

County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

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2019 County Health Rankings: Measure Changes from 2018

2018 Measure	2019 Measure	Data Source	Years	Rationale for Change
Clinical Care				
Diabetes Monitoring		Dartmouth Atlas of Healthcare	2014	Data from Dartmouth are no longer available.
Mammography Screening		Dartmouth Atlas of Healthcare	2014	Data from Dartmouth are no longer available.
Preventable Hospital Stays		Dartmouth Atlas of Health Care	2015	Data from Dartmouth are no longer available.
	Mammography Screening	Mapping Medicare Disparities Tool	2016	This measure replaces the Dartmouth Mammography screening measure used previously.
	Preventable Hospital Stays	Mapping Medicare Disparities Tool	2016	This measure replaces the Dartmouth Preventable hospital stays measure used previously.
	Flu Vaccinations	Mapping Medicare Disparities Tool	2016	This measure was added to include flu vaccine coverage in a high-risk population.
Social & Economic Factors				
High School Graduation	High School Graduation	2018: EDFacts 2019: State-specific data sources		To avoid unnecessary suppression criteria and to better assign schools to corresponding counties, we now use state-specific data sources to calculate this measure.

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Violent Crime	Violent Crime		2014 & 2016	Due to non-published data in 2015, only 2 years of data were used (2014 & 2016) for 2019 Rankings.
Additional Measures				
	Life Expectancy	National Center for Health Statistics - Mortality Files	2015-2017	This measure was added to provide a common and potentially more easily interpretable mortality measure.
Health Care Costs		Dartmouth Atlas of Health Care	2015	Data from Dartmouth are no longer available.
Drug overdose deaths-modeled		CDC WONDER	2016	Because this measure is modeled and data are not up-to-date, we are not including Drug Overdose Deaths - Modeled as an additional measure.
Disconnected Youth	Disconnected Youth	2018: Measure of America 2019: American Community Survey (ACS)	2013-2017	To use the most up-to-date data, we now use ACS, 5-year estimates rather than Measure of America.
	Homeownership	ACS	2013-2017	This measure was added to provide a proxy for stable and affordable housing.
	Severe Housing Cost Burden	ACS	2013-2017	This measure was added to provide a focus on a major obstacle to achieving optimal health, unaffordable housing.