

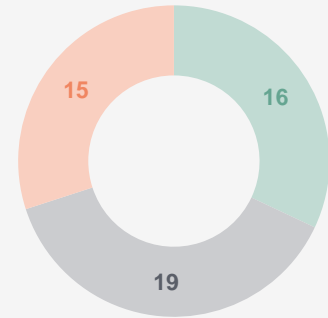
Arkansas

Ranking Highlights^a

	National Rank	Rank Among Southeastern States*
Overall	47 of 51	10 of 12
Reproductive & Women’s Health	46	11
Access & Affordability	45	10
Prevention & Treatment	40	11
Avoidable Hospital Use & Cost	17	3
Healthy Lives	48	9
Income Disparity	44	6
Racial & Ethnic Health Equity	43	9

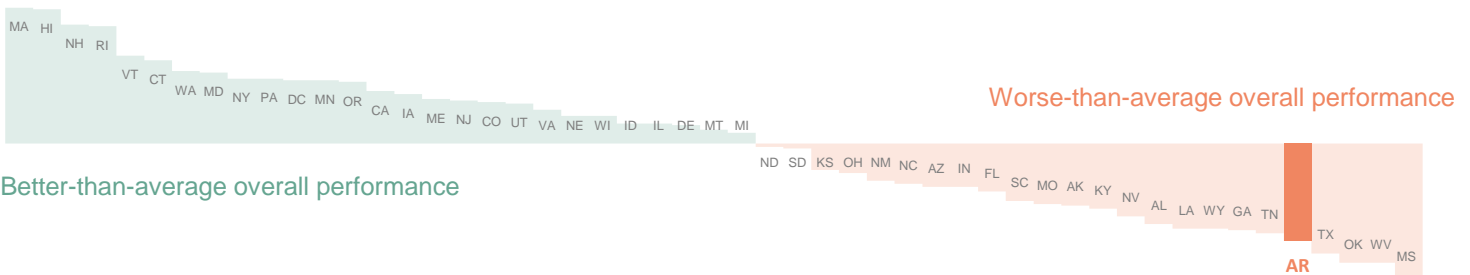
* Southeastern states include AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV

How Health Care Performance Changed in Arkansas^b



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

How Arkansas Compares to All States



The Best and Worst in Arkansas

Best Performance

- Employer-sponsored insurance spending per enrollee
- Adults with any mental illness who did not receive treatment
- Severe maternal morbidity

Improved the Most

- Preventable hospitalizations ages 18–64
- Potentially avoidable emergency department visits age 65 and older
- Hospital 30-day mortality

Worst Performance

- Adults who have lost six or more teeth
- Premature deaths from treatable causes
- Adults without a dental visit

Worsened the Most

- Premature deaths from preventable causes
- All-cause mortality rate per 100,000 women ages 15–44
- Central line-associated blood stream infection (CLABSI)

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						2023 Scorecard			Baseline	
Adults ages 19–64 uninsured	2021	13%	12%	3%	35	2019	13%	13%	No Change	
Children ages 0–18 uninsured	2021	6%	5%	1%	34	2019	6%	6%	No Change	
Adults age 18 and older who went without care because of cost in past year	2021	12%	10%	5%	43	2019	16%	14%	Improved	
Adults age 18 and older without a usual source of care	2021	16%	17%	9%	24	—	—	—	—	
Individuals under age 65 with high out-of-pocket medical costs relative to their annual household income	2020–21	11%	7%	5%	50	2018–19	10%	10%	No Change	
Employee total potential out-of-pocket medical costs as a share of state median income	2021	15%	12%	7%	48	2019	15%	12%	No Change	
People with medical debt	2021	18%	13%	2%	45	—	—	—	—	
Adults age 18 and older without a dental visit in past year	2020	43%	35%	25%	51	2018	44%	34%	No Change	
Prevention & Treatment						2023 Scorecard			Baseline	
Adults with all age- and gender-appropriate cancer screenings	2020	65%	69%	76%	45	2018	64%	68%	No Change	
Adults with age-appropriate flu and pneumonia vaccines	2021	40%	42%	54%	36	2019	40%	41%	No Change	
Adults vaccinated against COVID-19 with a booster	2022	31%	42%	63%	45	—	—	—	—	
Diabetic adults without an annual hemoglobin A1c test	2021	11%	10%	4%	36	2019	13%	8%	Improved	
Children without all recommended vaccines	2021	32%	28%	12%	40	2019	26%	27%	Worsened	
Children with a medical home	2020–21	46%	46%	55%	40	2018–19	48%	48%	Worsened	
Children without a medical and dental preventive care visit	2020-21	44%	38%	26%	48	—	—	—	—	
Children who did not receive needed mental health care	2020–21	16%	20%	11%	12	2018–19	13%	18%	Worsened	
Adults age 18 and older with any mental illness who did not receive treatment	2019–20	46%	55%	41%	5	—	—	—	—	
Youth ages 12–17 with a major depressive episode who did not receive mental health services	2019–20	55%	60%	33%	23	—	—	—	—	
Hospitals with better-than-average patient experience ratings	2021	21%	45%	83%	46	2019	45%	48%	Worsened	
Hospital 30-day mortality	07/2018–12/2021	13%	12%	11%	44	07/2016–06/2019	14%	14%	Improved	

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	
Prevention & Treatment (cont.)						2023 Scorecard			Baseline	
Central line-associated bloodstream infection (CLABSI)	2021	1.144	0.921	0.571	46	2019	0.782	0.689	Worsened	
Nursing home residents with an antipsychotic medication	2020	12%	14%	9%	9	2018	14%	15%	Improved	
Home health patients with improved mobility	2019	84%	80%	87%	6	2017	79%	75%	Improved	
Avoidable Hospital Use & Cost						2023 Scorecard			Baseline	
Potentially avoidable emergency department visits										
Ages 18–64, per 1,000 employer-insured enrollees	2021	128	134	122	7	2019	141	137	Improved	
Age 65 and older, per 1,000 Medicare beneficiaries	2021	143	141	115	29	2019	191	185	Improved	
Admissions for ambulatory care–sensitive conditions										
Ages 18–64, per 1,000 employer-insured enrollees	2021	4	4	4	21	2019	7	7	Improved	
Age 65 and older, per 1,000 Medicare beneficiaries	2021	32	29	16	36	2019	44	41	Improved	
30-day hospital readmissions										
Ages 18–64, per 1,000 employer-insured enrollees	2021	3	3	2	7	2019	3	3	Improved	
Age 65 and older, per 1,000 Medicare beneficiaries	2021	33	33	16	30	2019	41	40	Improved	
Skilled nursing patients with a successful discharge	2020	51%	57%	69%	48	2018	47%	54%	Improved	
Home health patients with a hospital admission	2019	16%	15%	11%	21	2017	17%	16%	Improved	
Adults with inappropriate lower back imaging	2021	68%	69%	60%	20	2019	66%	68%	Worsened	
Employer-sponsored insurance spending per enrollee	2021	\$4,255	\$6,060	\$4,255	1	2019	\$4,082	\$5,354	No Change	
Medicare spending per beneficiary	2021	\$10,696	\$10,478	\$6,915	38	2019	\$10,541	\$10,180	No Change	
Primary care spending as a share of total health care spending										
Ages 18–64 (employer-insured enrollees)	2021	8.1%	6.9%	10.0%	14	2019	9.1%	7.2%	Worsened	
Age 65 and older (Medicare beneficiaries)	2020	6.0%	5.5%	7.6%	8	2018	6.4%	5.7%	Worsened	
Healthy Lives						2023 Scorecard			Baseline	
Premature deaths from treatable causes per 100,000 population	2020–21	135	89	59	50	2018–19	122	84	Worsened	
Premature deaths from preventable causes per 100,000 population	2020–21	316	232	152	44	2018–19	229	166	Worsened	

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.)	2023 Scorecard					Baseline			
Drug overdose deaths per 100,000 population	2021	22	32	11	11	2019	14	22	Worsened
Suicide deaths per 100,000 population	2021	21	14	6	41	2019	18	14	No Change
Alcohol-related deaths per 100,000 population	2021	12	14	8	12	2019	10	10	No Change
Adults ages 18–64 who report fair or poor health	2021	18%	14%	10%	47	2019	23%	17%	Improved
Adults age 18 and older who smoke	2021	21%	14%	7%	49	2019	20%	15%	No Change
Adults who are obese	2021	41%	34%	25%	45	2019	39%	32%	No Change
Children who are overweight or obese	2020–21	37%	34%	24%	45	2018–19	34%	31%	Worsened
Adults who have lost six or more teeth	2020	16%	9%	5%	50	2018	17%	9%	Improved
Reproductive & Women’s Health	2023 Scorecard					Baseline			
Maternal deaths while pregnant or within 42 days of termination of pregnancy, per 100,000 live births	2019–21	43	26	10	39	—	—	—	—
Severe maternal morbidity rate per 10,000 in-hospital deliveries	2020	63	88	43	6	2018	66	77	No Change
Infant mortality, deaths per 1,000 live births	2020	7.4	5.4	3.5	49	2018	7.5	5.7	No Change
Share of births born preterm, prior to 37 weeks of pregnancy (gestation)	2021	12%	10%	8%	46	2019	12%	10%	No Change
Breast and cervical cancer deaths per 100,000 female population	2021	25	22	16	46	2019	21	22	Worsened
All-cause mortality rate per 100,000 women ages 15–44	2021	188	124	79	43	2019	121	89	Worsened
Share of in-hospital births in state with a self-pay insurance payment source	2021	3.15%	2.74%	0.30%	35	2019	2.94%	3.41%	No Change
Women ages 18–44 without a usual source of care	2021	21%	21%	9%	35	—	—	—	—
Women ages 18–44 without a routine checkup in the past two years	2021	10%	13%	8%	10	2019	12%	13%	Improved
Share of births not beginning prenatal care in first trimester	2021	28%	22%	11%	48	2019	28%	22%	No Change
Share of women with a recent live birth who did not report having a postpartum checkup visit	2020	12%	11%	8%	26	2018	9%	9%	Worsened
Women with up-to-date breast and cervical cancer screenings	2020	68%	74%	80%	45	2018	70%	76%	No Change

Table 2. State Income Disparity Data

Disparity Indicator	Data year	Low-income rate ^c	Disparity ^d	State rank	Data year	Low-income rate ^c	Disparity ^d	Change over time ^e
	2023 Scorecard				Baseline			
Adults ages 19–64 uninsured	2021	19%	-14	27	2019	20%	-16	Improved
Children ages 0–18 uninsured	2021	6%	-3	10	2019	8%	-6	Improved
Adults age 18 and older who went without care because of cost in past year	2020–21	22%	-18	40	2018–19	26%	-20	Improved
Adults age 18 and older without a usual source of care	2020–21	24%	-11	28	—	—	—	—
Individuals under age 65 with high out-of-pocket medical costs relative to their annual household income	2020–21	20%	-18	26	2018–19	22%	-20	Improved
Adults age 18 and older without a dental visit in past year	2018/20	59%	-34	44	2016/18	57%	-33	No Change
Adults with all age- and gender-appropriate cancer screenings	2018/20	62%	-10	23	2016/18	62%	-9	No Change
Adults with age-appropriate flu and pneumonia vaccines	2020–21	34%	-19	45	2018–19	27%	-17	Worsened
Children ages 19–35 months who did not receive all recommended vaccines	2021	42%	-31	49	2019	30%	-19	Worsened
Children ages 0–17 with all components of a medical home	2020–21	36%	-29	38	2018–19	40%	-21	No Change
Children without age-appropriate medical and dental preventive care visits in the past year	2020–21	52%	-22	31	—	—	—	—
Potentially avoidable emergency department visits, Medicare beneficiaries age 65 and older, per 1,000 beneficiaries	2020	263	-141	30	2019	321	-146	Improved
Hospital admissions for ambulatory care–sensitive conditions, Medicare beneficiaries age 65 and older, per 1,000 beneficiaries	2020	60	-34	17	2019	88	-50	Improved
30-day hospital readmissions, Medicare beneficiaries age 65 and older, per 1,000 beneficiaries	2020	70	-43	25	2019	77	-42	No Change
Primary care spending as share of total health care spending among Medicare beneficiaries age 65 and older	2020	4.8%	-1.5	44	2018	5.3%	-1.3	No Change
Adults ages 18–64 who report fair or poor health	2020–21	28%	-22	45	2018–19	33%	-25	Improved
Adults age 18 and older who smoke	2020–21	30%	-18	35	2018–19	34%	-23	Improved
Adults ages 18–64 who are obese (BMI >= 30)	2020–21	41%	-5	13	2018–19	43%	-6	Improved
Adults ages 18–64 who have lost six or more teeth because of tooth decay, infection, or gum disease	2018/20	23%	-16	43	2016/18	22%	-16	No Change

Table 3. State Racial and Ethnic Health Equity Performance Summary Data^f

Health System Performance Score & State Rank
Among Population Group

	Percentile Score (1–100)	State Rank Among Population Group
American Indian and Alaska Native people	—	—
Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander people	—	—
Black people	26	24 of 39 states
Hispanic people	5	46 of 48 states
White people ^g	48	—

Performance Score based on methodology used in: *Achieving Racial and Ethnic Equity in U.S. Health Care: A Scorecard of State Performance*, Commonwealth Fund, Nov. 2021, available at: <https://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/scorecard/2021/nov/achieving-racial-ethnic-equity-us-health-care-state-performance>

Table 4. State Racial and Ethnic Health Equity Performance Measure Data^f

	Data year	U.S. total	AIAN people	AANHPI people	Black people	Hispanic people	White people
Health Outcomes							
Deaths before age 75 from health care treatable causes per 100,000 population	2020–21	89	55	93	220	62	127
Deaths before age 75 from preventable causes per 100,000 population	2020–21	232	118	224	405	203	315
Colorectal cancer deaths per 100,000 population	2020–21	13	—	—	19	—	15
Adults age 18 and older who smoke	2020–21	14%	39%	—	21%	8%	21%
Adults ages 18–64 who are obese (BMI >= 30)	2020–21	34%	23%	—	50%	35%	39%
Adults ages 18–64 who have lost six or more teeth because of tooth decay, infection, or gum disease	2018/20	9%	31%	—	14%	—	18%
30-day hospital readmissions, Medicare beneficiaries age 65 and older, per 1,000 beneficiaries	2020	33	—	—	28	—	32
Health Care Access							
Adults ages 19–64 uninsured	2021	12%	16%	21%	13%	37%	10%
Children ages 0–18 uninsured	2021	5%	—	29%	4%	11%	4%
Adults age 18 and older who went without care because of cost in past year	2020–21	10%	21%	—	14%	28%	10%
Adults age 18 and older without a usual source of care	2020–21	17%	42%	31%	19%	49%	16%
Individuals under age 65 with high out-of-pocket medical costs relative to their annual household income	2020–21	7%	—	7%	9%	12%	11%
Health Care Quality and Service Use							
Adult women ages 50–74 who did not receive a mammogram in the past two years	2018/20	22%	44%	16%	15%	29%	28%
Adult women ages 25–64 who did not receive a cervical cancer screening test in the past three years	2018/20	24%	34%	—	18%	24%	31%
Adults ages 50–74 without a recent colon cancer screening test	2018/20	28%	40%	33%	27%	58%	31%

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

	Data year	U.S. total	AIAN people	AANHPI people	Black people	Hispanic people	White people
Health Care Quality and Service Use (cont.)							
Adults age 18 and older who did not receive a flu shot in the last year	2020–21	55%	63%	61%	62%	61%	52%
Adults age 65 and older who have never gotten a pneumonia vaccine	2020–21	30%	51%	—	42%	45%	26%
Hospital admissions for ambulatory care–sensitive conditions, Medicare beneficiaries age 65 and older, per 1,000 beneficiaries	2020	29	—	—	—	—	30
Potentially avoidable emergency department visits, Medicare beneficiaries age 65 and older, per 1,000 beneficiaries	2020	137	—	—	182	—	134
Adults age 18 and older without a dental visit in past year	2018/20	35%	51%	40%	45%	53%	42%
Children ages 19–35 months who did not receive all recommended vaccines	2021	28%	—	—	32%	29%	33%
Children without age-appropriate medical and dental preventive care visits in the past year	2020–21	38%	—	—	51%	55%	40%
Primary care spending as a share of total health care spending age 65 and older (Medicare beneficiaries)	2020	6%	—	—	5%	—	6%

Table 5. Select Reproductive Care and Women’s Health Measures by Race and Ethnicity

	Data year	U.S. total	AIAN people	AANHPI people	Black people	Hispanic people	White people
Severe maternal morbidity rate per 10,000 in-hospital deliveries	2020	88	—	—	91	50	53
Infant mortality, deaths per 1,000 live births	2019-20	5.4	—	7.5	10.9	4.9	6.3
Share of births born preterm, prior to 37 weeks of pregnancy (gestation)	2020-21	10%	9%	11%	16%	10%	11%
Breast and cervical cancer deaths per 100,000 female population	2020-21	22	—	—	31	—	23
All-cause mortality rate per 100,000 women ages 15–44	2020-21	124	—	106	255	81	170
Share of births not beginning prenatal care in first trimester	2020-21	22%	31%	47%	36%	38%	23%

Notes

(a) The 2023 Scorecard rankings generally reflect 2021 data. The 2023 Scorecard added or revised several performance measures, including the addition of 12 measures specifically related to reproductive care and women’s health and the removal of most measures around state COVID-19 response, since the June 2022 Scorecard report; rankings are not comparable between reports.

(b) Trend data available for 50 of 58 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) Rates are for state’s low-income population, generally those whose household income is less than 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL).

(d) Income disparity is the difference between the state’s low-income and higher-income (generally 400%+ FPL) populations.

(e) 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.

(f) Performance data not available for all groups in every state.

(g) State not ranked on health system performance for white people in this report; included for comparative purposes.

“—” means data not available.

Most data reported here can also be found in the Commonwealth Fund’s online Health System Data Center at <https://www.commonwealthfund.org/datacenter>