

State Health Department Website:

## Summary

### Strengths

- High enrollment in early childhood education
- High percentage of children with adequate and continuous health insurance
- High prevalence of women with a dedicated health care provider

### Challenges

- High child mortality rate
- High percentage of children in poverty
- High incidence of chlamydia among women

### Key Findings

#### Injury Deaths

**34%**▲

from 25.6 to 34.3 deaths per 100,000 children ages 1-19 between 2018-2020 and 2021-2023.

#### Frequent Mental Distress

**26%**▲

from 22.7% to 28.5% of women ages 18-44 between 2018-2019 and 2022-2023.

#### Teen Births

**10%**▼

from 25.7 to 23.1 births per 1,000 females ages 15-19 between 2020 and 2023.

#### Well-Woman Visit

**9%**▲

from 73.5% to 80.3% of women ages 18-44 between 2017-2018 and 2022-2023.

## Measures

### Women

		State Rank	State Value	U.S. Value
<b>Social and Economic Factors</b>		<b>49</b>	<b>-1.016</b>	
<b>Community and Family Safety</b>	Firearm Deaths*	43	12.7	6.2
	Injury Deaths	46	86.0	51.9
	Intimate Partner Violence Before Pregnancy*	–	–	–
<b>Economic Resources</b>	Concentrated Disadvantage	48	43.8%	25.9%
	Food Insecurity	47	16.2%	12.2%
	Gender Pay Gap*	50	71.2%	81.1%
	Poverty	50	24.0%	14.9%
	Unemployment	34	3.5%	3.5%
<b>Education</b>	College Graduate	44	29.3%	37.8%
<b>Social Support and Engagement</b>	Infant Child Care Affordability*	9	9.8%	12.1%
	Residential Segregation - Black/White	8	56	–
	Voter Participation	46	53.7%	60.0%

### Children

		State Rank	State Value	U.S. Value
<b>Social and Economic Factors</b>		<b>48</b>	<b>-1.060</b>	
<b>Community and Family Safety</b>	Child Victimization*	28	8.4	7.4
	Firearm Deaths *	45	16.1	5.9
	Injury Deaths	49	34.3	18.7
<b>Economic Resources</b>	Children in Poverty	49	25.0%	16.0%
	Children in Poverty - Racial Disparity	44	4.9	3.0
	Food Sufficiency	47	56.9%	66.6%
	Students Experiencing Homelessness	34	2.5%	2.4%
	WIC Coverage	50	33.5%	52.2%
<b>Education</b>	Early Childhood Education	8	52.5%	48.5%
	Fourth Grade Reading Proficiency	20	31.8%	30.5%
	High School Completion	45	87.8%	89.8%
<b>Social Support and Engagement</b>	Adult Mentor*	39	87.7%	88.0%
	Adverse Childhood Experiences	38	179%	14.1%
	Foster Care Instability	35	178%	15.2%
	High-Speed Internet	46	94.7%	96.0%
	Neighborhood Amenities Reading, Singing or Storytelling*	46	19.3%	38.2%
		48	50.4%	59.7%

### Women and Children

		State Rank	State Value	U.S. Value
<b>Physical Environment</b>		<b>49</b>	<b>-0.579</b>	
<b>Air and Water Quality</b>	Air Pollution	27	78	8.6
	Drinking Water Violations	49	4.1	2.8
	Household Smoke	44	15.4%	10.3%
	Water Fluoridation	45	37.9%	72.3%
<b>Climate and Health</b>	Climate Policies	22	2	–
	Transportation Energy Use*	47	16.4	8.4
<b>Housing and Transportation</b>	Drive Alone to Work - Women	48	76.8%	67.3%
	Housing Cost Burden - Households with Children	36	30.0%	31.1%
	Housing with Lead Risk	18	12.1%	16.4%

# Measures

		State Rank	State Value	U.S. Value
<b>Women</b>				
<b>Clinical Care</b>		<b>31</b>	<b>0.231</b>	
<b>Access to Care</b>	Adequate Prenatal Care	34	75.1%	75.2%
	Avoided Care Due to Cost	30	16.7%	17.4%
	Maternity Care Desert*	37	7.8	3.7
	Uninsured	24	8.6%	10.8%
	Women's Health Providers	36	41.6	47.8
<b>Preventive Clinical Care</b>	Cervical Cancer Screening	5	57.7%	51.6%
	Dental Visit	17	67.2%	64.1%
	Flu Vaccination	41	30.2%	35.5%
	Postpartum Visit*	2	95.7%	90.3%
	Well-Woman Visit	1	80.3%	72.7%
<b>Quality of Care</b>	Breastfeeding Initiation	47	71.1%	85.1%
	Dedicated Health Care Provider	9	84.4%	77.4%
	Low-Risk Cesarean Delivery	41	28.3%	26.6%
	Maternity Practices Score	13	85	82
<b>Behaviors</b>		<b>49</b>	<b>-1.017</b>	
<b>Nutrition and Physical Activity</b>	Exercise	27	27.2%	27.6%
	Fruit and Vegetable Consumption	46	6.4%	9.8%
	Physical Inactivity	47	26.2%	22.0%
<b>Sexual Health</b>	Chlamydia	50	2,572.4	1,481.2
	High-Risk HIV Behaviors	45	11.6%	9.3%
	Unintended Pregnancy*	–	–	–
<b>Sleep Health</b>	Insufficient Sleep	45	40.8%	36.5%
<b>Smoking and Tobacco Use</b>	E-Cigarette Use*	48	17.6%	11.2%
	Smoking	36	13.7%	9.9%
	Smoking During Pregnancy	17	2.9%	3.0%
<b>Health Outcomes</b>		<b>49</b>	<b>-1.291</b>	
<b>Behavioral Health</b>	Drug Deaths*	46	50.2	28.6
	Excessive Drinking	26	20.0%	19.5%
	Frequent Mental Distress	42	28.5%	23.6%
	Illicit Drug Use	39	12.3%	10.5%
	Postpartum Anxiety*	1	12.8%	20.3%
	Postpartum Depression*	1	7.2%	11.9%
<b>Mortality</b>	Maternal Mortality*	46	40.7	23.5
	Mortality Rate	45	162.4	109.9
<b>Physical Health</b>	Depression*	36	37.4%	30.3%
	Diabetes*	49	6.3%	3.6%
	Frequent Physical Distress	30	10.6%	9.7%
	High Blood Pressure	46	18.3%	11.8%
	High Health Status*	35	50.4%	51.6%
	Multiple Chronic Conditions	44	7.0%	4.5%
	Obesity	46	41.9%	32.5%
Severe Maternal Morbidity*	17	81.1	94.7	
<b>Overall - Women</b>		<b>49</b>	<b>-0.800</b>	

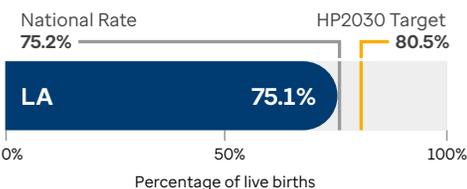
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<b>Children</b>				
<b>Clinical Care</b>		<b>23</b>	<b>0.356</b>	
<b>Access to Care</b>	ADD/ADHD Treatment	2	5.6%	3.4%
	Mental Health Treatment*	16	86.2%	83.3%
	Pediatricians	29	103.0	116.1
	Uninsured	24	4.3%	5.4%
<b>Preventive Clinical Care</b>	Childhood Immunizations	20	68.5%	66.9%
	HPV Vaccination	20	66.2%	61.4%
	Preventive Dental Visit	41	78.6%	80.2%
	Well-Child Visit	33	78.7%	79.6%
<b>Quality of Care</b>	Adequate Insurance	5	71.0%	64.6%
	Developmental Screening	43	30.5%	36.5%
	Medical Home	32	46.9%	45.5%
<b>Behaviors</b>		<b>50</b>	<b>-1.448</b>	
<b>Nutrition and Physical Activity</b>	Breastfed	43	22.3%	27.2%
	Physical Activity	35	18.6%	19.7%
	Soda Consumption*	–	–	7.5%
<b>Sexual Health</b>	Dual Contraceptive Nonuse*	–	–	85.6%
	Teen Births	48	23.1	13.1
<b>Sleep Health</b>	Adequate Sleep	49	52.6%	65.3%
	Sleep Position*	46	48.7%	69.0%
<b>Smoking and Tobacco Use</b>	Electronic Vapor Product Use*	–	–	16.8%
	Tobacco Use	46	2.7%	1.9%
<b>Health Outcomes</b>		<b>50</b>	<b>-1.144</b>	
<b>Behavioral Health</b>	Alcohol Use	37	8.1%	6.9%
	Flourishing	46	63.5%	66.7%
	Illicit Drug Use	23	7.3%	7.3%
	Mental Health Conditions	39	24.5%	20.5%
	Teen Suicide*	17	10.7	10.2
<b>Mortality</b>	Child Mortality	49	48.9	29.6
	Infant Mortality	48	7.3	5.6
	Neonatal Mortality*	29	3.9	3.6
<b>Physical Health</b>	Asthma	36	7.5%	6.8%
	Congenital Syphilis*	44	193.0	105.8
	High Health Status*	41	89.2%	89.9%
	Low Birth Weight	49	11.3%	8.6%
	Low Birth Weight - Racial Disparity	30	2.1	2.1
	Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome*	19	5.1	5.3
Overweight or Obesity	47	35.8%	31.3%	
<b>Overall - Children</b>		<b>50</b>	<b>-0.879</b>	

## Overall - Women and Children 50 -0.868

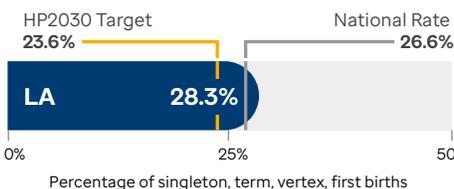
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### Healthy People 2030 (HP2030) Targets

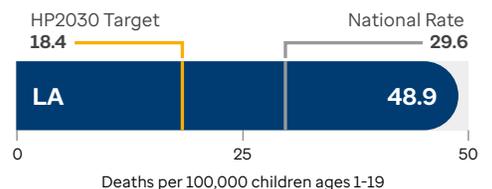
#### Adequate Prenatal Care



#### Low-Risk Cesarean Delivery



#### Child Mortality



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