Thurston County



Each Nebraska county with sufficient data is represented by a dot, placed on a continuum from least health to healthiest in the nation.

The color of each dot represents data-informed groupings of counties nationwide with similiar Population Health and Wellbeing or Community Conditions on the continuum.



Population Health and Well-being: Thurston County is faring worse than the average county in Nebraska and worse than the average county in the nation.

Community Conditions: Thurston County is faring worse than the average county in Nebraska and slightly worse than the average county in the nation.

Population: 6,557	2025	Low NE 2025	High NE 2025	NE 202!	U.S. 2025
Population Health and Well-being					
Length of Life					
Premature death (years of potential life lost, per 100,000) (1)	27026	4802	27000	7100	8400
Quality of Life					
Average # of poor physical health days (adults)	4.9	3.2	4.9	3.4	3.9
% Low birthweight, <2,500 grams	8	3	12	8	8
Average # of poor mental health days (adults)	5.3	4.3	5.3	4.3	5.1
% Reporting of poor or fair health (adults)	24	11	24	15	17
Community Conditions					
Health Infrastructure					
% Flu vaccinations (Medicare enrollees)	21	4	64	50	48
% Access to exercise opportunities (1)	40	2	100	85	84
Food environment index (0=worst, 10=best)	7.5	3.5	8.8	7.6	7.4
Primary care physicians rate (per 100,000 population)	1103:1	367:1	8330:1	1340:1	1330:1
Mental health providers rate (per 100,000 population)	205:1	158:1	8459:1	290:1	300:1
Dentists rate (per 100,000 population)	1085:1	372:0	5287:1	1220:1	1360:1
Preventable hospital stays (per 100,000 Medicare enrollees)	3444	605	5909	2231	2666
% Mammography screening (Medicare females age 65-74)	39	18	64	52	44
% Uninsured (population under age 65)	7	5	15	8	10
Physical Environment					
% Households with severe housing problems	19	3	21	12	17
% Driving alone to work	79	55	88	77	70
% Long commute – driving alone	26	5	52	19	37
Average daily density of fine particulate matter	6.9	4.8	7.8	6.0	7.3
Drinking water violations?	No				
% Households with broadband Internet connection (1,2)	82	71	95	90	90
Library visits per person in service area per year (2)	2	1	20	3	2
Social and Economic Factors					
% With some college (adults age 25–44)	60	48	90	72	68
% High school completion (adults age 25 and older)	92	77	100	92	89
% Unemployed (population age 16 and older)	2.7	1.5	3.6	2.3	3.6
Income inequality ratio (80th to 20th percentile)	4.6	2.8	5.9	4.2	4.9
% Children in poverty	26	5	28	11	16
Injury death rate (per 100,000 population) (1)	115	45	216	65	84
Membership associations rate (per 10,000 population)	7.7	0.0	59.6	13.7	9.1
Childcare cost (as % of median houshold income, two children) (1.2)	34	23	44	30	28



