



Dorchester County Health Profile⁶

INDICATOR	MEASURE	COUNT	VALUE	RANK ¹	STATE
Births ²	Births with expected payor Medicaid (percent of all live births; 2015-2017)	2315	42.2	NA	50.1
	Breastfeeding initiation (percent of all live births; 2015-2017)	4648	84.8	4	76.5
	Low birthweight births (<2,500 grams; percent of all live births; 2015-2017)	434	7.9	3	9.6
	Mothers receiving adequate prenatal care (percent of all live births; 2015-2017)	3992	72.9	28	75.2
	Mothers who smoked during pregnancy (percent of all live births; 2015-2017)	527	9.6	22	9.1
	Preterm births (<37 weeks gestation; percent of all live births; 2015-2017)	516	9.4	2	11.2
	Teen live births (rate per 1,000 female population aged 15-19; 2015-2017)	298	19.6	7	23.8
Infant Mortality ²	Infant mortality (rate per 1,000 live births; 2015-2017)	35	6.4	17	6.8
Chronic Diseases, Risk Factors, and Health Behaviors ³	Coronary heart disease (percent; 2015-2017)	NA	3.3	4	4.6
	Stroke (percent; 2015-2017)	NA	3.2	7	3.8
	Heart attack (percent; 2015-2017)	NA	3.2	3	4.9
	Hypertension (percent; 2015-2017)	NA	33.2	1	38.4
	Diabetes (percent; 2015-2017)	NA	10.6	2	12.8
	Current asthma (percent; 2015-2017)	NA	8.7	23	8.7
	Current smoking (percent; 2015-2017)	NA	18.1	13	19.5
	Adults categorized as obese, aged 20+ (BMI ≥30; percent; 2015-2017)	NA	32.1	7	33.2
	Reported leisure time physical activity in the past 30 days (percent; 2015-2017)	NA	74.5	6	72.7
	Received a flu vaccine in the last year, aged 65+ (percent; 2015-2017)	NA	61.2	24	62.4
	Received a pneumococcal vaccine ever, aged 65+ (percent; 2015-2017)	NA	71.3	25	73.4
Mortality ²	Accidental drug overdose (age-adjusted rate per 100,000 population; 2015-2017)		14.8	28	16.7
	Alzheimer's disease (age-adjusted rate per 100,000 population; 2015-2017)		52.1	36	45.4
	Cancer (malignant neoplasms only; age-adjusted rate per 100,000 population; 2015-2017)		164.6	14	165.5
	Cerebrovascular disease (age-adjusted rate per 100,000 population; 2015-2017)		49.1	25	45.6
	Chronic lower respiratory disease (age-adjusted rate per 100,000 population; 2015-2017)		47.6	20	48.4
	Diabetes (age-adjusted rate per 100,000 population; 2015-2017)		20.9	16	23.4
	Diseases of the heart (age-adjusted rate per 100,000 population; 2015-2017)		163.2	11	174.0
	Motor vehicle accident (age-adjusted rate per 100,000 population; 2015-2017)		17.8	8	20.5
	Suicide (age-adjusted rate per 100,000 population; 2015-2017)		18.5	36	15.6
	All causes (age-adjusted rate per 1,000 population; 2015-2017)		8.0	10	8.3
Population Demographics ⁴	Families below the poverty level (percent; 2013-2017)	NA	8.8	NA	12.3
	Population Non-Hispanic white (percent; 2017)	NA	65.4	NA	64.6
	Population Non-Hispanic black (percent; 2017)	NA	26.2	NA	27.5
	Population Non-Hispanic other (percent; 2017)	NA	3.0	NA	2.3
	Population Hispanic/Latino (percent; 2017)	NA	5.4	NA	5.7
Health Care Access	Delayed seeing a doctor in the last year due to cost (percent; 2015-2017) ³	NA	12.8	5	15.8
	Has at least one person considered a personal doctor or health care provider (percent; 2015-2017) ³	NA	78.2	36	78.0
	Population insured by Medicaid (percent; 2013-2017) ⁴	NA	71.2	NA	65.2
	Population insured by private health insurance (percent; 2013-2017) ⁴	NA	4.2	NA	5.3
	Population without health insurance (percent; 2013-2017) ⁴	NA	10.7	NA	12.1
Home and Environmental Hazards	Elevated (≥5 mcg/dL) blood lead tests in children <6 years of age (percent of all tests; 2017) ⁵	NA	1.4	10	1.9
	Homes built prior to 1980 (percent; 2013-2017) ⁴	NA	24.8	NA	38.7

1 - Ranking based on VALUE column, Regardless of the INDICATOR a ranking of 1 is always better, NA - Not Applicable.

2 - Source: Division of Biostatistics, DHEC

3 - Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, DHEC

4 - Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, US Census Bureau, US Department of Commerce

5 - Source: Lead Surveillance, DHEC

6 - Estimates for counties with low populations contain more error.

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