Ohioans are less healthy than people in most other states. Ohio ranks 40th on a composite measure of population health. Thirty nine states are healthier. This overall rank is based on Ohio’s rank in the following areas:

38] Overall health and wellbeing Length and quality of life
49] Health behaviors Tobacco, alcohol, physical activity
41] Conditions and diseases Physical, mental and oral health

We are not getting good value for our healthcare dollar. Ohio ranks 47th on a composite measure of health value—the combination of healthcare costs and population health, weighted equally.
Why does Ohio rank so poorly on health value?

In order to improve health value, Ohio must address the many factors that impact population health outcomes and healthcare costs. Public health and prevention and the healthcare system in Ohio face significant challenges. Ohio also struggles when it comes to the physical, social and economic environments that impact health.

Our social, economic and physical environments—where we live, work, learn and play—have a significant impact on our overall health.¹

Clinical care received within the healthcare system accounts for the majority of our healthcare costs. Fewer of our healthcare dollars are spent on public health and prevention.²

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For methodology and sources, see appendix or view the Health Value Dashboard online at: www.healthpolicyohio.org/2014-health-value-dashboard

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