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## **2022 County Health Rankings Released** *How Does Lincoln County Compare in WI?*

The 2022 County Health Rankings data has been released through the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. This year Lincoln County ranked 50<sup>th</sup> out of 72 counties in Wisconsin on overall health outcomes. The health outcomes ranking is based on two types of measures: how long people live and how healthy people feel while living. The ranking for our health outcomes is considered poor in Lincoln County. Contributing factors include premature death, overall number of poor mental and physical health days, as well as low birthweight. Lincoln County ranked 24<sup>th</sup> out of 72 counties in health factors. Health factors focus on what influences health and include: health behaviors, clinical care, social, economic, and physical environmental factors.

The County Health Rankings show us where we are doing well and areas that should be further explored to advance health of all Lincoln County residents. The rankings also provide an estimate of the future health of the county. The following were identified as strengths for Lincoln County this year.

- Physical Activity
- Insured Adults
- Preventable Hospital Stays
- Adult Flu Vaccination
- High School Graduation
- Children in Poverty
- Social Associations
- Air Quality
- Housing

The following areas were identified as areas Lincoln County can further explore and improve on:

- Adult Smoking
- Obesity
- Excessive Drinking
- Alcohol-Impaired Driving Deaths
- Adults with Some Post-Secondary Education

Looking for ways to get involved and support health in your community? Join Live Well Lincoln, a local partnership aimed at improving the health of Lincoln County. Live Well Lincoln works to mobilize people, organizations, and stakeholders to collaboratively address issues that impact health. The partnership focuses on the following areas: health equity, social determinants of health, mental health, substance use, access to healthy foods and nutrition. For more information contact Shelley Hersil, Health Officer, Lincoln County Health Department at 715-536-0307 or [shersil@co.lincoln.wi.us](mailto:shersil@co.lincoln.wi.us)

Further explore the 2022 County Health Rankings for Lincoln County at <https://bit.ly/3LsEdfQ> or scan the QR code. For more information about Lincoln County Health Department's programs and services, visit [lincolncountyhealthdepartment.com](http://lincolncountyhealthdepartment.com) or find us on Facebook. Lincoln County Health Department is always working for a safer and healthier Lincoln County.



# County Health Rankings - Lincoln County 2022



For more information on the County Health Rankings visit <http://www.countyhealthrankings.org>

Counting Health Rankings identified these areas as strengths and areas to explore in Lincoln County

Areas of Strength       Areas to Explore

Measures	Lincoln 2022	Trends <small>*not always available due to changes in data collection methods</small>	Top US 2022	WI 2022	Rank 2022 (out of 72 WI Counties)
<b>Health Outcomes Overall</b>					50 / 72
<b>Length of Life</b>					48 / 72
<b>Premature Death</b> Years of potential life lost before age 75 per 100,000 population (age adjusted).	6,900	Lincoln County is staying the same for this measure (1998-2019)	5,600	6,600	
Data Source: National Center for Health Statistics - Mortality Files 2018-2020					
<b>Quality of Life</b>					52 / 72
<b>Poor or fair health</b> Percentage of adults reporting fair or poor health (age adjusted).	15%	Data unavailable	15%	15%	
Data Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System 2019					
<b>Poor physical health days</b> Average number of physically unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age adjusted)	3.7	Data unavailable	3.4	3.6	
Data Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System 2019					
<b>Poor mental health days</b> Average number of mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted).	4.5	Data unavailable	4.0	4.4	
Data Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System 2019					
<b>Low birthweight</b> Percentage of live births with low birthweight (< 2,500 grams).	8%	Data unavailable	6%	8%	
Data Source: National Center for Health Statistics - Natality Files 2014-2020					
<b>Health Factors Overall Rank</b>					24 / 72
<b>Health Behaviors</b>					44 / 72
<b>Adult smoking</b> Percentage of adults who are current smokers (age-adjusted).	19%	Data unavailable	15%	16%	
Data Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System 2019					
<b>Adult obesity</b> Percentage of the adult population (age 20 and older) that reports a body mass index (BMI) greater than or equal to 30 kg/m2.	34%	Data unavailable	30%	34%	
Data Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System 2019					
<b>Food environment index</b> Index of factors that contribute to a healthy food environment, from 0 (worst) to 10 (best).	8.7	Data unavailable	8.8	8.7	
Data Source: USDA Food Environment Atlas, Map the Meal Gap from Feeding America 2019					

<b>Physical inactivity</b> Percentage of adults age 18 and over reporting no leisure-time physical activity.	25%	Data unavailable	23%	22%	
<b>Data Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System 2019</b>					
<b>Access to exercise opportunities</b> Percentage of population with adequate access to locations for physical activity.	64%	Data unavailable	86%	78%	
<b>Data Source: Business Analyst, ESRI, YMCA, &amp; US Census Tigerline Files 2010 &amp; 2021</b>					
<b>Excessive drinking</b> Percentage of adults reporting binge or heavy drinking (age-adjusted).	27%	Data unavailable	15%	25%	
<b>Data Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System 2019</b>					
<b>Alcohol-impaired driving deaths</b> Percentage of driving deaths with alcohol involvement.	44%	Lincoln County is getting worse for this measure (2008-2020)	10%	36%	
<b>Data Source: Fatality Analysis Reporting System 2016-2020</b>					
<b>Sexually transmitted infections</b> Number of newly diagnosed chlamydia cases per 100,000 population.	235.6	Lincoln County is getting worse for this measure (2007-2019)	161.8	499.4	
<b>Data Source: National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention 2019</b>					
<b>Teen births</b> Number of births per 1,000 female population ages 15-19.	20	Data unavailable	11	14	
<b>Data Source: National Center for Health Statistics - Natality Files 2014-2020</b>					
<b>Clinical Care</b>					<b>17 / 72</b>
<b>Uninsured</b> Percentage of population under age 65 without health insurance.	6%	Lincoln County is getting better for this measure (2008-2019)	6%	7%	
<b>Data Source: Small Area Health Insurance Estimates 2019</b>					
<b>Primary care physicians</b> Ratio of population to primary care physicians.	1,720:1	Lincoln County is getting worse for this measure (2010-2019)	1,010:1	1,260:1	
<b>Data Source: Area Health Resource File/American Medical Association 2019</b>					
<b>Dentists</b> Ratio of population to dentists.	1,840:1	Lincoln County is getting better for this measure (2010-2020)	1,210:1	1,390:1	
<b>Data Source: Area Health Resource File/ National Provider Identification file 2020</b>					
<b>Mental health providers</b> Ratio of population to mental health providers.	1,450:1	Data unavailable	250:1	440:1	
<b>Data Source: CMS, National Provider Identification 2021</b>					
<b>Preventable hospital stays</b> Rate of hospital stays for ambulatory-care sensitive conditions per 100,000 Medicare enrollees.	2,854	Lincoln County is staying the same for this measure (2012-2019)	2,233	3,260	
<b>Data Source: Mapping Medicare Disparities Tool 2019</b>					
<b>Mammography screening</b> Percentage of female Medicare enrollees ages 65-74 that received an annual mammography screening.	56%	Lincoln County is getting better for this measure (2012-2019)	52%	49%	
<b>Data Source: Mapping Medicare Disparities Tool 2019</b>					
<b>Flu vaccinations</b> Percentage of fee-for-service (FFS) Medicare enrollees that had an annual flu vaccination.	53%	Lincoln County is staying the same for this measure (2012-2019)	55%	53%	
<b>Data Source: Mapping Medicare Disparities Tool 2019</b>					
<b>Social &amp; Economic Factors</b>					<b>32 / 72</b>
<b>High school completion</b> Percentage of adults ages 25 and over with a high school diploma or equivalent.	92%	Data unavailable	94%	93%	
<b>Data Source: American Community Survey, 5 year estimates 2016-2020</b>					

<b>Some college</b> Percentage of adults ages 25-44 with some post-secondary education.	59%	Data unavailable	74%	70%	
<b>Data Source: American Community Survey, 5 year estimates 2016-2020</b>					
<b>Unemployment</b> Percentage of population ages 16 and older unemployed but seeking work.	5.9%	Lincoln County is staying the same for this measure (2002-2020)	4.0%	6.3%	
<b>Data Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics 2020</b>					
<b>Children in poverty</b> Percentage of people under age 18 in poverty.	11%	Lincoln County is getting worse for this measure, however there has been improvements in recent years (2002-2020)	9%	12%	
<b>Data Source: Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates 2020</b>					
<b>Income inequality</b> Ratio of household income at the 80th percentile to income at the 20th percentile.	4.0	Data unavailable	3.7	4.2	
<b>Data Source: American Community Survey, 5 year estimates 2016-2020</b>					
<b>Children in single-parent households</b> Percentage of children that live in a household headed by single parent.	15%	Data unavailable	14%	23%	
<b>Data Source: American Community Survey, 5 year estimates 2016-2020</b>					
<b>Social associations</b> Number of membership associations per 10,000 population.	15.6	Data unavailable	18.1	11.4	
<b>Data Source: County Business Patterns 2019</b>					
<b>Violent crime</b> Number of reported violent crime offenses per 100,000 population.	181	Lincoln County is staying the same for this measure (2007-2016)	63	298	
<b>Data Source: Uniform Crime Reporting – FBI 2014 &amp; 2016</b>					
<b>Injury deaths</b> Number of deaths due to injury per 100,000 population.	92	Data unavailable	61	89	
<b>Data Source: National Center for Health Statistics - Mortality Files 2016-2020</b>					
<b>Physical Environment</b>					<b>10 / 72</b>
<b>Air pollution-particulate matter</b> Average daily density of fine particulate matter in micrograms per cubic meter (PM2.5).	6.4	Lincoln County is getting better for this measure (2002-2018)	5.9	7.5	
<b>Data Source: CDC Environmental Public Health Tracking Network 2018</b>					
<b>Drinking water violations</b> Indicator of the presence of health-related drinking water violations. 'Yes' indicates the presence of a violation, 'No' indicates no violation.	No	Data unavailable	---	---	
<b>Data Source: EPA Safe Drinking Water Information System 2020</b>					
<b>Severe housing problems</b> Percentage of households with at least 1 of 4 housing problems: overcrowding, high housing costs, lack of kitchen facilities, or lack of plumbing facilities.	9%	Data unavailable	9%	14%	
<b>Data Source: Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data 2014-2018</b>					
<b>Driving alone to work</b> Percentage of the workforce that drives alone to work.	83%	Data unavailable	72%	80%	
<b>Data Source: American Community Survey, 5 year estimates 2016-2020</b>					
<b>Long commute – driving alone</b> Among workers who commute in their car alone, the percentage that commute more than 30 minutes.	31%	Data unavailable	16%	28%	
<b>Data Source: American Community Survey, 5 year estimates 2016-2020</b>					