South Carolina

OVERALL RANK: 42
Change: ▲ 1

Strengths:
- Low prevalence of excessive drinking
- Low levels of air pollution
- Low drug death rate

Challenges:
- High percentage of children in poverty
- High prevalence of low birthweight
- High prevalence of frequent mental distress

Highlights:
- In the past three years, drug deaths increased 34% from 13.4 to 18.0 deaths per 100,000 population
- Since 2013, high school graduation increased 13% from 74.0% to 83.6% of students
- Since 2003, air pollution decreased 45% from 13.5 to 7.4 micrograms of fine particles per cubic meter
- In the past three years, occupational fatalities increased 44% from 4.8 to 6.9 deaths per 100,000 workers
- Infant mortality decreased 4% from 7.0 to 6.7 deaths per 1,000 live births in the past year, and 48% since 1990
- In the past year, frequent mental distress increased 6% from 13.9% to 14.8% of adults

Senior Report Rank: 34
Health of Women and Children Report Rank: 36
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**Community & Environment**

- Air Pollution (micrograms of fine particles per cubic meter)
  - +++ 7.4 25 4.4
- Infectious Disease (mean z score of chlamydia, pertussis and Salmonella)*
  - + 22.6 43 9.5
- Infectious Diseases—Adolescents
  - ++ 0.887 49 1.230
- Infectious Diseases—Children (% ages 19–35 months)
  - + 641.6 46 228.0
- Occupational Fatalities (deaths per 100,000 workers)
  - + 29.3 48 6.5
- Violent Crime (offenses per 100,000 population)
  - + 6.9 43 2.7
- Community & Environment Total*
  - -0.013 46 0.206

**Policy**

- Immunizations—Adolescents (mean z score of HPV, meningococcal and Tdap)***
  - + -0.665 40 1.863
- Preventable Hospitalizations (discharges per 1,000 Medicare enrollees)
  - ++ 174.1 39 626.6
- Preventable Hospitalizations (discharges per 1,000 Medicare enrollees)***
  - + 45.6 18 23.3
- Primary Care Physicians (number per 100,000 population)
  - ++ 131.3 35 274.9
- Policy Total*
  - -0.081 45 0.206

**Clinical Care**

- Dentists (number per 100,000 population)
  - + 478.8 44 82.7
- Low Birthweight (% of live births)
  - + 9.7 48 6.2
- Mental Health Providers (number per 100,000 population)
  - ++ 1741 39 626.6
- Preventable Hospitalizations (discharges per 1,000 Medicare enrollees)***
  - + 45.6 18 23.3
- Primary Care Physicians (number per 100,000 population)
  - ++ 131.3 35 274.9
- Clinical Care Total*
  - -0.103 40 0.188
- All Determinants*
  - -0.411 45 0.687

**Outcomes**

- Cancer Deaths (deaths per 100,000 population)
  - ++ 2017 38 149.8
- Cardiovascular Deaths (deaths per 100,000 population)
  - + 2785.6 36 193.8
- Diabetes (% of adults)
  - + 13.3 43 7.0
- Disparity in Health Status (% difference by high school education)
  - ++ 26.4 26 14.5
- Frequent Mental Distress (% of adults)
  - + 14.8 26 9.3
- Frequent Physical Distress (% of adults)
  - + 13.2 34 9.6
- Infant Mortality (deaths per 1,000 live births)
  - + 6.7 38 3.8
- Premature Death (years lost before age 75 per 100,000 population)
  - + 9.255 41 5.665
- All Outcomes*
  - -0.184 41 0.234
- OVERALL*
  - -0.595 42 0.850

* 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.