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2022 County Health Rankings & Roadmaps Report for Tuscarawas County 04/27/2022

Introduction

Each year health professionals anticipate the release of the Annual County Health Rankings & Roadmaps Report. This annual report provides relevant data that enables community leaders to make educated decisions and develop evidence-based programming to improve the overall health of their community.

Background

The County Health Rankings & Roadmaps program is a collaboration between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. The annual County Health Rankings measure vital health factors including high school graduation rates, obesity, smoking, unemployment, access to healthy foods, the quality of air and water, income inequality, and teen births in nearly every county in America. The Annual Rankings provide a revealing snapshot of how health is influenced by where we live, learn, work, and play.

Health Outcomes & Health Factors

The two overarching categories in the annual report are health outcomes and health factors. The health outcomes category focuses on length and quality of life and factors in data from premature death, or years of potential life lost before age 75, self-reported health status, and percent of low-birth-weight newborns. Health outcomes measure how long people live and how healthy people feel. The 5-year average ranking for health outcomes for Tuscarawas County is 25.8. In 2022, Tuscarawas County ranked 34 out of 88 Counties in Ohio. Unfortunately this is the worst ranking Tuscarawas County has seen in the last 5 years.

The health factors category includes data and information on health behaviors, clinical care, social and economic factors, and physical environment. Health factors represent the focus areas that drive how long and how well we live. The 5-year average health factor ranking for Tuscarawas County is 45.4. The 2022 ranking of 42 is one of the best rankings received by Tuscarawas County in health factors in the last 5 years.

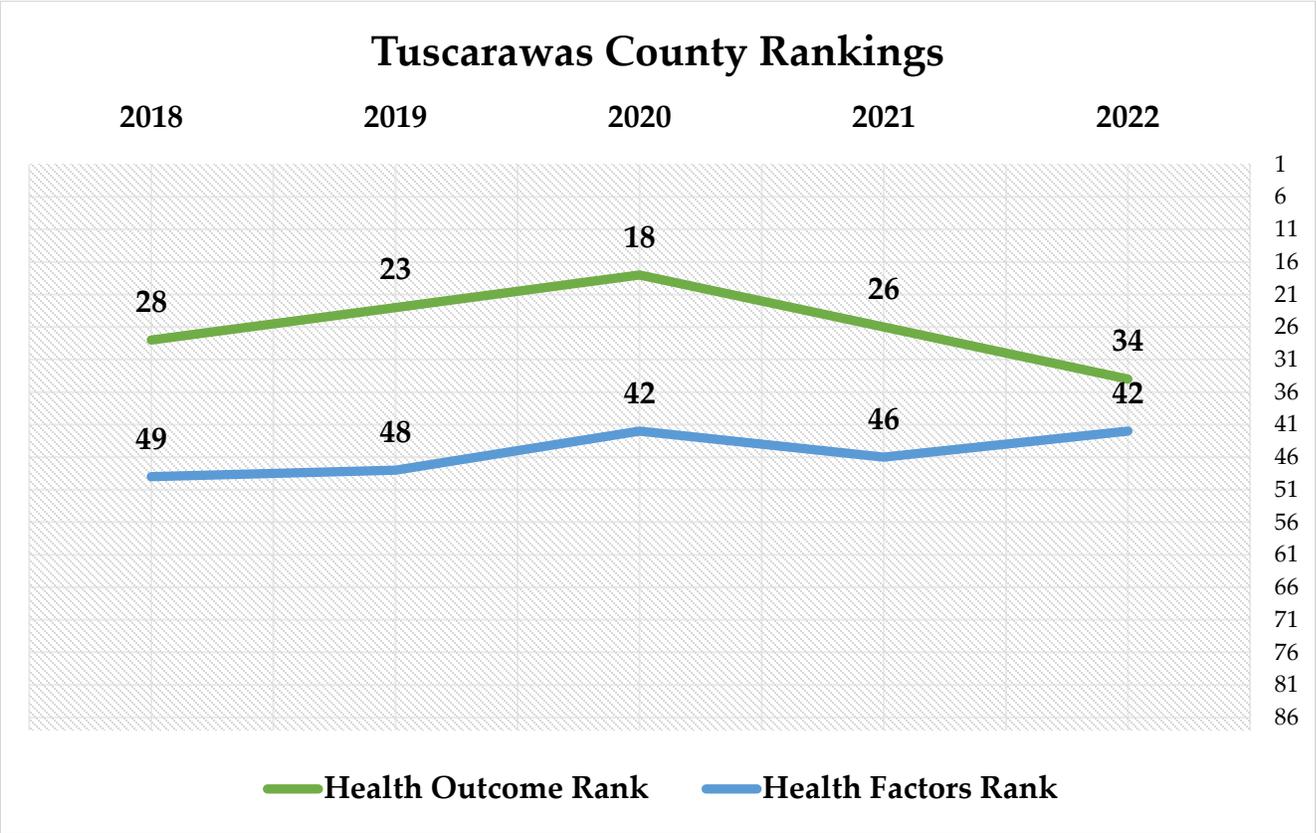
A five-year snapshot of trends for overall health outcomes and health factors in Tuscarawas County can be seen in the following table:

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Below is a list of 2018-2022 County Health Rankings results in which Tuscarawas County is ranked, per measure, out of 88 counties in Ohio:

| | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Health Outcomes Overall Rank | 34 | 26 | 18 | 23 | 28 |
| Length of Life | 29 | 23 | 15 | 14 | 19 |
| Quality of Life | 43 | 28 | 29 | 35 | 38 |
| Health Factors Overall Rank | 42 | 46 | 42 | 48 | 49 |
| Health Behaviors | 43 | 49 | 24 | 49 | 52 |
| Clinical Care | 71 | 64 | 68 | 73 | 69 |
| Social & Economic Factors | 34 | 39 | 42 | 42 | 38 |
| Physical Environment | 25 | 48 | 22 | 24 | 43 |

The leading causes of death in Tuscarawas County residents under the age of 75 included:

1. Cancer
2. Heart Disease
3. Accidents
4. Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases
5. Diabetes

The life expectancy in Tuscarawas County is 76.6.

Health Behaviors in Tuscarawas County – 43/88

In 2022, 24% of adults in Tuscarawas County were identified as smokers, compared to 22% for the State of Ohio as a whole. 38% of Tuscarawas County adult residents are currently classified as obese, compared to 35% for the State of Ohio. There have been no significant changes to local trends for this data. 37% of driving deaths in Tuscarawas County are alcohol related, compared to 33% for the State of Ohio. However, there has been no significant change to local trends for this data. Sexually transmitted infections continue to be a concern in Tuscarawas County with local trends worsening. The 2022 reported a sexually transmission infection rate in Tuscarawas of 288.1 persons infected for every 100,000 people. This rate is based on the number of newly diagnosed chlamydia cases.

Clinical Care in Tuscarawas County –Rank 71/88

In 2022, Tuscarawas County ranked the poorest in clinical care at 71 out of 88 Counties in Ohio, which has been the consistently poorest ranked category for Tuscarawas in recent years. 10% of the population in Tuscarawas County remained uninsured. The long-term trend is getting better for this measure; however, in recent years the local trend has gotten worse. See the chart below for provider information per every resident.

| | Primary Care Physicians | Dentists | Mental Health Providers |
|------|--------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| 2022 | 2,630:1 | 2,350:1 | 570:1 |

The local trend for flu vaccination is improving and it is estimated that 41% of the local population receives an annual flu vaccine.

Social and Economic Factors of Tuscarawas County –34/88

Social and economic factors vary depending on where we live and by our racial/ethnic background. The unemployment rate in Tuscarawas County is 7.6%, compared to 8.1% for the State of Ohio. There are no significant local trend changes. It is estimated that 14% of children in Tuscarawas County live in poverty compared to 17% for the State of Ohio. There are no significant long term trend changes found but the recent local trend has been improving in this category.

Physical Environment in Tuscarawas County – 2019 – 25/88

12% of residents reported severe housing problems which included one of the following: overcrowding, high costs or lack of kitchen or plumbing facilities, compared to 13% in the State of Ohio. The local trend is improving for air pollution particulate matter which is currently at 9.0 for Tuscarawas County and the State of Ohio. This is the average daily density of fine particulate matter in micrograms per cubic meter.

Highest and Lowest Ranked Counties in Ohio

| Health Outcomes | | Health Factors | |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| Highest Ranked | Lowest Ranked | Highest Ranked | Lowest Ranked |
| 1. Delaware | 84. Meigs | 1. Delaware | 84. Ashtabula |
| 2. Warren | 85. Vinton | 2. Warren | 85. Scioto |
| 3. Geauga | 86. Gallia | 3. Union | 86. Meigs |
| 4. Medina | 87. Pike | 4. Medina | 87. Vinton |
| 5. Putnam | 88. Scioto | 5. Putnam | 88. Adams |

Conclusion

Tuscarawas County continues to rank in the higher middle range of Counties in Ohio for both health outcomes and health factors. While this is encouraging, there is still much work that needs to be done in clinical care. All counties can take action to improve, no matter where they rank. It is not a race to the top and progress toward better health and change takes time – usually incrementally. The most important thing is to take action, which is already being done in collaborative efforts through coalitions, such as Healthy Tusc, that regularly monitor local health data through the community health assessment and implements needed programming through the community health improvement plan. Through the coordinated efforts of many agencies and organizations, the health and wellbeing of Tuscarawas County residents is continuing to improve. For more information on the County health rankings or to compare Counties in Ohio, please visit www.countyhealthrankings.org.