



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

Cerro Gordo (CG) 2022 Rankings

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County Demographics

	County	State
Population	42,103	3,163,561
% below 18 years of age	20.8%	22.9%
% 65 and older	22.9%	17.9%
% Non-Hispanic Black	2.0%	4.0%
% American Indian & Alaska Native	0.4%	0.6%
% Asian	1.2%	2.8%
% Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.2%	0.2%
% Hispanic	5.3%	6.5%
% Non-Hispanic White	89.4%	84.5%
% not proficient in English **	0%	2%
% Females	51.2%	50.2%
% Rural	20.6%	36.0%

	County	Error Margin	Top U.S. Performers ^	Iowa
Health Outcomes				
Length of Life				
Premature death	8,300	7,300-9,400	5,600	6,500
Quality of Life				
Poor or fair health **	15%	13-17%	15%	14%
Poor physical health days **	3.3	3.0-3.6	3.4	3.1
Poor mental health days **	4.1	3.8-4.4	4.0	4.1
Low birthweight	7%	6-8%	6%	7%
Additional Health Outcomes (not included in overall ranking)				
COVID-19 age-adjusted mortality **	90	69-115	43	99
Life expectancy	77.6	76.7-78.4	80.6	78.7
Premature age-adjusted mortality	400	370-430	290	340
Child mortality	50	30-80	40	50
Infant mortality	7	4-10	4	5
Frequent physical distress **	11%	9-12%	10%	9%
Frequent mental distress **	13%	12-14%	13%	13%
Diabetes prevalence **	9%	9-10%	8%	9%
HIV prevalence	83		38	110
Health Factors				
Health Behaviors				
Adult smoking **	18%	15-20%	15%	17%
Adult obesity **	35%	34-37%	30%	34%
Food environment index	8.5		8.8	8.4
Physical inactivity **	25%	23-28%	23%	26%
Access to exercise opportunities	85%		86%	73%

Excessive drinking **	24%	22-24%	15%	25%
Alcohol-impaired driving deaths	44%	35-52%	10%	27%
Sexually transmitted infections	417.0		161.8	508.5
Teen births	18	15-21	11	16
Additional Health Behaviors (not included in overall ranking)				
Food insecurity	9%		9%	9%
Limited access to healthy foods	5%		2%	6%
Drug overdose deaths	14	8-22	11	11
Motor vehicle crash deaths	15	11-20	9	11
Insufficient sleep **	33%	31-34%	32%	33%
Clinical Care				
Uninsured	5%	4-5%	6%	6%
Primary care physicians	630:1		1,010:1	1,350:1
Dentists	1,170:1		1,210:1	1,440:1
Mental health providers	330:1		250:1	570:1
Preventable hospital stays	4,257		2,233	3,134
Mammography screening	59%		52%	53%
Flu vaccinations	59%		55%	54%
Additional Clinical Care (not included in overall ranking)				
Uninsured adults	6%	5-7%	7%	7%
Uninsured children	2%	2-3%	3%	3%
Other primary care providers	450:1		580:1	840:1
Social & Economic Factors				
High school completion	93%	92-94%	94%	92%
Some college	62%	57-68%	74%	71%
Unemployment	5.2%		4.0%	5.3%
Children in poverty	13%	9-18%	9%	12%
Income inequality	3.8	3.5-4.2	3.7	4.2
Children in single-parent households	23%	18-27%	14%	21%
Social associations	17.4		18.1	14.8
Violent crime	133		63	282
Injury deaths	107	93-121	61	70
Additional Social & Economic Factors (not included in overall ranking)				
High school graduation	94%		96%	91%
Disconnected youth			4%	6%
Reading scores	2.9		3.3	3.1
Math scores	2.7		3.4	3.1
School segregation	0.05		0.02	0.19
School funding adequacy	\$2,778			\$1,880
Gender pay gap	0.74	0.67-0.81	0.88	0.78
Median household income	\$57,700	\$50,300 to \$65,000	\$75,100	\$62,400
Living wage **	\$36.90			\$37.38
Children eligible for free or reduced price lunch	45%		32%	42%
Residential segregation - Black/white	57		27	62
Residential segregation - non-white/white	28		16	45
Childcare cost burden **	26%		18%	24%
Childcare centers **	8		12	8
Homicides			2	3
Suicides	20	14-27	11	16
Firearm fatalities	8	5-13	8	10
Juvenile arrests	44			37
Physical Environment				
Air pollution - particulate matter	8.4		5.9	8.2
Drinking water violations	No			
Severe housing problems	10%	8-11%	9%	12%
Driving alone to work	81%	78-84%	72%	80%
Long commute - driving alone	13%	10-15%	16%	21%
Additional Physical Environment (not included in overall ranking)				
Traffic volume	225			260
Homeownership	70%	68-72%	81%	71%
Severe housing cost burden	7%	6-9%	7%	10%
Broadband access	82%	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

