Buena Vista (BV)
2020 Rankings

County Demographics

	County	State
Population	19,874	3,156,145
% below 18 years of age	25.5%	23.2%
% 65 and older	16.1%	17.1%
% Non-Hispanic Black	3.0%	3.8%
% American Indian & Alaska Native	0.6%	0.5%
% Asian	9.7%	2.7%
% Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	1.8%	0.1%
% Hispanic	26.0%	6.2%
% Non-Hispanic White	58.6%	85.3%
% not proficient in English	11%	2%
% Females	49.2%	50.2%
% Rural	43.9%	36.0%

	Buena Vista County	Error Margin	Top U.S. Performers ^	Iowa	Rank (of 99)
Health Outcomes					**27**
Length of Life					**9**
Premature death	4,500	3,500-5,600	5,500	6,200	
Quality of Life					**70**
Poor or fair health **	16%	16-17%	12%	14%	
Poor physical health days **	3.2	3.1-3.4	3.1	3.3	
Poor mental health days **	3.3	3.2-3.4	3.4	3.6	
Low birthweight	7%	6-8%	6%	7%	

Additional Health Outcomes (not included in overall ranking)

	Buena Vista County	Error Margin	Top U.S. Performers ^	Iowa	Rank (of 99)
Life expectancy	81.4	80.2-82.5	81.1	79.4	
Premature age-adjusted mortality	240	210-280	270	320	
Child mortality			40	50	
Infant mortality			4	5	
Frequent physical distress	10%	10-10%	9%	10%	
Frequent mental distress	11%	11-11%	11%	11%	
Diabetes prevalence	9%	7-13%	7%	10%	
HIV prevalence	122		41	98	
Health Factors					**60**
Health Behaviors					**33**
Adult smoking **	15%	14-15%	14%	17%	
Adult obesity	34%	28-40%	26%	33%	
Food environment index	8.7		8.6	8.2	
Physical inactivity	24%	19-29%	20%	24%	
Access to exercise opportunities	74%		91%	83%	
Excessive drinking **	19%	18-19%	13%	22%	
Alcohol-impaired driving deaths	23%	9-39%	11%	27%	
Sexually transmitted infections	338.1		161.4	441.6	
Teen births	33	28-38	13	19	

Additional Health Behaviors (not included in overall ranking)

	Buena Vista County	Error Margin	Top U.S. Performers ^	Iowa	Rank (of 99)
Food insecurity	9%		9%	11%	
Limited access to healthy foods	4%		2%	6%	
Drug overdose deaths			10	10	
Motor vehicle crash deaths	11	6-18	9	11	

Insufficient sleep	29%	28-30%	27%	28%

Clinical Care   89

Uninsured	11%	10-13%	6%	5%
Primary care physicians	2,230:1		1,030:1	1,370:1
Dentists	1,660:1		1,240:1	1,500:1
Mental health providers	2,480:1		290:1	640:1
Preventable hospital stays	2,518		2,761	3,808
Mammography screening	46%		50%	51%
Flu vaccinations	54%		53%	53%

Additional Clinical Care (not included in overall ranking)

Uninsured adults	14%	12-16%	7%	7%
Uninsured children	6%	4-7%	3%	3%
Other primary care providers	2,839:1		665:1	990:1

Social & Economic Factors   73

High school graduation	76%		96%	91%
Some college	50%	43-56%	73%	70%
Unemployment	2.1%		2.6%	2.5%
Children in poverty	14%	9-18%	11%	14%
Income inequality	3.6	3.0-4.1	3.7	4.2
Children in single-parent households	32%	24-41%	20%	29%
Social associations	22.4		18.4	15.2
Violent crime	311		63	282
Injury deaths	53	40-69	58	67

Additional Social & Economic Factors (not included in overall ranking)

Disconnected youth			4%	5%
Reading scores	3.0		3.4	3.1
Math scores	3.1		3.4	3.1
Median household income	$52,700	$46,800-58,600	$69,000	$60,100
Children eligible for free or reduced price lunch	60%		32%	40%
Residential segregation - Black/White	55		23	62
Residential segregation - non-white/white	46		14	48
Homicides			2	2
Suicides			11	14
Firearm fatalities			8	9
Juvenile arrests	52			37

Physical Environment   25

Air pollution - particulate matter **	8.7		6.1	9.0
Drinking water violations	No			
Severe housing problems	15%	12-18%	9%	12%
Driving alone to work	73%	70-76%	72%	81%
Long commute - driving alone	13%	11-16%	16%	20%

Additional Physical Environment (not included in overall ranking)

Traffic volume	512			1,461
Homeownership	67%	64-69%	81%	71%
Severe housing cost burden	8%	5-10%	7%	10%

Areas to Explore	Areas of Strength

^ 10th/90th percentile, i.e., only 10% are better.
** Data should not be compared with prior years
Note: Blank values reflect unreliable or missing data