

MoneyRates.com Study Ranks Healthcare by State with New Comparison Tool

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Massachusetts has the best healthcare while Mississippi has the worst

Foster City, CA: June 13, 2019 – MoneyRates.com released a study today on the quality of healthcare in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Seven different factors were analyzed based on data from the <u>U.S. Census Bureau</u> and the <u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</u>. The analysis showed that location of residency can impact access, cost and effectiveness of healthcare services.

Based on an average ranking of the criteria, Massachusetts emerged as the best state for healthcare. It outranked most states in five out of seven categories. Mississippi ranked last in four out of seven categories, making it the state with the worst healthcare. The report assessed:

- 1. Health-insurance coverage
- 2. Age-adjusted mortality
- 3. Vaccination rates
- 4. Infant mortality
- 5. Nursing-home availability
- 6. Hospital availability
- 7. Practicing physicians per capita

Recognizing that significant differences exist in healthcare across the nation, MoneyRates.com debuted an interactive map to help consumers review the conditions in each state. The comparison tool shows an expanded, side-by-side view of the seven categories that make up each state's overall healthcare ranking.

"Healthcare is both a personal issue and an economic priority," says Richard Barrington, senior financial analyst for MoneyRates.com. "People deserve to know how their healthcare is affected by where they live. Our tool makes it easier for everyone to quickly evaluate the factors that are most important to their individual circumstances."

Other notable findings included surprising disparities from state to state:

- Texas residents are more than six times as likely to lack health insurance as residents of Massachusetts
- The age-adjusted mortality rate in Mississippi is 63% higher than that of Hawaii
- · Children in Oregon are nearly three times as likely as children in Massachusetts to be unvaccinated
- The infant mortality rate in Mississippi is more than twice as high as in Massachusetts, Iowa, California, New Jersey or Vermont

The top 10 states for best and worst healthcare

Rank	States with the Best Healthcare	Rank	States with the Worst Healthcare
1	Massachusetts	1	Mississippi
2	Colorado	2	South Carolina
3	Vermont	3	Georgia
4	Wisconsin	4	Alabama
5	Minnesota	5	West Virginia
6	Nebraska	6	South Dakota
7	Washington	7	Oklahoma
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9	Hawaii	9	Tennessee
10	Connecticut	10	Nevada

To view the comparison tool and each state's ranking with full methodology, visit https://www.money-rates.com/research-center/compare-healthcare-by-state.htm.

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