New Jersey

Overall Rank: 9
Change: ▲ 2
Determinants Rank: 7
Outcomes Rank: 11

Strengths:
• Low prevalence of smoking
• Low incidence of chlamydia
• Low infant mortality rate

Challenges:
• High prevalence of physical inactivity
• Low per capita public health funding
• Large disparity in health status by educational attainment

Ranking:
New Jersey is 9th this year; it was 11th in 2015. The state ranks 16th for senior health and 19th for the health of women and children.

Highlights:
• In the past three years, drug deaths increased 103% from 6.9 to 14.0 deaths per 100,000 population.
• In the past three years, smoking decreased 22% from 17.3% to 13.5% of adults.
• In the past five years, chlamydia incidence increased 22% from 275.3 to 336.0 cases per 100,000 population.
• In the past year, immunizations among children aged 19 to 35 months increased 14% from 67.2% to 76.5%.
• In the past five years, infant mortality decreased 19% from 5.4 to 4.4 deaths per 1,000 live births.

State Health Department Website: www.state.nj.us/health