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2022 County Health Rankings & Roadmaps Report Released for Tuscarawas County

DOVER—Today the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute released the annual County Health Rankings & Roadmaps Report which provides relevant data to assist communities in making educated decisions and developing evidence-based programming to improve the community’s overall health. For nearly every county in America, the Rankings measure vital health factors such as obesity rates, smoking, unemployment, air and water quality, teen births, income inequality, and etc. Out of Ohio’s 88 counties, Tuscarawas County ranked in the higher middle range for both health outcomes and health factors. While this is encouraging news, concerning trends were also identified.

In the 2022 report, Tuscarawas County ranked 34 out of 88 Ohio counties in the category of health outcomes, which measures how long people live and how healthy people feel. This is the worst health outcomes ranking for Tuscarawas County in the last five years. In promising news, Tuscarawas County ranked 42 out of 88 Ohio counties in the category of health factors, which includes information on health behaviors, clinical care, social and economic factors, and physical environment which drive how well we live. The ranking of 42 is one of the best health factor rankings received by the county in the last five years.

Tuscarawas County’s highest rank was for physical environment with a ranking of 25 out of 88 Ohio counties. This ranking reflects the improvements in air pollution rates and less county residents reporting severe housing problems at 12% compared to the State rate of 13%. Tuscarawas County’s lowest rank was for clinical care with a ranking of 71 out of 88 Ohio counties. This low ranking is a direct result of having an inadequate number of primary care physicians, dentists, and mental health providers to meet the needs of county residents. Additionally, 10% of Tuscarawas County residents remained uninsured.

“Overall, thanks to the coordinated efforts of many agencies and organizations, the 2022 County Health Rankings Report demonstrates that the health and wellbeing of Tuscarawas County residents is continuing to improve,” explained Katie Seward, MPH, CHES, CRHCP, Tuscarawas County Health Commissioner. “The report also reveals that there is still much work to be accomplished. Progress towards better health and positive lifestyle change takes time, and we at the Tuscarawas County Health Department are committed to continuing to work with our partners and collaborative coalitions such as Healthy Tusc to drive future improvements.”

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For more detailed information about how Tuscarawas County fared in the 2022 County Health Rankings & Roadmap Report, visit www.tchdnow.org, or visit www.countyhealthrankings.org to determine how Tuscarawas County compares to other counties across the nation.

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