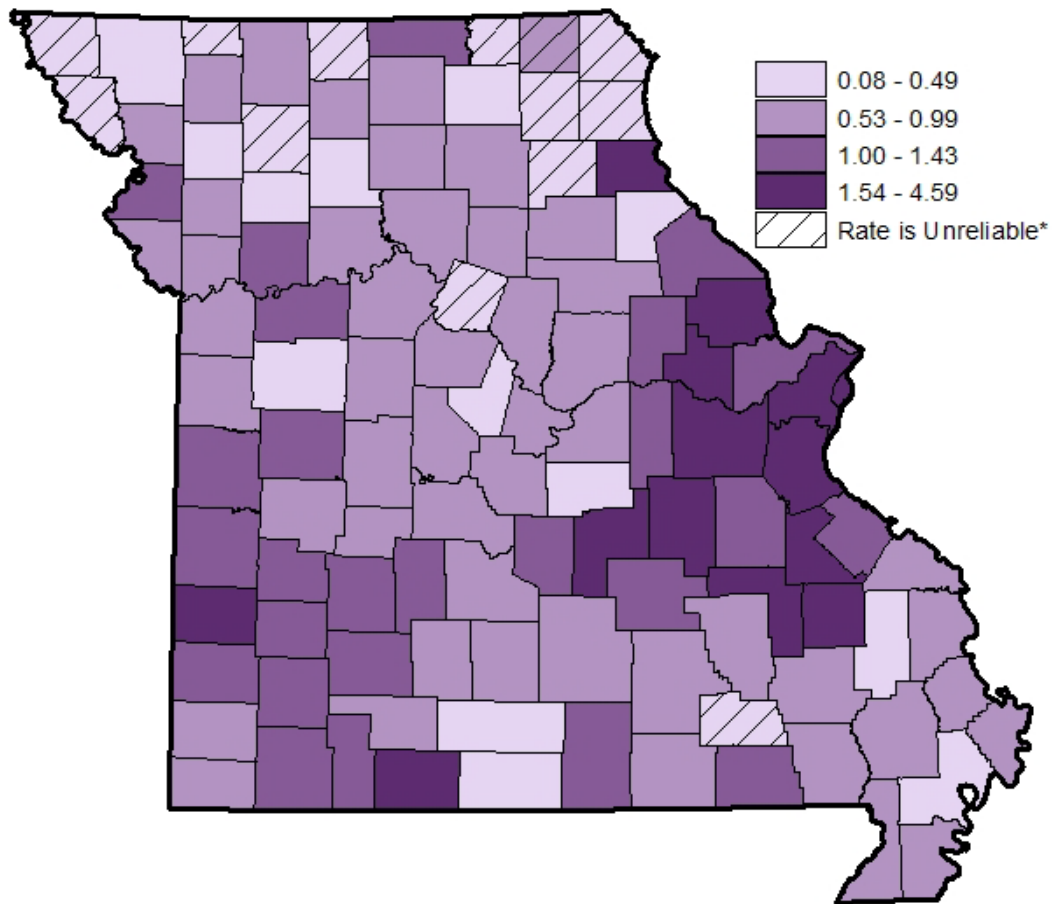


ER Visits Due to Opioid Misuse Rate 2012-2016



Statistics for the maps and charts for emergency room discharges are based on the residence of the patient, not the location of the facility from which the patient was discharged. As a result, more than with death data, these statistics can be impacted by access-to-care issues. This map showing five-year aggregate opioid* misuse discharges mirrors patterns from the opioid overdose death map with high rates for many counties surrounding the St. Louis area. Also of note is a secondary clustering of counties with high rates in west and southwest Missouri, though less concentrated around the Springfield metro area than the death data.

* "Opioid" includes heroin unless otherwise specified. The term "non-heroin opioids" includes any opioid that is not heroin, such as prescription drugs or fentanyl and its analogs

Crude Rate per 1,000 population
* Numerator less than 20

Source: Bureau of Vital Statistics
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