

County Health Rankings[®] – 2017 – Summary for Piscataquis County
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Measure	Data Years	Piscataquis County			Comparisons		
		Rank* (1-16)	Rate	Error Margin	Maine	Best ME County	Top U.S. Performers*
Health Outcomes		14					
Length of Life: 50% weight in health outcomes ranking		15					
Premature Death (years of potential life lost before age 75 (per 100,000 pop))	'12-'14		8177	6281–10074	6400	5100	5200
Quality of Life: 50% weight in health outcomes ranking		9					
Poor or Fair Health (% adults)*	2015		15%	14.2–15.3%	15%	10%	12%
Poor Physical Health Days (mean # days in past 30)	2015		3.9	3.7–4.1	3.8	2.9	3.0
Poor Mental Health Days (mean # days in past 30)	2015		3.9	3.7–4.1	4.0	3.4	3.0
Live Births with Low Birth weight (% <2500 grams)	'08-'12		6.6%	5.1–8.1%	6.7%	5.6%	6.0%
Health Factors		13					
Health Behaviors: 30% weight in health factors ranking		9					
Current Smokers (% adults)*	2015		19%	17.8–19.4%	19%	13%	14%
Diet and Exercise:							
Adults with Obesity (% Body Mass Index ≥30)*	2013		33%	29.8–36.9%	28%	23%	26%
Healthy Food Environment Index (0 (worst) to 10 (best))	2014		7.2		7.4	7.9	8.4
No Physical Activity in Past 30 days† (% ages 20+)*	2013		28%	25.0–31.5%	20%	15%	19%
Access to Exercise Opportunities (% population)	'10,'14		47%		68%	84%	91%
Alcohol and Drug Use:							
Excessive Drinking in Past 30 Days (% adults)*	2014		15%	14.5–15.8%	20%	15%	12%
Alcohol-Impaired Driving Deaths (% deaths)	'11-'15		0%	0.0%–23.4%	40%	0%	13%
High Risk Sexual Behavior:							
Newly Diagnosed Chlamydia Cases (# per 100,000 pop)	2014		210		265.8	129.0	145.5
Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000 females ages 15–19)	'08-'14		29	24–35	21	12	17
Clinical Care: 20% weight in health factors ranking		14					
Access to Care:							
Uninsured Adults (% ages <65)	2014		14%	13–16%	12%	10%	8%
Ratio of Population to Primary Care Physicians	2014		1064:1		900:1	630:1	1040:1
Ratio of Population to Dentists	2015		3386:1		1690:1	1160:1	1320:1
Ratio of Population to Mental Health Providers	2016		513:1		240:1	160:1	360:1
Quality of Care (for Medicare Enrollees):							
Preventable Hospital Stays (per 1,000 enrollees)	2014		56	48–65	47	34	36
Diabetic Monitoring (% diabetics who had HbA1c tested)	2014		89%	80–99%	89%	92%	91%
Mammography (% females ages 67–69)	2014		68%	58–78%	69%	75%	71%
Socio-Economic Factors: 40% weight in factors ranking		14					
Education:							
Ninth Graders who graduate in 4 years (%)	'14-'15		88%		87%	91%	95%
Some Post-Secondary Education (% ages 25–44)	'11-'15		52%	46–58%	65%	75%	72%
Unemployment (% ages 16+)	2015		5.8%		4.4%	3.4%	3.3%
Income:							
Children in Poverty (% ages <18)	2015		31%	23–38%	18%	11%	12%
Income Inequality (gap between lower/upper income)	'11-'15		4.3		4.6	4.0	3.7
Family & Social Support:							
Children in Single-Parent Households (% ages <18)	'11-'15		44%	35–52%	33%	28%	21%
Social (Membership) Associations (per 10,000 pop)	2014		14.1		11.2	14.9	22.1
Community Safety:							
Violent Crimes (# per 100,000 pop)	'12-'14		180		127	48	62
Injury Deaths (# per 100,000 pop)	'11-'15		83	65–104	70	60	53
Physical Environment: 10% weight in factors ranking		2					
Air and Water Quality:							
Daily Air Pollution (avg fine particulate matter density)	2012		6.6		7.4	6.5	6.7
Drinking Water Safety (1+ violations)	FY13/14		No		N/A	N/A	N/A
Housing and Transit:							
Severe Housing Problems (% households)	'09-'13		15%	13–17%	16%	13%	9%
Driving Alone to Work (% workforce)	'11-'15		80%	79–82%	78%	70%	72%
Commute 30+ Minutes (% workers who drive alone)	'11-'15		31%	27–35%	31%	18%	15%

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† Self-reported.

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

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