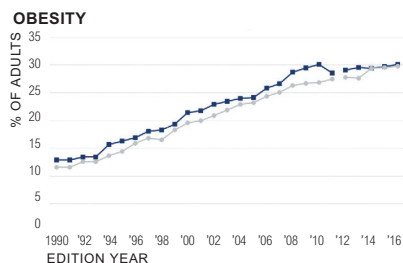
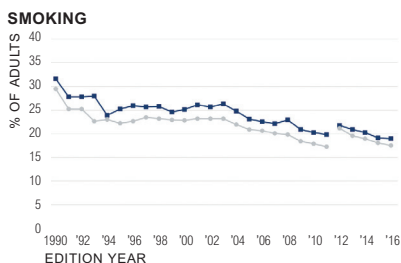


North Carolina

	Star Rating	2016 Value	Rank	No. 1 State
BEHAVIORS				
Drug Deaths (deaths per 100,000 population)	★★★★	13.3	22	4.0
Excessive Drinking (% of adults)	★★★★★	14.9	8	11.2
High School Graduation (% of students)	★★★★	85.6	22	90.8
Obesity (% of adults)	★★★★	30.1	28	20.2
Physical Inactivity (% of adults)	★★★★	26.2	25	17.9
Smoking (% of adults)	★★	19.0	33	9.1
Behaviors Total*	★★★★	0.014	25	0.273
COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT				
Air Pollution (micrograms of fine particles per cubic meter)	★★★★	8.0	22	4.4
Children in Poverty (% of children)	★	23.7	43	8.0
Infectious Disease (mean z score of chlamydia, pertussis, and <i>Salmonella</i>)*	★★	0.247	34	-1.347
Chlamydia (cases per 100,000 population)	★★	478.7	35	254.5
Pertussis (cases per 100,000 population)	★★★★	7.6	26	1.0
<i>Salmonella</i> (cases per 100,000 population)	★	20.9	42	6.2
Occupational Fatalities (deaths per 100,000 workers)	★★★★★	3.7	13	2.0
Violent Crime (offenses per 100,000 population)	★★★★	347	25	118
Community & Environment Total*	★★★★	-0.010	30	0.290
POLICY				
Immunizations—Adolescents (mean z score of HPV, meningococcal, and Tdap)*	★★★★★	0.270	17	1.783
HPV Females (% of females aged 13 to 17 years)	★★	37.8	33	68.0
HPV Males (% of males aged 13 to 17 years)	★★★★	29.8	21	58.1
Meningococcal (% of adolescents aged 13 to 17 years)	★★★★	78.5	27	97.7
Tdap (% of adolescents aged 13 to 17 years)	★★★★★	93.4	4	97.1
Immunizations—Children (% of children aged 19 to 35 months)	★★★★★	76.4	10	80.6
Lack of Health Insurance (% of population)	★★	12.2	37	3.1
Public Health Funding (dollars per person)	★	\$48	43	\$261
Policy Total*	★★	-0.017	32	0.165
CLINICAL CARE				
Dentists (number per 100,000 population)	★★	50.2	39	81.5
Low Birthweight (% of live births)	★	8.9	41	5.9
Preventable Hospitalizations (discharges per 1,000 Medicare enrollees)	★★★★	49.0	28	23.5
Primary Care Physicians (number per 100,000 population)	★★	128.3	32	247.7
Clinical Care Total*	★★	-0.082	36	0.170
ALL DETERMINANTS*	★★	-0.096	31	0.648
OUTCOMES				
Cancer Deaths (deaths per 100,000 population)	★★	196.2	33	149.3
Cardiovascular Deaths (deaths per 100,000 population)	★★★★	251.9	30	188.2
Diabetes (% of adults)	★★	10.7	31	6.8
Disparity in Health Status (% difference by high school education)	★★	28.6	31	14.8
Frequent Mental Distress (% of adults)	★★	11.7	34	7.1
Frequent Physical Distress (% of adults)	★★	13.2	36	8.5
Infant Mortality (deaths per 1,000 live births)	★	7.0	41	4.3
Premature Death (years lost per 100,000 population)	★★	7,746	34	5,369
ALL OUTCOMES*	★★	-0.099	36	0.289
OVERALL*	★★	-0.194	32	0.905

* Value indicates z score. Negative scores are below US value; positive scores are above US value. For complete definitions of measures including data sources and years, see Table 5.

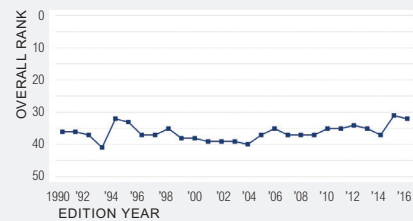


The 2012–2016 data in the above graphs are not directly comparable with prior years. See Methodology (page 150) for additional information.



Overall Rank: 32

Change: ▼ 1
 Determinants Rank: 31
 Outcomes Rank: 36



Strengths:

- Low prevalence of excessive drinking
- High Tdap immunization coverage among adolescents
- High immunization coverage among children

Challenges:

- High percentage of children in poverty
- High prevalence of low birthweight
- High infant mortality rate

Ranking:

North Carolina is 32nd this year; it was 31st in 2015. The state ranks 30th for senior health and 30th for the health of women and children.

Highlights:

- In the past seven years, violent crime decreased 26% from 467 to 347 offenses per 100,000 population.
- In the past year, HPV immunization among females aged 13 to 17 years decreased 30% from 54.0% to 37.8%.
- In the past year, HPV immunization among males aged 13 to 17 years increased 43% from 20.9% to 29.8%.
- In the past five years, preventable hospitalizations decreased 23% from 63.7 to 49.0 discharges per 1,000 Medicare enrollees.
- In the past year, disparity in health status by education decreased 21% from 36.4% to 28.6%.

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