

Key Findings WEST VIRGINIA

MORTALITY

Heart Disease Deaths

• West Virginia's heart disease mortality rate is 19 percent higher than the national rate.

Cancer Deaths

 West Virginia's cancer mortality rate is 17 percent higher than the national rate.

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Deaths

West Virginia's COPD mortality rate is 53 percent higher than the national rate.

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Injury Deaths

• West Virginia's injury mortality rate is 70 percent higher than the national rate.

Stroke Deaths

• West Virginia's stroke mortality rate is 19 percent higher than the national rate.

Diabetes Deaths

West Virginia's diabetes mortality rate is 53 percent higher than the national rate.

Years of Potential Life Lost

• West Virginia's YPLL rate is 47 percent higher than the national rate.

MORBIDITY

Physically Unhealthy Days

The average adult in West Virginia reports feeling physically unhealthy 33 percent more often than the average American.

Mentally Unhealthy Days

The average adult in West Virginia reports feeling mentally unhealthy 31 percent more often than the average American.

HIV Prevalence

• West Virginia's HIV rate is 70 percent lower than the national rate.

Diabetes Prevalence

The prevalence of diabetes in West Virginia is 13.1 percent, a mark higher than the 9.8 percent experienced by the nation as a whole.

Obesity Prevalence

The prevalence of adult obesity is 34.1 percent in West Virginia, a mark higher than the 27.4 percent experienced in the nation as a whole.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Depression Prevalence

The prevalence of depression among fee-for-service Medicare beneficiaries in West Virginia is 18.5 percent, compared to 15.4 percent for the United States as a whole.

Suicide Incidence

The suicide rate in West Virginia is 27 percent higher than the national rate.

Excessive Drinking

The percentage of adults reporting excessive drinking in West Virginia (11.4 percent) is lower than in the nation as a whole (17.7 percent).

Poisoning Deaths

The poisoning mortality rate in West Virginia is 110 percent higher than the national rate.

Opioid Prescription Rates

Of all Medicare prescription claims in West Virginia, 6.1 percent are for opioids, compared to 5.3 percent in the United States as a whole.

CHILD HEALTH

Infant Mortality

• The infant mortality rate is 23 percent higher in West Virginia than in the nation as a whole.

Low Birth Weight Incidence

The incidence of low birth weight in West Virginia is 9.3 percent of all newborns, a higher percentage than the national average of 8.1 percent.

Teen Birth Rate

The teen birth rate in West Virginia is 33 percent higher than the national rate.

COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS

Average Travel Time to Work

The average travel time to work in West Virginia is 25.8 minutes, which is comparable to the national average of 25.7 minutes.

Grocery Store Availability

There are the same number of grocery stores per 1,000 population in West Virginia as in the United States as a whole.

Student-Teacher Ratio

• West Virginia's student-teacher ratio is 14.1, which is a lower (better) ratio than the national average of 16.5.

LIFESTYLE

Physical Inactivity

In West Virginia, 32.0 percent of people report being physically inactive, a figure higher than the 23.1 percent reported in the United States as a whole.

Smoking

In West Virginia, 23.9 percent of all adults report being cigarette smokers, a figure higher than the 16.3 percent at the national level.

Chlamydia Rate

• Chlamydia incidence in West Virginia is 37 percent lower than the national average.

HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS

Primary Care Physicians

The supply of primary care physicians per 100,000 population in West Virginia is 3 percent higher than the national average.

Mental Health Providers

The supply of mental health providers per 100,000 population in West Virginia is 45 percent lower than the national average.

Specialty Physicians

The supply of specialty physicians per 100,000 population in West Virginia is 21 percent lower than the national average.

Dentists

The supply of dentists per 100,000 population in West Virginia is 24 percent lower than the national average.

Uninsured Population

The percentage of the population under age 65 that is uninsured in West Virginia is 17.1 percent, which is slightly higher (worse) than the national average of 16.8 percent.

Heart Disease Hospitalizations

Hospitalization rates for heart disease in West Virginia are 32 percent higher than the national average.

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Hospitalizations

Hospitalization rates for COPD in West Virginia are 41 percent higher than the national average.

QUALITY OF CARE

Electronic Prescribing

Electronic prescribing is about the same in West Virginia (65.7 percent of prescriptions) as in the nation as a whole (65.8 percent).

Mammogram Screenings

The percentage of Medicare-covered women undergoing mammogram screenings in West Virginia is lower than the percentage at the national level. In West Virginia, 57.8 percent of Medicare-covered women ages 67 to 69 have had a recent mammogram, compared to the 62.1 percent reported in the nation as a whole.

Diabetes Monitoring

Diabetes monitoring is slightly lower among Medicare patients in West Virginia (83.5 percent) than among Medicare patients in the United States as a whole (84.7 percent).

SOCIAL DETERMINANTS

Median Household Income

The median household income in West Virginia is 25 percent less than the national median.

Poverty

The household poverty rate is 18.4 percent in West Virginia, a figure higher than the national rate of 15.6 percent.

Disability

The percentage of people receiving disability benefits is higher in West Virginia (9.1 percent) than in the United States as a whole (5.1 percent).

Education

In West Virginia, 53.1 percent of adults ages 25 to 44 have some type of post-secondary education, compared to the 63.3 percent in the nation as a whole.

Social Associations

The social association rate in West Virginia is 39 percent higher than the rate found in the nation as a whole.