

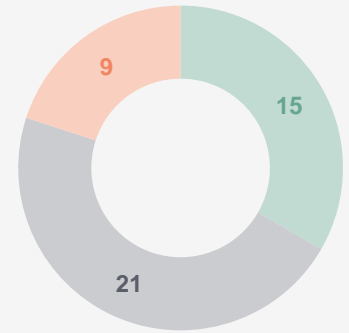
California

Ranking Highlights^a

	National Rank	Rank Among Western States*
Overall	11 of 51	3 of 6
COVID-19	20	5
Access & Affordability	18	3
Prevention & Treatment	45	4
Avoidable Hospital Use & Cost	19	5
Healthy Lives	5	2
Income Disparity	8	2
Racial & Ethnic Equity	4	2

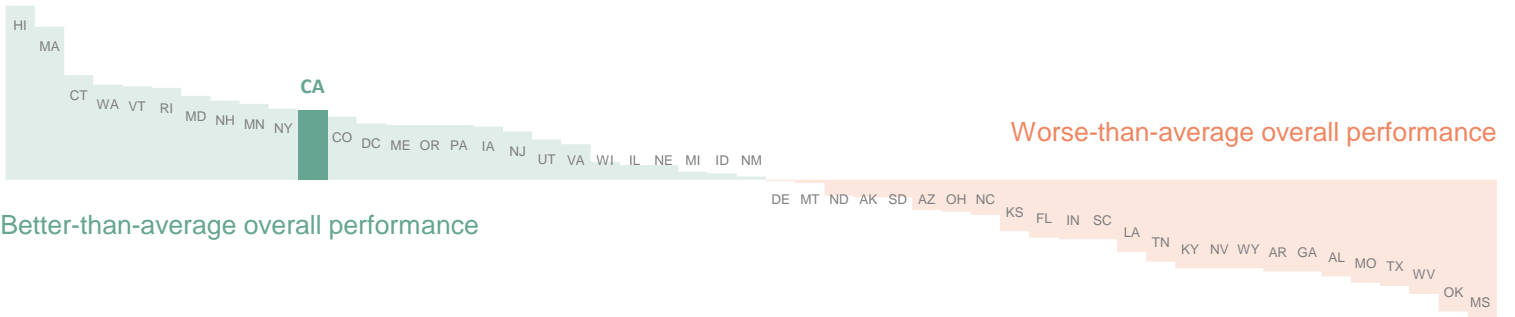
* Western states include AK, CA, HI, NV, OR, WA

How Health Care Performance Changed in California^b



- Indicators that Improved
- Indicators that Worsened
- Indicators with Little or No Change

How California Compares to All States



The Best and Worst in California

Top-Ranked Indicators

- Maternal mortality
- Home health patients with a hospital admission
- Adults who smoke

Most Improved Indicators

- Home health patients with a hospital admission
- Adults with all recommended cancer screenings
- Hospital 30-day mortality

Bottom-Ranked Indicators

- Diabetic adults without an annual hemoglobin A1c test
- Children with a medical home
- Adults with any mental illness who did not receive treatment

Indicators That Worsened the Most

- Adults with any mental illness reporting unmet need
- Preventable hospitalizations ages 18–64
- Adults with age-appropriate vaccines

Table 1. State Health System Performance Indicator Data by Dimension

Dimension and indicator	Data year	State rate	U.S. average	Best state rate	State rank	Data year	State rate	U.S. average	Change over time ^b
Access & Affordability	2022 Scorecard					Baseline			
Adults ages 19–64 uninsured	2020	10%	12%	4%	22	2016	10%	12%	No Change
Children ages 0–18 uninsured	2020	3%	5%	2%	12	2016	3%	5%	No Change
Adults age 18 and older without a usual source of care	2020	24%	23%	12%	36	2016	24%	22%	No Change
Adults age 18 and older who went without care because of cost in past year	2020	9%	11%	6%	14	2016	11%	13%	Improved
Individuals under age 65 with high out-of-pocket medical costs relative to their annual household income	2019–20	6%	7%	3%	12	2016–17	7%	9%	Improved
Employee total potential out-of-pocket medical costs as a share of state median income	2020	11%	12%	8%	19	2016	11%	11%	No Change
People with medical debt	2020	9%	15%	2%	14	—	—	—	—
Adults age 18 and older without a dental visit in past year	2020	35%	35%	25%	32	2016	33%	34%	No Change
Prevention & Treatment	2022 Scorecard					Baseline			
Adults with all age- and gender-appropriate cancer screenings	2020	65%	69%	76%	43	2016	72%	68%	Worsened
Adults with age-appropriate flu and pneumonia vaccines	2020	44%	44%	54%	28	2016	34%	37%	Improved
Diabetic adults without an annual hemoglobin A1c test	2019	16%	8%	8%	46	2015	19%	17%	Improved
Children with a medical home	2019–20	41%	47%	57%	46	2016–17	43%	49%	No Change
Children without a medical and dental preventive care visit	2019–20	38%	34%	23%	45	—	—	—	—
Children who did not receive needed mental health care	2019–20	18%	19%	10%	29	2016–17	20%	20%	No Change
Children without all recommended vaccines	2020	28%	27%	14%	30	2016	35%	29%	Improved
Hospital 30-day mortality	07/2016–06/2019	13%	14%	12%	4	07/2012–06/2015	14%	15%	Improved
Central line-associated bloodstream infections (CLABSI), Standardized Infection Ratio	2020	0.859	0.857	0.419	31	2016	0.944	0.891	No Change
Hospitals with overall patient experience ratings higher than the national median	2020	41%	48%	76%	34	2017	42%	55%	No Change
Home health patients with improved mobility	2019	73%	80%	87%	43	2016	69%	71%	Improved
Nursing home residents with an antipsychotic medication	2020	10%	14%	9%	3	2016	12%	16%	Improved

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Dimension and indicator	Data year	State rate	U.S. average	Best state rate	State rank	Data year	State rate	U.S. average	Change over time ^b			
Prevention & Treatment (cont.)						2022 Scorecard				Baseline		
Adults with any mental illness reporting unmet need	2018–19	24%	25%	15%	17	2013–15	18%	20%	Worsened			
Adults with any mental illness who did not receive treatment	2018–19	62%	56%	43%	47	2013–15	61%	56%	No Change			
Avoidable Hospital Use & Cost						2022 Scorecard				Baseline		
Potentially avoidable emergency department visits												
Ages 18–64, per 1,000 employer-insured enrollees	2019	124	137	73	16	2015	130	159	No Change			
Age 65 and older, per 1,000 Medicare beneficiaries	2020	124	137	112	9	2016	167	185	Improved			
Admissions for ambulatory care–sensitive conditions												
Ages 18–64, per 1,000 employer-insured enrollees	2019	6	7	6	2	2015	4	5	Worsened			
Age 65 and older, per 1,000 Medicare beneficiaries	2020	23	29	16	12	2016	34	43	Improved			
30-day hospital readmissions												
Ages 18–64, per 1,000 employer-insured enrollees	2019	3	3	3	8	2015	2	3	Worsened			
Age 65 and older, per 1,000 Medicare beneficiaries	2020	30	33	17	24	2016	37	40	Improved			
Skilled nursing facility patients with a hospital readmission	2016	20%	19%	11%	32	2012	22%	20%	Improved			
Long-stay nursing home residents hospitalized within a six-month period	2016	19%	15%	5%	39	2012	20%	17%	No Change			
Home health patients also enrolled in Medicare with a hospital admission	2019	12%	15%	11%	2	2016	15%	16%	Improved			
Adults with inappropriate lower back imaging	2019	73%	68%	57%	40	2015	75%	71%	No Change			
Employer-sponsored insurance spending per enrollee	2019	\$5,627	\$5,354	\$4,082	30	2015	\$5,151	\$4,736	Worsened			
Medicare spending per beneficiary	2020	\$9,531	\$9,677	\$6,256	30	2016	\$8,895	\$9,342	Worsened			
Primary care spending as a share of total health care spending												
Ages 18–64 (employer-insured enrollees)	2019	6%	7%	11%	40	2018	5%	6%	Improved			
Age 65 and older (Medicare beneficiaries)	2020	5%	6%	8%	43	2016	5%	6%	Worsened			
Healthy Lives						2022 Scorecard				Baseline		
Premature deaths from treatable causes per 100,000 population	2019–20	73	86	60	14	2018–19	71	84	No Change			
Premature deaths from preventable causes per 100,000 population	2019–20	140	173	131	7	2018–19	133	166	No Change			

Table 1. State Health System Performance Indicator Data by Dimension (cont.)

Dimension and indicator	Data year	State rate	U.S. average	Best state rate	State rank	Data year	State rate	U.S. average	Change over time ^b
Healthy Lives (cont.)	2022 Scorecard					Baseline			
Infant mortality, deaths per 1,000 live births	2019	4	6	3	3	2015	4	6	No Change
Maternal deaths while pregnant or within 42 days of termination of pregnancy, per 100,000 live births	2019–2020	10	22	10	1	—	—	—	—
Suicide deaths per 100,000 population	2020	10	14	6	8	2016	11	14	No Change
Alcohol-related deaths per 100,000 population	2020	14	13	8	27	2016	12	10	No Change
Drug overdose deaths per 100,000 population	2020	22	28	10	18	2016	11	20	Worsened
Adults who report fair or poor health	2020	12%	12%	9%	34	2016	16%	16%	Improved
Adults who smoke	2020	9%	14%	8%	2	2016	10%	16%	No Change
Adults who are obese	2020	31%	33%	24%	17	2016	25%	30%	Worsened
Children who are overweight or obese	2019–20	30%	32%	23%	22	2016–17	31%	31%	No Change
Adults who have lost six or more teeth	2020	6%	9%	5%	4	2016	6%	10%	No Change
State-based public health spending per resident	2019	\$73	\$40	\$366	9	—	—	—	—
COVID-19^c	2022 Scorecard					Baseline			
Adults age 18 and older who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and who have a booster dose	2022	44%	37%	55%	13	—	—	—	—
Number of days until 70 percent of the state's population age 12 and older was fully vaccinated against COVID-19	2022	293	354	182	15	—	—	—	—
Days of high ICU stress during the COVID-19 pandemic	2022	112	112	0	26	—	—	—	—
Days of hospital staffing shortages during the COVID-19 pandemic	2022	264	50	0	41	—	—	—	—
Hospital admissions for confirmed COVID-19 cases, per 100,000 population	2022	1,087	1,443	564	13	—	—	—	—
Excess deaths associated with COVID-19, per 100,000 population	2022	289	345	110	15	—	—	—	—
Deaths from COVID-19 among nursing home residents, per 1,000 beds	2022	86	94	19	17	—	—	—	—

Table 2. State Income Disparity Data

Disparity Indicator	Data year	Low-income rate ^d	Disparity ^e	State rank	Data year	Low-income rate ^d	Disparity ^e	Change over time ^f
	2022 Scorecard				Baseline			
Adults ages 19–64 uninsured	2020	18%	-13	24	2016	19%	-15	Improved
Children ages 0–18 uninsured	2020	4%	-3	12	2016	4%	-3	Improved
Adults age 18 and older who went without care because of cost in past year	2019–20	16%	-11	5	2015–16	19%	-14	Improved
Individuals under age 65 with high out-of-pocket medical costs relative to their annual household income	2019–20	15%	-14	7	2016–17	17%	-16	Improved
Adults age 18 and older without a dental visit in past year	2018/20	48%	-26	19	2014/16	49%	-30	Improved
Adults with all recommended cancer screenings	2018/20	64%	-9	19	2014/16	65%	-13	Improved
Adults with age-appropriate flu and pneumonia vaccines	2019–20	33%	-15	28	2015–16	30%	-11	No Change
Children without age-appropriate medical and dental preventive care visits in the past year	2019–20	47%	-24	42	—	—	—	—
Children without all recommended vaccines	2020	36%	-18	35	2016	38%	-10	No Change
Adults who report fair or poor health	2019–20	24%	-18	22	2015–16	27%	-20	Improved
Adults who smoke	2019–20	12%	-6	1	2015–16	13%	-6	No Change
Adults who are obese	2019–20	34%	-9	42	2015–16	30%	-9	No Change
Adults who have lost six or more teeth	2019–20	8%	-5	1	2015–16	10%	-6	Improved

Table 3. State Racial and Ethnic Health Equity Performance Summary Data⁹

Health System Performance Score & State Rank Among Population Group reproduced here from the 2021 State Equity Scorecard

	Percentile Score (1–100)	State Rank Among Population Group
American Indian and Alaska Native People	56	1 of 14 states
Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander People	95	5 of 23 states
Black People	40	11 of 38 states
Latinx/Hispanic People	50	10 of 42 states
White People ^h	89	1 of 51 states

From: *Achieving Racial and Ethnic Equity in U.S. Health Care: A Scorecard of State Performance*, Commonwealth Fund, Nov. 2021.

Table 4. State Racial and Ethnic Health Equity Performance Measure Data⁹

	Data year	U.S. total	AIAN people	AANHPI people	Black people	Latinx/Hispanic people	White people
Health Outcomes							
Mortality amenable to health care, deaths per 100,000 population	2019–20	87	100	52	159	73	71
Infant mortality, deaths per 1,000 live births	2018–19	6	8	3	8	4	3
Breast cancer deaths per 100,000 female population	2019–20	19	17	13	28	14	21
Colorectal cancer deaths per 100,000 population	2019–20	13	15	10	17	11	13
30-day hospital readmissions among Medicare beneficiaries age 65 and older, per 1,000 beneficiaries	2019	38	—	—	79	—	35
Adults ages 18 and older who smoke	2019–20	15%	18%	7%	18%	9%	10%
Adults ages 18–64 who are obese (BMI >= 30)	2019–20	32%	34%	12%	46%	38%	26%
Adults who have lost six or more teeth	2018/20	9%	—	4%	10%	6%	6%
Health Care Access							
Adults ages 19–64 uninsured	2020	12%	17%	6%	9%	16%	5%
Children ages 0–18 uninsured	2020	5%	10%	3%	3%	4%	2%
Adults age 18 and older who went without care because of cost in past year	2019–20	12%	—	6%	9%	15%	7%
Insured individuals under age 65 with high out-of-pocket medical costs relative to their annual household income	2019–20	6%	—	4%	4%	5%	5%
Adults age 18 and older without a usual source of care	2019–20	23%	8%	20%	18%	36%	18%
Health Care Quality and Service Use							
Hospital admissions for ambulatory care–sensitive conditions, Medicare beneficiaries age 65 and older, per 1,000 beneficiaries	2019	39	—	—	65	—	31

Table 4. State Racial and Ethnic Health Equity Performance Measure Data (cont.)^g

	Data year	U.S. total	AIAN people	AANHPI people	Black people	Latinx/ Hispanic people	White people
Health Care Quality and Service Use (cont.)							
Potentially avoidable emergency department visits, Medicare beneficiaries age 65 and older, per 1,000 beneficiaries	2019	185	—	—	313	—	171
Adult women ages 50–74 who received a mammogram in the past two years	2018/20	79%	57%	78%	80%	79%	80%
Adult women ages 25–64 who received a cervical cancer screening test in the past three years	2018/20	77%	83%	74%	74%	81%	78%
Adults ages 50–74 with a recent colon cancer screening test	2018/20	70%	72%	63%	71%	59%	75%
Adults age 18 and older who received a flu shot in the last year	2019–20	45%	46%	51%	36%	35%	51%
Adults age 65 and older who have ever gotten a pneumonia vaccine	2019–20	71%	—	72%	63%	53%	73%
Children without a medical and dental preventive care visit	2019–20	34%	—	—	28%	43%	30%
Children without all recommended vaccines	2020	27%	—	—	—	33%	19%
Adults age 18 and older without a dental visit in past year	2018/20	35%	45%	31%	38%	43%	26%
Primary care spending as share of total health care spending among Medicare beneficiaries age 65 and older	2020	6%	—	—	4%	—	5%

Notes

- (a) The 2022 Scorecard rankings generally reflect 2020 data. The 2022 Scorecard added or revised several performance measures, including the addition of seven measures specifically related to performance during the COVID-19 pandemic, since the September 2020 Scorecard report; rankings are not comparable between reports.
- (b) Trend data available for 45 of 56 total Scorecard indicators. Improved/worsened denotes a change of at least one-half (0.5) standard deviation larger than the indicator’s distribution among all states over the two time points. No change denotes no change in rate or a change of less than one-half standard deviation.
- (c) All COVID-19 measures are current through the end of March 2022.
- (d) Rates are for states’ low-income population, generally those whose household income is less than 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL).
- (e) Income disparity is the difference between the states’ low-income and higher-income (generally 400%+ FPL) populations.
- (f) Improvement indicates that the low-income rate improved and the disparity between low- and higher-income populations narrowed; worsening indicates that the low-income rate worsened and the disparity between low- and higher-income populations widened.
- (g) Performance data not available for all groups in every state. While scores from the 2021 Equity Scorecard report are used for ranking states, certain data indicators presented in Table 4 may be more recent than those used in the 2021 report due to updates during the past six months. Certain cancer screening indicators in Table 4 are specific to the Equity Scorecard report.
- (h) States not ranked on health system performance for white people in this report; included for comparative purposes. “—” means data not available.

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