

Prince George's County 2018 County Health Rankings

The annual Robert Wood Johnson Foundation *County Health Rankings*ⁱ measures both **health factors** and **health outcomes**. Health factors focus on behaviors, access to health care, the environment, and socioeconomic factors which affect the health of the population and contribute to their health outcomes, such as length and quality of life. Both health factors and health outcomes are used to “rank” the counties within each state. This document provides an overview of Prince George’s County’s rank compared to the other jurisdictions in Maryland, and also provides information about the indicators used to create the rankings.

It is important to keep in mind that while the current health ranking is dated 2018, the data used to create the ranking is usually older and will not reflect recent changes in the county. Also, the rankings are only based on a comparison to other Maryland counties and do not consider trends over time within the county. So while we may have improved within the county over the years, we could still have a lower ranking in comparison to the other jurisdictions.

Rank	Jurisdiction
1	Montgomery
2	Howard
3	Carroll
4	Calvert
5	Frederick
6	St. Mary’s
7	Anne Arundel
8	Harford
9	Queen Anne’s
10	Talbot
11	Charles
12	Worcester
13	Baltimore
14	Prince George’s
15	Garrett
16	Kent
17	Cecil
18	Washington
19	Wicomico
20	Allegany
21	Dorchester
22	Caroline
23	Somerset
24	Baltimore City

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Multiple indicators are included in these key summary measures

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Overall Ranking	17	16	16	14	14
Health Outcomes	17	16	16	14	14
Length of Life	18	19	15	15	12
Quality of Life	14	13	18	17	14
Health Factors	14	15	16	16	16
Health Behaviors	8	9	11	11	10
Clinical Care	21	23	23	23	22
Social & Economic Factors	15	16	17	16	16
Physical Environment	12	13	8	6	7

2018 Rankings: Prince George’s County Successes

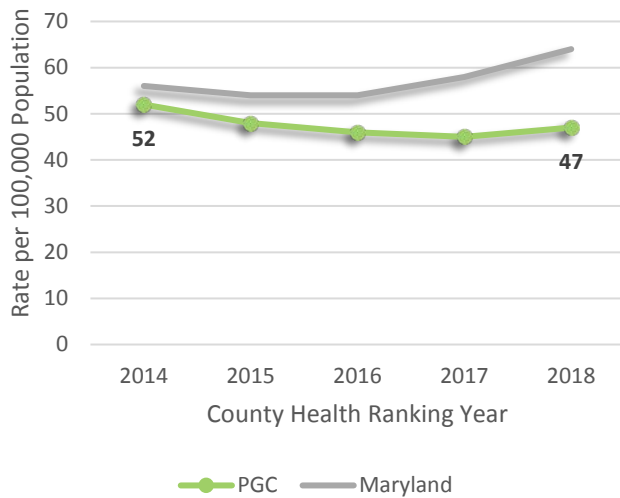
Indicator	Rank (out of 24)	PGC Value	MD Value
Residents with Access to Exercise Opportunities	3	99%	93%
Injury Death Rate	3	47 per 100,000	64 per 100,000
Adults who Smoke	3	12%	14%
Adult Excessive Drinking	3	15%	17%
Adult Average Poor Mental Health Days per Month	4	3.3 Days	3.5 Days
Income Inequality Ratio	4	3.8	4.6

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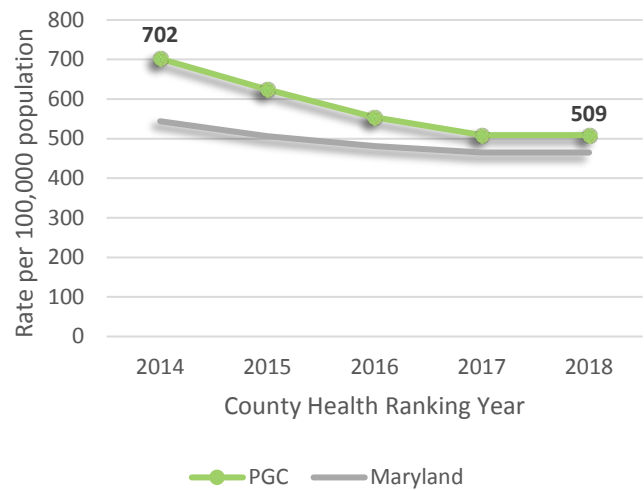
Positive Trends

Prince George's County has improved for many of the indicators included in the Rankings. For example, the premature death rate has dropped by 11%, and the teen birth rate dropped by 26% since the 2014 Rankings. While Prince George's County currently ranks 23 out of 24 in the state for the rate of violent crime, the rate has dropped by 27% since the 2014 Rankings, showing a marked improvement. The Injury Death Rate in the state has climbed substantially since 2016, but Prince George's County has remained consistently low.

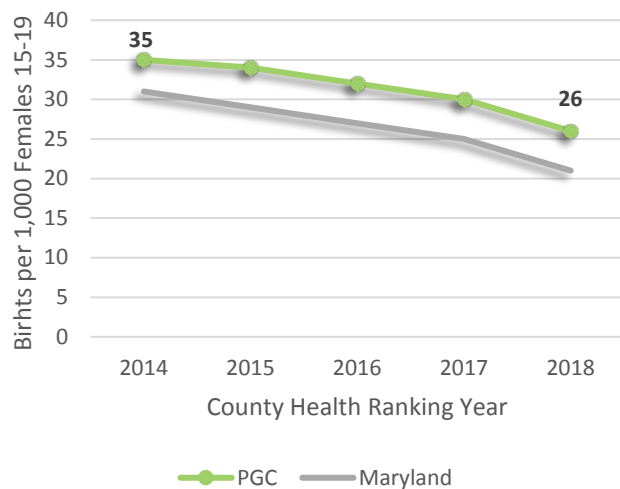
Injury Death Rate in Prince George's County
Compared to Maryland 2014-2018



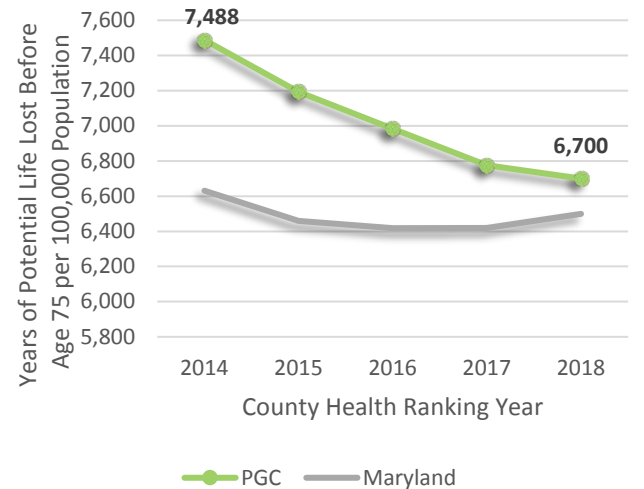
Violent Crime Rate in Prince George's County
Compared to Maryland 2014-2018



Teen Birth Rate in Prince George's County
Compared to Maryland 2014-2018



Premature Death Rate in Prince George's County
Compared to Maryland 2014-2018



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Opportunities for Improvement

The county is ranked lower for the following indicators. While many have improved over time they continue to trail behind the other jurisdictions in the state. For the summary areas considered in the Rankings, the county continues to have a low ranking with **Clinical Care**. It is important to note that the low ranking of the rate of primary care physicians (PCPs), dentists, and mental health providers in the County has limitations: the measures only consider the providers located within the county and not any nearby access to providers in adjacent jurisdictions. Also, the primary care physician (PCP) rate does not include nurse practitioners, physician assistants or other practitioners who also provide primary care services.

Clinical Care Measures	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2018 Rank (out of 24)
Overall Ranking	21	23	23	23		23
Percent Uninsured	16%	16%	17%	14%	11%	24
Primary Care Provider Rate	1,804:1	1,780:1	1,860:1	1,910:1	1,910:1	16
Dentist Rate	1,762:1	1,712:1	1,680:1	1,680:1	1,650:1	13
Mental Health Provider Rate	1,483:1	1,151:1	1,060:1	970:1	890:1	21
Preventable Hospital Stays	52 per 1,000	48 per 1,000	46 per 1,000	43 per 1,000	46 per 1,000	6
Diabetes Monitoring	80%	81%	82%	82%	82%	22
Mammography Screening	60.7%	61.7%	61%	61%	61%	22

Even though Prince George's County ranks low in graduation rate, violent crime rate, and low birth weight, those measures have improved over time, as shown below.

Low Ranked Measures	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2018 Rank (out of 24)
Graduation Rate	73%	74%	77%	79%	79%	23
Violent Crime Rate*	702	624	554	509	509	23
STI (chlamydia) Rate*	699	685	699	689	680	22
Low Birth Weight	10.4%	10.3%	10%	10%	10%	21

* Rate is per 100,000 population

Conclusions

Prince George's County continues to improve in many of the County Health Rankings measures. While the rankings themselves may not change much, it is more important to consider if there is **change over time that demonstrates positive progress in the county**. The County Health Rankings is a helpful tool to start important conversations about the factors that contribute to the health of county residents. When using the Rankings, it is helpful to consider that the age of the data used may not fully take into account recent changes in the county, such as the implementation of the Affordable Care Act and Primary Healthcare Strategic Planⁱⁱ.

ⁱ <http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/>

ⁱⁱ <http://www.pgplanning.org/Projects/PHCSP.htm>