

Union (UN) 2020 Rankings

County Demographics

	County	State
Population	12,359	3,156,145
% below 18 years of age	22.2%	23.2%
% 65 and older	20.6%	17.1%
% Non-Hispanic Black	1.1%	3.8%
% American Indian & Alaska Native	0.4%	0.5%
% Asian	0.8%	2.7%
% Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%
% Hispanic	3.2%	6.2%
% Non-Hispanic White	93.8%	85.3%
% not proficient in English	1%	2%
% Females	51.5%	50.2%
% Rural	39.2%	36.0%

	Union County	Error Margin	Top U.S. Performers ^	Iowa	Rank (of 99)
Health Outcomes					77
Length of Life					89
Premature death	8,300	6,400-10,300	5,500	6,200	
Quality of Life					49
Poor or fair health **	14%	14-15%	12%	14%	
Poor physical health days **	3.4	3.2-3.5	3.1	3.3	
Poor mental health days **	3.7	3.5-3.9	3.4	3.6	
Low birthweight	5%	4-7%	6%	7%	

Additional Health Outcomes (not included in overall ranking)

Life expectancy	77.6	75.9-79.2	81.1	79.4
Premature age-adjusted mortality	400	340-460	270	320
Child mortality			40	50
Infant mortality			4	5
Frequent physical distress	10%	10-11%	9%	10%
Frequent mental distress	12%	11-12%	11%	11%
Diabetes prevalence	18%	12-26%	7%	10%
HIV prevalence	67		41	98

Health Factors **81**

Health Behaviors **81**

Adult smoking **	16%	15-17%	14%	17%
Adult obesity	41%	32-49%	26%	33%
Food environment index	7.9		8.6	8.2
Physical inactivity	25%	18-33%	20%	24%
Access to exercise opportunities	87%		91%	83%
Excessive drinking **	20%	19-21%	13%	22%
Alcohol-impaired driving deaths	40%	15-62%	11%	27%
Sexually transmitted infections	313.3		161.4	441.6
Teen births	24	19-30	13	19

Additional Health Behaviors (not included in overall ranking)

Food insecurity	12%		9%	11%
Limited access to healthy foods	6%		2%	6%
Drug overdose deaths			10	10
Motor vehicle crash deaths	16	9-27	9	11
Insufficient sleep	28%	27-29%	27%	28%

Clinical Care

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Uninsured	6%	5-7%	6%	5%
Primary care physicians	1,250:1		1,030:1	1,370:1
Dentists	2,470:1		1,240:1	1,500:1
Mental health providers	560:1		290:1	640:1
Preventable hospital stays	2,996		2,761	3,808
Mammography screening	54%		50%	51%
Flu vaccinations	56%		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	1,124:1		665:1	990:1

Social & Economic Factors

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High school graduation	93%		96%	91%
Some college	61%	53-69%	73%	70%
Unemployment	3.5%		2.6%	2.5%
Children in poverty	18%	12-24%	11%	14%
Income inequality	4.4	3.6-5.2	3.7	4.2
Children in single-parent households	28%	17-40%	20%	29%
Social associations	11.2		18.4	15.2
Violent crime	219		63	282
Injury deaths	93	71-121	58	67

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

Disconnected youth			4%	5%
Reading scores	2.8		3.4	3.1
Math scores	2.9		3.4	3.1
Median household income	\$49,900	\$44,800-55,000	\$69,000	\$60,100
Children eligible for free or reduced price lunch	54%		32%	40%
Residential segregation - Black/White			23	62
Residential segregation - non-white/white	45		14	48
Homicides			2	2
Suicides	26	14-43	11	14
Firearm fatalities	16	8-30	8	9
Juvenile arrests	43			37

Physical Environment

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Air pollution - particulate matter **	8.9		6.1	9.0
Drinking water violations	No			
Severe housing problems	10%	7-12%	9%	12%
Driving alone to work	81%	77-84%	72%	81%
Long commute - driving alone	19%	15-22%	16%	20%

Additional Physical Environment (not included in overall ranking)

Traffic volume	565			1,461
Homeownership	71%	68-74%	81%	71%
Severe housing cost burden	9%	6-12%	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