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The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute Releases County Health Rankings

County Health Rankings Report Gives Nevadans a County-by-County Snapshot of How Multiple Factors Can Influence Their Health

Carson City – The online report, available at www.countyhealthrankings.org, includes a snapshot of a majority of counties in Nevada with a color-coded map comparing each county's overall health ranking.

"It's important that Nevadans realize that there are many factors that affect people's health. In our state we have counties with health across the spectrum. We will use this information to learn and improve the overall health of Nevadans," said Dr. Tracey Green, State Health Officer.

The *County Health Rankings* are the first to rank the overall health of the counties in all 50 states – more than 3,000 total – by using a standard formula to measure how healthy people are and how long they live. The report looks at factors that affect people's health within four categories: health behavior, clinical care, social and economic factors, and physical environment. According to the report, Douglas County, located in northern Nevada, ranks first in both health outcomes (how healthy a county is) and health factors (what influences the health of the county). On the other end of the spectrum, Mineral County ranks 15th in health outcomes and health factors.

"Much of what influences how healthy we are and how long we live happens outside the doctor's office," says Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, M.D., M.B.A., president and CEO of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. "We hope the *County Health Rankings* spur all sectors – government, business, community and faith-based groups, education and public health - to work together on solutions that address barriers to good health and help all Americans lead healthier lives."

For more information about the *County Health Rankings* report go to:
www.countyhealthrankings.org.

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