


Missouri Opioid Overdose and Bloodborne Infection Vulnerability Assessments

Supplementary Data

Pulaski County



Pulaski County is located in south central Missouri and between years 2013 to 2017 had an estimated population of 53,132. Pulaski County ranks 22 in population size among Missouri’s 114 counties plus the independent city of St. Louis. The 2013-2017 unemployment rate in the county was 8.8%. This was higher than the statewide unemployment rate of 5.8%. In 2013-2017, the poverty rate was 12.8%, which was lower than the statewide poverty rate of 14.6%. The 2013-2017 median income of the county was \$51,137. The population distribution is as follows:

**Figure 1: Pulaski County Population
2013-2017 5-Year Estimates**

Demographics – Total Population					
Sex	Count	Percent	Age Group	Count	Percent
Male	30,361	57.1	0 – 9 years	7,112	13.4
Female	22,771	42.9	10 – 14 years	3,001	5.6
Race			15 – 19 years	6,611	12.4
Black/African American alone	6,620	12.5	20 – 24 years	7,185	13.5
White alone	39,842	75.0	25 – 39 years	13,072	24.6
Other	6,670	12.6	40 – 59 years	9,905	18.6
Ethnicity			Over 60 years	6,246	11.8
Hispanic	5,770	10.9	Median Age	27.6 years	
Non-Hispanic	47,362	89.1			

The Department of Health and Senior Services conducted two vulnerability assessments of Missouri counties. The indicators used for these assessments are included in the table below.

Figure 2: Comparison of Indicators for Missouri Vulnerability Assessments

	Opioid Overdose	Both	Bloodborne Infection
Individual Outcomes (Weight x 3)	Opioid-related Substance Use Disorder Treatment (SUDT) Admissions	Drug Overdose Deaths†‡¥	Bloodborne Illnesses (HIV, Acute and Chronic Hepatitis B, and Acute and Chronic Hepatitis C)†‡
	Self-reported Frequent (>14 Per Month) Poor Mental Health Days	Opioid Misuse Emergency Room (ER) Visits	Hepatitis C Virus Among Ages 18 to 40
		Drug-related Arrests	Injection Drug Use (IDU) Among Persons Receiving SUDT
Community Factors (Weight x 1)		Median Income†‡	
		Poverty†	
		Lack of a High School Education†	
		Unemployment†‡	
		Uninsured†	

† These indicators were considered for the National Vulnerability Assessment.
 ‡ Analysis completed for the National Vulnerability Assessment found these indicators to be more strongly associated with acute hepatitis C virus infection, which was considered a proxy for unsafe injection drug use.
 ¥ Drug Overdose Deaths = (0.5 weight x county of residence rate) + (0.5 weight x county of record rate).

Figure 3: Distribution of Final Ranks

Final Ranks	Quintile Points	Vulnerability Level
1-23	1	
24-46	2	
47-69	3	
70-92	4	
93-115	5	More vulnerable

Figure 3 shows the distribution of the final ranks among five quintiles. In the Missouri vulnerability assessments, Pulaski County ranked 99 (5th quintile) for vulnerability to opioid overdoses. Pulaski County ranked 71 (4th quintile) for vulnerability to bloodborne infections. In the Missouri assessments, counties in the fifth quintile are considered to be more vulnerable. Please note that Figure 3 shows the distribution when no ties occur. When a tie occurs on a break point, a shift in the distribution may occur.

Figure 4 Missouri Opioid Overdose Vulnerability Assessment

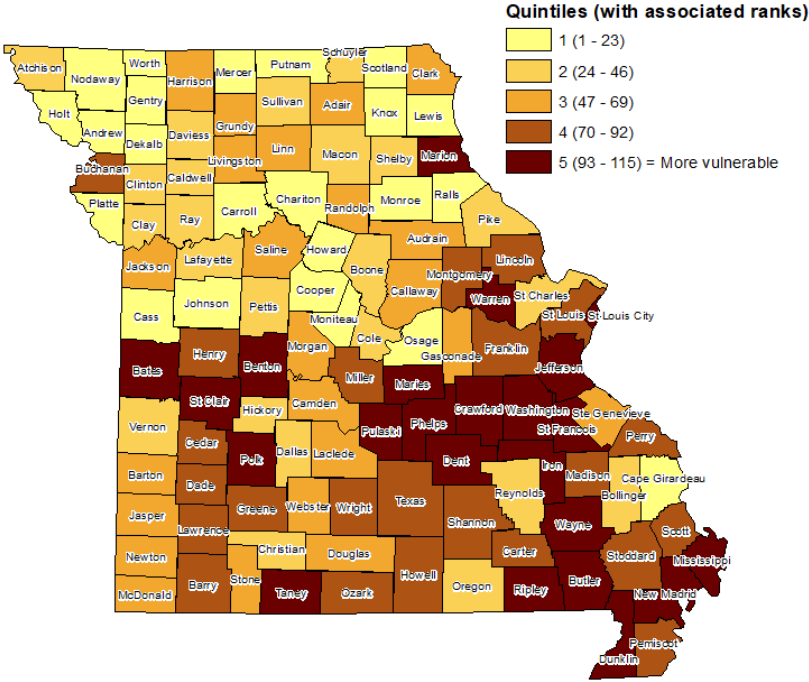


Figure 5: Individual Outcome Indicators

Opioid Overdose Vulnerability Assessment Indicators											
County	Count: Drug Overdose (OD) Deaths by Residence County	Rate: Drug OD Deaths by Residence County	Count: Drug OD Deaths by County of Record	Rate: Drug OD Deaths by County of Record	Count: Opioid Misuse ER Visits	Rate: Opioid Misuse ER Visits	Count: Opioid-related SUDT	Rate: Opioid-related SUDT	Count: Drug-related Arrests	Rate: Drug-related Arrests	Rate: Self-reported Frequent Poor Mental Health Days
Pulaski	39	24.7	29	18.4	158	1.0	84	161.4	506	972.0	15.5
Missouri	3,784	20.7	3,868	21.1	25,889	1.4	6,754	110.5	43,232	707.2	13.7

Figure 6
Missouri Bloodborne Infection
Vulnerability Assessment

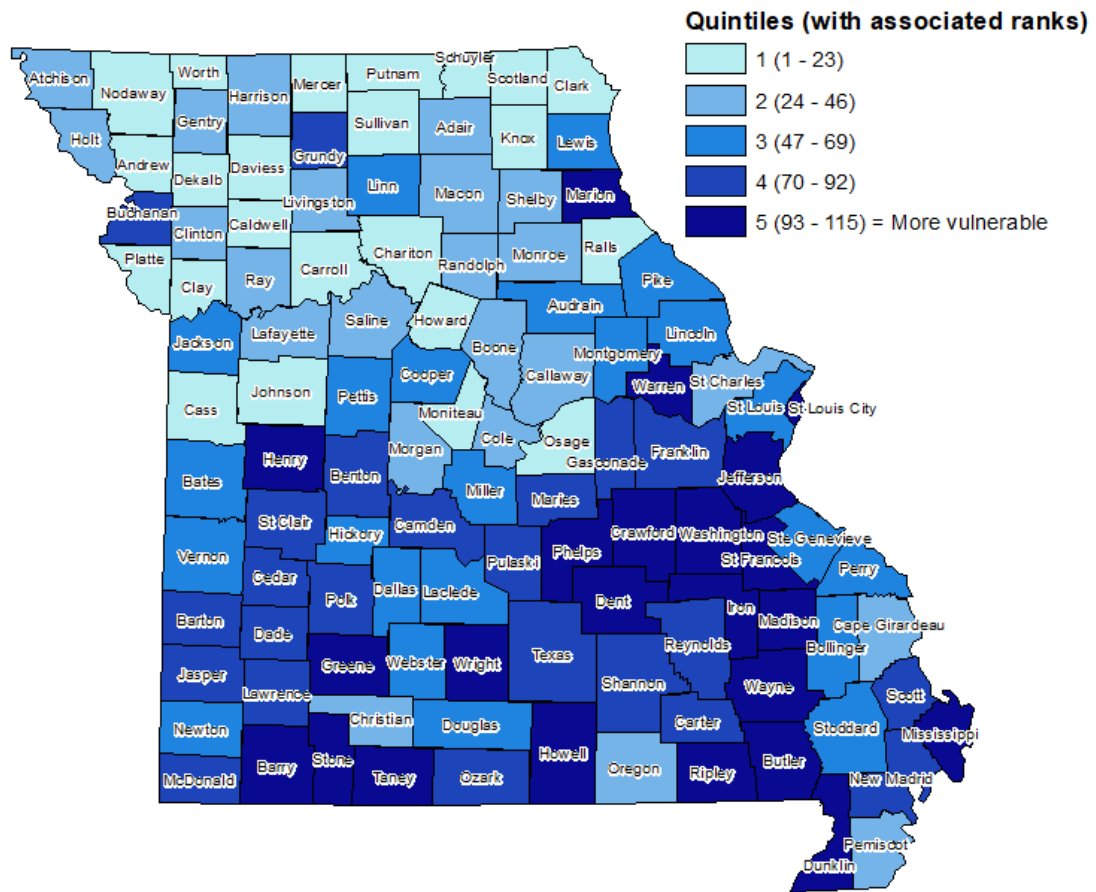


Figure 7: Individual Outcome Indicators

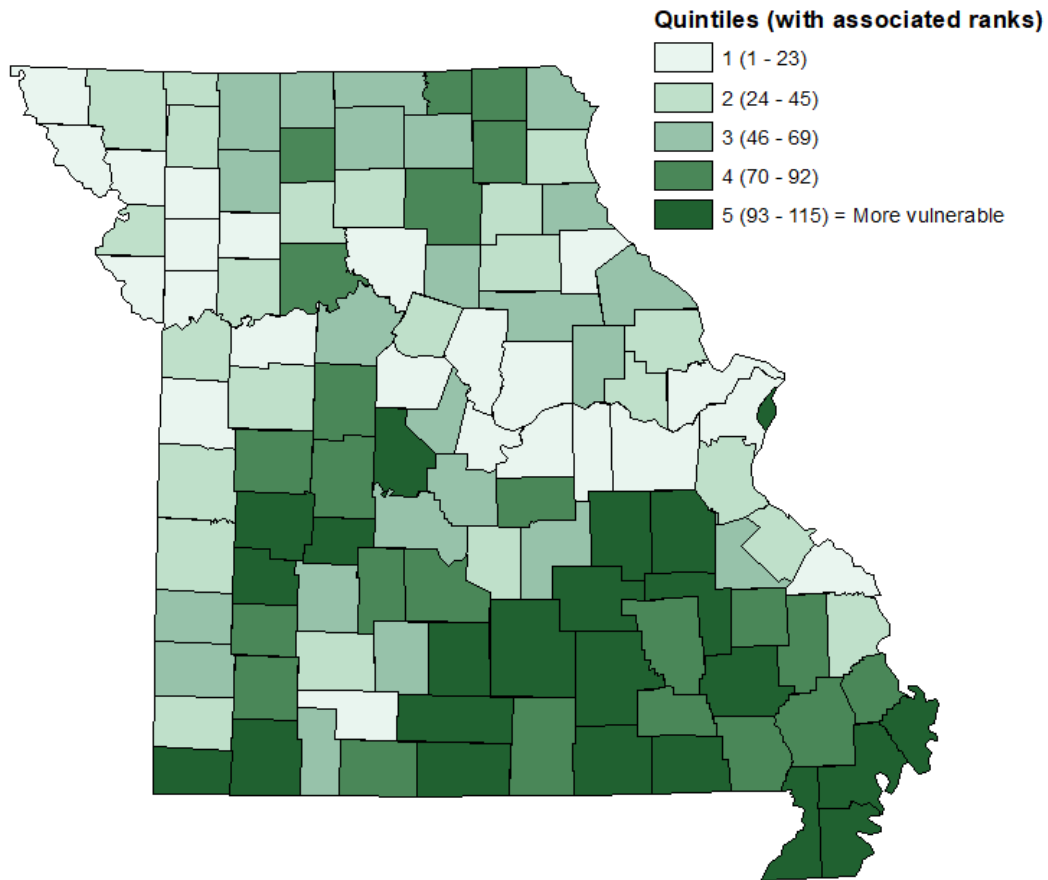
Bloodborne Infection Vulnerability Assessment Indicators														
County	Count: Drug OD Deaths by Residence County	Rate: Drug OD Deaths by Residence County	Count: Drug OD Deaths by County of Record	Rate: Drug OD Deaths by County of Record	Count: HIV, HBV, HCV	Rate: HIV, HBV, HCV	Count: HCV Among Ages 18 to 40	Rate: HCV Among Ages 18 to 40	Count: Opioid Misuse ER Visits	Rate: Opioid Misuse ER Visits	Count: IDU Among SUDT Recipients	Rate: IDU Among SUDT Recipients	Count: Drug-related Arrests	Rate: Drug-related Arrests
Pulaski	39	24.7	29	18.4	98	62.1	39	50.8	158	1.0	77	147.9	506	972.0
Missouri	3,784	20.7	3,868	21.1	17,628	96.4	5,532	100.0	25,889	1.4	6,958	113.8	43,232	707.2

Figure 8: Community Factors

Pulaski County			
ACS Data 2013-2017	Rate	Rank	Quintile
Lack of a High School Education	9.5%	18	1st
Median Income	\$51,137	20	1st
Poverty	12.8%	21	2nd
Unemployment	8.8%	104	5th
Uninsured	10.8%	43	2nd

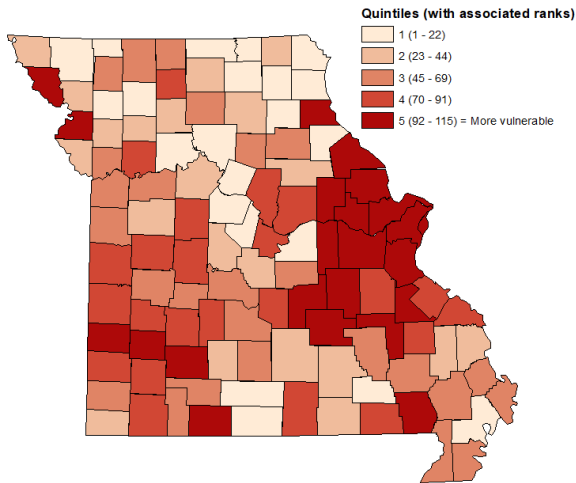
Social and economic factors within a community may impact available resources and influence vulnerability to opioid overdoses and bloodborne infections. Many of these indicators are interrelated. Data are from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2013-2017 American Community Survey (ACS).

**Figure 9
Community Factors
2013-2017**



Selected Individual Outcome Indicators

Figure 10
Opioid Misuse ER Visits
2015-2017



The 2015-2017 number of emergency room visits due to opioid misuse was 158, at a rate of 1.0 visits per 1,000 residents. This is rank 84 (4th quintile) for this indicator.

Pulaski County ranks 96 (5th quintile) on the 2015-2017 combined drug overdose death rate indicator. This indicator considers both the decedent's county of residence and the decedent's county of record, which can be considered a proxy for the location of death.

By county of residence, the 2015-2017 number of Pulaski County drug overdose deaths was 39, at a rate of 24.7 deaths per 100,000 population.

By county of record, the 2015-2017 number of Pulaski County drug overdose deaths was 29, at a rate of 18.4 deaths per 100,000 population.

Figure 11
Drug Overdose Death Ranks
County of Residence 2015-2017

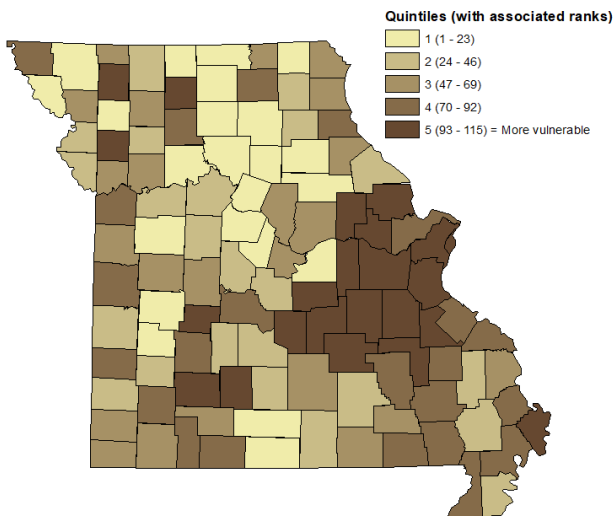
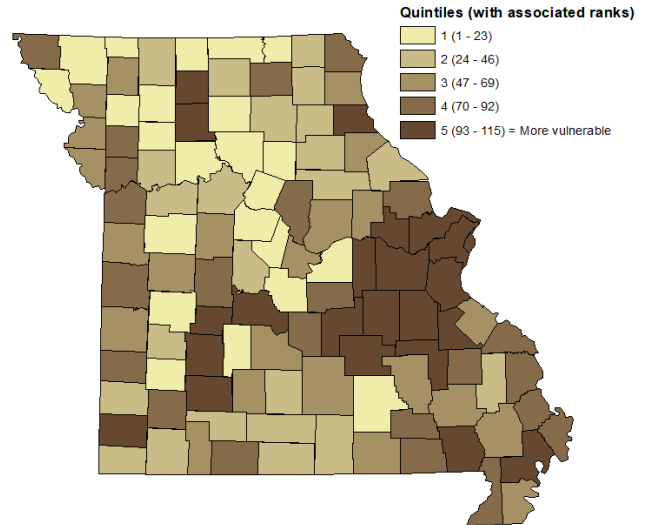


Figure 12
Drug Overdose Death Ranks
County of Record 2015-2017



New cases of reported bloodborne illnesses (acute and chronic hepatitis B virus (HBV), acute and chronic hepatitis C virus (HCV), and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)) in Pulaski County totaled 98 for 2016-2018, at a rate of 62.1 cases per 100,000 residents. This is rank 46 (2nd quintile) for bloodborne illnesses.

Per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), “adults under 40 have the highest rate of new infections, largely because of the opioid crisis.”[†] In Pulaski County, 39 new cases of acute and chronic HCV were identified among the 18- to 40-year-old age group in 2016-2018, for a rate of 50.8 cases per 100,000 residents. Pulaski County ranks 29 (2nd quintile) for this indicator.

Figure 13
Bloodborne Illnesses
2016-2018

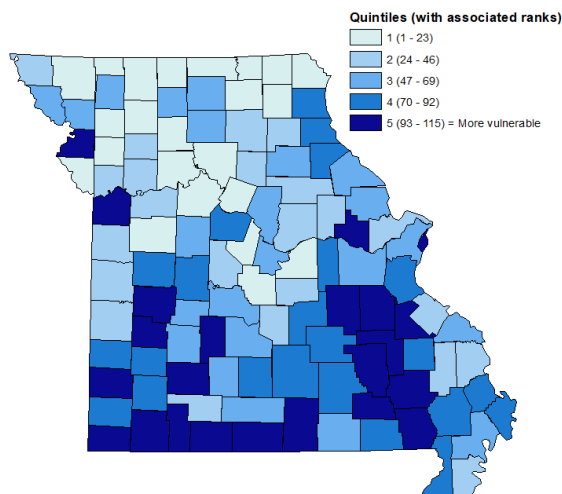
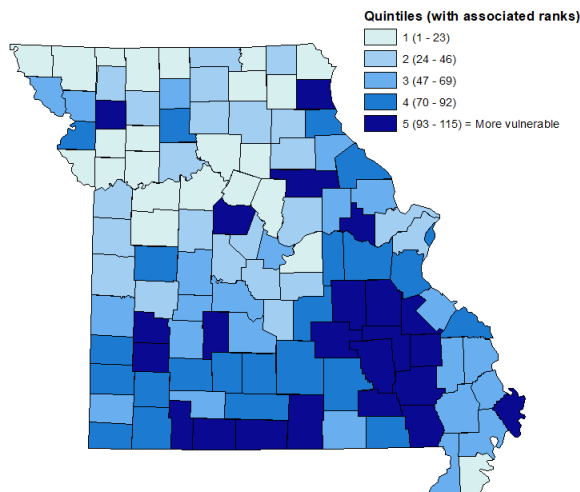


Figure 14
HCV Among Ages 18 to 40
2016-2018



Acute and chronic hepatitis C also significantly impact the 41- to 65-year-old age group. In 2016-2018, there were 29 new cases of acute and chronic hepatitis C identified in this age group, at a rate of 85.4 cases per 100,000 residents.

Out of 72 acute and chronic HCV cases, 33 (45.8%) were male. For the cases in which race was identified, <5 (<2.9%) were African American. However, please interpret race data for HCV with caution, as race was not identified in 38 (52.8%) of all 2016-2018 HCV cases in Pulaski County.

[†] Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention. CDC Estimates Nearly 2.4 Million Americans Living with Hepatitis C. (November 6, 2018). Accessed October 8, 2019, from <https://www.cdc.gov/nchhstp/newsroom/2018/hepatitis-c-prevalence-estimates-press-release.html>.

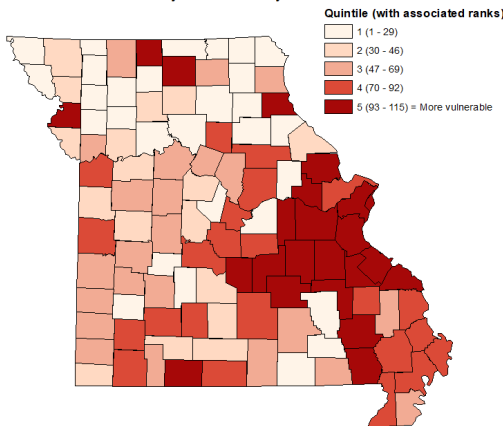
AIDS = Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome

STD = Sexually Transmitted Disease

TB = Tuberculosis

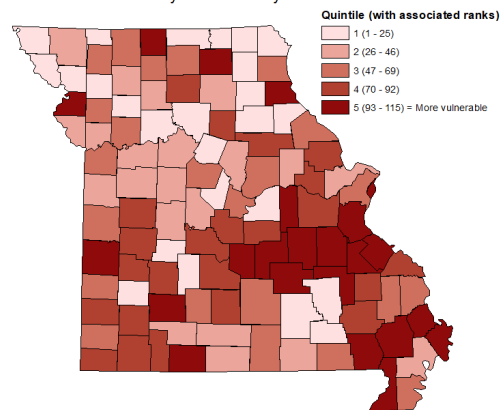
The number of people who received opioid-related substance use disorder treatment from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 was 84, a rate of 161.4 persons per 100,000 population, placing this county in rank 107 (5th quintile). This indicator was used only in the opioid overdose vulnerability assessment.

Figure 15
Opioid-related Substance Use Disorder Treatment Admissions
July 2016 to July 2017



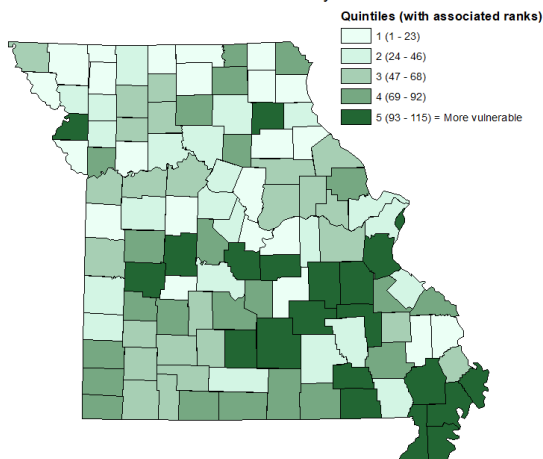
The number of persons receiving substance use disorder treatment and prior to treatment reported injecting drugs was 77, a rate of 147.9 persons per 100,000 population, placing this county in rank 94 (5th quintile). This indicator was used only in the bloodborne infection vulnerability assessment.

Figure 16
Injection Drug Use Among Persons Receiving Substance Use Disorder Treatment
July 2016 to July 2017



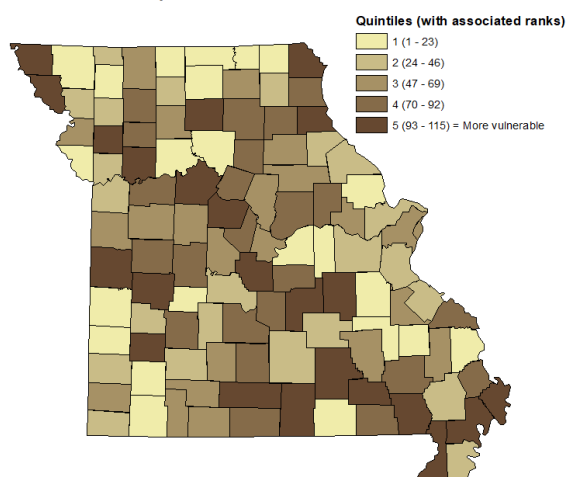
In 2016, 15.5 percent of Pulaski County adults 18 years of age or older reported more than 14 poor mental health days per month. This placed Pulaski County in rank 83 (4th quintile) for this indicator in the opioid overdose vulnerability assessment.

Figure 17
Self-reported (>14 Per Month) Poor Mental Health Days 2016



Between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017, a total of 506 drug-related arrests occurred in Pulaski County, at a rate of 972.0 arrests per 100,000 population. Pulaski County ranks 84 (4th quintile) for this indicator, which was used in both assessments.

Figure 18
Drug-related Arrests
July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017



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