Cherokee (CH)
2020 Rankings

County Demographics

	County	State
Population	11,321	3,156,145
% below 18 years of age	21.8%	23.2%
% 65 and older	24.0%	17.1%
% Non-Hispanic Black	1.1%	3.8%
% American Indian & Alaska Native	0.4%	0.5%
% Asian	0.6%	2.7%
% Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.2%	0.1%
% Hispanic	4.0%	6.2%
% Non-Hispanic White	93.0%	85.3%
% not proficient in English	0%	2%
% Females	49.7%	50.2%
% Rural	61.4%	36.0%

	Cherokee County	Error Margin	Top U.S. Performers ^	Iowa	Rank (of 99)
Health Outcomes					**52**
Length of Life					**40**
Premature death	6,000	4,400-7,600	5,500	6,200	
Quality of Life					**66**
Poor or fair health **	14%	13-14%	12%	14%	
Poor physical health days **	3.3	3.1-3.5	3.1	3.3	
Poor mental health days **	3.6	3.4-3.8	3.4	3.6	
Low birthweight	6%	5-8%	6%	7%	

Additional Health Outcomes (not included in overall ranking)

	Cherokee County	Error Margin	Top U.S. Performers ^	Iowa	Rank (of 99)
Life expectancy	80.0	78.4-81.5	81.1	79.4	
Premature age-adjusted mortality	340	280-400	270	320	
Child mortality			40	50	
Infant mortality			4	5	
Frequent physical distress	10%	10-10%	9%	10%	
Frequent mental distress	11%	11-12%	11%	11%	
Diabetes prevalence	14%	8-21%	7%	10%	
HIV prevalence			41	98	
Health Factors					**44**
Health Behaviors					**72**
Adult smoking **	17%	16-17%	14%	17%	
Adult obesity	35%	27-44%	26%	33%	
Food environment index	8.6		8.6	8.2	
Physical inactivity	27%	21-35%	20%	24%	
Access to exercise opportunities	77%		91%	83%	
Excessive drinking **	19%	18-20%	13%	22%	
Alcohol-impaired driving deaths	38%	18-56%	11%	27%	
Sexually transmitted infections	203.3		161.4	441.6	
Teen births	30	23-38	13	19	

Additional Health Behaviors (not included in overall ranking)

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

Insufficient sleep	25%	24-26%	27%	28%

Clinical Care   70

Uninsured	6%	5-7%	6%	5%
Primary care physicians	1,620:1		1,030:1	1,370:1
Dentists	2,830:1		1,240:1	1,500:1
Mental health providers	810:1		290:1	640:1
Preventable hospital stays	4,857		2,761	3,808
Mammography screening	52%		50%	51%
Flu vaccinations	48%		53%	53%

Additional Clinical Care (not included in overall ranking)

Uninsured adults	7%	6-8%	7%	7%
Uninsured children	4%	2-5%	3%	3%
Other primary care providers	708:1		665:1	990:1

Social & Economic Factors   27

High school graduation	96%		96%	91%
Some college	76%	64-87%	73%	70%
Unemployment	2.2%		2.6%	2.5%
Children in poverty	11%	7-15%	11%	14%
Income inequality	3.9	3.4-4.4	3.7	4.2
Children in single-parent households	42%	27-57%	20%	29%
Social associations	13.3		18.4	15.2
Violent crime	175		63	282
Injury deaths	80	59-107	58	67

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

Disconnected youth			4%	5%
Reading scores	3.4		3.4	3.1
Math scores	3.2		3.4	3.1
Median household income	$56,300	$50,000-62,600	$69,000	$60,100
Children eligible for free or reduced price lunch	40%		32%	40%
Residential segregation - Black/White	33		23	62
Residential segregation - non-white/white	27		14	48
Homicides			2	2
Suicides	20	10-37	11	14
Firearm fatalities			8	9
Juvenile arrests	38			37

Physical Environment   15

Air pollution - particulate matter **	8.6		6.1	9.0
Drinking water violations	No			
Severe housing problems	6%	4-8%	9%	12%
Driving alone to work	84%	81-87%	72%	81%
Long commute - driving alone	17%	13-21%	16%	20%

Additional Physical Environment (not included in overall ranking)

Traffic volume	312			1,461
Homeownership	74%	70-78%	81%	71%
Severe housing cost burden	4%	2-6%	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