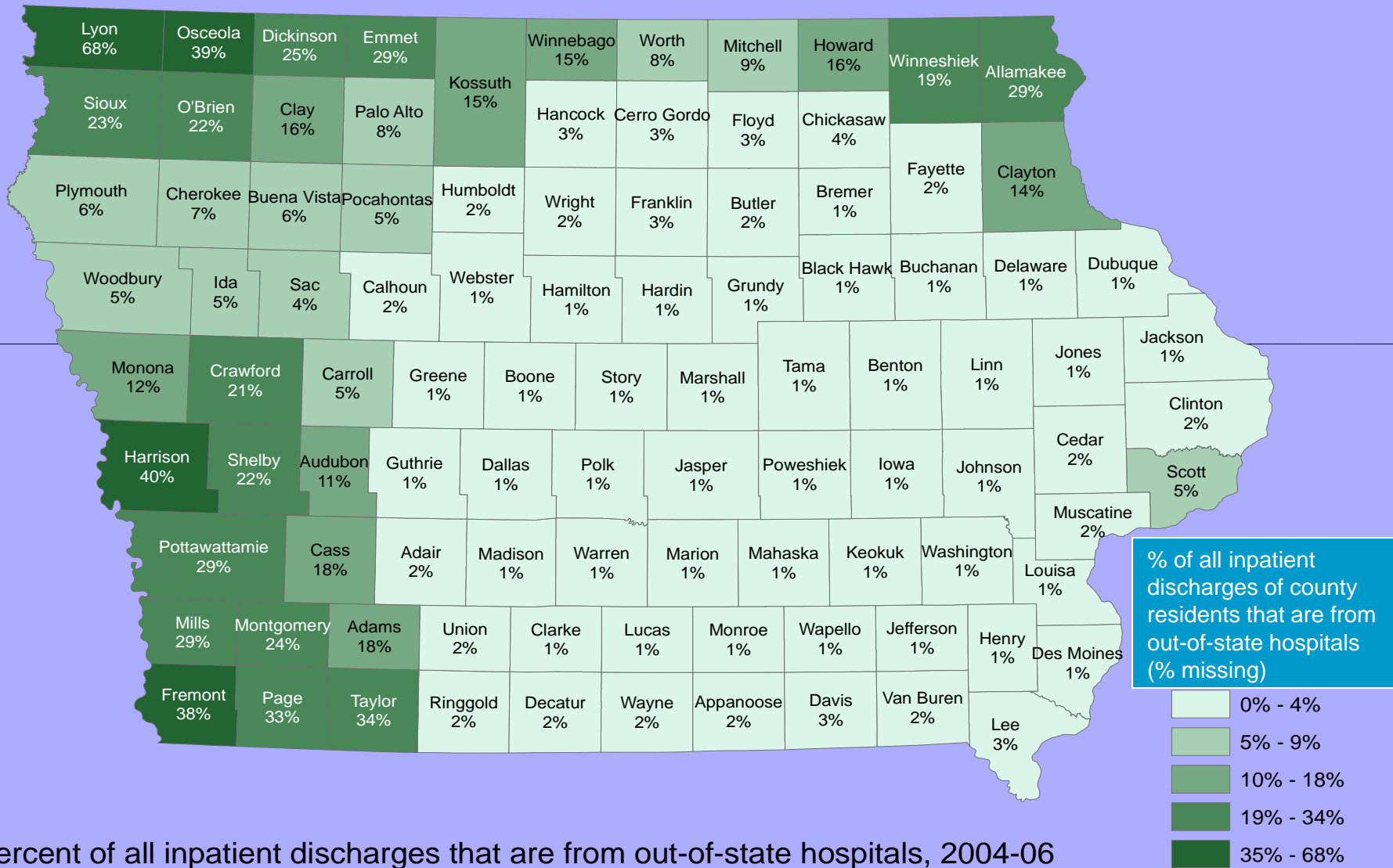


The hospital discharge rates of those 37 counties with  $\geq 5\%$  of its resident discharges occurring in out-of-state hospitals should not be compared with the rates of other counties, since out-of-state admissions are missing from the IDPH inpatient database.



Percent of all inpatient discharges that are from out-of-state hospitals, 2004-06  
 Source: Iowa Hospital Association and Iowa State Inpatient Database, Iowa DPH

Iowa: 6%