



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

Cherokee (CH) 2022 Rankings

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County Demographics

	County	State
Population	11,190	3,163,561
% below 18 years of age	21.7%	22.9%
% 65 and older	24.9%	17.9%
% Non-Hispanic Black	1.1%	4.0%
% American Indian & Alaska Native	0.5%	0.6%
% Asian	0.8%	2.8%
% Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.2%	0.2%
% Hispanic	4.8%	6.5%
% Non-Hispanic White	92.0%	84.5%
% not proficient in English **	0%	2%
% Females	50.2%	50.2%
% Rural	61.4%	36.0%

	County	Error Margin	Top U.S. Performers ^	Iowa
Health Outcomes				
Length of Life				
Premature death	7,100	5,300-8,900	5,600	6,500
Quality of Life				
Poor or fair health **	15%	13-16%	15%	14%
Poor physical health days **	3.4	3.1-3.6	3.4	3.1
Poor mental health days **	4.1	3.8-4.4	4.0	4.1
Low birthweight	6%	5-8%	6%	7%
Additional Health Outcomes (not included in overall ranking)				
COVID-19 age-adjusted mortality **	99	63-149	43	99
Life expectancy	78.2	76.6-79.8	80.6	78.7
Premature age-adjusted mortality	370	310-440	290	340
Child mortality			40	50
Infant mortality			4	5
Frequent physical distress **	11%	10-12%	10%	9%
Frequent mental distress **	13%	12-14%	13%	13%
Diabetes prevalence **	9%	9-10%	8%	9%
HIV prevalence			38	110
Health Factors				
Health Behaviors				
Adult smoking **	18%	15-21%	15%	17%
Adult obesity **	37%	35-39%	30%	34%
Food environment index	8.5		8.8	8.4
Physical inactivity **	26%	24-29%	23%	26%
Access to exercise opportunities	67%		86%	73%

Excessive drinking **	24%	23-25%	15%	25%
Alcohol-impaired driving deaths	56%	39-68%	10%	27%
Sexually transmitted infections	302.6		161.8	508.5
Teen births	24	18-32	11	16

Additional Health Behaviors (not included in overall ranking)

Food insecurity	9%		9%	9%
Limited access to healthy foods	6%		2%	6%
Drug overdose deaths			11	11
Motor vehicle crash deaths			9	11
Insufficient sleep **	33%	31-34%	32%	33%

Clinical Care

Uninsured	5%	5-6%	6%	6%
Primary care physicians	1,400:1		1,010:1	1,350:1
Dentists	2,800:1		1,210:1	1,440:1
Mental health providers	660:1		250:1	570:1
Preventable hospital stays	5,188		2,233	3,134
Mammography screening	52%		52%	53%
Flu vaccinations	40%		55%	54%

Additional Clinical Care (not included in overall ranking)

Uninsured adults	6%	5-8%	7%	7%
Uninsured children	3%	2-4%	3%	3%
Other primary care providers	660:1		580:1	840:1

Social & Economic Factors

High school completion	92%	90-94%	94%	92%
Some college	68%	57-80%	74%	71%
Unemployment	3.8%		4.0%	5.3%
Children in poverty	11%	7-15%	9%	12%
Income inequality	4.2	3.6-4.8	3.7	4.2
Children in single-parent households	31%	16-46%	14%	21%
Social associations	14.2		18.1	14.8
Violent crime	175		63	282
Injury deaths	72	52-98	61	70

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

High school graduation	93%		96%	91%
Disconnected youth			4%	6%
Reading scores	3.1		3.3	3.1
Math scores	3.0		3.4	3.1
School segregation	0.04		0.02	0.19
School funding adequacy	\$1,394			\$1,880
Gender pay gap	0.74	0.64-0.83	0.88	0.78
Median household income	\$61,400	\$50,400 to \$72,300	\$75,100	\$62,400
Living wage **	\$36.36			\$37.38
Children eligible for free or reduced price lunch	39%		32%	42%
Residential segregation - Black/white	50		27	62
Residential segregation - non-white/white	38		16	45
Childcare cost burden **	24%		18%	24%
Childcare centers **	14		12	8
Homicides			2	3
Suicides	21	10-39	11	16
Firearm fatalities			8	10
Juvenile arrests	20			37

Physical Environment

Air pollution - particulate matter	7.6		5.9	8.2
Drinking water violations	No			
Severe housing problems	5%	3-7%	9%	12%
Driving alone to work	80%	75-84%	72%	80%
Long commute - driving alone	16%	12-21%	16%	21%

Additional Physical Environment (not included in overall ranking)

Traffic volume	44			260
Homeownership	74%	70-77%	81%	71%
Severe housing cost burden	7%	4-9%	7%	10%
Broadband access	81%	78-85%	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

