

## 2014 Data Comparability Across States

| Measure                 |                                  | Comparable | Comparable with CAUTION | Not comparable | Notes                                                                                                                        |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>HEALTH OUTCOMES</b>  |                                  |            |                         |                |                                                                                                                              |
| Length of Life          | Premature death                  | ü          |                         |                |                                                                                                                              |
| Quality of Life         | Poor or fair health              | ü          |                         |                |                                                                                                                              |
|                         | Poor physical health days        | ü          |                         |                |                                                                                                                              |
|                         | Poor mental health days          | ü          |                         |                |                                                                                                                              |
|                         | Low birthweight                  | ü          |                         |                |                                                                                                                              |
| <b>HEALTH FACTORS</b>   |                                  |            |                         |                |                                                                                                                              |
| <b>HEALTH BEHAVIORS</b> |                                  |            |                         |                |                                                                                                                              |
| Tobacco Use             | Adult smoking                    | ü          |                         |                |                                                                                                                              |
| Diet and Exercise       | Adult obesity                    |            | ü                       |                | Models used to construct these measures emphasize state rates. Border counties can look more different than they really are. |
|                         | Food environment index           |            | ü                       |                |                                                                                                                              |
|                         | Physical inactivity              |            | ü                       |                |                                                                                                                              |
|                         | Access to exercise opportunities | ü          |                         |                |                                                                                                                              |
| Alcohol and Drug Use    | Excessive drinking               | ü          |                         |                |                                                                                                                              |
|                         | Alcohol-impaired driving deaths  | ü          |                         |                |                                                                                                                              |
| Sexual Activity         | Sexually transmitted infections  |            | ü                       |                | Differences in screening rates may make comparisons problematic even within some states.                                     |
|                         | Teen births                      | ü          |                         |                |                                                                                                                              |
| <b>CLINICAL CARE</b>    |                                  |            |                         |                |                                                                                                                              |
| Access to Care          | Uninsured                        | ü          |                         |                |                                                                                                                              |
|                         | Primary care physicians          | ü          |                         |                |                                                                                                                              |
|                         | Dentists                         | ü          |                         |                |                                                                                                                              |
|                         | Mental health providers          | ü          |                         |                |                                                                                                                              |

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| Quality of Care                    | Preventable hospital stays                      | ü          |                         |                |                                                                                                           |
|                                    | Diabetic screening                              | ü          |                         |                |                                                                                                           |
|                                    | Mammography screening                           | ü          |                         |                |                                                                                                           |
| <b>SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS</b> |                                                 |            |                         |                |                                                                                                           |
| Education                          | High school graduation                          |            | ü                       |                | Although comparability across states is increasing, numerator and denominator definitions can still vary. |
|                                    | Some college                                    | ü          |                         |                |                                                                                                           |
| Employment                         | Unemployment                                    | ü          |                         |                |                                                                                                           |
| Income                             | Children in poverty                             | ü          |                         |                |                                                                                                           |
| Family and Social Support          | Inadequate social support                       | ü          |                         |                |                                                                                                           |
|                                    | Children in single-parent households            | ü          |                         |                |                                                                                                           |
| Community Safety                   | Violent crime                                   |            |                         | ü              | Data quality is inconsistent across states.                                                               |
|                                    | Injury deaths                                   | ü          |                         |                |                                                                                                           |
| <b>PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT</b>        |                                                 |            |                         |                |                                                                                                           |
| Air and Water Quality              | Air pollution - particulate matter <sup>1</sup> | ü          |                         |                | Comparable where reported                                                                                 |
|                                    | Drinking water violations                       | ü          |                         |                |                                                                                                           |
| Housing and Transit                | Severe housing problems                         | ü          |                         |                |                                                                                                           |
|                                    | Driving alone to work                           | ü          |                         |                |                                                                                                           |
|                                    | Long commute – driving alone                    | ü          |                         |                |                                                                                                           |

<sup>1</sup> Data not available for AK and HI.