

The University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation today released the 2011 County Health Rankings. Of the 72 counties in Wisconsin, La Crosse County ranked 22nd in health outcomes, the same as in 2010.

In the category of health factors, the rank went from 6th in the state last year to 4th this year. Health behavior rankings rose from 21st to 8th in Wisconsin and for the 2nd year in a row, La Crosse County came out on top in the state for the quality of its clinical care.

The La Crosse Area Medical Health Science Consortium, a coalition of health and education partners from the Coulee Region, has set a goal to make La Crosse County the healthiest county in Wisconsin by 2015. More detailed information on the rankings specific to La Crosse County will be analyzed and released over the next few weeks.