

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					49
Length of Life					35
Premature death	6,700	6,400-7,100	5,200	5,300	
Quality of Life					55
Poor or fair health**	23%	22-24%	12%	17%	
Poor physical health days**	4.7	4.6-4.8	2.9	3.8	
Poor mental health days**	4.1	4.0-4.3	2.8	3.6	
Low birthweight	7%	6-7%	6%	7%	
Health Factors					53
Health Behaviors					55
Adult smoking**	16%	15-16%	14%	12%	
Adult obesity	29%	24-35%	25%	23%	
Food environment index	6.9		8.3	7.7	
Physical inactivity	21%	17-26%	20%	17%	
Access to exercise opportunities	66%		91%	94%	
Excessive drinking**	16%	16-17%	12%	18%	
Alcohol-impaired driving deaths	32%	28-35%	14%	30%	
Sexually transmitted infections	408.7		134.1	439.9	
Teen births	46	44-47	19	32	
Clinical Care					46
Uninsured	21%	19-23%	11%	19%	
Primary care physicians	2,040:1		1,040:1	1,270:1	
Dentists	2,380:1		1,340:1	1,260:1	
Mental health providers	840:1		370:1	360:1	
Preventable hospital stays	51	48-53	38	41	
Diabetic monitoring	80%	77-83%	90%	81%	
Mammography screening	61%	58-64%	71%	59%	
Social & Economic Factors					53
High school graduation	92%		93%	85%	
Some college	44%	42-46%	72%	62%	
Unemployment	12.8%		3.5%	7.5%	
Children in poverty	36%	32-40%	13%	23%	
Income inequality	4.6	4.3-4.8	3.7	5.2	
Children in single-parent households	37%	35-40%	21%	32%	
Social associations	4.3		22.1	5.8	
Violent crime	604		59	425	
Injury deaths	61	56-65	51	46	
Physical Environment					47
Air pollution - particulate matter	9.1		9.5	9.3	
Drinking water violations	Yes		No		
Severe housing problems	27%	26-29%	9%	29%	
Driving alone to work	78%	77-78%	71%	73%	
Long commute - driving alone	28%	27-30%	15%	38%	

[^] 10th/90th percentile, i.e., only 10% are better.

Note: Blank values reflect unreliable or missing data

** Data should not be compared with prior years due to changes in definition/methods