



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

Worth (WH) 2022 Rankings

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County Demographics

	County	State
Population	7,359	3,163,561
% below 18 years of age	21.0%	22.9%
% 65 and older	22.0%	17.9%
% Non-Hispanic Black	0.8%	4.0%
% American Indian & Alaska Native	0.4%	0.6%
% Asian	0.7%	2.8%
% Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.2%
% Hispanic	3.2%	6.5%
% Non-Hispanic White	94.1%	84.5%
% not proficient in English **	0%	2%
% Females	49.2%	50.2%
% Rural	100.0%	36.0%

	County	Error Margin	Top U.S. Performers ^	Iowa
Health Outcomes				
Length of Life				
Premature death	5,800	3,800-8,400	5,600	6,500
Quality of Life				
Poor or fair health **	14%	12-16%	15%	14%
Poor physical health days **	3.3	3.0-3.5	3.4	3.1
Poor mental health days **	4.1	3.8-4.4	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	80.1	78.1-82.2	80.6	78.7
Premature age-adjusted mortality	270	210-340	290	340
Child mortality			40	50
Infant mortality			4	5
Frequent physical distress **	10%	9-11%	10%	9%
Frequent mental distress **	13%	12-14%	13%	13%
Diabetes prevalence **	9%	8-9%	8%	9%
HIV prevalence	0		38	110
Health Factors				
Health Behaviors				
Adult smoking **	18%	16-21%	15%	17%
Adult obesity **	35%	33-37%	30%	34%
Food environment index	8.9		8.8	8.4
Physical inactivity **	28%	25-30%	23%	26%
Access to exercise opportunities	30%		86%	73%

Excessive drinking **	23%	22-24%	15%	25%
Alcohol-impaired driving deaths	0%	0-26%	10%	27%
Sexually transmitted infections	203.2		161.8	508.5
Teen births	14	9-21	11	16
Additional Health Behaviors (not included in overall ranking)				
Food insecurity	9%		9%	9%
Limited access to healthy foods	2%		2%	6%
Drug overdose deaths			11	11
Motor vehicle crash deaths			9	11
Insufficient sleep **	32%	30-33%	32%	33%
Clinical Care				
Uninsured	5%	4-6%	6%	6%
Primary care physicians	3,690:1		1,010:1	1,350:1
Dentists	7,360:1		1,210:1	1,440:1
Mental health providers			250:1	570:1
Preventable hospital stays	3,921		2,233	3,134
Mammography screening	52%		52%	53%
Flu vaccinations	57%		55%	54%
Additional Clinical Care (not included in overall ranking)				
Uninsured adults	6%	5-7%	7%	7%
Uninsured children	3%	2-4%	3%	3%
Other primary care providers	7,360:1		580:1	840:1
Social & Economic Factors				
High school completion	93%	92-95%	94%	92%
Some college	65%	57-73%	74%	71%
Unemployment	5.4%		4.0%	5.3%
Children in poverty	12%	7-17%	9%	12%
Income inequality	3.6	3.1-4.1	3.7	4.2
Children in single-parent households	11%	6-16%	14%	21%
Social associations	17.6		18.1	14.8
Violent crime	93		63	282
Injury deaths	105	74-143	61	70
Additional Social & Economic Factors (not included in overall ranking)				
High school graduation			96%	91%
Disconnected youth			4%	6%
Reading scores	3.3		3.3	3.1
Math scores	3.4		3.4	3.1
School segregation	0.02		0.02	0.19
School funding adequacy	\$2,026			\$1,880
Gender pay gap	0.80	0.71-0.88	0.88	0.78
Median household income	\$54,500	\$45,700 to \$63,200	\$75,100	\$62,400
Living wage **	\$35.68			\$37.38
Children eligible for free or reduced price lunch	38%		32%	42%
Residential segregation - Black/white			27	62
Residential segregation - non-white/white	42		16	45
Childcare cost burden **	24%		18%	24%
Childcare centers **	5		12	8
Homicides			2	3
Suicides			11	16
Firearm fatalities			8	10
Juvenile arrests	29			37
Physical Environment				
Air pollution - particulate matter	8.2		5.9	8.2
Drinking water violations	No			
Severe housing problems	6%	4-8%	9%	12%
Driving alone to work	83%	78-87%	72%	80%
Long commute - driving alone	32%	27-37%	16%	21%
Additional Physical Environment (not included in overall ranking)				
Traffic volume	2			260
Homeownership	80%	77-82%	81%	71%
Severe housing cost burden	4%	2-7%	7%	10%
Broadband access	80%	76-83%	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

