

# Mississippi

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## Overall Rank: 50



Women Rank: 50  
 Infant Rank: 50  
 Children Rank: 50

### Strengths:

- Low prevalence of excessive drinking in women
- Low cost of infant child care
- Low prevalence of homeless family households

### Challenges:

- High prevalence of concentrated disadvantage
- Low prevalence of breastfeeding exclusively for 6 months
- High child mortality rate

### Ranking:

Mississippi ranks 50th for women and children's health. The state ranks 49th for general population health and 48th for senior health.

### Highlights:

- Mississippi ranks 50th in all three populations — women's, infants', and children's health.
- It ranks 50th in the behaviors, community & environment, and outcomes categories.
- It ranks above average in alcohol consumption during pregnancy (23rd), infant child care cost (2nd), and prenatal care before the 3rd trimester (11th).
- The state has the lowest rate of homeless family households at 2.1 per 10,000 households and the 5th lowest teen suicide rate at 5.9 deaths per 100,000 adolescents aged 15 to 19 years.
- Mississippi ranks 50th in infant mortality, child mortality, low birthweight, neonatal mortality, and preterm birth, but ranks 40th in maternal mortality.

State Health Department Website:  
[www.msdh.state.ms.us](http://www.msdh.state.ms.us)

## Summary

	Star Rating	MS Rank	Least Healthy Score	◆ State Score	❖ US Score	Most Healthy Score
<b>Behaviors</b>						
Women	★	50	◆.....❖.....			
Infants	★	49	◆.....❖.....			
Children	★	48	◆.....❖.....			
<b>Total</b>	★	50	◆.....❖.....			
<b>Community &amp; Environment</b>						
Women	★	50	◆.....❖.....			
Infants	★★★★	17	◆.....❖.....			
Children	★	50	◆.....❖.....			
<b>Total</b>	★	50	◆.....❖.....			
<b>Policy</b>						
Women	★★	40	◆.....❖.....			
Infants	★	49	◆.....❖.....			
Children	★★	32	◆.....❖.....			
<b>Total</b>	★	44	◆.....❖.....			
<b>Clinical Care</b>						
Women	★★★★	30	◆.....❖.....			
Infants	★★	39	◆.....❖.....			
Children	★	50	◆.....❖.....			
<b>Total</b>	★	45	◆.....❖.....			
<b>Outcomes</b>						
Women	★	49	◆.....❖.....			
Infants	★	50	◆.....❖.....			
Children	★★	37	◆.....❖.....			
<b>Total</b>	★	50	◆.....❖.....			
<b>Overall</b>						
Women	★	50	◆.....❖.....			
Infants	★	50	◆.....❖.....			
Children	★	50	◆.....❖.....			
<b>Total</b>	★	50	◆.....❖.....			

Women

	Star Rating	MS Value	MS Rank	No 1 State
<b>Behaviors</b>				
Chlamydia (cases per 100,000 females aged 15–44)	★	2,266.4	49	842.7
Excessive Drinking (% of women aged 18–44)	★★★★★	13.1	6	10.7
Obesity (% of women aged 18–44)	★	36.3	49	18.5
Physical Inactivity (% of women aged 18–44)	★	34.4	50	14.0
Smoking (% of women aged 18–44)	★	26.4	47	8.2
<b>Community &amp; Environment</b>				
Concentrated Disadvantage (% of households)	★	31.0	50	2.6
Food Insecurity (% of households)	★	22.0	50	8.4
Intimate Partner Violence — Lifetime (% of women)	★★	40.1	40	25.3
Intimate Partner Violence — Pregnancy (% of women with a recent live birth)	*	NA	*	1.3
<b>Policy</b>				
Postpartum Visit (% of women with a recent live birth)	*	NA	*	93.8
Publicly-Funded Women’s Health Services (% of need met)	★★★	30	23	61
Uninsured Women (% of women aged 18–44)	★	22.0	44	3.6
<b>Clinical Care</b>				
Cervical Cancer Screening (% of women aged 18–44)	★★★★	92.1	13	95.4
Dedicated Health Care Provider (% of women aged 18–44)	★★★	70.8	29	86.9
Dental Visit (% of women aged 18–44)	★★	61.6	38	77.2
Flu Vaccine (% of women aged 18–44)	★	28.6	45	49.0
Well-Woman Visit (% of women aged 18–44)	★★★★	70.8	12	75.4
<b>Outcomes</b>				
Diabetes (% of women aged 18–44)	★	4.7	49	1.9
Drug Deaths (deaths per 100,000 females aged 15–44)	★★★★	11.2	14	4.2
Maternal Mortality (deaths per 100,000 births)	★★	26.5	40	5.8
Postpartum Depression (% of women with a recent live birth)	*	NA	*	7.2
Unintended Pregnancy (% of all pregnancies)	★	62	50	36

Infants

	Star Rating	MS Value	MS Rank	No 1 State
<b>Behaviors</b>				
Alcohol During Pregnancy (% of pregnant women aged 18–44)	★★★	8.8	23	2.2
Breastfed (% of infants exclusive at 6 months)	★	10.1	50	29.6
Sleep Position (% of women who usually place infant on their back)	*	NA	*	88.8
Smoking During Pregnancy (% of pregnant women aged 18–44)	★	20.0	45	1.4
<b>Community &amp; Environment</b>				
Household Smoke (% of children aged 0–17)	★	33.9	47	12.4
Infant Child Care Cost (% of median income)	★★★★★	7.1	2	6.9
<b>Policy</b>				
Baby-Friendly Facility (% of live births)	★	0.0	45	36.0
Home Health Visit (% of children aged 0–3)	★★	10.2	38	30.6
mPINC (Maternity Practices in Infant and Nutrition Care survey score)	★	59	50	91
<b>Clinical Care</b>				
Low-Risk Cesarean Delivery (% of singleton, term, vertex, first births)	★	31.5	49	17.0
Prenatal Care Before 3rd Trimester (% of live births)	★★★★	94.6	11	97.8
Well-Baby Check (% of babies)	★★	90.5	33	96.8
<b>Outcomes</b>				
Infant Mortality (deaths in infants aged <1 year per 1,000 live births)	★	9.3	50	4.2
Low Birthweight (% of live births)	★	11.3	50	5.9
Neonatal Mortality (deaths in infants aged 0–27 days per 1,000 live births)	★	5.5	50	2.8
Preterm Birth (% of live births)	★	12.9	50	7.7

Children

	Star Rating	MS Value	MS Rank	No 1 State
<b>Behaviors</b>				
Drug Dependence or Abuse (% of children aged 12–17)	★★★★	4.9	15	4.1
High School Graduation (% of students)	★★	77.6	40	90.5
Overweight or Obese (% of children aged 10–17)	★	39.7	49	22.1
Tobacco Use (% of children aged 12–17)	★	10.3	42	5.0
<b>Community &amp; Environment</b>				
Adverse Childhood Experiences (% of children aged 0–17 with 2+ experiences)	★	29.1	46	16.3
Neighborhood Amenities (% of children aged 0–17)	★	29.4	50	69.6
Protective Home Environment (Ages 0–5) (% of children aged 0–5)	★	24.1	50	62.7
Protective Home Environment (Ages 6–17) (% of children aged 6–17)	★	10.3	50	38.5
Supportive Neighborhoods (% of children aged 0–17)	★★	76.0	35	89.2
<b>Policy</b>				
Adequate Health Insurance (% of insured children aged 0–17)	★★★	77.6	25	81.9
Children with Health Insurance (% of children aged 0–17)	★	92.7	42	99.0
Homeless Family Households (number per 10,000 households)	★★★★★	2.1	1	2.1
Water Fluoridation (% of population served)	★★	60.0	37	99.9
<b>Clinical Care</b>				
Adolescent Well-Visit (% of children aged 12–17)	★★	76.2	40	93.3
Developmental Screening (% children aged 10 months–5 years)	★	17.5	50	58.0
Immunizations — Adolescents (combined average z score)	★	-2.0	50	1.3
• HPV Female (% of females aged 13–17)	★	24.6	48	54.0
• HPV Male (% of males aged 13–17)	★	NA	50	42.9
• MCV4 (% of children aged 13–17)	★	46.0	50	95.2
• Tdap (% of children aged 13–17)	★	70.8	49	94.8
Immunizations — Children (% of children aged 19–35 months)	★★	70.7	31	84.7
Medical Home for Special Care Child (% of children with special care needs)	★	36.8	46	50.7
<b>Outcomes</b>				
Child Mortality (deaths per 100,000 children aged 1–18)	★	34.3	50	13.9
Missed School Days (% of children aged 6–17 missing 11+ days)	★★★★	5.2	11	3.6
Teen Births (births per 1,000 females aged 15–19 years)	★	38.0	48	10.6
Teen Suicide (deaths per 100,000 adolescents aged 15–19)	★★★★★	5.9	5	5.0

\* Measure not included in ranking calculation due to missing data in several states  
NA = Data unavailable

Star Rating	Stars	Rank
★★★★★	5	1–10
★★★★	4	11–20
★★★	3	21–30
★★	2	31–40
★	1	41–50