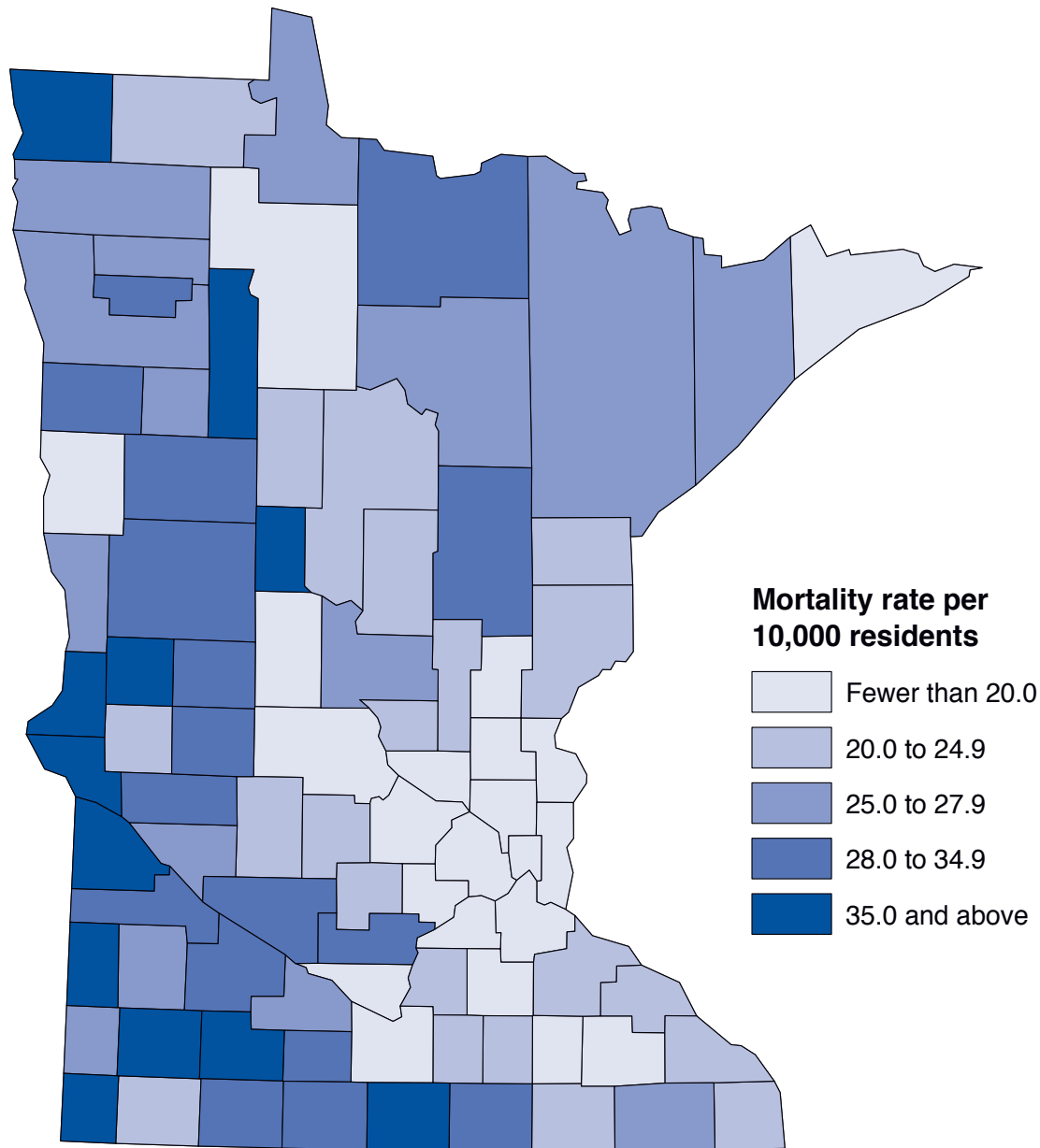


## Deaths Due to Heart Disease, 2000-2004

Like cancer, the map of the mortality rate from heart disease shows a higher incidence in counties with higher median ages. The highest rates appear in the far western counties, while the lowest rates occur in the suburban counties with their younger populations. Unlike cancer, the factors that contribute to heart disease can be more clearly identified: diet, exercise and smoking.



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