

Louisiana

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Summary

Strengths:

- Low prevalence of illicit drug use among youth
- Low percentage of housing with lead risk
- Low prevalence of smoking during pregnancy

Highlights:

WELL-WOMAN VISIT

▲11% from 69.6% to 77.2% of women ages 18-44 between 2015-2016 and 2018-2019

TEEN BIRTHS

▼29% from 39.3 to 27.8 births per 1,000 females ages 15-19 between 2013 and 2019

Challenges:

- High infant mortality rate
- High prevalence of concentrated disadvantage
- Low percentage of fourth grade reading proficiency

UNINSURED

▲42% from 3.1% to 4.4% of children ages 0-18 between 2017 and 2019

DRUG DEATHS

▲34% from 19.8 to 26.6 deaths per 100,000 women ages 20-44 between 2014-2016 and 2017-2019

Women

Measures	Rating	State Rank	State Value	U.S. Value
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS*	+	49	-1.268	—
Community and Family Safety				
Intimate Partner Violence Before Pregnancy*		—	4.2%	3.0%
Violent Crime	+	46	549	379
Economic Resources				
Concentrated Disadvantage	+	48	40.2%	25.1%
Food Insecurity	+	48	15.3%	11.1%
Gender Pay Gap*	+	48	71.3%	81.0%
Poverty	+	48	23.0%	15.2%
Unemployment	+	48	5.2%	3.6%
Education				
College Graduate	+	43	28.4%	35.7%
Social Support and Engagement				
Infant Child Care Cost*	+++++	6	9.5%	12.5%
Residential Segregation — Black/White	++++	12	56	62
Voter Participation	+	47	56.0%	61.7%
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT*	+	49	-0.508	—
Air and Water Quality				
Air Pollution	++	35	8.0	8.3
Drinking Water Violations	+	42	1.8%	0.8%
Household Smoke	+	44	19.7%	14.0%
Risk-screening Environmental Indicators Risk Score	+	45	16,410,356	361,963,972
Water Fluoridation	+	45	39.0%	73.0%
Climate Change				
Climate Change Policies*	+++	28	1	—
Transportation Energy Use*	+	47	13.3	8.7
Housing and Transportation				
Drive Alone to Work	+	42	81.9%	75.4%
Housing With Lead Risk	++++	18	13.1%	17.6%
Severe Housing Problems	+++	30	15.8%	17.5%

Children

Measures	Rating	State Rank	State Value	U.S. Value
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS*	+	50	-0.959	—
Community and Family Safety				
Child Victimization*	+++	22	7.8%	8.9%
Economic Resources				
Children in Poverty	+	49	27.0%	16.8%
Children in Poverty Racial Disparity	+++	22	3.2	3.0
High-speed Internet	+	47	88.2%	92.6%
Students Experiencing Homelessness	++	31	2.4%	3.0%
WIC Coverage	++	39	45.7%	53.9%
Education				
Early Childhood Education	++++	15	50.8%	48.9%
Fourth Grade Reading Proficiency	+	48	25.7%	34.3%
High School Graduation	+	47	80.1%	85.8%
High School Graduation Racial Disparity	++	38	18.8	15.1
Social Support and Engagement				
Adverse Childhood Experiences	+	45	19.5%	14.8%
Foster Care Instability	++	39	19.4%	16.0%
Neighborhood Amenities	+	45	20.1%	37.4%
Reading, Singing or Storytelling	+	46	48.6%	55.9%

Rating	Rank
+++++	1-10
++++	11-20
+++	21-30
++	31-40
+	41-50

Women

Measures	Rating	State Rank	State Value	U.S. Value
CLINICAL CARE*	++	37	-0.164	—
Access to Care				
Adequate Prenatal Care	+++	24	78.6%	76.7%
Avoided Care Due to Cost	++	34	19.3%	18.8%
Publicly-funded Women's Health Services	++	35	21%	29%
Uninsured	+++	29	11.6%	12.9%
Women's Health Providers	+	44	40.2	48.5
Preventive Clinical Care				
Cervical Cancer Screening	+++++	3	86.5%	79.9%
Dental Visit	+	42	63.0%	67.6%
Flu Vaccination	+	47	24.6%	31.5%
Postpartum Visit†	—	—	88.9%	90.7%
Well-woman Visit	+++++	7	77.2%	73.2%
Quality of Care				
Breastfeeding Initiation†	+	44	70.8%	84.0%
Dedicated Health Care Provider	++	31	71.2%	71.1%
Low-risk Cesarean Delivery	+	47	28.5%	25.6%
Maternity Practices Score	++	36	75	79
BEHAVIORS*	+	49	-1.093	—
Nutrition and Physical Activity				
Exercise	+	45	17.6%	21.5%
Fruit and Vegetable Consumption	++	33	8.7%	10.4%
Physical Inactivity	+	49	29.6%	22.6%
Sexual Health				
Chlamydia	+	50	2.633	1,743
High-risk HIV Behaviors	+	44	11.3%	9.7%
Unintended Pregnancy†	—	—	40.5%	30.6%
Sleep Health				
Insufficient Sleep	++	37	38.8%	36.1%
Tobacco Use				
E-cigarette Use†	++++	20	5.6%	5.3%
Smoking	+	43	20.4%	14.3%
Smoking During Pregnancy	++++	15	5.1%	6.0%
HEALTH OUTCOMES*	+	46	-1.002	—
Behavioral Health				
Drug Deaths†	++	34	26.6	20.7
Excessive Drinking	+++	24	19.1%	19.2%
Frequent Mental Distress	+	43	22.7%	18.1%
Illicit Drug Use	+	41	12.5%	10.8%
Postpartum Depression†	—	—	19.3%	13.4%
Mortality				
Maternal Mortality†	—	—	33.9	20.1
Mortality Rate	+	42	136.2	97.2
Physical Health				
Frequent Physical Distress	++	31	9.1%	8.4%
High Blood Pressure	+	47	18.7%	10.6%
High Health Status†	+++	25	55.3%	53.8%
Maternal Morbidity†	—	—	7.0	6.6
Multiple Chronic Conditions	++	31	5.3%	4.4%
Obesity	+	48	39.4%	30.0%
OVERALL — WOMEN*	—	—	-0.847	—

* Overall and category values are derived from individual measure data to arrive at total scores for the state. Higher scores are considered healthier and lower scores are less healthy.

† Measure was not included in the calculation of overall or category values.

— Data not available, missing or suppressed.

For measure descriptions, source details and methodology, visit www.AmericasHealthRankings.org.

Children

Measures	Rating	State Rank	State Value	U.S. Value
CLINICAL CARE*	+++	30	0.041	—
Access to Care				
ADD/ADHD Treatment	+++++	10	4.4%	3.0%
Pediatricians	+++	29	93.0	104.6
Uninsured	+++	21	4.4%	5.7%
Preventive Clinical Care				
Childhood Immunizations	++	37	73.9%	75.8%
HPV Vaccination	++++	16	59.5%	54.2%
Preventive Dental Care	+	46	74.0%	77.5%
Well-child Visit	+++	25	80.5%	80.7%
Quality of Care				
Adequate Insurance	++++	19	68.9%	66.7%
Developmental Screening	++	38	29.9%	36.9%
Medical Home	+++	27	49.6%	46.8%
BEHAVIORS*	+	48	-1.139	—
Nutrition and Physical Activity				
Breastfed	+	42	21.8%	25.6%
Food Sufficiency	+	43	63.1%	69.8%
Physical Activity	+++	29	22.4%	20.6%
Soda Consumption — Youth†	—	—	12.1%	9.3%
Sexual Health — Youth				
Dual Contraceptive Nonuse†	—	—	—	90.9%
Teen Births	+	48	27.8	16.7
Sleep Health				
Adequate Sleep	+	50	54.6%	66.1%
Sleep Position†	—	—	69.3%	79.6%
Tobacco Use — Youth				
Electronic Vapor Product Use†	—	—	22.9%	32.7%
Tobacco Use	+	42	5.8%	4.0%
HEALTH OUTCOMES*	+	48	-0.651	—
Behavioral Health				
Alcohol Use — Youth	++	34	9.9%	9.2%
Anxiety	++++	15	8.7%	9.1%
Depression	+++++	7	3.0%	3.9%
Flourishing	+	44	66.6%	69.1%
Illicit Drug Use — Youth	+++++	2	6.3%	8.4%
Teen Suicide†	—	—	11.6	11.2
Mortality				
Child Mortality	+	46	36.8	25.4
Infant Mortality	+	47	7.4	5.7
Physical Health				
Asthma	++	33	7.8%	7.5%
High Health Status†	+	50	86.6%	90.4%
Low Birthweight	+	49	10.8%	8.3%
Low Birthweight Racial Disparity	++	35	2.1	2.1
Overweight or Obesity — Youth	+	45	37.3%	32.1%
OVERALL — CHILDREN*	—	—	-0.721	—

OVERALL — WOMEN AND CHILDREN* **—** **-0.805** **—**