

2015 County Health Rankings: Measure Changes from 2014

2014 Measure	2015 Measure	Data Source	Years	Rationale for Change
Health Outcomes				
No Changes				
Clinical Care				
Diabetic screening	Diabetic monitoring	Dartmouth Atlas of Healthcare	2012	This name change was made to lessen confusion about this measure. Diabetic screening can refer to screening the general population for diabetes, while diabetic monitoring refers to the monitoring of HbA1c levels among diabetic patients. There was no change to the measure itself, just a name change.
Social and Economic Factors				
No measure	Income inequality (2.5%)	American Community Survey	2009-2013	This income measure expands on children in poverty, by measuring the gap between the lower end of the income spectrum and the upper end.
Children in poverty (10%)	Children in poverty (7.5%)			The weighting was changed to accommodate the inclusion of income inequality
Inadequate social support (2.5%)	Social associations (2.5%)	County Business Patterns	2012	This measure replaces inadequate social support, which is no longer included in the core of the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. It is meant to capture the web of social support available through associations in a community.