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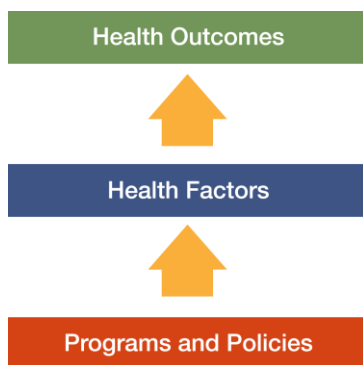
Introduction

Where we live matters to our health. The health of a community depends on many different factors, including quality of health care, individual behavior, education and jobs, and the environment. We can improve a community's health through programs and policies. For example, people who live in communities with ample park and recreation space are more likely to exercise, which reduces heart disease risk. People who live in communities with smoke-free laws are less likely to smoke or to be exposed to second-hand smoke, which reduces lung cancer risk.

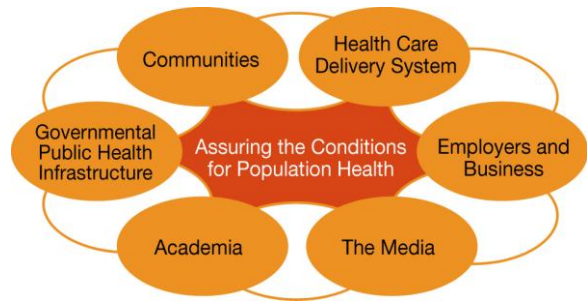
The problem is that there are big differences in health across communities, with some places being much healthier than others. And up to now, it has been hard to get a standard way to measure how healthy a county is and see where they can improve.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute are pleased to present the 2010 *County Health Rankings*, a collection of 50 reports that reflect the overall health of counties in every state across the country. For the first time, counties can get a snapshot of how healthy their residents are by comparing their overall health and the factors that influence their health, with other counties in their state. This will allow them to see county-to-county where they are doing well and where they need to improve. Everyone has a stake in community health. We all need to work together to find solutions. The *County Health Rankings* serve as both a call to action and a needed tool in this effort.

All of the *County Health Rankings* are based upon this model of population health improvement:



In this model, health outcomes are measures that describe the current health status of a county. These health outcomes are influenced by a set of health factors. These health factors and their outcomes may also be affected by community-based programs and policies designed to alter their distribution in the community. Counties can improve health outcomes by addressing all health factors with effective, evidence-based programs and policies.



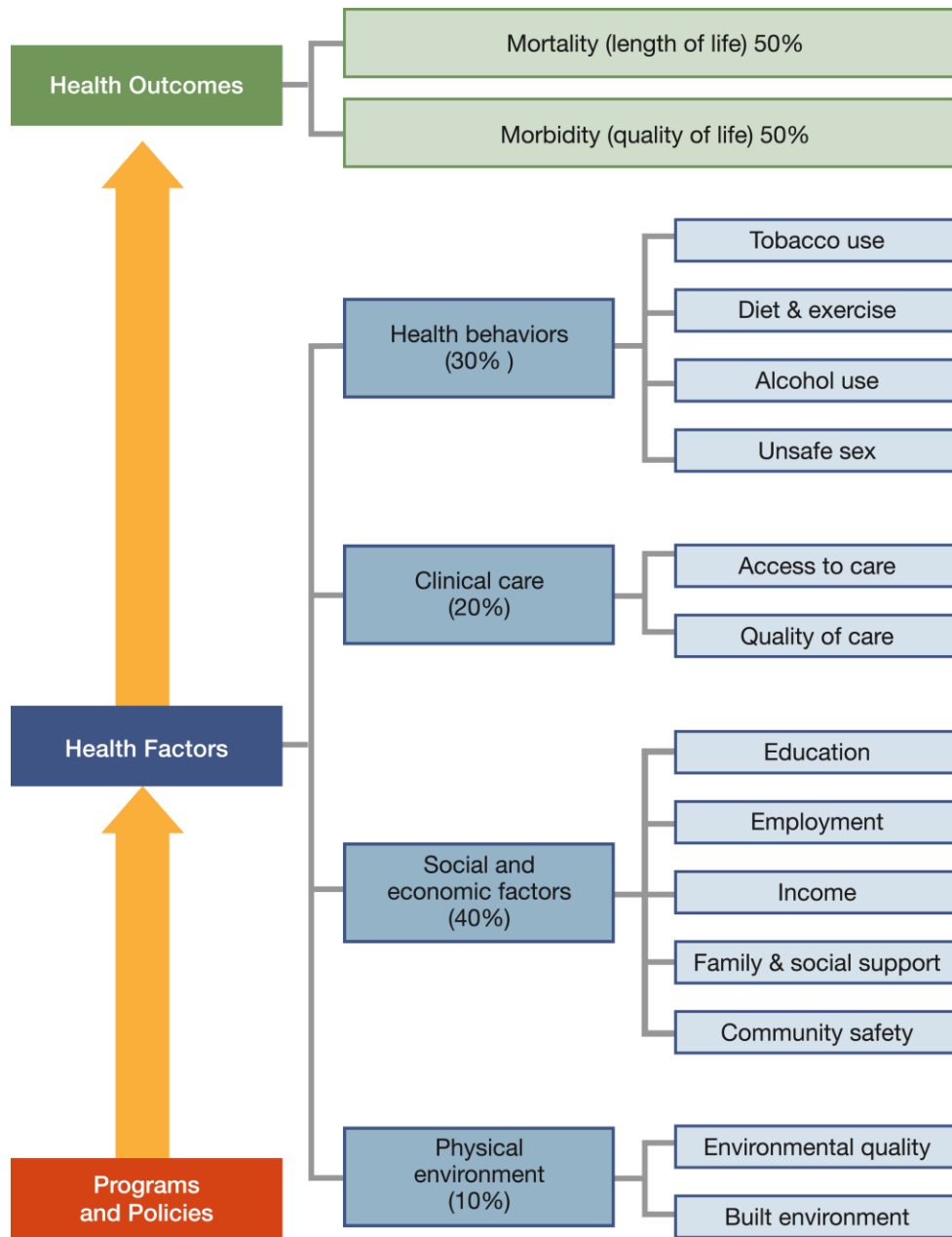
Institute of Medicine, 2002

To compile the *Rankings*, we built on our prior work in Wisconsin, worked closely with staff from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Dartmouth College, and obtained input from a team of expert advisors. Together we selected a number of population health measures based on scientific relevance, importance, and availability of data at the county level. For a more detailed explanation of the choice of measures, see www.countyhealthrankings.org.

The Rankings

This report ranks Michigan counties according to their summary measures of **health outcomes** and **health factors**, as well as the components used to create each summary measure. The figure below depicts the structure of the *Rankings* model. Counties receive a rank for each population health component; those having high ranks (e.g., 1 or 2) are estimated to be the “healthiest.”

Our summary **health outcomes** rankings are based on an equal weighting of mortality and morbidity measures. The summary health **factors** rankings are based on weighted scores of four types of factors: behavioral, clinical, social and economic, and environmental. The weights for the factors (shown in parentheses in the figure) are based upon a review of the literature and expert input, but represent just one way of combining these factors.

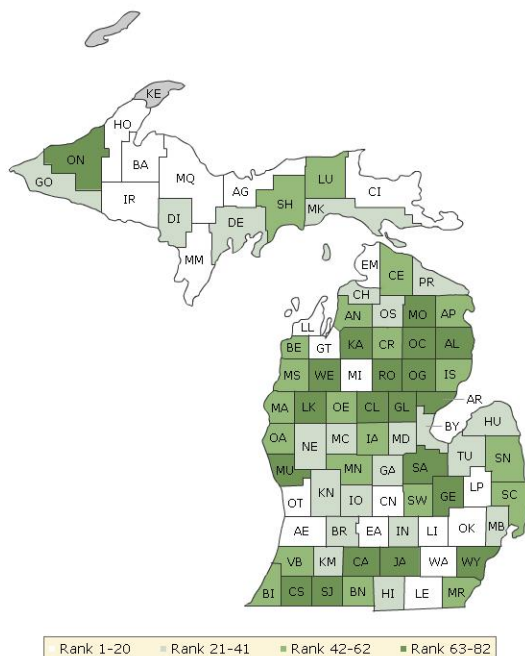


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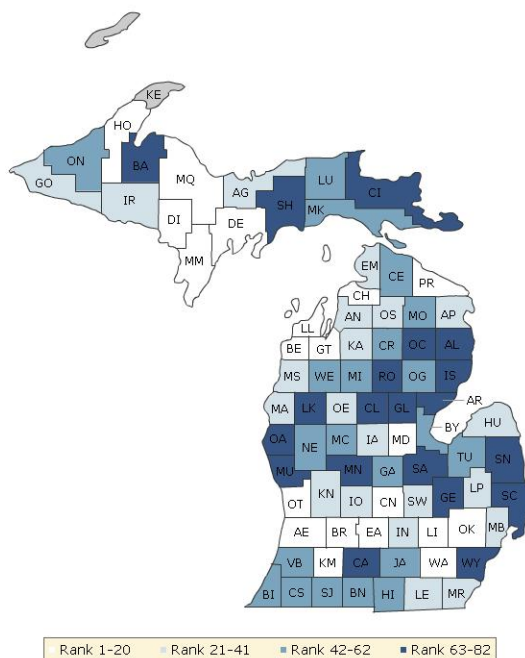
The maps on this page display Michigan's counties divided into groups by health rank. The lighter colors indicate better performance in the respective summary rankings. The green map shows the distribution of summary health outcomes. The blue displays the distribution of the summary rank for health factors.

Maps help locate the healthiest and least healthy counties in the state. The health factors map appears similar to the health outcomes map, showing how health factors and health outcomes are closely related.

HEALTH OUTCOMES



HEALTH FACTORS



Summary Health Outcomes & Health Factors Rankings

Counties receive two summary ranks:

- Health Outcomes
- Health Factors

Each of these ranks represents a weighted summary of a number of measures.

Health outcomes represent how healthy a county is while health factors are what influences the health of the county.

Rank	Health Outcomes	Rank	Health Factors
1	Livingston	1	Washtenaw
2	Ottawa	2	Livingston
3	Leelanau	3	Ottawa
4	Alger	4	Oakland
5	Clinton	5	Clinton
6	Emmet	6	Marquette
7	Washtenaw	7	Grand Traverse
8	Grand Traverse	8	Leelanau
9	Marquette	9	Midland
10	Houghton	10	Dickinson
11	Lapeer	11	Charlevoix
12	Eaton	12	Delta
13	Menominee	13	Kalamazoo
14	Allegan	14	Houghton
15	Lenawee	15	Allegan
16	Chippewa	16	Benzie
17	Iron	17	Eaton
18	Oakland	18	Barry
19	Baraga	19	Presque Isle
20	Missaukee	20	Menominee
21	Ionia	21	Huron
22	Kent	22	Isabella
23	Midland	23	Emmet
24	Dickinson	24	Lenawee
25	Charlevoix	25	Kent
26	Presque Isle	26	Macomb
27	Gogebic	27	Gogebic
28	Gratiot	28	Alger
29	Hillsdale	29	Manistee
30	Mackinac	30	Ingham
31	Barry	31	Antrim
32	Ingham	32	Mason
33	Huron	33	Ionia
34	Macomb	34	Kalkaska
35	Otsego	35	Monroe
36	Mecosta	36	Shiawassee
37	Kalamazoo	37	Alpena
38	Tuscola	38	Otsego
39	Newaygo	39	Iron
40	Delta	40	Osceola

Rank	Health Outcomes	Rank	Health Factors
41	Bay	41	Lapeer
42	Isabella	42	Ontonagon
43	Antrim	43	Mecosta
44	Mason	44	Missaukee
45	Osceola	45	Tuscola
46	Van Buren	46	Wexford
47	Branch	47	Van Buren
48	St. Clair	48	Bay
49	Monroe	49	Crawford
50	Montcalm	50	Cass
51	Benzie	51	Newaygo
52	Luce	52	Ogemaw
53	Crawford	53	Jackson
54	Alpena	54	Gratiot
55	Iosco	55	Berrien
56	Sanilac	56	Hillsdale
57	Cheboygan	57	Mackinac
58	Shiawassee	58	St. Joseph
59	Berrien	59	Luce
60	Schoolcraft	60	Branch
61	Oceana	61	Montmorency
62	Manistee	62	Cheboygan
63	Cass	63	Alcona
64	Muskegon	64	Schoolcraft
65	Jackson	65	St. Clair
66	Kalkaska	66	Arenac
67	Oscoda	67	Chippewa
68	Wexford	68	Oceana
69	St. Joseph	69	Roscommon
70	Roscommon	70	Muskegon
71	Ogemaw	71	Oscoda
72	Arenac	72	Montcalm
73	Saginaw	73	Calhoun
74	Montmorency	74	Iosco
75	Calhoun	75	Baraga
76	Alcona	76	Clare
77	Gladwin	77	Sanilac
78	Genesee	78	Gladwin
79	Ontonagon	79	Saginaw
80	Lake	80	Lake
81	Wayne	81	Genesee
82	Clare	82	Wayne

Not Ranked: Keweenaw

Health Outcomes Rankings

The summary health outcomes ranking is based on measures of mortality and morbidity. Each county's ranks for mortality and morbidity are displayed here. The mortality rank, representing length of life, is based on a measure of premature death: the years of potential life lost prior to age 75.

The morbidity rank is based on measures that represent health-related quality of life and birth outcomes. We combine four morbidity measures: self-reported fair or poor health, poor physical health days, poor mental health days, and the percent of births with low birthweight.

Rank	Mortality	Morbidity
1	Leelanau	Houghton
2	Alger	Mackinac
3	Ottawa	Livingston
4	Emmet	Iron
5	Clinton	Ottawa
6	Livingston	Marquette
7	Washtenaw	Grand Traverse
8	Eaton	Dickinson
9	Grand Traverse	Lapeer
10	Menominee	Allegan
11	Lapeer	Washtenaw
12	Oakland	Missaukee
13	Marquette	Charlevoix
14	Baraga	Crawford
15	Chippewa	Clinton
16	Lenawee	Alger
17	Ionia	Emmet
18	Kent	Lenawee
19	Allegan	Gogebic
20	Presque Isle	Benzie
21	Midland	Eaton
22	Delta	Otsego
23	Kalamazoo	Chippewa
24	Missaukee	Leelanau
25	Barry	Van Buren
26	Macomb	Midland
27	Ingham	Tuscola
28	Charlevoix	Menominee
29	Mecosta	Newaygo
30	Antrim	Ionia
31	Hillsdale	Baraga
32	Gratiot	Kent
33	St. Clair	Schoolcraft
34	Manistee	Osceola
35	Bay	Presque Isle
36	Houghton	Oakland
37	Huron	Ogemaw
38	Monroe	Huron
39	Dickinson	Isabella
40	Gogebic	Gratiot

Rank	Mortality	Morbidity
41	Iron	Hillsdale
42	Shiawassee	Branch
43	Mason	Mason
44	Montcalm	Lake
45	Oceana	Roscommon
46	Kalkaska	Iosco
47	Muskegon	Barry
48	Alpena	Montcalm
49	Branch	Ingham
50	Cass	Luce
51	Otsego	Bay
52	Luce	Mecosta
53	Isabella	Macomb
54	Cheboygan	Arenac
55	Newaygo	Wexford
56	Tuscola	Monroe
57	Osceola	Oscoda
58	Sanilac	Sanilac
59	Berrien	Montmorency
60	Jackson	St. Joseph
61	Van Buren	St. Clair
62	Iosco	Antrim
63	Benzie	Alpena
64	Oscoda	Berrien
65	Crawford	Kalamazoo
66	Schoolcraft	Cheboygan
67	Saginaw	Jackson
68	Mackinac	Ontonagon
69	St. Joseph	Delta
70	Wexford	Cass
71	Calhoun	Oceana
72	Gladwin	Shiawassee
73	Genesee	Muskegon
74	Arenac	Saginaw
75	Roscommon	Alcona
76	Alcona	Kalkaska
77	Montmorency	Calhoun
78	Ogemaw	Manistee
79	Wayne	Genesee
80	Clare	Clare
81	Ontonagon	Gladwin
82	Lake	Wayne

Health Factors Rankings

The summary health factors ranking is based on four factors: health behaviors, clinical care, social and economic, and physical environment factors. In turn, each of these factors is based on several measures. Health behaviors include measures of smoking, diet and exercise, alcohol use, and risky sex behavior. Clinical

care includes measures of access to care and quality of care. Social and economic factors include measures of education, employment, income, family and social support, and community safety. The physical environment includes measures of environmental quality and the built environment.

Rank	Health Behaviors	Rank	Clinical Care	Rank	Social & Economic Factors	Rank	Physical Environment
1	Washtenaw	1	Marquette	1	Livingston	1	Montmorency
2	Livingston	2	Wexford	2	Clinton	2	Kalkaska
3	Oakland	3	Muskegon	3	Washtenaw	3	Gladwin
4	Ottawa	4	Oakland	4	Leelanau	4	Luce
5	Leelanau	5	Washtenaw	5	Ottawa	4	Otsego
6	Presque Isle	6	Alpena	6	Grand Traverse	6	Clare
7	Clinton	7	Kent	7	Midland	7	Osceola
8	Grand Traverse	8	Grand Traverse	8	Marquette	8	Gogebic
9	Benzie	9	Charlevoix	9	Oakland	9	Oscoda
10	Marquette	10	Ottawa	10	Barry	10	Baraga
11	Charlevoix	11	Dickinson	11	Dickinson	11	Crawford
12	Houghton	12	Midland	12	Eaton	11	Ontonagon
13	Kalamazoo	13	Otsego	13	Isabella	13	Charlevoix
14	Midland	14	Emmet	14	Allegan	14	Ogemaw
15	Kent	15	Cheboygan	15	Menominee	15	Montcalm
16	Huron	16	Mecosta	16	Delta	16	Presque Isle
17	Manistee	17	Saginaw	17	Monroe	17	Oceana
18	Macomb	18	Presque Isle	18	Macomb	18	Delta
19	Ingham	19	Kalamazoo	19	Benzie	19	Eaton
20	Montmorency	20	Newaygo	20	Kalamazoo	20	Dickinson
21	Allegan	21	Genesee	21	Houghton	21	Mecosta
22	Isabella	22	Delta	22	Antrim	22	Roscommon
23	Tuscola	23	Berrien	23	Ontonagon	23	Menominee
24	Alcona	24	Lenawee	24	Lapeer	24	Manistee
25	Arenac	25	Livingston	25	Huron	25	St. Joseph
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28	Delta	28	Schoolcraft	28	Lenawee	28	Missaukee
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62	Luce	62	Montmorency	62	Wexford	62	Lenawee
63	Cass	63	Bay	63	Muskegon	63	Kalamazoo
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2010 County Health Rankings: Measures, Data Sources, and Years of Data

Measure	Data Source	Years of Data
HEALTH OUTCOMES		
Mortality	Premature death (Years of Potential Life Lost)	National Center for Health Statistics 2004-2006
Morbidity	Self-reported health status	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System 2002-2008
	Poor physical health days	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System 2002-2008
	Poor mental health days	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System 2002-2008
	Low birthweight	National Center for Health Statistics 2000-2006
HEALTH FACTORS		
HEALTH BEHAVIORS		
Tobacco	Adult smoking	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System 2002-2008
Diet and Exercise	Adult obesity	National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion 2006-2008
Alcohol Use	Binge drinking	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System 2002-2008
	Motor vehicle death rate	National Center for Health Statistics 2000-2006
High Risk Sexual Behavior	Teen births	National Center for Health Statistics 2000-2006
	Chlamydia rate	National Center for Health Statistics 2006
CLINICAL CARE		
Access to Care	Uninsured adults	Small Area Health Insurance Estimates, U.S. Census 2005
	Primary care providers	Health Resources & Services Administration 2006
Quality of Care	Preventable hospital stays	Medicare/Dartmouth Institute 2005-2006
	Diabetic screening	Medicare/Dartmouth Institute 2003-2006
	Hospice use	Medicare/Dartmouth Institute 2001-2005
SOCIOECONOMIC FACTORS		
Education	High school graduation	National Center for Education Statistics ¹ 2005-2006
	College graduates	U.S. Census/American Community Survey 2000/2005-2007
Employment	Unemployment rate	Bureau of Labor Statistics 2008
Income	Children in poverty	Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, U.S. Census 2007
	Income inequality	U.S. Census/American Community Survey ² 2000/2005-2007
Family and Social Support	Social/emotional support	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System 2005-2008
	Single-parent households	U.S. Census/American Community Survey 2000/2005-2007
Community Safety	Violent crime ³	Uniform Crime Reporting, Federal Bureau of Investigation 2005-2007
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT		
Air Quality ⁴	Unhealthy air due to ozone	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency / Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 2005
	Unhealthy air due to particulate matter	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency / Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 2005
Built Environment	Access to healthy foods	Census Zip Code Business Patterns 2006
	Liquor stores	Census County Business Patterns 2006

¹ State data sources for KY, NH, NC, PA, SC, and UT (2007-2008).

² Income inequality estimates for 2000 were calculated by Mark L. Burkey, North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University, www.ncat.edu/~burkeym/Gini.htm.

³ Homicide rate (2000-2006) from National Center for Health Statistics for AK, AZ, AR, CO, CT, GA, ID, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, MN, MS, MT, NE, NH, NM, NC, ND, OH, SD, UT, and WV. State data source for IL.

⁴ Not available for AK and HI.

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