OVERALL RANK: 50

Mississippi

**Overall Rankings**

**States**

**Health of Women and Children**

**Senior Report Rank:** 50

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**Strengths:**
- Low prevalence of excessive drinking
- Small difference in health status by high school education
- Low drug death rate

**Challenges:**
- High prevalence of obesity
- High percentage of children in poverty
- High cardiovascular death rate

**Highlights:**
- Since 2012, smoking decreased 21% from 26.0% to 20.5% of adults
- In the past 15 years, air pollution decreased 39% from 12.7 to 7.7 micrograms of fine particles per cubic meter
- Since 1993, low birthweight increased 21% from 9.6% to 11.6% of live births
- In the past three years, primary care physicians increased 8% from 102.3 to 110.8 per 100,000 population
- In the past five years, premature death increased 7% from 10,354 to 11,043 years lost before age 75 per 100,000 population
- Since 2012, diabetes increased 15% from 12.4% to 14.3% of adults

**Behaviors**

- Drug Deaths (deaths per 100,000 population) ++++
- Excessive Drinking (% of adults) ++++
- High School Graduation (% of students) +
- Obesity (% of adults) +
- Physical Inactivity (% of adults) +
- Smoking (% of adults) +

**Community & Environment**

- Air Pollution (micrograms of fine particles per cubic meter)
- Infectious Disease (mean z score of chlamydia, pertussis and Salmonella)
- Infectious Disease:
  - Chlamydia (cases per 100,000 population)
  - Pertussis (cases per 100,000 population)
  - Salmonella (cases per 100,000 population)
- Occupational Fatalities (deaths per 100,000 workers)
- Violent Crime (offenses per 100,000 population)

**Policy**

- Immunizations—Adolescents (mean z score of HPV, meningococcal and Tdap)
- Immunizations—HPV Females (% ages 13–17)
- Immunizations—HPV Males (% ages 13–17)
- Immunizations—Meningococcal (% ages 13–17)
- Immunizations—Td (ages 13–17)
- Immunizations—Children (% ages 19–35 months)
- Public Health Funding (dollars per person)
- Uninsured (% of population)

**Clinical Care**

- Dentists (number per 100,000 population)
- Low Birthweight (% of live births)
- Mental Health Providers (number per 100,000 population)
- Preventable Hospitalizations (discharges per 1,000 Medicare enrollees)
- Primary Care Physicians (number per 100,000 population)

**Outcomes**

- Cancer Deaths (deaths per 100,000 population)
- Cardiovascular Deaths (deaths per 100,000 population)
- Diabetes (% of adults)
- Disparity in Health Status (% difference by high school education)
- Frequent Mental Distress (% of adults)
- Frequent Physical Distress (% of adults)
- Infant Mortality (deaths per 1,000 live births)
- Premature Death (years lost before age 75 per 100,000 population)

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*Value indicates z score. Negative scores are below U.S. value; positive scores are above U.S. value. Years reflect edition year, not data source year. For measure definitions, including data sources and years, see Table 9.*

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