West Virginia

OVERALL RANK: 45

Change: ▼1

Strengths:
- Low prevalence of excessive drinking
- Low incidence of chlamydia
- High immunization coverage among children

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

Highlights:
- Drug deaths increased 50% from 32.2 to 48.3 deaths per 100,000 population in the past three years, and 120% since 2007
- In the past year, violent crime decreased 17% from 351 to 290 offenses per 100,000 population after steadily increasing since 1990
- In the past three years, occupational fatalities increased 26% from 6.8 to 8.6 deaths per 100,000 workers
- In the past year, frequent mental distress increased 9% from 17.3% to 18.9% of adults
- In the past seven years, immunizations among children ages 19-35 months increased 23% from 60.9% to 74.7%
- Since 2003, air pollution decreased 47% from 14.4 to 7.6 micrograms of fine particles per cubic meter

Senior Report Rank: 46
Health of Women and Children Report Rank: 42

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