

County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

Building a Culture of Health, County by County

Merced (MC)

	Merced County	Error Margin	Top U.S. Performers*	California	Rank (of 57)
Health Outcomes					39
Length of Life					31
Premature death	6,581	6,244-6,918	5,200	5,295	
Quality of Life					47
Poor or fair health	23%	19-28%	10%	18%	
Poor physical health days	4.6	3.8-5.5	2.5	3.7	
Poor mental health days	4.2	3.3-5.0	2.3	3.6	
Low birthweight	6.5%	6.3-6.8%	5.9%	6.8%	
Health Factors					48
Health Behaviors					38
Adult smoking	12%	9-16%	14%	13%	
Adult obesity	31%	26-37%	25%	23%	
Food environment index	6.3		8.4	7.5	
Physical inactivity	20%	16-25%	20%	17%	
Access to exercise opportunities	68%		92%	93%	
Excessive drinking	14%	11-19%	10%	17%	
Alcohol-impaired driving deaths	35%		14%	31%	
Sexually transmitted infections	390		138	441	
Teen births	49	47-50	20	34	
Clinical Care					42
Uninsured	21%	19-22%	11%	20%	
Primary care physicians	2,204:1		1,045:1	1,294:1	
Dentists	2,460:1		1,377:1	1,291:1	
Mental health providers	914:1		386:1	376:1	
Preventable hospital stays	52	49-55	41	45	
Diabetic monitoring	82%	79-85%	90%	81%	
Mammography screening	63.5%	59.9-67.1%	70.7%	59.3%	
Social & Economic Factors					53
High school graduation	92%			83%	
Some college	43.1%	41.0-45.2%	71.0%	61.7%	
Unemployment	14.7%		4.0%	8.9%	
Children in poverty	34%	30-39%	13%	24%	
Income inequality	4.6	4.3-4.8	3.7	5.1	
Children in single-parent households	37%	34-40%	20%	32%	
Social associations	4.3		22.0	5.8	
Violent crime	604		59	425	
Injury deaths	60	56-64	50	46	
Physical Environment					45
Air pollution - particulate matter	9.1		9.5	9.3	
Drinking water violations	10%		0%	3%	
Severe housing problems	28%	27-30%	9%	29%	
Driving alone to work	78%	77-79%	71%	73%	
Long commute - driving alone	28%	26-30%	15%	37%	

* 90th percentile, i.e., only 10% are better.

Note: Blank values reflect unreliable or missing data