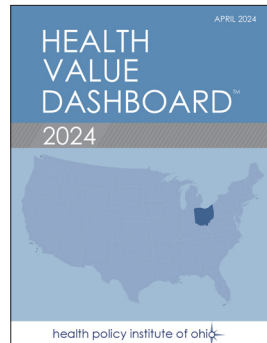


HPIO releases 2024 Health Value Dashboard

Earlier this month, the Health Policy Institute of Ohio released the sixth edition of its **Health Value Dashboard**, a tool to track Ohio's progress toward health value — a composite measure of performance on population health outcomes and healthcare spending.

The latest edition found that Ohio ranks 44 on health value compared to other states and D.C., as illustrated below. This means Ohioans continue to live less healthy lives and spend more on health care than people in most other states.



The *Dashboard* includes more than 100 data metrics on population health, healthcare spending and five additional areas that contribute to health value, plus profiles of groups of Ohioans who face discrimination and other obstacles to health and well-being.

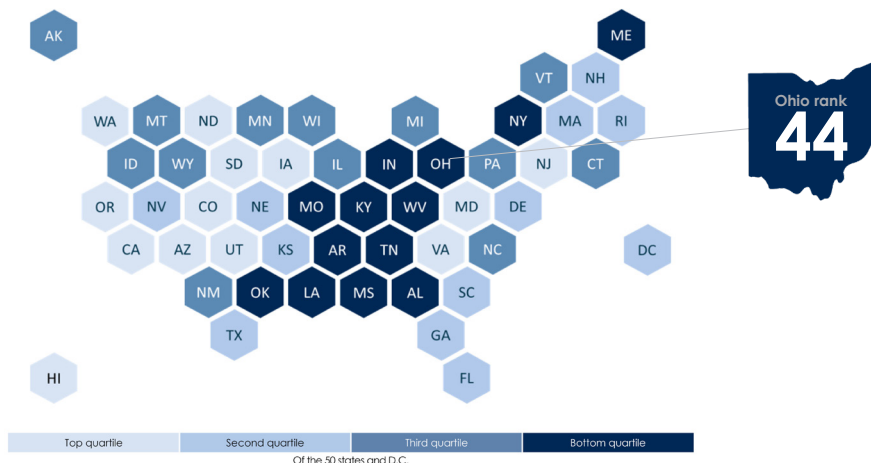
The *Dashboard* is designed for policymakers and other public- and private-sector leaders to examine Ohio's performance relative to other states, track change over time and identify and explore health disparities and inequities in Ohio.

In analyzing *Dashboard* data, HPIO identified four policy priorities to improve health value:

- Mental well-being
- Tobacco and cannabis prevention
- Healthcare affordability
- Creating opportunities to thrive

Health states rank on health value

from HPIO's 2024 Health Value Dashboard



New HPIO evaluation toolkit focuses on advancing equity

The Health Policy Institute of Ohio has released a new toolkit designed to provide partners with information about how to use evaluation to move towards equity.

Each section of "**Moving Toward Equity: An Evaluation Toolkit**," covers a different element of evaluation, including information on how to tie evaluation into every step of assessment, planning, implementation and continuous quality improvement.

The toolkit includes guidance, tools and resources on:

- Setting the stage for evaluation through assessment and planning
- Equitable approaches to evaluation
- Developing an equitable evaluation plan
- Using evaluation results for continuous quality improvement
- Collecting data for evaluation

The Toolkit is for anyone who is dedicated to advancing equity, passionate about achieving results and committed to stewarding resources. Tools are located in a separate, interactive workbook that can be accessed on the [publication page](#).

Recent HPIO publications explore wide range of relevant policy areas

HPIO released several policy briefs in March that spotlighted evidence-informed policies on a wide range of topics.

A fact sheet, titled "**Uplifting Community Voices: Housing and Health**," highlights experiences with two programs — Healthy Beginnings at Home (HBAH) and Families Flourish — with emerging evidence of improving housing stability and maternal, child and family health and well-being.

The fact sheet explores the following themes that arose from program participant and staff interviews:

- Housing access improves physical and mental health
- Housing location matters for well-being
- Social support, resources and time build long-term stability
- Housing programs can provide opportunities for empowerment and advocacy

Another new HPIO policy brief, titled **Connections between Water Quality and Health**, focuses on the importance

of clean water and the many effects that water pollution and deteriorating infrastructure can have on health throughout life. The brief highlights data and information for policymakers to improve Ohio's water quality, including:

- How poor water quality affects health
- Which Ohioans are most affected by poor water quality
- What Ohio has done to address water quality and additional steps the state can take

Earlier in the month, HPIO released **Policy Considerations: Cannabis Regulation in Ohio**, which provides a data overview of cannabis use in Ohio and policy considerations for the development of a new regulatory framework for recreational cannabis.

On Nov. 7, 2023, Ohio voters approved **Ohio Issue 2**, which changed Ohio law to allow the sale and purchase of recreational cannabis. As the Ohio General Assembly and executive branch consider next steps, policymakers will need to weigh public health, public safety, equity and other considerations.

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Save the date: October 3, 2024



HPIO announces inaugural Health Policy Summit

The 2024 Ohio Health Policy Summit will be held in Columbus, Ohio on Oct. 3. The Summit builds on HPIO's mission to advance evidence-informed policies that improve health, achieve equity, and lead to sustainable healthcare spending in Ohio. The theme this year is "Partnering to improve health, well-being and economic vitality."



Keynote speaker

David Chokshi, M.D., a practicing physician, former New York City Health Commissioner and Chair of the **Common Health Coalition**, will provide opening remarks on how all sectors must work together to improve health and well-being and achieve equity.

Call for proposals

HPIO invites submissions for breakout sessions, which will be focused on behavioral health promotion and prevention, population health equity, and healthcare systems and spending. More information can be [found here](#).

Submissions are due by Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. and can be submitted by [clicking here](#). Contact Alana Clark-Kirk (aclarkkirk@healthpolicyohio.org) with questions.