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DATA FEATURE

Economic Stability: Housing

68%

HOME OWNERSHIP

is the approximate combined home ownership for Woodbury County in Iowa, Dakota County in Nebraska, and Union County in South Dakota, in 2024. - COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS, 2024

10.3%

SEVERE HOUSING COST BURDEN

is the approximate combined percentage of households putting more than 50% of total income towards housing in Woodbury County, Iowa, Dakota County, Nebraska, and Union County, South Dakota, in 2024

- COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS, 2024

12%

SEVERE HOUSING PROBLEMS

is the approximate combined percentage facing severe housing problems for Woodbury County in Iowa, Dakota County in Nebraska, and Union County in South Dakota, in 2024. - COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS, 2024



HOUSING: PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES IN SIOUXLAND

Home Ownership Progress

Woodbury County's homeownership rate stayed fairly stable over the past few years, dropping just 1% from 2023 to 68% in 2024. Dakota County remained lower at 65%, showing little change over the years. Union County consistently has the highest rate, holding at 70% in 2024 after a slight decline in earlier years. In 2024, both Woodbury and Union Counties were above the national rate of 65%, while Dakota County matched it. The region overall shows stable ownership levels, with Union leading and Dakota trailing slightly.

Severe Housing Cost Burden (Over 50% of Income)

Woodbury and Dakota Counties both saw an increase in residents spending over half their income on housing, reaching 11% in 2023 and staying stable in 2024. Union County had the lowest burden, ranging from 6% to 9%, suggesting more manageable housing costs. The data reflects economic pressure in the region as more income goes to housing, especially for low-income households. Union appears more resilient to these cost pressures despite having the only increase in 2024.

Severe Housing Problems

Woodbury County had a stable severe housing problem rate of 12% over the last two years, while Dakota County's higher rate of 15% showed no improvement. Union County reported the lowest rates, increasing slightly from 8% to 9%. These issues highlight persistent challenges in housing quality and affordability with nearly 1-in-10 households vulnerable. Dakota County appears most affected, while Union remains the least affected. Addressing housing quality should be a continued focus, particularly in Dakota and Woodbury Counties.

ABOUT US

Source For Siouxland is a collaborative, strategic community planning initiative for a vibrant, safe, and healthy Siouxland. We measure the Economic Stability, Education, Health, Safety, and Quality of Life of the Siouxland Area in order to identify opportunities to build a stronger and more engaged community, prioritize the opportunities, and lead collective impact teams that will improve community outcomes.

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