

# Is Working Good For Your Health?

## Analytics Project: Is Working Good For Your Health

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  2. Different factors affecting utilization of health services
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## Motivation

- Use publicly available inpatient data to objectively measure unemployment/health correlation
- Location dependent measurements that can be used by government to adjust medicare services as needed
- Reveal information that may enlighten people regarding their career choices

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## Conclusions

- Trends appear to be specific to different counties
  - Expected statewide trends
  - Correlation differs greatly by population and demographics
- Correlation indicates budget allocations
  - Albany, Franklin, Oneida counties tend to show most hospital utilization when unemployment increases
- Future Work
  - More years of data (this is coming)
  - Process could easily scale nationwide

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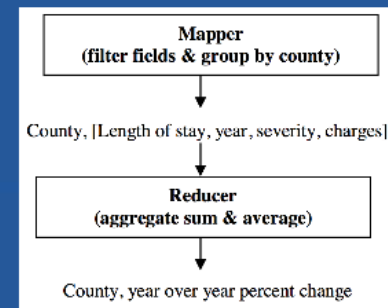
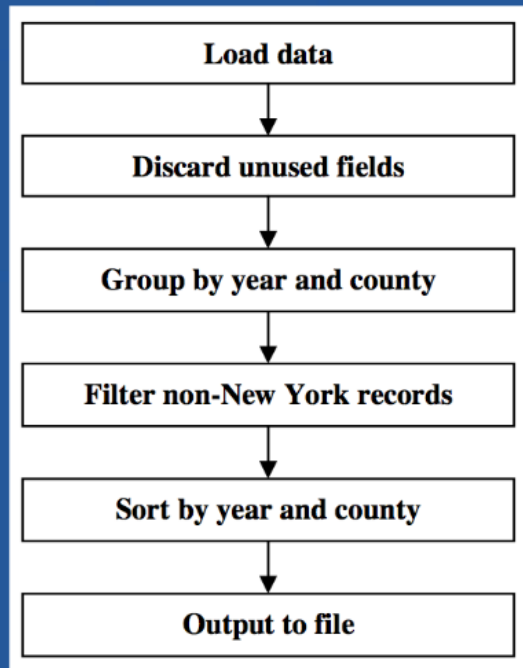
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**Mapper**  
**(filter fields & group by county)**



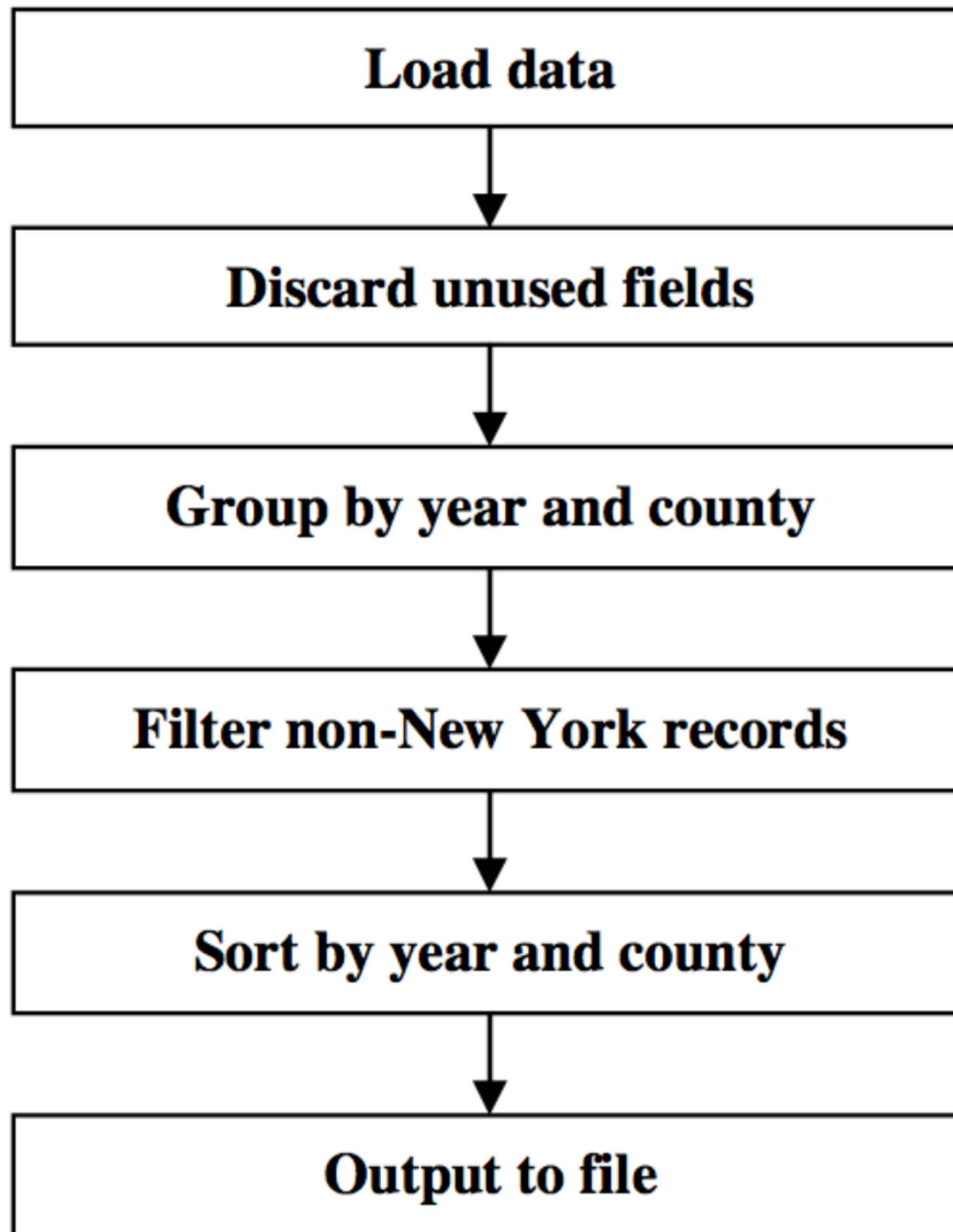
County, [Length of stay, year, severity, charges]

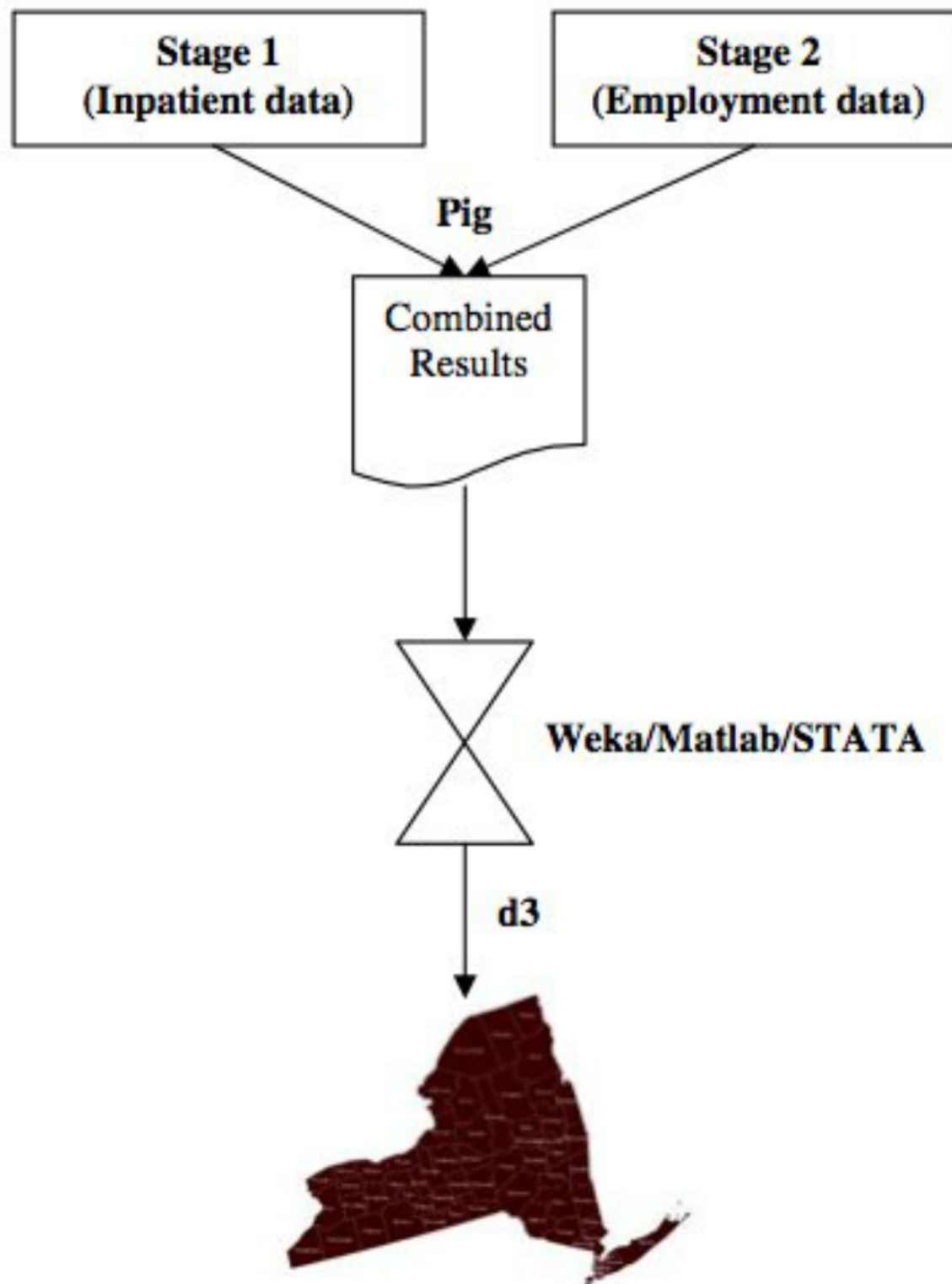


**Reducer**  
**(aggregate sum & average)**

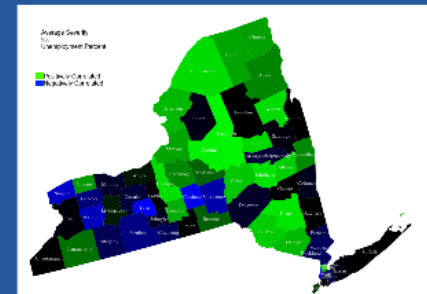
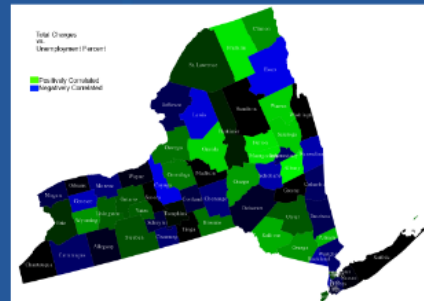
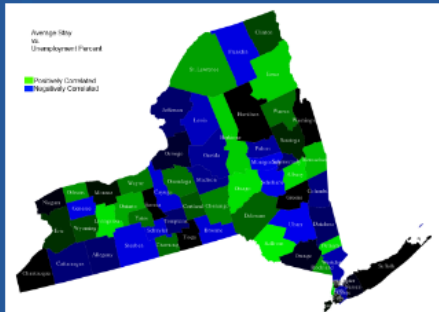


County, year over year percent change



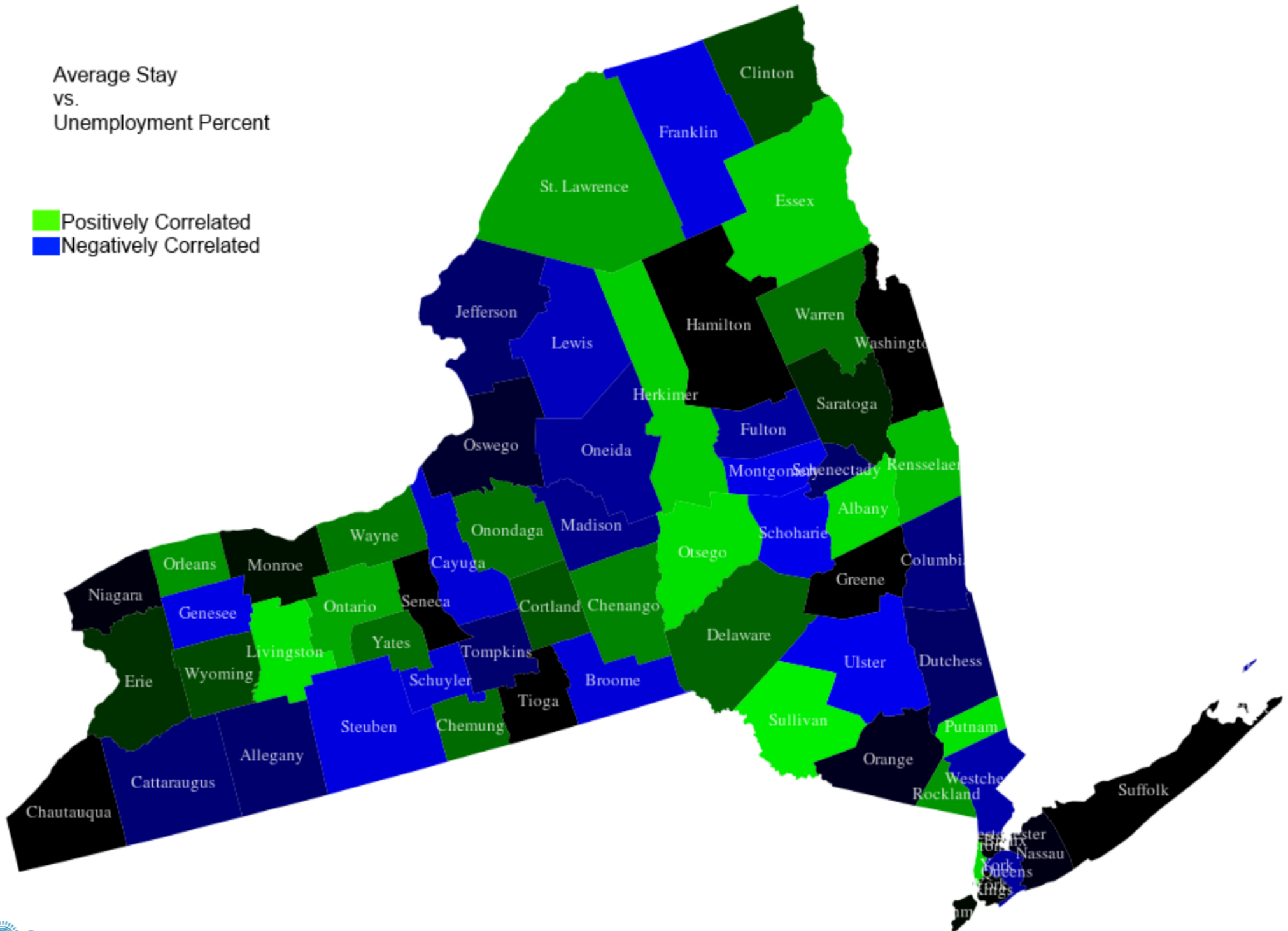


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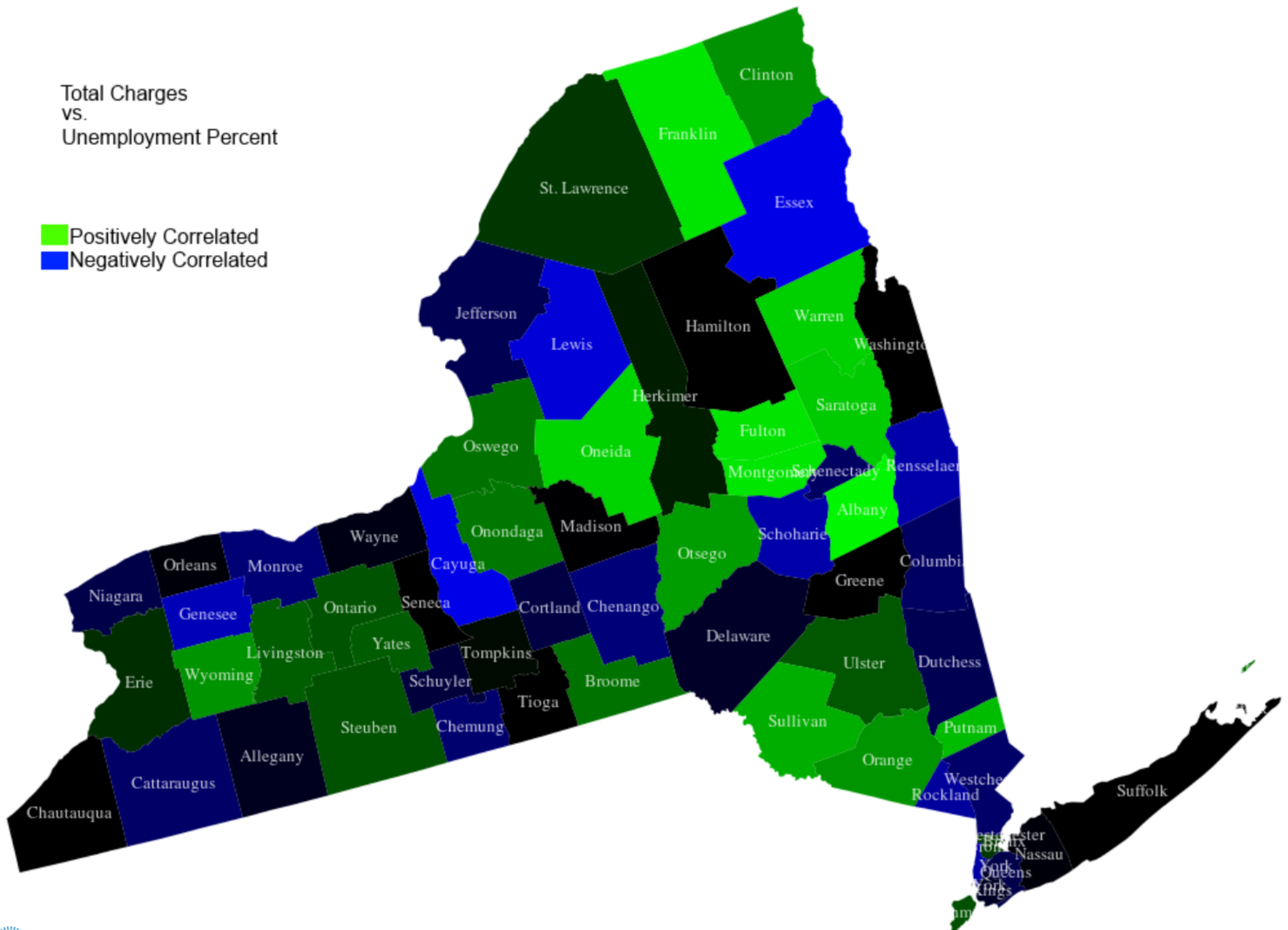
Average Stay  
vs.  
Unemployment Percent

■ Positively Correlated  
■ Negatively Correlated



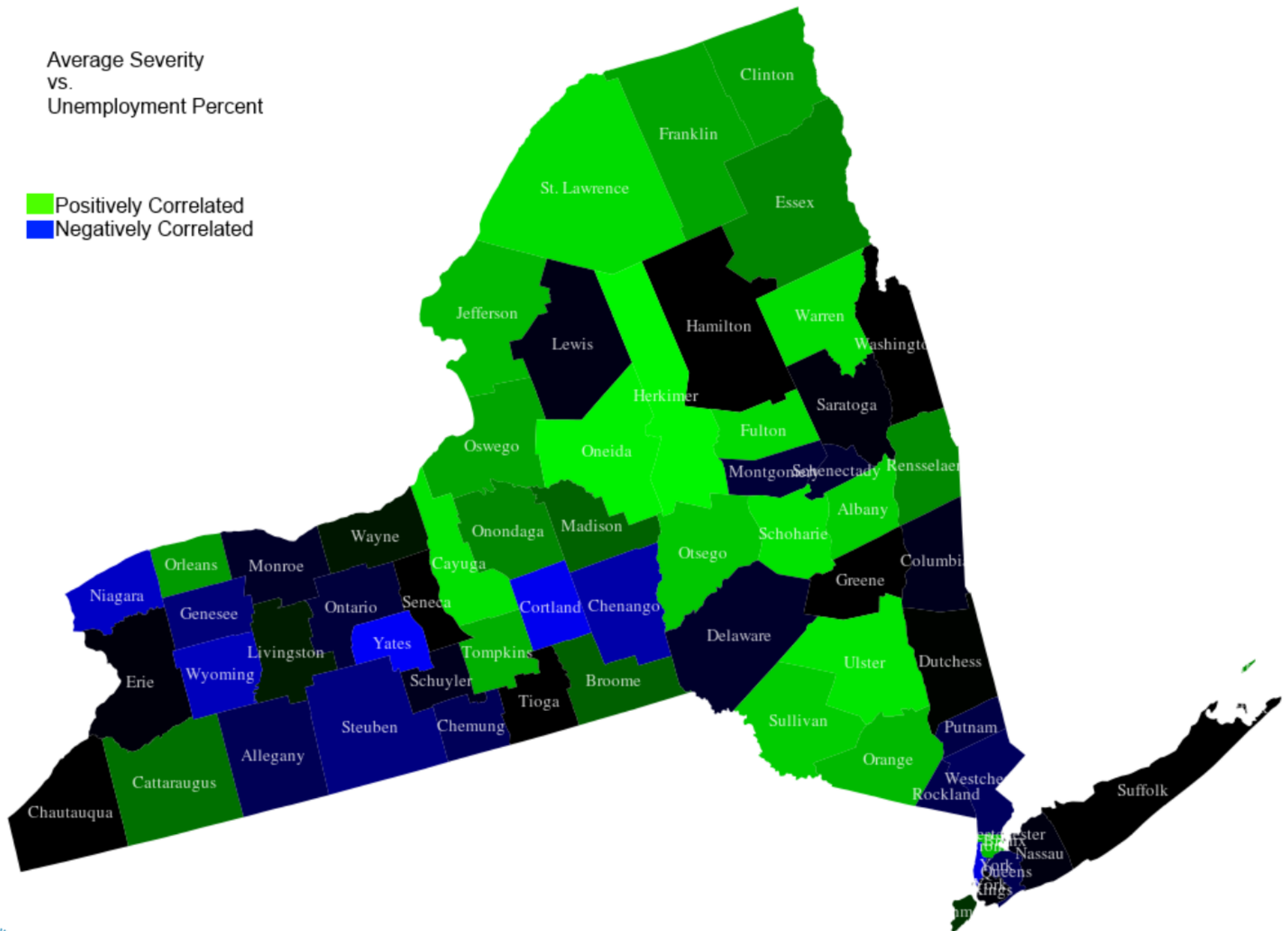
Total Charges  
vs.  
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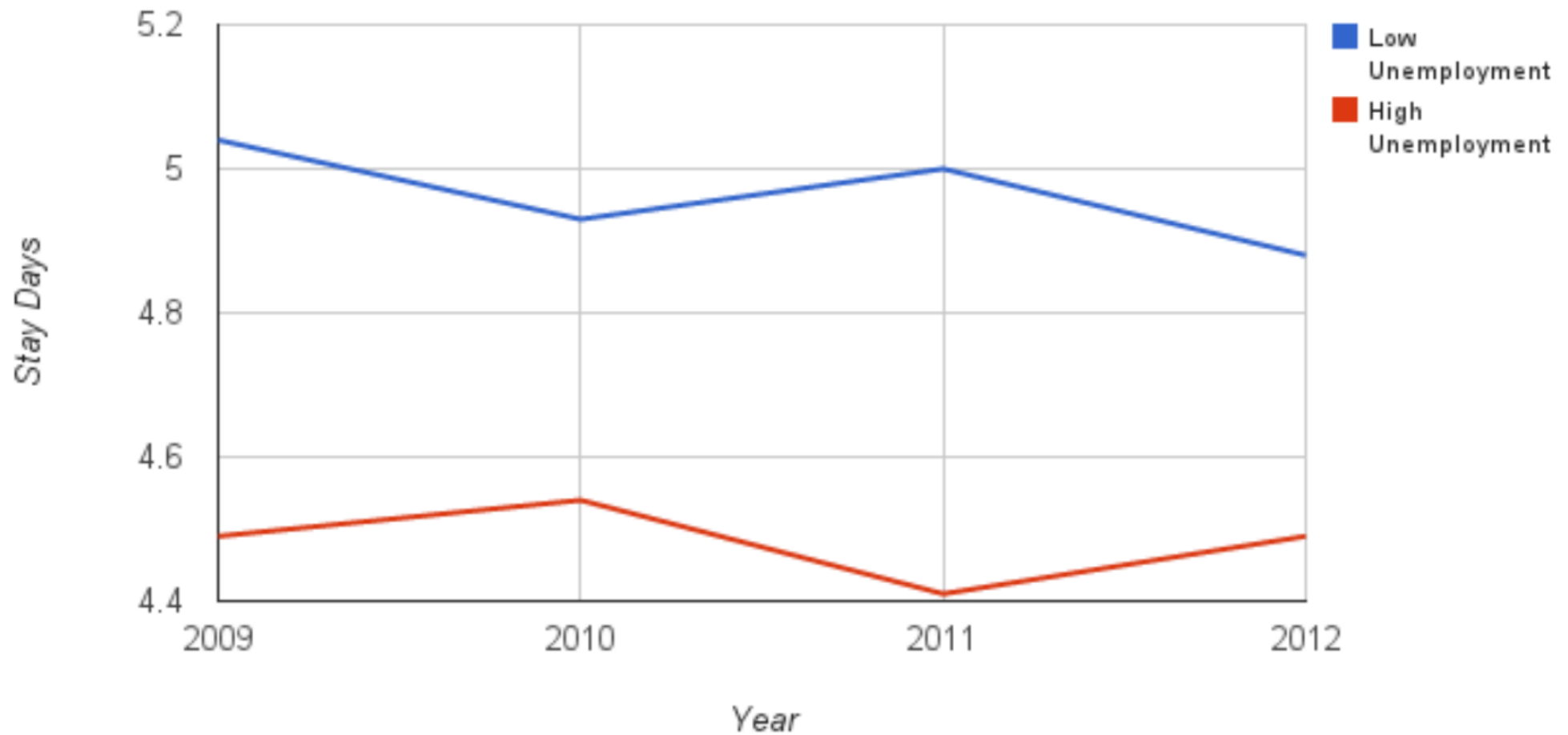


Average Severity  
vs.  
Unemployment Percent

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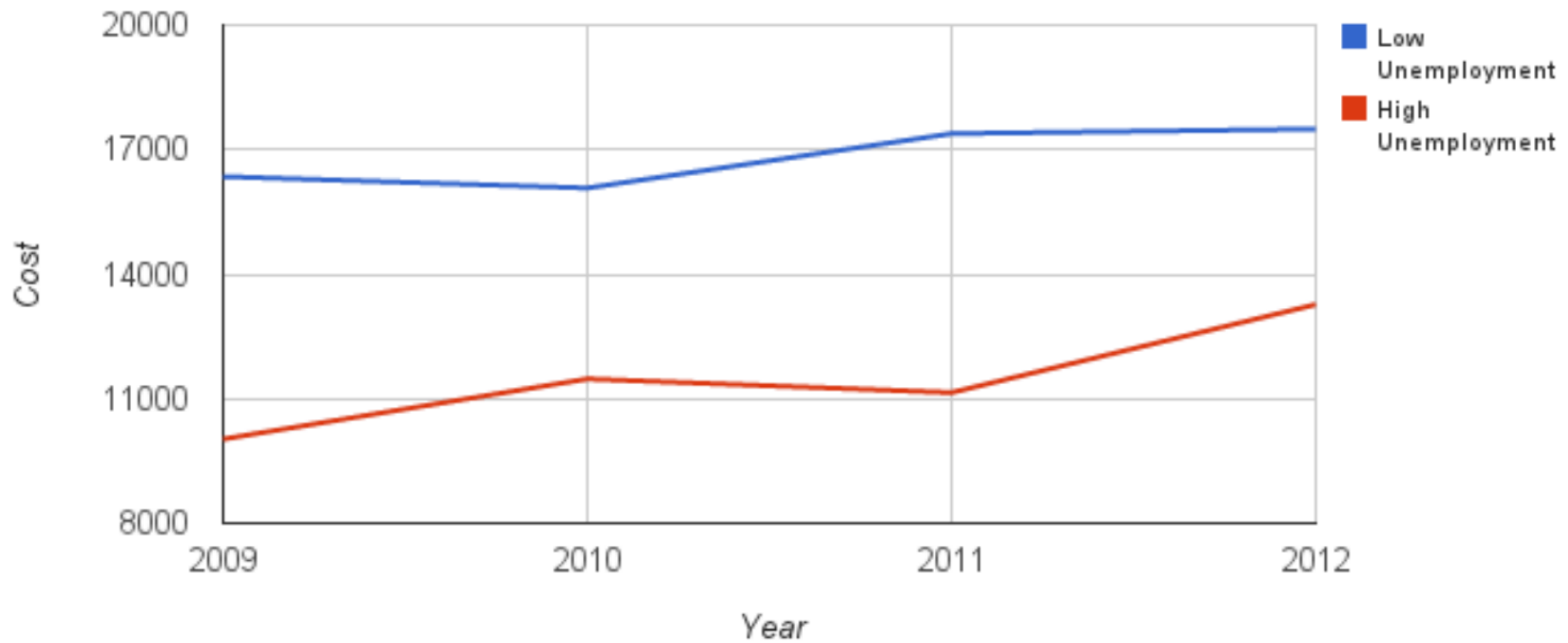


## Avg Stay Days / Year





## Average Cost



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Consider statewide budget allocations

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