

County Health Rankings® – 2017 – Summary for Washington County
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Measure	Data Years	Washington County			Comparisons		
		Rank* (1-16)	Rate	Error Margin	Maine	Best ME County	Top U.S. Performers*
Health Outcomes		16					
Length of Life: 50% weight in health outcomes ranking		16					
Premature Death (years of potential life lost before age 75 (per 100,000 pop))	'12-'14		8218	6949-9487	6400	5100	5200
Quality of Life: 50% weight in health outcomes ranking		12					
Poor or Fair Health (% adults)*	2015		16%	15.4-16.5%	15%	10%	12%
Poor Physical Health Days (mean # days in past 30)	2015		4.2	4.0-4.4	3.8	2.9	3.0
Poor Mental Health Days (mean # days in past 30)	2015		4.0	3.9-4.2	4.0	3.4	3.0
Live Births with Low Birth weight (% <2500 grams)	'08-'12		6.4%	5.3-7.4%	6.7%	5.6%	6.0%
Health Factors		16					
Health Behaviors: 30% weight in health factors ranking		13					
Current Smokers (% adults)*	2015		20%	19.1-20.4%	19%	13%	14%
Diet and Exercise:							
Adults with Obesity (% Body Mass Index ≥30)*	2013		29%	25.9-31.1%	28%	23%	26%
Healthy Food Environment Index (0 (worst) to 10 (best))	2014		6.8		7.4	7.9	8.4
No Physical Activity in Past 30 days† (% ages 20+)*	2013		27%	24.7-29.9%	20%	15%	19%
Access to Exercise Opportunities (% population)	'10,'14		39%		68%	84%	91%
Alcohol and Drug Use:							
Excessive Drinking in Past 30 Days (% adults)*	2014		17%	16.7-18.0%	20%	15%	12%
Alcohol-Impaired Driving Deaths (% deaths)	'11-'15		32%	22.1-42.2%	40%	0%	13%
High Risk Sexual Behavior:							
Newly Diagnosed Chlamydia Cases (# per 100,000 pop)	2014		155		265.8	129.0	145.5
Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000 females ages 15-19)	'08-'14		32	28-36	21	12	17
Clinical Care: 20% weight in health factors ranking		16					
Access to Care:							
Uninsured Adults (% ages <65)	2014		18%	16-20%	12%	10%	8%
Ratio of Population to Primary Care Physicians	2014		1767:1		900:1	630:1	1040:1
Ratio of Population to Dentists	2015		2433:1		1690:1	1160:1	1320:1
Ratio of Population to Mental Health Providers	2016		208:1		240:1	160:1	360:1
Quality of Care (for Medicare Enrollees):							
Preventable Hospital Stays (per 1,000 enrollees)	2014		68	61-75	47	34	36
Diabetic Monitoring (% diabetics who had HbA1c tested)	2014		86%	79-92%	89%	92%	91%
Mammography (% females ages 67-69)	2014		67%	60-74%	69%	75%	71%
Socio-Economic Factors: 40% weight in factors ranking		16					
Education:							
Ninth Graders who graduate in 4 years (%)	'14-'15		N/A		87%	91%	95%
Some Post-Secondary Education (% ages 25-44)	'11-'15		53%	49-56%	65%	75%	72%
Unemployment (% ages 16+)	2015		6.6%		4.4%	3.4%	3.3%
Income:							
Children in Poverty (% ages <18)	2015		29%	21-36%	18%	11%	12%
Income Inequality (gap between lower/upper income)	'11-'15		4.4		4.6	4.0	3.7
Family & Social Support:							
Children in Single-Parent Households (% ages <18)	'11-'15		37%	33-41%	33%	28%	21%
Social (Membership) Associations (per 10,000 pop)	2014		7.2		11.2	14.9	22.1
Community Safety:							
Violent Crimes (# per 100,000 pop)	'12-'14		143		127	48	62
Injury Deaths (# per 100,000 pop)	'11-'15		104	88-120	70	60	53
Physical Environment: 10% weight in factors ranking		4					
Air and Water Quality:							
Daily Air Pollution (avg fine particulate matter density)	2012		6.5		7.4	6.5	6.7
Drinking Water Safety (1+ violations)	FY13/14		Yes		N/A	N/A	N/A
Housing and Transit:							
Severe Housing Problems (% households)	'09-'13		15%	13-16%	16%	13%	9%
Driving Alone to Work (% workforce)	'11-'15		74%	71-77%	78%	70%	72%
Commute 30+ Minutes (% workers who drive alone)	'11-'15		26%	24-28%	31%	18%	15%

* Ranking of Maine counties: 1 (Highest) to 16 (Lowest). † Self-reported. *Only 10% of counties throughout the US had better rates.

County Health Rankings[®] – 2014 vs. 2017 – Summary for Washington County
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Length of Life: 50% weight in health outcomes ranking		16				15		
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Quality of Life: 50% weight in health outcomes ranking		12				9		
Poor or Fair Health (% adults)*	2015		16%	15.4–16.5%				<i>Changed how rate was estimated</i>
Poor Physical Health Days (mean # days in past 30)	2015		4.2	4.0–4.4				<i>Changed how rate was estimated</i>
Poor Mental Health Days (mean # days in past 30)	2015		4.0	3.9–4.2				<i>Changed how rate was estimated</i>
Live Births with Low Birth weight (% <2500 grams)	'08-'12		6.4%	5.3–7.4%	'05-'11		6.1%	5.2–7.1%
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Diet and Exercise:								
Adults with Obesity (% Body Mass Index ≥30)*	2013		29%	25.9–31.1%	2010		32%	29.8–35.0%
Healthy Food Environment Index (0 (worst) to 10 (best))	2014		6.8		2011		7.1	
No Physical Activity in Past 30 days (% ages 20+)*	2013		27%	24.7–29.9%	2010		30%	27.7–32.7%
Access to Exercise Opportunities (% population)	'10,'14		39%		'10,'12		38%	
Alcohol and Drug Use:								
Excessive Drinking in Past 30 Days (% adults)*	2014		17%	16.7–18.0%				<i>Changed how rate was estimated</i>
Alcohol-Impaired Driving Deaths (% deaths)	'11-'15		32%	22.1–42.2%	'08-'12		39%	
High Risk Sexual Behavior:								
Newly Diagnosed Chlamydia Cases (# per 100,000 pop)	2014		155		2011		254	
Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000 females ages 15–19)	'08-'14		32	28–36	'05-'11		36	32–40%
Clinical Care: 20% weight in health factors ranking		16				16		
Access to Care:								
Uninsured Adults (% ages <65)	2014		18%	16–20%	2011		18%	16–20%
Ratio of Population to Primary Care Physicians	2014		1767:1		2011		1484:1	
Ratio of Population to Dentists	2015		2433:1		2012		2705:1	
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Unemployment (% ages 16+)	2015		6.6%		2012		10.7%	
Income:								
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Community Safety:								
Violent Crimes (# per 100,000 pop)	'12-'14		143		'09-'11		243	
Injury Deaths (# per 100,000 pop)	'11-'15		104	88–120	'06-'10		91	76–105
Physical Environment: 10% weight in factors ranking		4				7		
Air and Water Quality:								
Daily Air Pollution (avg fine particulate matter density)	2012		6.5		2011		10.0	
Drinking Water Safety (1+ violations)	FY13/14		Yes					<i>Metric changed</i>
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Severe Housing Problems (% households)	'09-'13		15%	13–16%	'06-'10		16%	14–17%
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