



The Facts About... New York's Health Status

Health Status Indicators New York's Ranking Compared to the 50 States and the United States (Least Favorable Rank = 50, Most Favorable Rank = 1)			
Indicators	NYS Ranking	NYS %	US %
<i>Child Health and Wellness Factors</i>			
Mothers Beginning Prenatal Care in First Trimester, 2001	38	80.5%	83.4%
Births by Vaginal Delivery, 2001	38	74.1%	75.6%
Children Aged 19-35 Months Who Were Fully Immunized, 2001	18	77.1%	73.7%
<i>Factors Affecting Women's Health</i>			
Women Aged 18+ Years Who Had a Pap Smear Test Within 3 Years, as of 1999	36	84.2%	85.4%
Percent of Women Aged 40+ Years Who Have Ever Had A Mammogram, 1999	30	85.8%	86.2%
<i>General Health and Safety Factors, All Ages</i>			
Safety Belt Usage Rate, 2001	10	80.3%	73.0%

Source: Morgan Quitno Press using data from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and National Center for Health Statistics; and the United States Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Commission.

How does the health status of New Yorkers stack up to residents in other states? There are many indicators collected and reported by various health agencies and independent organizations. On the tables presented here, the latest New York data is compared to the United States as a benchmark and a ranking is included to illustrate how New York compares with the other 50 states. On the table above, a ranking of 1 is the most favorable. On the following pages, the ranking is oriented just the opposite, so that a 1 is the least favorable.

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Mothers Receiving Late or No Prenatal Care, 1999	6	5.2%	3.7%
Low Birthweight Babies as a Percentage of All Births, 2000	25	7.7%	7.7%
Percent of Births by Cesarean Delivery, 2001	12	25.9%	24.4%
<i>Lifestyle Factors Affecting Adult Health</i>			
Percent of Adults Who Smoke, 2001	26	23.2%	22.9%
Percent of Overweight Adults, 2001	43	35.7%	37.1%
Percent of Obese Adults, 2001	32	20.3%	21.1%
Percent of Adults Who Drink and Drive, 1999	41	1.6%	2.4%

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Indicators	NYS Ranking	NYS Rate Per 100,000 Population	US Rate Per 100,000 Population
Estimated Disease Rates, 2003			
New Cancer Cases	37	448.4	462.6
Incidence of Diseases, 2001			
New AIDS Cases Reported	1	32.6	13.5
German Measles	7	0.01	0.01
Hepatitis A & B	4	8.8	5.2
Hepatitis C	16	0.4	1.2
Lyme Disease	3	27.1	6.3
Tuberculosis	3	7.0	4.2
Whooping Cough	24	2.0	2.9
Incidence of Diseases, 2001			
Sexually Transmitted Diseases	26	363.6	409.0
Death Rates, 2000			
Overall Death Rate	32	865.5	873.1
Estimated Death Rates, 2001			
By Cancer	36	186.9	193.0
Age-Adjusted Death Rates, 2000			
By AIDS	2	12.0	5.3
By Alzheimer's Disease	50	7.6	18.0
By Atherosclerosis (hardening of the arteries)	46	3.3	5.5
By Cerebrovascular Diseases (includes stroke and related conditions)	50	40.4	60.8
By Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis	42	7.4	9.6
By Diabetes Mellitus	44	19.9	25.2
By Heart Disease	9	290.0	257.9
By Lung Disease (bronchitis, emphysema, asthma and related conditions)	47	34.6	44.3
By Malignant Neoplasms (abnormal tissue and tumors, includes many cancers)	38	192.0	201.0
By Pneumonia and Influenza	12	26.1	23.7
By Tuberculosis	20	0.3	0.3

Source: Morgan Quitno Press using data from the American Cancer Society; and the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and National Center for Health Statistics.