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.

Decatur (DE)
2022 Rankings

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County Demographics

	County	State
Population	7,769	3,163,561
% below 18 years of age	22.3%	22.9%
% 65 and older	21.1%	17.9%
% Non-Hispanic Black	2.0%	4.0%
% American Indian & Alaska Native	0.6%	0.6%
% Asian	0.9%	2.8%
% Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.2%	0.2%
% Hispanic	3.4%	6.5%
% Non-Hispanic White	91.8%	84.5%
% not proficient in English **	0%	2%
% Females	49.4%	50.2%
% Rural	100.0%	36.0%

	County	Error Margin	Top U.S. Performers ^	Iowa
Health Outcomes				
Length of Life				
Premature death	8,800	6,200-11,400	5,600	6,500
Quality of Life				
Poor or fair health **	17%	15-20%	15%	14%
Poor physical health days **	3.8	3.5-4.1	3.4	3.1
Poor mental health days **	4.4	4.1-4.7	4.0	4.1
Low birthweight	7%	5-9%	6%	7%
Additional Health Outcomes (not included in overall ranking)				
COVID-19 age-adjusted mortality **			43	99
Life expectancy	77.9	75.7-80.1	80.6	78.7
Premature age-adjusted mortality	400	320-480	290	340
Child mortality			40	50
Infant mortality			4	5
Frequent physical distress **	12%	11-13%	10%	9%
Frequent mental distress **	15%	13-16%	13%	13%
Diabetes prevalence **	10%	9-11%	8%	9%
HIV prevalence	91		38	110
Health Factors				
Health Behaviors				
Adult smoking **	20%	17-23%	15%	17%
Adult obesity **	35%	34-37%	30%	34%
Food environment index	8.2		8.8	8.4
Physical inactivity **	30%	27-33%	23%	26%
Access to exercise opportunities	61%		86%	73%

Excessive drinking **	22%	21-23%	15%	25%
Alcohol-impaired driving deaths	14%	3-31%	10%	27%
Sexually transmitted infections	305.0		161.8	508.5
Teen births	16	12-22	11	16
Additional Health Behaviors (not included in overall ranking)				
Food insecurity	12%		9%	9%
Limited access to healthy foods	4%		2%	6%
Drug overdose deaths			11	11
Motor vehicle crash deaths	25	14-42	9	11
Insufficient sleep **	33%	32-35%	32%	33%
Clinical Care				
Uninsured	7%	6-8%	6%	6%
Primary care physicians	3,940:1		1,010:1	1,350:1
Dentists	1,110:1		1,210:1	1,440:1
Mental health providers	390:1		250:1	570:1
Preventable hospital stays	2,554		2,233	3,134
Mammography screening	40%		52%	53%
Flu vaccinations	41%		55%	54%
Additional Clinical Care (not included in overall ranking)				
Uninsured adults	9%	7-10%	7%	7%
Uninsured children	4%	2-5%	3%	3%
Other primary care providers	860:1		580:1	840:1
Social & Economic Factors				
High school completion	90%	87-92%	94%	92%
Some college	59%	49-68%	74%	71%
Unemployment	3.8%		4.0%	5.3%
Children in poverty	23%	13-32%	9%	12%
Income inequality	4.6	3.8-5.5	3.7	4.2
Children in single-parent households	14%	9-19%	14%	21%
Social associations	7.6		18.1	14.8
Violent crime			63	282
Injury deaths	96	68-132	61	70
Additional Social & Economic Factors (not included in overall ranking)				
High school graduation			96%	91%
Disconnected youth			4%	6%
Reading scores	2.9		3.3	3.1
Math scores	3.0		3.4	3.1
School segregation	0.07		0.02	0.19
School funding adequacy	-$222			$1,880
Gender pay gap	0.74	0.67-0.81	0.88	0.78
Median household income	$46,400	$38,200 to $54,600	$75,100	$62,400
Living wage **	$34.93			$37.38
Children eligible for free or reduced price lunch	60%		32%	42%
Residential segregation - Black/white			27	62
Residential segregation - non-white/white	28		16	45
Childcare cost burden **	26%		18%	24%
Childcare centers **	4		12	8
Homicides			2	3
Suicides			11	16
Firearm fatalities			8	10
Juvenile arrests				37
Physical Environment				
Air pollution - particulate matter	7.6		5.9	8.2
Drinking water violations	No			
Severe housing problems	14%	11-18%	9%	12%
Driving alone to work	71%	66-77%	72%	80%
Long commute - driving alone	37%	30-45%	16%	21%
Additional Physical Environment (not included in overall ranking)				
Traffic volume	6			260
Homeownership	65%	62-67%	81%	71%
Severe housing cost burden	10%	7-13%	7%	10%
Broadband access	79%	75-82%	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