

# National Study of Treatment and Addiciton Recovery Residences Report South Dakota

**The National Study of Treatment and Addiction Recovery Residences (NSTARR)** constitutes the largest and most diverse study of recovery housing in the US to date. NSTARR compiled data from publicly available sources (e.g., Oxford House, National Alliance for Recovery Residences, and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration websites) and lists maintained by entities tracking recovery housing. Residences for which locating information was available were geocoded and linked with U.S. Census data on urbanicity, alcohol- and drug-involved mortality, and COVID vulnerability. Data collection began in January 2020 and is ongoing until June 2023. The NSTARR database currently contains information on 10,358 residences operated by 3,628 providers in all 50 states. For a detailed description of methods and national findings, please see Mericle et al., 2022.

## KEY FINDINGS

The NSTARR team identified 15 recovery residences (1.72 houses per 100,000 population) in South Dakota (see Table 1). Compared to other states (which include DC), South Dakota ranked 39 in terms of recovery housing availability per capita. All but one residence in the state could be geocoded for these analyses. Dewey County, a non-adjacent rural county, had the most recovery residences per 100,000 population, and 59 had no identified recovery residences, representing a mix of rural-urban classifications; 65 (all but one county in the state) had fewer than 5 recovery residences (see Figure 1).

We used geographic information systems to identify hot and cold spots in South Dakota. A hot spot is a cluster of high values (county with a high number of residences surrounded by other counties with high numbers of residences) and a cold spot is a cluster of low values (county with low counts surrounded by counties also with low counts). Our analyses found hot spots but no cold spots within the state (see Figure 2).

The age-adjusted alcohol- and drug-involved mortality rate (per 100,000 population) was 29.70 in South Dakota for the years 2009-2019. South Dakota ranked 7 on alcohol- and drug-involved mortality out of the 50 states and DC. Among the counties ranked, Buffalo County had the highest alcohol- and drug-involved mortality rate and Lincoln County had the lowest alcohol- and drug-involved mortality rate. Of the three counties that had the highest mortality rates in South Dakota (i.e., Buffalo, Shannon, and Mellette), all three of them also ranked in the bottom half recovery housing availability per capita, suggesting more recovery resources may be needed (see Table 1 and Figure 3).

COVID vulnerability was summarized using the county-level data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's COVID Vulnerability Index (CCVI). The CCVI is a composite measure of seven social determinants of health, encompassing modified themes from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Social Vulnerability Index in combination with COVID risk factors to identify communities in need of additional support during the COVID pandemic. One county was classified as having very high vulnerability, and this county was located in an area ranked in the bottom half of recovery housing availability per capita, again suggesting that more recovery resources may be needed (see Table 1 and Figure 4).

15  
RESIDENCES  
TOTAL

39  
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Table 1. County-level Descriptive Statistics on Recovery Residences

County Name	Population <sup>1</sup>	RUCC Classification <sup>2</sup>	Number of Recovery Residences <sup>3</sup>	Recovery Residences per 100,000 Population	Recovery Residences Availability per Capita (Rank) <sup>4</sup>	Age-Adjusted Alcohol/Drug Mortality <sup>5</sup> Rate per 100,000 Population	Mortality Rate (Rank) <sup>6</sup>	CCVI Quintile <sup>7</sup>
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>	870,638		15	1.72	39	29.70	7	
<b>Aurora</b>	2,763	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	Suppressed	-	Very low vulnerability
<b>Beadle</b>	18,346	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	35.80	19	Moderate
<b>Bennett</b>	3,425	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	85.10	9	High
<b>Bon Homme</b>	6,929	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	Suppressed	-	Very low vulnerability
<b>Brookings</b>	34,601	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	30.50	26	Very low vulnerability
<b>Brown</b>	38,915	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	30.50	26	Low
<b>Brule</b>	5,258	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	44.40	16	Low
<b>Buffalo</b>	2,026	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	222.50	1	Moderate
<b>Butte</b>	10,225	Adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	35.70	20	Very low vulnerability
<b>Campbell</b>	1,485	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	Suppressed	-	Very low vulnerability
<b>Charles Mix</b>	9,349	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	66.70	11	High
<b>Clark</b>	3,685	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	Suppressed	-	Very low vulnerability
<b>Clay</b>	13,957	Adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	33.10	24	Very low vulnerability
<b>Codington</b>	28,026	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	27.60	30	Low
<b>Corson</b>	4,150	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	166.10	5	Moderate
<b>Custer</b>	8,719	Urban	0	0.00	66	51.20	15	Very low vulnerability
<b>Davison</b>	19,871	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	24.40	34	Very low vulnerability
<b>Day</b>	5,486	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	36.10	18	Very low vulnerability
<b>Deuel</b>	4,318	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	Suppressed	-	Very low vulnerability
<b>Dewey</b>	5,833	Non-adjacent rural	1	17.14	1	136.70	6	Moderate
<b>Douglas</b>	2,929	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	Suppressed	-	Very low vulnerability
<b>Edmunds</b>	3,909	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	Suppressed	-	Very low vulnerability
<b>Fall River</b>	6,747	Adjacent rural	1	14.82	2	65.40	12	Low
<b>Faulk</b>	2,312	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	Suppressed	-	Very low vulnerability
<b>Grant</b>	7,149	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	26.80	31	Very low vulnerability
<b>Gregory</b>	4,186	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	Suppressed	-	Very low vulnerability
<b>Haakon</b>	2,018	Adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	Suppressed	-	Very low vulnerability

<b>Hamlin</b>	6,025	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	Suppressed	-	Very low vulnerability
<b>Hand</b>	3,256	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	Suppressed	-	Very low vulnerability
<b>Hanson</b>	3,399	Adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	Suppressed	-	Very low vulnerability
<b>Harding</b>	1,306	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	Suppressed	-	Very low vulnerability
<b>Hughes</b>	17,608	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	22.20	35	Low
<b>Hutchinson</b>	7,308	Adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	Suppressed	-	Very low vulnerability
<b>Hyde</b>	1,319	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	Suppressed	-	Very low vulnerability
<b>Jackson</b>	3,290	Adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	75.90	10	Moderate
<b>Jerauld</b>	2,018	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	Suppressed	-	Very low vulnerability
<b>Jones</b>	793	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	Suppressed	-	Very low vulnerability
<b>Kingsbury</b>	4,944	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	28.70	29	Very low vulnerability
<b>Lake</b>	12,717	Adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	19.30	37	Very low vulnerability
<b>Lawrence</b>	25,478	Adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	31.20	25	Very low vulnerability
<b>Lincoln</b>	56,826	Urban	1	1.76	7	16.20	38	Very low vulnerability
<b>Lyman</b>	3,848	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	61.60	13	Low
<b>Marshall</b>	4,891	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	Suppressed	-	Very low vulnerability
<b>McCook</b>	5,548	Urban	0	0.00	66	Suppressed	-	Very low vulnerability
<b>McPherson</b>	2,297	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	Suppressed	-	Very low vulnerability
<b>Meade</b>	27,717	Urban	1	3.61	5	26.40	32	Very low vulnerability
<b>Mellette</b>	2,052	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	178.30	3	Very high vulnerability
<b>Miner</b>	2,211	Adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	Suppressed	-	Very low vulnerability
<b>Minnehaha</b>	188,674	Urban	7	3.71	4	35.50	21	Moderate
<b>Moody</b>	6,507	Adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	30.30	28	Low
<b>Pennington</b>	110,685	Urban	2	1.81	6	41.30	17	Low
<b>Perkins</b>	2,897	Adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	Suppressed	-	Very low vulnerability
<b>Potter</b>	2,315	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	Suppressed	-	Very low vulnerability
<b>Roberts</b>	10,287	Non-adjacent rural	1	9.72	3	88.20	8	High
<b>Sanborn</b>	2,379	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	Suppressed	-	Very low vulnerability
<b>Shannon</b>	14,335	Adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	193.40	2	Moderate
<b>Spink</b>	6,483	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	35.30	22	Very low vulnerability
<b>Stanley</b>	3,017	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	Suppressed	-	Very low vulnerability
<b>Sully</b>	1,305	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	Suppressed	-	Very low vulnerability
<b>Todd</b>	10,195	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	173.50	4	Moderate
<b>Tripp</b>	5,458	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	Suppressed	-	Low

<b>Turner</b>	8,300	Urban	0	0.00	66	22.00	36	Very low vulnerability
<b>Union</b>	15,368	Urban	0	0.00	66	26.30	33	Very low vulnerability
<b>Walworth</b>	5,457	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	55.60	14	Low
<b>Yankton</b>	22,717	Non-adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	33.90	23	Low
<b>Ziebach</b>	2,791	Adjacent rural	0	0.00	66	97.40	7	High

<sup>1</sup>Population data were downloaded from tables in Social Explorer's ACS five-year estimate (2015-2019). American Community Survey 5-year Estimates, 2015-2019. Social Explorer tables, ACS 2015-2019. Social Explorer.

<sup>2</sup>The Rural-Urban Continuum Code (RUCC) was used to classify each county as urban, adjacent rural, or non-adjacent rural. Urban counties are counties with codes 1 (Counties in metro areas of 1 million population or more), 2 (Counties in metro areas of 250,000 to 1 million population), and 3 (Counties in metro areas of fewer than 250,000 population). Adjacent rural counties are counties with codes 4 (Urban population of 20,000 or more, adjacent to a metro area), 6 (Urban population of 2,500 to 19,999, adjacent to a metro area), and 8 (Completely rural or less than 2,500 urban population, adjacent to a metro area). Non-adjacent rural counties are the remaining three codes - 5 (Urban population of 20,000 or more, not adjacent to a metro area), 7 (Urban population of 2,500 to 19,999, not adjacent to a metro area), and 9 (Completely rural or less than 2,500 urban population, not adjacent to a metro area). Rural-Urban Continuum Code (RUCC). <https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/rural-urban-continuum-codes.aspx>

<sup>3</sup>Recovery residences are from the NSTARR project and are current as of 2020. One (1) recovery residence in the state was not successfully geocoded due to lack of adequate address information, and thus were not assigned to a county.

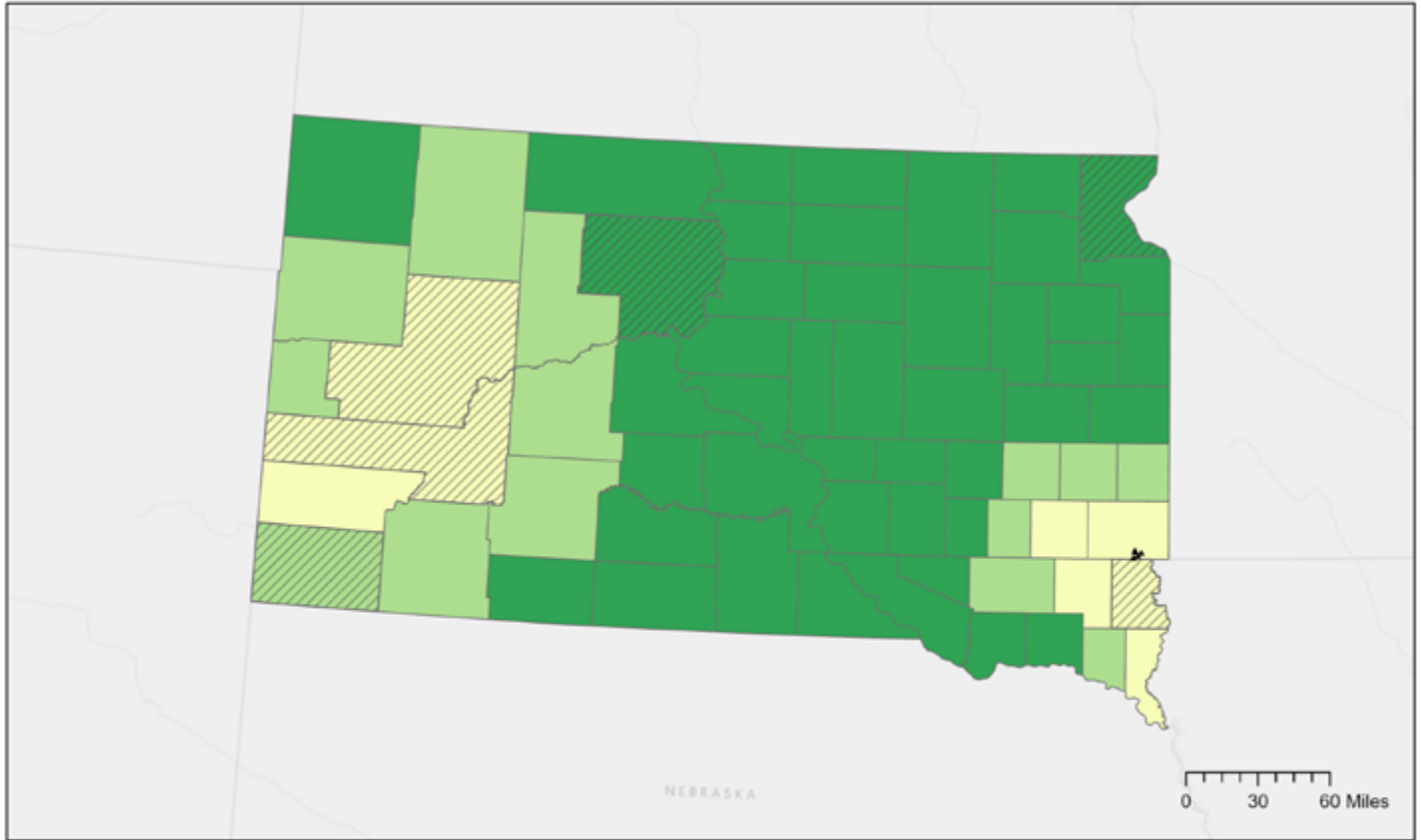
<sup>4</sup>Recovery residences availability per capita is ranked in order of decreasing recovery residence density per 100,000 population per county, with 1 (highest number of residences per 100,000) to 66 (lowest number of residences per 100,000 population). Counties without recovery residences were all assigned a tied rank of 66.

<sup>5</sup>Alcohol- and drug-involved mortality included all deaths as underlying causes of death and selected ICD-10 codes mentioning or attributed to alcohol or drugs as contributing cause of death. Data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2020. CDC Wonder (Wide-ranging Online Data for Epidemiologic Research). U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Atlanta, GA. Available at: <https://wonder.cdc.gov/>. For more information on coding multiple causes of death, see: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, About Multiple Cause of Death, 1999-2019. <https://wonder.cdc.gov/mcd-icd10.html> accessed on August 9 2021.

<sup>6</sup>Mortality rate is ranked in order of decreasing alcohol- and drug-involved mortality from 1 (highest mortality per 100,000 population) to 38 (lowest mortality per 100,000 population).

<sup>7</sup>COVID-19 Community Vulnerability Index (CCVI) scores range in value from 0 – 1, with 0 being least vulnerable and 1 being the most vulnerable. Each county is ranked relative to all counties across the country, based on seven themes/domains. Each county was grouped into quintiles: very high (score of 0.8-1), high (0.6-0.8), moderate (0.4-0.6), low (0.2-0.4), and very low (0-0.2). For more information on how the CCVI I is calculated, see: COVID-19 Community Vulnerability Index (CCVI) methodology. Retrieved from [https://covid-static-assets.s3.amazonaws.com/US-CCVI/COVID-19+Community+Vulnerability+Index+\(CCVI\)+Methodology.pdf](https://covid-static-assets.s3.amazonaws.com/US-CCVI/COVID-19+Community+Vulnerability+Index+(CCVI)+Methodology.pdf)

Figure 1. Distribution of Residences by Rural-Urban Classification



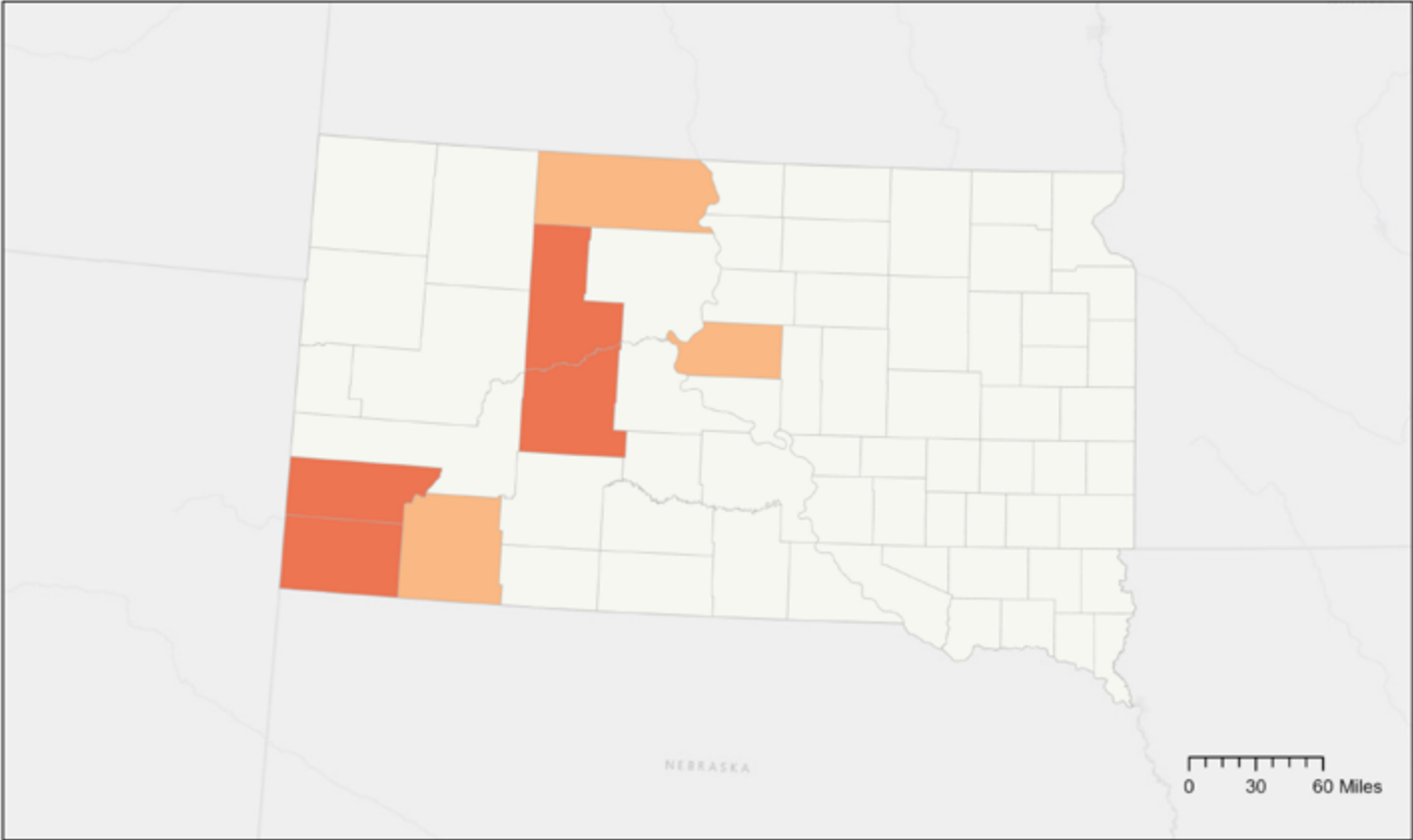
- ▲ Recovery residences
- Rural-Urban Classification Code (RUCC)**
- Urban
- Adjacent rural
- Non-adjacent rural
- Counties with residence locations suppressed (1-4 residences) to protect privacy



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Figure 2. Hot/Cold Spot Analysis of Recovery Residence Locations



**Hot Spot Analysis (Getis-Ord GI\*)**

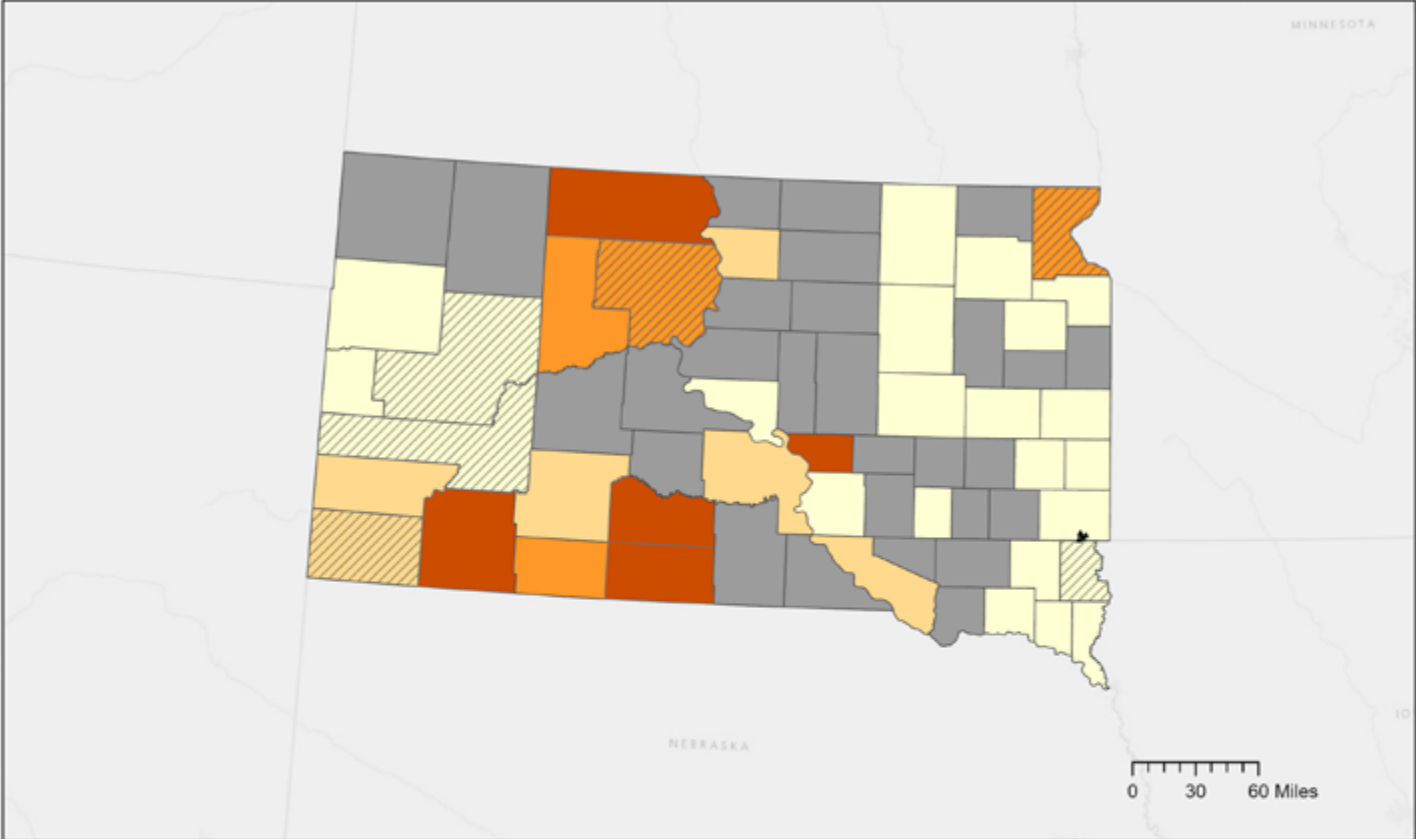
- Cold Spot with 99% Confidence
- Cold Spot with 95% Confidence
- Cold Spot with 90% Confidence
- Not Significant
- Hot Spot with 90% Confidence
- Hot Spot with 95% Confidence
- Hot Spot with 99% Confidence



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Figure 3. Distribution of Residences by Age-adjusted Alcohol- and/or Drug-involved Mortality



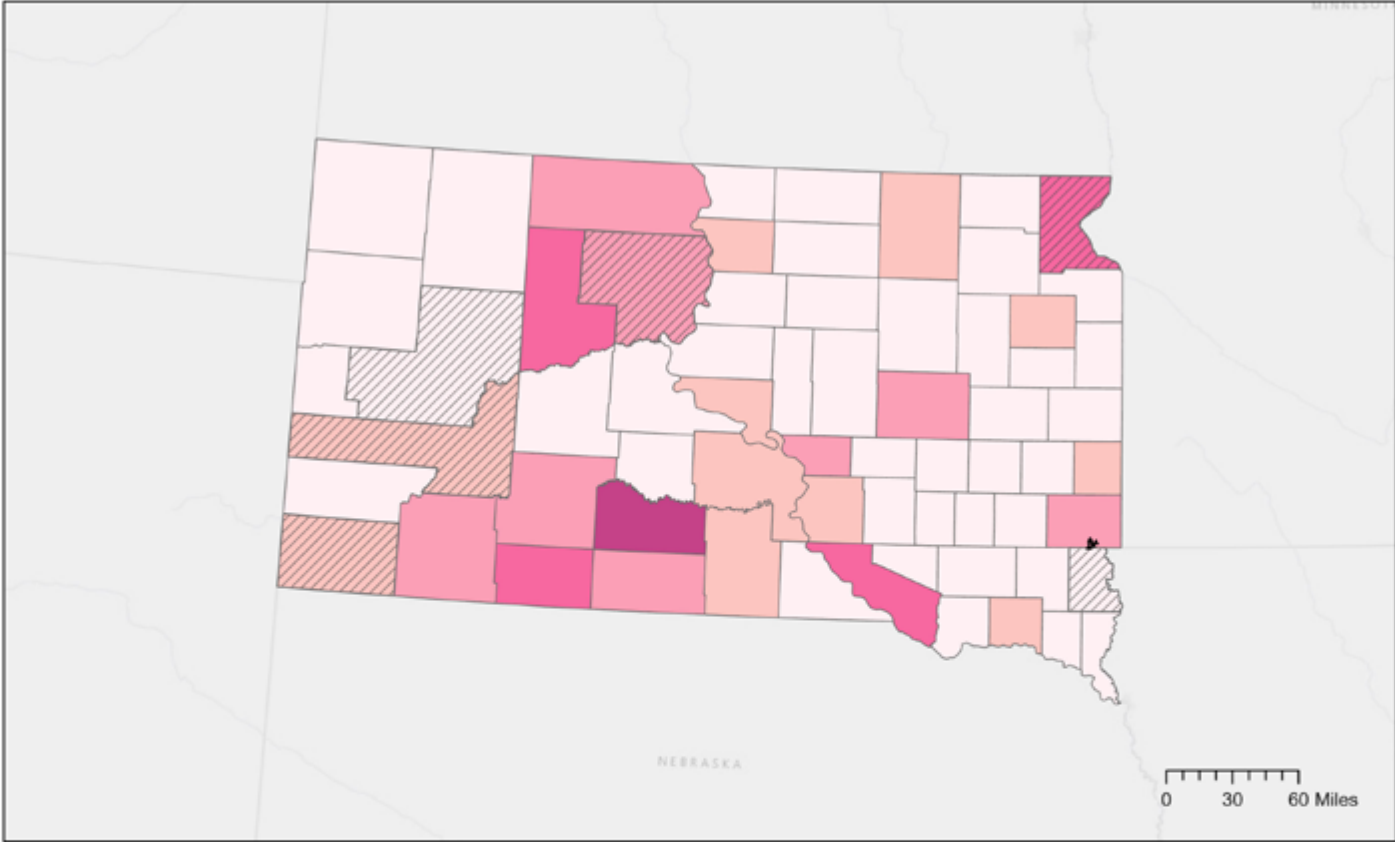
- ▲ Recovery residences
- Age-adjusted alcohol and drug mortality rate per 100,000 population
- 16 - 44
- 45 - 75
- 76 - 136
- 137 - 222
- Suppressed/Unreliable
- Counties with residence locations suppressed (1-4 residences) to protect privacy



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 Recovery residence locations: 2020  
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Figure 4. Distribution of Residences by COVID-19 Community Vulnerability Index



- ▲ Recovery Residences
- COVID-19 Community Vulnerability Index (CCVI)
- Very low vulnerability
- Low
- Moderate
- High
- Very high vulnerability
- Counties with residence locations suppressed (1-4 residences) to protect privacy



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