WHAT ARE THE COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS?

Published online at countyhealthrankings.org, the Rankings help counties understand what influences how healthy residents are and how long they will live. The Rankings are unique in their ability to measure the current overall health of each county in all 50 states. They also look at a variety of measures that affect the future health of communities, such as high school graduation rates, access to healthy foods, rates of smoking, obesity, and teen births.

Communities use the Rankings to garner support for local health improvement initiatives among government agencies, healthcare providers, community organizations, business leaders, policymakers, and the public.

MOVING WITH DATA TO ACTION

The Take Action to Improve Health section of our website, countyhealthrankings.org, helps communities join together to look at the many factors that influence health, select strategies that work, and make changes that will have a lasting impact. Take Action to Improve Health is a hub of information to help any community member or leader who wants to improve their community’s health. You will find:

- **What Works for Health**, a searchable menu of evidence-informed policies and programs that can make a difference locally;
- The **Action Center**, your home for step-by-step guidance and tools to help you move with data to action;
- The **Partner Center**, a series of guides that helps you identify the right partners and explore tips to engage them;
- **Community Coaches**, located across the nation, who can provide tailored guidance to local communities interested in learning how to accelerate their efforts to improve health and advance equity.
LEARNING FROM OTHERS
The RWJF Culture of Health Prize recognizes communities that are creating powerful partnerships and deep commitments to enable everyone in our diverse society to lead healthy lives now and for generations to come. The Prize is awarded annually by RWJF to honor communities that are working to build a Culture of Health by implementing solutions that give everyone the opportunity for a healthy life. Prize-winning communities each receive a $25,000 cash prize and have their stories shared broadly with the goal of inspiring locally driven change across the nation.

Prize winners are selected based on how well they demonstrate their community’s achievement on their journey to a Culture of Health in the following areas:
• Defining health in the broadest possible terms;
• Committing to sustainable systems changes and policy-oriented long-term solutions;
• Creating conditions that give everyone a fair and just opportunity to reach their best possible health;
• Harnessing the collective power of leaders, partners, and community members;
• Securing and making the most of available resources;
• Measuring and sharing progress and results.

Visit rwjf.org/prize to learn about the work of Prize winners and the application process.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?
You might want to contact your local affiliate of United Way Worldwide or the National Association of Counties – their national parent organizations have partnered with us to raise awareness and stimulate action to improve health in their local members’ communities. By connecting with other leaders interested in improving health, you can make a difference in your community. In communities large and small, people from all walks of life are taking ownership and action to improve health. Visit countyhealthrankings.org to get ideas and guidance on how you can take action in your community.