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Empowering Our Community Through Comprehensive Strategies.



THIS MONTH'S TOPIC: VEHICLE SAFTEY



Over the five-year period from 2019 to 2023, according to the County Health Rankings, the motor vehicle crash death rate per 100,000 population in Woodbury County, IA remained steady at 10, with a slight increase to 11 in 2022 and 2023.

In Dakota County, NE, the rate fluctuated slightly from 13 in 2019 to 15 in 2021, then stabilized at 15 in 2022 and 2023.

Regarding alcohol-impaired driving deaths, Woodbury County, IA saw a rise from 22% in 2019 to 28% in 2023. Conversely, Dakota County, NE experienced a decline from 18% in 2019 to 10% in 2022 and 2023.

The direct impact of motor vehicle crash deaths and alcohol-impaired driving deaths in a community includes loss of life, injuries, property damage, and emotional. These tragedies can also strain emergency response services and impose financial burdens on healthcare systems. To address these challenges, communities can implement a range of strategies such as education campaigns, supporting substance misuse prevention programs, and improving infrastructure and road safety measures.

