County Health Rankings & Roadmaps
Building a Culture of Health, County by County

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

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

Webster (WE)
2022 Rankings

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County Demographics

	County	State
Population	35,934	3,163,561
% below 18 years of age	21.6%	22.9%
% 65 and older	19.1%	17.9%
% Non-Hispanic Black	4.5%	4.0%
% American Indian & Alaska Native	0.6%	0.6%
% Asian	1.2%	2.8%
% Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.2%
% Hispanic	5.9%	6.5%
% Non-Hispanic White	85.9%	84.5%
% not proficient in English **	1%	2%
% Females	48.3%	50.2%
% Rural	33.9%	36.0%

	County	Error Margin	Top U.S. Performers ^	Iowa
Health Outcomes				
Length of Life				
Premature death	7,900	6,900-8,900	5,600	6,500
Quality of Life				
Poor or fair health **	17%	15-19%	15%	14%
Poor physical health days **	3.7	3.4-3.9	3.4	3.1
Poor mental health days **	4.3	4.0-4.6	4.0	4.1
Low birthweight	6%	5-7%	6%	7%
Additional Health Outcomes (not included in overall ranking)				
COVID-19 age-adjusted mortality **	135	104-173	43	99
Life expectancy	76.4	75.5-77.2	80.6	78.7
Premature age-adjusted mortality	430	390-470	290	340
Child mortality	40	20-70	40	50
Infant mortality			4	5
Frequent physical distress **	12%	11-13%	10%	9%
Frequent mental distress **	14%	13-15%	13%	13%
Diabetes prevalence **	10%	9-11%	8%	9%
HIV prevalence	53		38	110
Health Factors				
Health Behaviors				
Adult smoking **	20%	18-23%	15%	17%
Adult obesity **	38%	36-39%	30%	34%
Food environment index	7.6		8.8	8.4
Physical inactivity **	28%	25-30%	23%	26%
Access to exercise opportunities	71%		86%	73%

Excessive drinking **	24%	23-25%	15%	25%
Alcohol-impaired driving deaths	30%	21-40%	10%	27%
Sexually transmitted infections	760.4		161.8	508.5
Teen births	23	20-26	11	16

Additional Health Behaviors (not included in overall ranking)

Food insecurity	11%		9%	9%
Limited access to healthy foods	12%		2%	6%
Drug overdose deaths	14	8-23	11	11
Motor vehicle crash deaths	15	11-21	9	11
Insufficient sleep **	34%	32-36%	32%	33%

Clinical Care

Uninsured	7%	6-7%	6%	6%
Primary care physicians	1,800:1		1,010:1	1,350:1
Dentists	1,240:1		1,210:1	1,440:1
Mental health providers	340:1		250:1	570:1
Preventable hospital stays	3,006		2,233	3,134
Mammography screening	51%		52%	53%
Flu vaccinations	48%		55%	54%

Additional Clinical Care (not included in overall ranking)

Uninsured adults	8%	7-9%	7%	7%
Uninsured children	3%	2-4%	3%	3%
Other primary care providers	540:1		580:1	840:1

Social & Economic Factors

High school completion	91%	90-93%	94%	92%
Some college	65%	59-70%	74%	71%
Unemployment	5.2%		4.0%	5.3%
Children in poverty	11%	5-16%	9%	12%
Income inequality	4.6	4.2-5.1	3.7	4.2
Children in single-parent households	24%	19-30%	14%	21%
Social associations	13.1		18.1	14.8
Violent crime	469		63	282
Injury deaths	96	82-110	61	70

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

High school graduation	86%		96%	91%
Disconnected youth	7%	3-11%	4%	6%
Reading scores	2.8		3.3	3.1
Math scores	2.7		3.4	3.1
School segregation	0.06		0.02	0.19
School funding adequacy	$1,827			$1,880
Gender pay gap	0.75	0.65-0.85	0.88	0.78
Median household income	$58,400	$54,900 to $61,800	$75,100	$62,400
Living wage **	$36.09			$37.38
Children eligible for free or reduced price lunch	53%		32%	42%
Residential segregation - Black/white	52		27	62
Residential segregation - non-white/white	30		16	45
Childcare cost burden **	24%		18%	24%
Childcare centers **	7		12	8
Homicides	6	4-10	2	3
Suicides	18	12-25	11	16
Firearm fatalities	12	8-18	8	10
Juvenile arrests	44			37

Physical Environment

Air pollution - particulate matter	8.2		5.9	8.2
Drinking water violations	No			
Severe housing problems	12%	10-14%	9%	12%
Driving alone to work	81%	79-84%	72%	80%
Long commute - driving alone	16%	13-19%	16%	21%

Additional Physical Environment (not included in overall ranking)

Traffic volume	211			260
Homeownership	68%	66-71%	81%	71%
Severe housing cost burden	11%	9-13%	7%	10%
Broadband access	79%	76-81%	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