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ESTIMATING IDAHO COUNTY LEVEL HEALTH INDICATORS USING SPATIAL MICROSIMULATION

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SUMMARY



- Overview of UI funded project for BRFSS modeling from the State of Idaho
- Brief description of our modeling approach
- Project 1: Modeling COVID-19 health disparities – results
- Project 2 (upcoming): Modeling health disparities in association with COVID-19 outcomes

www.modelingidahohealth.org

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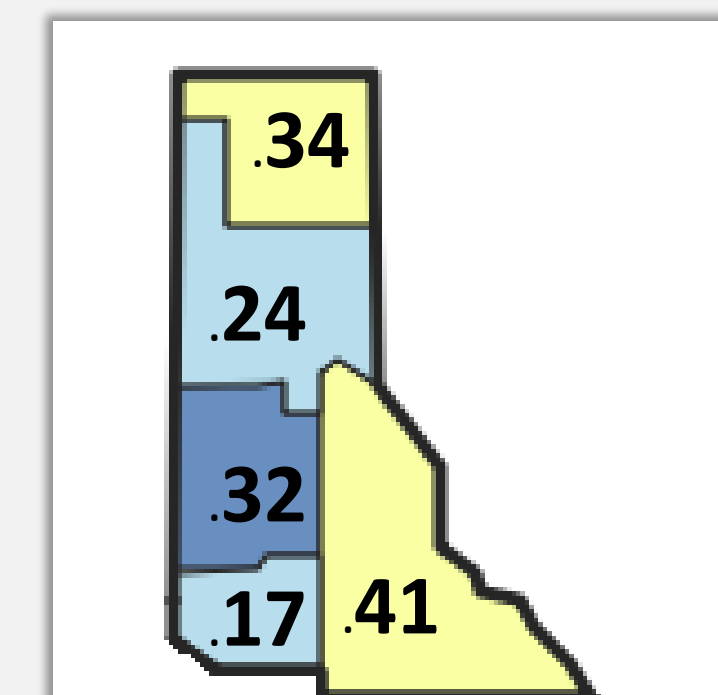
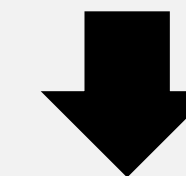
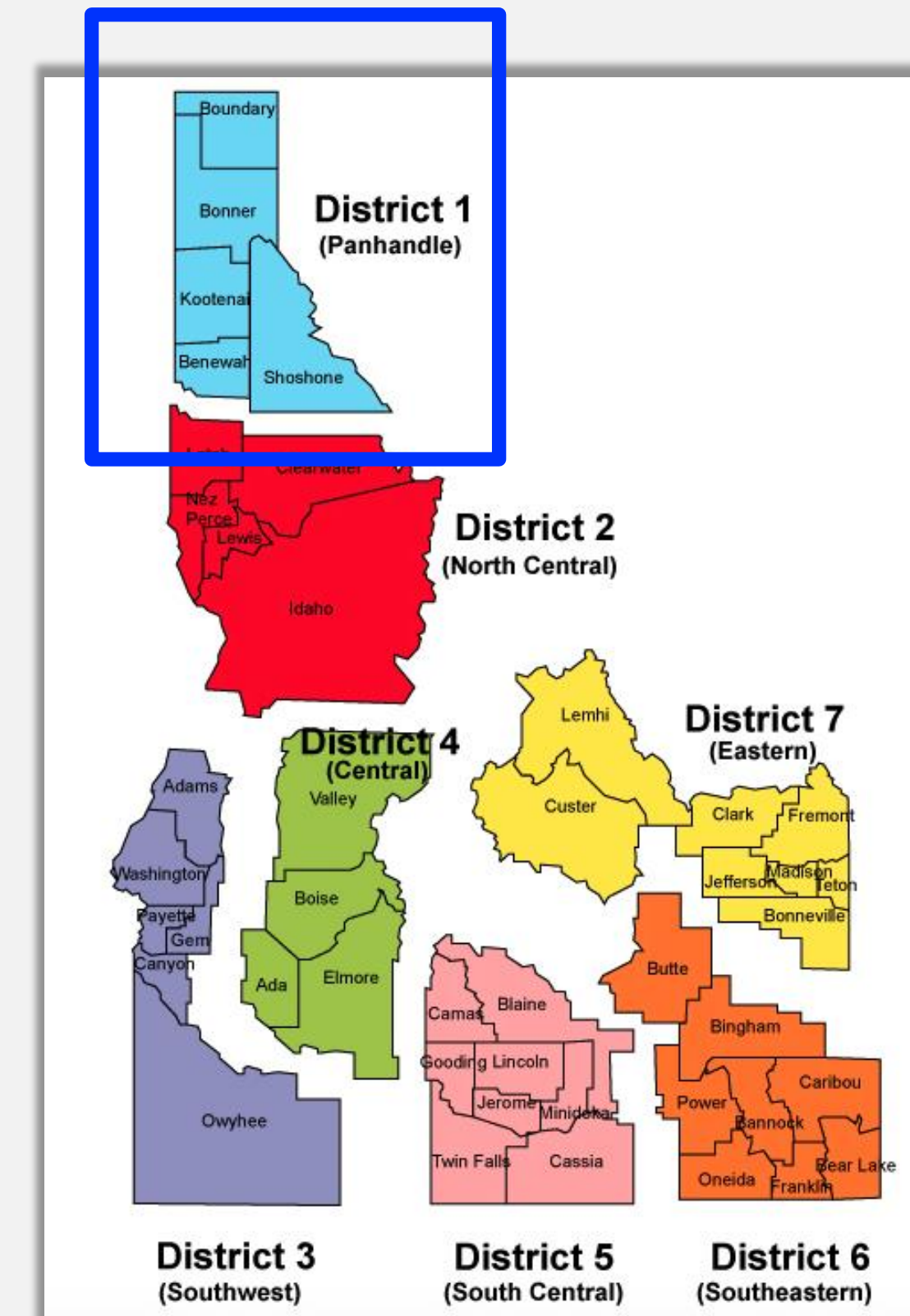
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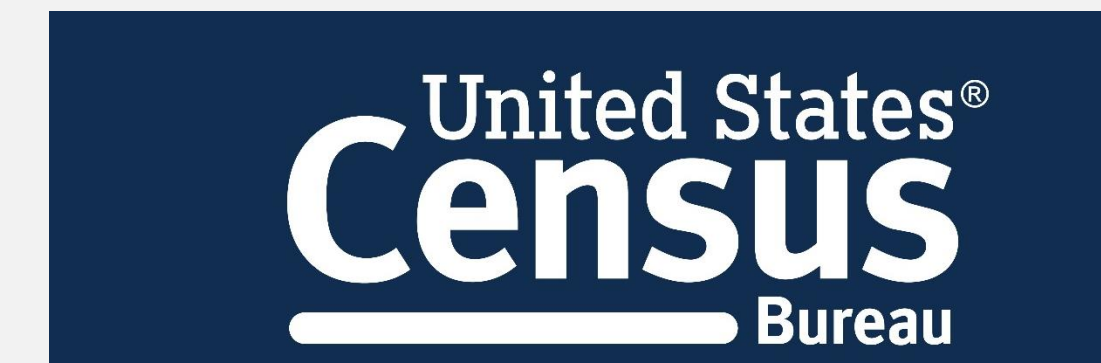
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- Heart Disease
- Angina
- Heart Attack
- Obesity
- Kidney Disease
- Smoking
- Pulmonary Disease
- Diabetes
- Hypertension
- Depression



Spatial Microsimulation



County level estimates

Imputation

Static
Base

Static
Grouped

Constraints: age,
education, race, sex

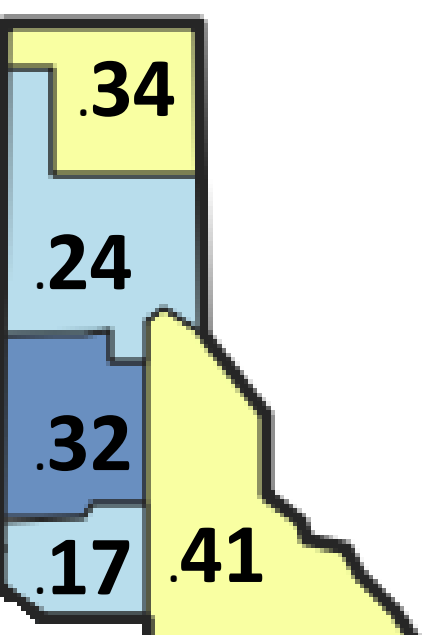
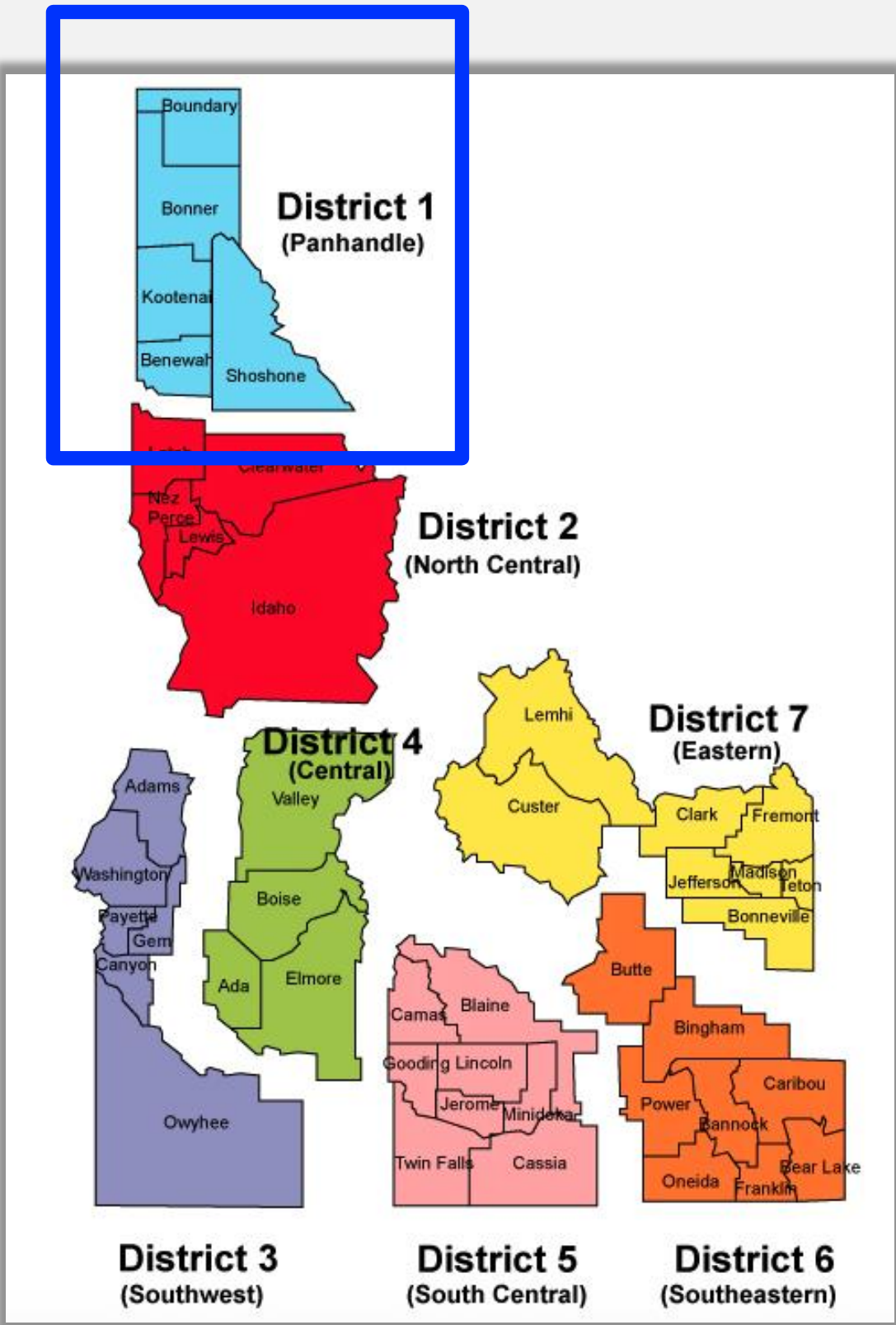
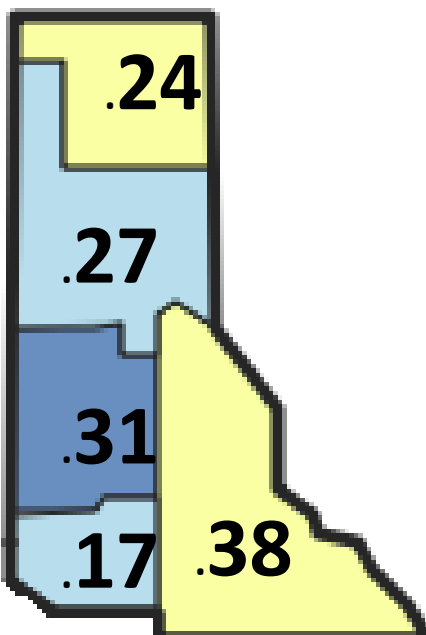
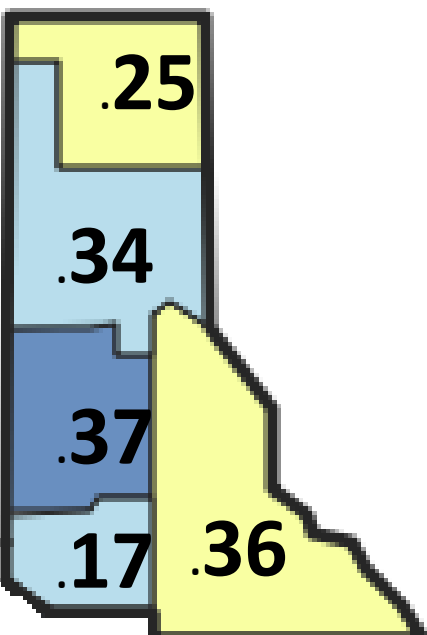
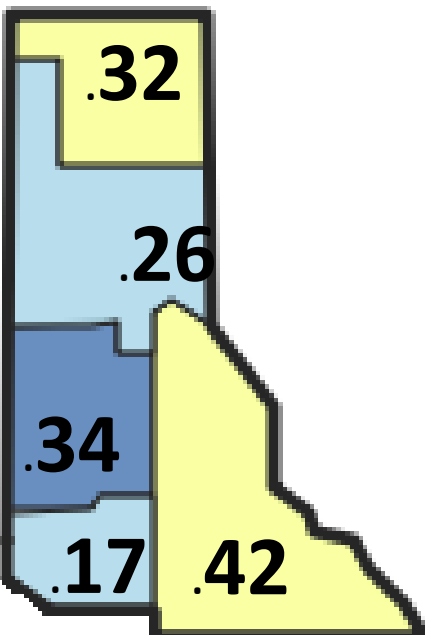
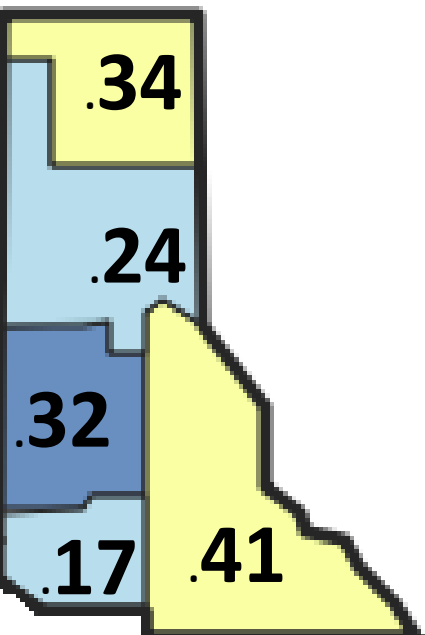
Dynamic
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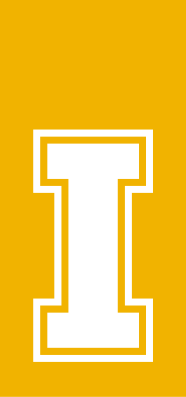
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Logistic Regression

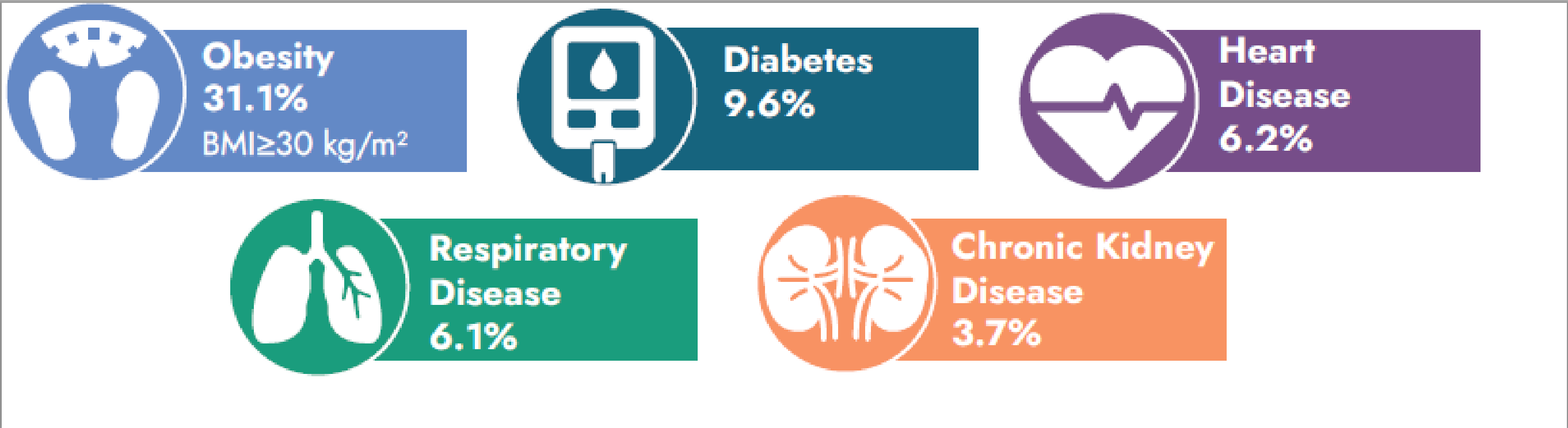
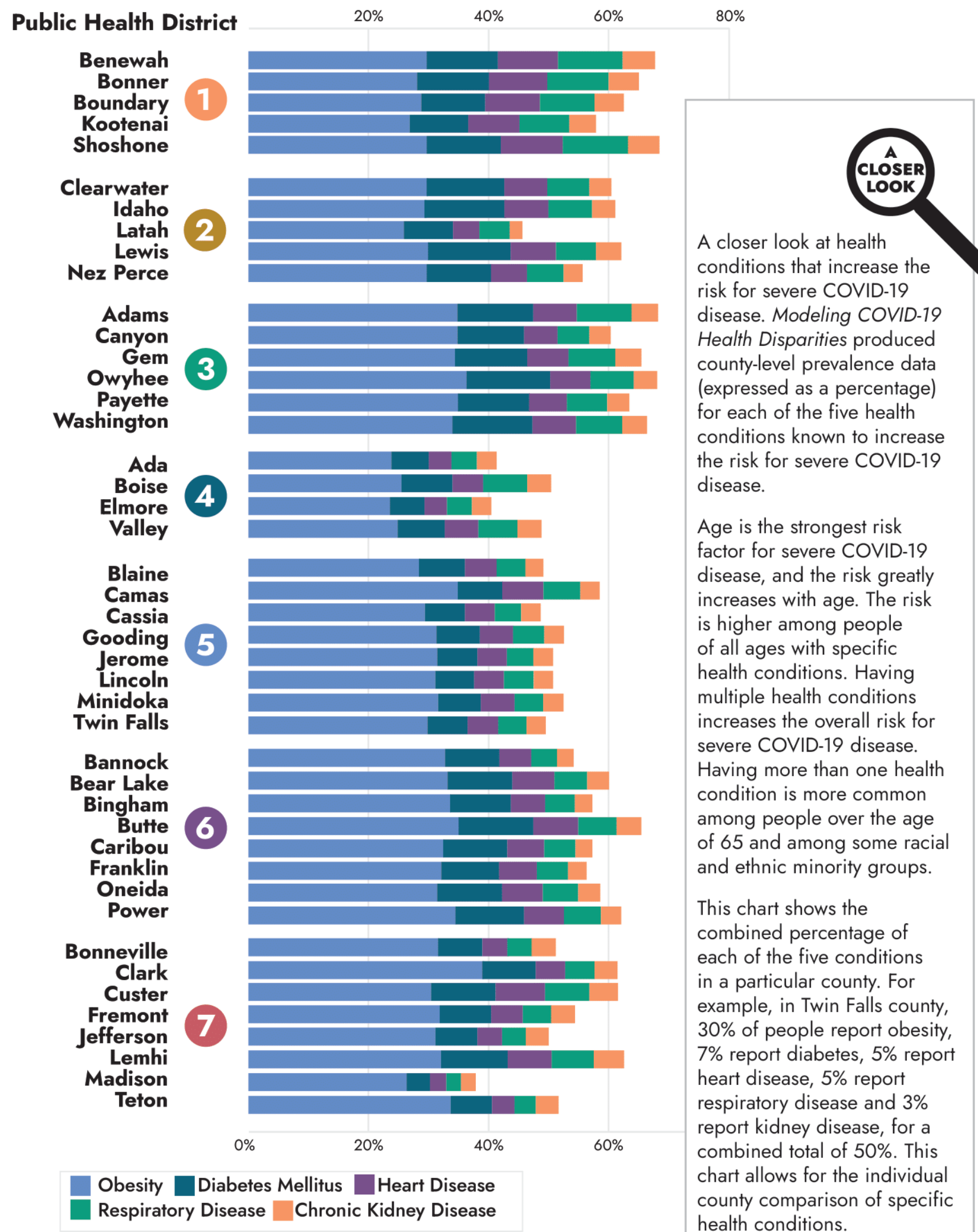
Iterative Proportional Fitting

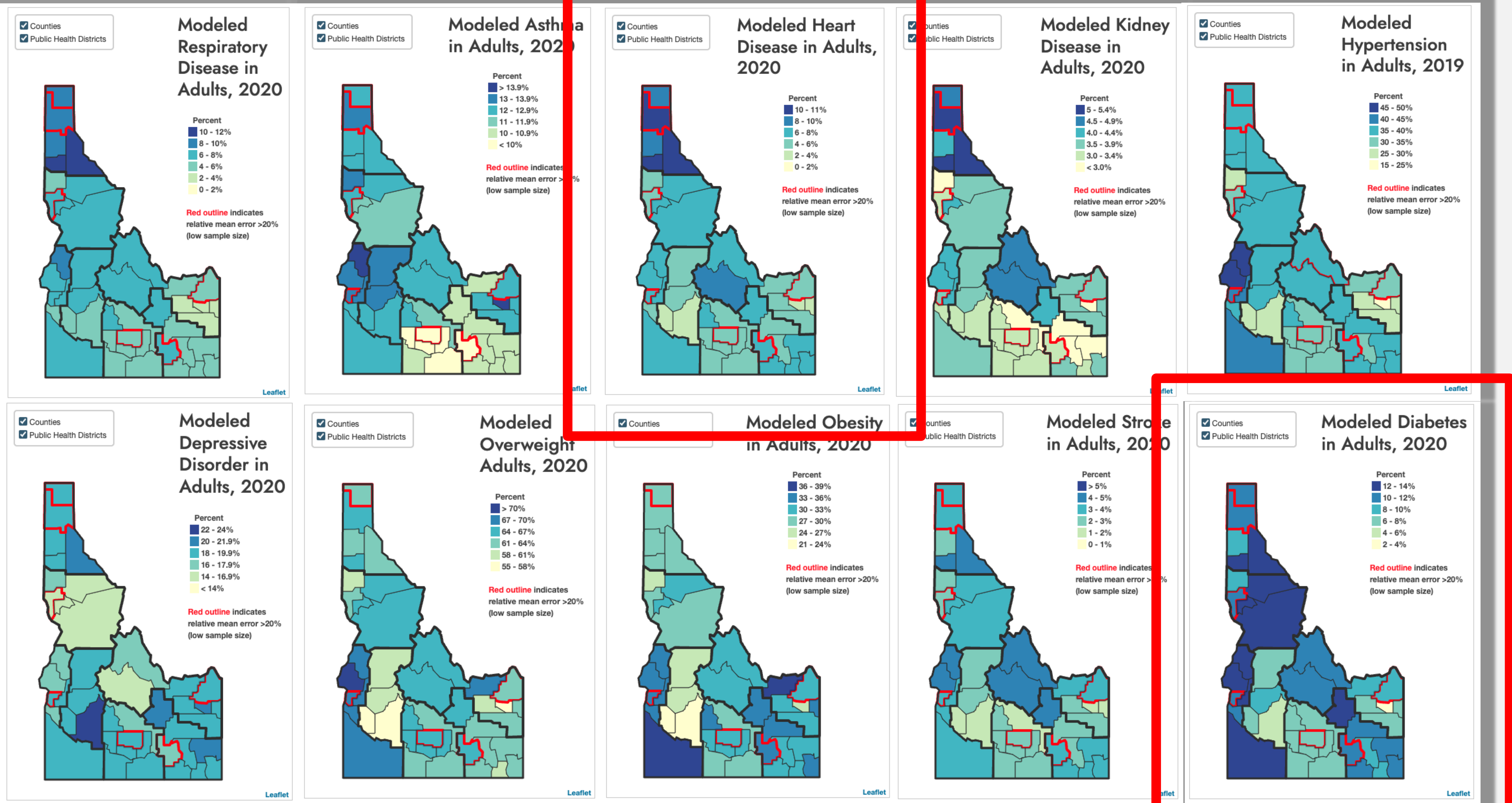
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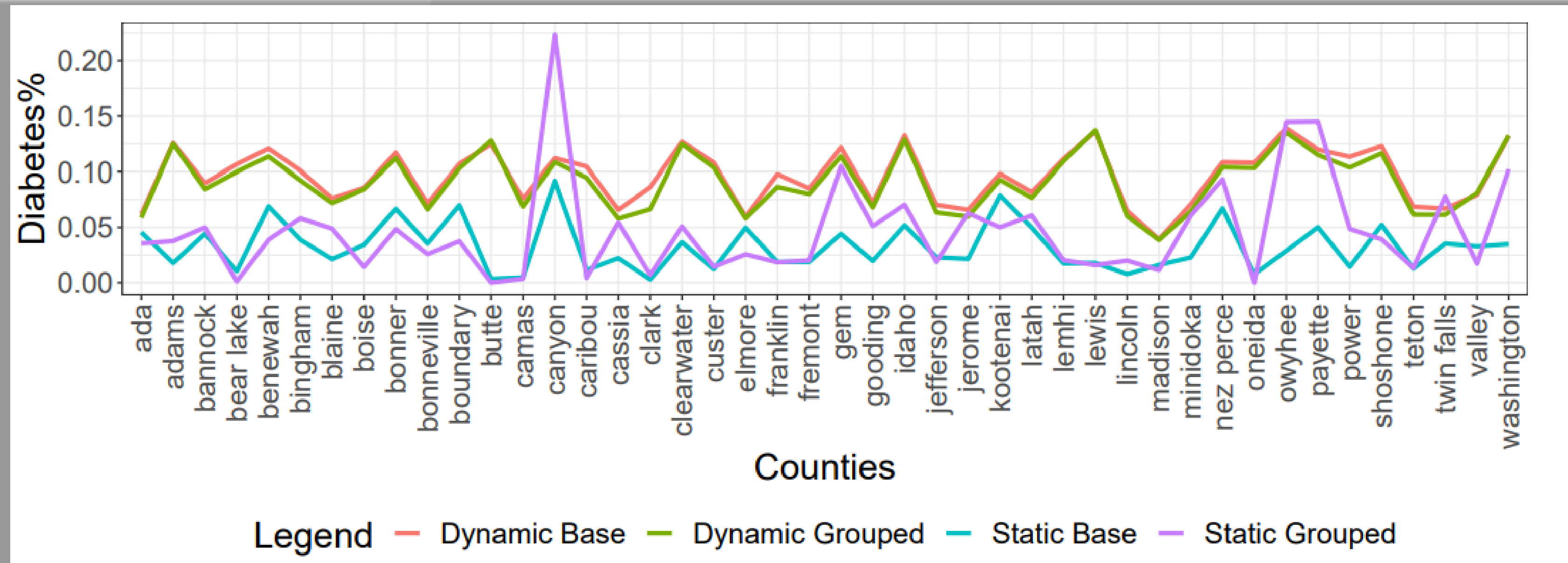




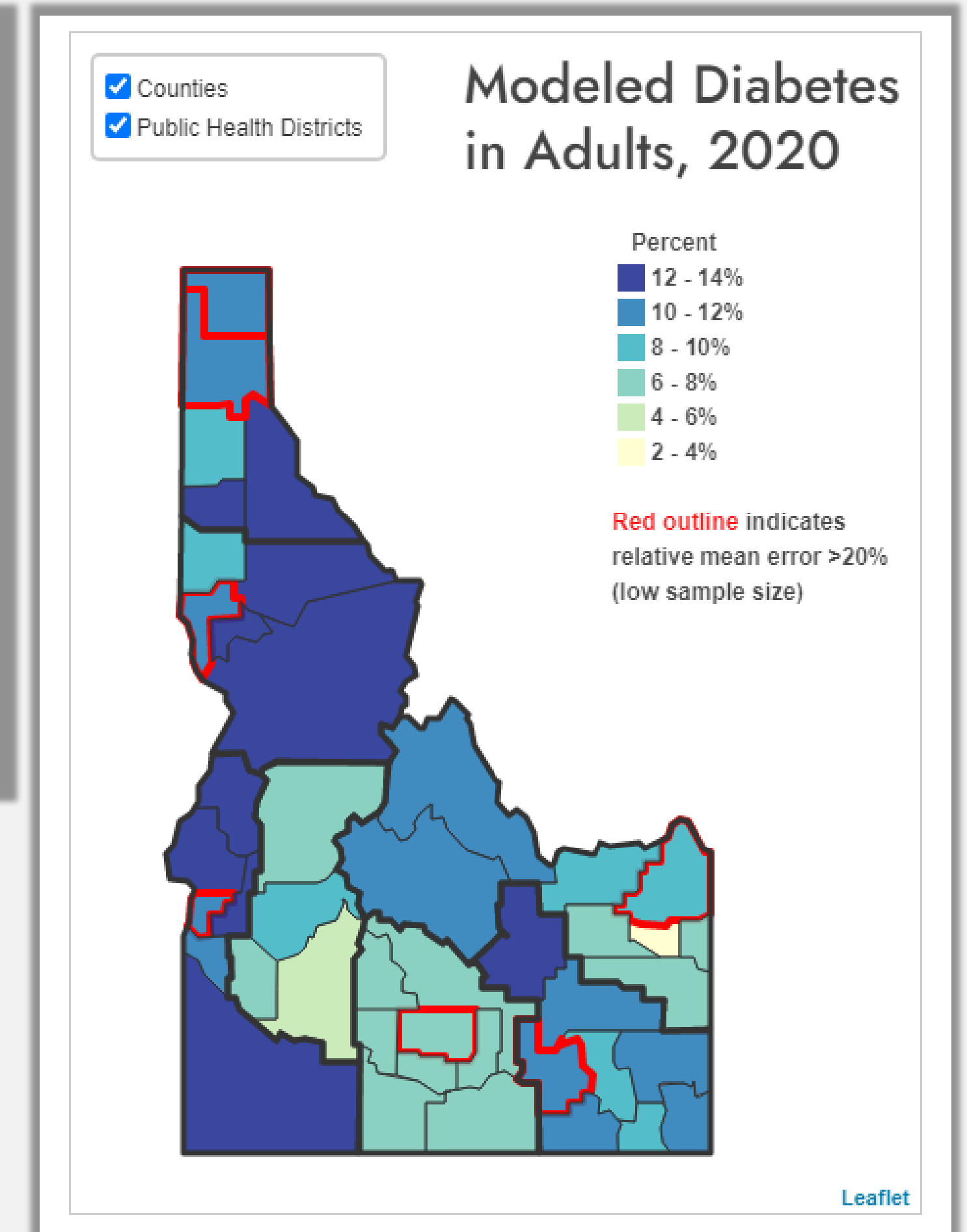
The combined percentage of each of the five reported health conditions by Public Health District (PHD) and Idaho county





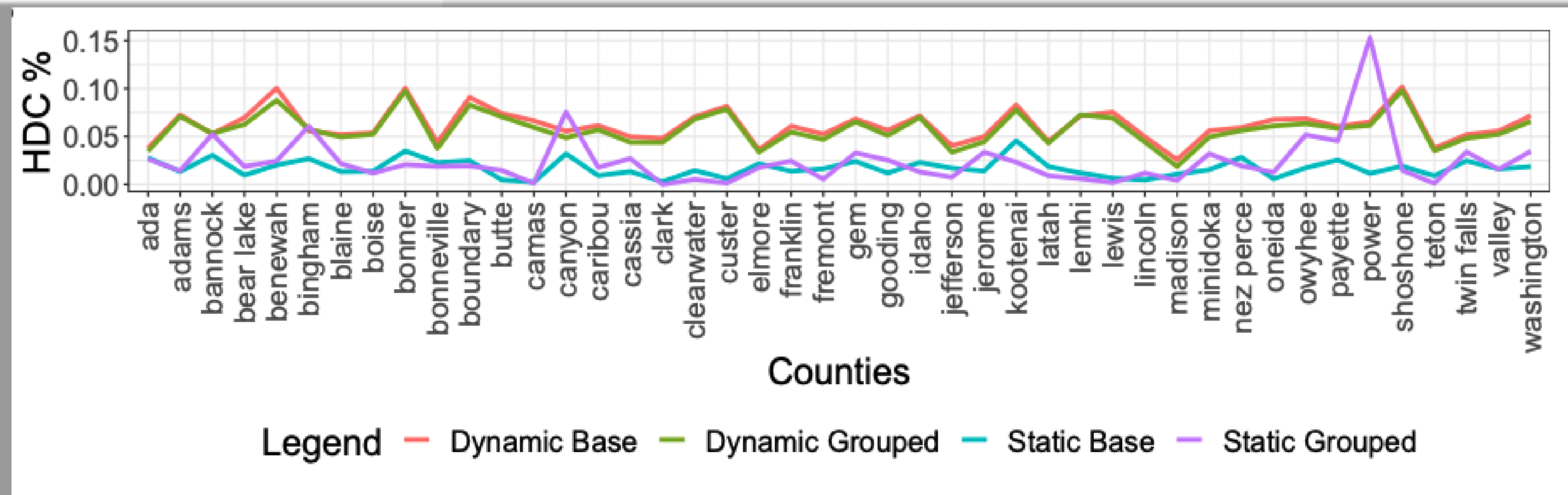


Model Results: Diabetes

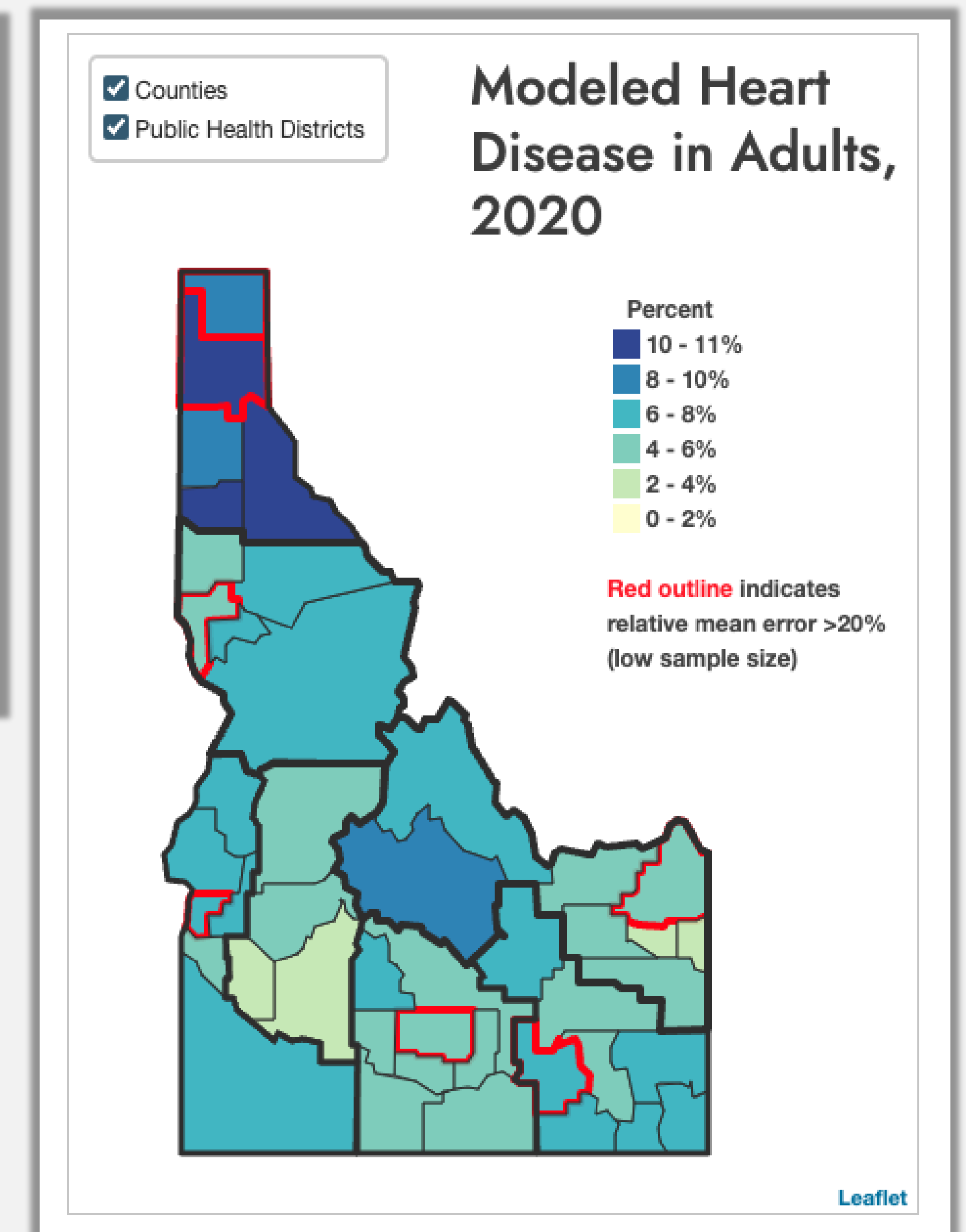


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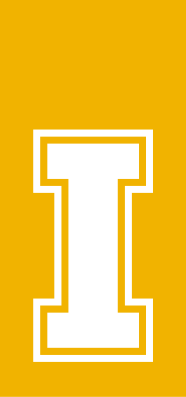


Model Results: Heart Disease



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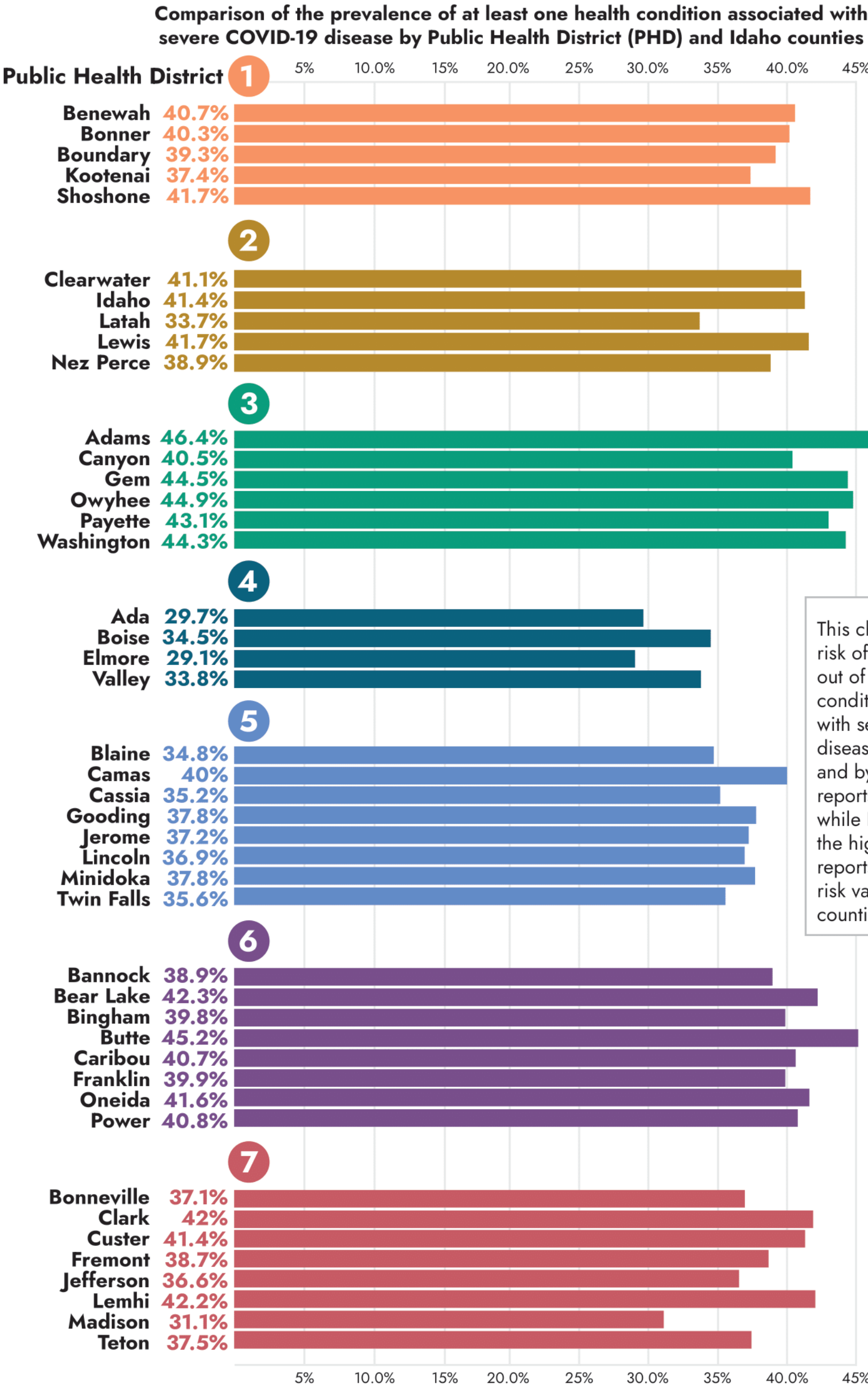
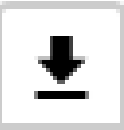
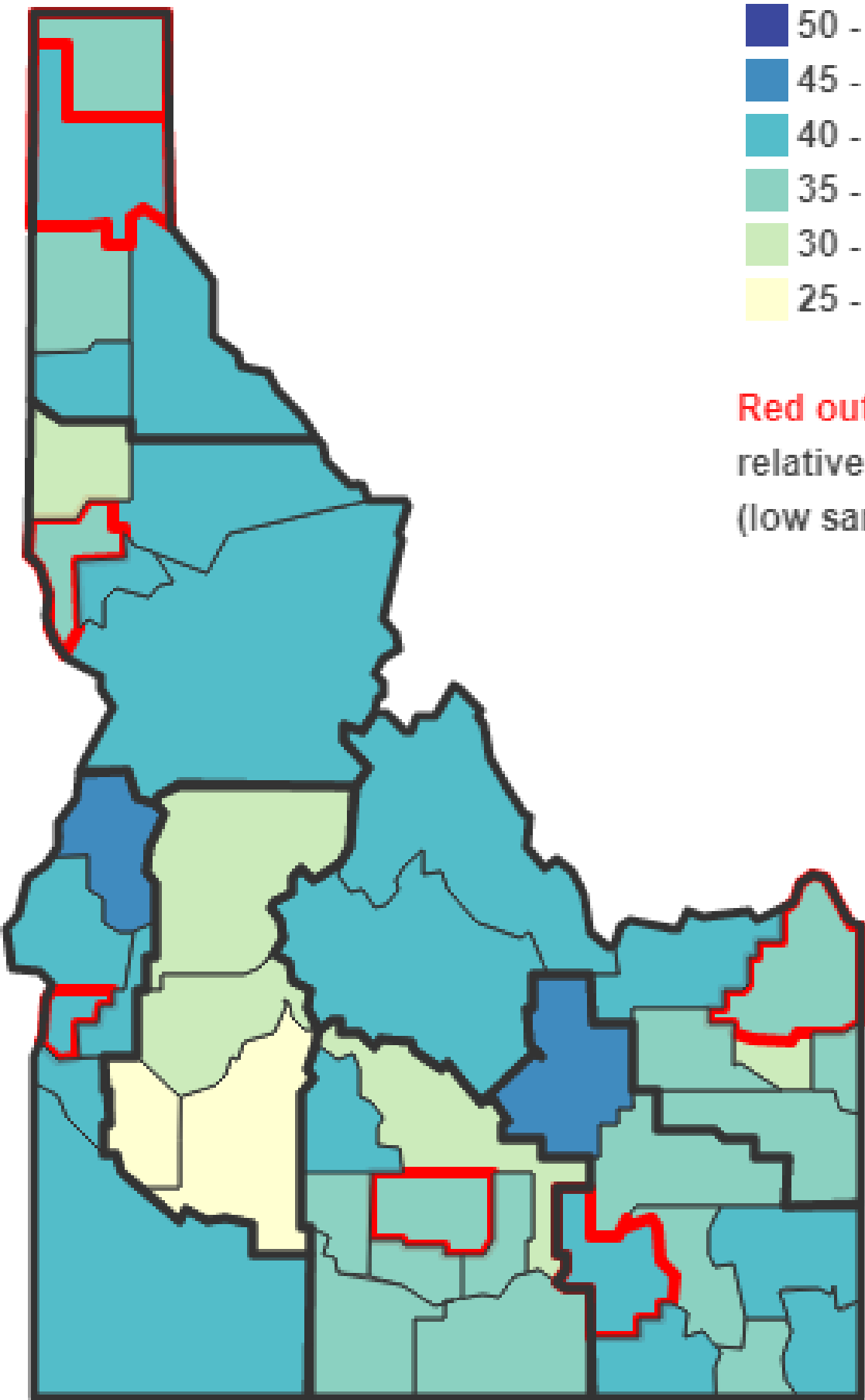
Composite Risk Adults, 2020

- ☒ Counties
- ☒ Public Health Districts

Percent

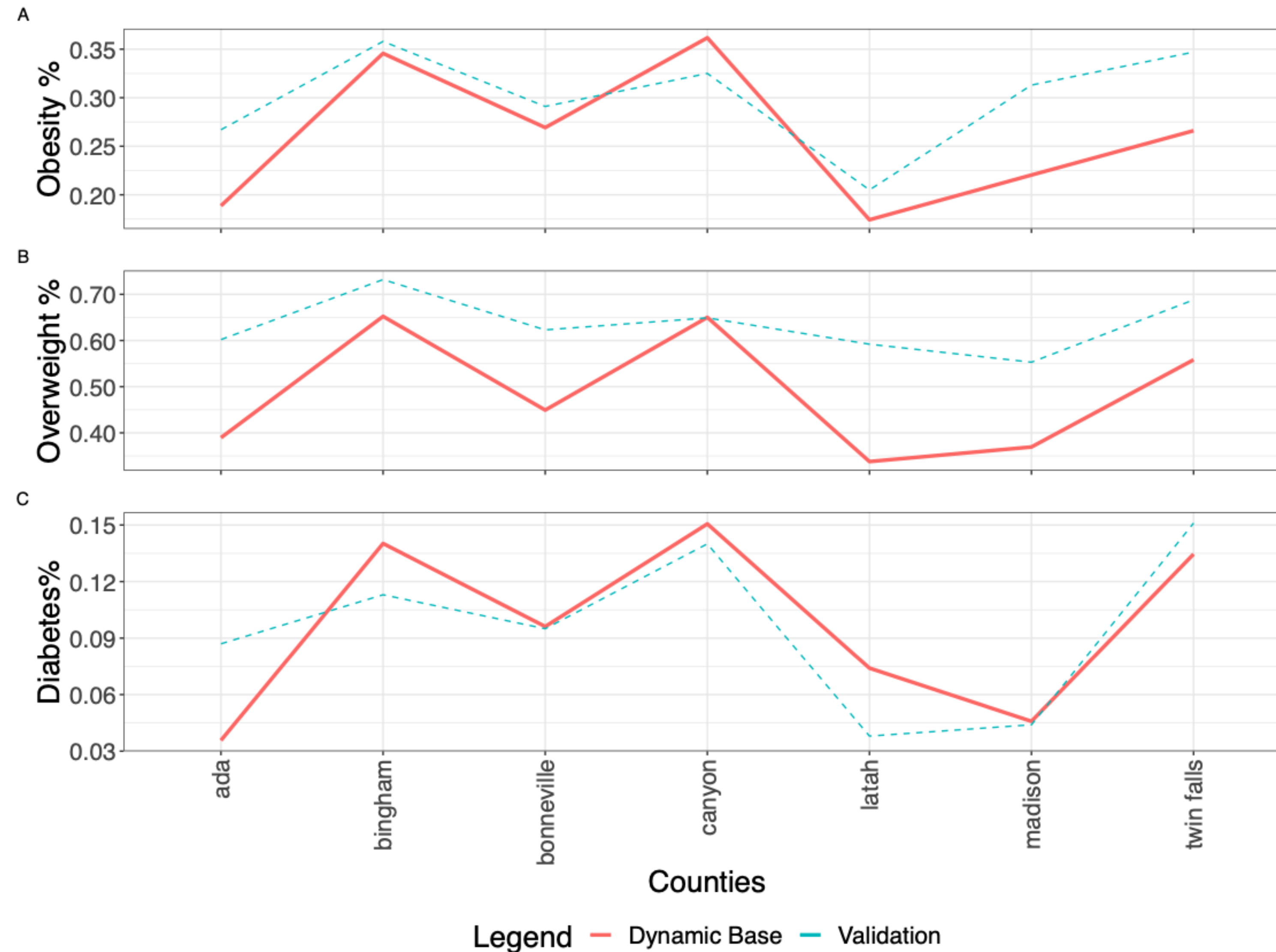
- 50 - 55%
- 45 - 50%
- 40 - 45%
- 35 - 40%
- 30 - 35%
- 25 - 30%

Red outline indicates
relative mean error >20%
(low sample size)



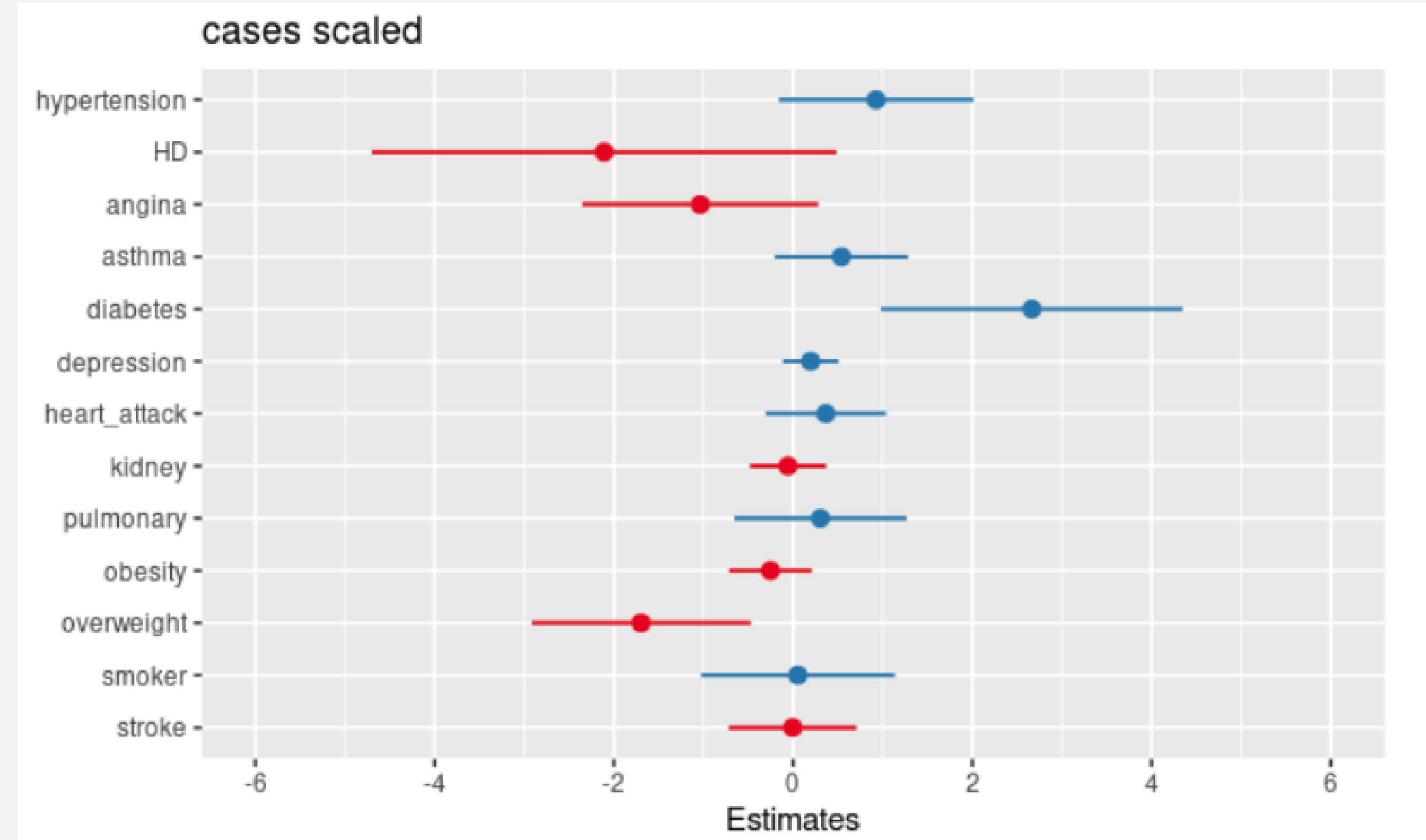
COVID Risk
Prevalence 1
out of 5
health
conditions

External Validation using CDC PLACES data



UPCOMING PROJECT: MODELING COVID SEVERITY

- Expand to 20+ covid related questions
- Will explore multi-directional models/predictability (e.g. Long COVID)
- Ensembled algorithmic models
- Spatial heterogeneity
- Deterministic vs. probabilistic



Omicron time window – cases: $R^2 = .49$

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

- Established an effective spatial microsimulation strategy for BRFSS data (region to county)
- Ready to apply differing secondary models to evaluate health parameters etc. with COVID outcomes (deaths, cases, hospitalizations)
- Can flip the models (are health parameters effected by Long COVID?)
- Provide data/models @ <http://modelingidahohealth.org>

Amenable to collaborate with regional health orgs to extend our modeling approach



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