

# Louisiana

State Health Department Website: [ldh.la.gov](https://ldh.la.gov)

Overall Rank:

# 50

## Summary

### Strengths:

- Low Black/white residential segregation
- High prevalence of having a dedicated health care provider
- High adolescent HPV vaccination rate

### Challenges:

- High premature death rate
- High economic hardship index score
- High prevalence of physical inactivity

### Highlights:

#### UNINSURED

# ▼57%

from 17.5% to 7.6% of the population between 2011 and 2021.

#### DRUG DEATHS

# ▲50%

from 27.5 to 41.2 deaths per 100,000 population between 2019 and 2020.

#### FOOD INSECURITY

# ▼21%

from 18.3% to 14.5% of households between 2014-2016 and 2019-2021.

Measures		Rating	State Rank	State Value	U.S. Value
SOCIAL & ECONOMIC FACTORS*		+	50	-1.151	
Community and Family Safety	Occupational Fatalities (deaths per 100,000 workers)	++	36	5.7	3.9
	Public Health Funding (dollars per person)	+++	23	\$126	\$116
	Violent Crime (offenses per 100,000 population)	+	46	639	399
Economic Resources	Economic Hardship Index (index from 1-100)	+	50	100	—
	Food Insecurity (% of households)	+	48	14.5%	10.4%
	Income Inequality (80/20 ratio)	+	49	5.76	4.96
Education	Fourth Grade Reading Proficiency (% of public school students)	+	41	28.3%	32.1%
	High School Graduation (% of students)	+	47	80.1%	85.8%
	High School Graduation Racial Disparity (percentage point difference)**	++	38	18.8	15.1
Social Support and Engagement	Adverse Childhood Experiences (% ages 0-17)	+	42	18.6%	14.0%
	High-speed Internet (% of households)	+	46	88.8%	92.4%
	Residential Segregation — Black/White (index from 0-100)	++++	11	58	—
	Volunteerism (% ages 16+)	+	44	28.2%	33.4%
	Voter Participation (% of U.S. citizens ages 18+)	+	41	55.9%	60.1%
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT*		+	48	-0.509	
Air and Water Quality	Air Pollution (micrograms of fine particles per cubic meter)	+++	23	7.4	7.8
	Drinking Water Violations (% of community water systems)	+	42	1.8%	0.8%
	Risk-screening Environmental Indicator Score (unitless score)	+	46	15,462,048	—
	Water Fluoridation (% of population served)	+	45	39.0%	73.0%
Housing and Transit	Drive Alone to Work (% of workers ages 16+)	+	48	79.3%	67.8%
	Housing With Lead Risk (% of housing stock)	++++	18	12.9%	16.9%
	Severe Housing Problems (% of occupied housing units)	+++	30	15.5%	17.0%
CLINICAL CARE*		+	42	-0.705	
Access to Care	Avoided Care Due to Cost (% ages 18+)	+	42	11.6%	8.8%
	Providers (per 100,000 population)				
	Dental Care	+	44	47.6	60.6
	Mental Health	+++	26	295.4	305.0
	Primary Care	++	39	243.9	265.3
	Uninsured (% of population)	+++	27	7.6%	8.6%
Preventive Clinical Services	Colorectal Cancer Screening (% ages 50-75)	+++	28	73.1%	74.3%
	Dental Visit (% ages 18+)	+	45	59.1%	66.7%
	Immunizations				
	Childhood Immunizations (% by age 24 months)	+	49	64.3%	70.5%
	Flu Vaccination (% ages 18+)	+	44	39.0%	46.5%
	HPV Vaccination (% ages 13-17)	+++	23	63.9%	61.7%
Quality of Care	Dedicated Health Care Provider (% ages 18+)	++++	18	85.6%	84.1%
	Preventable Hospitalizations (discharges per 100,000 Medicare beneficiaries)	+	49	3,726	2,770
BEHAVIORS*		+	50	-1.469	
Nutrition and Physical Activity	Exercise (% ages 18+)	+	42	19.7%	23.0%
	Fruit and Vegetable Consumption (% ages 18+)	++	39	6.2%	7.4%
	Physical Inactivity (% ages 18+)	+	44	29.4%	23.7%
Sexual Health	Chlamydia (new cases per 100,000 population)	+	49	709.8	481.3
	High-risk HIV Behaviors (% ages 18+)	+	50	7.3%	5.6%
	Teen Births (births per 1,000 females ages 15-19)	+	48	25.7	15.4
Sleep Health	Insufficient Sleep (% ages 18+)	+	46	36.0%	32.3%
Smoking and Tobacco Use	E-cigarette Use (% ages 18+)*	+	45	9.0%	6.7%
	Smoking (% ages 18+)	+	44	19.5%	14.4%
HEALTH OUTCOMES*		+	50	-1.109	
Behavioral Health	Drug Deaths (deaths per 100,000 population)*	+	44	41.2	27.9
	Excessive Drinking (% ages 18+)	++	37	18.9%	17.3%
	Frequent Mental Distress (% ages 18+)	+	44	17.8%	14.7%
	Non-medical Drug Use (% ages 18+)	+	42	18.2%	15.5%
Mortality	Premature Death (years lost before age 75 per 100,000 population)	+	48	12,377	8,659
	Premature Death Racial Disparity (ratio)**	++++	20	1.4	1.6
Physical Health	Frequent Physical Distress (% ages 18+)	+	44	14.0%	10.9%
	Low Birthweight (% of live births)	+	49	10.9%	8.2%
	Low Birthweight Racial Disparity (ratio)**	++	37	2.1	2.0
	Multiple Chronic Conditions (% ages 18+)	+	42	12.9%	9.6%
	Obesity (% ages 18+)	+	43	38.6%	33.9%
OVERALL*		+	50	-1.073	

\* Value is a sum of weighted, ranking measure z-scores (the number of standard deviations a state value was above or below the U.S. value).

Higher summation scores are better. Scores are not calculated for the District of Columbia.

\*\* Disparity measures compare the group with the highest or lowest rate and the white rate.

\* Non-ranking measure.

— Data not available, missing or suppressed.

For measure descriptions, source details and methodologies, visit [AmericasHealthRankings.org](https://AmericasHealthRankings.org).

Rating	Rank
++++	1-10
+++	11-20
++	21-30
+	31-40
	41-50