

# Mississippi

State Health Department Website: [msdh.ms.gov](https://msdh.ms.gov)

Measures		Rating	State Rank	State Value	U.S. Value
SOCIAL & ECONOMIC FACTORS*		+	46	-0.612	—
Community and Family Safety	Occupational Fatalities (deaths per 100,000 workers)	+	47	8.2	4.2
	Public Health Funding (dollars per person)	+++	30	\$114	\$116
	Violent Crime (offenses per 100,000 population)	++++	14	278	379
Economic Resources	Economic Hardship Index (index from 1-100)	+	50	100	—
	Food Insecurity (% of households)	+	50	15.3%	10.7%
	Income Inequality (80-20 ratio)	+	48	5.37	4.85
Education	High School Graduation (% of students)	+++	29	85.0%	85.8%
	High School Graduation Racial Disparity (percentage point difference)	+++++	4	6.5	15.1
Social Support and Engagement	Adverse Childhood Experiences (% ages 0-17)	+	42	18.3%	14.8%
	High-speed Internet (% of households)	+	49	81.4%	89.4%
	Residential Segregation — Black/White (index from 0-100)	+++++	3	50	62
	Volunteerism (% ages 16+)	+	47	26.6%	33.4%
	Voter Participation (% of U.S. citizens ages 18+)	++++	17	62.3%	60.1%
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT*		+	45	-0.316	—
Air and Water Quality	Air Pollution (micrograms of fine particles per cubic meter)	++	38	8.1	8.3
	Drinking Water Violations (% of community water systems)	+	48	6.3%	0.8%
	Risk-screening Environmental Indicator Score (unitless score)	++++	16	1,367,879	—
	Water Fluoridation (% of population served)	++	35	60.7%	73.0%
Housing and Transit	Drive Alone to Work (% of workers ages 16+)	+	49	84.8%	75.9%
	Housing With Lead Risk (% of housing stock)	+++++	10	11.0%	17.6%
	Severe Housing Problems (% of occupied housing units)	+++	29	15.1%	17.3%
CLINICAL CARE*		+	49	-0.992	—
Access to Care	Avoided Care Due to Cost (% ages 18+)	+	46	13.9%	9.8%
	Providers (per 100,000 population)				
	Dental Care	+	47	44.2	62.3
	Mental Health	+	41	187.6	284.3
	Primary Care	++	33	244.4	252.3
Preventive Clinical Services	Uninsured (% of population)	+	46	13.0%	9.2%
	Colorectal Cancer Screening (% ages 50-75)	++	37	70.9%	74.3%
	Dental Visit (% ages 18+)	+	46	57.7%	66.7%
	Immunizations				
	Childhood Immunizations (% by age 35 months)	+++	30	75.4%	75.4%
	Flu Vaccination (% ages 18+)	+	45	41.3%	47.0%
Quality of Care	HPV Vaccination (% ages 13-17)	+	50	31.9%	58.6%
	Dedicated Health Care Provider (% ages 18+)	++	34	76.1%	77.6%
	Preventable Hospitalizations (discharges per 100,000 Medicare beneficiaries)	+	49	5,004	3,770
BEHAVIORS*		+	49	-1.358	—
Nutrition and Physical Activity	Exercise (% ages 18+)	+	48	15.7%	23.0%
	Fruit and Vegetable Consumption (% ages 18+)	+	42	6.3%	8.0%
	Physical Inactivity (% ages 18+)	+	49	30.0%	22.4%
Sexual Health	Chlamydia (new cases per 100,000 population)	+	49	850.2	551.0
	High-risk HIV Behaviors (% ages 18+)	++++	16	5.3%	5.6%
	Teen Births (births per 1,000 females ages 15-19)	+	49	291	16.7
Sleep Health	Insufficient Sleep (% ages 18+)	++	40	35.0%	32.3%
Smoking and Tobacco Use	Smoking (% ages 18+)	+	47	20.1%	15.5%
HEALTH OUTCOMES*		+	43	-0.622	—
Behavioral Health	Excessive Drinking (% ages 18+)	+++++	7	15.2%	17.6%
	Frequent Mental Distress (% ages 18+)	++	36	14.4%	13.2%
	Non-medical Drug Use (% ages 18+)	++++	14	9.2%	12.0%
Mortality	Premature Death (years lost before age 75 per 100,000 population)	+	49	11,256	7,337
	Premature Death Racial Disparity (ratio)	+++	27	1.5	1.5
Physical Health	Frequent Physical Distress (% ages 18+)	++	31	10.3%	9.9%
	Low Birthweight (% of live births)	+	50	12.3%	8.3%
	Low Birthweight Racial Disparity (ratio)	+++	27	2.0	2.1
	Multiple Chronic Conditions (% ages 18+)	+	44	12.8%	9.1%
	Obesity (% ages 18+)	+	50	39.7%	31.9%
OVERALL			—	-0.791	—

\* Values derived from individual measure data. Higher values are considered healthier.

— Data not available, missing or suppressed.

For measure definitions, sources and data years, see the Appendix or visit [www.AmericasHealthRankings.org](https://www.AmericasHealthRankings.org).

Rating	Rank
+++++	1-10
++++	11-20
+++	21-30
++	31-40
+	41-50

## Summary

### Strengths:

- Low prevalence of excessive drinking
- Low racial disparity in high school graduation rates
- Low percentage of housing with lead risk

### Challenges:

- High premature death rate
- High percentage of households with food insecurity
- High prevalence of cigarette smoking

### Highlights:

#### DRUG DEATHS

 **27%**

from 10.6 to 13.5 deaths per 100,000 population between 2018 and 2019

#### FREQUENT MENTAL DISTRESS

 **17%**

from 17.3% to 14.4% of adults between 2019 and 2020

#### MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS

 **8%**

from 173.0 to 187.6 per 100,000 population between 2020 and 2021