

County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

Building a Culture of Health, County by County

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2016 County Health Rankings: Measure Changes from 2015

2015 Measure	2016 Measure	Data Source	Years	Rationale for Change
Health Outcomes and Health Behaviors				
Poor or fair health (10%)	Poor or fair health (10%)	BRFSS	2014	While there was no change in the data source, definition or weighting of these measures, users should be aware that a new modeling technique was used to produce estimates for every county for the 2016 Rankings release.
Poor physical health days (10%)	Poor physical health days (10%)			
Poor mental health days (10%)	Poor mental health days (10%)			
Adult smoking (10%)	Adult smoking (10%)			
Excessive drinking (2.5%)	Excessive drinking (2.5%)			
Physical Environment				
Drinking water violations (2.5%)	Drinking water violations (2.5%)	Environmental Protection Agency	FY2013-FY2014	This measure was changed to capture whether (i.e. “yes” or “no”) county residents may have been exposed to water exceeding a violation limit.