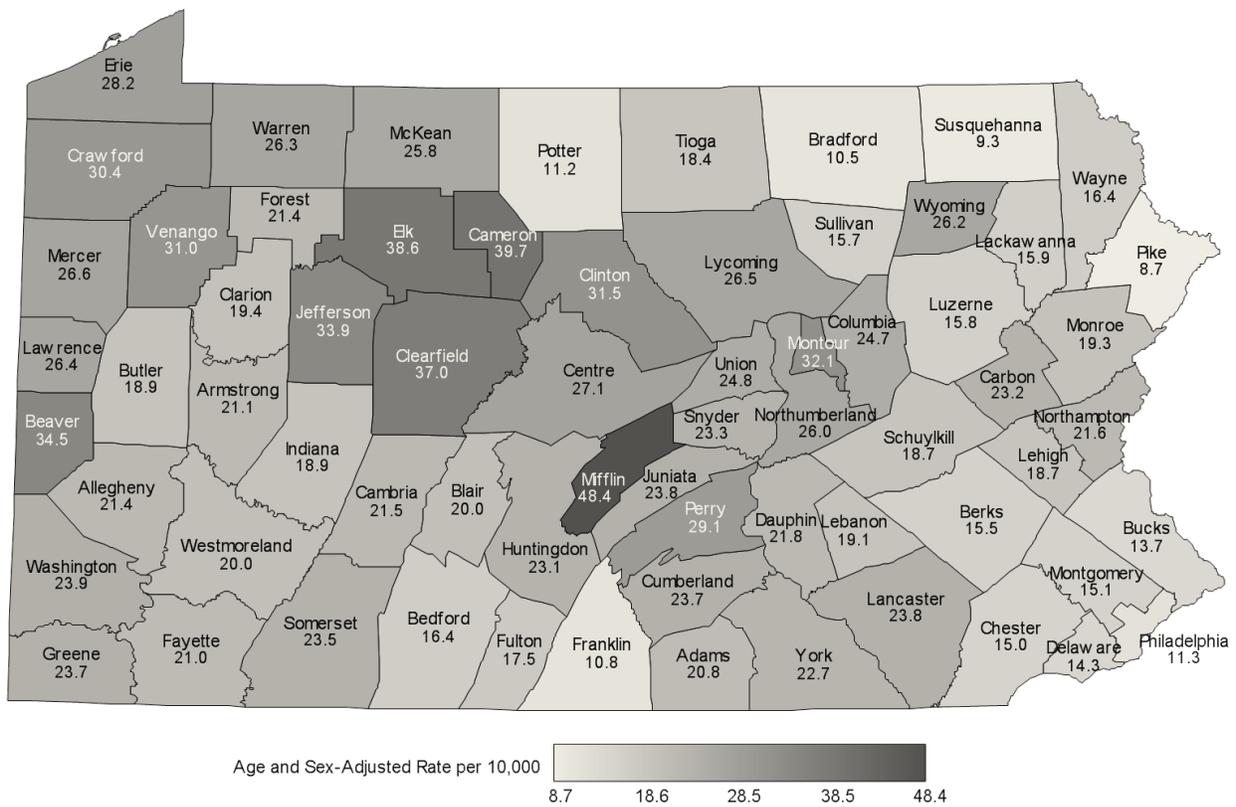


# County-Level Rates

The map below displays the spinal fusion procedure rates per 10,000 residents for each of Pennsylvania’s 67 counties. Rates were risk adjusted for age and sex differences among county populations. Rates include residents 18 years of age and older and were calculated using PHC4 discharge data and US Census Bureau data.

The 2014 hospitalization rate for spinal fusion procedures ranged from 8.7 to 48.4 per 10,000 county residents. The statewide hospitalization rate for spinal fusion procedures was 19.3 per 10,000 residents.



Note: Rates for counties with small populations are sensitive to small changes in the number of hospitalizations, so higher rates may be reflective of minor fluctuations in the number of hospitalizations.