

Figure 1. Social Health of the States, 2008

State	Rank	Score
Minnesota	1	75.0
Iowa	2	71.1
New Hampshire	3	67.2
Nebraska	4	67.0
Hawaii	5	63.1
Vermont	6	62.7
Connecticut	7	61.2
North Dakota	8	61.1
Utah	9	60.6
New Jersey	10	59.9
Idaho	11	59.7
Virginia	11	59.7
Pennsylvania	13	58.6
Maine	14	57.4
Indiana	15	55.9
Kansas	15	55.9
Delaware	17	55.7
Illinois	18	55.2
Wisconsin	18	55.2
Maryland	20	54.9
South Dakota	21	54.4
Ohio	22	53.8
Wyoming	23	53.4
Massachusetts	24	53.1
Washington	25	52.2
Missouri	26	51.4
Michigan	27	48.9
Oregon	28	47.8
Rhode Island	29	46.8
Colorado	30	44.6
New York	31	43.9
Georgia	32	43.7
Alaska	33	43.6
Nevada	34	42.6
California	35	41.7
West Virginia	36	40.8
Oklahoma	37	40.1
Montana	38	39.4
Alabama	39	38.8
South Carolina	40	38.0
Texas	41	37.8
Louisiana	42	37.5
Arkansas	43	36.4
Kentucky	44	36.2
Tennessee	45	35.5
Florida	46	34.3
North Carolina	47	33.4
Arizona	48	32.8
Mississippi	49	31.0
New Mexico	50	26.8

Source: Institute for Innovation in Social Policy

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Wisconsin dropped out of the top tier of states this year, slipping from a rank of 8 in 2003 to tie with Illinois for 18th place. It has three or four indicators at each grade-level between A and D. Wisconsin's rate of health insurance coverage is second best in the country, and it stands among the top four states nationwide on high school completion and income inequality. The state has only one F, for alcohol-related traffic deaths.

Rank #18
Above average performance

A	B	C	D	F
Indicator / rank				
Health insurance cov. 2	Child abuse 11	Child poverty 25	Unemployment 31	Alcohol traffic deaths 42
H.S. completion 4	Elderly suicide 15	Teenage drug abuse 26	Elderly poverty 31	
Income inequality 4	Infant mortality 17	Average wages 29	Teenage suicide 33	
	Homicides 19	Affordable housing 30	Food stamp cov. 39	