Moving Toward a Healthier Laurens County

Based on the 2019 County Health Rankings, Laurens County is ranked 27th out of 46 counties in South Carolina for health outcomes, which measures length and quality of life, and is ranked 27th for health factors, which measures health behaviors, clinical care, social and economic factors, and physical environment.

Laurens County Demographics

Population = 66,848 a 0.5% increase from 2010

- non-Hispanic White: 68.6%
- non-Hispanic Black: 25.7%
- Hispanic/Latino: 4.9%

- 18% < 18
- 60% 18 - 64
- 22% 65+

- 79.1% graduated high school in 2018
- 19.7% of the population had a disability
- Median Household Income = $40,580
- 4.4% unemployment rate
Leading Causes of Death

- Cancer
- Heart Disease
- Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease

Access to Healthcare

Insurance Status Among Adults 18-64, 2017

- 17.7% Uninsured
- 82.3% Insured

18.0% of adults delayed medical care due to cost

6.8 Primary care physicians per 10,000 residents

5,044 avoidable emergency department visits per 100,000

1,070 avoidable inpatient hospitalizations per 100,000

Maternal and Infant Health

10.9% of infants were born prior to 37 weeks

Infant mortality rate was 8.5 deaths per 1,000 live births

Percent of Mothers Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care, 2015-2017

- Adequate Prenatal Care: 72.1%
- Inadequate Prenatal Care: 27.9%
Infectious Disease

STD incidence rate of 754.0 per 100,000 residents for chlamydia, gonorrhea, and infectious syphilis. 66% of individuals with HIV are virally suppressed.

Chronic Disease and Risk Factors

483.1
All cancer incidence rate per 100,000 residents.

10-Year Stroke Mortality Rate
Rate per 100,000 population

South Carolina: 22.2
Laurens: 29.0

31.7%
Of Laurens county adults were obese.

Smoking Status Among Adults

Smoker: 30.1%
Non-smoker: 69.9%

Maternal and Infant Health

10.4% of babies were born at a low birthweight.

61.8% of mothers initiated breastfeeding at birth.

Teen Birth Rate (15-19 Years)
Rate per 1,000 females

Laurens: 35.3
South Carolina: 23.8
Injury

29.4 motor vehicle crash deaths per 100,000 residents\(^{14}\)

The 5-year injury death rate is 92.3 deaths per 100,000 residents\(^{1}\)

Behavioral Health

11.3% of adults reported binge drinking\(^{7}\)

The 5-year drug overdose death rate is 16.7 deaths per 100,000 residents\(^{14}\)

Cross-Cutting

Presence of Adverse Childhood Experiences\(^{15}\)

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0.44 Gini Value: A measure of income inequality from 0 (perfect equality) to 1 (perfect inequality)\(^{3}\)

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