**2021 *Health Disparities Report***

User Guide

**What is *America’s Health Rankings*?**

The United Health Foundation’s *America’s Health Rankings®* is the longest-running annual assessment of the nation’s health on a state-by-state basis. It provides updated data to serve as a benchmark for states and spark data-driven discussions on opportunities to promote health and well-being.

Including the *Health Disparities Report*, five *America’s Health Rankings* Reports and analyses are available. The most recent reports available are: [2021 Senior Report](https://www.americashealthrankings.org/learn/reports/2021-senior-report)[;](https://www.americashealthrankings.org/explore/senior) [2020 Annual Report;](https://www.americashealthrankings.org/explore/annual) [2020 Health of Women and Children Report;](https://www.americashealthrankings.org/explore/health-of-women-and-children)and [2020 Health of Those Who Have Served](https://www.americashealthrankings.org/explore/health-of-those-who-have-served) Report[.](https://www.americashealthrankings.org/explore/health-of-those-who-have-served)

**What is the *America’s Health Rankings Health Disparities Report*?**

Building on 31 years of data and reporting from *America’s Health Rankings*, the *America’s Health Rankings* *Health Disparities Report* was developed with guidance from a National Advisory Committee comprised of leading public health experts. The inaugural *Health Disparities Report* documents the **breadth, depth and persistence of health disparities** across the nation to inform action for advancing health equity. By providing objective data on the magnitude of health disparities for the nation, all 50 states and the District of Columbia, by educational attainment, gender, geography and race and ethnicity, the report’s findings underscore the broad and deep nature of health inequities in the U.S. The report assesses the persistent duration of health disparities and identifies where health disparities have remained or grown over time, despite progress in some areas.

If you are interested in learning more about the *America’s Health Rankings* platform or deeper insights into specific state health measures, we encourage you to [submit an inquiry](https://www.americashealthrankings.org/about/page/submit-an-inquiry) through our website.

**Where to learn more about *America’s Health Rankings***

On the website you can explore the data using customizable visualization tools. Here you can find additional information related to *America’s Health Rankings*: [America’s Health Rankings](https://www.americashealthrankings.org/?utm_source=external&utm_medium=userguide&utm_campaign=2021senior&utm_content=in-line_one&utm_term=news)[website](https://www.americashealthrankings.org/?utm_source=stakeholdertoolkitexternal&utm_medium=userguide&utm_campaign=2021disparities&utm_content=in-line_one&utm_term=news).

*America’s Health Rankings* continues to update the platform in order to equip public health leaders with the data they need to navigate the pandemic. The website contains state-by-state and national data for COVID-19 case rates, death rates, Medicare claims case rates and hospitalization rates, as well as vaccination rates for all adults, and adults 65 and older among other measures.

* [COVID-19 Report](https://www.americashealthrankings.org/learn/reports/covid-19-report)
* [COVID-19 Risk Factors](https://www.americashealthrankings.org/health-topics?topics=category-15)

U.S. Maps

State-levelmaps of the United States are available for all measures, which depict the social and economic, physical environment clinical care and behavioral factors that impact health outcomes. The map is a way to visualize where the highest levels of risk and health conditions are found. In all cases, the darker the shade of blue, the less healthy the state.

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[State Summaries](https://www.americashealthrankings.org/learn/reports/2021-disparities-report?utm_source=stakeholdertoolkitexternal&utm_medium=statesummaries&utm_campaign=2021disparities&utm_content=in-line_one&utm_term=news)

State summaries are available for each state. These summaries outline key strengths and challenges, as well as state values and ranks for each measure.

