

County Health Rankings® – 2017 – Summary for Kennebec County
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Measure	Data Years	Kennebec County			Comparisons		
		Rank* (1-16)	Rate	Error Margin	Maine	Best ME County	Top U.S. Performers*
Health Outcomes		7					
Length of Life: 50% weight in health outcomes ranking		10					
Premature Death (years of potential life lost before age 75 (per 100,000 pop))	'12-'14		7098	6510–7687	6400	5100	5200
Quality of Life: 50% weight in health outcomes ranking		6					
Poor or Fair Health (% adults)*	2015		13%	13.1–13.9%	15%	10%	12%
Poor Physical Health Days (mean # days in past 30)	2015		3.5	3.4–3.7	3.8	2.9	3.0
Poor Mental Health Days (mean # days in past 30)	2015		3.6	3.4–3.7	4.0	3.4	3.0
Live Births with Low Birth weight (% <2500 grams)	'08-'12		6.6%	6.1–7.1%	6.7%	5.6%	6.0%
Health Factors		5					
Health Behaviors: 30% weight in health factors ranking		7					
Current Smokers (% adults)*	2015		15%	14.5–15.5%	19%	13%	14%
Diet and Exercise:							
Adults with Obesity (% Body Mass Index ≥30)*	2013		31%	29.0–32.9%	28%	23%	26%
Healthy Food Environment Index (0 (worst) to 10 (best))	2014		7.5		7.4	7.9	8.4
No Physical Activity in Past 30 days† (% ages 20+)*	2013		21%	19.0–22.2%	20%	15%	19%
Access to Exercise Opportunities (% population)	'10,'14		78%		68%	84%	91%
Alcohol and Drug Use:							
Excessive Drinking in Past 30 Days (% adults)*	2014		18%	17.2–18.5%	20%	15%	12%
Alcohol-Impaired Driving Deaths (% deaths)	'11-'15		33%	27.5–39.1%	40%	0%	13%
High Risk Sexual Behavior:							
Newly Diagnosed Chlamydia Cases (# per 100,000 pop)	2014		296		265.8	129.0	145.5
Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000 females ages 15–19)	'08-'14		23	21–25	21	12	17
Clinical Care: 20% weight in health factors ranking		2					
Access to Care:							
Uninsured Adults (% ages <65)	2014		11%	10–12%	12%	10%	8%
Ratio of Population to Primary Care Physicians	2014		781:1		900:1	630:1	1040:1
Ratio of Population to Dentists	2015		1290:1		1690:1	1160:1	1320:1
Ratio of Population to Mental Health Providers	2016		232:1		240:1	160:1	360:1
Quality of Care (for Medicare Enrollees):							
Preventable Hospital Stays (per 1,000 enrollees)	2014		39	36–42	47	34	36
Diabetic Monitoring (% diabetics who had HbA1c tested)	2014		87%	82–92%	89%	92%	91%
Mammography (% females ages 67–69)	2014		69%	64–73%	69%	75%	71%
Socio-Economic Factors: 40% weight in factors ranking		5					
Education:							
Ninth Graders who graduate in 4 years (%)	'14-'15		87%		87%	91%	95%
Some Post-Secondary Education (% ages 25–44)	'11-'15		63%	59–66%	65%	75%	72%
Unemployment (% ages 16+)	2015		4.2%		4.4%	3.4%	3.3%
Income:							
Children in Poverty (% ages <18)	2015		18%	13–23%	18%	11%	12%
Income Inequality (gap between lower/upper income)	'11-'15		4.4		4.6	4.0	3.7
Family & Social Support:							
Children in Single-Parent Households (% ages <18)	'11-'15		36%	32–39%	33%	28%	21%
Social (Membership) Associations (per 10,000 pop)	2014		14.9		11.2	14.9	22.1
Community Safety:							
Violent Crimes (# per 100,000 pop)	'12-'14		168		127	48	62
Injury Deaths (# per 100,000 pop)	'11-'15		76	69–83	70	60	53
Physical Environment: 10% weight in factors ranking		7					
Air and Water Quality:							
Daily Air Pollution (avg fine particulate matter density)	2012		7.8		7.4	6.5	6.7
Drinking Water Safety (1+ violations)	FY13/14		Yes		N/A	N/A	N/A
Housing and Transit:							
Severe Housing Problems (% households)	'09-'13		14%	13–15%	16%	13%	9%
Driving Alone to Work (% workforce)	'11-'15		80%	79–81%	78%	70%	72%
Commute 30+ Minutes (% workers who drive alone)	'11-'15		31%	29–33%	31%	18%	15%

* Ranking of Maine counties: 1 (Highest) to 16 (Lowest).

† Self-reported.

* Only 10% of counties throughout the US had better rates.

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	Data Years	Rank* (1-16)	Rate	Error Margin	Data Years	Rank* (1-16)	Rate	Error Margin
Health Outcomes		7				5		
Length of Life: 50% weight in health outcomes ranking		10				9		
Premature Death (years of potential life lost before age 75 (per 100,000 pop)	'12-'14		7098	6510–7687	'08-'10		6265	5775–6756
Quality of Life: 50% weight in health outcomes ranking		6				7		
Poor or Fair Health (% adults)*	2015		13%	13.1–13.9%			<i>Changed how rate was estimated</i>	
Poor Physical Health Days (mean # days in past 30)	2015		3.5	3.4–3.7			<i>Changed how rate was estimated</i>	
Poor Mental Health Days (mean # days in past 30)	2015		3.6	3.4–3.7			<i>Changed how rate was estimated</i>	
Live Births with Low Birth weight (% <2500 grams)	'08-'12		6.6%	6.1–7.1%	'05-'11		6.3%	5.8–6.8%
Health Factors		5				4		
Health Behaviors: 30% weight in health factors ranking		7				8		
Current Smokers (% adults)*	2015		15%	14.5–15.5%			<i>Changed how rate was estimated</i>	
Diet and Exercise:								
Adults with Obesity (% Body Mass Index ≥30)*	2013		31%	29.0–32.9%	2010		30%	28.2–32.2%
Healthy Food Environment Index (0 (worst) to 10 (best))	2014		7.5		2011		8.1	
No Physical Activity in Past 30 days (% ages 20+)*	2013		21%	19.0–22.2%	2010		22%	20.2–23.6%
Access to Exercise Opportunities (% population)	'10,'14		78%		'10,'12		61%	
Alcohol and Drug Use:								
Excessive Drinking in Past 30 Days (% adults)*	2014		18%	17.2–18.5%			<i>Changed how rate was estimated</i>	
Alcohol-Impaired Driving Deaths (% deaths)	'11-'15		33%	27.5–39.1%	'08-'12		35%	
High Risk Sexual Behavior:								
Newly Diagnosed Chlamydia Cases (# per 100,000 pop)	2014		296		2011		289	
Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000 females ages 15–19)	'08-'14		23	21–25	'05-'11		26	24–28
Clinical Care: 20% weight in health factors ranking		2				2		
Access to Care:								
Uninsured Adults (% ages <65)	2014		11%	10–12%	2011		12%	10–13%
Ratio of Population to Primary Care Physicians	2014		781:1		2011		797:1	
Ratio of Population to Dentists	2015		1290:1		2012		1468:1	
Ratio of Population to Mental Health Providers	2016		232:1				<i>Data unavailable due to error</i>	
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Preventable Hospital Stays (per 1,000 enrollees)	2014		39	36–42	2011		53	49–57
Diabetic Monitoring (% diabetics who had HbA1c tested)	2014		87%	82–92%	2011		88%	83–93%
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Education:								
Ninth Graders who graduate in 4 years (%)	'14-'15		87%		'10-'11		82%	
Some Post-Secondary Education (% ages 25–44)	'11-'15		63%	59–66%	'08-'12		59%	56–63%
Unemployment (% ages 16+)	2015		4.2%		2012		7.0%	
Income:								
Children in Poverty (% ages <18)	2015		18%	13–23%	2012		20%	16–25%
Income Inequality (gap between lower/upper income)	'11-'15		4.4				<i>Not included until 2015</i>	
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Social (Membership) Associations (per 10,000 pop)	2014		14.9				<i>Not included until 2015</i>	
Community Safety:								
Violent Crimes (# per 100,000 pop)	'12-'14		168		'09-'11		134	
Injury Deaths (# per 100,000 pop)	'11-'15		76	69–83	'06-'10		59	53–65
Physical Environment: 10% weight in factors ranking		7				2		
Air and Water Quality:								
Daily Air Pollution (avg fine particulate matter density)	2012		7.8		2011		10.2	
Drinking Water Safety (1+ violations)	FY13/14		Yes				<i>Metric changed</i>	
Housing and Transit:								
Severe Housing Problems (% households)	'09-'13		14%	13–15%	'06-'10		12%	11–13%
Driving Alone to Work (% workforce)	'11-'15		80%	79–81%	'08-'12		80%	79–82%
Commute 30+ Minutes (% workers who drive alone)	'11-'15		31%	29–33%	'08-'12		30%	28–31%

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