

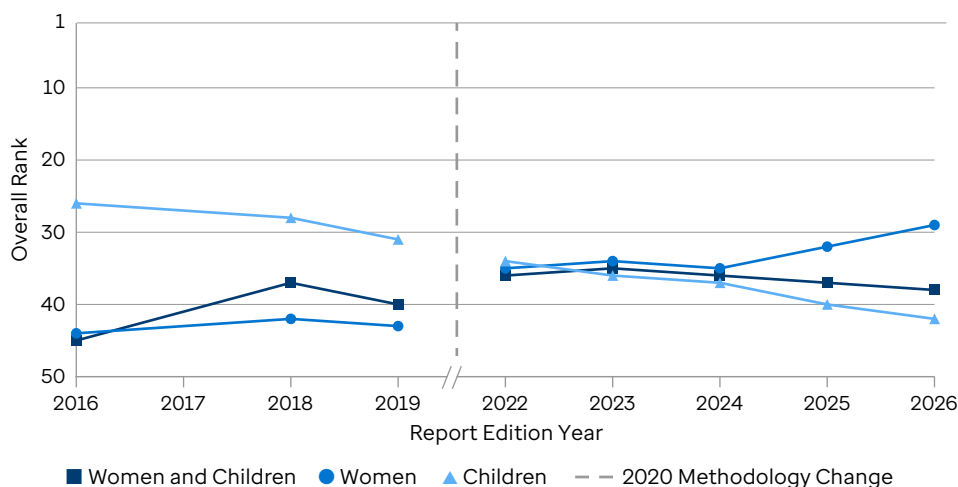
10 Years of Data

State rankings capture a decade of insights into women's and children's health.

Rankings are calculated using the sum of the z-scores of all weighted measures.

Source: America's Health Rankings composite measure, 2016-2026.

Note: No edition was published in 2017. The model methodology changed starting with the 2020 edition. Rankings were not published in the 2020 and 2021 editions. Children's rankings did not include infant measures until 2020.



Summary

Strengths

- Low prevalence of excessive drinking among women
- High prevalence of youth who are flourishing
- High prevalence of cervical cancer screening

Challenges

- High prevalence of asthma among children
- High prevalence of uninsured women
- Low prevalence of infants exclusively breastfed for six months

Key Findings

Frequent Mental Distress

85%▲

from 12.3% to 22.7% of women ages 18-44 between 2013-2014 and 2023-2024.

Teen Suicide

62%▲

from 6.8 to 11.0 deaths per 100,000 adolescents ages 15-19 between 2012-2014 and 2022-2024.

Cigarette Smoking

52%▼

from 15.6% to 7.5% of women ages 18-44 between 2013-2014 and 2023-2024.

Children in Poverty

38%▼

from 26.3% to 16.3% of children ages 0-17 between 2014 and 2024.

Measures

Women and Children

		State Rank	State Value	U.S. Value
Physical Environment		26	0.061	
Air and Water Quality	Air Pollution	42	9.2	8.8
	Drinking Water Violations	37	2.3	2.5
	Household Smoke	17	10.2%	10.3%
	Water Fluoridation	6	95.1%	72.3%
Climate and Health	Climate Policies	38	0	—
	Transportation Energy Use*	28	8.4	8.3
Housing and Transportation	Drive Alone to Work - Women	24	70.0%	67.4%
	Housing Cost Burden - Households With Children	35	27.3%	27.7%
	Housing With Lead Risk	6	8.4%	16.1%

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Measures (cont.)

Women		State Rank	State Value	U.S. Value
Social and Economic Factors		25	0.172	
Community and Family Safety	Firearm Deaths*	32	8.5	5.9
	Injury Deaths	21	48.4	47.0
	Intimate Partner Violence Before Pregnancy*	10	2.4%	—
Economic Resources	Concentrated Disadvantage	44	32.2%	25.8%
	Food Insecurity	41	14.6%	13.3%
	Gender Pay Gap*	41	79.9%	83.0%
	Poverty	24	14.2%	14.4%
	Unemployment	13	3.1%	3.9%
Education	College Graduate	27	375%	39.0%
Social Support and Engagement	Infant Child Care Affordability*	4	9%	12%
	Residential Segregation - Black/White	8	56	—
	Voter Participation	22	62.3%	60.0%
Clinical Care		46	-0.594	
Access to Care	Adequate Prenatal Care	40	73.2%	75.0%
	Avoided Care Due to Cost	47	24.4%	18.5%
	Maternity Care Desert*	37	6.9	3.5
	Uninsured	49	17.9%	11.2%
	Women's Health Providers	25	48.0	48.1
Preventive Clinical Care	Cervical Cancer Screening	1	75.2%	69.7%
	Dental Visit	40	64.0%	65.6%
	Flu Vaccination	43	27.3%	33.9%
	Postpartum Visit*	33	89.3%	90.3%
	Well-Woman Visit	39	71.2%	73.4%
Quality of Care	Breastfeeding Initiation	40	80.8%	85.4%
	Dedicated Health Care Provider	43	75.9%	77.9%
	Low-Risk Cesarean Delivery	46	29.8%	26.6%
	Maternity Practices Score	34	78	82
Behaviors		25	-0.008	
Nutrition and Physical Activity	Exercise	19	28.9%	27.6%
	Fruit and Vegetable Consumption	11	11.0%	9.8%
	Physical Inactivity	28	21.0%	22.0%
Sexual Health	Chlamydia	44	1,944.3	1,481.2
	High-Risk HIV Behaviors	19	8.4%	8.5%
	Unintended Pregnancy*	2	10.0%	—
Sleep Health	Insufficient Sleep	44	40.0%	36.5%
Smoking and Tobacco Use	Cigarette Smoking	12	75%	8.4%
	Cigarette Smoking During Pregnancy	10	1.7%	2.4%
	E-Cigarette Use	10	10.9%	11.7%
Health Outcomes		21	-0.075	
Behavioral Health	Drug Deaths*	16	22.0	25.0
	Excessive Drinking	6	15.9%	18.1%
	Frequent Mental Distress	16	22.7%	23.2%
	Illicit Drug Use	35	11.8%	10.5%
	Postpartum Anxiety*	24	21.3%	20.3%
	Postpartum Depression*	14	11.0%	11.9%
Mortality	Maternal Mortality*	33	28.5	23.1
	Mortality Rate	29	111.2	98.0
Physical Health	Depression*	6	26.5%	30.6%
	Diabetes*	22	3.1%	3.6%
	Frequent Physical Distress	19	9.6%	10.1%
	High Blood Pressure	40	14.0%	11.8%
	High Health Status*	23	50.3%	49.4%
	Multiple Chronic Conditions	9	3.7%	4.5%
	Obesity	32	35.8%	32.6%
	Severe Maternal Morbidity*	26	99.6	97.8
Overall - Women		29	-0.061	

GA Overall - Women and Children

* Unweighted measure that does not contribute to a state's overall rank.
 — Data not available, missing or suppressed.

Children		State Rank	State Value	U.S. Value
Social and Economic Factors		35	-0.238	
Community and Family Safety	Child Victimization*	15	5.0	7.2
	Firearm Deaths*	38	8.9	5.5
	Injury Deaths	31	21.5	17.8
Economic Resources	Children in Poverty	33	16.3%	15.5%
	Children in Poverty - Racial Disparity	6	2.7	3.0
	Food Sufficiency	31	65.2%	66.6%
	Students Experiencing Homelessness	22	2.5%	3.2%
	WIC Coverage	36	45.9%	54.5%
Education	Early Childhood Education	18	48.6%	49.3%
	Fourth Grade Reading Proficiency	28	30.4%	30.5%
	High School Completion	39	89.8%	89.9%
Social Support and Engagement	Adult Mentor*	34	88.5%	88.0%
	Adverse Childhood Experiences	28	15.8%	14.1%
	Foster Care Instability	33	22.3%	18.7%
	High-Speed Internet	27	96.8%	96.6%
	Neighborhood Amenities	37	27.7%	38.2%
	Reading, Singing or Storytelling*	47	50.8%	59.7%
Clinical Care		42	-0.381	
Access to Care	ADD/ADHD Treatment	26	3.7%	3.4%
	Mental Health Treatment*	47	76.8%	83.3%
	Pediatricians	31	96.7	118.2
	Uninsured	41	7.9%	6.0%
Preventive Clinical Care	Childhood Immunizations	49	58.7%	68.0%
	HPV Vaccination	26	65.3%	62.9%
	Preventive Dental Visit	36	79.0%	80.2%
	Well-Child Visit	26	80.1%	79.6%
Quality of Care	Adequate Insurance	39	61.7%	64.6%
	Developmental Screening	25	39.8%	36.5%
	Medical Home	42	44.4%	45.5%
Behaviors		48	-1.054	
Nutrition and Physical Activity	Breastfed	50	19.5%	27.9%
	Physical Activity	37	18.4%	19.7%
	Soda Consumption*	—	—	7.5%
Sexual Health	Dual Contraceptive Nonuse*	—	—	85.6%
	Teen Births	39	16.0	12.6
Sleep Health	Adequate Sleep	45	59.6%	65.3%
	Sleep Position*	45	58.8%	69.0%
Smoking and Tobacco Use	Electronic Vapor Product Use*	—	—	16.8%
	Tobacco Use	38	2.4%	1.9%
Health Outcomes		42	-0.546	
Behavioral Health	Alcohol Use	16	6.3%	6.8%
	Flourishing	13	67.3%	66.7%
	Illicit Drug Use	36	8.3%	7.4%
	Mental Health Conditions	17	20.5%	20.5%
	Teen Suicide*	23	11.0	9.7
Mortality	Child Mortality	35	34.5	28.7
	Infant Mortality	43	7.0	5.6
	Neonatal Mortality*	38	4.1	3.6
Physical Health	Asthma	45	8.5%	6.8%
	Congenital Syphilis*	33	100.7	105.8
	High Health Status*	32	90.3%	89.9%
	Low Birth Weight	48	10.3%	8.5%
	Low Birth Weight - Racial Disparity	28	2.1	2.1
	Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome*	10	3.2	5.1
	Overweight or Obesity	40	33.1%	31.3%
Overall - Children		42	-0.382	

38 -0.257