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Putnam County Ranks 5th in Ohio’s County Health Rankings 2022

Each year the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation releases County Health Rankings. The County Health Rankings ranks the health of nearly every county in the U.S with data that reveals what factors contribute to the health of residents. In 2022, Putnam County was ranked the 5th healthiest county in Ohio. Putnam County Health Department uses this data along with other sources to create strategies to develop healthier communities in the county.

The Rankings look at factors such as children living in poverty, access to nutritious foods, smoking rates, obesity rates, and teen births. A few areas Putnam County ranked well were the percentage of flu vaccinations (55% vs. 51% Ohio), low percentage of low birthweight (6% vs. 9% Ohio), and low teen birth rate (14 vs. 21 Ohio). Health behaviors that Putnam County could improve on include excessive drinking (23% vs. 21% Ohio), obesity (37% vs. 35% Ohio), and motor vehicle crash deaths (12 vs. 10 Ohio).

"We are pleased to have been rated number 5 in both Health Factors and Health Outcomes in the 2022 County Health Rankings," said Kim Rieman, Putnam County Health Commissioner. "While we can be happy with the high ranking, we must continue to work with our partners and do what we can as a community to improve the quality of life for our residents."

For more information about the County Health Rankings, or to see how we compare to other Ohio Counties, visit www.countyhealthrankings.org.

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