

## 2011 County Health Rankings Data Comparability across States

Ranked Measures	Comparable	Comparable, <i>with caution</i>	NOT comparable	Notes
Premature death	✓			
Poor or fair health	✓			
Poor physical health days	✓			
Poor mental health days	✓			
Low birthweight		✓		States do not use the same birth certificate revision, but measure is reported the same on both revisions.
Adult smoking	✓			
Adult obesity	✓			
Excessive drinking	✓			
Motor vehicle crash death rate	✓			
Sexually transmitted infections			✘	Differences in screening rates may make comparisons problematic even <i>within</i> some states.
Teen birth rate		✓		States do not use the same birth certificate revision, but measure is reported the same on both revisions.
Uninsured adults	✓			
Primary care providers	✓			
Preventable hospital stays	✓			
Diabetic screening	✓			
Mammography screening	✓			
High school graduation			✘	Select states have state-based data reported. Data quality and years of data are inconsistent across states.
Some college	✓			
Unemployment	✓			
Children in poverty	✓			
Inadequate social support	✓			
Single-parent households	✓			
Violent crime rate			✘	Not reported for all states. Data quality is inconsistent across states. Comparable where reported.
Homicide rate	✓			
Air pollution-particulate matter days	✓			
Air pollution-ozone days	✓			
Access to healthy foods	✓			
Access to recreational facilities	✓			

Additional Measures	Comparable	Comparable, <i>with caution</i>	NOT comparable	Notes
Demographics	✓			
Percent diabetic	✓			
HIV rate	✓			
Binge drinking		✓		
Physical inactivity	✓			
Mental health providers	✓			
Median household income	✓			
Percent with high housing costs	✓			
Percent of children eligible for free lunch	✓			
Percent illiterate	✓			
Liquor store density			✘	Differences in liquor licensing by state make it impossible to compare this variable across states.
Percent of labor force that drives alone to work	✓			