Arkansas

Overall Rank: 48
Change: no change
Determinants Rank: 48
Outcomes Rank: 46

Strengths:
• Low prevalence of excessive drinking
• High Tdap immunization coverage among adolescents
• Small disparity in health status by educational attainment

Challenges:
• High prevalence of obesity
• High prevalence of smoking
• High prevalence of frequent mental distress

Ranking:
Arkansas is 48th this year; it was 48th in 2015. The state ranks 47th for senior health and 49th for the health of women and children.

Highlights:
• In the past two years, excessive drinking increased 12% from 13.7% to 15.3% of adults.
• In the past year, children in poverty decreased 30% from 29.7% to 20.8% of children.
• From the previous edition, violent crime increased 13% from 460 to 521 offenses per 100,000 population.
• In the past year, meningococcal immunization among adolescents aged 13 to 17 years increased 26% from 64.8% to 81.5%.
• In the past five years, the percentage of the population without health insurance decreased 43% from 18.9% to 10.7%.

State Health Department Website: www.healthy.arkansas.gov