

Wisconsin

State Health Department Website: dhs.wisconsin.gov

Overall Rank:

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Summary

Strengths:

- Low prevalence of frequent mental distress
- High pneumonia vaccination rate
- Low prevalence of insufficient sleep

Challenges:

- High prevalence of excessive drinking
- Low prevalence of cancer screenings
- High percentage of drinking water systems with serious violations

Highlights:

LOW-CARE NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

▲43%

from 7.7% to 11.0% of residents between 2019 and 2020

SUICIDE

▲24%

from 12.2 to 15.1 deaths per 100,000 adults ages 65+ between 2010-2012 and 2018-2020

HIGH HEALTH STATUS

▲20%

from 43.2% to 52.0% of adults ages 65+ between 2017 and 2020

Measures

		Rating	State Rank	State Value	U.S. Value
SOCIAL & ECONOMIC FACTORS*		++++	8	0.559	—
Community and Family Safety	Violent Crime (offenses per 100,000 population)	++++	20	323	399
	Food Insecurity (% of adults ages 60+)	++++	5	8.3%	12.6%
Economic Resources	Poverty (% of adults ages 65+)	++++	11	7.4%	9.4%
	Poverty Racial Disparity (ratio)†	—	—	2.6	2.7
	SNAP Reach (participants per 100 adults ages 60+ in poverty)	++++	18	84.3	81.0
Social Support and Engagement	Community Support Expenditures (dollars per adult ages 60+)	+++	21	\$47	\$57
	High-speed Internet (% of households with adults ages 65+)	++	33	75.1%	78.0%
	Low-care Nursing Home Residents (% of residents)	++++	12	11.0%	15.2%
	Risk of Social Isolation (index 1-100, adults ages 65+)	++++	11	39	—
	Volunteerism (% of adults ages 65+)	++++	9	38.1%	31.6%
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT*		+	47	-0.300	—
Air and Water Quality	Air Pollution (micrograms of fine particles per cubic meter)	+++	23	7.2	8.3
	Drinking Water Violations (% of community water systems)	+	46	4.4%	0.8%
Housing	Severe Housing Problems (% of small households with an adult ages 62+)	++	35	32.4%	32.7%
CLINICAL CARE*		++++	12	0.396	—
Access to Care	Avoided Care Due to Cost (% of adults ages 65+)	++++	12	3.3%	4.2%
	Geriatric Providers (providers per 100,000 adults ages 65+)	+++	30	25.5	31.1
	Home Health Care Workers (workers per 1,000 adults ages 65+)	++++	8	69.5	57.7
Preventive Clinical Services	Cancer Screenings (% of adults ages 65-75)	+	47	68.3%	75.9%
	Flu Vaccination (% of adults ages 65+)	++	31	66.6%	67.3%
	Pneumonia Vaccination (% of adults ages 65+)	++++	4	75.3%	70.3%
Quality of Care	Dedicated Health Care Provider (% of adults ages 65+)	++++	5	96.0%	93.5%
	Hospice Care (% of Medicare decedents)	++++	8	55.1%	50.7%
	Hospital Readmissions (risk-standardized readmission rate per 100 admissions)	++++	8	15	16
	Nursing Home Quality (% of beds rated four or five stars)	++++	17	49.3%	41.2%
	Preventable Hospitalizations (discharges per 100,000 Medicare beneficiaries ages 65-74)	++++	20	1,330	1,582
BEHAVIORS*		++++	16	0.416	—
Nutrition and Physical Activity	Exercise (% of adults ages 65+)	++++	1	30.3%	23.1%
	Fruit and Vegetable Consumption (% of adults ages 65+)	+	42	5.5%	7.3%
	Physical Inactivity (% of adults ages 65+ in fair or better health)	+++	12	26.6%	30.6%
Sleep Health	Insufficient Sleep (% of adults ages 65+)	++++	7	22.0%	26.0%
Tobacco Use	Smoking (% of adults ages 65+)	++	33	10.0%	8.9%
HEALTH OUTCOMES*		++++	18	0.275	—
Behavioral Health	Drug Deaths (deaths per 100,000 adults ages 65+) [‡]	—	—	6.9	8.4
	Excessive Drinking (% of adults ages 65+)	+	50	11.8%	7.4%
	Frequent Mental Distress (% of adults ages 65+)	++++	3	5.8%	8.1%
	Suicide (deaths per 100,000 adults ages 65+)	++++	12	15.1	16.9
Mortality	Early Death (deaths per 100,000 adults ages 65-74)	++++	18	1,913	2,072
	Early Death Racial Disparity (ratio) [‡]	—	—	2.1	1.6
Physical Health	Falls (% of adults ages 65+)	++++	16	26.9%	27.1%
	Frequent Physical Distress (% of adults ages 65+)	++++	18	13.0%	14.5%
	High Health Status (% of adults ages 65+) [‡]	++++	4	52.0%	43.5%
	Multiple Chronic Conditions (% of Medicare beneficiaries ages 65-74)	++++	14	39%	46%
	Obesity (% of adults ages 65+)	+++	29	30.6%	29.3%
	Teeth Extractions (% of adults ages 65+)	++++	13	11.2%	13.4%
OVERALL		++++	14	0.384	—

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

† Non-ranking measure.

— Indicates data missing or suppressed.

For measure definitions, including data sources and years, visit AmericasHealthRankings.org.

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