

Pennsylvania

State Health Department Website: health.pa.gov

Overall Rank:

25

Summary

Strengths:

- High prevalence of reading, singing or storytelling
- High prevalence of physical activity among children
- Low prevalence of avoiding care due to cost among women

Challenges:

- High prevalence of asthma among children
- High racial disparity between Hawaiian/Pacific Islander and white children in poverty
- High prevalence of insufficient sleep among women

Highlights:

HPV VACCINATION

▲24%

from 54.1% to 67.1% of adolescents ages 13-17 between 2018 and 2020.

OBESITY

▲23%

from 25.5% to 31.3% of women ages 18-44 between 2014-2015 and 2019-2020.

AVERAGE VOTER PARTICIPATION

▲22%

from 52.0% to 63.4% of female U.S. citizens ages 18 and older between the 2012/2014 and 2018/2020 elections.

SEVERE MATERNAL MORBIDITY

▲14%

from 77.0 to 87.8 complications per 10,000 delivery hospitalizations between 2018 and 2019.

Women

Measures	Rating	State Rank	State Value	U.S. Value
SOCIAL & ECONOMIC FACTORS*	+++	29	0.011	—
Community and Family Safety				
Firearm Deaths†	—	4.5	5.1	
Intimate Partner Violence Before Pregnancy†	—	2.2%	2.5%	
Violent Crime	+++	22	306	379
Economic Resources				
Concentrated Disadvantage	+++	26	21.4%	26.1%
Food Insecurity	++++	19	9.9%	10.7%
Gender Pay Gap†	+++	27	79.4%	81.0%
Poverty	+++	26	15.2%	15.2%
Unemployment	+	41	9.3%	8.3%
Education				
College Graduate	+++	22	36.9%	35.6%
Social Support and Engagement				
Infant Child Care Cost†	+++	21	11.6%	12.0%
Residential Segregation — Black/White	+	43	73	—
Voter Participation	++++	20	63.4%	61.7%
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT*				
Air and Water Quality				
Air Pollution	+	41	8.5	8.3
Drinking Water Violations	++	34	0.5%	0.8%
Household Smoke	++	32	15.9%	13.8%
Risk-screening Environmental Indicators Score	+	45	15,195,382	—
Water Fluoridation	+	41	55.7%	73.0%
Climate Change				
Climate Change Policies†	++++	13	3	—
Transportation Energy Use†	++++	6	6.1	7.4
Housing and Transportation				
Drive Alone to Work	++++	11	74.1%	75.4%
Housing With Lead Risk	+	47	28.9%	17.6%
Severe Housing Problems	+++	25	14.5%	17.3%

Children

Measures	Rating	State Rank	State Value	U.S. Value
SOCIAL & ECONOMIC FACTORS*	++++	18	0.190	—
Community and Family Safety				
Child Victimization†	++++	1	1.7%	8.4%
Firearm Deaths†	—	4.5	4.7	
Economic Resources				
Children in Poverty	+++	30	16.9%	16.8%
Children in Poverty Racial Disparity	+	42	4.2	3.0
High-speed Internet	+++	24	93.2%	92.6%
Students Experiencing Homelessness	++++	19	1.8%	2.5%
WIC Coverage	+++	25	52.8%	54.6%
Education				
Early Childhood Education	+++	29	45.3%	48.9%
Fourth Grade Reading Proficiency	++++	6	39.7%	34.3%
High School Graduation	+++	25	86.5%	85.8%
High School Graduation Racial Disparity	+++	30	15.6	15.1
Social Support and Engagement				
Adverse Childhood Experiences	++++	10	12.4%	14.0%
Foster Care Instability	++++	9	10.8%	14.9%
Neighborhood Amenities	+++	27	33.2%	35.5%
Reading, Singing or Storytelling	++++	9	63.7%	57.2%
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT*	+	46	-0.369	—

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

Women

Measures	Rating	State Rank	State Value	U.S. Value
CLINICAL CARE*	+++++	9	0.690	—
Access to Care				
Adequate Prenatal Care	++	36	74.3%	74.7%
Avoided Care Due to Cost	+++++	7	12.0%	17.5%
Publicly-funded Women's Health Services	++++	13	32%	29%
Uninsured	+++++	8	7.6%	12.9%
Women's Health Providers	++++	18	55.0	49.5
Preventive Clinical Care				
Cervical Cancer Screening	+++++	6	80.1%	77.1%
Dental Visit	++++	12	70.0%	65.5%
Flu Vaccination	++++	12	45.3%	38.9%
Postpartum Visit†	—	—	87.2%	88.4%
Well-woman Visit	++++	15	74.8%	72.0%
Quality of Care				
Breastfeeding Initiation†	—	—	81.8%	83.9%
Dedicated Health Care Provider	+++++	10	80.9%	71.1%
Low-risk Cesarean Delivery	+++	28	25.4%	25.9%
Maternity Practices Score	+++	28	80	81
BEHAVIORS*	++	31	-0.252	—
Nutrition and Physical Activity				
Exercise	++++	12	23.3%	21.5%
Fruit and Vegetable Consumption	++++	13	11.5%	10.4%
Physical Inactivity	+++	22	21.3%	22.3%
Sexual Health				
Chlamydia	++++	18	1,375.1	1,552.8
High-risk HIV Behaviors	++	34	10.4%	9.6%
Unintended Pregnancy†	—	—	25.9%	28.5%
Sleep Health				
Insufficient Sleep	+	45	38.5%	33.4%
Tobacco Use				
E-cigarette Use†	—	—	7.5%	7.6%
Smoking	++	31	17.2%	13.4%
Smoking During Pregnancy	++	33	8.7%	5.5%
HEALTH OUTCOMES*	++	31	-0.308	—
Behavioral Health				
Drug Deaths†	+	46	40.4	22.4
Excessive Drinking	+	41	22.2%	19.4%
Frequent Mental Distress	++	32	21.9%	19.4%
Illicit Drug Use	++++	13	9.4%	10.8%
Postpartum Depression†	—	—	12.9%	13.6%
Mortality				
Maternal Mortality†	—	—	14.6	19.3
Mortality Rate	+++	26	120.4	117.3
Physical Health				
Frequent Physical Distress	+	41	9.3%	7.5%
High Blood Pressure	++++	20	9.8%	10.6%
High Health Status†	+++	30	57.5%	57.4%
Multiple Chronic Conditions	+++	23	4.5%	4.1%
Obesity	+++	26	31.3%	30.4%
Severe Maternal Morbidity†	—	—	87.8	81.0
OVERALL — WOMEN*	++	32	-0.081	—

* Value is a summation score. Higher scores are better.

† Non-ranking measure.

— Indicates data 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*	++++	12	0.634	—
Access to Care				
ADD/ADHD Treatment	++++	20	3.2%	2.8%
Pediatricians	+++++	8	142.1	107.2
Uninsured	+++	22	4.6%	5.7%
Preventive Clinical Care				
Childhood Immunizations	+++++	6	77.4%	70.5%
HPV Vaccination	+++++	10	67.1%	58.6%
Preventive Dental Care	+++	23	77.2%	75.1%
Well-child Visit	++++	11	80.9%	76.7%
Quality of Care				
Adequate Insurance	+++	22	69.2%	68.2%
Developmental Screening	++	39	31.4%	34.8%
Medical Home	++	35	47.4%	46.0%
BEHAVIORS*	+++	24	0.197	—
Nutrition and Physical Activity				
Breastfed	+++	30	24.6%	24.9%
Food Sufficiency	+++	23	72.8%	71.9%
Physical Activity	++++	11	25.0%	20.5%
Soda Consumption — Youth†	—	—	9.1%	9.3%
Sexual Health — Youth				
Dual Contraceptive Nonuse†	—	—	88.3%	90.9%
Teen Births	++++	16	12.6	15.4
Sleep Health				
Adequate Sleep	+++	25	67.4%	66.6%
Sleep Position†	—	—	81.8%	80.2%
Tobacco Use — Youth				
Electronic Vapor Product Use†	—	—	24.4%	32.7%
Tobacco Use	++	36	4.0%	3.1%
HEALTH OUTCOMES*	++	32	-0.185	—
Behavioral Health				
Alcohol Use — Youth	+++	21	8.6%	8.8%
Anxiety	++	38	11.4%	9.2%
Depression	++	36	5.3%	4.2%
Flourishing	++++	19	67.1%	66.6%
Illicit Drug Use — Youth	+++	22	6.9%	7.7%
Teen Suicide†	—	—	8.2	10.8
Mortality				
Child Mortality	++++	17	24.2	25.9
Infant Mortality	+++	25	5.9	5.6
Physical Health				
Asthma	+	44	9.0%	6.9%
High Health Status†	++	34	90.2%	90.2%
Low Birthweight	+++	27	8.3%	8.2%
Low Birthweight Racial Disparity	++	37	2.1	2.0
Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome†	—	—	12.9	6.1
Overweight or Obesity — Youth	++++	15	30.1%	33.5%
OVERALL — CHILDREN*	+++	23	0.058	—

OVERALL — WOMEN AND CHILDREN*	+++	25	0.030	—
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