

West Virginia

State Health Department Website: dhr.wv.gov

Overall Rank:

45

Summary

Strengths:

- Low prevalence of illicit drug use among youth
- High prevalence of physical activity among children
- Low prevalence of excessive drinking among women

Challenges:

- High mortality rate among women ages 20-44
- High prevalence of frequent mental distress among women
- High prevalence of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs)

Highlights:

E-CIGARETTE USE

▲77%

from 7.0% to 12.4% of women ages 18-44 between 2018 and 2020.

NEIGHBORHOOD AMENITIES FOR CHILDREN AGES 0-17

▼29%

from 23.3% to 16.5% between 2016-2017 and 2020-2021.

CIGARETTE SMOKING

▼20%

from 33.8% to 26.9% of women ages 18-44 between 2017-2018 and 2019-2020.

FOOD SUFFICIENCY

▲14%

from 59.4% to 67.7% of children ages 0-17 between 2018-2019 and 2020-2021.

Women

Measures	Rating	State Rank	State Value	U.S. Value
SOCIAL & ECONOMIC FACTORS*	+	47	-0.791	—
Community and Family Safety				
Firearm Deaths†	—	8.4	5.1	
Intimate Partner Violence Before Pregnancy†	—	2.3%	2.5%	
Violent Crime	+++	23	317	379
Economic Resources				
Concentrated Disadvantage	++	39	29.7%	26.1%
Food Insecurity	+	49	15.1%	10.7%
Gender Pay Gap†	+	41	76.2%	81.0%
Poverty	+	49	23.3%	15.2%
Unemployment	+++	28	7.5%	8.3%
Education				
College Graduate	+	42	29.3%	35.6%
Social Support and Engagement				
Infant Child Care Cost†	+++++	9	10.2%	12.0%
Residential Segregation — Black/White	++++	17	61	—
Voter Participation	+	49	50.3%	61.7%
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT*	+	44	-0.296	—
Air and Water Quality				
Air Pollution	+++	21	7.1	8.3
Drinking Water Violations	+	50	10.2%	0.8%
Household Smoke	+	50	25.1%	13.8%
Risk-screening Environmental Indicators Score	+++	24	2,815,847	—
Water Fluoridation	++++	12	90.7%	73.0%
Climate Change				
Climate Change Policies†	++	37	0	—
Transportation Energy Use†	++	37	9.5	7.4
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	11.1%	17.3%

Children

Measures	Rating	State Rank	State Value	U.S. Value
SOCIAL & ECONOMIC FACTORS*	+	44	-0.543	—
Community and Family Safety				
Child Victimization†	+	48	17.2%	8.4%
Firearm Deaths†	—	4.5	4.7	
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	+	48	3.9%	2.5%
WIC Coverage	+++	28	51.9%	54.6%
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	+	45	18.9%	14.0%
Foster Care Instability	+++++	6	10.1%	14.9%
Neighborhood Amenities	+	48	16.5%	35.5%
Reading, Singing or Storytelling	++	34	56.0%	57.2%

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

Women

Measures	Rating	State Rank	State Value	U.S. Value
CLINICAL CARE*	++++	14	0.448	—
Access to Care				
Adequate Prenatal Care	+++	28	76.0%	74.7%
Avoided Care Due to Cost	+++	23	15.9%	17.5%
Publicly-funded Women's Health Services	+++++	1	66%	29%
Uninsured	++++	13	8.5%	12.9%
Women's Health Providers	++	38	42.2	49.5
Preventive Clinical Care				
Cervical Cancer Screening	+++++	8	79.8%	77.1%
Dental Visit	++	38	64.1%	65.5%
Flu Vaccination	+++	24	40.7%	38.9%
Postpartum Visit†	—	—	88.9%	88.4%
Well-woman Visit	+++++	8	76.9%	72.0%
Quality of Care				
Breastfeeding Initiation†	—	—	67.1%	83.9%
Dedicated Health Care Provider	++++	12	78.4%	71.1%
Low-risk Cesarean Delivery	++	35	26.9%	25.9%
Maternity Practices Score	+++	28	80	81
BEHAVIORS*	++	40	-0.613	—
Nutrition and Physical Activity				
Exercise	++++	20	22.1%	21.5%
Fruit and Vegetable Consumption	+	42	8.2%	10.4%
Physical Inactivity	+++	25	21.5%	22.3%
Sexual Health				
Chlamydia	+++++	6	1,155.3	1,552.8
High-risk HIV Behaviors	++++	16	8.9%	9.6%
Unintended Pregnancy†	—	—	22.0%	28.5%
Sleep Health				
Insufficient Sleep	+	50	41.1%	33.4%
Tobacco Use				
E-cigarette Use†	—	—	12.4%	7.6%
Smoking	+	50	26.9%	13.4%
Smoking During Pregnancy	+	50	21.4%	5.5%
HEALTH OUTCOMES*	+	50	-1.468	—
Behavioral Health				
Drug Deaths†	+	50	72.2	22.4
Excessive Drinking	+++++	2	13.2%	19.4%
Frequent Mental Distress	+	49	26.4%	19.4%
Illicit Drug Use	+	49	17.0%	10.8%
Postpartum Depression†	—	—	16.0%	13.6%
Mortality				
Maternal Mortality†	—	—	17.5	19.3
Mortality Rate	+	50	214.6	117.3
Physical Health				
Frequent Physical Distress	+	48	10.1%	7.5%
High Blood Pressure	+	46	18.6%	10.6%
High Health Status†	+	50	50.4%	57.4%
Multiple Chronic Conditions	+	50	10.1%	4.1%
Obesity	+	47	38.2%	30.4%
Severe Maternal Morbidity†	—	—	83.7	81.0
OVERALL — WOMEN*	+	46	-0.601	—

* 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*	++++	19	0.410	—
Access to Care				
ADD/ADHD Treatment	++++	18	3.4%	2.8%
Pediatricians	++	33	84.8	107.2
Uninsured	++++	11	3.5%	5.7%
Preventive Clinical Care				
Childhood Immunizations	++++	19	73.0%	70.5%
HPV Vaccination	+	49	43.4%	58.6%
Preventive Dental Care	++++	15	78.1%	75.1%
Well-child Visit	++++	14	80.1%	76.7%
Quality of Care				
Adequate Insurance	+++++	8	72.4%	68.2%
Developmental Screening	+++++	9	44.6%	34.8%
Medical Home	++	32	47.6%	46.0%
BEHAVIORS*	+	47	-0.862	—
Nutrition and Physical Activity				
Breastfed	+	50	13.8%	24.9%
Food Sufficiency	++	39	67.7%	71.9%
Physical Activity	+++++	4	27.5%	20.5%
Soda Consumption — Youth†	—	—	20.6%	9.3%
Sexual Health — Youth				
Dual Contraceptive Nonuse†	—	—	85.5%	90.9%
Teen Births	+	43	22.5	15.4
Sleep Health				
Adequate Sleep	+	43	61.4%	66.6%
Sleep Position†	—	—	89.2%	80.2%
Tobacco Use — Youth				
Electronic Vapor Product Use†	—	—	35.7%	32.7%
Tobacco Use	+	47	5.6%	3.1%
HEALTH OUTCOMES*	+	43	-0.370	—
Behavioral Health				
Alcohol Use — Youth	+++	22	8.7%	8.8%
Anxiety	++	39	11.7%	9.2%
Depression	++	40	5.6%	4.2%
Flourishing	+++	27	66.1%	66.6%
Illicit Drug Use — Youth	+++++	9	6.1%	7.7%
Teen Suicide†	—	—	13.5	10.8
Mortality				
Child Mortality	++	35	30.5	25.9
Infant Mortality	++	38	6.5	5.6
Physical Health				
Asthma	++++	14	6.1%	6.9%
High Health Status†	+	46	88.4%	90.2%
Low Birthweight	+	41	9.3%	8.2%
Low Birthweight Racial Disparity	+++++	7	1.7	2.0
Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome†	—	—	43.6	6.1
Overweight or Obesity — Youth	+	49	41.0%	33.5%
OVERALL — CHILDREN*	+	44	-0.395	—

OVERALL — WOMEN AND CHILDREN*	+	45	-0.509	—
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