



Minnesota ranked highly for quality of care, cost of care, and health care work places

Minnesota's hospitals and health systems continue to rank very high for quality of care on a national scale, while maintaining low costs of care and exceptional environments for health care staff. Minnesota continues to outperform most other states in the country on our quality measurements as repeatedly validated by the federal Agency for Healthcare Quality Research (AHRQ) and the independent Commonwealth Fund.

Overall health care quality:

- The federal AHRQ ranked Minnesota among the best states overall for health care quality in 2018. This [report](#) is considered the gold standard for measuring the health care quality performance of states.
- Minnesota ranks third in the nation overall in health system performance on dimensions that measure residents' health, based on a [2020 analysis](#) by the Commonwealth Fund. Minnesota ranks in the top quartile in four of the five dimensions measured – access and affordability, prevention and treatment, healthy lives, and disparity.
- This analysis also ranks Minnesota third in the nation in the category of prevention and treatment and fourth in the nation in the category of healthy lives. If all states performed as well as Minnesota, there would be approximately 91,000 fewer premature deaths before age 75 for conditions that can be detected early and effectively treated with good follow-up care.
- In 2022, Minnesota was ranked the third best state for the health and wellbeing of seniors by America's Health Rankings based on factors including clinical care and health outcomes.

Cost of care:

- The Commonwealth Fund 2020 analysis ranks Minnesota in the second quartile for avoidable hospital use and cost.
- A 2021 analysis by [Medicare Guide](#) ranked Minnesota as the top state in the nation for elderly care, based on cost, quality, and access.

Workplace quality:

- Minnesota was ranked the fourth best state to work as a nurse in 2022, based on opportunity and competition, and work environment. This [analysis](#) by WalletHub ranked Minnesota second for nurses salaries adjusted by cost of living.
- Minnesota was ranked the best state to practice as a physician, according to [Medscape Best & Worst Places to Practice 2021](#). The analysis was based on burnout and happiness, practice environment, state health and health system performance, and overall livability.



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