

West Virginia

State Health Department Website: dhr.wv.gov

Summary

Strengths:

- High rate of high school graduation
- Low prevalence of excessive drinking among women
- Low prevalence of asthma among children

Highlights:

CHILDREN IN POVERTY

▼ **22%** from 25.9% to 20.1% of children ages 0-17 between 2017 and 2019

EXERCISE

▲ **60%** from 13.8% to 22.1% of women ages 18-44 between 2015 and 2019

Challenges:

- Low enrollment in early childhood education
- High prevalence of tobacco use among adolescents
- High prevalence of multiple chronic conditions among women

FREQUENT MENTAL DISTRESS

▲ **43%** from 18.4% to 26.3% of women ages 18-44 between 2013-2014 and 2018-2019

DRUG DEATHS

▲ **37%** from 49.3 to 67.4 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*	+	46	-0.822	—
Community and Family Safety				
Intimate Partner Violence Before Pregnancy*		—	—	3.0%
Violent Crime	+++	23	317	379
Economic Resources				
Concentrated Disadvantage	++	34	25.8%	25.1%
Food Insecurity	+	49	15.4%	11.1%
Gender Pay Gap*	+	41	76.2%	81.0%
Poverty	+	49	23.3%	15.2%
Unemployment	+	45	4.4%	3.6%
Education				
College Graduate	++	40	30.0%	35.7%
Social Support and Engagement				
Infant Child Care Cost*	+++++	9	10.6%	12.5%
Residential Segregation — Black/White	++++	19	60	62
Voter Participation	+	49	50.3%	61.7%
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT*	+	43	-0.304	—
Air and Water Quality				
Air Pollution	+++	28	7.4	8.3
Drinking Water Violations	+	50	10.2%	0.8%
Household Smoke	+	50	26.7%	14.0%
Risk-screening Environmental Indicators Risk Score	+++	23	3,400,148	361,963,972
Water Fluoridation	++++	12	90.7%	73.0%
Climate Change				
Climate Change Policies*	++	36	0	—
Transportation Energy Use*	++	37	10.3	8.7
Housing and Transportation				
Drive Alone to Work	+	43	82.0%	75.4%
Housing With Lead Risk	++	36	21.8%	17.6%
Severe Housing Problems	+++++	1	11.2%	17.5%

Children

Measures	Rating	State Rank	State Value	U.S. Value
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS*	+	45	-0.381	—
Community and Family Safety				
Child Victimization*	+	49	18.7%	8.9%
Economic Resources				
Children in Poverty	+	44	20.1%	16.8%
Children in Poverty Racial Disparity	+++++	1	1.9	3.0
High-speed Internet	+++	30	92.5%	92.6%
Students Experiencing Homelessness	+	47	3.9%	3.0%
WIC Coverage	++	33	49.5%	53.9%
Education				
Early Childhood Education	+	49	31.3%	48.9%
Fourth Grade Reading Proficiency	+	44	30.3%	34.3%
High School Graduation	+++++	3	91.3%	85.8%
High School Graduation Racial Disparity	++	34	16.5	15.1
Social Support and Engagement				
Adverse Childhood Experiences	+	46	20.6%	14.8%
Foster Care Instability	+++++	3	9.5%	16.0%
Neighborhood Amenities	+	47	17.2%	37.4%
Reading, Singing or Storytelling	+	43	51.1%	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*	++++	12	0.502	—
Access to Care				
Adequate Prenatal Care	++++	19	79.6%	76.7%
Avoided Care Due to Cost	+++	22	16.6%	18.8%
Publicly-funded Women's Health Services	+++++	1	66%	29%
Uninsured	++++	13	8.5%	12.9%
Women's Health Providers	+	41	41.3	48.5
Preventive Clinical Care				
Cervical Cancer Screening	+++++	4	84.7%	79.9%
Dental Visit	+	44	61.3%	67.6%
Flu Vaccination	++++	13	37.1%	31.5%
Postpartum Visit*	—	—	—	90.7%
Well-woman Visit	++++	12	76.4%	73.2%
Quality of Care				
Breastfeeding Initiation*	+	47	66.7%	84.0%
Dedicated Health Care Provider	++++	12	79.5%	71.1%
Low-risk Cesarean Delivery	++	34	26.3%	25.6%
Maternity Practices Score	++	34	76	79
BEHAVIORS*	++	35	-0.401	—
Nutrition and Physical Activity				
Exercise	++++	20	22.1%	21.5%
Fruit and Vegetable Consumption	+	42	8.2%	10.4%
Physical Inactivity	++++	18	20.9%	22.6%
Sexual Health				
Chlamydia	+++++	1	724	1,743
High-risk HIV Behaviors	++++	17	9.0%	9.7%
Unintended Pregnancy*	—	—	—	30.6%
Sleep Health				
Insufficient Sleep	+	48	42.5%	36.1%
Tobacco Use				
E-cigarette Use*	+	44	7.0%	5.3%
Smoking	+	50	29.7%	14.3%
Smoking During Pregnancy	+	50	23.0%	6.0%
HEALTH OUTCOMES*	+	48	-1.235	—
Behavioral Health				
Drug Deaths*	+	50	67.4	20.7
Excessive Drinking	+++++	2	11.9%	19.2%
Frequent Mental Distress	+	50	26.3%	18.1%
Illicit Drug Use	++	32	11.4%	10.8%
Postpartum Depression*	—	—	—	13.4%
Mortality				
Maternal Mortality*	—	—	—	20.1
Mortality Rate	+	50	191.4	97.2
Physical Health				
Frequent Physical Distress	+	46	11.2%	8.4%
High Blood Pressure	+	46	18.6%	10.6%
High Health Status*	+	43	50.0%	53.8%
Maternal Morbidity*	—	—	8.0	6.6
Multiple Chronic Conditions	+	50	9.7%	4.4%
Obesity	+	47	37.4%	30.0%
OVERALL — WOMEN*	—	—	-0.503	—

* 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*	++++	19	0.318	—
Access to Care				
ADD/ADHD Treatment	++++	19	3.5%	3.0%
Pediatricians	++	33	83.3	104.6
Uninsured	++++	11	3.5%	5.7%
Preventive Clinical Care				
Childhood Immunizations	+++	25	77.0%	75.8%
HPV Vaccination	+	41	47.4%	54.2%
Preventive Dental Care	++++	17	79.3%	77.5%
Well-child Visit	++++	12	84.1%	80.7%
Quality of Care				
Adequate Insurance	+++++	9	70.8%	66.7%
Developmental Screening	++++	16	42.0%	36.9%
Medical Home	++	40	46.8%	46.8%
BEHAVIORS*	+	47	-1.020	—
Nutrition and Physical Activity				
Breastfed	+	46	20.9%	25.6%
Food Sufficiency	+	45	62.3%	69.8%
Physical Activity	++++	15	24.4%	20.6%
Soda Consumption — Youth*	—	—	20.6%	9.3%
Sexual Health — Youth				
Dual Contraceptive Nonuse*	—	—	85.5%	90.9%
Teen Births	+	45	25.2	16.7
Sleep Health				
Adequate Sleep	++	38	62.3%	66.1%
Sleep Position*	—	—	—	79.6%
Tobacco Use — Youth				
Electronic Vapor Product Use*	—	—	35.7%	32.7%
Tobacco Use	+	50	8.1%	4.0%
HEALTH OUTCOMES*	+	50	-0.758	—
Behavioral Health				
Alcohol Use — Youth	+++	30	9.6%	9.2%
Anxiety	+	46	12.9%	9.1%
Depression	+	47	6.3%	3.9%
Flourishing	+	47	65.8%	69.1%
Illicit Drug Use — Youth	++	33	8.6%	8.4%
Teen Suicide*	—	—	14.0	11.2
Mortality				
Child Mortality	++	34	29.5	25.4
Infant Mortality	+	41	7.0	5.7
Physical Health				
Asthma	+++++	4	5.4%	7.5%
High Health Status*	++	34	90.4%	90.4%
Low Birthweight	+	44	9.8%	8.3%
Low Birthweight Racial Disparity	+++++	10	1.8	2.1
Overweight or Obesity — Youth	+	50	41.2%	32.1%
OVERALL — CHILDREN*	—	—	-0.479	—

OVERALL — WOMEN AND CHILDREN*

— -0.509 —