

Liberty County

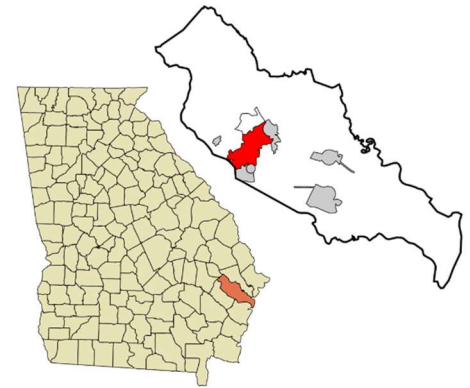
County Health Status Executive Summary, 2023



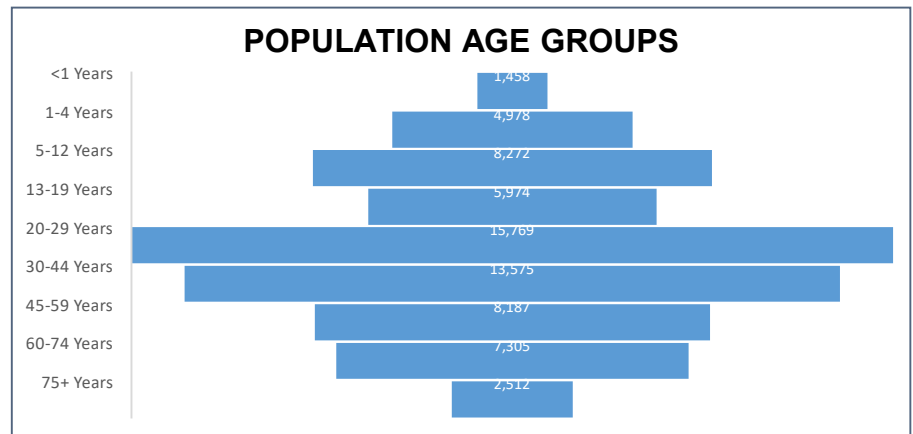
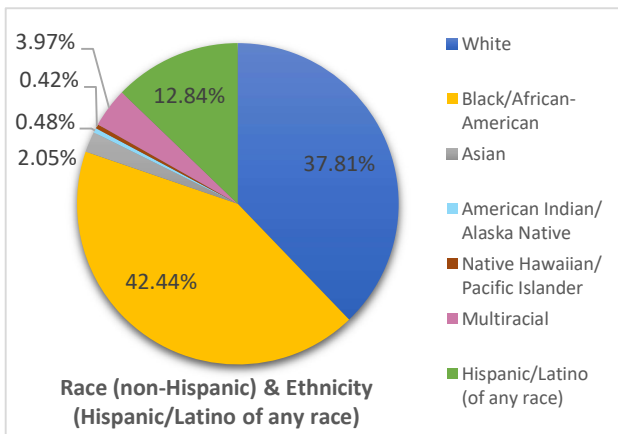
About Executive Summary:

Areas of Measurement include Social Conditions of Health, Reproductive Health, Preventative Health, and Health Outcomes. SCoH are measurable indicators of access to quality healthcare services and resources, including Reproductive Care and Preventative Health Resources (such as immunizations & screenings), and are one of the strongest indicators of the overall level of disease (morbidity) and death (mortality) in a community.

This statistical information was compiled & ranked using a variety of state and national-level data resources, including GADPH's OASIS, U.S. Census, and CDC.



Total Population in 2022: 68,030



Highlights

- **Childhood Cancer (<15) Mortality:** 0 children under 15 died from cancer between 2016-2020 in Liberty County
- **Medical Provider Ratios:** More dentists, other primary care providers, and mental health providers per person in Liberty County compared to Georgia state averages

Areas for Improvement

- **HPV vaccinations:** About 40% lower vaccination coverage compared to GA's state average
- **% with College Degree:** Nearly 40% lower compared to the statewide average
- **EPA Facility violations (current & within past 3 years):** 2.8x higher for both compared to the statewide average
- **COVID-19 & Flu vaccinations:** Underperforming in all COVID-19 & flu vaccination measures compared to Georgia
- **Teen Birth & Pregnancy rates:** Both more than 2x as high compared to the GA statewide averages

Top/Bottom Indicators (as compared to GA State)

Highlights	Stable	Needs Improvement
Childhood Cancer Mortality (Ages <15, all cancers)	Severe Housing Problems	HPV vaccination
Traffic Volume	Td or Tdap (Tetanus) vaccination (≥18)	% with College Degree
Dentists ratio	Cancer Incidence (all types)	% of EPA facilities with Air, Water, or Conservation violations currently or in the past 3 years
Other Primary Care Providers (RN, PA, NP) ratio	Pneumococcal vaccination (65 and older)	COVID-19 vaccinations
Mental Health Providers ratio	Excessive drinking	Influenza (flu) vaccination
% of EPA facilities with any significant violations	Prostate Cancer mortality	Primary Care Physicians ratio
% Births to Females <12th Grade Education	Idle Teens (16-19 year-olds neither working nor in school)	Teen Birth rate
All Other Unintentional Injury deaths	Homicides	Teen Pregnancy rate

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Data from 5-year estimates (unless otherwise stated)

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	County Comparison (multi-year estimates)			County to State Comparison	
	Liberty 2021	Liberty 2022		Georgia 2022	
Demographics					
Lived Experience					
Life Expectancy (2019)	75.4		NA	77.3	→
% Veterans (2018-2022)	22.3%	20.2%	NA	7.5%	NA
% with any Disability (2021)	32.5%		NA	29.0%	NA
Language Proficiency (Speak a language other than English) (2018-2022)	12.3%	12.6%	NA	14.5%	NA
Social Conditions of Health					
Educational Access & Quality (2018-2022)					
% 3–4-year-old children in school	35.3%	38.1%	↑	47.7%	↓
% 4-year-old children enrolled in Georgia's Pre-K Program	58.64%	59.74%	→	56.62%	↑
% children from low-income families enrolled in Georgia's Pre-K Program	41.16%	36.42%	↓	46.66%	↓
% with HS Diploma (Overall)	95.8%	92.2%	→	88.7%	→
% with College Degree (both sexes)	20.4%	20.2%	→	33.6%	↓
Economic Circumstances (2018-2022)					
Median Household Income	\$49,046	\$51,877	↑	\$64,527	↓
People in poverty (% below poverty level, all ages)	16.8%	15.4%	↑	13.50%	↓
Children in poverty (% under 5 below poverty level)	25.4%	25.4%	→	20.3%	↓
Elderly people in poverty (% 65 and older below poverty level)	15.0%	15.7%	→	10.3%	↓
Unemployment (% ages 16+ unemployed) (2022)	3.7%	3.3%	↑	3.0%	↓
Child care cost burden (% household income spent on childcare) (2021 & 2022)	23%	25%	↓	24%	→
Social & Community Context					
Multigenerational households (2020)	5.46%		NA	5.55%	NA
Children in single-parent households (2018-2022)	40.25%	40.99%	→	33.54%	↓
Idle Teens (16-19 year-olds neither working nor in school) (2018-2022)	7.9%	7.7%	→	7.9%	→
Neighborhood & Built Environment					
Lack of Computer accessibility in household (2018-2022)	5.3%	4.3%	↑	5.9%	↑
Lack of Internet accessibility in household (2018-2022)	9.3%	8.3%	↑	12.1%	↑
No Household Motor vehicle access (2018-2022)	5.76%	5.50%	→	6.00%	↑
Access to Exercise Opportunities (2020 & 2022)	66%	68%	→	75%	↓
Food Insecurity (2017-2021)	13.6%		NA	12.1%	↓
Food Assistance Eligibility (Food Stamps/SNAP) (2017-2021)	53.4%		NA	46.2%	↓
Food Assistance Recipients (Food Stamps/SNAP) (2017-2021)	13.8%	16.5%	↓	12.2%	↓
Free or Reduced Priced Lunch (2019-2024)	61.48%	62.90%	→	56.07%	↓
Limited Access to Healthy Foods (2019)	17%		NA	10%	↓
Vacant housing units (2017-2021)	15.2%	14.5%	→	10.8%	↓
Household has at least 1 of 4 severe Housing Problems (cost-burdened, overcrowded, lacking kitchen, and/or lacking plumbing) (2016-2020)	15.24%	15.24%	→	15.24%	→
% mortgaged homeowners with monthly housing > 30% of monthly income (2018-2022)	24.02%	23.42%	→	25.05%	↑
% renters with monthly housing > 30% of monthly income (2018-2022)	47.26%	47.39%	→	49.74%	→

	County Comparison (5-year estimates)			County to State 2018-2022 Comparison	
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Health Care Access & Quality					
Uninsured (all ages)	11.6%	11.4%	→	12.9%	↑
Uninsured (% population 19-64)	16.7%	16.0%	→	18.1%	↑
Uninsured (% population under 6)	6.2%	8.5%	↓	5.7%	↓
Primary care physicians ratio (population to PCPs)	3,230	3,320	→	1,490	↓
Other Primary care providers (RN, PA, NP) ratio (population to Other PCPs)	350	320	↑	770	↑
Dentists ratio (population to dentists)	710	760	↓	1880	↑
Mental Health Providers ratio (population to MHPs)	240	250	→	600	↑
Health Influences					
Maternal & Infant Health (2018-2022)					
% Low Birthweight	9.6%	9.9%	→	10.2%	→
% Premature Births	10.6%	10.9%	→	11.7%	↑
% Births to Females <12th Grade Education	6.5%	6.3%	→	11.9%	↑
% Births Inadequate Kotelchuck Index	17.4%	17.6%	→	18.2%	→
% Births Breastfed	86.2%	84.8%	→	82.2%	→
Teen Reproductive Health (2018-2022)					
Teen Pregnancy rate (# pregnancies per 1,000 females ages 15-19)	56.4	51.6	↑	25.7	↓
Teen birth rate (# births per 1,000 females ages 15-19)	44.7	40.3	↑	18.3	↓
% of Teens giving birth at least twice within 2 years	67.3%	65.3%	→	62.8%	→
% of Teen births with Inadequate Kotelchuck Index (inadequate prenatal care)	30.1%	29.5%	→	31.1%	↑
Teen Sexually transmitted infection incidence (rate per 100,000) (Overall)*	5,307.2	4,930.7	↑	3087.3	↓
Mental Health					
Diagnosed Depressive disorder (2021)	18.5%	19.5%	↓	17.3%	↓
Poor mental health days (average # days per 30-day month) (2020)	5.2	4.9	↑	4.5	↓
% adults reporting frequent mental distress (2021)	16.1%	16.9%	→	15.1%	↓
Age-adjusted suicide rate (2018-2022)	20.3	21.8	↓	14.5	↓
Substance Abuse					
Excessive drinking (≥5 drinks [men] / ≥4 drinks [women] in 30-days) (2021)	15.1%	14.8%	→	15.1%	→
Smoking (% adults 18+) (2021)	20.0%	18.1%	↑	15.6%	↓
Age-adjusted drug overdose rate (2018-2022)	16.1	19.7	↓	18.3	↓
Infectious Diseases: Sexually Transmitted Infections (2018-2022)					
Chlamydia	892.5	789.6	↑	632	↓
Gonorrhea	265.7	273.0	→	244.3	↓
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	19.6	19.8	→	17.7	↓
HIV Diagnosis rate (all stages) (2021)	19.0	18.3	→	26.2	↑
Environmental Health					
Traffic Volume (2019)	139	184	↓	532	↑
Air Pollution: Particulate Matter (2019)	8.3	9.0	↓	9.4	→
% of EPA facilities with any current Air, Water, or Conservation violations	12.88%		NA	4.56%	↓
% of EPA facilities with any significant Air, Water, or Conservation violations	11.76%		NA	22.88%	↑
% of EPA facilities with any Air, Water, or Conservation violations in past 3 years	18.94%		NA	6.81%	↓

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Health Outcomes					
Chronic Diseases (% adults 18+) (2021)					
Arthritis	25.6%	25.0%	→	23.0%	↓
Asthma	10.4%	10.6%	→	9.6%	↓
Chronic Kidney Disease	3.2%	3.4%	↓	3.9%	↑
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)	6.4%	6.5%	→	6.2%	→
Diabetes (excluding gestational diabetes)	13.0%	14.0%	↓	11.3%	↓
Coronary Artery Disease	6.3%	5.8%	↑	3.5%	↓
Stroke (Cerebrovascular disease)	3.5%	3.6%	→	3.4%	↓
Chronic Disease Risk Factors					
High Cholesterol (2021)	31.4%	40.3%	↓	33.2%	↓
Hypertension (High Blood Pressure) (2021)	39.4%	32.1%	↑	34.3%	↑
Obesity (BMI 30+) (2021)	41.5%	38.3%	↑	33.8%	↓
Physical inactivity (Lack of leisure-time physical activity, % adults 18+) (2021)	28.3%	28.4%	→	22.9%	↓
Adult Insufficient sleep (< 7 hours per night, % adults 18+)	41.7%		NA	38.2%	↓
Cancer (Incidence) (2016-2020)					
Cancer (all types)	434.9	459.7	↓	463.8	→
Childhood Cancer (Ages <15, all cancers)	*		NA	17.0	NA
Childhood Cancer (Ages <20, all cancers)	22.0		NA	18.4	↓
Breast Cancer (female, NOT in situ)	107.4	117.5	↓	129.2	↑
Colon & Rectum Cancer	33.5	34.1	→	39.3	↑
Lung & Bronchus Cancer	68.5	72.0	↓	57.9	↓
Pancreatic Cancer	18.4		NA	13.4	↓
Prostate Cancer	153.6	158.1	→	134.2	↓
Cancer (Mortality) (2016-2020)					
Cancer (all types)	154.7	162.2	→	152.8	↓
Childhood Cancer (Ages <15, all cancers)	0.0	0.0	NA	1.9	NA
Childhood Cancer (Ages <20, all cancers)	*	*	NA	2.3	NA
Breast Cancer (female, NOT in situ)	9.3	11.1	↓	11.7	↑
Colon & Rectum Cancer	14.7	15.1	→	14.3	↓
Lung & Bronchus Cancer	41.0	43.2	↓	37.1	↓
Pancreatic Cancer	15.5	15.8	→	10.9	↓
Prostate Cancer	7.6	8.4	↓	8.6	→
External Causes of Death (2018-2022)					
Homicide	19.4	17.5	↑	16.0	↓
Motor Vehicle Crashes	11	10.1	↑	9.8	→
Falls	5.2	4.9	↑	8.0	↑
All Other Unintentional Injury	2.3	2.4	→	4.1	↑

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Preventative Health Measures					
Childhood Immunizations (19 – 25 months) (2020 & 2021)					
7-Vaccine Series	57.5%	57.1%	→	75.5%	↓
MMR vaccination	77.1%	76.4%	→	88.4%	↓
DTaP vaccination	62.7%	61.4%	→	80.1%	↓
Hepatitis A vaccination	57.0%	54.2%	→	70.1%	↓
Rotavirus vaccination	72.0%	71.9%	→	74.5%	→
Adolescent Immunizations (13 – 17 years) (2020 & 2021)					
ACIP Vaccine Series	41.0%	37.0%	↓	49.2%	↓
MMR vaccination	70.8%	63.4%	↓	69.0%	↓
Tdap vaccination	52.0%	48.5%	↓	72.8%	↓
Hepatitis A vaccination	80.9%	81.9%	→	86.4%	↓
HPV vaccination	24.6%	22.1%	↓	37.0%	↓
Immunizations for Older Adults					
Pneumococcal vaccination (≥ 65) (2020 & 2021)	68.7%	69.1%	→	70.2%	→
Shingles (Zoster) vaccination (≥ 60) (2020)	33.90%		NA	37.8%	↓
Immunizations					
% vaccinated for COVID-19 with at least 1 vaccine dose (as of 01-03-2024)	41.50%		NA	68%	↓
% fully vaccinated for COVID-19 (completed initial series) (as of 01-03-2024)	36.10%		NA	59%	↓
% vaccinated for COVID-19 with Bivalent Booster (as of 01-03-2024)	5.80%		NA	11%	↓
Influenza (flu) vaccination (% Medicare enrollees) (2022)	24%	27%	↑	44%	↓
Td and Tdap (Tetanus) vaccination (≥ 18) (2019)	66.7%		NA	66.4%	→
Cancer Screenings (2022)					
Colorectal cancer screening (% Medicare enrollees)	6%	6%	→	7%	↓
Mammography (Breast cancer) screening (% Medicare enrollees)	25%	26%	→	34%	↓
Prostate cancer screening (% Medicare enrollees)	24%	23%	→	24%	→

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Liberty County: Teen Health

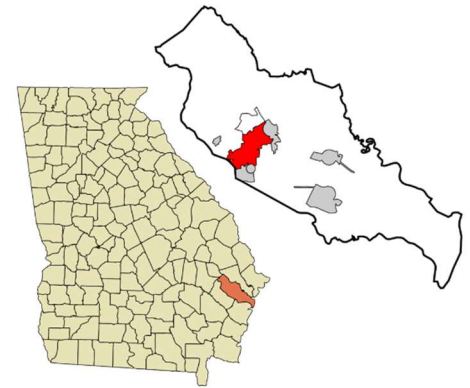
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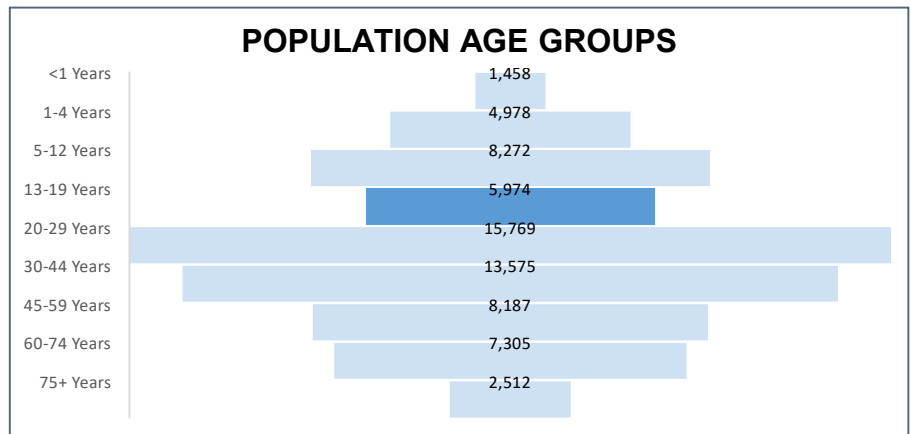
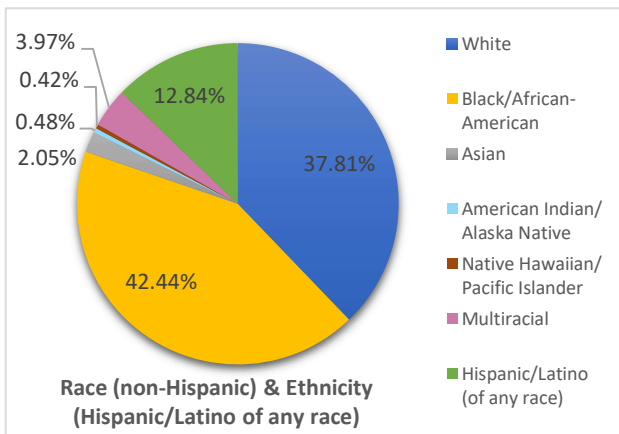
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Total Population in 2022: 68,030



Highlights

- **Mental Health Provider Ratios:** Nearly 2.5 times more mental health providers per person in Liberty County compared to Georgia statewide average
- **Computer & Internet accessibility:** Better access & availability to computers and internet service compared to the statewide average
- **Graduation rate:** About 5% higher than the statewide average

Areas for Improvement

- **HPV and Flu vaccinations:** About 40% lower HPV and Flu vaccination coverage compared to GA's state average
- **Primary Care Providers Ratios:** Over twice as many patients per primary care health providers in Liberty County compared to Georgia state averages
- **% with College Degree:** Nearly 40% lower compared to the statewide average
- **Teen Birth and Pregnancy incidence rates:** Both about twice as high as the GA statewide average

Top/Bottom Indicators (as compared to GA State)

Improving	Stable	Worsening
Mental Health Providers ratio	Household has <1 of 4 severe Housing Problems	HPV vaccination
Lack of Internet accessibility in household	Cancer (all types)	% with College Degree
Lack of Computer accessibility in household	Excessive drinking	Influenza (flu) vaccination
Chronic Kidney Disease	% of Teen mothers having 2nd child	Primary care physicians ratio
No Household Motor vehicle access	Idle Teens (16-19 year-olds neither working nor in school)	Teen birth rate
Hypertension (High Blood Pressure)	% with HS Diploma (Overall)	Teen Pregnancy rate

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Demographics					
Lived Experience					
Life Expectancy (2019)	75.4		NA	77.3	→
% with any Disability (2021)	32.5%		NA	29.0%	NA
Language Proficiency (Speak a language other than English) (2018-2022)	12.3%	12.6%	NA	14.5%	NA
Social Conditions of Health					
Educational Access & Quality (2018-2022)					
Absenteeism (2022)	26.3%	26.3%	↓	24.4%	↓
Graduation Rate	91.0%	89.5%	→	84.9%	↑
College & Career Readiness	71.4%	66.1%	↓	71.4%	↓
% with HS Diploma (Overall)	95.8%	92.2%	→	88.7%	→
% with College Degree (both sexes)	20.4%	20.2%	→	33.6%	↓
Economic & Social Context					
Under 18 in poverty (% under 18 below poverty level)	22.8%	20.9%	↑	18.9%	↓
Single-parent households (2018-2022)	40.25%	40.99%	→	33.75%	↓
Idle Teens (16-19 year-olds neither working nor in school) (2018-2022)	7.9%	7.7%	→	7.9%	→
Neighborhood & Built Environment					
No Computer accessibility in household (2018-2022)	5.3%	4.3%	↑	5.9%	↑
No Internet accessibility in household (2018-2022)	9.3%	8.3%	↑	12.1%	↑
No Household Motor vehicle access (2018-2022)	5.76%	5.50%	→	6.00%	↑
Access to Exercise Opportunities (2020 & 2022)	66%	68%	→	75%	↓
Food Insecurity (2017-2021)	13.6%		NA	12.1%	↓
Free or Reduced Priced Lunch (2019-2024)	61.48%	62.90%	→	56.07%	↓
Limited Access to Healthy Foods (2019)	17%		NA	10%	↓
Household has at least 1 of 4 severe Housing Problems (cost-burdened, overcrowded, lacking kitchen, and/or lacking plumbing) (2016-2020)	15.24%	15.24%	→	15.24%	→
Health Care Access & Quality					
Primary care physicians ratio (population to PCPs)	3,230	3,320	→	1,490	↓
Mental Health Providers ratio (population to MHPs)	240	250	→	600	↑
Mental Health					
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Diagnosed Depressive disorder (2021)	18.5%	19.5%	↓	17.3%	↓
Poor mental health days (average # days per 30-day month) (2020)	5.2	4.9	↑	4.5	↓
% adults reporting frequent mental distress (≥14 days per 30-day month) (2021)	16.1%	16.9%	→	15.1%	↓
Age-adjusted suicide rate (2018-2022)	20.3	21.8	↓	14.5	↓
Substance Abuse					
Binge drinking (≥5 drinks [men] / ≥4 drinks [women] in 30-days) (2021)	15.1%	14.8%	→	15.1%	→
Smoking (% adults 18+) (2021)	20.0%	18.1%	↑	15.6%	↓

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Reproductive Health					
Teen Reproductive Health (15 – 19 years) (2018-2022)					
Teen Pregnancy rate (# pregnancies per 1,000 females ages 15-19)	56.4	51.6	↑	25.7	↓
Teen birth rate (# births per 1,000 females ages 15-19)	44.7	40.3	↑	18.3	↓
% of Teen mothers having 2nd child (mothers aged 15-19 at the time of birth)	14.2%	13.8%	→	14.1%	→
% of Teens giving birth at least twice within 2 years	67.3%	65.3%	→	62.8%	→
% of Teen births with Inadequate Kotelchuck Index (inadequate prenatal care)	30.1%	29.5%	→	31.1%	↑
Sexually Transmitted Infections (15 – 19 years) (2018-2022)					
Teen sexually transmitted infection incidence (rate per 100,000) (Overall)*	5,307.2	4,930.7	↑	3,046.5	↓
Chlamydia	4,355.1	4,012.8	↑	2,485.1	↓
Gonorrhea	904.7	861.7	→	534.8	↓
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	*	*	NA	10.6	NA
HIV Diagnosis rate (all stages) (13-19 years old) (2021)	5.9	4.4	↑	4.6	→
Health Outcomes					
Chronic Diseases & Risk Factors (% adults 18+) (2021)					
Asthma	10.4%	10.6%	→	9.6%	↓
Coronary Artery Disease	6.3%	5.8%	↑	3.5%	↓
Diabetes (excluding gestational diabetes)	13.0%	14.0%	↓	11.3%	↓
High Cholesterol (2021)	31.4%	40.3%	↓	33.2%	↓
Hypertension (High Blood Pressure) (2021)	39.4%	32.1%	↑	34.3%	↑
Obesity (BMI 30+) (2021)	41.5%	38.3%	↑	33.8%	↓
Physical inactivity (Lack of leisure-time physical activity, % adults 18+) (2021)	28.3%	28.4%	→	22.9%	↓
Adult Insufficient sleep (< 7 hours per night, % adults 18+)	41.7%		NA	38.2%	↓
Cancer (2016-2020)					
Cancer Incidence (all types)	434.9	459.7	↓	462.8	→
Childhood Cancer Incidence (Ages <20, all cancers)	22.0		NA	18.4	↓
Cancer Mortality (all types)	154.7	162.2	→	152.8	↓
Injuries & Deaths					
% of Total Firearm Injuries within the Coastal Health District (1-year estimates)	5.3%		NA	N/A	NA
Motor Vehicle Crash Fatalities (2018-2022)	63.1	61.2	→	48.0	↓
Preventative Health Measures					
Adolescent Immunizations (13 – 17 years) (2020 & 2021)					
ACIP 1:3:2:3:2:1 Vaccine Series	41.0%	37.0%	↓	49.2%	↓
MMR vaccination	70.8%	63.4%	↓	69.0%	↓
Tdap vaccination	52.0%	48.5%	↓	72.8%	↓
Hepatitis A vaccination	80.9%	81.9%	→	86.4%	↓
HPV vaccination	24.6%	22.1%	↓	37.0%	↓
Immunizations					
% with at least 1 COVID-19 vaccine dose (aged 15-19) (as of 02-14-2024)	42.4%		NA	52.9%	↓
% fully vaccinated for COVID-19 (completed initial series) (ages 15-19) (as of 02-14-2024)	37.1%		NA	46.3%	↓
Influenza (flu) vaccination (% Medicare enrollees) (2022)	24%	27%	↑	44%	↓

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