

# Status of the Dane County Rural Elderly Population

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# Overview

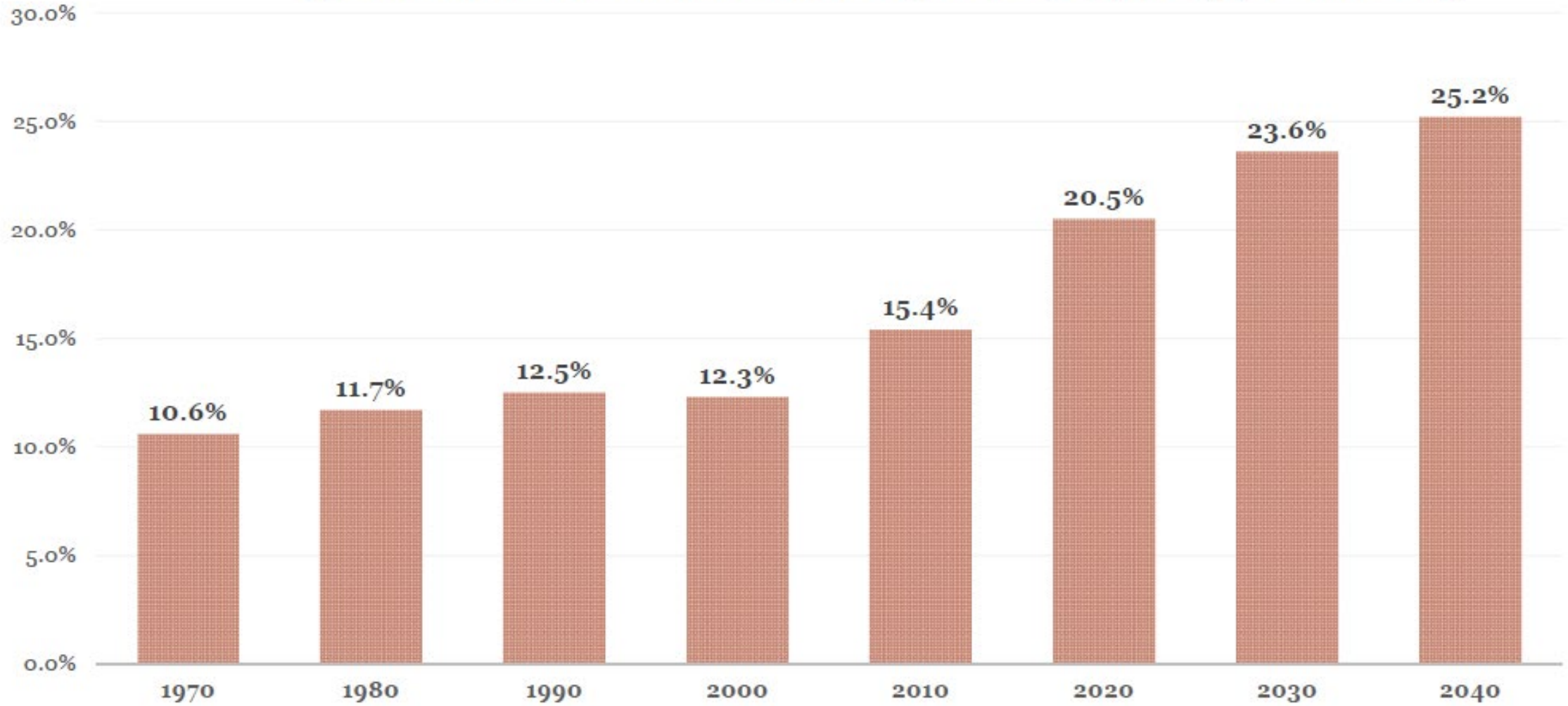
Changing Age Structure

Major Takeaways

Innovative Practices

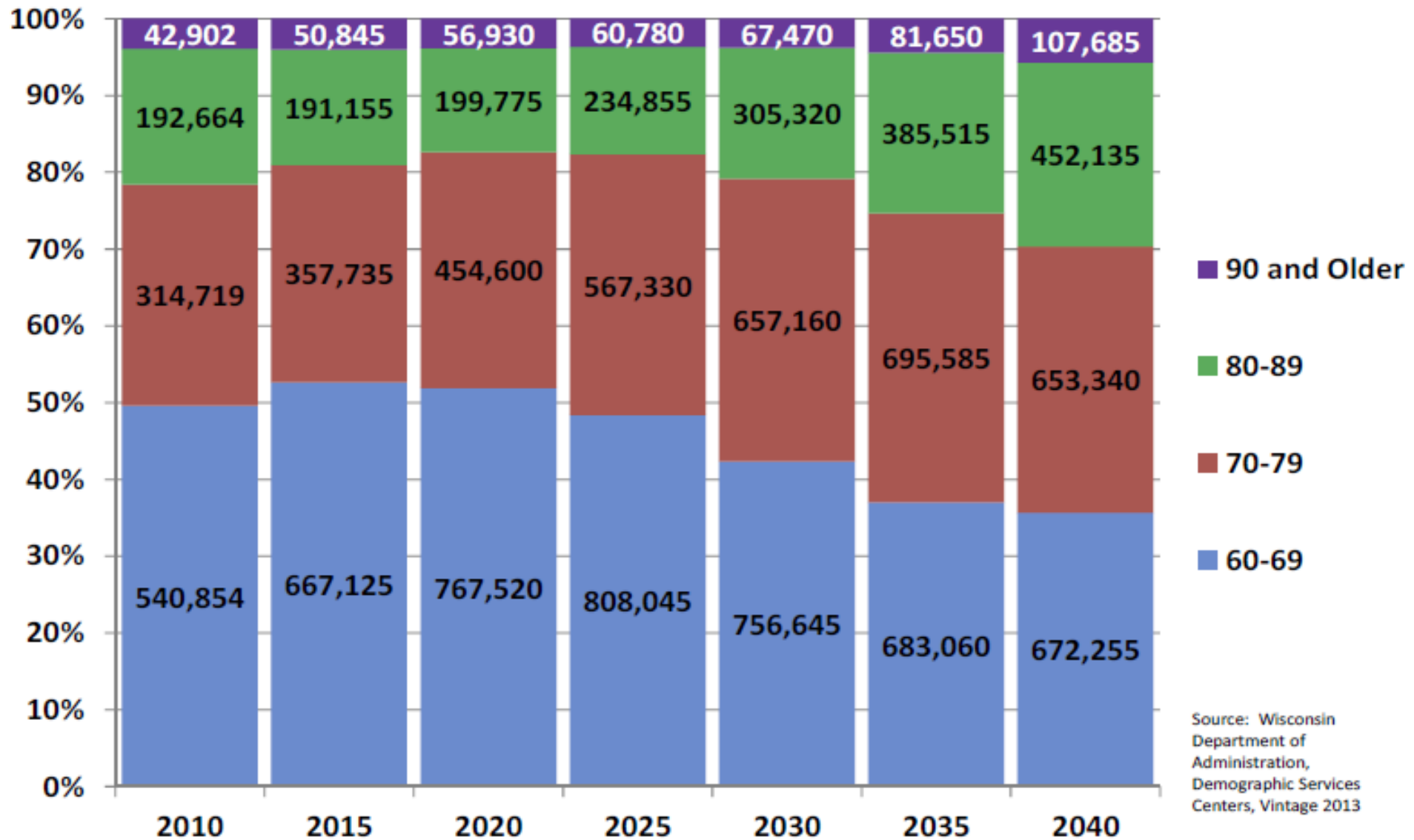


## Ages 60 and Older as Share of Total Population, 1970-2040, Dane County



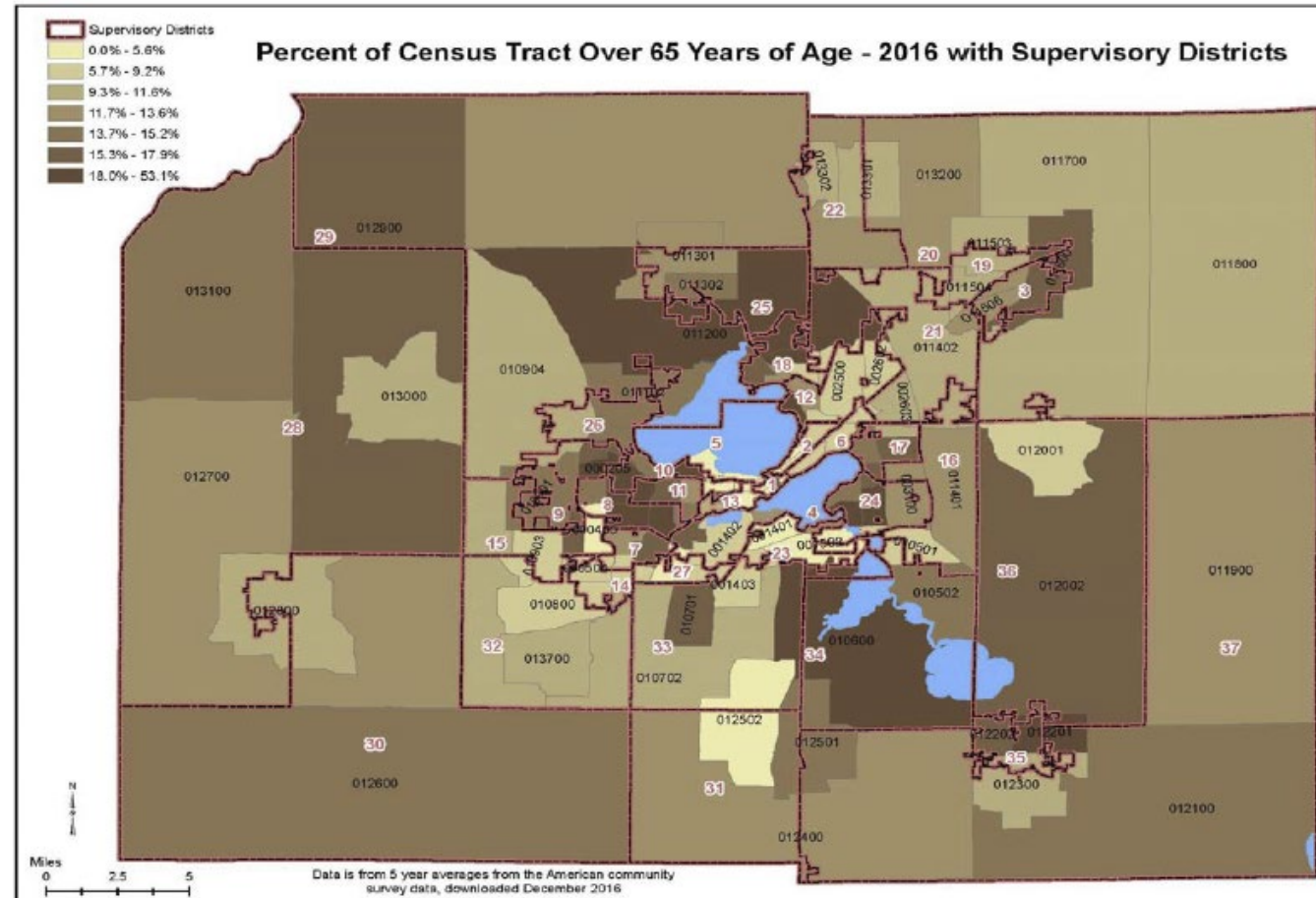
Source: U.S. Census and Wisconsin Department of Administration, Demographic Services Center

## Projected Age Groups' Population Within the Population Ages 60 and Older, Wisconsin, 2010-2040



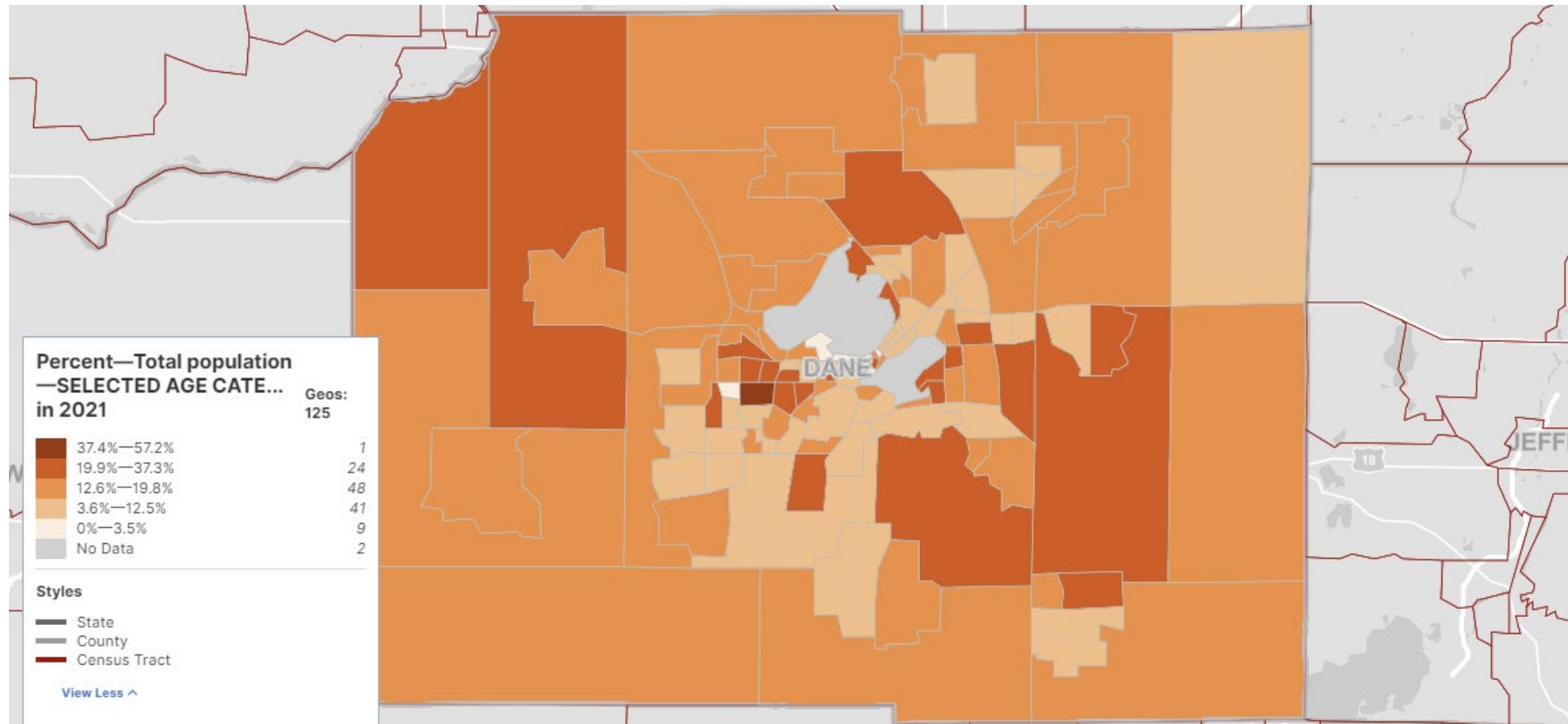
# Population Share Over Age 65 by Census Tract

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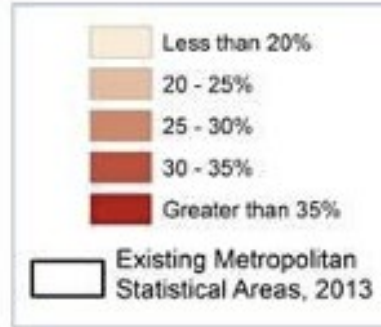
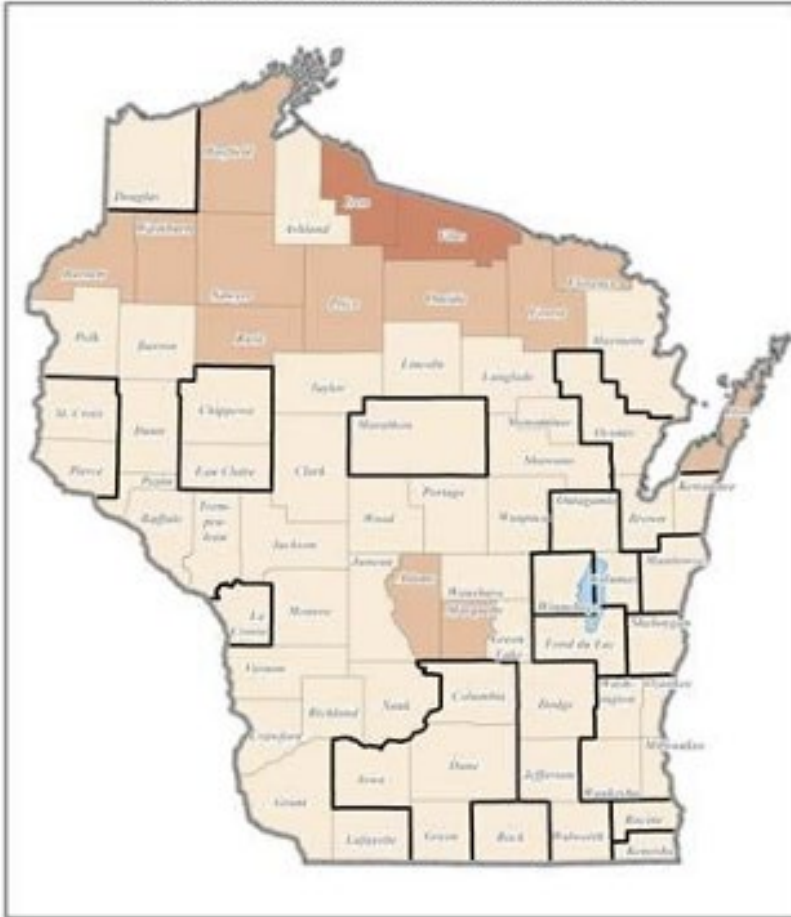


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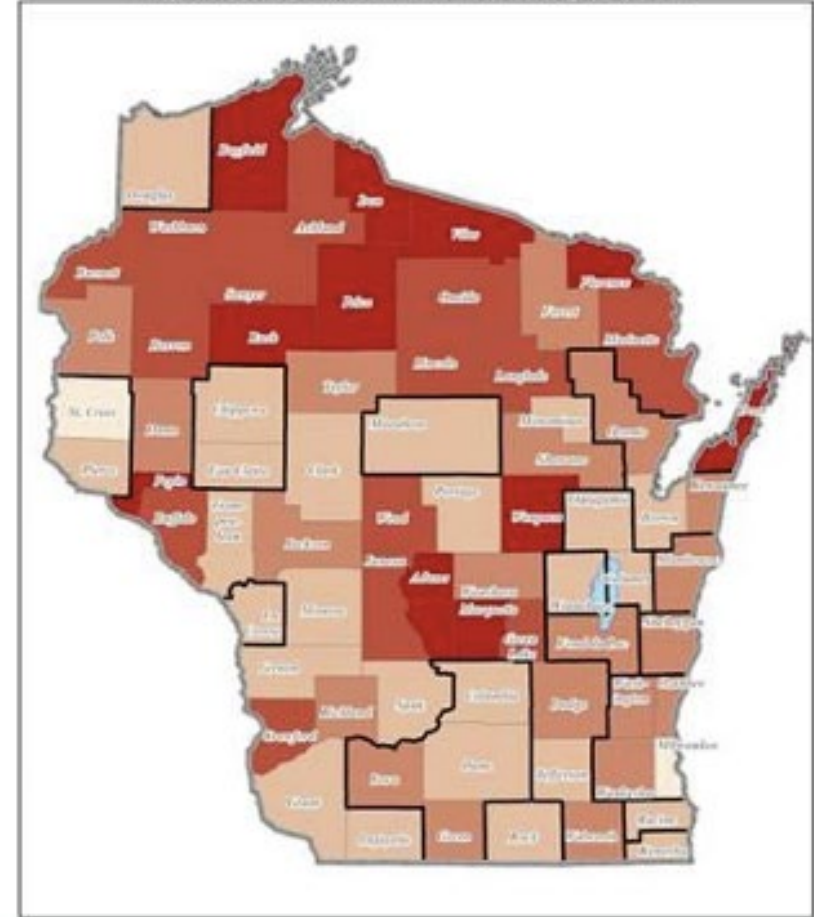
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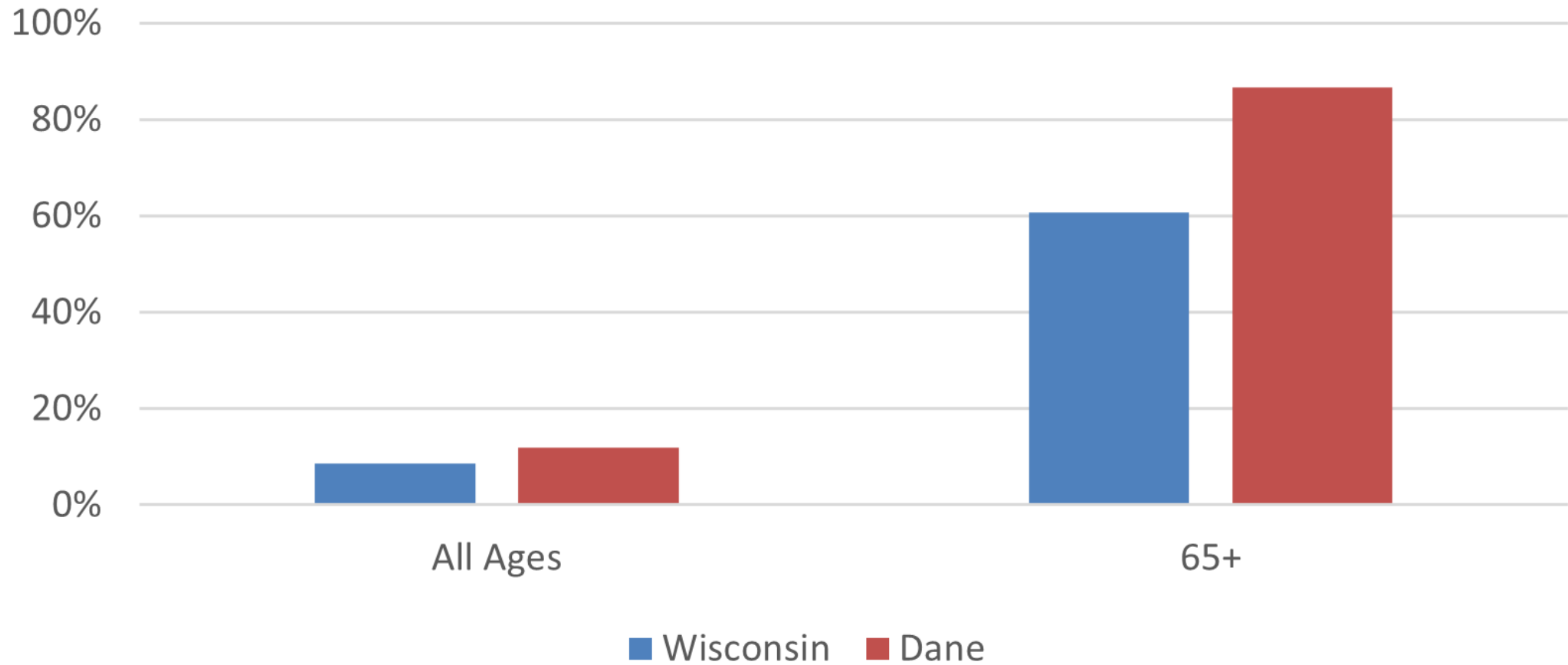
**Percentage of Population  
Age 65 & over, 2010 Census**



**Percentage of Population  
Age 65 & over, 2040 Projection**

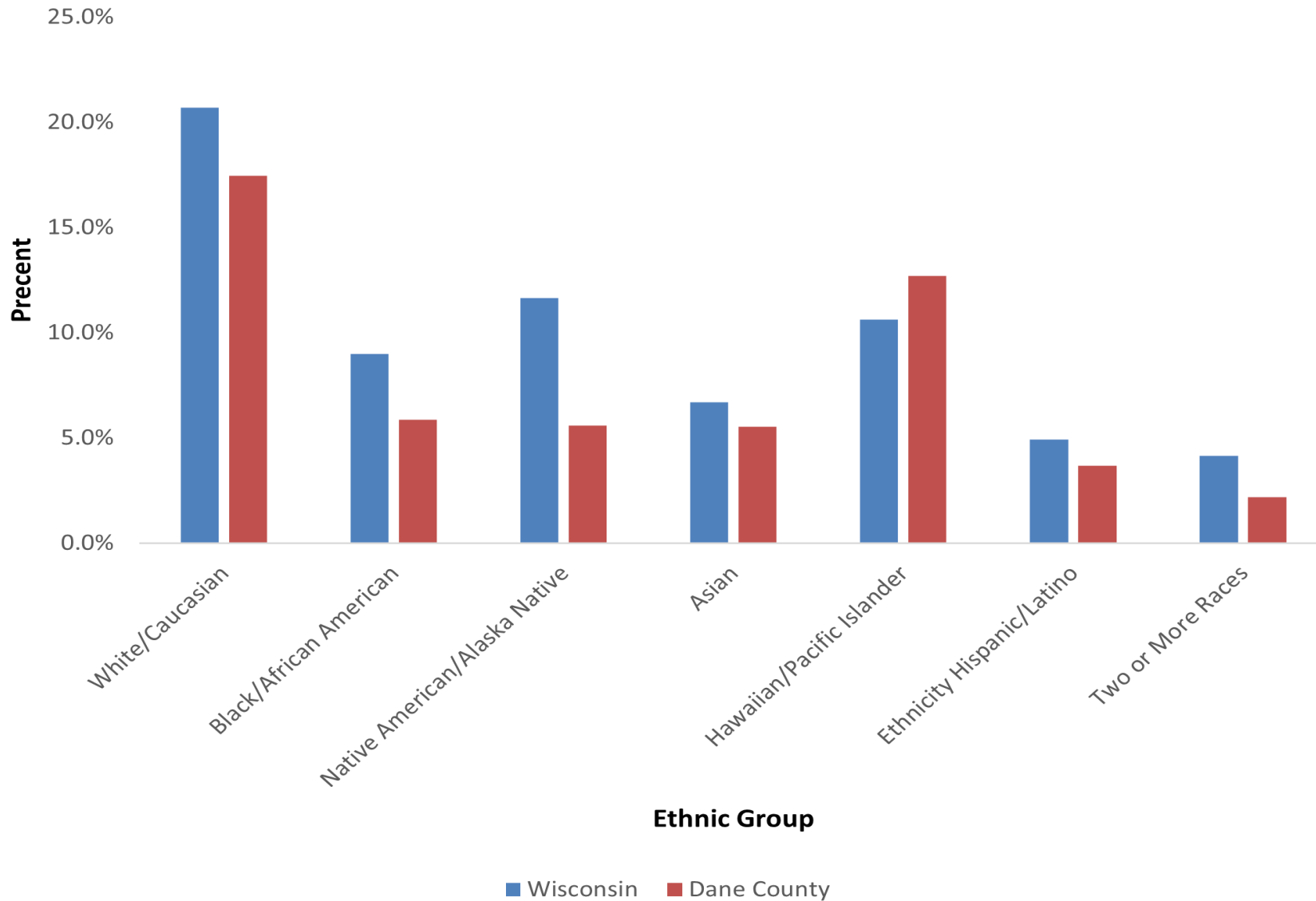


# Population Growth Rate Projections 2020-2040

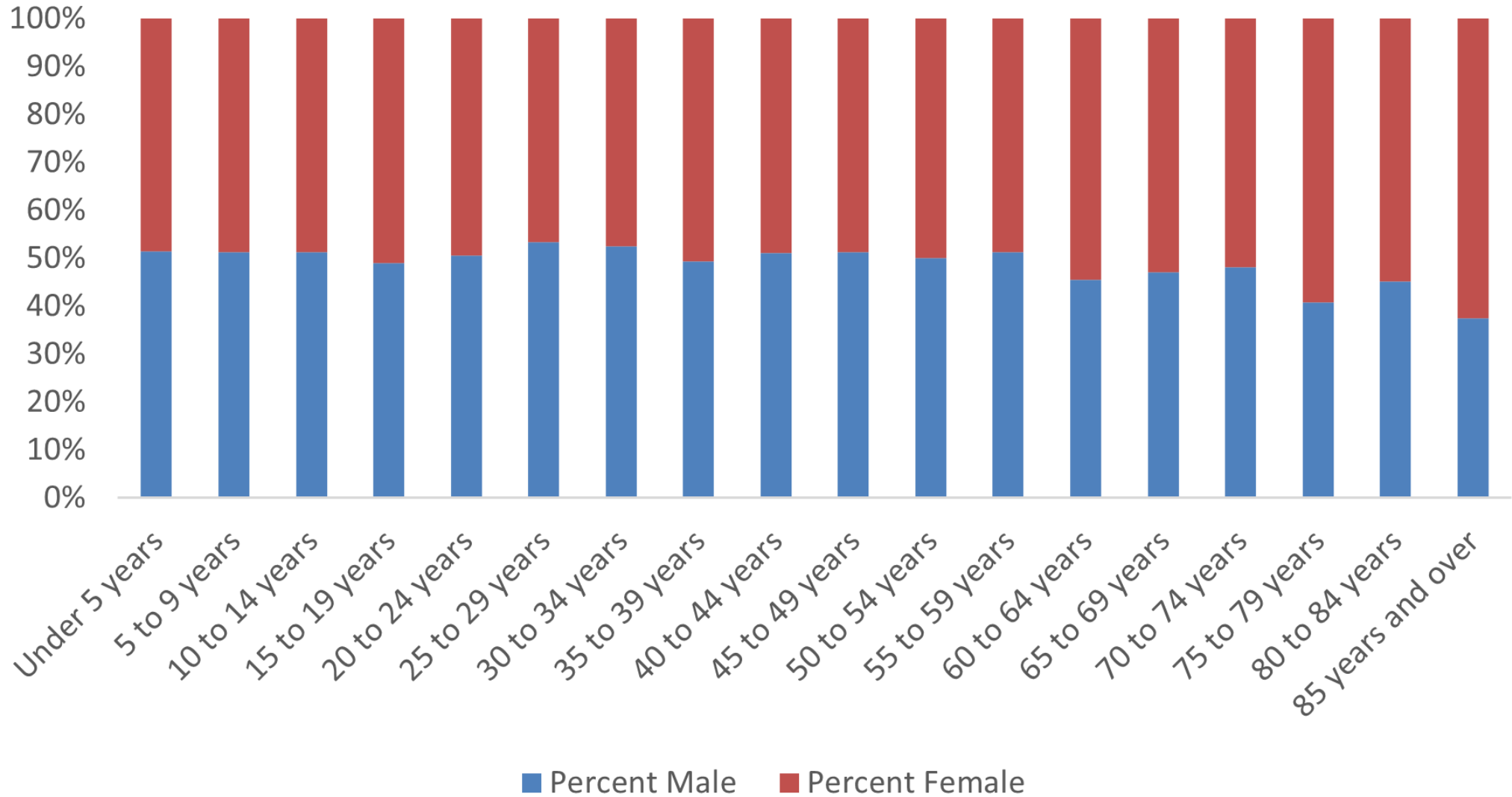




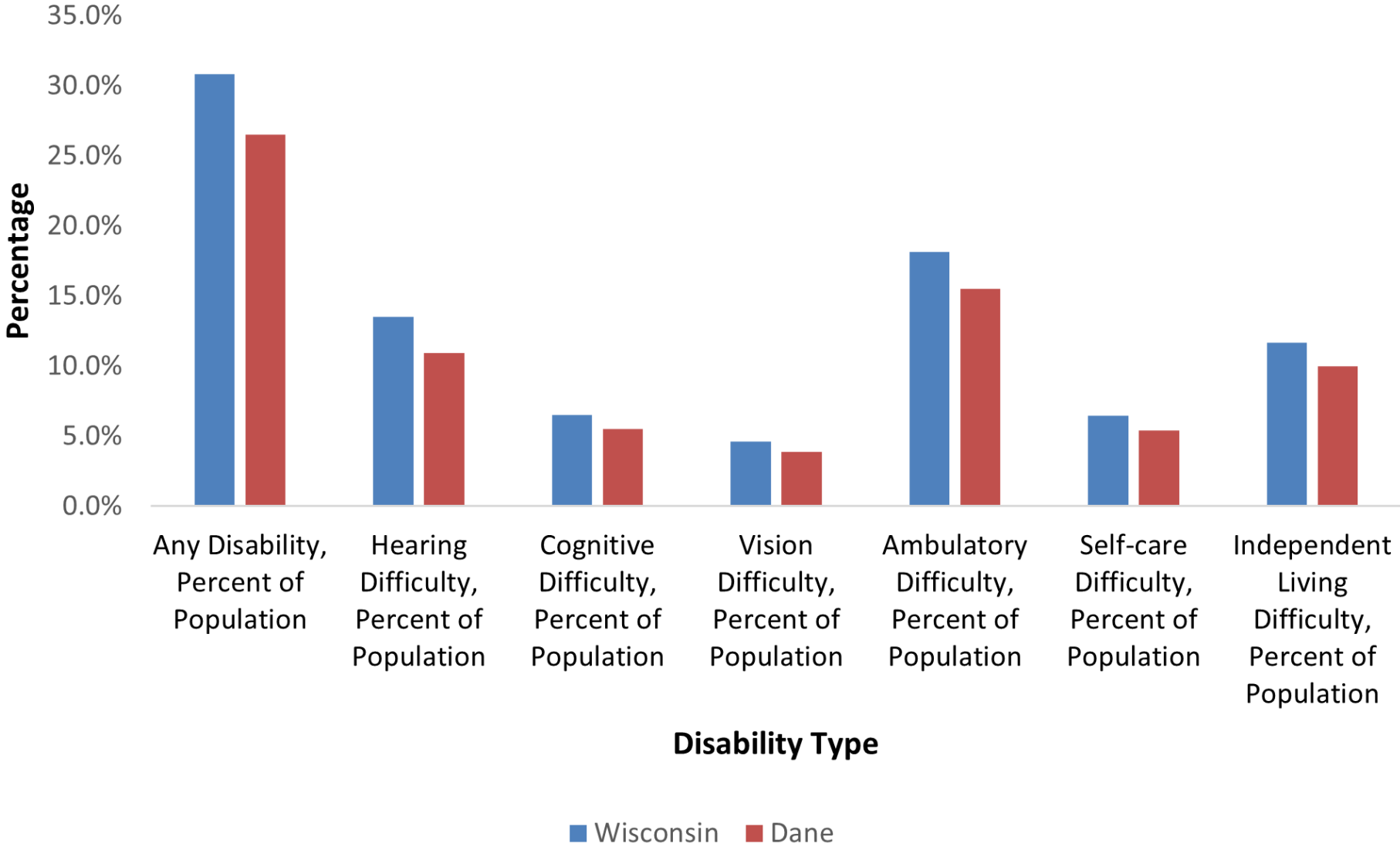
## Percent of Population Over 65 By Race



# Gender Balance By Age



# Reported Disabilities of Elderly 65+

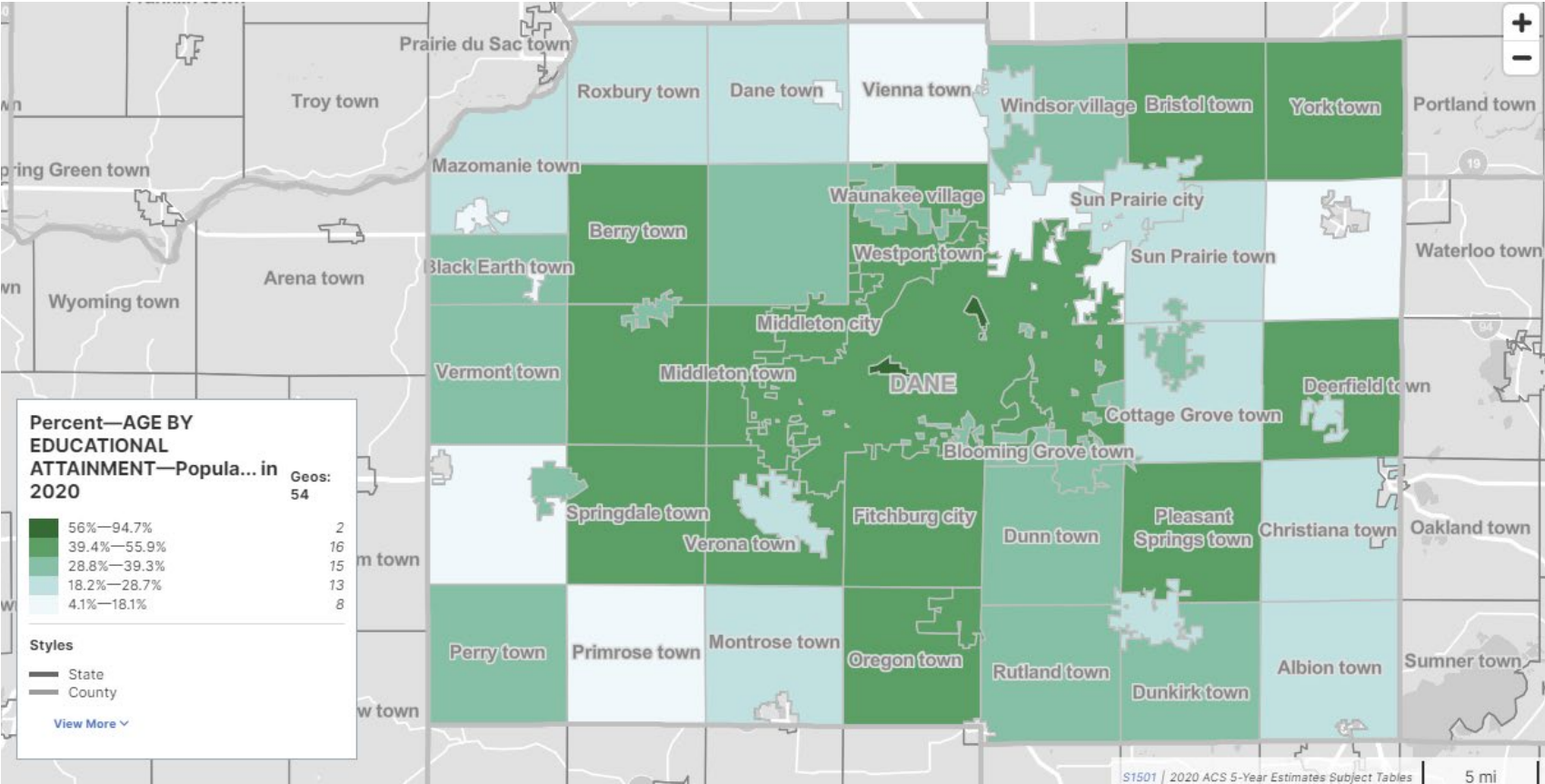


Source: Division of Public Health Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources



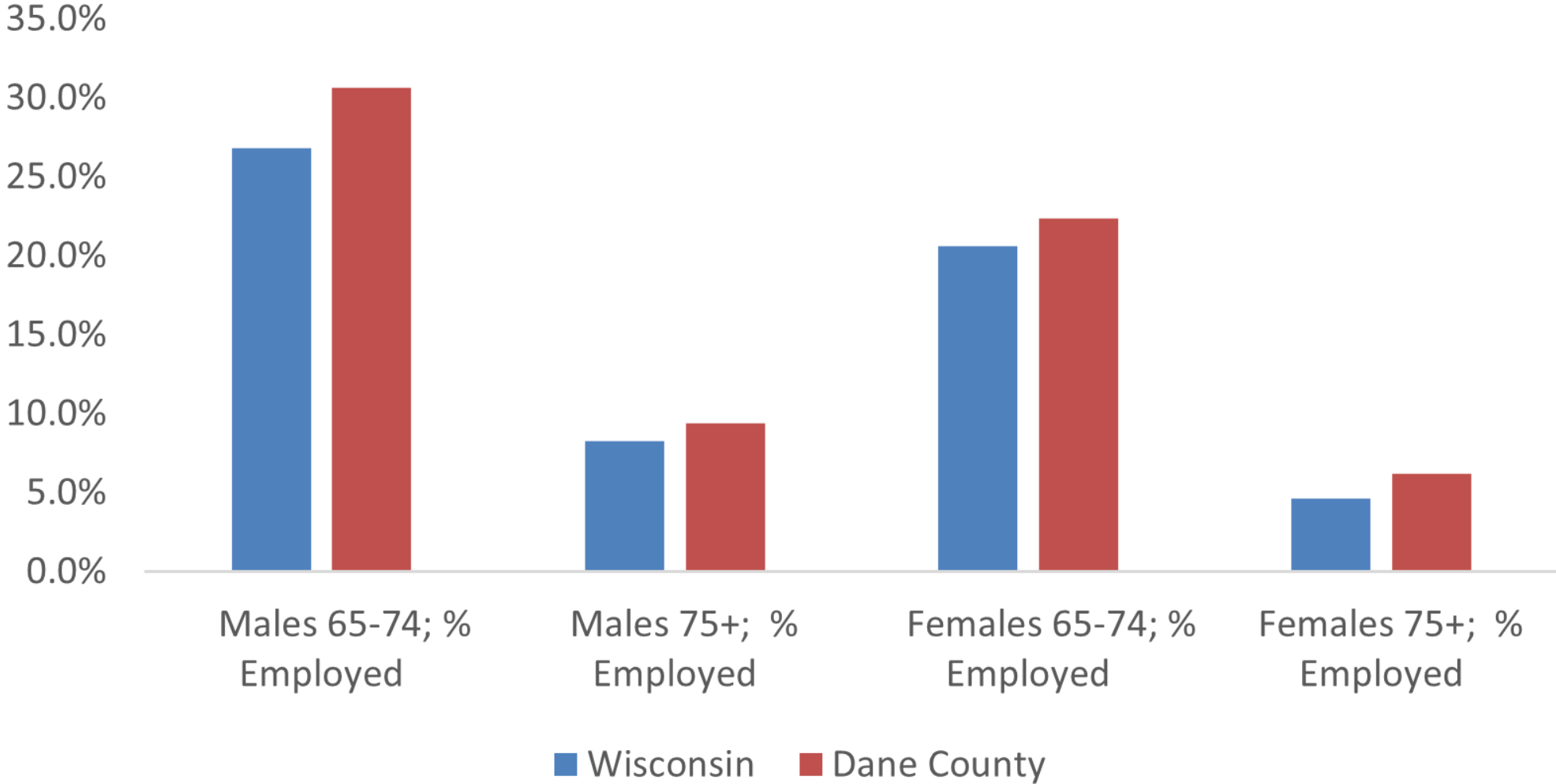
# Share of Population Over Age 65 with Bachelor's Degree or Higher

2021



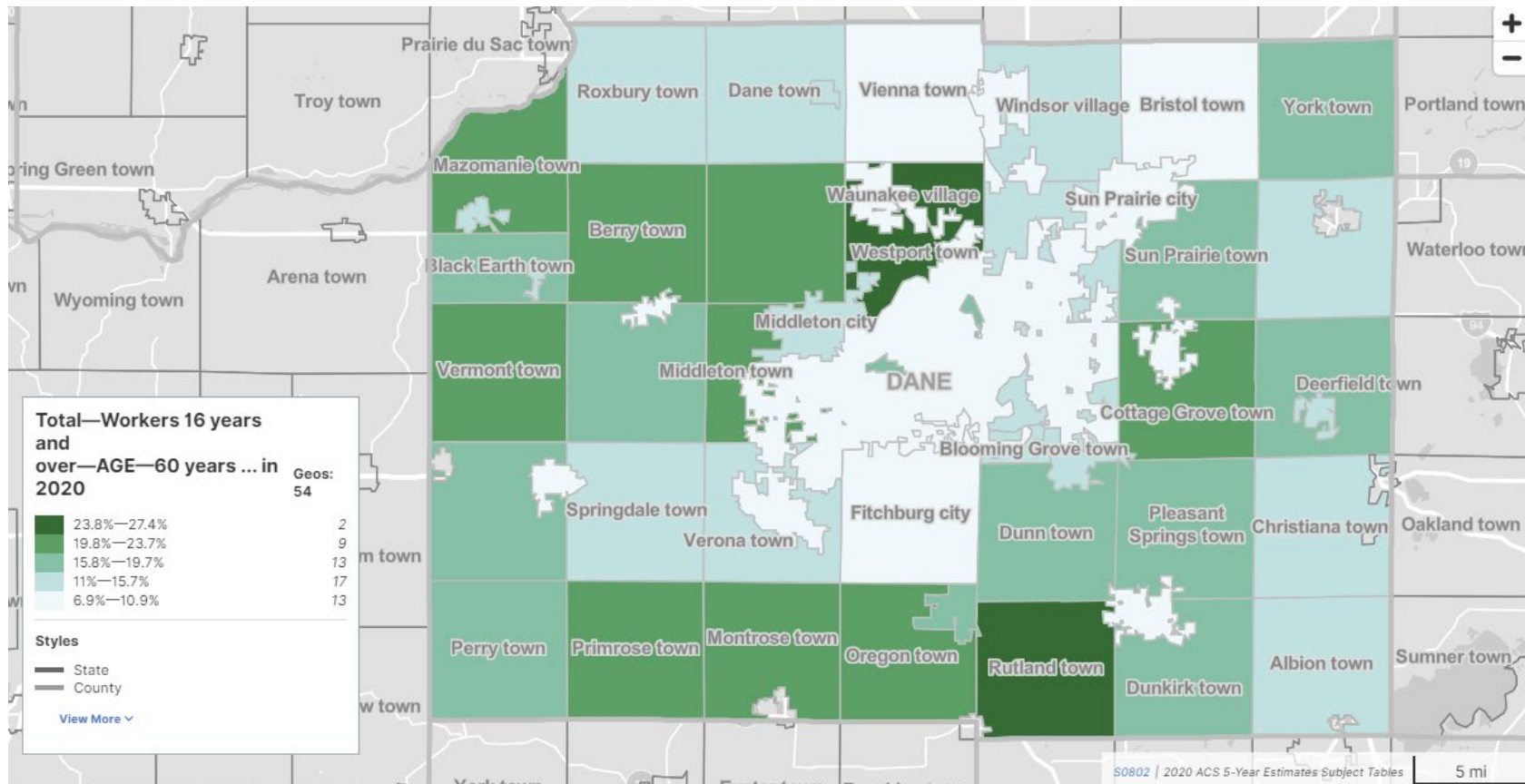
Source: Department of Public Health Services Division of Long Term Care

# Employment Status

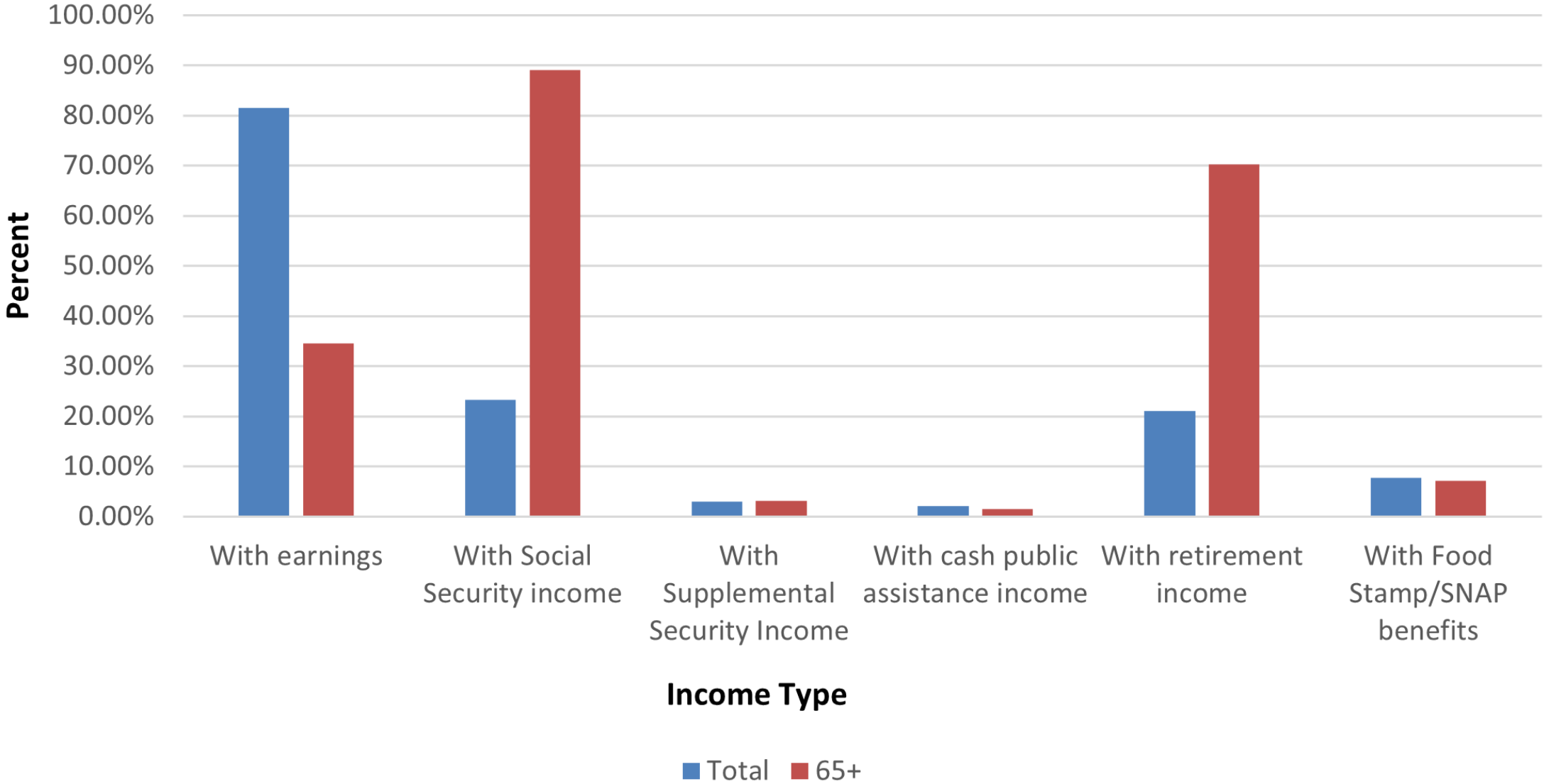


# Workforce Share Over Age 60 By County Subdivision

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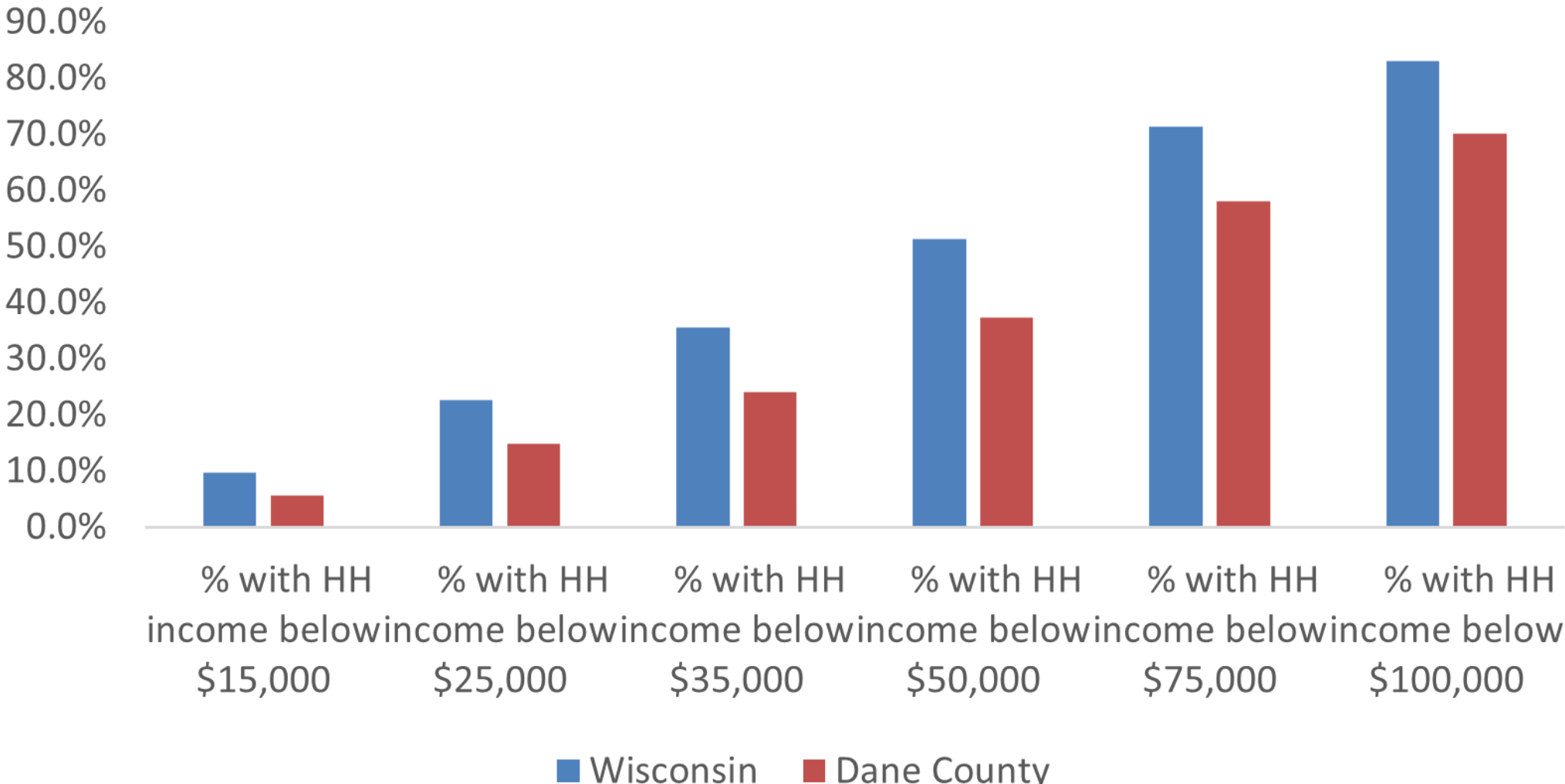
# Income Sources



Source: 2021 U.S. Census ACS 5-Year Estimates S0101 Age and Sex



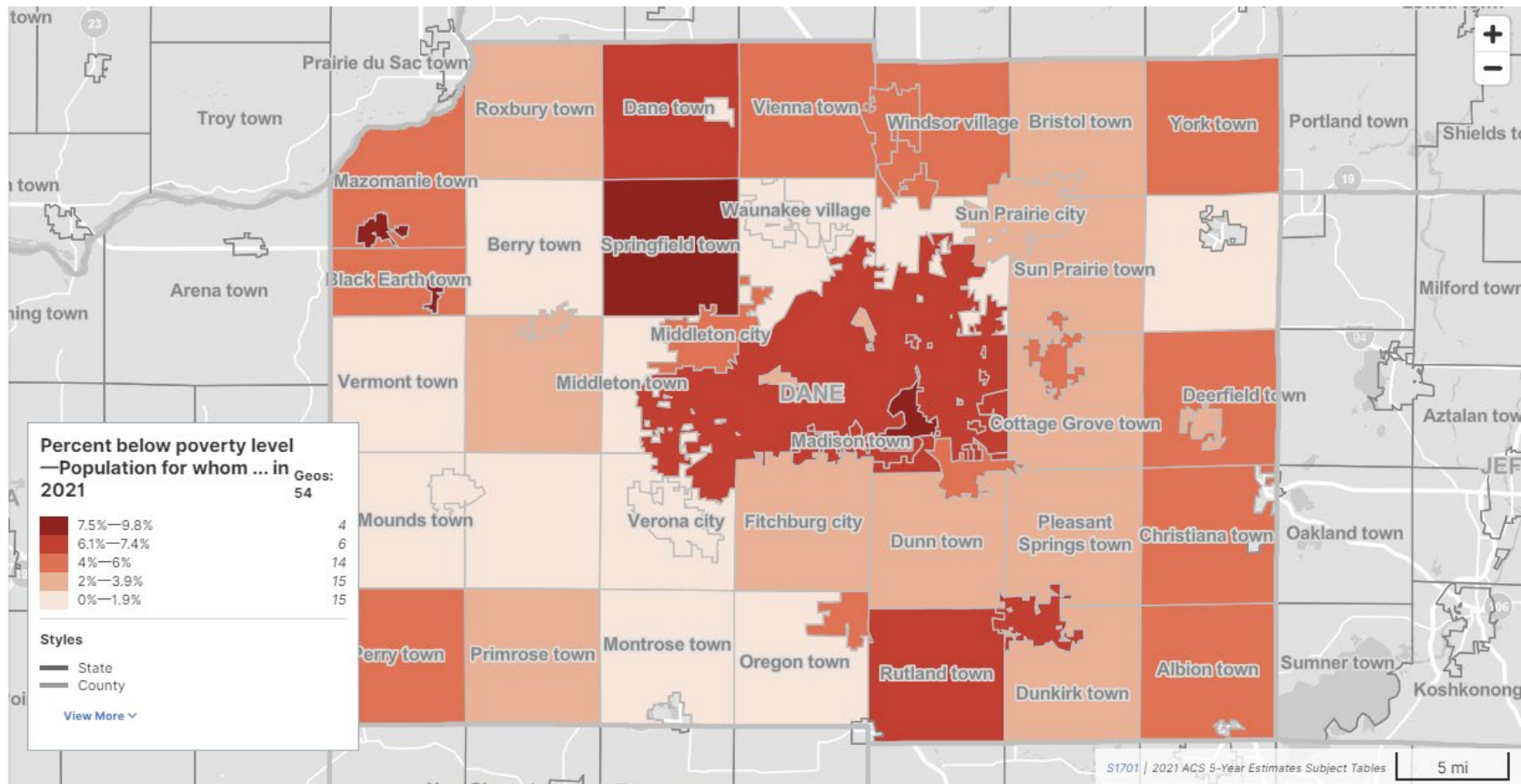
# Household Income of Population 65+



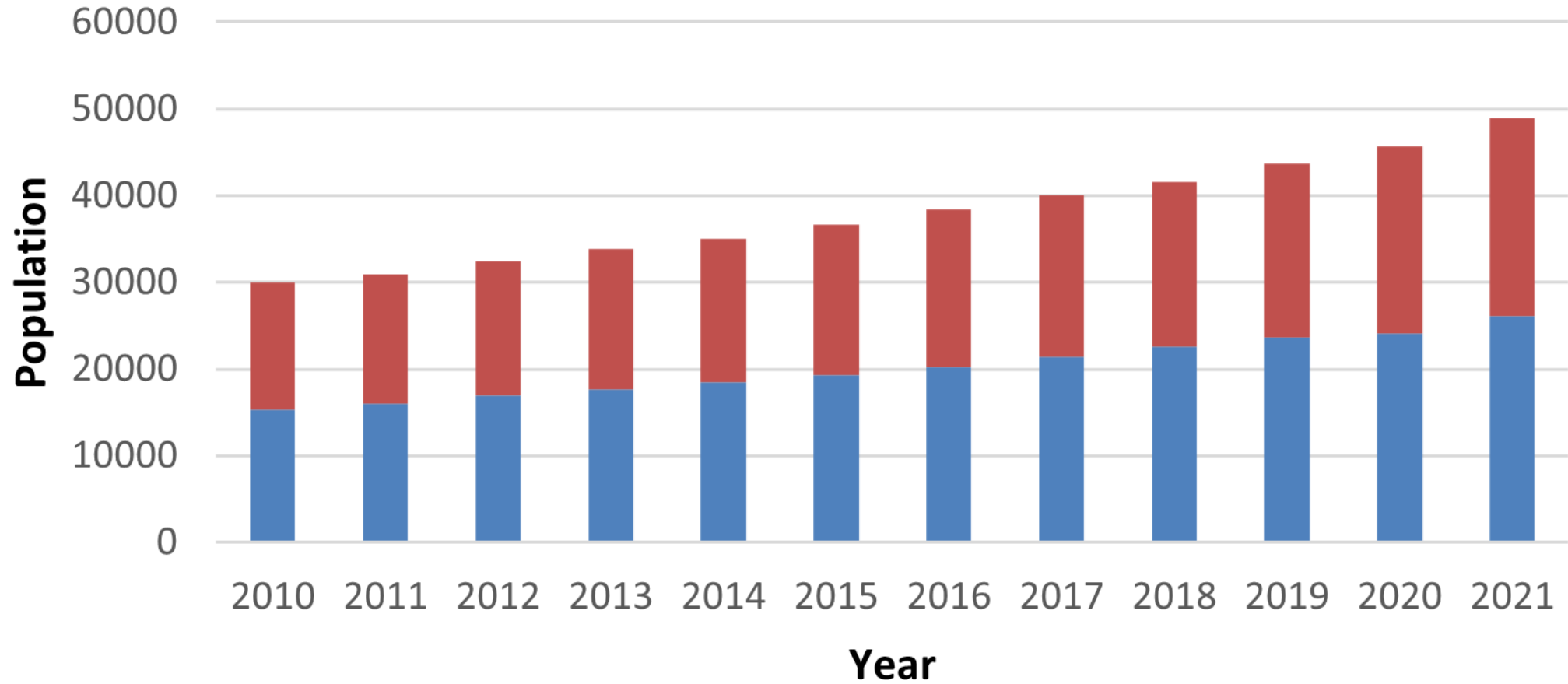
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# Poverty Levels for Population 65+ By County Subdivision

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# Living Arrangements



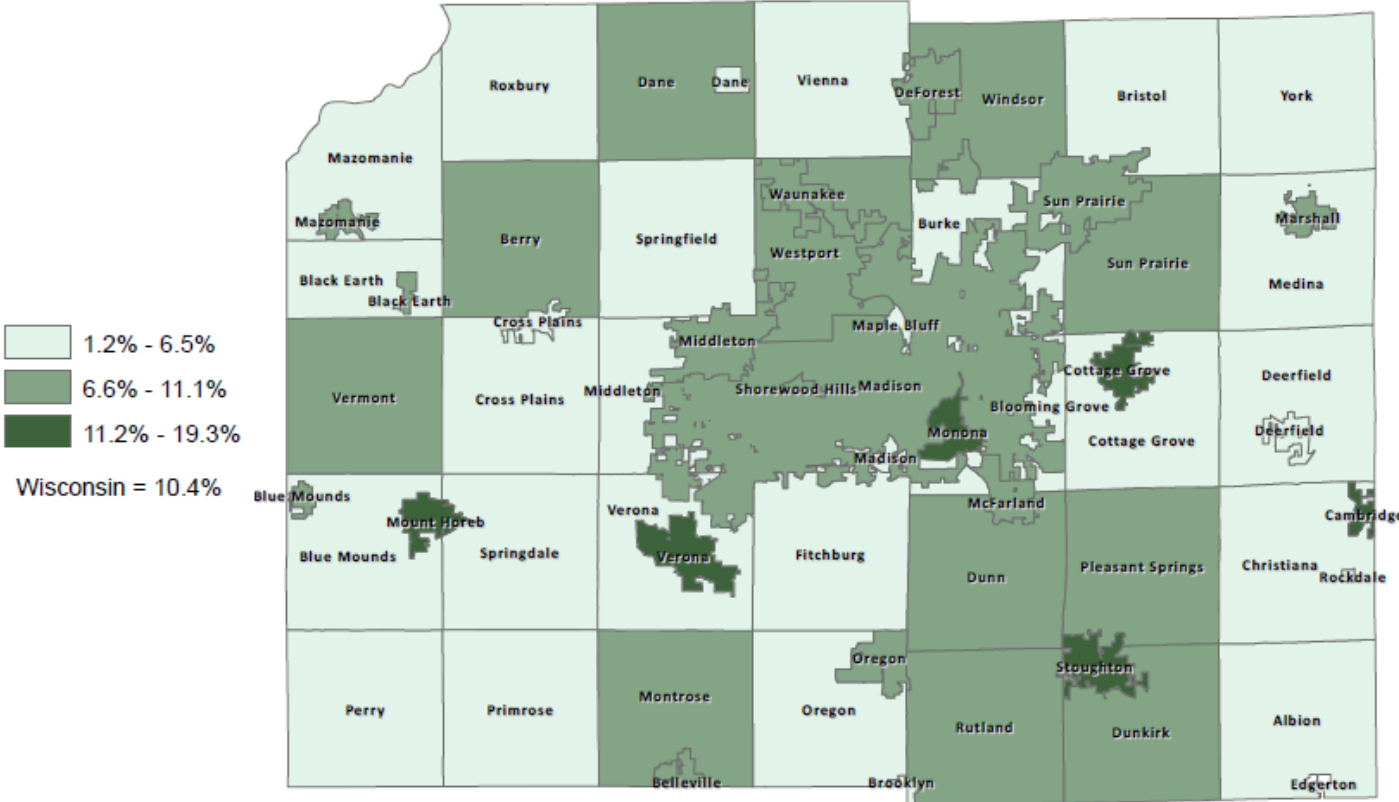
■ Family Households ■ Living Alone

# Percent Single-Occupancy Households for Population Over Age 65

2012

## Percent of Total Households with Single Person Ages 65 or Older

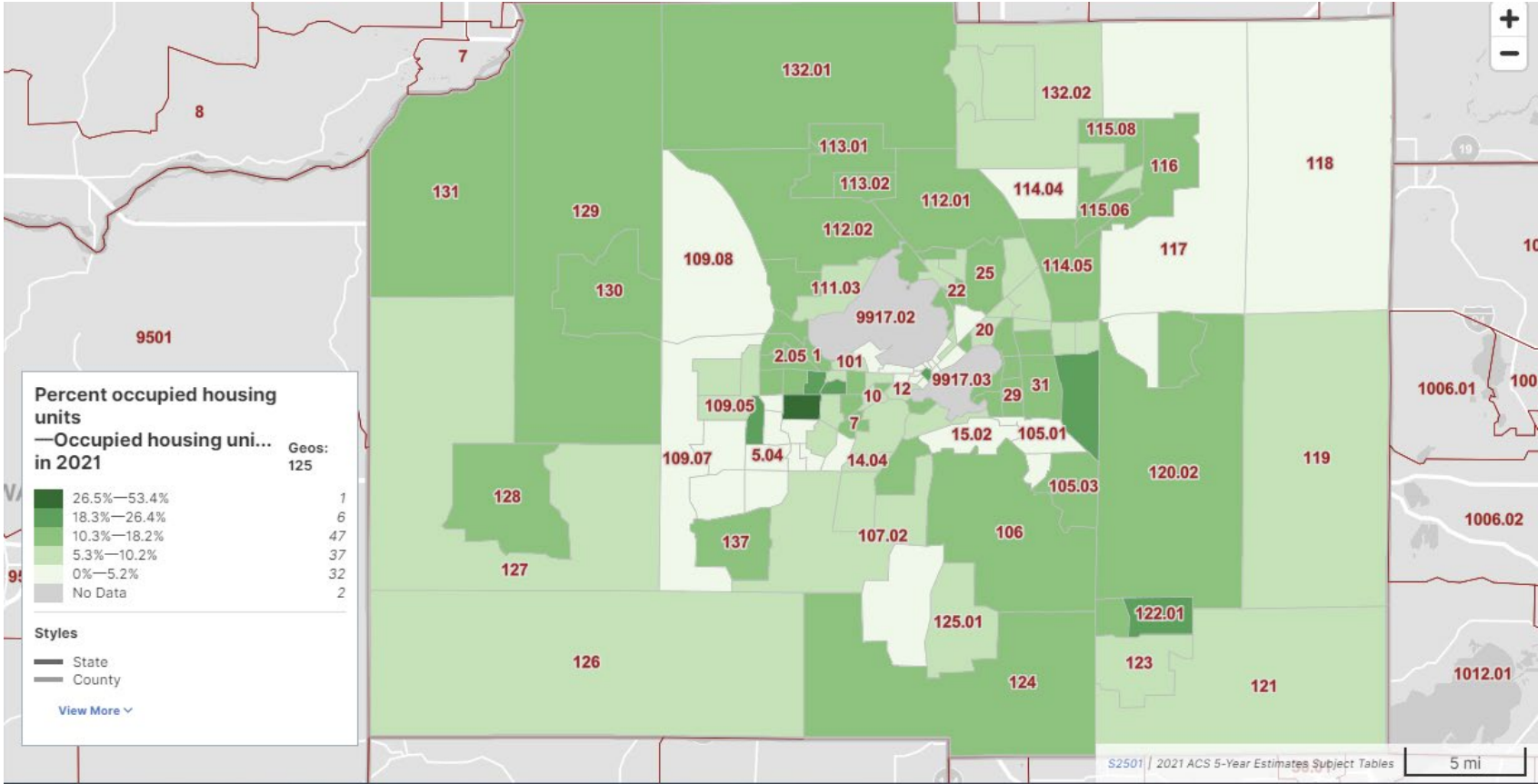
Source: U.S. Census, 2009-13 American Community Survey



Note: Edgerton City data has been withheld due to low Dane County numbers of households.

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# Major Takeaways

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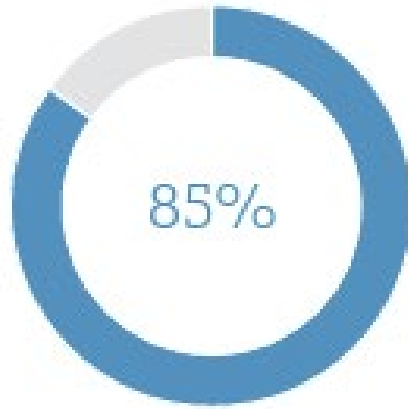
Share of elderly population is growing at an accelerating rate



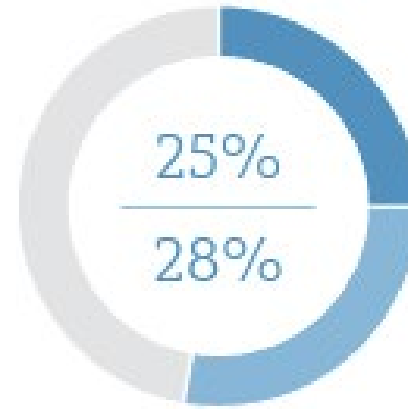
Rural areas of Dane Co. see higher single occupancy household and poverty rates



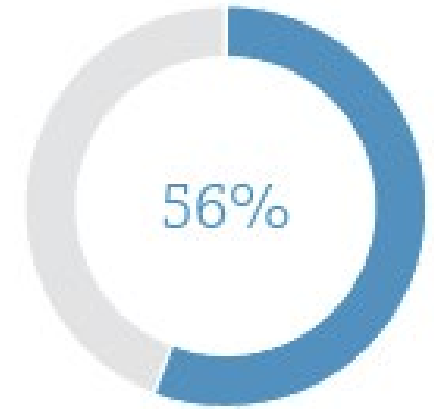
Common challenges of mobility and chronic health management are amplified with reduced access to services in rural areas



*Rural counties are particularly reliant on AAAs, as they account for **85 percent** of counties with populations of individuals 65 and older that make up **20 percent** or more of their total population.*



*Counties operate and fund **25 percent** of the 625 Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) across the nation and another **28 percent** operate within regional planning councils or councils of governments that often include counties.*



***56 percent** of AAAs rely on local funding streams through counties or other local governments to provide additional programs and services.*

# Innovative Programs

## **Community Aging in Place—Advancing Better Living for Elders (CAPABLE) - Johns Hopkins School of Nursing**

- Home-based program that integrates services from an occupational therapist, a registered nurse, and a handy worker who work together with seniors to set direct action plans to improve health and independence

## **SMiles Transportation - Blount Co., TN**

- Volunteer rural transportation service with over 130 drivers and almost 200 residents served

## **Livingston County Help For Seniors - Livingston Co., NY**

- Training and utilizing EMTs to screen and refer seniors to health resources

## **ARcare Aging Well Outreach Network - Cross Co., AR**

- Network of case managers connecting seniors to cooking classes, support groups, exercise opportunities, and transportation services



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