Opportunity increased in the Health dimension by 2.1 percent since 2016 with most states seeing a positive trend in scores. Minnesota, at 71.2, had the highest score in this dimension while West Virginia had the lowest at 36.7. Forty-five percent of counties saw improvements in this dimension. Nearly every state improved in health insurance coverage.

95% of people under the age of 65 have health insurance in LINCOLN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA (population 52,826). LINCOLN COUNTY was the top county in the Health dimension and received an A for overall opportunity.

In MCDOWELL COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, drug/alcohol-related poisoning or suicide kills residents at nearly 4.5X the national rate.

Rates of deaths from drug/alcohol poisoning or suicide rose in 43 states and the District of Columbia.

The rate of low birth weight rose in 26 states and the District of Columbia.

Nearly every state saw improvements in rates of health insurance.

*Includes those who are under age 65 and covered by health insurance.

The only states that improved in the drug/alcohol-related poisoning or suicide indicator were ARIZONA, ILLINOIS, INDIANA and NORTH DAKOTA.