

Quick Reads

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Iowa leads in children's health care

According to [WalletHub](#), Iowa ranks first in the nation in children's oral health care, fifth in the nation for kids' access to health care and fourth overall nationally for children's health care.

IDPH conducts sexual violence survey

The [survey](#) is to gather Iowans' knowledge of, and opinions about, sexual violence in their communities. It's voluntary and anonymous, and is expected to take approximately 15 minutes to complete. The information collected can help to inform efforts to support survivors and prevent future violence.

Local public health success story

Marshall County Public Health was called into action when a person in the community was diagnosed with tuberculosis (TB) disease. The investigation found 12 individuals, including two babies, had been exposed to TB. All were monitored and/or treated for latent TB, which can progress in young children very rapidly once infected.

Marshall County Public Health arranged and met each child at family at their health care

Local public health success story (cont.)

provider's office to assure adherence to the protocol was understood and completed. Public health went into each child's home twice a week to give the medicine and treatment continued until the babies were 6 months old. At that time, the babies were again examined, TB skin tests were given and chest x-rays were taken. All tests were negative.

The intervention prevented two babies from developing tuberculosis disease through the partnership of the health care provider, public health and the parents who cooperated and assisted with the treatment regimen.



Governor Kim Reynolds toured IDPH and met with Director Clabaugh and staff in April



Congrats and kudos

Holly Hanson of the IDPH Bureau of HIV, STD and Hepatitis received the NASTAD Program Executive Award for her work with the Ryan White Part B program.

Peg McNally is retiring from Palo Alto Community Health after 32 years.

Dr. Stan Berberich, Director of the Office of Genomics at the State Hygienic Laboratory (SHL) will receive its W.J. Hausler Award for Achievement in Leadership next month.

Barb Baker received the Henry Albert Memorial Award from the Iowa Public Health Association for exemplary leadership in public health in Iowa. Barb retired from Des Moines County Public Health after serving as a public health nurse for 40 years, and as administrator since 1994.



Peg McNally (left) is retiring from Palo Alto Community Health. Pictured with IDPH Region 3 Community Health Consultant Diane Anderson.

IDPH Bureau Spotlight Fiscal



The 18 staff of the Bureau of Finance provide the services-associated administrative functions necessary for programs to provide their specialized services. These include financial trans-

actions, procurement of goods, equipment and services support (i.e., mail and state vehicles). The bureau is entering its busiest period of the year. June through August, the bureau will be focused on entering the FY18 budget into the state's financial system, payment of all (cont.)

IDPH Bureau Spotlight (cont.)

contractual and purchasing expenses incurred through June 30, drawing the federal funds as payments and payroll are made, and filing of the required department-wide financial report with the Department of Administrative Services.

Bureau Chief Cheryl Christie has been with IDPH for more than 30 years. She began her career with the department as its only nurse epidemiologist.

In her spare time, Cheryl loves to garden, but has surrendered most of her gardening to the wildlife, which treats her garden as its private buffet line!

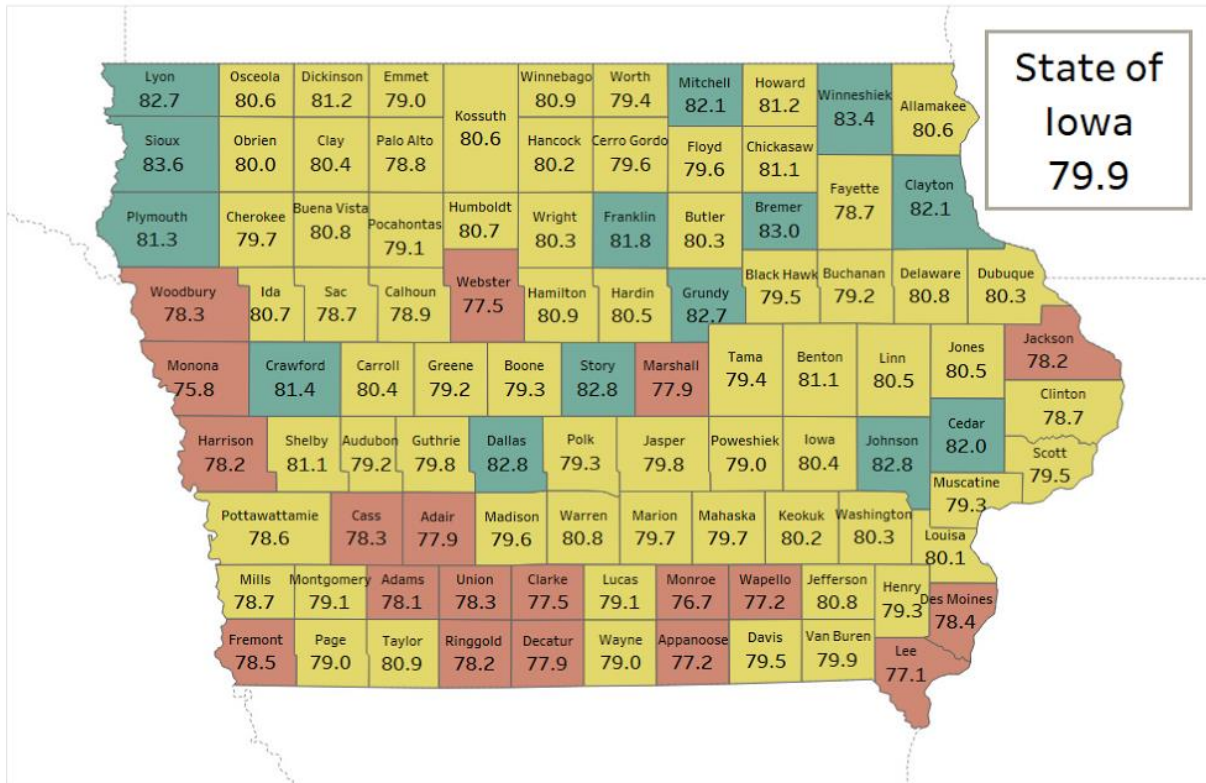
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Monthly data snapshot

County Life Expectancy at Birth

Death and Population data from 2011-2015



Life expectancy at birth is defined as:
 'The average number of years a baby born in a particular area or population can be expected to live if it experiences the current age-specific mortality rates of that particular area or population throughout its life'.

Training opportunity

Managing Medication-Seeking Patients and using Screening and Brief Interventions – June 13, 2017

Please encourage staff and colleagues to attend this training. [Register](#) for free CEUs in your field.

Visit YouTube to see a [video](#) of the presenter's work with patients.

This training is sponsored by the SBIRT Iowa Project, Iowa Department of Public Health, Division of Behavioral Health, and funded by PCSS-O and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment.

