

State Health Department Website:

## Summary

### Strengths

- Low prevalence of unemployment among women
- Low percentage of low-risk cesarean deliveries
- High prevalence of well-child visits

### Challenges

- High prevalence of frequent mental distress among women
- High prevalence of asthma among children
- High prevalence of cigarette smoking among women

### Key Findings

#### Child Mortality

**16%**▲

from 33.6 to 38.9 deaths per 100,000 children ages 1-19 between 2018-2020 and 2021-2023.

#### Poverty

**15%**▼

from 16.5% to 14.0% of women ages 18-44 between 2021 and 2023.

#### High Health Status

**14%**▼

from 58.8% to 50.7% of women ages 18-44 between 2020-2021 and 2022-2023.

#### Well-Child Visit

**7%**▲

from 77.0% to 82.7% of children ages 0-17 between 2021-2022 and 2023-2024.

## Measures

### Women

		State Rank	State Value	U.S. Value
<b>Social and Economic Factors</b>		<b>29</b>	<b>0.014</b>	
<b>Community and Family Safety</b>	Firearm Deaths*	41	11.1	6.2
	Injury Deaths	38	678	51.9
	Intimate Partner Violence Before Pregnancy*	19	4.9%	-
<b>Economic Resources</b>	Concentrated Disadvantage	19	17.2%	25.9%
	Food Insecurity	35	12.7%	12.2%
	Gender Pay Gap*	36	80.0%	81.1%
	Poverty	24	14.0%	14.9%
	Unemployment	18	2.9%	3.5%
<b>Education</b>	College Graduate	35	35.2%	37.8%
<b>Social Support and Engagement</b>	Infant Child Care Affordability*	27	11.9%	12.1%
	Residential Segregation - Black/White	40	71	-
	Voter Participation	18	63.1%	60.0%

### Children

		State Rank	State Value	U.S. Value
<b>Social and Economic Factors</b>		<b>41</b>	<b>-0.562</b>	
<b>Community and Family Safety</b>	Child Victimization*	8	3.2	7.4
	Firearm Deaths *	40	10.0	5.9
	Injury Deaths	44	277	18.7
<b>Economic Resources</b>	Children in Poverty	24	14.4%	16.0%
	Children in Poverty - Racial Disparity	5	2.6	3.0
	Food Sufficiency	34	64.4%	66.6%
	Students Experiencing Homelessness	48	3.7%	2.4%
	WIC Coverage	46	38.4%	52.2%
<b>Education</b>	Early Childhood Education	36	42.7%	48.5%
	Fourth Grade Reading Proficiency	41	272%	30.5%
	High School Completion	19	92.0%	89.8%
<b>Social Support and Engagement</b>	Adult Mentor*	7	93.9%	88.0%
	Adverse Childhood Experiences	37	178%	14.1%
	Foster Care Instability	40	19.6%	15.2%
	High-Speed Internet	39	95.4%	96.0%
	Neighborhood Amenities	28	34.4%	38.2%
	Reading, Singing or Storytelling*	13	64.2%	59.7%

### Women and Children

		State Rank	State Value	U.S. Value
<b>Physical Environment</b>		<b>34</b>	<b>-0.039</b>	
<b>Air and Water Quality</b>	Air Pollution	21	75	8.6
	Drinking Water Violations	5	1.5	2.8
	Household Smoke	48	16.7%	10.3%
	Water Fluoridation	25	76.5%	72.3%
<b>Climate and Health</b>	Climate Policies	38	0	-
	Transportation Energy Use*	31	8.9	8.4
<b>Housing and Transportation</b>	Drive Alone to Work - Women	35	73.4%	67.3%
	Housing Cost Burden - Households with Children	5	22.4%	31.1%
	Housing with Lead Risk	31	17.7%	16.4%

# Measures

## Women

		State Rank	State Value	U.S. Value
<b>Clinical Care</b>		<b>37</b>	<b>-0.026</b>	
<b>Access to Care</b>	Adequate Prenatal Care	27	78.0%	75.2%
	Avoided Care Due to Cost	38	18.6%	17.4%
	Maternity Care Desert*	40	12.1	3.7
	Uninsured	31	10.4%	10.8%
	Women's Health Providers	31	43.3	47.8
<b>Preventive Clinical Care</b>	Cervical Cancer Screening	23	52.7%	51.6%
	Dental Visit	41	61.2%	64.1%
	Flu Vaccination	33	35.2%	35.5%
	Postpartum Visit*	35	89.1%	90.3%
	Well-Woman Visit	21	74.0%	72.7%
<b>Quality of Care</b>	Breastfeeding Initiation	38	81.5%	85.1%
	Dedicated Health Care Provider	30	79.9%	77.4%
	Low-Risk Cesarean Delivery	15	24.0%	26.6%
	Maternity Practices Score	38	77	82

<b>Behaviors</b>		<b>45</b>	<b>-0.793</b>	
<b>Nutrition and Physical Activity</b>	Exercise	31	26.6%	27.6%
	Fruit and Vegetable Consumption	35	7.7%	9.8%
	Physical Inactivity	31	22.0%	22.0%
<b>Sexual Health</b>	Chlamydia	37	1,613.0	1,481.2
	High-Risk HIV Behaviors	48	12.6%	9.3%
	Unintended Pregnancy*	18	22.4%	–
<b>Sleep Health</b>	Insufficient Sleep	24	36.1%	36.5%
<b>Smoking and Tobacco Use</b>	E-Cigarette Use*	31	12.9%	11.2%
	Smoking	47	15.2%	9.9%
	Smoking During Pregnancy	44	6.7%	3.0%

<b>Health Outcomes</b>		<b>42</b>	<b>-0.728</b>	
<b>Behavioral Health</b>	Drug Deaths*	35	35.6	28.6
	Excessive Drinking	46	23.7%	19.5%
	Frequent Mental Distress	46	29.4%	23.6%
	Illicit Drug Use	17	10.1%	10.5%
	Postpartum Anxiety*	35	24.6%	20.3%
	Postpartum Depression*	37	13.9%	11.9%
<b>Mortality</b>	Maternal Mortality*	29	25.4	23.5
	Mortality Rate	36	131.7	109.9
<b>Physical Health</b>	Depression*	30	36.0%	30.3%
	Diabetes*	10	2.8%	3.6%
	Frequent Physical Distress	30	10.6%	9.7%
	High Blood Pressure	26	11.9%	11.8%
	High Health Status*	33	50.7%	51.6%
	Multiple Chronic Conditions	36	5.8%	4.5%
	Obesity	34	35.5%	32.5%
Severe Maternal Morbidity*	29	95.1	94.7	

<b>Overall - Women</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>-0.348</b>
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## Children

		State Rank	State Value	U.S. Value
<b>Clinical Care</b>		<b>33</b>	<b>0.002</b>	
<b>Access to Care</b>	ADD/ADHD Treatment	36	3.3%	3.4%
	Mental Health Treatment*	5	89.6%	83.3%
	Pediatricians	6	156.7	116.1
	Uninsured	31	5.4%	5.4%
<b>Preventive Clinical Care</b>	Childhood Immunizations	19	68.6%	66.9%
	HPV Vaccination	36	57.7%	61.4%
	Preventive Dental Visit	47	74.9%	80.2%
	Well-Child Visit	8	82.7%	79.6%
<b>Quality of Care</b>	Adequate Insurance	32	63.3%	64.6%
	Developmental Screening	47	27.9%	36.5%
	Medical Home	20	49.4%	45.5%

<b>Behaviors</b>		<b>31</b>	<b>0.052</b>	
<b>Nutrition and Physical Activity</b>	Breastfed	14	28.9%	27.2%
	Physical Activity	24	20.8%	19.7%
	Soda Consumption*	17	12.4%	7.5%
<b>Sexual Health</b>	Dual Contraceptive Nonuse*	–	–	85.6%
	Teen Births	36	15.9	13.1
<b>Sleep Health</b>	Adequate Sleep	23	67.3%	65.3%
	Sleep Position*	21	72.9%	69.0%
<b>Smoking and Tobacco Use</b>	Electronic Vapor Product Use*	22	21.3%	16.8%
	Tobacco Use	28	2.0%	1.9%

<b>Health Outcomes</b>		<b>47</b>	<b>-0.775</b>	
<b>Behavioral Health</b>	Alcohol Use	25	6.8%	6.9%
	Flourishing	41	64.4%	66.7%
	Illicit Drug Use	38	8.1%	7.3%
	Mental Health Conditions	41	24.8%	20.5%
	Teen Suicide*	29	12.3	10.2
<b>Mortality</b>	Child Mortality	41	38.9	29.6
	Infant Mortality	35	6.5	5.6
	Neonatal Mortality*	29	3.9	3.6
<b>Physical Health</b>	Asthma	50	9.1%	6.8%
	Congenital Syphilis*	40	136.3	105.8
	High Health Status*	49	87.1%	89.9%
	Low Birth Weight	33	8.9%	8.6%
	Low Birth Weight - Racial Disparity	45	2.2	2.1
	Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome*	22	5.7	5.3
	Overweight or Obesity	32	31.8%	31.3%

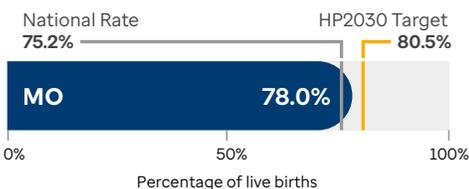
<b>Overall - Children</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>-0.370</b>
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## Overall - Women and Children **41 -0.391**

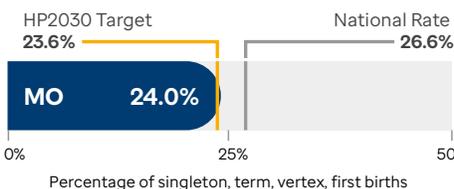
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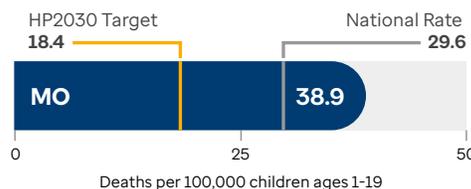
### Adequate Prenatal Care



### Low-Risk Cesarean Delivery



### Child Mortality



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