



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

Union (UN) 2022 Rankings

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County Demographics

	County	State
Population	12,157	3,163,561
% below 18 years of age	22.5%	22.9%
% 65 and older	21.1%	17.9%
% Non-Hispanic Black	1.4%	4.0%
% American Indian & Alaska Native	0.5%	0.6%
% Asian	0.8%	2.8%
% Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.2%
% Hispanic	3.1%	6.5%
% Non-Hispanic White	93.6%	84.5%
% not proficient in English **	1%	2%
% Females	51.5%	50.2%
% Rural	39.2%	36.0%

	County	Error Margin	Top U.S. Performers ^	Iowa
Health Outcomes				
Length of Life				
Premature death	9,900	7,800-12,000	5,600	6,500
Quality of Life				
Poor or fair health **	16%	14-19%	15%	14%
Poor physical health days **	3.6	3.4-3.9	3.4	3.1
Poor mental health days **	4.4	4.1-4.7	4.0	4.1
Low birthweight	5%	4-7%	6%	7%
Additional Health Outcomes (not included in overall ranking)				
COVID-19 age-adjusted mortality **	118	75-178	43	99
Life expectancy	76.1	74.4-77.8	80.6	78.7
Premature age-adjusted mortality	460	390-520	290	340
Child mortality			40	50
Infant mortality			4	5
Frequent physical distress **	12%	11-13%	10%	9%
Frequent mental distress **	14%	13-16%	13%	13%
Diabetes prevalence **	10%	9-10%	8%	9%
HIV prevalence	58		38	110
Health Factors				
Health Behaviors				
Adult smoking **	20%	17-23%	15%	17%
Adult obesity **	35%	33-37%	30%	34%
Food environment index	8.1		8.8	8.4
Physical inactivity **	28%	26-31%	23%	26%
Access to exercise opportunities	78%		86%	73%

Excessive drinking **	22%	20-23%	15%	25%
Alcohol-impaired driving deaths	25%	7-46%	10%	27%
Sexually transmitted infections	678.0		161.8	508.5
Teen births	22	17-28	11	16

Additional Health Behaviors (not included in overall ranking)

Food insecurity	11%		9%	9%
Limited access to healthy foods	6%		2%	6%
Drug overdose deaths			11	11
Motor vehicle crash deaths	15	8-26	9	11
Insufficient sleep **	34%	33-36%	32%	33%

Clinical Care

Uninsured	6%	5-7%	6%	6%
Primary care physicians	1,220:1		1,010:1	1,350:1
Dentists	2,030:1		1,210:1	1,440:1
Mental health providers	420:1		250:1	570:1
Preventable hospital stays	2,363		2,233	3,134
Mammography screening	60%		52%	53%
Flu vaccinations	59%		55%	54%

Additional Clinical Care (not included in overall ranking)

Uninsured adults	8%	6-9%	7%	7%
Uninsured children	3%	2-4%	3%	3%
Other primary care providers	760:1		580:1	840:1

Social & Economic Factors

High school completion	91%	88-93%	94%	92%
Some college	64%	55-73%	74%	71%
Unemployment	5.9%		4.0%	5.3%
Children in poverty	16%	10-23%	9%	12%
Income inequality	4.9	3.8-6.0	3.7	4.2
Children in single-parent households	18%	10-25%	14%	21%
Social associations	12.3		18.1	14.8
Violent crime	219		63	282
Injury deaths	92	70-120	61	70

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

High school graduation	91%		96%	91%
Disconnected youth			4%	6%
Reading scores	2.9		3.3	3.1
Math scores	2.6		3.4	3.1
School segregation	0.02		0.02	0.19
School funding adequacy	\$2,153			\$1,880
Gender pay gap	0.67	0.56-0.77	0.88	0.78
Median household income	\$48,900	\$40,800 to \$56,900	\$75,100	\$62,400
Living wage **	\$36.15			\$37.38
Children eligible for free or reduced price lunch	61%		32%	42%
Residential segregation - Black/white			27	62
Residential segregation - non-white/white	42		16	45
Childcare cost burden **	29%		18%	24%
Childcare centers **	12		12	8
Homicides			2	3
Suicides			11	16
Firearm fatalities			8	10
Juvenile arrests	46			37

Physical Environment

Air pollution - particulate matter	7.7		5.9	8.2
Drinking water violations	No			
Severe housing problems	11%	8-14%	9%	12%
Driving alone to work	78%	74-82%	72%	80%
Long commute - driving alone	17%	14-21%	16%	21%

Additional Physical Environment (not included in overall ranking)

Traffic volume	138			260
Homeownership	72%	70-75%	81%	71%
Severe housing cost burden	7%	4-9%	7%	10%
Broadband access	82%	78-86%	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

