverees. From these efforts, we identify 24 categories of community-based recovery resources and services. Collecting all of that data for each of Iowa's cities and towns yielded a total of nearly 40,000 community resources that support recovery. We mapped and analyzed these resources to identify a short list of 'Recovery Ready' communities across the state, culminating in the first-of-its-kind index: The Recovery Ready Community Index (RRCI).

The RRCI is comprised of three components: total number of resources, total resources per 10,000 population, and total mutual aid meetings per 10,000 population (the first two categories include all resources except mutual aid meetings). A community's overall RRCI score is calculated by taking the average of the components' percentile ranks among all Iowa communities. For instance, the community with the most resources has a total resources percentile score of 100 (meaning the community has more resources than 100% of counties), while the one with the fewest has a score of 0.

The Public Science Collaborative designed and created a public-facing, [interactive dashboard](#)<sup>5</sup> that allows people to further explore the RRCI, compare recovery readiness scores, and evaluate communities.

Figure 2 below displays recovery resources in Independence compared to the two Iowa cities most similar in population, Maquoketa and Adel, as well as the state average and average for cities in a similar population group (2,500 - 9,999). Appendix 2 gives additional context, showing Independence among all the communities with at least 1,000 people in behavioral health district 7.



\* The Iowa cities most comparable to Independence by population are Maquoketa and Adel.

\*\* The solid vertical line represents the average for all 944 communities in Iowa and the dashed vertical line represents the average for Iowa communities with populations of 2,500 - 9,999 people.

Figure 2: Recovery Resources in Independence

Independence ranks 36th of 103 on the RRCI in its population group (2,500 - 9,999). Among the same group, Independence ranks 14th in total resources, 40th in resources per 10,000 people, and 64th in mutual aid meetings per 10,000 people. In addition to the RRCI, a community might also consider resource diversity. That is, whether Independence has a wide range of types of resources to support multiple pathways to recovery. On this measure, Independence has 12 types of non-meeting resources, compared to the average of 8.3 for cities with a population of 2,500 - 9,999.

<sup>5</sup><https://publicsciencecollaborative.shinyapps.io/RRCI/>

## What Are the Resources in Your Community?

Overall, Independence has 5 mutual aid meetings and 76 non-meeting recovery resources. The tables below include data about the specific kinds of mutual aid meetings and other recovery resources available in your community. Appendices 3 and 4 have a full list of these resources. Following the tables, we have prepared maps that break up the data into categories of similar types of resources and show where resources are located in Independence. These maps can be used to help identify areas that already have plentiful recovery resources and those that have limited resources and may need additional support.

Table 1: Types of Mutual Aid Meetings in Independence

Meeting Type	Total Meeting Locations	Total Meetings
Alcoholics Anonymous	1	4
Al-Anon	1	1

Table 2: Types of Recovery Resources in Independence

Resource Type	Total Resources
Place of Worship	18
Baseball/Softball Diamond	8
Trail	8
Childcare Provider	7
School	7
Tennis Court	7
Drug Drop-off Site	3
Outdoor Volleyball Court	3
Lake	2
Outdoor Basketball Court	2
SUD Recovery Coach	2
SUD or Gambling Treatment Center	2
NA	2
Football Field	1
Hospital	1
Library	1
Mental & Behavioral Health Center	1
Rural Health Clinic	1

## SAMHSA Dimensions of Recovery Resources

As defined by SAMHSA, recovery is “A process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live self-directed lives, and strive to reach their full potential.” Because recovery is holistic and can look different for everybody, the SAMHSA Dimensions of Recovery listed below help identify the different aspects of life that impact recovery and the different resources that are useful in supporting recovery. The following maps identify resources in Independence that fit into each of those dimensions of recovery.

The SAMHSA Dimensions of Recovery include ([Click here for more information](#)<sup>6</sup>):

- **Community** (Peer Support–Specialists and Coaches, Recovery Organizations–Community and Collegiate, Mutual Aid Meetings, Libraries, Parks and Playgrounds, Lakes and Beaches, Trails, Sports Facilities)
- **Health** (Access Centers, Drug Drop Off Sites, Hospitals and Clinics, MAT Sites, Mental & Behavioral Health Centers, SUD and Gambling Treatment Centers, YMCA Gyms)
- **Home** (Childcare Providers, Recovery Housing, Section Eight Housing, Shelters, Intimate Partner Violence Programs)
- **Purpose** (Workforce Development Offices, Colleges and Universities, K-12 Schools, Places of Worship)

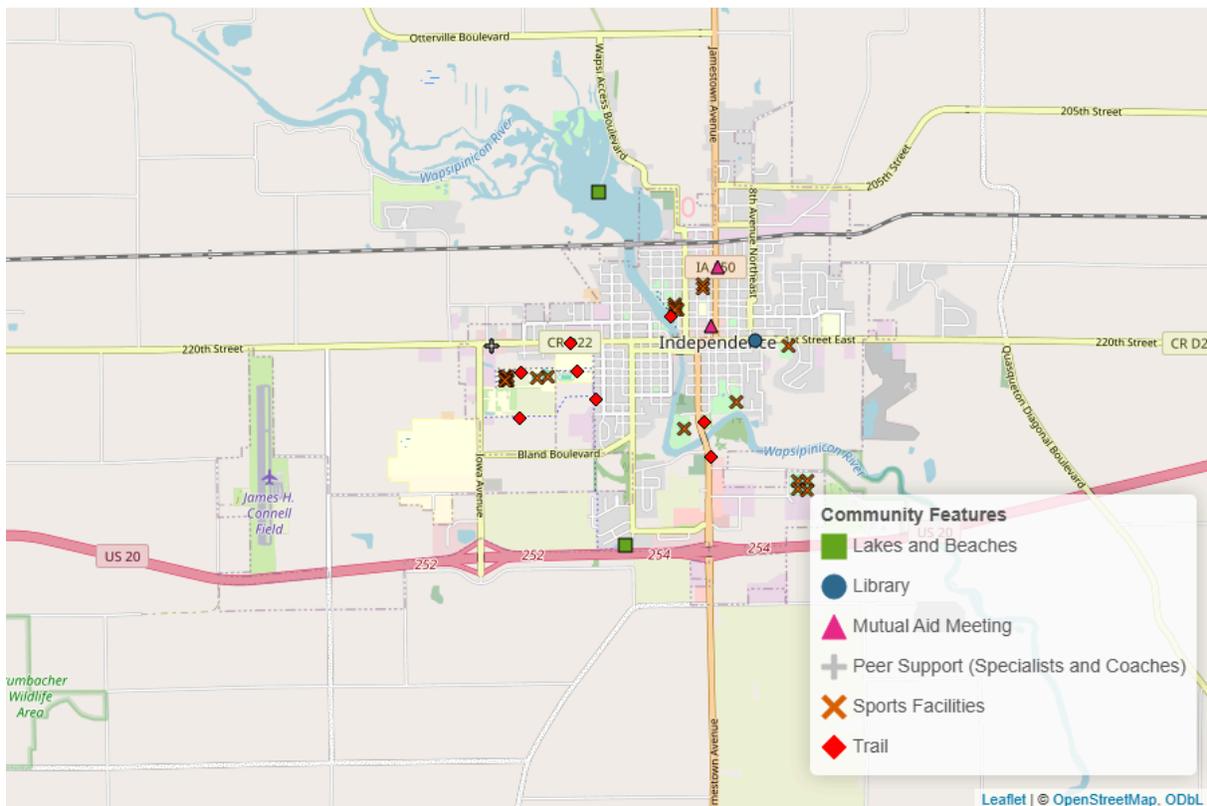


Figure 3: Community Resources in Independence

<sup>6</sup><https://library.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/pep12-recdef.pdf>

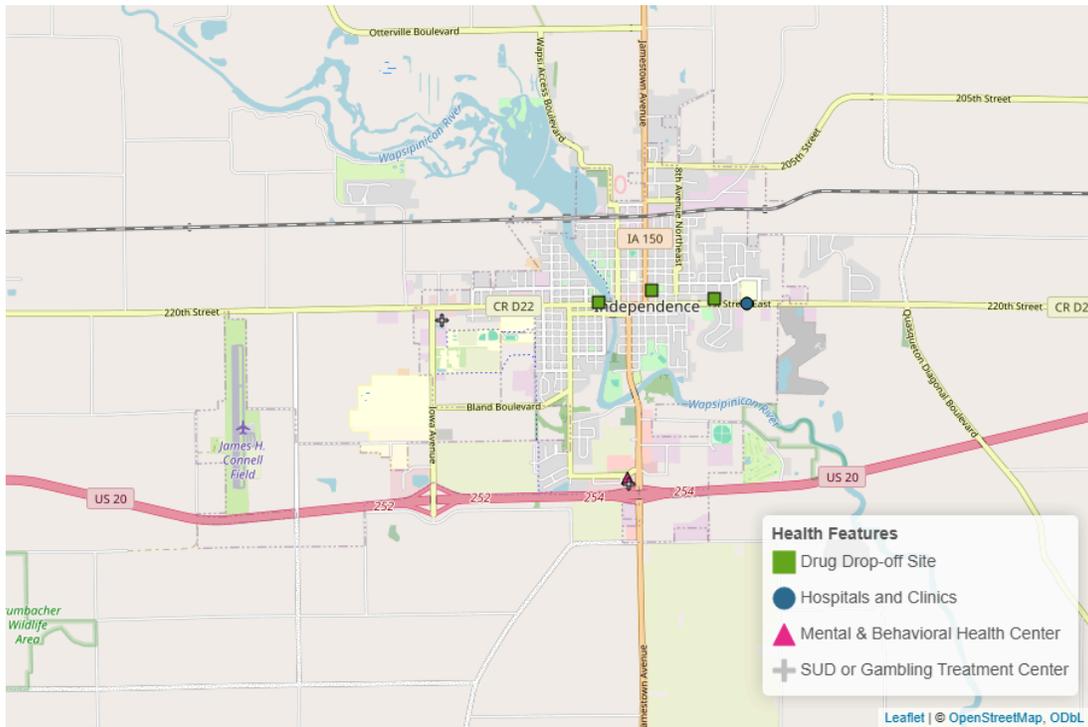


Figure 4: Health Resources in Independence

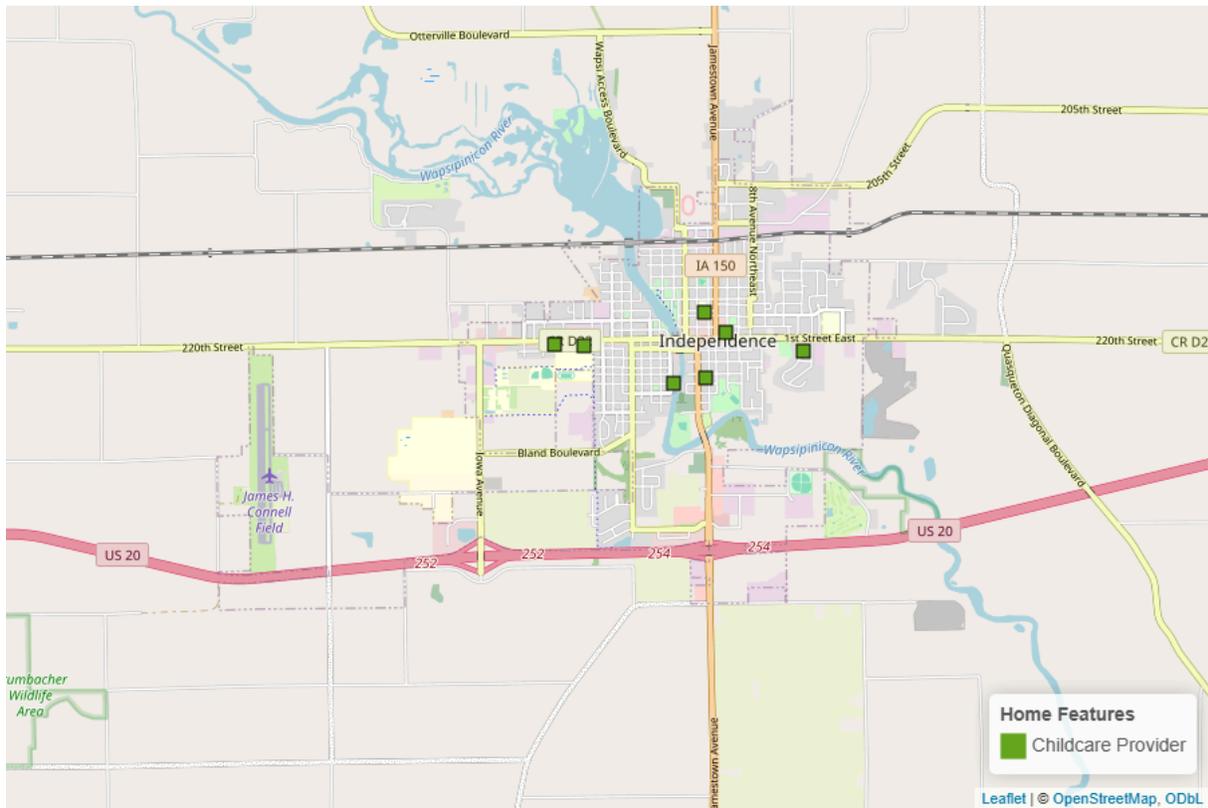


Figure 5: Home Resources in Independence

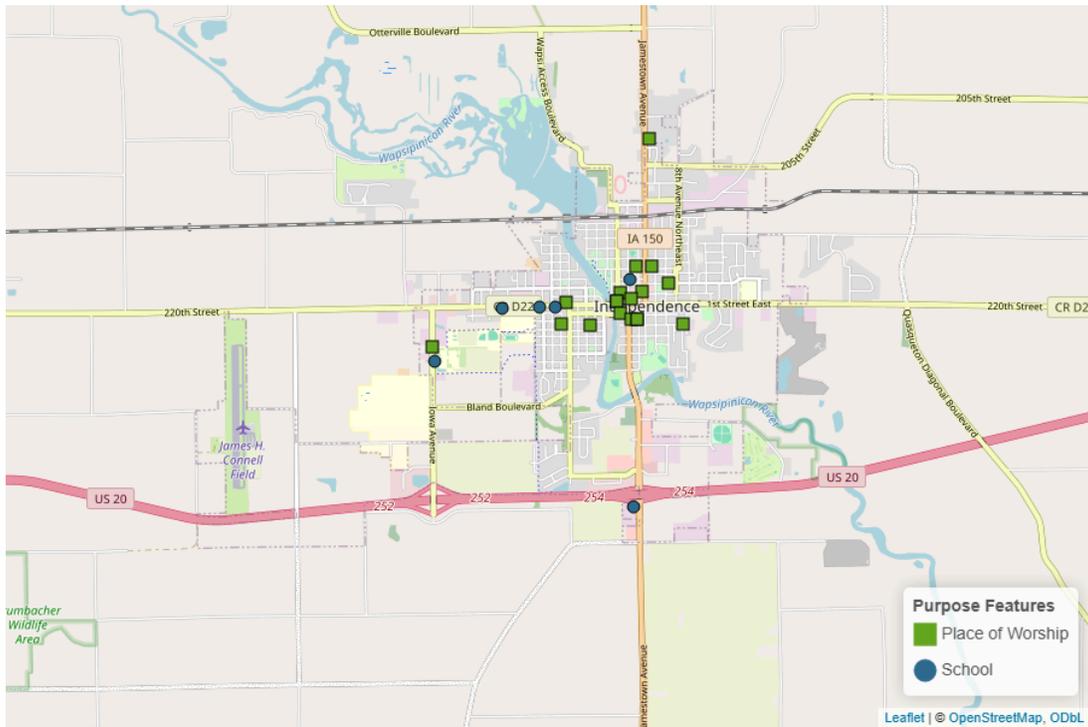


Figure 6: Purpose Resources in Independence

## Social Determinants of Health Recovery Resources

The Social Determinants of Health is an established framework for thinking about the conditions of a person's life that contribute to their overall well-being. For example, a family that living in an area with limited resources supporting families and children (such as childcare providers and parks or playgrounds) may experience other struggles as a result, like increased transportation costs that place stressors on a family's finances. These maps can also be used in conjunction with the population data in the next section to help identify vulnerable populations and neighborhoods. Neighborhoods with health and substance use vulnerabilities may need greater access to specific supporting resources.

The SDOH categories include ([Click here for more information](#)<sup>7</sup>):

- **Health Care Access and Quality** (Access Centers, Drug Drop Off Sites, Hospitals and Clinics, MAT Sites, Mental & Behavioral Health Centers, SUD and Gambling Treatment Centers)
- **Social and Community Context** (Peer Support–Specialists and Coaches, Recovery Organizations–Community and Collegiate, Intimate Partner Violence Programs, Mutual Aid Meetings, Places of Worship)
- **Neighborhood and Built Environment** (Libraries, Parks and Playgrounds, YMCA Gyms, Lakes and Beaches, Trails, Sports Facilities)
- **Education Access and Quality** (Colleges and Universities, K-12 Schools)
- **Economic Stability** (Childcare Providers, Recovery Housing, Section Eight Housing, Shelters, Work-force Development Offices)

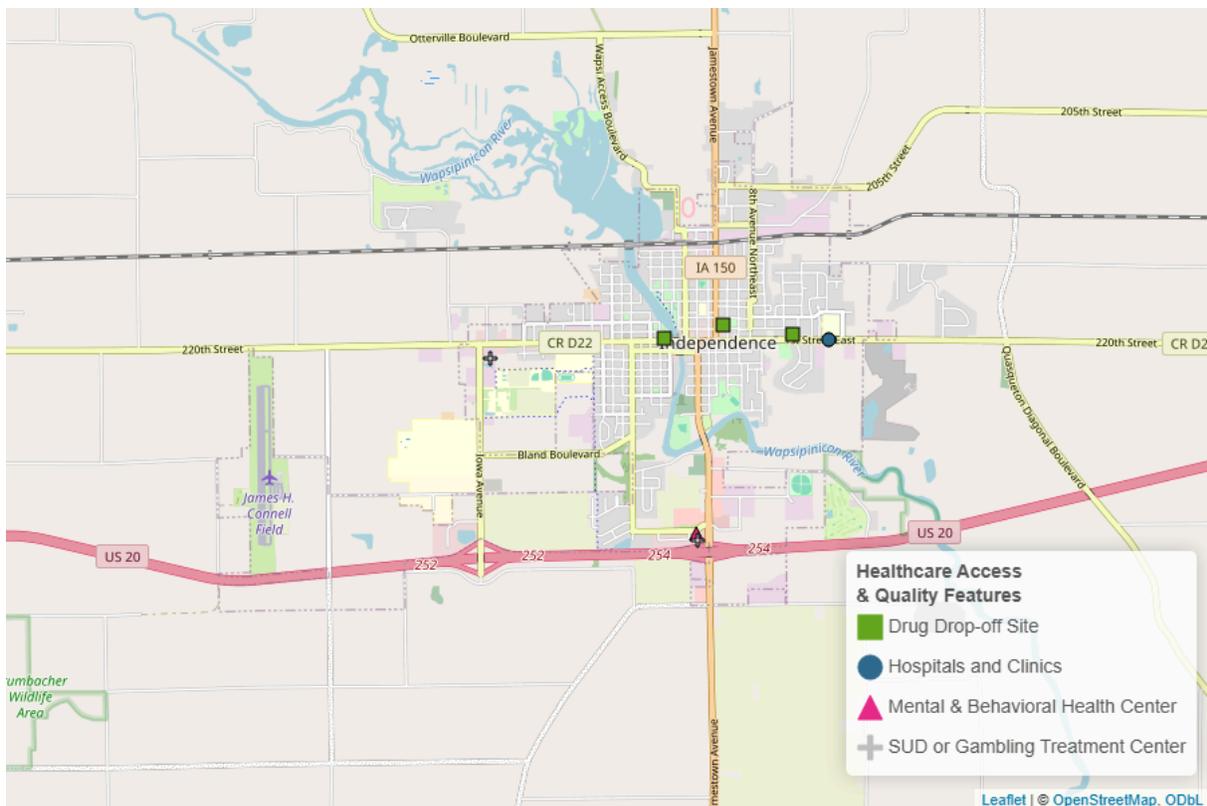


Figure 7: Health Care Access and Quality Resources in Independence

<sup>7</sup><https://health.gov/healthypeople/priority-areas/social-determinants-health>

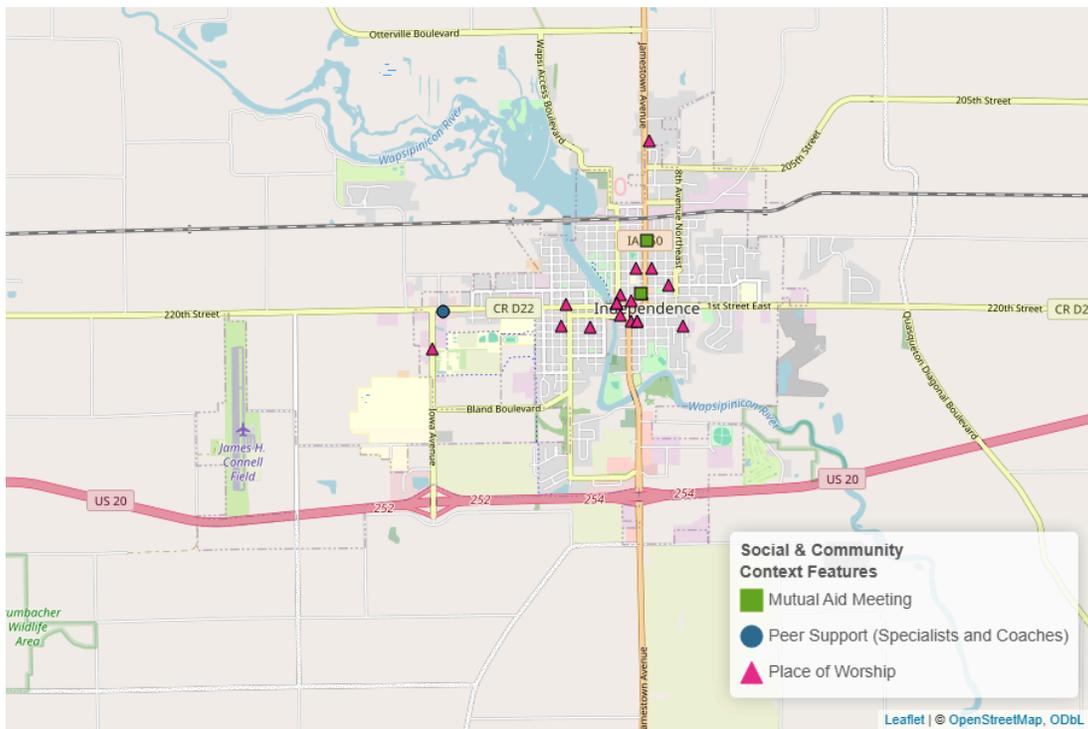


Figure 8: Social and Community Context Resources in Independence

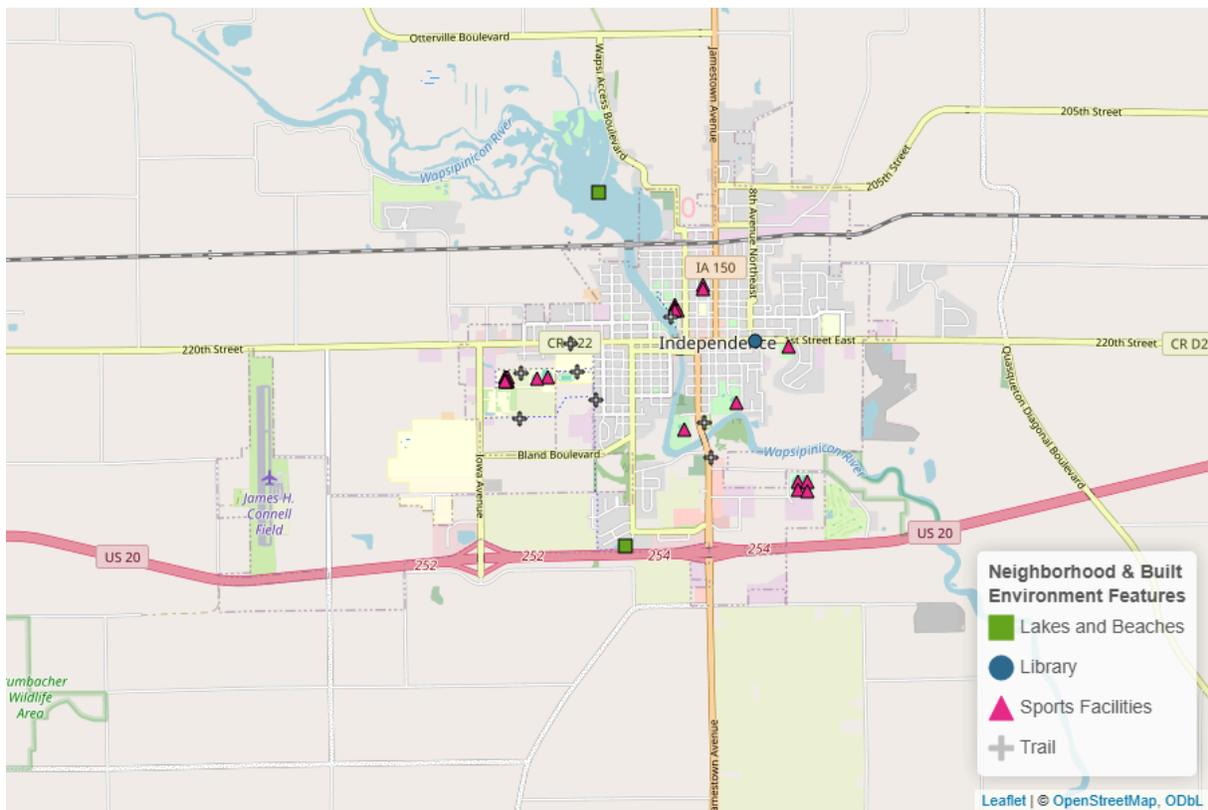


Figure 9: Neighborhood and Built Environment Resources in Independence

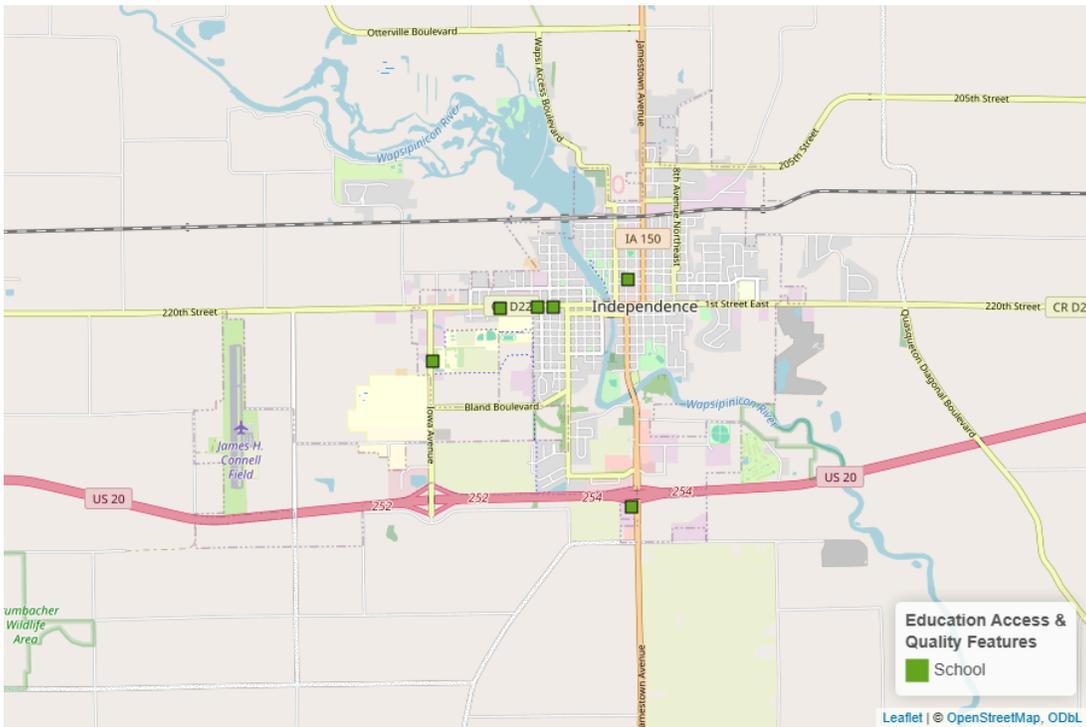


Figure 10: Education Access and Quality Resources in Independence

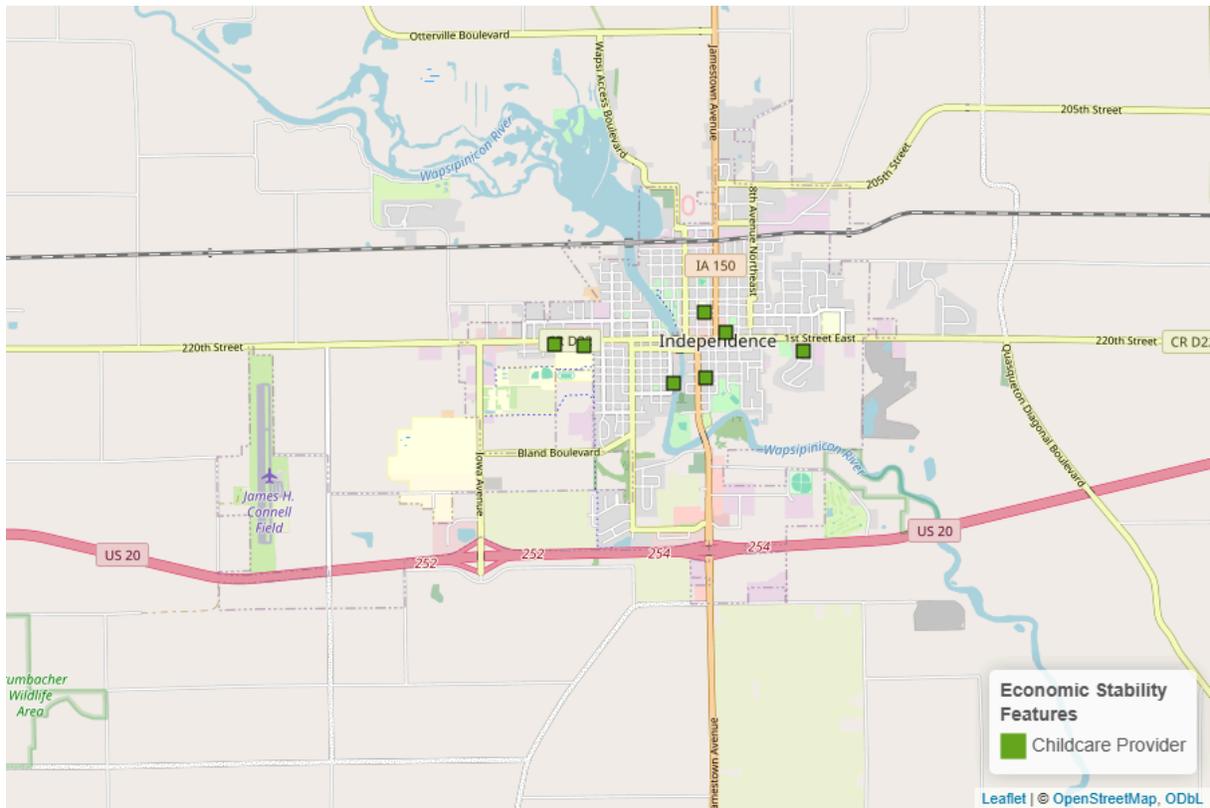


Figure 11: Economic Stability Resources in Independence

## Peer Support Providers

Peer support is an important kind of specialized support for people in recovery. Peer Support Providers include organizations that have trained staff members to provide specialized peer support. Some of these trained positions include peer support specialists, peer recovery coaches, and family peer support specialists. The “What is Recovery?” section at the beginning of this report has more information about each. All types of peer support are intended to provide individualized support through one-on-one meetings with people who have similar lived experience and are in recovery themselves. The [University of Iowa’s Peer Workforce Collaborative<sup>8</sup>](https://iowapeersupport.sites.uiowa.edu/) has more information about different types of peer support specialists and how people in recovery can themselves become peer support specialists.

Table 3 shows peer support provider organizations in behavioral health district 7. Organizations located in Independence are listed first and highlighted in bold.

Table 3: Peer Support Providers in Behavioral Health District 7

City	Organization	Family Peer Support Specialists	Peer Recovery Coaches	Peer Support Specialists	Other
<b>Independence</b>	<b>Pathways Behavioral Services</b>	0	2	0	0
Anamosa	NAMI Dubuque- Jones County	0	0	1	0
Bettendorf	Child Health Specialty Clinics (CHSC)	1	0	0	0
Burlington	Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services of Southeast Iowa (ADDS)	0	1	0	0
Burlington	Optimae Life Services	0	0	1	0
Burlington	Transitions DMC, Inc.	0	0	0	1
Burlington	Young House Family Services	1	0	0	0
Cedar Rapids	Abbe Community Mental Health	0	2	7	0
Cedar Rapids	Area Substance Abuse Council (ASAC)	0	1	0	0
Cedar Rapids	CRUSH Iowa	0	2	0	0
Cedar Rapids	Four Oaks	1	0	0	0
Cedar Rapids	Linn County Access Center	0	0	1	0
Cedar Rapids	Plugged-In Iowa	0	0	1	0
Cedar Rapids	Resources for Human Development	0	0	1	0
Cedar Rapids	Tanager Place	1	0	0	0
Cedar Rapids	The Arc of East Central Iowa	1	0	1	0
Clinton	Bridgeview Community Mental Health Center/IHH	0	0	1	0

<sup>8</sup><https://iowapeersupport.sites.uiowa.edu/>

City	Organization	Family Peer Support Specialists	Peer Recovery Coaches	Peer Support Specialists	Other
Clinton	Child Health Specialty Clinics (CHSC)	1	0	0	0
Clinton	Life Connections Peer Recovery Services	0	0	1	0
Clinton	Rediscover Recovery Community Center	0	1	0	0
Coralville	Brave Leadership	0	1	1	0
Coralville	Veterans Administration	0	0	1	0
Davenport	Family Resources	1	0	1	0
Davenport	Vera French Mental Health Center	1	1	6	0
DeWitt	Life Connections Peer Recovery Services	0	0	2	0
Dubuque	Area Substance Abuse Council (ASAC)	0	1	0	0
Dubuque	Child Health Specialty Clinics (CHSC)	1	0	0	0
Dubuque	Fountain of Youth	0	1	0	0
Dubuque	Hillcrest Family Services	1	0	4	0
Dubuque	Liberty Recovery Community - Operation Empower	0	1	0	0
Dubuque	NAMI Dubuque	0	0	1	0
Dubuque	ZTM Sober Living	0	1	0	0
Iowa City	Abbe Community Mental Health	0	1	3	0
Iowa City	Access 2 Independence	0	0	0	1
Iowa City	Child Health Specialty Clinics (CHSC)	1	0	0	0
Iowa City	Community Crisis Services	0	0	0	1
Iowa City	Community and Family Resources	0	1	0	0
Iowa City	Four Oaks	0	0	1	0
Iowa City	Inside Out Reentry Community	0	1	0	0
Iowa City	Iowa City Sober Living	0	1	0	0
Iowa City	Iowa Peer Support Network	0	0	1	0
Iowa City	NAMI Johnson County	1	0	2	0
Iowa City	UIHC Department of Psychiatry	0	1	1	0

City	Organization	Family Peer Support Specialists	Peer Recovery Coaches	Peer Support Specialists	Other
Manchester	Abbe Community Mental Health	0	0	1	0
Manchester	NAMI Dubuque- Delaware County	0	0	1	0
Maquoketa	Hillcrest Family Services	1	0	1	0
Muscatine	Muscatine Center for Social Action (MCSA)	0	0	2	0
Muscatine	Muscatine Center for Social Action (MCSA)	0	0	1	0
Muscatine	Robert Young Center for Community Mental Health	0	0	0	1
Wapello	Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services of Southeast Iowa (ADDS)	0	1	0	0
Wapello	Hillcrest Family Services	1	0	1	0
Wapello	Hope Haven Area Development Center Corporation - Imagine the Possibilities	0	0	1	0
Waterloo	Blackhawk Grundy	1	0	2	0
Waterloo	Elevate Housing Foundation (CCBHC)	0	0	1	0
Waterloo	Families First Counseling Services	1	0	0	0
Waterloo	One City United	0	2	0	0
Waterloo	Pathways Behavioral Services	1	1	2	0
Waterloo	Resources for Human Development	0	0	1	0

# Which Neighborhoods in Your Community Need Additional Health Resources and Support?

## Substance Use Vulnerability

The Public Science Collaborative has developed data resources to help community organizations, local governments, and public health practitioners resources more effectively target substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery interventions to the places in greatest need. Geographic 'hot spots' identify places where local residents are at exceptionally high risk for substance use disorder. We used data from two sources, the Treatment Episode Admissions Datasets (TEDS-A) and the National Survey of Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) to uncover links between substance misuse and socio-demographic factors. The maps below use Census Bureau estimates of those same neighborhood characteristics by census tract. They display indexes for each substance, identifying areas that have the characteristics of vulnerable populations. These spots need focused resources to reduce health inequities. You can explore the maps interactively and learn more about the underlying models on PSC's [dashboard for substance use vulnerability](#).<sup>9</sup>

Identifying towns and neighborhoods with high or low risk of substance use can aid public health efforts. This knowledge helps us take targeted actions based on specific risks in those areas. To aid in this work, the following pages include substance use vulnerability maps for overall substance use, opioids, methamphetamine, heroin, alcohol, cannabis, cocaine, and benzodiazepines.

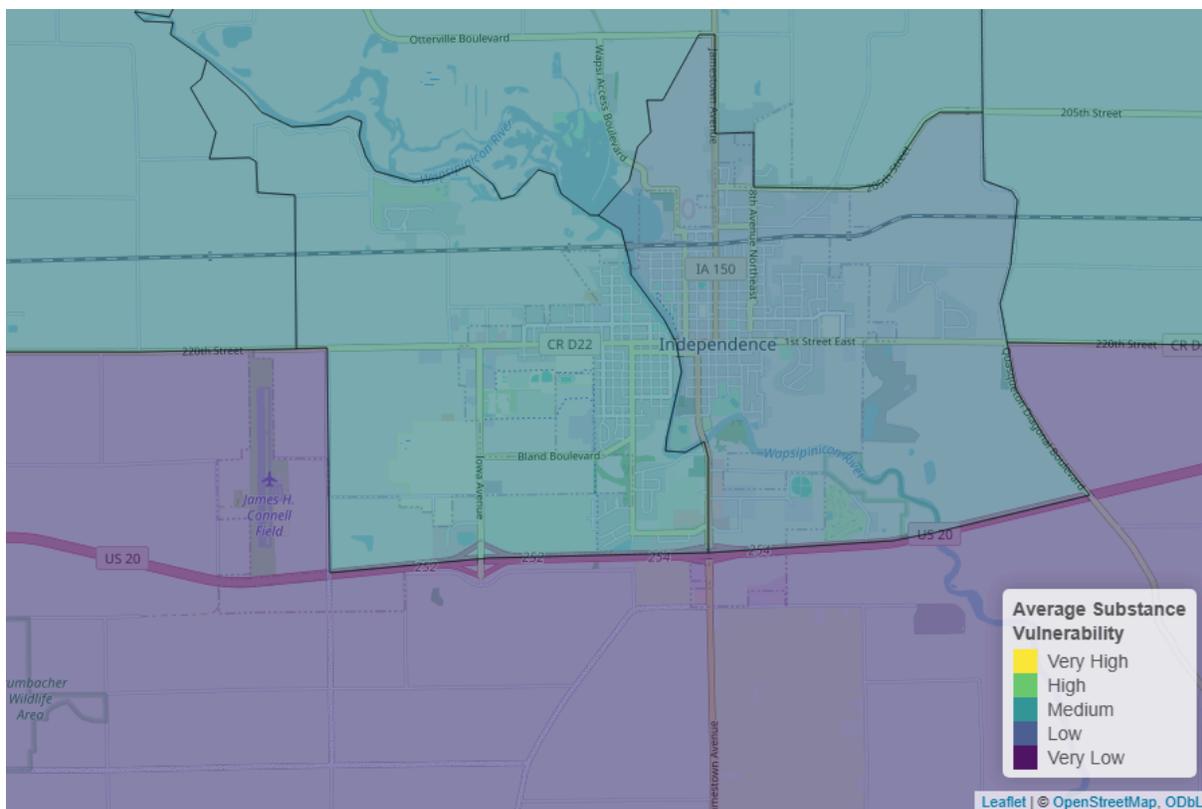


Figure 12: Overall Substance Use Vulnerability in Independence

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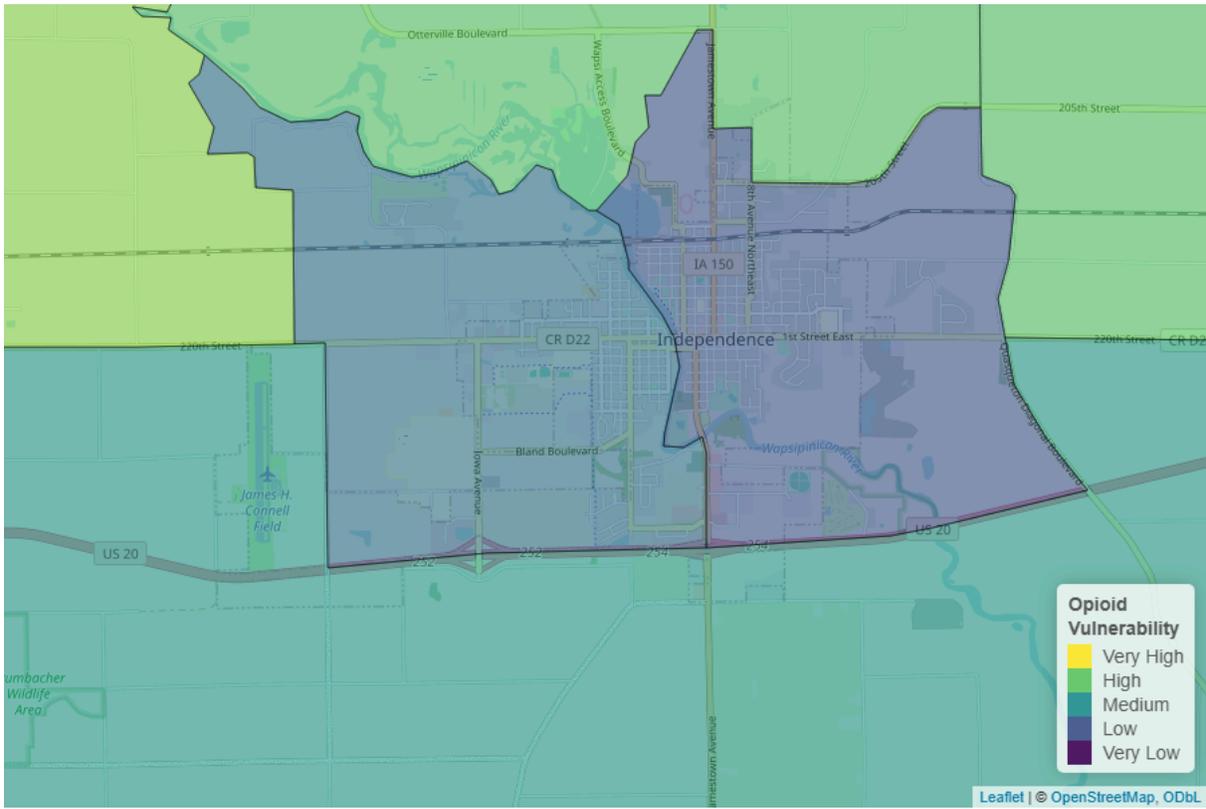


Figure 13: Opioid Vulnerability in Independence

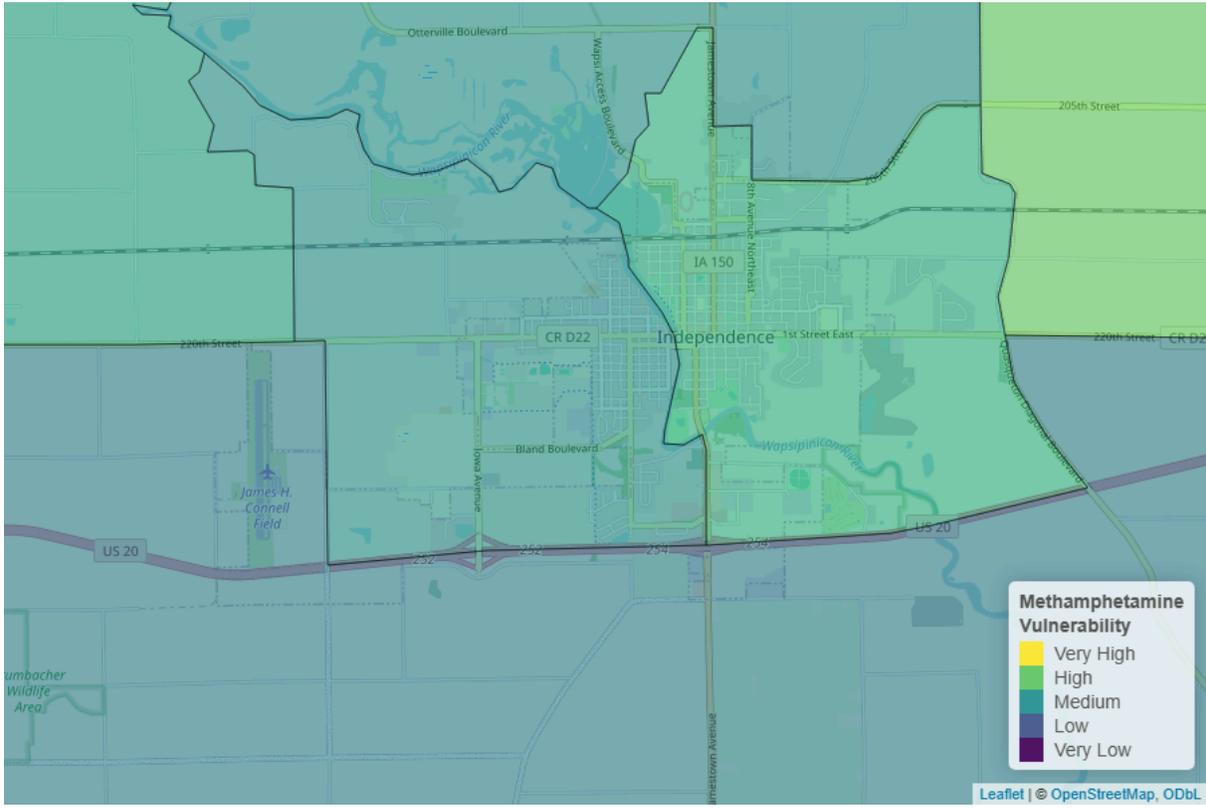


Figure 14: Methamphetamine Vulnerability in Independence

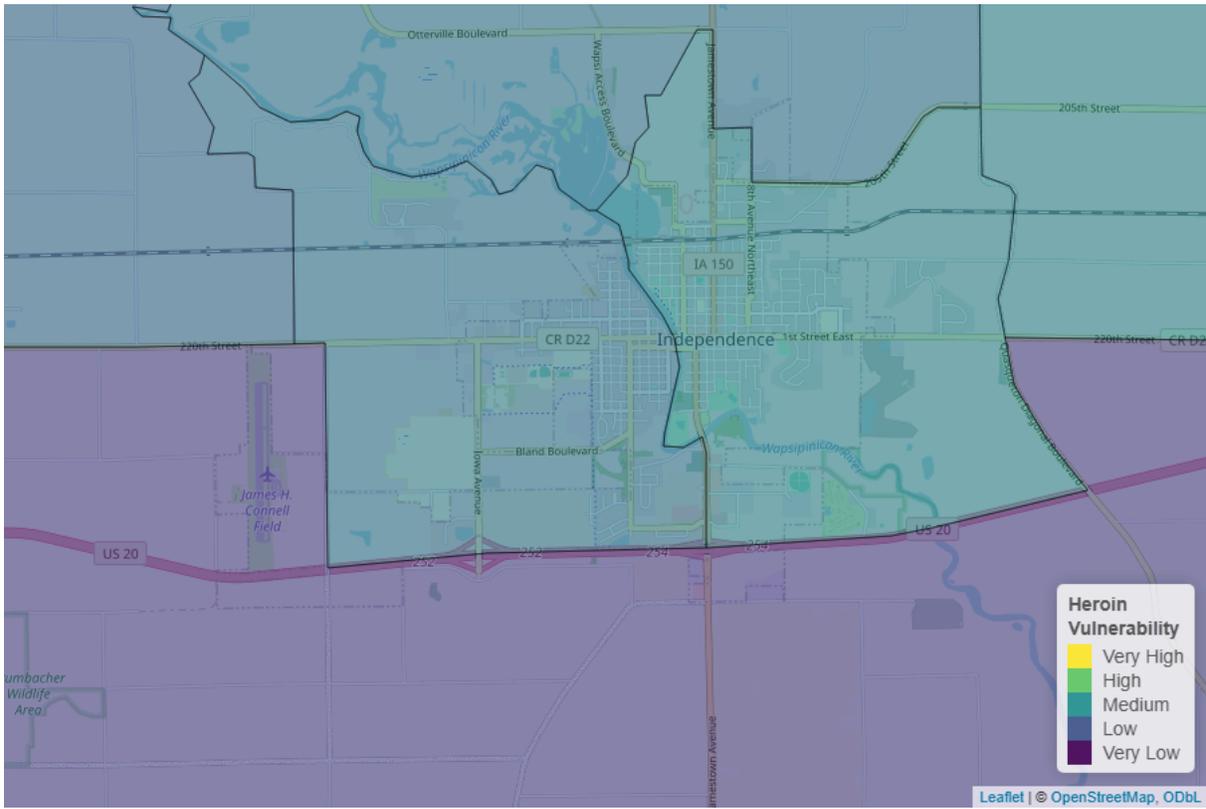


Figure 15: Heroin Vulnerability in Independence

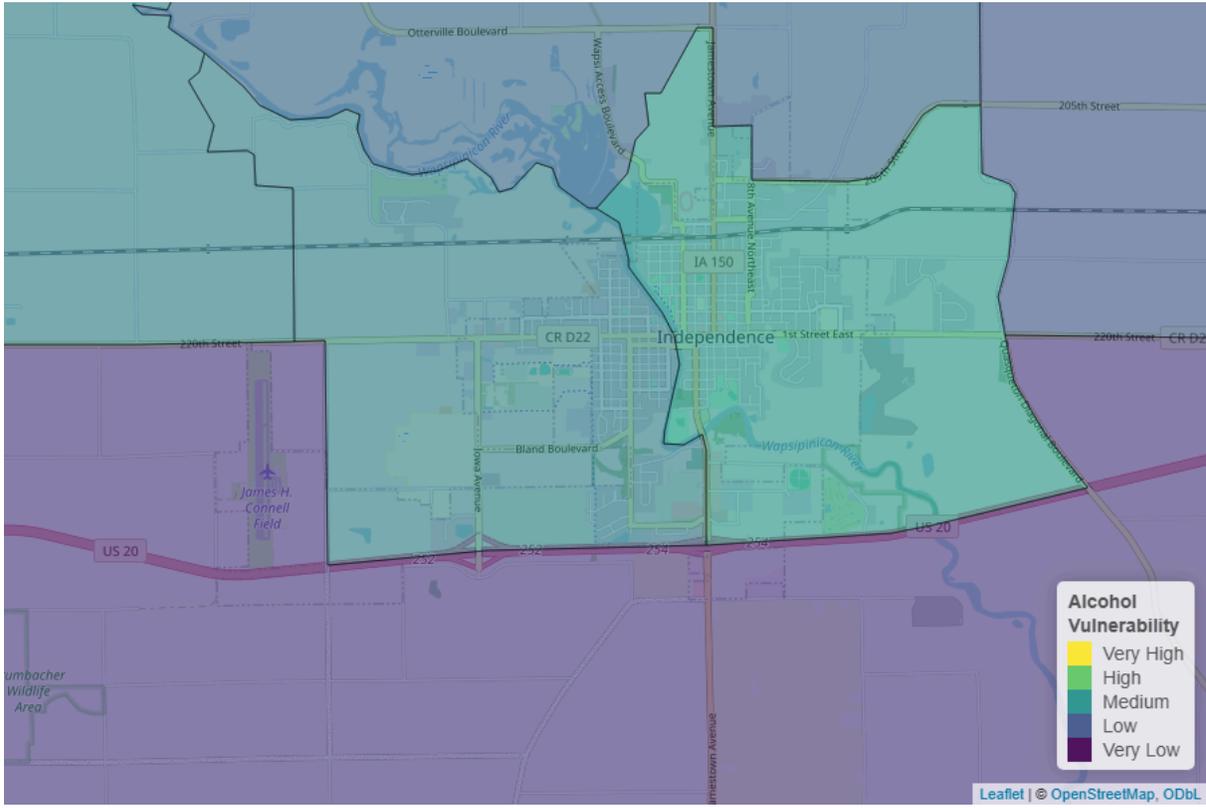


Figure 16: Alcohol Vulnerability in Independence

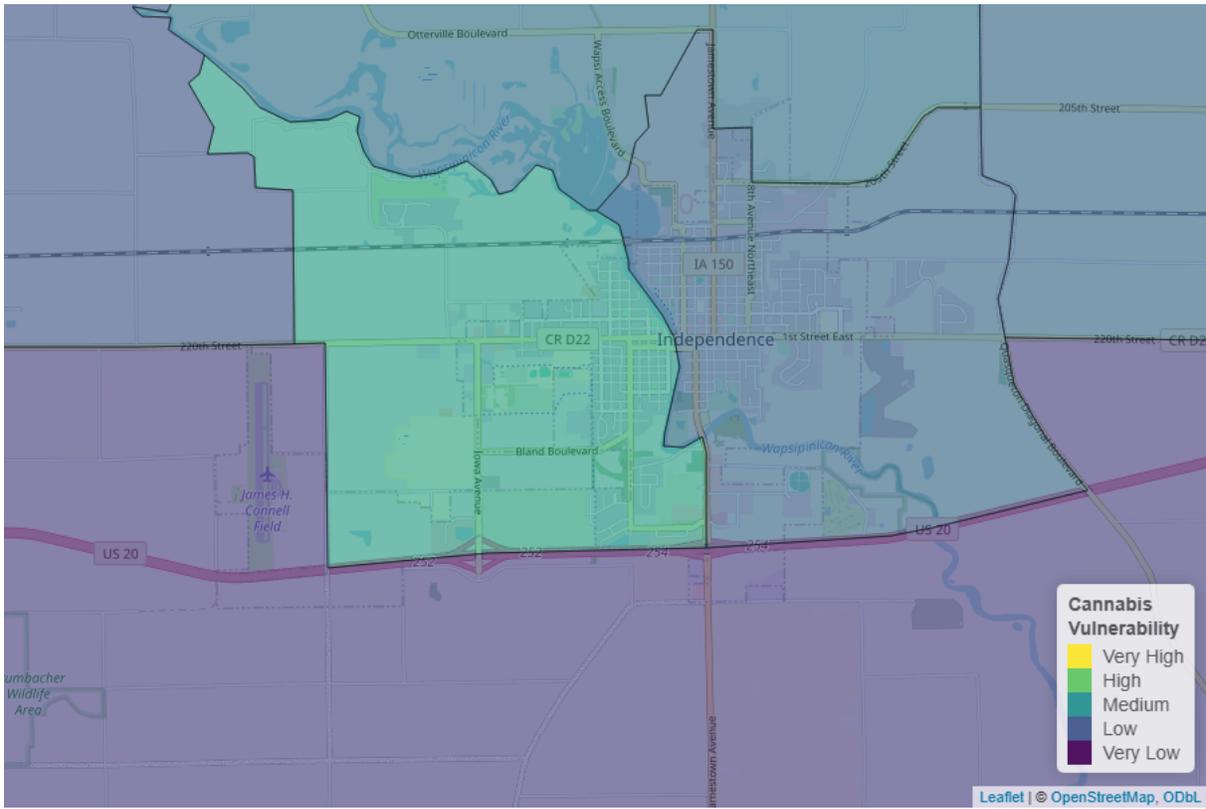


Figure 17: Cannabis Vulnerability in Independence

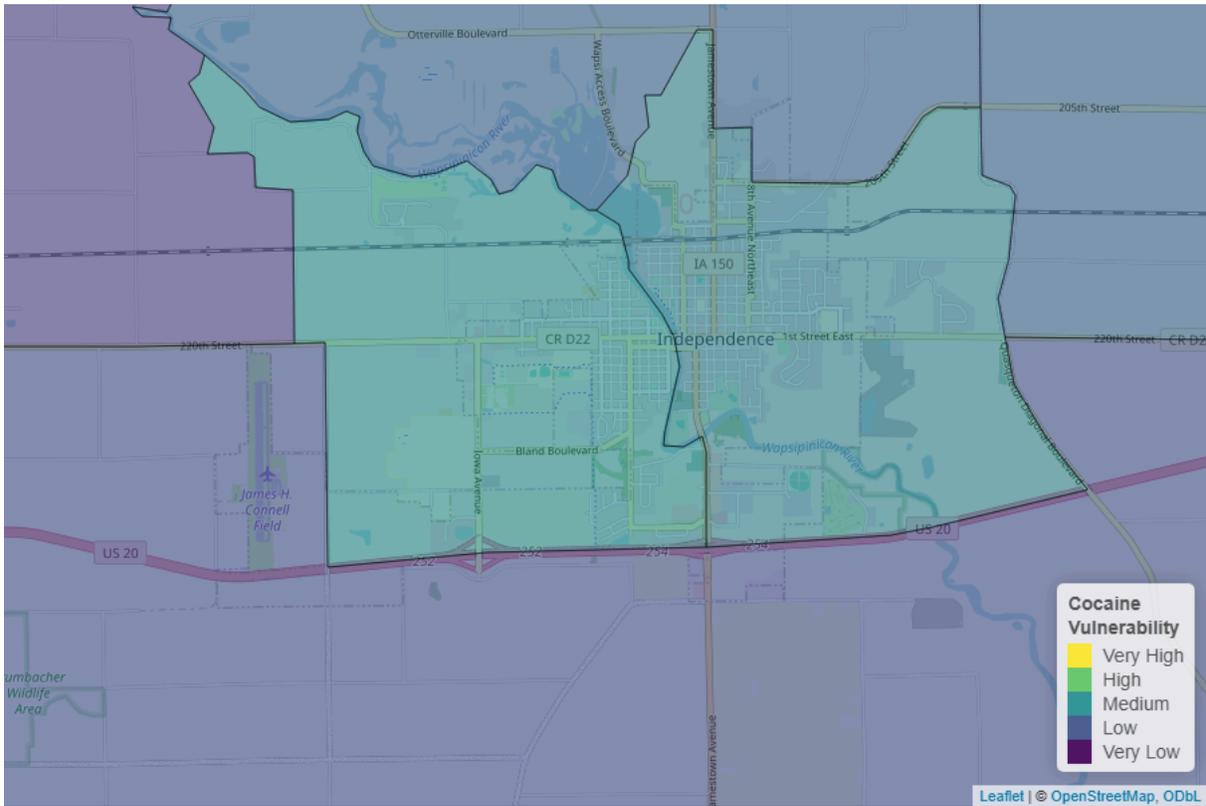


Figure 18: Cocaine Vulnerability in Independence

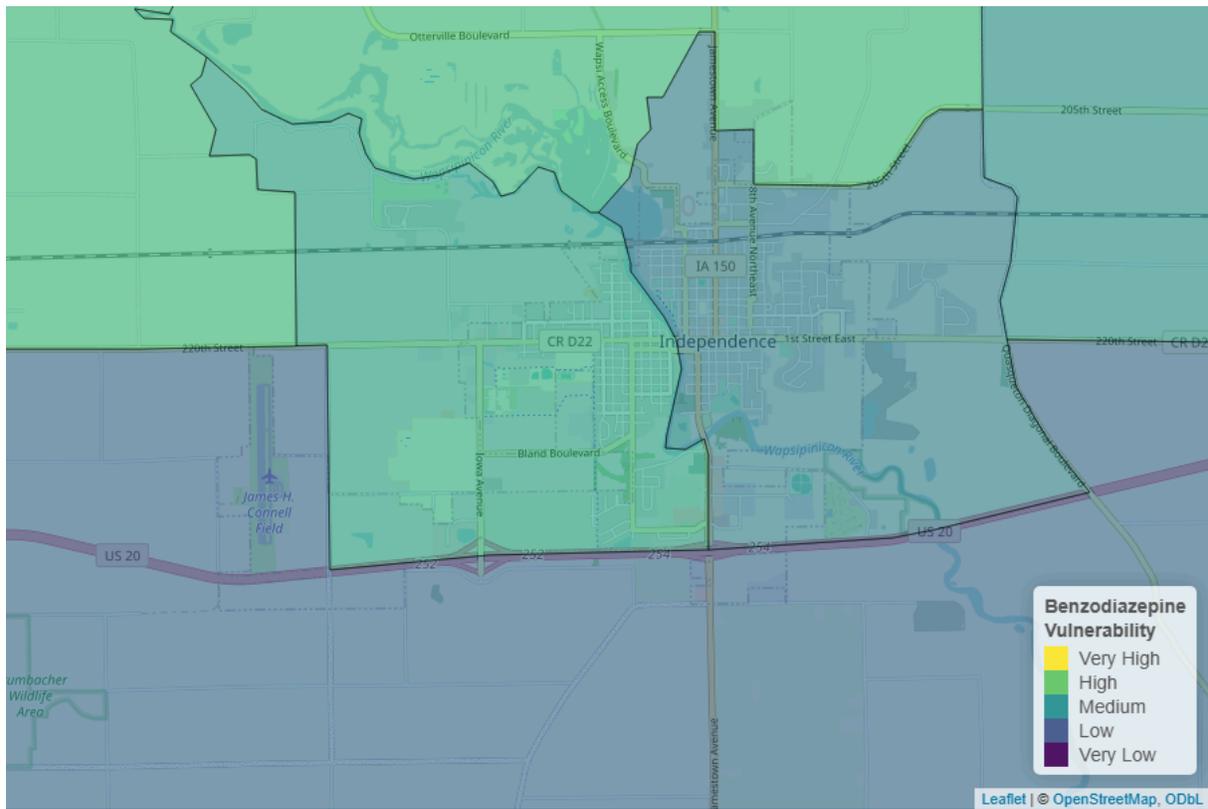


Figure 19: Benzodiazepine Vulnerability in Independence

## Social Determinants of Health

In addition to the substance use vulnerability maps above, the Public Science Collaborative also explored overall health vulnerabilities and disparities in Independence, using the social determinants of health. By social determinants, we refer to social and environmental risks that impact a person's overall health and well-being. For example, in places with high average levels of education and low unemployment rates, people usually enjoy better health. In areas with low average incomes and high single parenting rates, health often suffers. Understanding social determinants of health can help community organizations and governments. It shows where there are neighborhoods that can benefit most from targeted investment to reduce health disparities. You can interactively explore social determinants of health across the state and look at individual components on [PSC's SDOH Dashboard](#).<sup>10</sup>

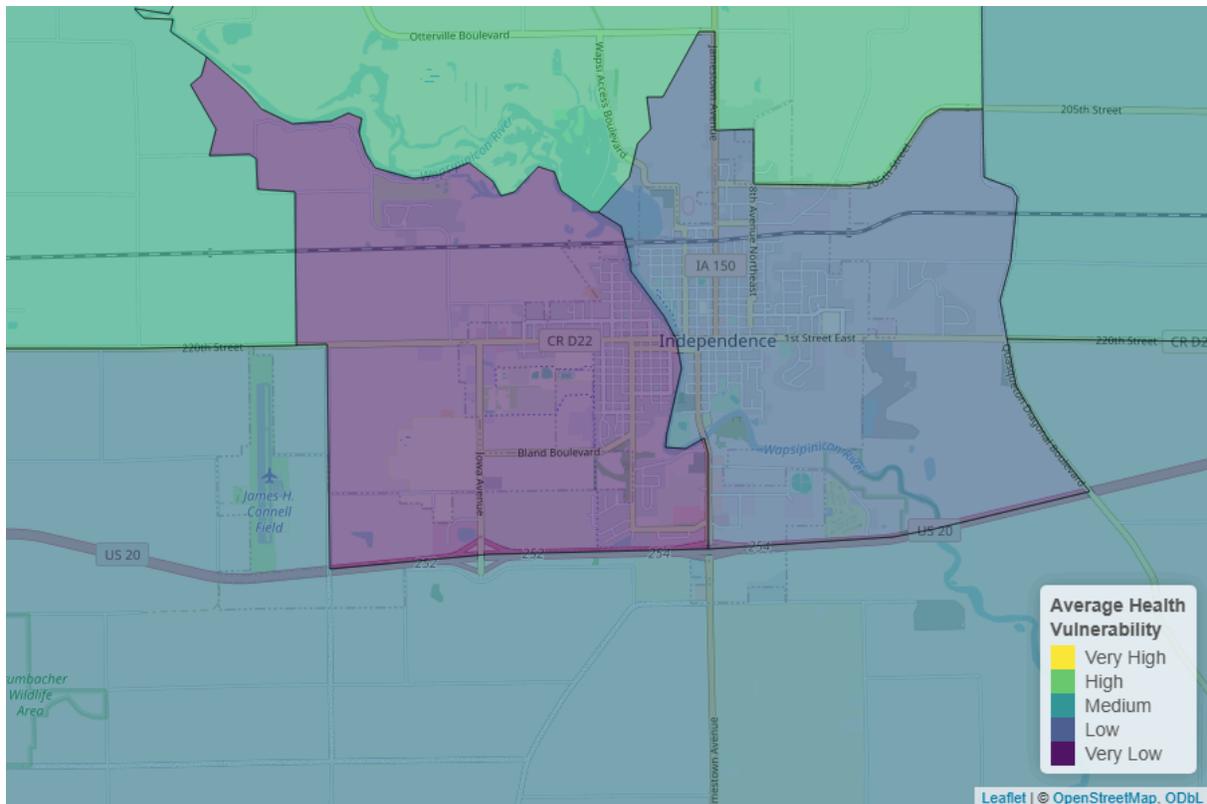


Figure 20: Overall Health Vulnerability in Independence

<sup>10</sup><https://publicsciencecollaborative.shinyapps.io/sdoh/>

## Appendix 1: Data Used in this Report

The data used in this report is a variety of recovery, community, and well-being resources that can be useful for individuals in recovery. To collect this data, we used public resources, including government agencies and recovery websites. The data sources can be found in the table below. Our collection of data may not cover every single resource in Iowa, but it represents the primarily publicly available data found through our research and following the advice of substance use experts and researchers. This data was acquired through several ways: simple downloads, manual data entry, computer reading of PDF files, scraping websites, and utilization of APIs.

There are also several resource finder tools to help find a specific resource in an area, including the [Recovery Resource Finder](#),<sup>11</sup> [Well-Being Resource Finder](#),<sup>12</sup> and [Physical Activity Resource Finder](#).<sup>13</sup>

Table 4: Recovery Resource Data Sources

Resource Type	Source
Beach	<a href="#">Iowa DNR</a>
Library	<a href="#">Institute of Museum and Library Services</a>
Playground	<a href="#">OpenStreetMap</a>
Public Park	<a href="#">OpenStreetMap</a>
Trail	<a href="#">OpenStreetMap</a>
Outdoor Basketball Court	<a href="#">OpenStreetMap</a>
Football Field	<a href="#">OpenStreetMap</a>
Soccer Field	<a href="#">OpenStreetMap</a>
Baseball/Softball Diamond	<a href="#">OpenStreetMap</a>
Tennis Court	<a href="#">OpenStreetMap</a>
Pickleball Court	<a href="#">OpenStreetMap</a>
Outdoor Volleyball Court	<a href="#">OpenStreetMap</a>
Other Sports Facilities	<a href="#">OpenStreetMap</a>
Family Support Specialist	Wellpoint Peer Support Inventory
Mutual Aid Meeting	Various Websites
Peer Support Provider	Wellpoint Peer Support Inventory
Recovery Organizations (Community and Collegiate)	Manual Addition
SUD Recovery Coach	Wellpoint Peer Support Inventory
Lake	<a href="#">Iowa DNR</a>
Access Center	Manual Addition
Drug Drop-off Site	<a href="#">Iowa Geodata</a>
Hospital	<a href="#">Iowa Medicaid Provider Search</a>
MAT Site	<a href="#">SAMHSA</a>
Mental & Behavioral Health Center	<a href="#">Iowa DHHS</a>
Rural Health Clinic	<a href="#">Iowa Association of Rural Health Clinics</a>

<sup>11</sup><http://public-science.org/recoveryresources>

<sup>12</sup><http://public-science.org/communityresources>

<sup>13</sup><http://public-science.org/physicalactivity>

<b>Resource Type</b>	<b>Source</b>
SUD or Gambling Treatment Center	<a href="#">Iowa DHHS</a>
VA Hospital or Clinic	<a href="#">U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs</a>
YMCA	<a href="#">Heartland YMCA Alliance</a>
Childcare Provider	<a href="#">Iowa DHHS</a>
Recovery Housing	<a href="#">Iowa DHHS</a>
Section 8 Housing	<a href="#">U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</a>
Shelter	<a href="#">Homeless Shelters Directory</a>
Intimate Partner Violence Program	<a href="#">Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence</a>
Workforce Development Office	<a href="#">Iowa Workforce Development</a>
College or University	<a href="#">Wikipedia</a>
School	<a href="#">Iowa Department of Education</a>
Place of Worship	<a href="#">ExpertGPS.com</a>
State Park	<a href="#">Iowa DNR</a>

## Appendix 2: RRCI Rankings for Cities in Behavioral Health District 7

Table 5 adds on to the Recovery Ready Community Index data found earlier in the report. This table includes all 68 cities in behavioral health district 7 that have more than 1,000 people. The table is sorted by population, to help enable comparisons between cities in the district of similar sizes. You can use the information to see the relative strengths and weaknesses of communities across the district. Cities located in Buchanan County, including Independence, are bolded.

Table 5: RRCI in Behavioral Health District 7 Cities

City	Population	Pop. Group Rank	RRCI	Resource Abundance- Absolute	Resource Abundance- Relative	Recovery Culture
Cedar Rapids	136,859	6 (out of 11)	64.5	938	68.5	5.6
Davenport	101,083	7 (out of 11)	64.0	756	74.8	4.0
Iowa City	75,264	4 (out of 11)	65.2	622	82.6	4.4
Waterloo	66,947	9 (out of 11)	63.6	514	76.8	3.6
Dubuque	59,271	3 (out of 11)	65.5	405	68.3	8.4
Marion	41,690	29 (out of 31)	61.2	267	64.0	3.1
Cedar Falls	40,662	25 (out of 31)	61.8	280	68.9	3.2
Bettendorf	39,297	16 (out of 31)	63.9	329	83.7	3.3
Clinton	24,425	18 (out of 31)	63.6	207	84.7	3.3
Burlington	23,800	12 (out of 31)	65.3	235	98.7	2.9
Muscatine	23,567	6 (out of 31)	68.2	237	100.6	5.5
Coralville	22,846	14 (out of 31)	65.0	230	100.7	1.8
North Liberty	20,782	21 (out of 31)	62.9	186	89.5	1.4
Hiawatha	7,178	83 (out of 103)	58.9	51	71.1	2.8
Eldridge	6,743	93 (out of 103)	38.0	67	99.4	0.0
<b>Independence</b>	6,149	36 (out of 103)	68.4	74	120.3	3.3
Maquoketa	6,105	55 (out of 103)	66.0	67	109.7	3.3
Asbury	5,949	97 (out of 103)	31.8	39	65.6	0.0
Anamosa	5,553	20 (out of 103)	71.2	70	126.1	5.4
DeWitt	5,535	14 (out of 103)	73.2	72	130.1	7.2
Tiffin	5,271	67.5 (out of 103)	63.4	50	94.9	3.8
Manchester	5,144	13 (out of 103)	73.9	68	132.2	7.8
Le Claire	4,718	82 (out of 103)	60.5	29	61.5	10.6
Camanche	4,562	92 (out of 103)	40.8	54	118.4	0.0
Mount Vernon	4,551	18 (out of 103)	71.4	60	131.8	4.4
Evansdale	4,530	61 (out of 103)	64.2	39	86.1	8.8
Dyersville	4,357	43 (out of 103)	67.5	50	114.8	4.6
Monticello	4,055	27 (out of 103)	69.9	56	138.1	2.5
West Liberty	3,795	45 (out of 103)	67.3	43	113.3	5.3

City	Population	Pop. Group Rank	RRCI	Resource Abundance-Absolute	Resource Abundance-Relative	Recovery Culture
Robins	3,349	89 (out of 103)	49.4	15	44.8	3.0
West Burlington	3,184	91 (out of 103)	41.8	41	128.8	0.0
Tipton	3,111	73.5 (out of 103)	62.8	33	106.1	3.2
Solon	3,092	25 (out of 103)	70.6	44	142.3	3.2
Wilton	2,943	99 (out of 103)	30.2	23	78.2	0.0
Fairfax	2,865	102 (out of 103)	26.3	18	62.8	0.0
Park View	2,861	86 (out of 103)	56.7	23	80.4	3.5
Hudson	2,614	64 (out of 103)	63.7	29	110.9	3.8
<b>Jesup</b>	2,596	56 (out of 103)	64.9	30	115.6	3.9
Center Point	2,575	23 (out of 103)	70.9	37	143.7	3.9
Cascade	2,565	63 (out of 103)	63.8	26	101.4	7.8
West Branch	2,526	88 (out of 103)	49.5	44	174.2	0.0
Bellevue	2,256	6 (out of 145)	83.6	55	243.8	4.4
La Porte City	2,170	76 (out of 145)	48.2	37	170.5	0.0
Columbus Junction	2,129	122 (out of 145)	33.6	22	103.3	0.0
Ely	2,033	139 (out of 145)	24.6	14	68.9	0.0
Epworth	1,991	121 (out of 145)	33.7	21	105.5	0.0
Wapello	1,935	66 (out of 145)	52.4	40	206.7	0.0
Mediapolis	1,930	132 (out of 145)	28.7	17	88.1	0.0
Peosta	1,922	46 (out of 145)	64.7	21	109.3	10.4
Durant	1,904	108 (out of 145)	38.3	24	126.1	0.0
Walcott	1,895	140 (out of 145)	20.1	10	52.8	0.0
Blue Grass	1,867	137 (out of 145)	25.3	14	75.0	0.0
Kent Estates	1,863	143 (out of 145)	11.9	5	26.8	0.0
Farley	1,809	128 (out of 145)	30.9	18	99.5	0.0
Lisbon	1,782	51 (out of 145)	61.4	19	106.6	5.6
<b>Fairbank</b>	1,509	126 (out of 145)	32.7	17	112.7	0.0
Walford	1,318	142 (out of 145)	12.2	5	37.9	0.0
Lone Tree	1,285	134 (out of 145)	26.3	12	93.4	0.0
Central City	1,266	15 (out of 145)	80.5	27	213.3	7.9
University Heights	1,232	145 (out of 145)	6.8	3	24.4	0.0
Clarence	1,223	138 (out of 145)	24.8	11	89.9	0.0
Springville	1,210	32 (out of 145)	74.6	21	173.6	8.3
Palo	1,173	118 (out of 145)	34.3	15	127.9	0.0

City	Population	Pop. Group Rank	RRCI	Resource Abundance-Absolute	Resource Abundance-Relative	Recovery Culture
Fruitland	1,107	141 (out of 145)	14.9	6	54.2	0.0
Buffalo	1,090	50 (out of 145)	61.4	13	119.3	9.2
<b>Winthrop</b>	1,081	129 (out of 145)	29.3	12	111.0	0.0
Swisher	1,064	144 (out of 145)	6.9	3	28.2	0.0
Preston	1,057	91 (out of 145)	43.1	18	170.3	0.0

### Appendix 3: Mutual Aid Meetings In Independence

Table 6: Mutual Aid Meeting Directory in Independence

Meeting Type	Group	Address	Weekly Meeting #
Alcoholics Anonymous	<u>Independence</u>	5th Ave NE, Independence, IA 50644, USA	4
Al-Anon	Independence Downtown AFG	209 5th Ave NE, Independence, IA, 50644, USA	1

## Appendix 4: Resources In Independence

Table 7: Recovery Resource Directory in Independence

Resource Type	Name	Address
Baseball/Softball Diamond	8 Baseball/Softball Diamonds	Independence, Buchanan County, Iowa, 50644, United States
Outdoor Basketball Court	2 Outdoor Basketball Courts	Independence, Buchanan County, Iowa, 50644, United States
Childcare Provider	<a href="#">Candace Turner</a>	111 6th AVE NE, Independence, IA, 50644
Childcare Provider	<a href="#">Cynthia Michels</a>	512 2nd AVE SW, Independence, IA, 50644
Childcare Provider	<a href="#">Jennifer Fisher</a>	124 Terrace DR, Independence, IA, 50644
Childcare Provider	<a href="#">Kidsville Early Learning Center</a>	1009 First St W, Independence, IA, 50644
Childcare Provider	<a href="#">Melody Barker</a>	311 4th St SE, Independence, IA, 50644
Childcare Provider	<a href="#">Moser Preschool and Daycare</a>	1401 1st St West, Independence, IA, 50644
Childcare Provider	<a href="#">St John School</a>	314 3rd St NE, Independence, IA, 50644
Drug Drop-off Site	Buchanan County Sheriff's Office	210 5th Ave. NE, Independence, IA, 50644
Drug Drop-off Site	Hartig Drug	200 First Street, Independence, IA, 50644
Drug Drop-off Site	Ryan Pharmacy	1100 1st Street E, Independence, IA, 50644
Football Field	1 Football Field	Independence, Buchanan County, Iowa, 50644, United States
Hospital	Buchanan Co Health Center	1600 1st St E, Independence, IA 50644
Lake	Independence Impoundment	2082 Wapsi Access Blvd, Independence, IA 50644
Lake	Triangle Park Pond	703 Pine Dr, Independence, IA 50644
Library	Independence Public Library	805 1st St E, Buchanan, Independence, IA, 50644
Mental & Behavioral Health Center	Abbe Center For Cmh	2349 Jamestown Ave, Ste 3, Independence, IA 50644
NA	<a href="#">Buchanan County Public Health</a>	1210 1st St W, Independence, IA 50644
NA	<a href="#">Pathways Behavioral Services</a>	1827 1st St W, Independence, IA 50644
Place of Worship	<a href="#">Assembly of God Church</a>	107 2nd Ave NE, Independence, IA 50644, USA
Place of Worship	<a href="#">Bethel Baptist Church</a>	302 7th Ave NE, Independence, IA 50644, USA
Place of Worship	<a href="#">Cornerstone Foursquare Church</a>	511 20th Ave SW, Independence, IA 50644, USA
Place of Worship	<a href="#">First Baptist Church</a>	301 2nd St SE, Independence, IA 50644, USA
Place of Worship	<a href="#">First Presbyterian Church</a>	115 6th Ave NW, Independence, IA 50644, USA
Place of Worship	<a href="#">First United Methodist Church</a>	313 2nd St SE, Independence, IA 50644, USA

<b>Resource Type</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>
Place of Worship	<a href="#"><u>Freedom Baptist Church</u></a>	206 2nd St SE, Independence, IA 50644, USA
Place of Worship	<a href="#"><u>Grace Evangelical Church</u></a>	705 3rd St SW, Independence, IA 50644, USA
Place of Worship	<a href="#"><u>Hope Wesleyan Church</u></a>	505 4th Ave NE, Independence, IA 50644, USA
Place of Worship	<a href="#"><u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u></a>	516 5th St NE, Independence, IA 50644, USA
Place of Worship	<a href="#"><u>Independence United Methodist Church</u></a>	313 2nd St SE, Independence, IA 50644, USA
Place of Worship	<a href="#"><u>Kingdom Hall</u></a>	2080 Jamestown Ave, Independence, IA 50644, USA
Place of Worship	<a href="#"><u>Living Water Church</u></a>	107 2nd Ave NE, Independence, IA 50644, USA
Place of Worship	<a href="#"><u>Our Redeemer Church</u></a>	118 3rd Ave SE, Independence, IA 50644, USA
Place of Worship	<a href="#"><u>Saint James Episcopal Church</u></a>	200 2nd Ave NE, Independence, IA 50644, USA
Place of Worship	<a href="#"><u>Saint John's Catholic Church</u></a>	209 5th Ave NE, Independence, IA 50644, USA
Place of Worship	<a href="#"><u>The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints</u></a>	311 3rd St SW, Independence, IA 50644, USA
Place of Worship	<a href="#"><u>United Pentecostal Church</u></a>	814 3rd St SE, Independence, IA 50644, USA
SUD Recovery Coach	<a href="#"><u>SUD Adult Therapy</u></a>	1827 1st St W, Ste C, Independence, IA 50644
SUD Recovery Coach	<a href="#"><u>Wellness Recovery Center</u></a>	1827 1st St W, Ste C, Independence, IA 50644
Rural Health Clinic	Medical Associates of BCHC	1600 1st Street E, Independence, IA, 50644
School	Early Childhood Center	1011 1st St W, Independence, IA
School	East Elementary School	1103 First Street West, Independence, IA
School	Independence Junior Senior High School	700 20th Ave SW, Independence, IA
School	Liberty Christian School	2383 Jamestown Av, Independence, IA
School	Perry #1 Elementary School	1726 Fairbank Amish Blvd, Independence, IA
School	St John Elementary School	314 3rd St NE, Independence, IA
School	West Elementary School	1301 1st St W, Independence, IA
SUD or Gambling Treatment Center	<a href="#"><u>Abbe Center for Community Mental Health, Inc.</u></a>	2349 Jamestown Ave, Suite 5, Independence, IA, 50644
SUD or Gambling Treatment Center	<a href="#"><u>Pathways Behavioral Services, Inc.</u></a>	Suite C 1827 First St. West, Independence, IA, 50644

<b>Resource Type</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>
Tennis Court	7 Tennis Courts	Independence, Buchanan County, Iowa, 50644, United States
Trail	8 Trails	No Address in Data
Outdoor Volleyball Court	3 Outdoor Volleyball Courts	Independence, Buchanan County, Iowa, 50644, United States