



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

## Story (ST) 2022 Rankings

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### County Demographics

	County	State
Population	98,237	3,163,561
% below 18 years of age	16.3%	22.9%
% 65 and older	13.1%	17.9%
% Non-Hispanic Black	2.9%	4.0%
% American Indian & Alaska Native	0.3%	0.6%
% Asian	8.1%	2.8%
% Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.2%
% Hispanic	3.9%	6.5%
% Non-Hispanic White	83.4%	84.5%
% not proficient in English **	1%	2%
% Females	47.8%	50.2%
% Rural	16.9%	36.0%

	County	Error Margin	Top U.S. Performers ^	Iowa
<b>Health Outcomes</b>				
<b>Length of Life</b>				
Premature death	4,700	4,100-5,300	5,600	6,500
<b>Quality of Life</b>				
Poor or fair health **	13%	12-15%	15%	14%
Poor physical health days **	3.2	3.0-3.5	3.4	3.1
Poor mental health days **	3.9	3.6-4.2	4.0	4.1
Low birthweight	6%	5-7%	6%	7%
<b>Additional Health Outcomes (not included in overall ranking)</b>				
COVID-19 age-adjusted mortality **	34	24-48	43	99
Life expectancy	82.1	81.5-82.8	80.6	78.7
Premature age-adjusted mortality	240	220-260	290	340
Child mortality	50	30-70	40	50
Infant mortality	5	4-8	4	5
Frequent physical distress **	10%	9-11%	10%	9%
Frequent mental distress **	12%	11-14%	13%	13%
Diabetes prevalence **	9%	8-10%	8%	9%
HIV prevalence	50		38	110
<b>Health Factors</b>				
<b>Health Behaviors</b>				
Adult smoking **	15%	12-17%	15%	17%
Adult obesity **	33%	31-34%	30%	34%
Food environment index	8.2		8.8	8.4
Physical inactivity **	22%	20-25%	23%	26%
Access to exercise opportunities	86%		86%	73%

Excessive drinking **	23%	22-24%	15%	25%
Alcohol-impaired driving deaths	18%	8-31%	10%	27%
Sexually transmitted infections	626.0		161.8	508.5
Teen births	3	3-4	11	16
<b>Additional Health Behaviors (not included in overall ranking)</b>				
Food insecurity	9%		9%	9%
Limited access to healthy foods	10%		2%	6%
Drug overdose deaths	6	4-10	11	11
Motor vehicle crash deaths	5	3-7	9	11
Insufficient sleep **	32%	31-34%	32%	33%
<b>Clinical Care</b>				
Uninsured	6%	5-8%	6%	6%
Primary care physicians	1,520:1		1,010:1	1,350:1
Dentists	1,960:1		1,210:1	1,440:1
Mental health providers	450:1		250:1	570:1
Preventable hospital stays	2,718		2,233	3,134
Mammography screening	66%		52%	53%
Flu vaccinations	68%		55%	54%
<b>Additional Clinical Care (not included in overall ranking)</b>				
Uninsured adults	8%	6-9%	7%	7%
Uninsured children	2%	2-3%	3%	3%
Other primary care providers	1,360:1		580:1	840:1
<b>Social &amp; Economic Factors</b>				
High school completion	97%	96-97%	94%	92%
Some college	87%	83-92%	74%	71%
Unemployment	3.6%		4.0%	5.3%
Children in poverty	7%	4-10%	9%	12%
Income inequality	5.6	4.9-6.2	3.7	4.2
Children in single-parent households	16%	12-20%	14%	21%
Social associations	12.0		18.1	14.8
Violent crime	142		63	282
Injury deaths	44	38-50	61	70
<b>Additional Social &amp; Economic Factors (not included in overall ranking)</b>				
High school graduation	97%		96%	91%
Disconnected youth	2%	1-3%	4%	6%
Reading scores	3.5		3.3	3.1
Math scores	3.5		3.4	3.1
School segregation	0.10		0.02	0.19
School funding adequacy	\$4,022			\$1,880
Gender pay gap	0.76	0.72-0.81	0.88	0.78
Median household income	\$61,300	\$53,100 to \$69,600	\$75,100	\$62,400
Living wage **	\$38.41			\$37.38
Children eligible for free or reduced price lunch	25%		32%	42%
Residential segregation - Black/white	55		27	62
Residential segregation - non-white/white	38		16	45
Childcare cost burden **	26%		18%	24%
Childcare centers **	8		12	8
Homicides	1	1-3	2	3
Suicides	13	9-17	11	16
Firearm fatalities	5	3-8	8	10
Juvenile arrests	29			37
<b>Physical Environment</b>				
Air pollution - particulate matter	8.2		5.9	8.2
Drinking water violations	No			
Severe housing problems	20%	18-22%	9%	12%
Driving alone to work	71%	70-73%	72%	80%
Long commute - driving alone	21%	18-23%	16%	21%
<b>Additional Physical Environment (not included in overall ranking)</b>				
Traffic volume	376			260
Homeownership	54%	54-55%	81%	71%
Severe housing cost burden	18%	16-21%	7%	10%
Broadband access	76%	74-78%	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

