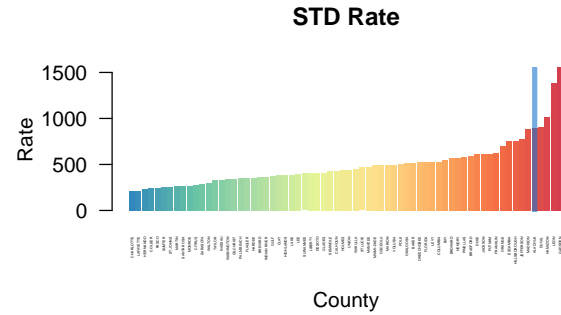
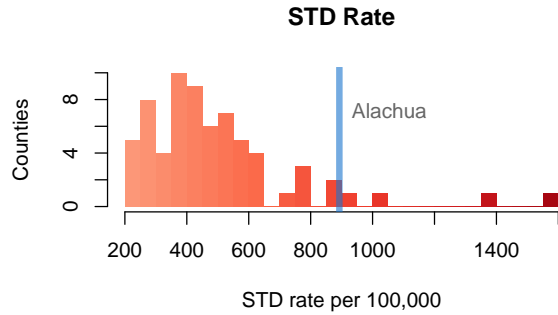


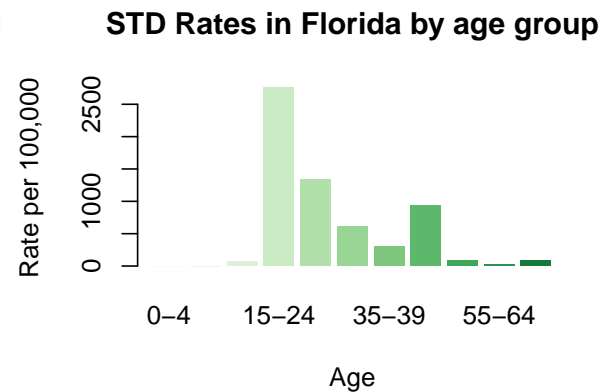
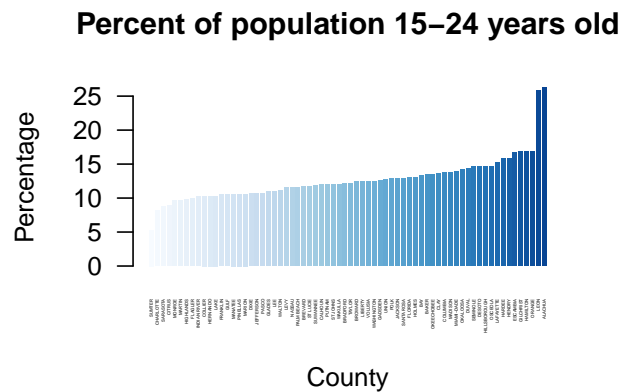
## STDs in Alachua County: What if we weren't so young?

Alachua County's STD rate (862 per 100,000) is 64 percent higher than the Florida composite rate (525 per 100,000), placing us at 4th worst in the State.



## Are we really doing that poorly?

Alachua has more 15-24 year-olds (as a share of total county population) than any other county in Florida. 15-24 year-olds are (by far) the age group with the highest STD rate. See below charts:



## 15-24 year-olds skew the rate

Alachua has the largest percentage of those who are most likely to get STDs (15-24 year-olds). Leon is a close second (nearly as many 15-24 year-olds).

## Age Standardization

We can measure the exact skewing effect of our demographic profile via age "standardization." This means calculating the supposed total STD rate if our population exactly resembled Florida's (in terms of age).

Standardizing for age brings our STD rate down to 599.9 per 100,000, much closer to the State STD rate of 525 per 100,000. What does this mean? If our population had the same age profile as Florida's, we could expect to have an STD rate much more similar to Florida's.

