

Grading Our Progress

An Examination of Report Card Indicators 2007–2009

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How Healthy Are We?

This is the question the Colorado Health Report Card is designed to answer. For three years now, the Report Card has served as a yard stick to measure how we are doing on a wide range of health measures. In order to see how Colorado has fared over time, we compared each of the life stages and indicators side-by-side. Unfortunately, as this document shows, we have not made appreciable progress in any of the life stages. But change takes time, and we will continue to monitor the indicators to make sure we stay on the task of achieving our vision that, together, we will make Colorado the healthiest state in the nation.

Life Stage	Grade & Average Rank		
	2007	2008	2009
Healthy Beginnings	C- 27.3	C- 30.0	C 24.7
Healthy Children	C- 27.7	C- 28.0	D+ 30.5
Healthy Adolescents	B- 17.1	B 16.2	B- 17.2
Healthy Adults	B 13.8	B- 16.5	B 14.0
Healthy Aging	A- 9.7	B+ 13.0	B+ 10.7

RANK	GRADING SCALE	
1 = Best	A (1–10) Excellent	D (31–40) Poor
50 = Worst	B (11–20) Good	F (41–50) Unacceptable
	C (21–30) Average	

Healthy Beginnings

Health Indicator	Value & Rank		
	2007	2008	2009
Women who receive initial prenatal care later than the first trimester or not at all	21.2% 39 th	19.5% 41 st	19.9% 39 th
Women who abstain from cigarette smoking during the last three months of pregnancy	89.4% 13 th	89.4% 13 th	89.4% 13 th
Babies that are born with a low birth weight (less than 5 pounds, 9 ounces)	9.0% 39 th	9.2% 41 st	8.9% 36 th
Infant mortality rate (number of infant deaths per 1,000 live births)	6.2/1000 17 th	6.4/1000 18 th	6.4/1000 18 th
Preschool-age children who received all recommended doses of five key vaccines	80.3% 28 th	79.2% 36 th	81.2% 17 th
Average Rank	27.3	30.0	24.7
Average Grade	C-	C-	C

Healthy Children

Health Indicator	Value & Rank		
	2007	2008	2009
Children who are not covered by private or public health insurance	14.1% 44 th	14.2% 45 th	13.8% 45 th
Children who live in families with incomes below the federal poverty level	14.4% 16 th	14.8% 17 th	14.6% 13 th
Children who have a primary care provider AND consistently receive all needed care, including one or more preventive care visits during the past 12 months ¹	45.8% 28 th	45.8% 28 th	N/A
Children who have a medical home that is accessible, continuous, comprehensive, family-centered, coordinated and compassionate	N/A	N/A	59.3% 30 th
Children who received all the routine dental preventive care needed in the past 12 months	70.5% 38 th	70.5% 38 th	77.0% 38 th
School-age children who participated in vigorous physical activity for four or more days per week	57.1% 37 th	57.1% 37 th	64.1% 34 th
Children who are obese	9.9% 3 rd	9.9% 3 rd	14.2% 23 rd
Average Rank	27.7	28.0	30.5
Average Grade	C-	C-	D+

1. This indicator was removed from the Report Card in 2009 and replaced with the medical home.

Healthy Adolescents

Health Indicator	Value & Rank			
	2007	2008	2009	
Adolescents who are not covered by private or public health insurance	14.1% 41 st	12.1% 33 rd	11.2% 31 st	
Adolescents who live in families with incomes below the federal poverty level	10.3% 14 th	10.4% 14 th	10.5% 13 th	
Adolescents who ate five or more servings per day of fruits and/or vegetables during the past seven days	19.2% 16 th	19.2% 16 th	19.2% 16 th	
Adolescents who participated in vigorous physical activity on three/five or more of the past seven days ¹	70.1% 5 th	70.1% 5 th	37.2% 12 th	
Adolescents who are obese	9.8% 8 th	9.8% 8 th	N/A	
Adolescents who had five or more drinks of alcohol in a row on one or more of the past 30 days	30.6% 41 st	30.6% 41 st	30.6% 41 st	
Adolescents who smoked cigarettes on one or more of the past 30 days	18.7% 18 th	18.7% 18 th	18.7% 18 th	
Adolescents who felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for two consecutive weeks during the past 12 months that they stopped doing some usual activities	25.0% 9 th	25.0% 9 th	25.0% 9 th	
Adolescents who attempted suicide one or more times during the past 12 months	6.7% 7 th	6.7% 7 th	6.7% 7 th	
Adolescents who were sexually active in the past three months	29.5% 6 th	29.5% 6 th	29.5% 6 th	
High school students who were sexually active in the last month who reported using a condom	69.3% 5 th	69.3% 5 th	69.3% 5 th	
Teen fertility rate (number of births to teen mothers per 1,000 teenage women)	43.9/1000 36 th	42.6/1000 32 nd	43.8/1000 31 st	
	Average Rank	17.1	16.2	17.2
	Average Grade	B-	B	B-

1. In 2007 and 2008, vigorous exercise on at least three of the past seven days was measured; in 2009, vigorous exercise on at least five of the past seven days was measured.

Healthy Adults

Health Indicator	Value & Rank		
	2007	2008	2009
Working-age adults who are not covered by private or public health insurance	19.6% 32 nd	20.1% 33 rd	19.9% 32 nd
Adults who have one (or more) person(s) they think of as their personal doctor or health care provider	75.5% 32 nd	75.8% 33 rd	77.2% 31 st
Adults who consumed five or more fruits and/or vegetables per day within the past week	23.0% 18 th	25.1% 17 th	25.1% 17 th
Adults who participated in any physical activity within the past month	83.9% 5 th	84.0% 4 th	82.2% 3 rd
Adults who are obese	18.4% 1 st	19.8% 1 st	19.5% 1 st
Adults who currently smoke cigarettes	19.5% 8 th	20.2% 14 th	18.9% 14 th
Adults who binge drink (males having five or more drinks on one occasion, females having four or more drinks on one occasion) in the past month	18.6% 30 th	19.6% 33 rd	18.1% 28 th
Adults who reported that their mental health was not good eight or more days in the past month	11.8% 8 th	14.2% 26 th	12.2% 6 th
Adults who reported they were diagnosed with diabetes	3.8% 2 nd	3.8% 1 st	4.5% 5 th
Adults who reported they were diagnosed with high blood pressure	15.5% 2 nd	16.2% 3 rd	16.2% 3 rd
Average Rank	13.8	16.5	14.0
Average Grade	B	B-	B

Healthy Aging

Health Indicator	Value & Rank		
	2007	2008	2009
Older adults who have one (or more) person(s) they think of as their personal doctor or health care provider	93.4% 33 rd	94.5% 28 th	95.8% 12 th
Older adults who have had a flu shot during the past 12 months and have had a pneumonia vaccination	62.2% 1 st	61.0% 6 th	61.7% 1 st
Older adults who participated in any physical activity in the past 30 days	74.6% 5 th	74.6% 4 th	73.9% 5 th
Older adults who reported that their physical health was not good eight or more days in the past month	18.2% 7 th	18.9% 12 th	19.7% 17 th
Older adults who reported that their mental health was not good eight or more days in the past month	5.9% 5 th	7.3% 12 th	7.0% 8 th
Older adults who reported eight or more days of limited activity in the past month due to poor physical or mental health	19.9% 7 th	21.9% 16 th	22.2% 21 st
Preventable hospitalizations among Medicare beneficiaries (number of admissions per 100,000 beneficiaries) ¹	5,729/100,000 10 th	N/A	N/A
Average Rank	9.7	13.0	10.7
Average Grade	A-	B+	B+

1. Indicator was not measured after 2007.

