

2023 County Health Rankings: Measure Changes from 2022

2022 Measure	2023 Measure	Data Source	Years	Rationale for Change
Violent Crime	Retired in 2023	Uniform Crime Reporting - FBI	2005-2014	The most recently available data for this measure are from 2014 & 2016. We retired this ranked measure and reassigned the rankings weight to the ranked measure of Injury Deaths.
Residential Segregation - non-white/white	Retired in 2023	American Community Survey, 5-year estimates	2010-2020	The combination of racial groups into white and non-white categories results in a loss of ability to describe diversity, and the combination of many diverse racial and ethnic groups into a “non-white” category can be used to affirm whiteness by characterizing white as default.
COVID-19 Age-Adjusted Mortality	Retired in 2023	National Center for Health Statistics - Mortality Files	2020	Due to changes in the data available from the census, we were unable to perform age-adjustment to calculate this measure in 2023 in a comparable way to the 2022 measure of COVID-19 Age-Adjusted Mortality.
	Voter Turnout*	MIT Election Data and Science Lab; American Community Survey, 5-year estimates	2020 & 2017-2021	This measure captures an element of civic health. Voting collectively influences the health of our communities and healthier communities are more likely to vote. The history of voting in the U.S. is marred by racism, sexism and classism; this measure can signal where systemic barriers persist.
	Census Participation*	Census Operational Quality Metrics	2020	This measure captures an element of civic health. Census participation influences distribution of power through political representation, resource allocation and public health planning. Undercounting can increase community disadvantage.

*Please note: The new measures described above are additional measures and do not contribute to the ranks.