



The 2022 Rankings include deaths attributable to COVID-19 from 2020. See our FAQs for more information on COVID-specific data.

Benton (BE) 2022 Rankings

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County Demographics

	County	State
Population	25,414	3,163,561
% below 18 years of age	23.1%	22.9%
% 65 and older	19.1%	17.9%
% Non-Hispanic Black	0.7%	4.0%
% American Indian & Alaska Native	0.3%	0.6%
% Asian	0.5%	2.8%
% Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.2%
% Hispanic	1.7%	6.5%
% Non-Hispanic White	95.8%	84.5%
% not proficient in English **	0%	2%
% Females	49.9%	50.2%
% Rural	80.7%	36.0%

	County	Error Margin	Top U.S. Performers ^	Iowa
Health Outcomes				
Length of Life				
Premature death	6,200	5,100-7,400	5,600	6,500
Quality of Life				
Poor or fair health **	14%	12-16%	15%	14%
Poor physical health days **	3.2	2.9-3.5	3.4	3.1
Poor mental health days **	4.1	3.8-4.4	4.0	4.1
Low birthweight	6%	5-7%	6%	7%
Additional Health Outcomes (not included in overall ranking)				
COVID-19 age-adjusted mortality **	108	77-147	43	99
Life expectancy	79.4	78.4-80.5	80.6	78.7
Premature age-adjusted mortality	320	280-350	290	340
Child mortality	40	20-80	40	50
Infant mortality			4	5
Frequent physical distress **	10%	9-11%	10%	9%
Frequent mental distress **	13%	12-14%	13%	13%
Diabetes prevalence **	8%	8-9%	8%	9%
HIV prevalence	56		38	110
Health Factors				
Health Behaviors				
Adult smoking **	18%	15-21%	15%	17%
Adult obesity **	34%	32-36%	30%	34%
Food environment index	9.0		8.8	8.4
Physical inactivity **	26%	23-28%	23%	26%
Access to exercise opportunities	40%		86%	73%

Excessive drinking **	24%	23-25%	15%	25%
Alcohol-impaired driving deaths	14%	6-25%	10%	27%
Sexually transmitted infections	265.2		161.8	508.5
Teen births	13	10-16	11	16
Additional Health Behaviors (not included in overall ranking)				
Food insecurity	8%		9%	9%
Limited access to healthy foods	4%		2%	6%
Drug overdose deaths			11	11
Motor vehicle crash deaths	24	17-32	9	11
Insufficient sleep **	31%	30-33%	32%	33%
Clinical Care				
Uninsured	4%	4-5%	6%	6%
Primary care physicians	4,270:1		1,010:1	1,350:1
Dentists	4,240:1		1,210:1	1,440:1
Mental health providers	3,630:1		250:1	570:1
Preventable hospital stays	3,849		2,233	3,134
Mammography screening	54%		52%	53%
Flu vaccinations	37%		55%	54%
Additional Clinical Care (not included in overall ranking)				
Uninsured adults	5%	4-6%	7%	7%
Uninsured children	2%	2-3%	3%	3%
Other primary care providers	1,210:1		580:1	840:1
Social & Economic Factors				
High school completion	95%	94-96%	94%	92%
Some college	69%	63-76%	74%	71%
Unemployment	5.0%		4.0%	5.3%
Children in poverty	8%	5-11%	9%	12%
Income inequality	3.9	3.5-4.3	3.7	4.2
Children in single-parent households	14%	10-18%	14%	21%
Social associations	14.0		18.1	14.8
Violent crime			63	282
Injury deaths	86	70-102	61	70
Additional Social & Economic Factors (not included in overall ranking)				
High school graduation	95%		96%	91%
Disconnected youth			4%	6%
Reading scores	3.4		3.3	3.1
Math scores	3.4		3.4	3.1
School segregation	0.05		0.02	0.19
School funding adequacy	\$2,272			\$1,880
Gender pay gap	0.74	0.68-0.81	0.88	0.78
Median household income	\$72,300	\$63,100 to \$81,500	\$75,100	\$62,400
Living wage **	\$36.53			\$37.38
Children eligible for free or reduced price lunch	31%		32%	42%
Residential segregation - Black/white			27	62
Residential segregation - non-white/white	23		16	45
Childcare cost burden **	20%		18%	24%
Childcare centers **	6		12	8
Homicides			2	3
Suicides	19	12-28	11	16
Firearm fatalities	12	7-19	8	10
Juvenile arrests	18			37
Physical Environment				
Air pollution - particulate matter	8.8		5.9	8.2
Drinking water violations	Yes			
Severe housing problems	7%	6-9%	9%	12%
Driving alone to work	83%	81-84%	72%	80%
Long commute - driving alone	40%	36-44%	16%	21%
Additional Physical Environment (not included in overall ranking)				
Traffic volume	26			260
Homeownership	82%	79-84%	81%	71%
Severe housing cost burden	7%	5-9%	7%	10%
Broadband access	83%	80-85%	88%	83%

^ 10th/90th percentile, i.e., only 10% are better.

** Data should not be compared with prior years

Note: Blank values reflect unreliable or missing data

