County Health Rankings & Roadmaps
Building a Culture of Health, County by County

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

Buena Vista (BV)
2022 Rankings

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County Demographics

	County	State
Population	19,772	3,163,561
% below 18 years of age	26.5%	22.9%
% 65 and older	16.6%	17.9%
% Non-Hispanic Black	3.1%	4.0%
% American Indian & Alaska Native	0.7%	0.6%
% Asian	11.1%	2.8%
% Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	2.2%	0.2%
% Hispanic	27.1%	6.5%
% Non-Hispanic White	55.9%	84.5%
% not proficient in English **	11%	2%
% Females	49.2%	50.2%
% Rural	43.9%	36.0%

	County	Error Margin	Top U.S. Performers ^	Iowa
Health Outcomes				
Length of Life				
Premature death	5,600	4,400-6,700	5,600	6,500
Quality of Life				
Poor or fair health **	19%	17-21%	15%	14%
Poor physical health days **	3.6	3.4-3.9	3.4	3.1
Poor mental health days **	3.9	3.7-4.1	4.0	4.1
Low birthweight	7%	6-8%	6%	7%
Additional Health Outcomes (not included in overall ranking)				
COVID-19 age-adjusted mortality **	117	79-168	43	99
Life expectancy	80.5	79.3-81.7	80.6	78.7
Premature age-adjusted mortality	280	230-320	290	340
Child mortality			40	50
Infant mortality			4	5
Frequent physical distress **	12%	11-13%	10%	9%
Frequent mental distress **	13%	12-13%	13%	13%
Diabetes prevalence **	11%	11-12%	8%	9%
HIV prevalence	107		38	110
Health Factors				
Health Behaviors				
Adult smoking **	17%	15-19%	15%	17%
Adult obesity **	33%	32-34%	30%	34%
Food environment index	8.7		8.8	8.4
Physical inactivity **	33%	31-36%	23%	26%
Access to exercise opportunities	64%		86%	73%

Excessive drinking **	20%	19-20%	15%	25%
Alcohol-impaired driving deaths	14%	1-39%	10%	27%
Sexually transmitted infections	484.2		161.8	508.5
Teen births	26	22-31	11	16

Additional Health Behaviors (not included in overall ranking)

Food insecurity	8%		9%	9%
Limited access to healthy foods	6%		2%	6%
Drug overdose deaths			11	11
Motor vehicle crash deaths	12	7-19	9	11
Insufficient sleep **	33%	32-34%	32%	33%

Clinical Care

Uninsured	10%	9-12%	6%	6%
Primary care physicians	1,780:1		1,010:1	1,350:1
Dentists	1,650:1		1,210:1	1,440:1
Mental health providers	2,200:1		250:1	570:1
Preventable hospital stays	2,138		2,233	3,134
Mammography screening	49%		52%	53%
Flu vaccinations	37%		55%	54%

Additional Clinical Care (not included in overall ranking)

Uninsured adults	13%	11-15%	7%	7%
Uninsured children	5%	3-6%	3%	3%
Other primary care providers	2,200:1		580:1	840:1

Social & Economic Factors

High school completion	78%	75-80%	94%	92%
Some college	48%	42-54%	74%	71%
Unemployment	3.7%		4.0%	5.3%
Children in poverty	12%	7-17%	9%	12%
Income inequality	3.7	3.0-4.4	3.7	4.2
Children in single-parent households	16%	11-22%	14%	21%
Social associations	20.9		18.1	14.8
Violent crime	311		63	282
Injury deaths	41	30-56	61	70

Additional Social & Economic Factors (not included in overall ranking)

High school graduation	69%		96%	91%
Disconnected youth			4%	6%
Reading scores	2.9		3.3	3.1
Math scores	3.0		3.4	3.1
School segregation	0.20		0.02	0.19
School funding adequacy	$770			$1,880
Gender pay gap	0.74	0.65-0.83	0.88	0.78
Median household income	$61,200	$51,300 to $71,100	$75,100	$62,400
Living wage **	$35.88			$37.38
Children eligible for free or reduced price lunch	64%		32%	42%
Residential segregation - Black/white	49		27	62
Residential segregation - non-white/white	46		16	45
Childcare cost burden **	22%		18%	24%
Childcare centers **	7		12	8
Homicides			2	3
Suicides			11	16
Firearm fatalities			8	10
Juvenile arrests	45			37

Physical Environment

Air pollution - particulate matter	7.8		5.9	8.2
Drinking water violations	No			
Severe housing problems	15%	11-18%	9%	12%
Driving alone to work	69%	65-73%	72%	80%
Long commute - driving alone	14%	11-16%	16%	21%

Additional Physical Environment (not included in overall ranking)

Traffic volume	130			260
Homeownership	65%	61-68%	81%	71%
Severe housing cost burden	7%	5-10%	7%	10%
Broadband access	86%	83-89%	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