



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

Van Buren (VB) 2022 Rankings

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County Demographics

	County	State
Population	7,069	3,163,561
% below 18 years of age	23.3%	22.9%
% 65 and older	22.4%	17.9%
% Non-Hispanic Black	0.2%	4.0%
% American Indian & Alaska Native	0.2%	0.6%
% Asian	0.6%	2.8%
% Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.2%
% Hispanic	1.7%	6.5%
% Non-Hispanic White	96.2%	84.5%
% not proficient in English **	1%	2%
% Females	49.3%	50.2%
% Rural	100.0%	36.0%

	County	Error Margin	Top U.S. Performers ^	Iowa
Health Outcomes				
Length of Life				
Premature death	7,300	5,000-9,600	5,600	6,500
Quality of Life				
Poor or fair health **	17%	14-19%	15%	14%
Poor physical health days **	3.7	3.4-4.0	3.4	3.1
Poor mental health days **	4.5	4.2-4.7	4.0	4.1
Low birthweight	4%	2-5%	6%	7%
Additional Health Outcomes (not included in overall ranking)				
COVID-19 age-adjusted mortality **	114	61-195	43	99
Life expectancy	76.8	74.9-78.7	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%	9-10%	8%	9%
HIV prevalence			38	110
Health Factors				
Health Behaviors				
Adult smoking **	21%	18-24%	15%	17%
Adult obesity **	38%	36-39%	30%	34%
Food environment index	8.1		8.8	8.4
Physical inactivity **	30%	27-32%	23%	26%
Access to exercise opportunities	40%		86%	73%

Excessive drinking **	23%	22-24%	15%	25%
Alcohol-impaired driving deaths	29%	9-50%	10%	27%
Sexually transmitted infections	227.1		161.8	508.5
Teen births	12	7-19	11	16

Additional Health Behaviors (not included in overall ranking)

Food insecurity	10%		9%	9%
Limited access to healthy foods	8%		2%	6%
Drug overdose deaths			11	11
Motor vehicle crash deaths			9	11
Insufficient sleep **	34%	32-36%	32%	33%

Clinical Care

Uninsured	8%	6-9%	6%	6%
Primary care physicians	1,010:1		1,010:1	1,350:1
Dentists	7,070:1		1,210:1	1,440:1
Mental health providers	3,530:1		250:1	570:1
Preventable hospital stays	3,370		2,233	3,134
Mammography screening	40%		52%	53%
Flu vaccinations	29%		55%	54%

Additional Clinical Care (not included in overall ranking)

Uninsured adults	9%	8-11%	7%	7%
Uninsured children	4%	3-5%	3%	3%
Other primary care providers	1,010:1		580:1	840:1

Social & Economic Factors

High school completion	89%	87-91%	94%	92%
Some college	57%	47-67%	74%	71%
Unemployment	4.6%		4.0%	5.3%
Children in poverty	24%	14-33%	9%	12%
Income inequality	4.2	3.3-5.1	3.7	4.2
Children in single-parent households	9%	5-12%	14%	21%
Social associations	5.7		18.1	14.8
Violent crime	116		63	282
Injury deaths	79	52-114	61	70

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

High school graduation	98%		96%	91%
Disconnected youth			4%	6%
Reading scores	3.3		3.3	3.1
Math scores	3.1		3.4	3.1
School segregation			0.02	0.19
School funding adequacy	\$2,647			\$1,880
Gender pay gap	0.77	0.60-0.94	0.88	0.78
Median household income	\$51,900	\$43,900 to \$60,000	\$75,100	\$62,400
Living wage **	\$36.96			\$37.38
Children eligible for free or reduced price lunch	54%		32%	42%
Residential segregation - Black/white			27	62
Residential segregation - non-white/white	12		16	45
Childcare cost burden **	30%		18%	24%
Childcare centers **	7		12	8
Homicides			2	3
Suicides			11	16
Firearm fatalities			8	10
Juvenile arrests				37

Physical Environment

Air pollution - particulate matter	7.4		5.9	8.2
Drinking water violations	No			
Severe housing problems	10%	8-12%	9%	12%
Driving alone to work	71%	67-76%	72%	80%
Long commute - driving alone	25%	20-30%	16%	21%

Additional Physical Environment (not included in overall ranking)

Traffic volume	0			260
Homeownership	81%	78-84%	81%	71%
Severe housing cost burden	8%	5-11%	7%	10%
Broadband access	72%	68-76%	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

