

# Recovery Readiness Assessment: Cherokee County

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**Cherokee County**



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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 Cherokee County, which is part of Iowa's Behavioral Health District 1 (see Figure 1). Cherokee County has a population of 11,600, and its largest city is Cherokee.

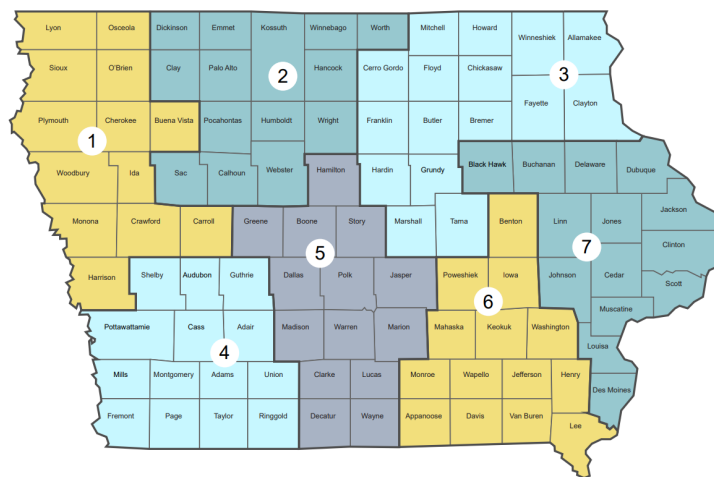


Figure 1: Iowa's Behavioral Health Districts (Source: Iowa HHS)

The following pages define recovery, recovery-oriented services, and recovery-ready communities. We evaluate Cherokee County'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 “What are the Peer Support Resources in Your Communities?” 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.

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<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 academically

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 counties and 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.

Table 1 shows all of the cities with at least 1,000 people in Cherokee County. Among this group, Cherokee has the highest RRCI score, indicating that it is a community that may be well-suited to support a recovery community organization, due to its strong number recovery resources. We also looked at communities in comparison to other cities of similar sizes, seen in the “Pop. Group Rank” column, for a comparison of cities that might be expected to have similar quantities of resources. When looking at these cities in comparison to their population groups, Cherokee are among the top half of their comparison population groups.

Table 1: Recovery Ready Community Index in Cherokee County

| City     | Population | Pop. Group Rank  | RRCI | Resource Abundance-Absolute | Resource Abundance-Relative | Recovery Culture |
|----------|------------|------------------|------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Cherokee | 5,157      | 22 (out of 103)  | 70.9 | 62                          | 120.2                       | 7.8              |
| Marcus   | 1,236      | 117 (out of 145) | 35.3 | 16                          | 129.4                       | 0.0              |

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

Another way to look at recovery readiness is in the context of Iowa's new behavioral health districts, which manage treatment and recovery services in counties across the district. Cherokee County is located in district 1, which has 13 counties, as shown in Table 2. Cherokee County falls in 9th place in terms of the RRCI in the district. The following pages have maps showing the RRCI and its component measures across behavioral health district 1.

Each county is also put into a comparison group of similar counties, including metropolitan core counties (such as Polk or Linn), metropolitan non-core counties (suburban or exurban counties), micropolitan counties (such as Cerro Gordo and Marshall), and rural counties. Cherokee County is in the Rural group of counties, and ranks 27th out of 63 Iowa counties in the group.

Table 2: Recovery Ready Community Index in Behavioral Health District 1 Counties

| County          | Pop. Group            | Pop. Group Rank  | RRCI | Resource Abundance-Absolute | Resource Abundance-Relative | Recovery Culture |
|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------|------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Monona          | Rural                 | 5 (out of 63)    | 71.1 | 101                         | 117.2                       | 10.4             |
| Carroll         | Micropolitan          | 4 (out of 15)    | 68.4 | 186                         | 90.0                        | 7.3              |
| Woodbury        | Metropolitan Core     | 1 (out of 9)     | 67.7 | 698                         | 66.0                        | 8.3              |
| O'Brien         | Rural                 | 7.5 (out of 63)  | 67.7 | 147                         | 104.2                       | 4.3              |
| Harrison        | Metropolitan Non-Core | 2.5 (out of 12)  | 61.2 | 148                         | 101.1                       | 3.4              |
| Ida             | Rural                 | 16 (out of 63)   | 59.9 | 75                          | 108.0                       | 5.8              |
| Buena Vista     | Micropolitan          | 9 (out of 15)    | 55.4 | 173                         | 83.6                        | 3.9              |
| Sioux           | Rural                 | 23 (out of 63)   | 51.0 | 272                         | 75.6                        | 2.8              |
| <b>Cherokee</b> | Rural                 | 27 (out of 63)   | 49.3 | 108                         | 93.2                        | 3.5              |
| Crawford        | Rural                 | 28 (out of 63)   | 48.3 | 142                         | 87.2                        | 3.1              |
| Plymouth        | Rural                 | 30.5 (out of 63) | 46.9 | 223                         | 86.8                        | 1.9              |
| Lyon            | Rural                 | 32.5 (out of 63) | 44.2 | 117                         | 96.8                        | 2.5              |
| Osceola         | Rural                 | 58.5 (out of 63) | 27.2 | 60                          | 98.1                        | 1.6              |

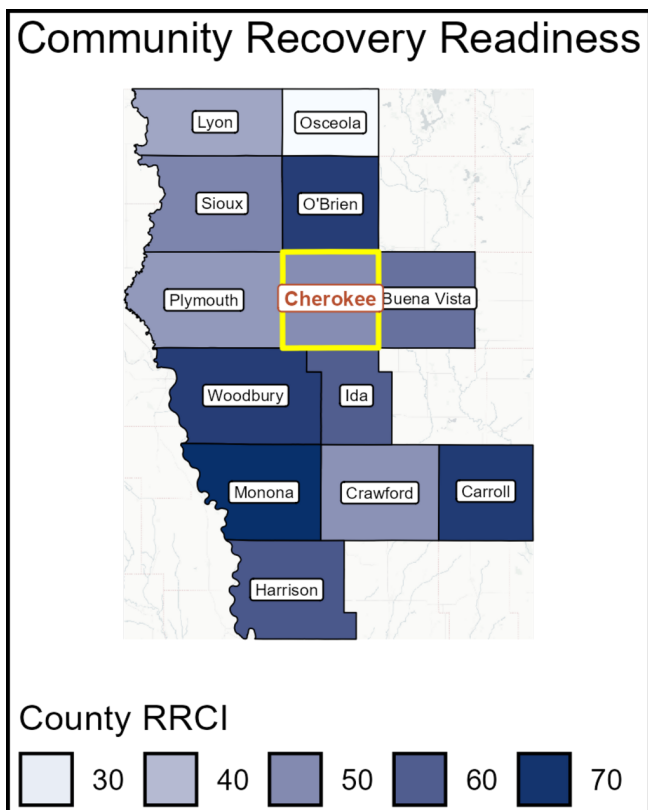


Figure 2: Recovery Ready Community Index in Cherokee County

Figure 2 shows community recovery readiness in behavioral health district 1 with a visualization of the Recovery Ready Community Index. The darker blues represent counties with higher RRCI scores, while the lighter blues and whites show counties with lower RRCI scores. Cherokee County is highlighted with a yellow outline and bold label.

In district 1, Cherokee County's RRCI score ranks 9th. Among cities with at least 1,000 people in Cherokee County, Cherokee has the highest RRCI score, while Marcus has the lowest.

Figure 3 shows Absolute Resource Abundance, or the number of total recovery resources. In behavioral health district 1, Cherokee County has the 10th highest number of total recovery resources. In Cherokee County cities of at least 1,000 people, Cherokee has the most recovery resources.

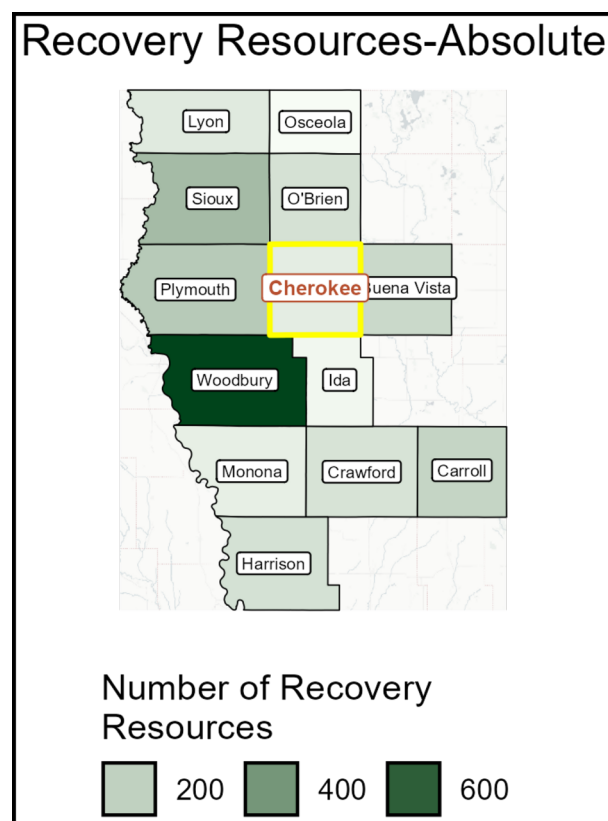


Figure 3: Recovery Resources in Cherokee County

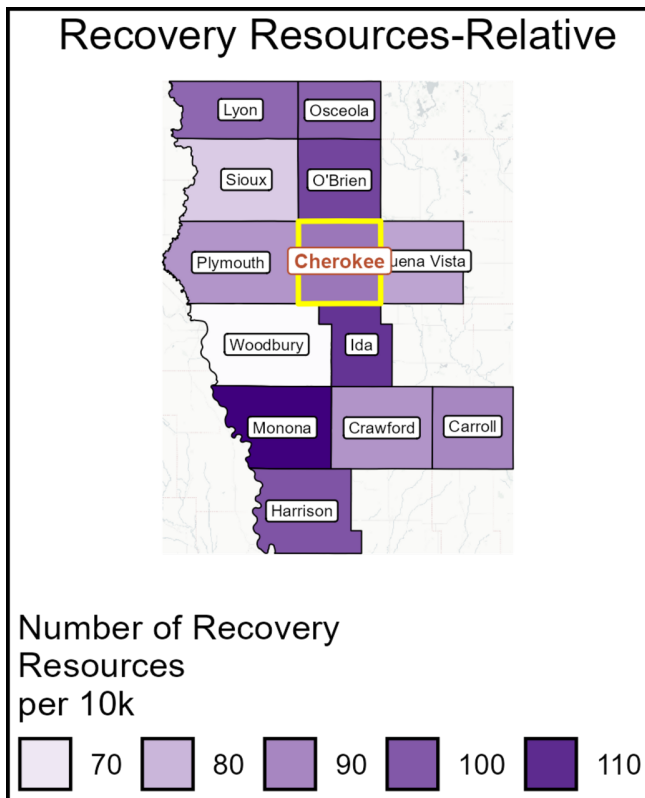


Figure 4: Recovery Resources per 10k in Cherokee County

Figure 4 shows number of recovery resources per 10,000 population, or the Relative Resource Abundance. Adjusting for population creates a more accurate comparison for smaller communities that may have fewer people, but have stronger resource access for that population.

Cherokee County ranks 6th among the counties in district 1 for number of relative resource abundance. Among the cities in the county with at least 1,000 people, Marcus has the highest number of recovery resources per 10,000 population, while Cherokee has the lowest.

Figure 5 shows number of mutual aid meetings per 10,000 population, or the Recovery Culture. A community with a strong recovery culture already has community members working and collaborating in the recovery space.

Among counties in behavioral health district 1, Cherokee County has the 7th highest number of mutual aid meetings per 10,000 people. Within Cherokee County, Cherokee is the city of 1,000+ people with the largest recovery culture, while Marcus has the lowest.

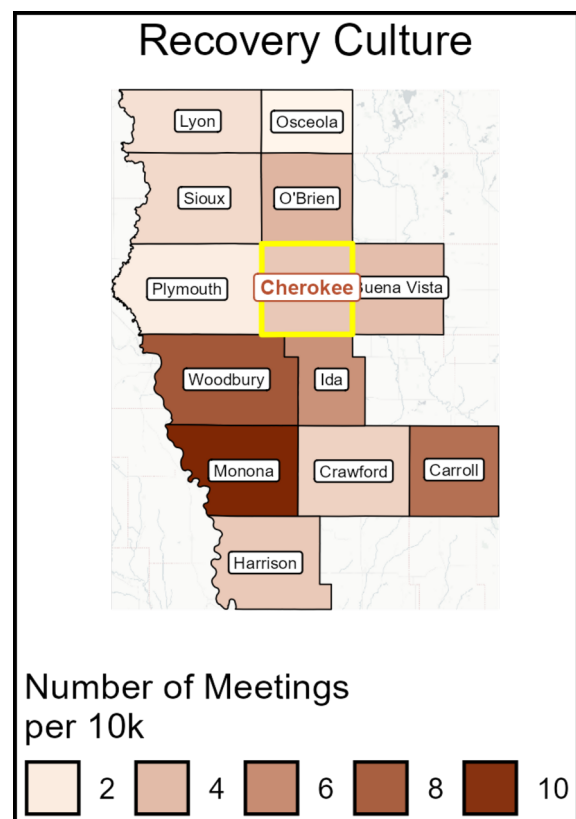


Figure 5: Mutual Aid Meetings per 10k in Cherokee County

# What Resources Does Your Community Have?

## 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. Table 3 identifies resources in Cherokee County 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)

Table 3: SAMHSA Dimensions of Health Resources in Cherokee County Cities

| City     | Community | Health | Home | Purpose |
|----------|-----------|--------|------|---------|
| Cherokee | 35        | 6      | 11   | 14      |
| Marcus   | 5         | 2      | 2    | 7       |

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

## 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 living in an area with few resources, like childcare and parks, may be more likely to face other challenges as a result. For instance, they may deal with higher transportation costs to take their child to childcare, which can add stress to their finances. These maps can also be used in conjunction with the population data in the next section to help identify at-risk populations and neighborhoods. Neighborhoods with health and substance use vulnerabilities may need greater access to specific supporting resources. Table 4 shows communities in the county and their resources among categories within the Social Determinants of Health.

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, Workforce Development Offices)

Table 4: Social Determinants of Health Resources in Cherokee County Cities

| City     | Economic Stability | Education Access & Quality | Healthcare Access & Quality | Neighborhood & Built Environment | Social & Community Context |
|----------|--------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Cherokee | 11                 | 3                          | 6                           | 29                               | 17                         |
| Marcus   | 2                  | 2                          | 2                           | 5                                | 5                          |

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

## 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 5 shows peer support provider organizations in behavioral health district 1. Organizations located in Cherokee County cities are listed first and highlighted in bold.

Table 5: Peer Support Providers in Behavioral Health District 1

| City            | Organization                                    | Family Peer Support Specialists | Peer Recovery Coaches | Peer Support Specialists | Other |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------|
| <b>Cherokee</b> | <b>Plains Area Mental Health Center (PAMHC)</b> | 1                               | 0                     | 1                        | 0     |
| Carroll         | Child Health Specialty Clinics (CHSC)           | 1                               | 0                     | 0                        | 0     |
| Carroll         | New Opportunities                               | 0                               | 0                     | 1                        | 0     |
| Carroll         | Plains Area Mental Health Center (PAMHC)        | 0                               | 0                     | 1                        | 0     |
| Denison         | Plains Area Mental Health Center (PAMHC)        | 0                               | 0                     | 1                        | 0     |
| Le Mars         | Plains Area Mental Health Center (PAMHC)        | 1                               | 0                     | 2                        | 0     |
| Rock Valley     | Hope Haven - Faith, Community, Possibilities    | 0                               | 0                     | 2                        | 0     |
| Sheldon         | Rosecrance - Jackson Recovery Centers           | 0                               | 2                     | 0                        | 0     |
| Sioux City      | Child Health Specialty Clinics (CHSC)           | 1                               | 0                     | 0                        | 0     |
| Sioux City      | Rosecrance - Jackson Recovery Centers           | 0                               | 2                     | 0                        | 0     |
| Sioux City      | Siouxland Community Health Center               | 1                               | 0                     | 2                        | 1     |
| Sioux City      | Skyranch Behavioral Services                    | 0                               | 1                     | 1                        | 0     |

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

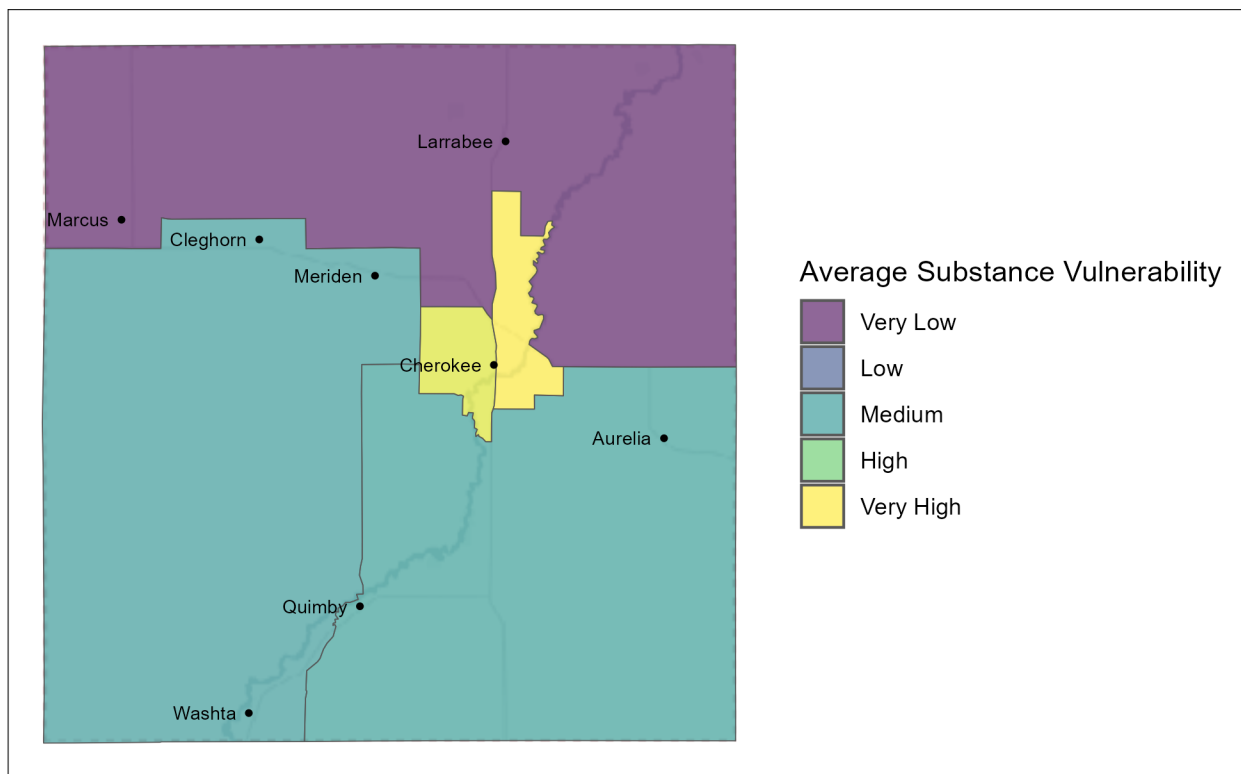
## Which Neighborhoods in Your Community Need Additional Health Resources and Support?

### Substance Use Vulnerability

The Public Science Collaborative has developed data resources to help community organizations, local governments, and public health practitioners allocate resources more effectively for 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](https://publicsciencecollaborative.shinyapps.io/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 6: Overall Substance Use Vulnerability in Cherokee County



<sup>9</sup>[https://publicsciencecollaborative.shinyapps.io/substance\\_use\\_vulnerability/](https://publicsciencecollaborative.shinyapps.io/substance_use_vulnerability/)

Figure 7: Opioid Vulnerability in Cherokee County

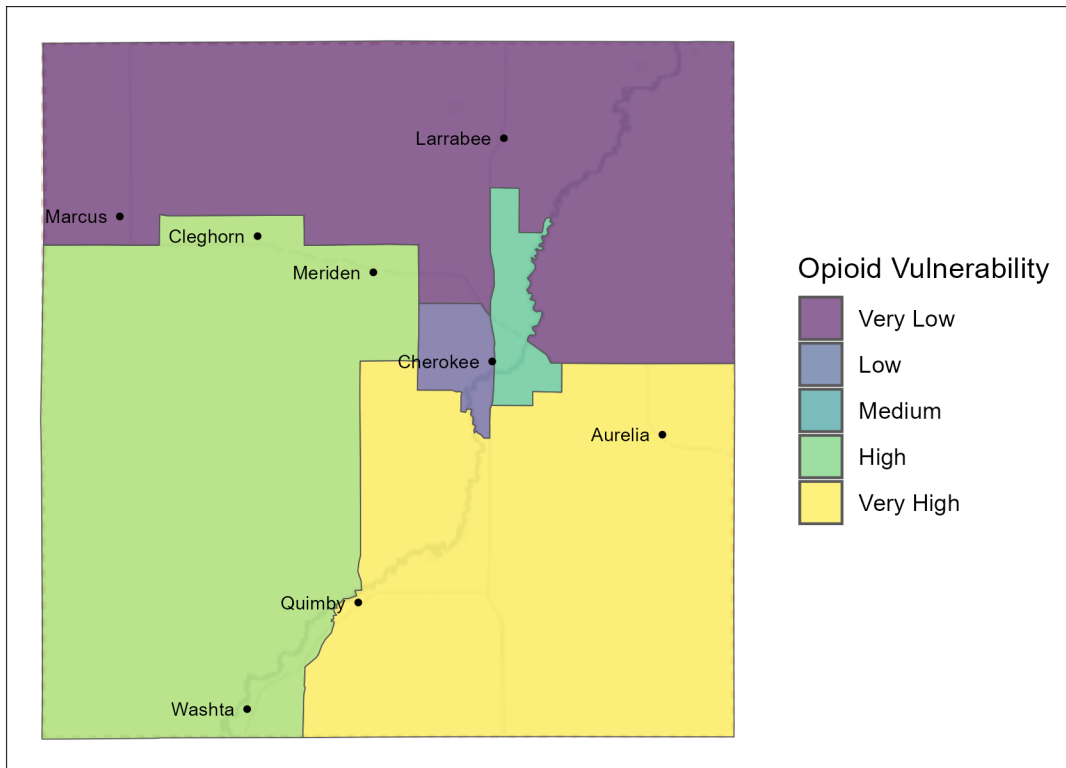


Figure 8: Methamphetamine Vulnerability in Cherokee County

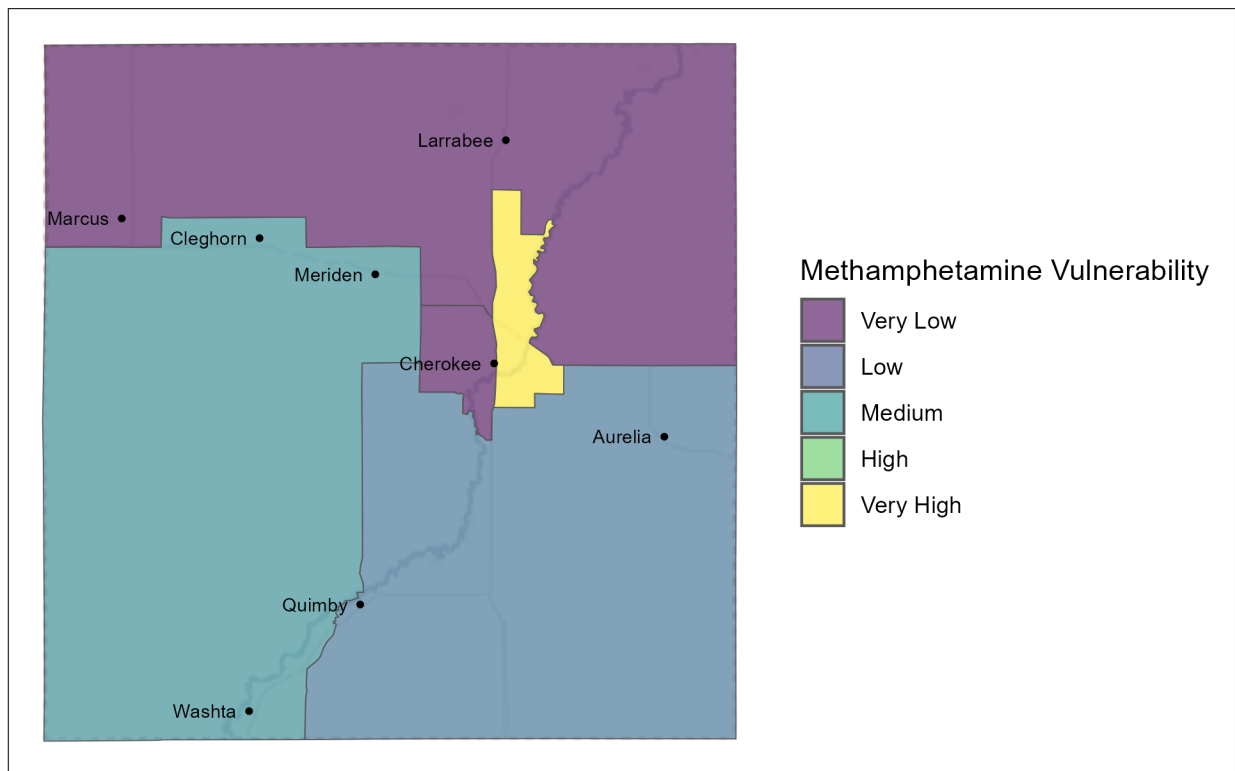


Figure 9: Heroin Vulnerability in Cherokee County

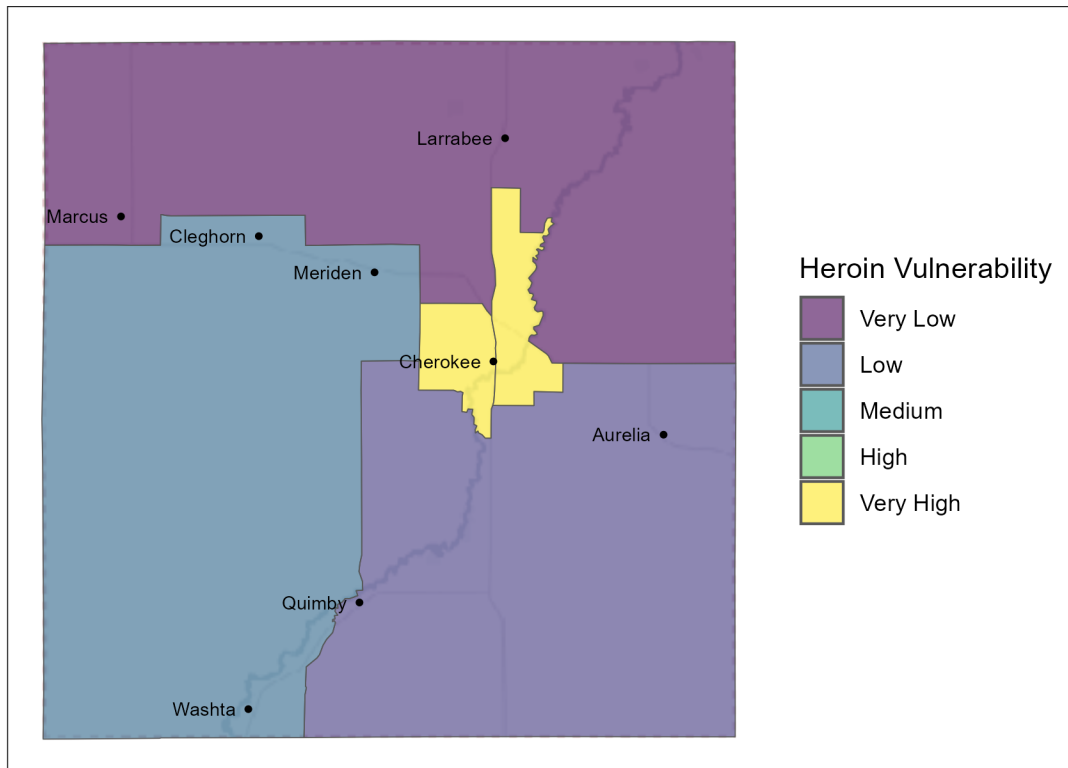


Figure 10: Alcohol Vulnerability in Cherokee County

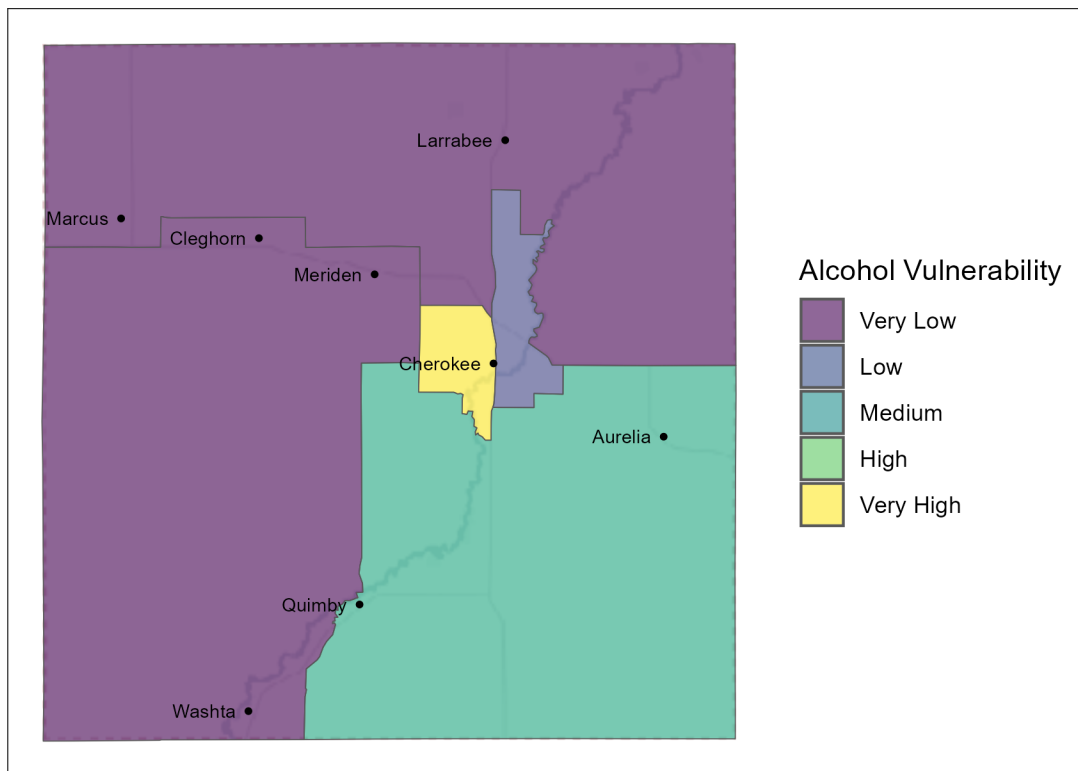


Figure 11: Cannabis Vulnerability in Cherokee County

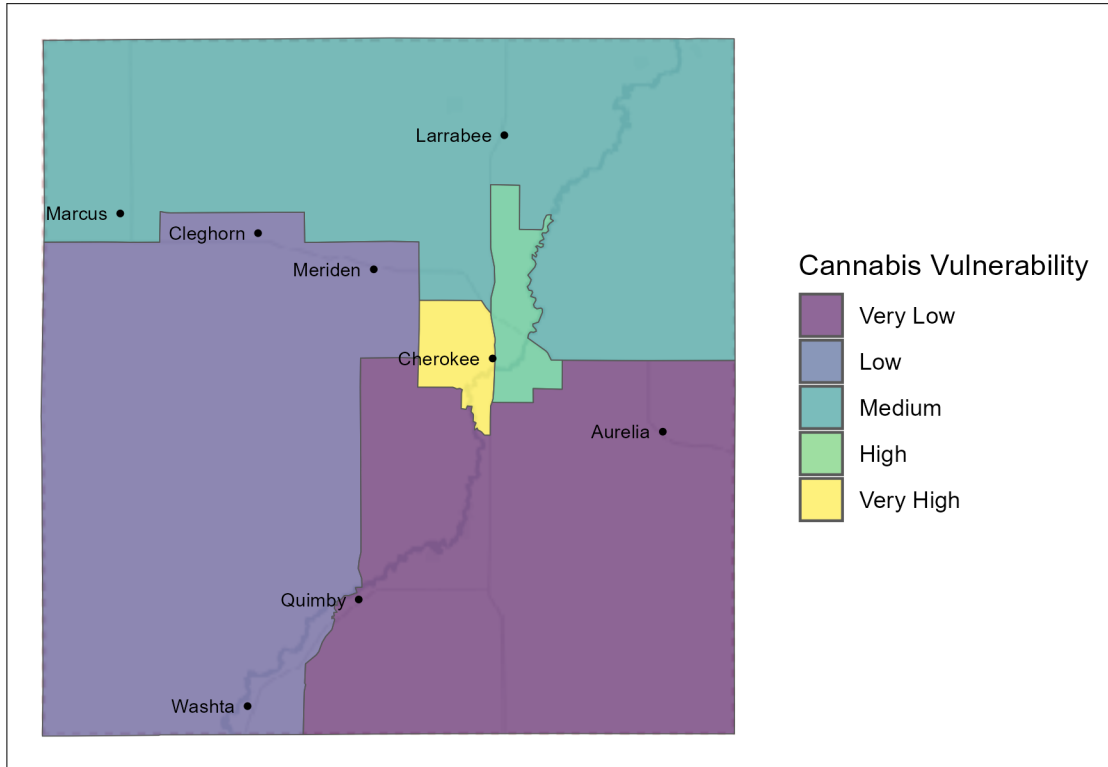


Figure 12: Cocaine Vulnerability in Cherokee County

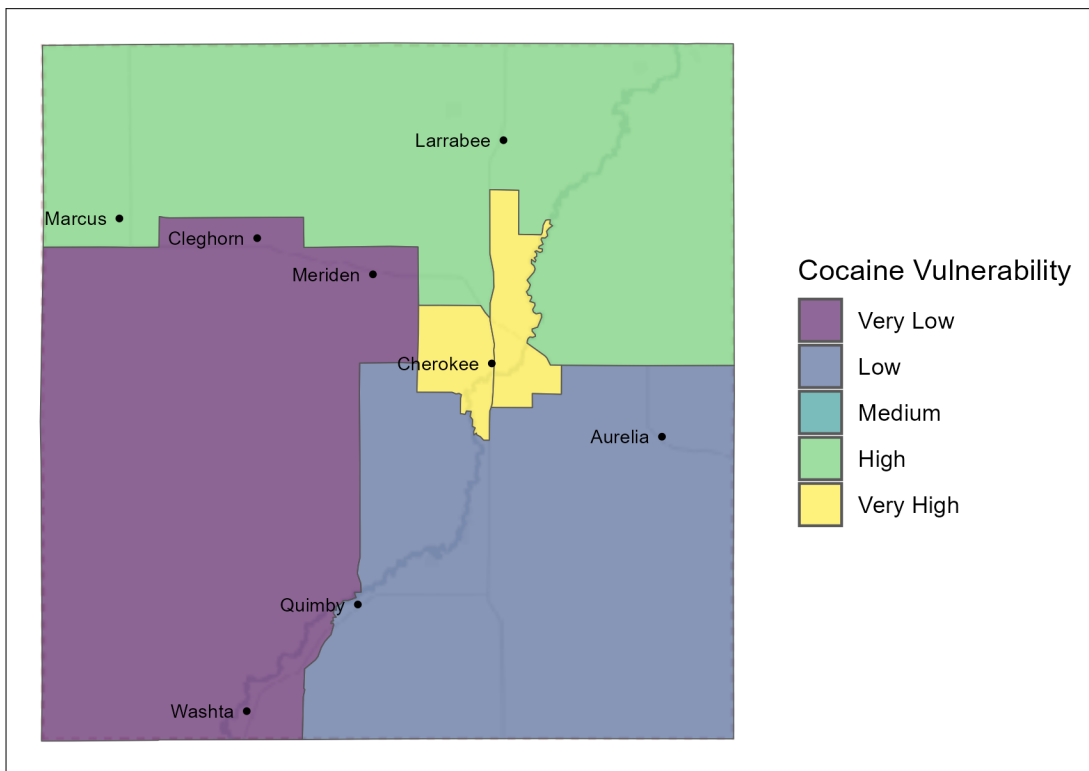
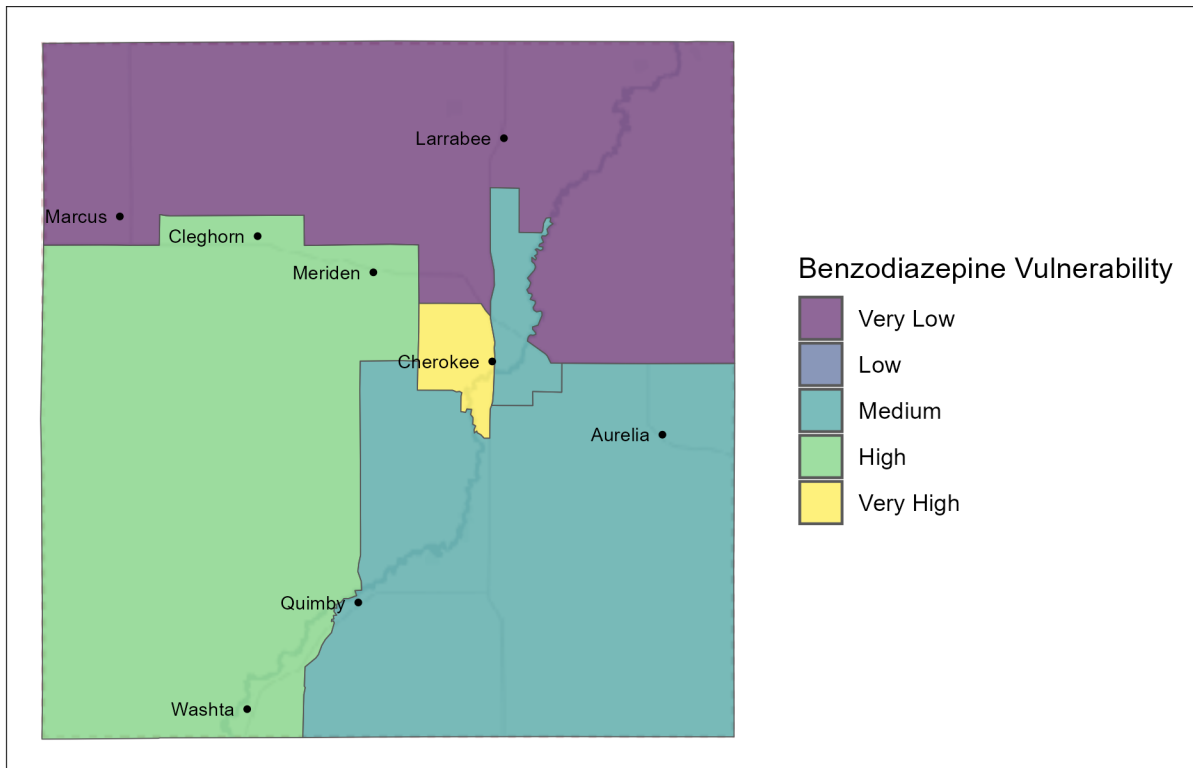


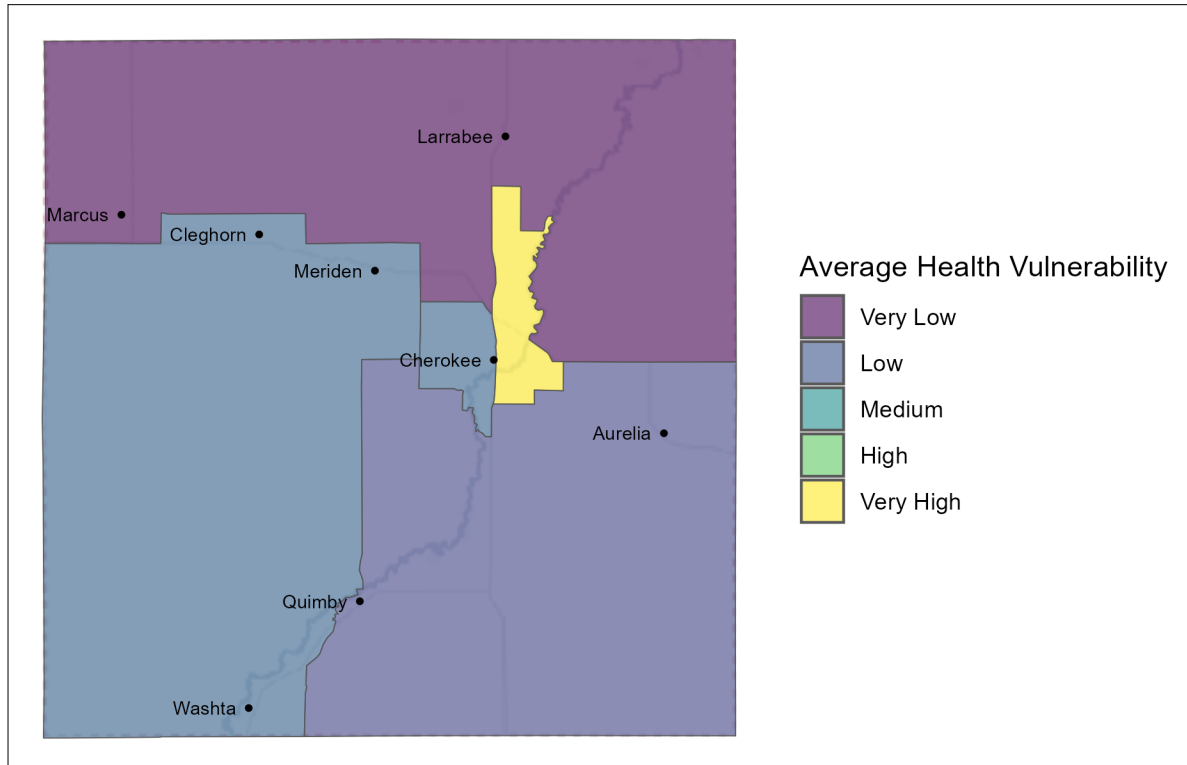
Figure 13: Benzodiazepine Vulnerability in Cherokee County



## 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 Cherokee County, 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](https://publicsciencecollaborative.shinyapps.io/sdoh/).<sup>10</sup>

Figure 14: Overall Health Vulnerability in Cherokee County



<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 [Meetings Finder](#),<sup>11</sup> [Recovery Resource Finder](#),<sup>12</sup> [Well-Being Resource Finder](#),<sup>13</sup> and [Physical Activity Resource Finder](#).<sup>14</sup>

Table 6: 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>                                   |

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

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

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

<sup>14</sup><http://public-science.org/physicalactivity>

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

## Appendix 2: RRCI Rankings for Cities in Behavioral Health District 1

Table 7 adds on to the Recovery Ready Community Index table found earlier in the report. This table includes all 36 cities in behavioral health district 1 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 Cherokee County are bolded.

Table 7: RRCI in Behavioral Health Cherokee County Cities

| City            | Population | Pop. Group Rank   | RRCI | Resource Abundance-Absolute | Resource Abundance-Relative | Recovery Culture |
|-----------------|------------|-------------------|------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Sioux City      | 85,651     | 2 (out of 11)     | 67.1 | 631                         | 73.7                        | 9.8              |
| Storm Lake      | 11,275     | 20 (out of 31)    | 63.2 | 96                          | 85.1                        | 3.5              |
| Le Mars         | 10,597     | 9 (out of 31)     | 68.0 | 117                         | 110.4                       | 3.8              |
| Carroll         | 10,261     | 8 (out of 31)     | 68.2 | 95                          | 92.6                        | 9.7              |
| Sioux Center    | 8,335      | 76 (out of 103)   | 62.7 | 71                          | 85.2                        | 3.6              |
| Denison         | 8,247      | 48 (out of 103)   | 67.0 | 85                          | 103.1                       | 4.9              |
| Orange City     | 6,312      | 71 (out of 103)   | 63.1 | 64                          | 101.4                       | 1.6              |
| Sheldon         | 5,386      | 26 (out of 103)   | 70.0 | 69                          | 128.1                       | 3.7              |
| <b>Cherokee</b> | 5,157      | 22 (out of 103)   | 70.9 | 62                          | 120.2                       | 7.8              |
| Sergeant Bluff  | 5,090      | 80 (out of 103)   | 61.2 | 42                          | 82.5                        | 3.9              |
| Rock Valley     | 4,061      | 35 (out of 103)   | 68.5 | 53                          | 130.5                       | 2.5              |
| Onawa           | 2,862      | 9 (out of 103)    | 75.3 | 40                          | 139.8                       | 14.0             |
| Sibley          | 2,821      | 60 (out of 103)   | 64.2 | 32                          | 113.4                       | 3.5              |
| Missouri Valley | 2,685      | 29 (out of 103)   | 69.7 | 32                          | 119.2                       | 11.2             |
| Hawarden        | 2,674      | 32 (out of 103)   | 69.2 | 36                          | 134.6                       | 3.7              |
| Rock Rapids     | 2,653      | 62 (out of 103)   | 64.2 | 30                          | 113.1                       | 3.8              |
| Alta            | 2,344      | 58 (out of 145)   | 58.3 | 21                          | 89.6                        | 4.3              |
| Hull            | 2,248      | 43 (out of 145)   | 65.8 | 25                          | 111.2                       | 8.9              |
| Ida Grove       | 1,904      | 4 (out of 145)    | 84.6 | 40                          | 210.1                       | 15.8             |
| Remsen          | 1,897      | 114 (out of 145)  | 35.9 | 22                          | 116.0                       | 0.0              |
| Moville         | 1,840      | 86 (out of 145)   | 45.1 | 29                          | 157.6                       | 0.0              |
| Akron           | 1,660      | 47 (out of 145)   | 64.4 | 20                          | 120.5                       | 6.0              |
| Hartley         | 1,588      | 48 (out of 145)   | 63.9 | 19                          | 119.6                       | 6.3              |
| Holstein        | 1,552      | 57 (out of 145)   | 59.2 | 16                          | 103.1                       | 6.4              |
| Sanborn         | 1,510      | 49 (out of 145)   | 63.2 | 18                          | 119.2                       | 6.6              |
| Manning         | 1,474      | 17 (out of 145)   | 79.8 | 26                          | 176.4                       | 33.9             |
| Kingsley        | 1,427      | 70.5 (out of 145) | 50.2 | 29                          | 203.2                       | 0.0              |
| Woodbine        | 1,418      | 78 (out of 145)   | 47.7 | 26                          | 183.4                       | 0.0              |
| Coon Rapids     | 1,403      | 89 (out of 145)   | 44.5 | 23                          | 163.9                       | 0.0              |

| City          | Population | Pop. Group Rank   | RRCI | Resource Abundance-Absolute | Resource Abundance-Relative | Recovery Culture |
|---------------|------------|-------------------|------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Logan         | 1,362      | 16 (out of 145)   | 80.2 | 26                          | 190.9                       | 14.7             |
| Alton         | 1,350      | 54 (out of 145)   | 60.5 | 15                          | 111.1                       | 7.4              |
| Dunlap        | 1,318      | 60 (out of 145)   | 56.4 | 37                          | 280.7                       | 0.0              |
| <b>Marcus</b> | 1,236      | 117 (out of 145)  | 35.3 | 16                          | 129.4                       | 0.0              |
| Glidden       | 1,153      | 101 (out of 145)  | 41.0 | 18                          | 156.1                       | 0.0              |
| Larchwood     | 1,076      | 10 (out of 145)   | 82.5 | 26                          | 241.6                       | 9.3              |
| George        | 1,049      | 70.5 (out of 145) | 50.2 | 23                          | 219.3                       | 0.0              |

## Appendix 3: Mutual Aid Meetings In Cherokee County

Table 8: Mutual Aid Meeting Directory in Cherokee County

| Meeting Type         | Group                                 | Address                                | Weekly Meeting # |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------|
| Alcoholics Anonymous | <u>Cherokee Monday Night Chip Grp</u> | 535 W Main St, Cherokee, IA 51012, USA | 1                |
| Alcoholics Anonymous | <u>It's Just Today</u>                | 535 W Main St, Cherokee, IA 51012, USA | 1                |
| Alcoholics Anonymous | <u>Saturday Morning Group</u>         | 515 W Main St, Cherokee, IA 51012, USA | 1                |
| Narcotics Anonymous  | Recovery In Action                    | 772 N 2nd St, Cherokee, IA 51012, USA  | 1                |

## Appendix 4: Resources In Cherokee County

Table 9: Recovery Resource Directory in Cherokee County

| Resource Type             | Name                                                               | Address                                               |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Baseball/Softball Diamond | 4 Baseball/Softball Diamonds                                       | Aurelia, Cherokee County, Iowa, 51005, United States  |
| Baseball/Softball Diamond | 9 Baseball/Softball Diamonds                                       | Cherokee, Cherokee County, Iowa, 51012, United States |
| Baseball/Softball Diamond | 2 Baseball/Softball Diamonds                                       | Cleghorn, Cherokee County, Iowa, 51014, United States |
| Baseball/Softball Diamond | 3 Baseball/Softball Diamonds                                       | Marcus, Cherokee County, Iowa, 51035, United States   |
| Baseball/Softball Diamond | 1 Baseball/Softball Diamond                                        | Washta, Cherokee County, Iowa, 51061, United States   |
| Childcare Provider        | <a href="#">Aurelia Day Care Inc</a>                               | 216 Ash ST, Aurelia, IA, 51005                        |
| Childcare Provider        | <a href="#">Barbara Cooper</a>                                     | 612 Park AVE, Cherokee, IA, 51012                     |
| Childcare Provider        | <a href="#">Cherokee 1 and 2 Head Start Center</a>                 | 515 West Cedar, Cherokee, IA, 51012                   |
| Childcare Provider        | <a href="#">Cherokee Daycare</a>                                   | 400 N Roosevelt, Cherokee, IA, 51012                  |
| Childcare Provider        | <a href="#">Cherokee Head Start</a>                                | 1006 N Roosevelt St, Cherokee, IA, 51012              |
| Childcare Provider        | <a href="#">Creative Minds Daycare</a>                             | 1030 S 2nd ST, Cherokee, IA, 51012                    |
| Childcare Provider        | <a href="#">Kelly M Steward</a>                                    | 716 Hyland AVE, Cherokee, IA, 51012                   |
| Childcare Provider        | <a href="#">Little Royals Daycare</a>                              | 400 E Fenton ST, Marcus, IA, 51035                    |
| Childcare Provider        | <a href="#">Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn CSD-Begin-dergarten</a>        | 400 East Fenton Street, Marcus, IA, 51035             |
| Childcare Provider        | <a href="#">Margie Mesler</a>                                      | 600 E Spruce ST, Cherokee, IA, 51012                  |
| Childcare Provider        | <a href="#">Michelle Nelson</a>                                    | 705 Rock Island AVE, Cherokee, IA, 51012              |
| Childcare Provider        | <a href="#">Mustard Seed Community Preschool</a>                   | 300 Ash St, Aurelia, IA, 51005                        |
| Childcare Provider        | <a href="#">River Valley CSD-Preschool</a>                         | 100 South 5th Street, Washta, IA, 51061               |
| Childcare Provider        | <a href="#">The Early Childhood Learning Center - Cherokee CSD</a> | 929 N Roosevelt St, Cherokee, IA, 51012               |
| Childcare Provider        | <a href="#">Trinity Lutheran Preschool</a>                         | 1825 530th St, Cherokee, IA, 51012                    |
| Drug Drop-off Site        | Cherokee Police Department                                         | 239 W Maple St, Cherokee, IA, 51012                   |
| Drug Drop-off Site        | Hy-Vee Clinic Pharmacy (3028)                                      | 321 North Main, Marcus, IA, 51035                     |
| Drug Drop-off Site        | Hy-Vee Pharmacy                                                    | 800 N 2nd St, Cherokee, IA, 51012                     |
| Family Support Specialist | <a href="#">Children Integrated Health Home</a>                    | 900 N 2nd St, Ste A, Cherokee, IA 51012               |
| Football Field            | 2 Football Fields                                                  | Cherokee, Cherokee County, Iowa, 51012, United States |
| Football Field            | 1 Football Field                                                   | Cleghorn, Cherokee County, Iowa, 51014, United States |
| Football Field            | 1 Football Field                                                   | Marcus, Cherokee County, Iowa, 51035, United States   |
| Hospital                  | Cherokee Regional Medical Center                                   | 300 Sioux Valley Dr, Cherokee, IA 51012               |

| Resource Type         | Name                                                         | Address                                       |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Lake                  | Larson Lake                                                  | 5436 10th Ave, Aurelia, IA 51005              |
| Lake                  | Spring Lake                                                  | 506 Spring Lake Dr, Cherokee, IA 51012        |
| Library               | Aurelia Public Library                                       | 232 Main St, Cherokee, Aurelia, IA, 51005     |
| Library               | Cherokee Public Library                                      | 215 S 2nd St, Cherokee, Cherokee, IA, 51012   |
| Library               | M-C Community Library                                        | 200 W Grace St, Cherokee, Cleghorn, IA, 51014 |
| Library               | Marcus Public Library                                        | 106 N Locust St, Cherokee, Marcus, IA, 51035  |
| Library               | Quimby Public Library                                        | 120 N Main, Cherokee, Quimby, IA, 51049       |
| Library               | Washta Public Library                                        | 100 S 5th Ave, Cherokee, Washta, IA, 51061    |
| Peer Support Provider | <a href="#"><u>Adult Integrated Health Home</u></a>          | 900 N 2nd St, Ste A, Cherokee, IA 51012       |
| Place of Worship      | <a href="#"><u>Assembly of God Breath of Life Church</u></a> | 406 W Cherry St, Cherokee, IA 51012, USA      |
| Place of Worship      | <a href="#"><u>Baptist Church</u></a>                        | JFXW+X6 Cherokee, IA, USA                     |
| Place of Worship      | <a href="#"><u>Bethlehem Lutheran Church</u></a>             | 300 E Bow Dr, Cherokee, IA 51012, USA         |
| Place of Worship      | <a href="#"><u>Christian Church</u></a>                      | 100 N Lewis Ave, Cleghorn, IA 51014, USA      |
| Place of Worship      | <a href="#"><u>Congregational United Church</u></a>          | 500 Main St, Aurelia, IA 51005, USA           |
| Place of Worship      | <a href="#"><u>Faith Lutheran Church</u></a>                 | 305 N Walnut St, Marcus, IA 51035, USA        |
| Place of Worship      | <a href="#"><u>Faith in Christ Fellowship Church</u></a>     | 1603 510th St, Cherokee, IA 51012, USA        |
| Place of Worship      | <a href="#"><u>First Baptist Church</u></a>                  | 118 E Willow St, Cherokee, IA 51012, USA      |
| Place of Worship      | <a href="#"><u>First Church of Christ</u></a>                | 772 N 2nd St, Cherokee, IA 51012, USA         |
| Place of Worship      | <a href="#"><u>First United Methodist Church</u></a>         | 229 Main St, Aurelia, IA 51005, USA           |
| Place of Worship      | <a href="#"><u>Grace Baptist Church</u></a>                  | 718 N 2nd St, Cherokee, IA 51012, USA         |
| Place of Worship      | <a href="#"><u>Grace United Methodist Church</u></a>         | 303 E Fenton St, Marcus, IA 51035, USA        |
| Place of Worship      | <a href="#"><u>Holy Name Catholic Church</u></a>             | 102 N Elm St, Marcus, IA 51035, USA           |
| Place of Worship      | <a href="#"><u>Immaculate Conception Church</u></a>          | 709 W Cedar St, Cherokee, IA 51012, USA       |
| Place of Worship      | <a href="#"><u>Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall</u></a>        | 204 Eagle St, Meriden, IA 51037, USA          |
| Place of Worship      | <a href="#"><u>Maryhill Visitation Church</u></a>            | 971 540th St, Cherokee, IA 51012, USA         |
| Place of Worship      | <a href="#"><u>Meadow Star Church</u></a>                    | 6506 C Ave, Washta, IA 51061, USA             |
| Place of Worship      | <a href="#"><u>Meriden Evangelical Free Church</u></a>       | 204 Eagle St, Meriden, IA 51037, USA          |
| Place of Worship      | <a href="#"><u>Methodist Church</u></a>                      | 300 Sellers St, Quimby, IA 51049, USA         |
| Place of Worship      | <a href="#"><u>Mount Oliver Church</u></a>                   | 6080 S Ave, Cherokee, IA 51012, USA           |
| Place of Worship      | <a href="#"><u>Mount Pleasant Church</u></a>                 | 603 590th St, Marcus, IA 51035, USA           |
| Place of Worship      | <a href="#"><u>Oakdale Church</u></a>                        | 1193 440th St, Meriden, IA 51037, USA         |
| Place of Worship      | <a href="#"><u>Peace Lutheran Church</u></a>                 | 205 N Oak St, Marcus, IA 51035, USA           |
| Place of Worship      | <a href="#"><u>Pilgrim Lutheran Church</u></a>               | 204 W 1st Ave, Quimby, IA 51049, USA          |

| Resource Type                    | Name                                                           | Address                                               |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Place of Worship                 | <u>Presbyterian Church</u>                                     | 100 N Lewis Ave, Cleghorn, IA 51014, USA              |
| Place of Worship                 | <u>Presbyterian Church</u>                                     | 127 E Willow St, Cherokee, IA 51012, USA              |
| Place of Worship                 | <u>Quimby Baptist Church</u>                                   | 105 W 1st Ave, Quimby, IA 51049, USA                  |
| Place of Worship                 | <u>Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints</u> | 205 W Main St, Cherokee, IA 51012, USA                |
| Place of Worship                 | <u>Saint Johns Catholic Church</u>                             | 208 E Railway St, Quimby, IA 51049, USA               |
| Place of Worship                 | <u>Saint Paul Lutheran Church</u>                              | 514 Locust St, Aurelia, IA 51005, USA                 |
| Place of Worship                 | <u>Saint Pauls United Methodist Church</u>                     | 531 W Main St, Cherokee, IA 51012, USA                |
| Place of Worship                 | <u>Trinity Church</u>                                          | 5289 C Ave, Marcus, IA 51035, USA                     |
| Place of Worship                 | <u>Trinity Lutheran Church</u>                                 | 409 E Cedar St, Cherokee, IA 51012, USA               |
| Place of Worship                 | <u>United Methodist Church</u>                                 | 106 N Main St, Larrabee, IA 51029, USA                |
| Place of Worship                 | <u>Washta Methodist Church</u>                                 | 304 Main St, Washta, IA 51061, USA                    |
| Playground                       | 1 Playground                                                   | 804 Spring Lake Dr, Cherokee, IA 51012                |
| Rural Health Clinic              | <u>Aurelia Medical Clinic</u>                                  | 225 Main Street, Aurelia, IA, 51005                   |
| Rural Health Clinic              | <u>Cherokee Medical Clinic</u>                                 | 300 Sioux Valley Drive, Cherokee, IA, 51012           |
| Rural Health Clinic              | Marcus Medical Clinic                                          | 300 E Pine Street, Marcus, IA, 51035                  |
| School                           | Alta-Aurelia Middle School                                     | 300 Ash St, Aurelia, IA                               |
| School                           | Aurelia Elementary School                                      | 300 Ash St, Aurelia, IA                               |
| School                           | Cherokee Elementary School                                     | 204 E. Indian Street, Cherokee, IA                    |
| School                           | Cherokee Middle School                                         | 206 E. Indian Street, Cherokee, IA                    |
| School                           | MMCRU High School                                              | 400 Highland Drive, Marcus, IA                        |
| School                           | MMCRU Marcus Elementary                                        | 500 E Fenton St, Marcus, IA                           |
| School                           | River Valley Elementary                                        | 100 South 5th St, Washta, IA                          |
| School                           | Washington High School                                         | 600 W Bluff St, Cherokee, IA                          |
| Section 8 Housing                | AUTUMN PARK APARTMENTS ~ CHEROKEE                              | 1003 E Ridgeview Dr, Cherokee, IA, 51012              |
| SUD or Gambling Treatment Center | <u>Plains Area Mental Health Center, Inc.</u>                  | Suite 2 PO Box 972 900 N 2nd St., Cherokee, IA, 51012 |
| SUD or Gambling Treatment Center | <u>Rosecrance Jackson Centers</u>                              | 789 1/2 North 2nd Street, Cherokee, IA, 51012         |
| Tennis Court                     | 6 Tennis Courts                                                | Cherokee, Cherokee County, Iowa, 51012, United States |