Overall Rank: 30
Change: ▼ 3
Determinants Rank: 33
Outcomes Rank: 15

Strengths:
• Low percentage of children in poverty
• Low prevalence of low birthweight
• Low prevalence of diabetes

Challenges:
• Low percentage of high school graduation
• High violent crime rate
• High percentage of population without insurance

Rating:
Alaska is 30th this year; it was 27th in 2015. The state ranks 21st for senior health and 28th for the health of women and children.

Highlights:
• In the past year, children in poverty decreased 20% from 15.6% to 12.5% of children.
• In the past year, Salmonella incidence decreased 22% from 11.9 to 9.3 cases per 100,000 population.
• In the past two years, violent crime increased 21% from 603 to 730 offenses per 100,000 population.
• In the past seven years, preventable hospitalizations decreased 42% from 62.4 to 36.0 discharges per 1,000 Medicare enrollees.
• In the past year, infant mortality increased 13% from 5.4 to 6.1 deaths per 1,000 live births.

State Health Department Website: dhss.alaska.gov/Pages/default.aspx

BEHAVIORS

| Star Rating | 2016 Value | Rank | No. 1
|-------------|------------|------|-------
| Drug Deaths (deaths per 100,000 population) | ★★ | 16.0 | 34 | 4.0
| Excessive Drinking (% of adults) | ★ | 22.1 | 48 | 11.2
| High School Graduation (% of students) | ★ | 75.6 | 46 | 90.8
| Obesity (% of adults) | ★★★ | 29.8 | 24 | 20.2
| Physical inactivity (% of adults) | ★★★★ | 22.0 | 10 | 17.9
| Smoking (% of adults) | ★ | 19.1 | 34 | 9.1
| Behaviors Total* | ★ | -0.130 | 42 | 0.273

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT

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| Immunizations—Adolescents (mean z score of HPV, meningococcal, and Tdap)* | ★ | -1.597 | 48 | 1.783
| HPV Females (% of females aged 13 to 17 years) | ★★ | 36.9 | 35 | 66.0
| HPV Males (% of males aged 13 to 17 years) | ★ | 18.8 | 45 | 58.1
| Meningococcal (% of adolescents aged 13 to 17 years) | ★ | 55.7 | 48 | 97.7
| Tdap (% of adolescents aged 13 to 17 years) | ★ | 69.7 | 50 | 97.1
| Immunizations—Children (% of children aged 19 to 35 months) | ★ ★ | 66.3 | 48 | 80.6
| Lack of Health Insurance (% of population) | ★ | 16.1 | 49 | 3.1
| Public Health Funding (dollars per person) | ★★★★ | $261 | 1 | $261
| Policy Total* | ★ | -0.111 | 47 | 0.165

POLICY

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| Dentists (number per 100,000 population) | ★★★★ | 80.8 | 2 | 81.5
| Low Birthweight (% of live births) | ★★★★★ | 5.9 | 1 | 5.9
| Preventable Hospitalizations (discharges per 1,000 Medicare enrollees) | ★★★★ | 36.0 | 8 | 23.5
| Primary Care Physicians (number per 100,000 population) | ★★★ | 134.1 | 28 | 247.7
| Clinical Care Total*: | ★★★★ | 0.170 | 1 | 0.170
| ALL DETERMINANTS* | ★★ | -0.139 | 33 | 0.648

CLINICAL CARE

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| Cancer Deaths (deaths per 100,000 population) | ★★★ | 193.3 | 29 | 149.3
| Cardiovascular Deaths (deaths per 100,000 population) | ★★★★★ | 214.1 | 9 | 188.2
| Diabetes (% of adults) | ★★★ | 7.6 | 3 | 6.8
| Disparity in Health Status (% difference by high school education) | ★★★ | 25.1 | 13 | 14.8
| Frequent Mental Distress (% of adults) | ★★★★ | 11.0 | 20 | 7.1
| Frequent Physical Distress (% of adults) | ★★★ | 9.2 | 2 | 8.5
| Infant Mortality (deaths per 1,000 live births) | ★ | 6.1 | 27 | 4.3
| Premature Death (years lost per 100,000 population) | ★ | 7,857 | 35 | 5,389
| ALL OUTCOMES* | ★★★★ | 0.108 | 15 | 0.289
| OVERALL* | ★★★★ | -0.031 | 30 | 0.905

OUTCOMES

SMOKING

OBESITY

* Value indicates z score. Negative scores are below US value; positive scores are above US value.
For complete definitions of measures including data sources and years, see Table 5.