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2025 County Health Rankings & Roadmaps Report Released for Tuscarawas County



DOVER—Yesterday the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute released the annual County Health Rankings & Roadmaps (CHR&R) National Findings Report to influence understanding and action about what shapes health. This annual CHR&R data release provides a snapshot of the health of nearly every county in the nation and is a call to action for leaders and community members to better understand community health and make informed decisions to develop evidence-based programs, so everyone can thrive. The Rankings measure more than 80 health factors such as obesity rates, smoking, unemployment, air and water quality, teen births, income inequality, etc.



Yesterday's report revealed that Tuscarawas County is doing slightly better than the average county in Ohio and in the United States for population health and well-being, such as how long people live and how healthy people feel. The average life expectancy in Tuscarawas County is 74.6 years, a slight decrease from the 2024 life expectancy of 75.3 for county residents. The leading causes of death for Tuscarawas County residents under age 75 between 2020-2022 were listed as malignant neoplasms (cancer), heart disease, COVID-19, accidents, and diabetes.

The 2025 report also revealed that Tuscarawas County is faring about the same as the average county in Ohio in the category of community conditions, which represents those things we can improve upon to live longer and healthier lives. Community conditions can include health behaviors, social and economic factors, physical environment, and availability of healthcare services. The report identified the following health factors as improvement opportunities in the county—adult smoking and adult obesity rates, which were both higher than the average for Ohio and the U.S. The need for more primary care physicians was also highlighted by the report since Tuscarawas County averages only one primary care physician per every 2,800 residents, compared to one primary care physician per every 1,330 residents for Ohio as a whole.

“We know that progress towards better health and lifestyle changes takes time and hard work,” explained Katie Seward, MPH, Tuscarawas County Health Commissioner. “While we are certainly encouraged to see that Tuscarawas County is faring slightly better than the average Ohio county in this recent County Health Rankings Report, we will strive to create more improvements for the health and well-being of county residents by collaborating with community partners and Healthy Tusc organizations.”

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Beginning with last year's report, the CHR&R no longer ranks counties but does show comparisons between counties within Ohio and the U.S. For more detailed information about how Tuscarawas County fared in the 2025 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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