

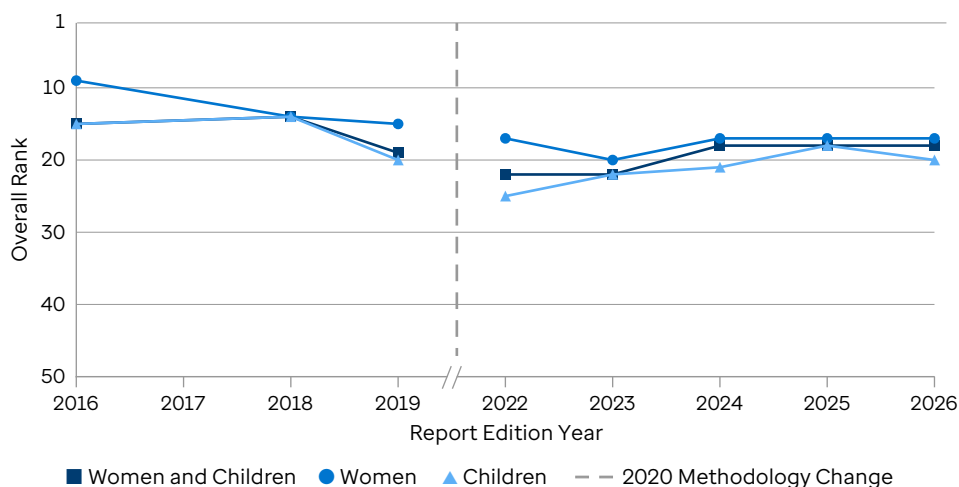
10 Years of Data

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

- High prevalence of high school completion
- Low prevalence of uninsured women
- Low housing cost burden among households with children

Challenges

- High prevalence of excessive drinking among women
- High prevalence of obesity among women
- Low prevalence of households with children that have high-speed internet

Key Findings

Cigarette Smoking During Pregnancy

75%▼

from 13.1% to 3.3% of women with a recent live birth between 2014 and 2024.

Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome

49%▼

from 8.5 to 4.3 diagnoses per 1,000 birth hospitalizations between 2017 and 2023.

Severe Maternal Morbidity

35%▲

from 61.3 to 82.7 complications per 10,000 delivery hospitalizations between 2016 and 2023.

Injury Deaths

24%▲

from 13.6 to 16.9 deaths per 100,000 children ages 1-19 between 2012-2014 and 2022-2024.

Measures

Women and Children

	State Rank	State Value	U.S. Value
Physical Environment	29	0.044	
Air and Water Quality	Air Pollution	39	8.6
	Drinking Water Violations	6	1.4
	Household Smoke	32	12.6%
	Water Fluoridation	19	84.6%
Climate and Health	Climate Policies	27	1
	Transportation Energy Use*	8	70
Housing and Transportation	Drive Alone to Work - Women	33	73.1%
	Housing Cost Burden - Households With Children	7	20.0%
	Housing With Lead Risk	38	20.8%

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Measures (cont.)

Women		State Rank	State Value	U.S. Value
Social and Economic Factors		16	0.408	
Community and Family Safety	Firearm Deaths*	19	6.2	5.9
	Injury Deaths	16	472	470
	Intimate Partner Violence Before Pregnancy*	17	4.1%	—
Economic Resources	Concentrated Disadvantage	14	13.4%	25.8%
	Food Insecurity	19	12.0%	13.3%
	Gender Pay Gap*	37	81.0%	83.0%
	Poverty	19	13.4%	14.4%
	Unemployment	7	2.8%	3.9%
Education	College Graduate	18	40.7%	39.0%
Social Support and Engagement	Infant Child Care Affordability*	36	14%	12%
	Residential Segregation - Black/White	48	77	—
	Voter Participation	4	68.9%	60.0%
Clinical Care		9	0.630	
Access to Care	Adequate Prenatal Care	8	82.5%	75.0%
	Avoided Care Due to Cost	11	15.2%	18.5%
	Maternity Care Desert*	25	3.5	3.5
	Uninsured	11	7.5%	11.2%
	Women's Health Providers	21	48.9	48.1
Preventive Clinical Care	Cervical Cancer Screening	16	71.3%	69.7%
	Dental Visit	33	66.0%	65.6%
	Flu Vaccination	12	39.5%	33.9%
	Postpartum Visit*	23	91.4%	90.3%
	Well-Woman Visit	28	74.1%	73.4%
Quality of Care	Breastfeeding Initiation	28	85.0%	85.4%
	Dedicated Health Care Provider	22	80.7%	77.9%
	Low-Risk Cesarean Delivery	7	22.6%	26.6%
	Maternity Practices Score	13	85	82
Behaviors		21	0.026	
Nutrition and Physical Activity	Exercise	33	26.5%	27.6%
	Fruit and Vegetable Consumption	22	9.7%	9.8%
	Physical Inactivity	27	20.8%	22.0%
Sexual Health	Chlamydia	25	1,417.1	1,481.2
	High-Risk HIV Behaviors	26	8.7%	8.5%
	Unintended Pregnancy*	14	20.9%	—
Sleep Health	Insufficient Sleep	7	32.0%	36.5%
Smoking and Tobacco Use	Cigarette Smoking	22	9.1%	8.4%
	Cigarette Smoking During Pregnancy	28	3.3%	2.4%
	E-Cigarette Use	23	12.6%	11.7%
Health Outcomes		22	-0.079	
Behavioral Health	Drug Deaths*	24	26.1	25.0
	Excessive Drinking	41	20.6%	18.1%
	Frequent Mental Distress	35	25.5%	23.2%
	Illicit Drug Use	9	8.9%	10.5%
	Postpartum Anxiety*	42	26.1%	20.3%
	Postpartum Depression*	31	12.9%	11.9%
Mortality	Maternal Mortality*	11	176	23.1
	Mortality Rate	13	88.5	98.0
Physical Health	Depression*	32	37.0%	30.6%
	Diabetes*	1	2.4%	3.6%
	Frequent Physical Distress	19	9.6%	10.1%
	High Blood Pressure	11	10.1%	11.8%
	High Health Status*	20	51.1%	49.4%
	Multiple Chronic Conditions	23	4.7%	4.5%
	Obesity	35	36.8%	32.6%
	Severe Maternal Morbidity*	11	82.7	97.8
Overall - Women		17	0.178	

WI 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		16	0.171	
Community and Family Safety	Child Victimization*	6	2.7	7.2
	Firearm Deaths*	21	5.5	5.5
	Injury Deaths	20	16.9	17.8
Economic Resources	Children in Poverty	17	12.2%	15.5%
	Children in Poverty - Racial Disparity	41	4.5	3.0
	Food Sufficiency	21	67.6%	66.6%
	Students Experiencing Homelessness	22	2.5%	3.2%
	WIC Coverage	21	54.5%	54.5%
Education	Early Childhood Education	33	44.1%	49.3%
	Fourth Grade Reading Proficiency	23	31.3%	30.5%
	High School Completion	9	93.7%	89.9%
Social Support and Engagement	Adult Mentor*	21	91.1%	88.0%
	Adverse Childhood Experiences	16	13.5%	14.1%
	Foster Care Instability	27	18.8%	18.7%
	High-Speed Internet	37	96.1%	96.6%
	Neighborhood Amenities	17	39.9%	38.2%
	Reading, Singing or Storytelling*	13	64.2%	59.7%
Clinical Care		12	0.565	
Access to Care	ADD/ADHD Treatment	23	3.8%	3.4%
	Mental Health Treatment*	19	86.0%	83.3%
	Pediatricians	20	116.4	118.2
	Uninsured	17	4.2%	6.0%
Preventive Clinical Care	Childhood Immunizations	6	77.0%	68.0%
	HPV Vaccination	16	67.2%	62.9%
	Preventive Dental Visit	33	79.3%	80.2%
	Well-Child Visit	19	81.1%	79.6%
Quality of Care	Adequate Insurance	36	62.3%	64.6%
	Developmental Screening	12	45.5%	36.5%
	Medical Home	12	51.4%	45.5%
Behaviors		6	0.768	
Nutrition and Physical Activity	Breastfed	20	30.7%	27.9%
	Physical Activity	4	24.9%	19.7%
	Soda Consumption*	—	—	7.5%
Sexual Health	Dual Contraceptive Nonuse*	1	70.8%	85.6%
	Teen Births	14	9.7	12.6
Sleep Health	Adequate Sleep	15	70.2%	65.3%
	Sleep Position*	7	78.6%	69.0%
Smoking and Tobacco Use	Electronic Vapor Product Use*	9	15.7%	16.8%
	Tobacco Use	19	1.9%	1.9%
Health Outcomes		31	-0.196	
Behavioral Health	Alcohol Use	33	7.4%	6.8%
	Flourishing	27	65.8%	66.7%
	Illicit Drug Use	10	6.2%	7.4%
	Mental Health Conditions	24	22.3%	20.5%
	Teen Suicide*	23	11.0	9.7
Mortality	Child Mortality	20	27.7	28.7
	Infant Mortality	24	5.8	5.6
	Neonatal Mortality*	22	3.6	3.6
Physical Health	Asthma	14	6.2%	6.8%
	Congenital Syphilis*	15	41.6	105.8
	High Health Status*	37	89.7%	89.9%
	Low Birth Weight	16	7.8%	8.5%
	Low Birth Weight - Racial Disparity	50	2.6	2.1
	Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome*	13	4.3	5.1
	Overweight or Obesity	39	32.9%	31.3%
Overall - Children		20	0.185	

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