

RESEARCH QUESTION:

Which states have the best standard of care?

CONCLUSION:

The following states have the best standard of care.

state	average
SD	3.857142857142857
WI	3.607476635514019
DE	3.6
MN	3.5405405405405403
ID	3.526315789473684
NH	3.5
IN	3.5
ME	3.4482758620689653
UT	3.4482758620689653
CO	3.44

APPROACH RATIONALE:

I define standard of care as the average overall hospital rating for all the hospitals in a given state.

The average rating gives a holistic picture of the state.

FINDING NOTES:

Average rating could be high because the number of hospitals are very low. The top state in my data is South Dakota which has one of the smallest populations in the US.

SQL:

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> select state, AVG(rating_int) as average from best_state
> GROUP BY state
> ORDER BY average DESC
> limit 10;
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