

## Summary

### Strengths

- Low Black/white residential segregation
- High prevalence of colorectal cancer screening
- Low levels of air pollution

### Challenges

- High premature death rate
- High economic hardship index score
- Low prevalence of high school completion

## Highlights

### Homicide

46%▲

from 13.4 to 19.6 deaths per 100,000 population between 2018-2019 and 2020-2021.

### Drug Deaths

31%▲

from 41.2 to 54.0 deaths per 100,000 population between 2020 and 2021.

### Mental Health Providers

16%▲

from 271.9 to 314.9 per 100,000 population between September 2018 and September 2023.

## Measures

		State Rank	State Value	U.S. Value
<b>Social &amp; Economic Factors</b>		<b>50</b>	<b>-1.160</b>	
<b>Community and Family Safety</b>	Homicide (Deaths per 100,000 population)	49	19.6	7.7
	Occupational Fatalities (Deaths per 100,000 workers)	41	5.7	3.9
	Public Health Funding (Dollars per person)	22	\$196	\$183
<b>Economic Resources</b>	Economic Hardship Index (Index from 1-100)	49	97	—
	Food Insecurity (% of households)	47	15.2%	11.2%
	Income Inequality (80-20 Ratio)	49	5.60	4.92
<b>Education</b>	Fourth Grade Reading Proficiency (% of public school students)	41	28.3%	32.1%
	High School Completion (% of adults ages 25+)	48	87.3%	89.6%
<b>Social Support and Engagement</b>	Adverse Childhood Experiences (% of children ages 0-17)	42	18.6%	14.0%
	High-Speed Internet (% of households)	49	88.2%	92.9%
	Residential Segregation - Black/White (Index from 0-100)	9	57	—
	Volunteerism (% of population ages 16+)	36	21.9%	23.2%
	Voter Participation (% of U.S. citizens ages 18+)	44	55.1%	59.5%
<b>Physical Environment</b>		<b>47</b>	<b>-0.240</b>	
<b>Air and Water Quality</b>	Air Pollution (Micrograms of fine particles per cubic meter)	24	7.6	8.6
	Drinking Water Violations (Average number of violations per community water system)	49	4.1	2.7
	Water Fluoridation (% of population served)	45	38.0%	72.7%
<b>Climate and Health</b>	Climate Policies (Number of four policies)	26	2	—
	Climate Risks (% of population)*	47	78.7%	35.5%
	Renewable Energy (% of total electricity generated)*	49	1.1%	20.5%
<b>Housing and Transit</b>	Housing With Lead Risk (% of housing stock)	18	12.3%	16.5%
	Severe Housing Problems (% of occupied housing units)	31	15.3%	16.7%
	Transportation Health Risks (% of population)*	46	35.6%	24.0%
<b>Clinical Care</b>		<b>38</b>	<b>-0.492</b>	
<b>Access to Care</b>	Avoided Care Due to Cost (% of adults)	40	12.1%	10.1%
	Dental Care Providers (Number per 100,000 population)	44	50.9	64.6
	Mental Health Providers (Number per 100,000 population)	26	314.9	324.9
	Primary Care Providers (Number per 100,000 population)	39	216.9	232.0
	Uninsured (% of population)	27	6.9%	8.0%
<b>Preventive Clinical Services</b>	Childhood Immunizations (% of children by age 24 months)	49	63.7%	70.0%
	Colorectal Cancer Screening (% of adults ages 45-75)	16	63.2%	61.8%
	Dental Visit (% of adults)	41	60.4%	66.0%
	Flu Vaccination (% of adults)	44	39.4%	45.6%
	HPV Vaccination (% of adolescents ages 13-17)	16	67.3%	62.6%
<b>Quality of Care</b>	Dedicated Health Care Provider (% of adults)	15	85.4%	83.8%
	Preventable Hospitalizations (Discharges per 100,000 Medicare beneficiaries ages 18+)	49	3,548	2,681
<b>Behaviors</b>		<b>49</b>	<b>-1.365</b>	
<b>Nutrition and Physical Activity</b>	Exercise (% of adults)	42	19.7%	23.0%
	Fruit and Vegetable Consumption (% of adults)	39	6.2%	7.4%
	Physical Inactivity (% of adults)	45	28.3%	23.4%
<b>Sexual Health</b>	Chlamydia (Cases per 100,000 population)	47	730.1	495.5
	High-Risk HIV Behaviors (% of adults)	48	7.3%	5.7%
	Teen Births (Births per 1,000 females ages 15-19)	48	24.5	13.9
<b>Sleep Health</b>	Insufficient Sleep (% of adults)	47	39.8%	35.5%
<b>Tobacco Use</b>	Smoking (% of adults)	43	16.7%	14.0%
<b>Health Outcomes</b>		<b>48</b>	<b>-0.915</b>	
<b>Behavioral Health</b>	Drug Deaths (Deaths per 100,000 population)*	48	54.0	32.1
	Excessive Drinking (% of adults)	30	18.8%	18.4%
	Frequent Mental Distress (% of adults)	47	20.1%	15.9%
	Non-medical Drug Use (% of adults)	16	12.5%	15.9%
<b>Mortality</b>	Premature Death (Years lost before age 75 per 100,000 population)	47	13,831	9,478
	Premature Death Racial Disparity (Ratio)	20	1.4	1.6
<b>Physical Health</b>	Frequent Physical Distress (% of adults)	45	14.9%	12.4%
	Low Birth Weight (% of live births)	49	11.3%	8.5%
	Low Birth Weight Racial Disparity (Ratio)	35	2.1	2.1
	Multiple Chronic Conditions (% of adults)	45	14.8%	11.2%
	Obesity (% of adults)	49	40.1%	33.6%
<b>Overall</b>		<b>50</b>	<b>-0.948</b>	

\* Additional measure (not included in overall rank). For measure definitions, source details and methodology, visit [www.AmericasHealthRankings.org](https://www.AmericasHealthRankings.org).  
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