Create a healthier force for tomorrow.
Total Health, Total Readiness

Individual Soldier health readiness is the foundation for Army National Guard combat and state mission readiness. The ARNG’s inaugural Health of the Force report focuses on the health of National Guard Soldiers, enhancing the U.S. Army Public Health Center’s Health of the Force series. Previous editions only covered Army Active Component Soldiers.

This report consolidates numerous health and behavior indicators of our force so that National Guard leaders at all levels will be better informed to build and execute plans focused on health outcomes. Leaders must be focused on building readiness and eliminating factors that lead to reduced readiness in our formations. Army Physical Fitness Test failures, obesity, substance abuse, and line of duty conditions leading to permanent profiles or separation are some of the significant factors that directly impact the readiness of our Soldiers. Getting ahead of these negative health outcomes by emplacing healthy behaviors is the first step in improving medical readiness and enhancing the health and readiness of the ARNG.

As a vital component of the Total Army, the ARNG must be ready when called upon to defend our nation at home and abroad. As Citizen Soldiers, our members make up the greater communities in which we live and work. As leaders in our communities, we must possess the knowledge and resources to facilitate personal health readiness and create environments where the healthy choice is the easy choice. This report showcases how individual Soldier health readiness serves as the foundation for combat readiness.

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Lieutenant General, US Army  
Director, Army National Guard

I challenge each of you to review your state or territory’s outcomes; measure them against your unit and others in order to develop plans to increase your unit’s health. Remember: a healthy force is a ready force!

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Demographics

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Traditional Soldiers comprised 82.7% of the ARNG population in FY16; AGR/Mil Tech Soldiers represented 17.3% of this population. AGR and Mil Tech populations are similar in that Soldiers in both groups are employed full-time year-round and can access continuous health insurance provided by the ARNG or State. Approximately 13.5% of ARNG Soldiers were unemployed. Traditional ARNG Soldiers who may not have stable employment may lack reliable access to health care.

ARNG Soldiers by Rank, 2016

10.8% Commissioned Officer
2.5% Warrant Officer
16.5% Enlisted

Total Population=354,331

Age Distribution by Traditional vs. AGR/Mil Tech status, ARNG Soldiers, 2016

A high proportion of Traditional Soldiers are of age 29 years and younger. In comparison, the population of AGR/Mil Techs has a more even distribution across age groups.

Age Distribution by Sex, ARNG Soldiers, 2016

Male and female ARNG Soldiers have similar age distributions. However, the proportion of female Soldiers who are between the ages of 19 and 29 is higher than the proportion of male Soldiers who fall into that age group.
SUMMARY STATISTICS (FY16)

MEDICAL READINESS
Medical readiness within 72 hours was not achieved by 14% of ARNG Soldiers (Medical Readiness Classification (MRC) 3A, 3B, and 4).

DENTAL READINESS
Of ARNG Soldiers, 6% were not medically ready due to dental deficiencies (dental non-readiness).

OBESITY AND OVERWEIGHT
Of ARNG Soldiers, 25% were classified as obese and 45% were classified as overweight based on BMI. Of traditional ARNG Soldiers, 44% were overweight, and 23% were obese. Of AGR/ Mil Tech Soldiers, 51% were overweight, and 30% were obese.

FLAGGED FOR WEIGHT
Of ARNG Soldiers, 5% were flagged for weight.

ARMY PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST (APFT) FAILURE
Of ARNG Soldiers, 13% failed the APFT.

HAZARDOUS ALCOHOL USE
Of ARNG Soldiers, 17% were classified as exhibiting hazardous levels of alcohol use.

TOBACCO USE
Of ARNG Soldiers, 15% smoked and 13% used smokeless tobacco.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
Of ARNG Soldiers, 3% were classified as exhibiting symptoms of depression and 4% were classified as exhibiting symptoms of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

DRUG USE
Of ARNG Soldiers, 3% tested positive for illegal drug use.

PERFORMANCE TRIAD (P3)
SLEEP
ARNG Soldiers had an average sleep score of 73 out of 100.

ACTIVITY
ARNG Soldiers had an average activity score of 78 out of 100.

NUTRITION
ARNG Soldiers had an average nutrition score of 69 out of 100.

HEALTH INDEX SCORE
Health metrics included in this report were compiled into a Health Index Score summarizing and ranking the overall health of each State and Territory. Lower Health Index Scores indicate better overall health.
Medical and Dental Readiness

Medical readiness is a priority for both the AC, U.S. Army and the ARNG. Soldiers with medical deficiencies that are not resolvable within 72 hours are the greatest cause for concern and are classified as MRC3. Soldiers whose medical readiness status is unknown are classified as MRC4. In FY16, 8.8% of ARNG Soldiers were classified as MRC3 and 5.3% of ARNG Soldiers were classified as MRC4, resulting in a combined total of 14.1% of ARNG Soldiers who were considered not medically ready within 72 hours. The proportion not medically ready varied by geographic location, ranging from 8.8% to 21.0% across the States and Territories.

Dental readiness is another important component of medical readiness. Soldiers with a dental readiness classification (DRC) of 3 (condition that requires urgent or emergent dental treatment) or 4 (dental exam not current) may have treatment or exam needs that can cause more significant delays to their deployment. In FY16, 3.3% of ARNG Soldiers were classified as DRC3, and 2.7% were classified as DRC4 for a combined DRC of 6%.

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- Flagged for Weight
- APFT Failure
- Hazardous Alcohol Use
- Tobacco Use
Obesity and Overweight

Obesity can have a serious and immediate impact on health and readiness of the Force through reduced physical functioning and performance, quality of life, and mental and physical well-being. In the long term, obesity can contribute to heart disease, type 2 diabetes, cancer, stroke, hypertension, and other serious medical conditions. Obesity has more than doubled since 1990 to include over one third of U.S. adults in 2016. Most ARNG Soldiers must balance their ARNG duties with careers and other full-time pursuits, creating unique challenges to maintaining health weight standards.

The CDC has established BMI ranges for normal (less than 25), overweight (at least 25 but less than 30), and obese (30 or above) derived from the general U.S. adult population to correlate with risk of chronic disease. The Army uses adjusted BMI cut points as described further in the flagged for weight section of this report. Twenty five percent of ARNG Soldiers were obese in FY16. Obesity rates were higher among men (27.0%) compared to women (13.5%). In FY16, 45.2% of ARNG Soldiers were overweight. Overweight was more common among male ARNG Soldiers, with 46.2% of male ARNG Soldiers were classified as overweight compared to 37.3% of female ARNG Soldiers. Of traditional ARNG Soldiers, 44% were overweight, and 23% were obese. Of AGR/Mil Tech Soldiers, 51% were overweight, and 30% were obese. However, after accounting for differences in age and sex breakdowns across these populations, rates of obesity were similar across all ARNG Soldiers regardless of their Traditional or AGR/Mil Tech designation.

Overall, 25% of ARNG Soldiers were classified as obese.

Rates ranged from 15.1% to 33.4% across states.

STATES WITH THE LOWEST RATES OF OBESITY

1. MONTANA 15.1%
2. WISCONSIN 15.3%
3. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 15.6%
4. UTAH 16.7%
5. NEBRASKA 17.9%

“While deployed, I changed my nutrition away from sugar and grains to more raw food from the salad bar and lean meats. At 5 feet 10 inches I started at 216 pounds with a 41-inch waist, about 33 percent body fat (which is non-compliant!). Twelve months later, I came home at 193 pounds, had a 36-inch waist, and 20 percent body fat. Six months later, tightening my nutrition discipline, I was down to 181 at 18 percent body fat and a 34-inch waist.”

—LTC Daniel Markert
California Army National Guard
The proportion of soldiers who were normal weight, overweight, and obese did not vary substantially between Traditional Soldiers and AGR/Mil Techs. In both groups, likelihood of being overweight or obese increased with age.

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**SPOTLIGHT**

**GUARD YOUR HEALTH**

Guard Your Health supports the Army National Guard (ARNG) Chief Surgeon’s efforts to build and sustain a resilient, adaptable, and medically ready Citizen-Soldier force. The campaign provides easily accessible tools and resources that promote comprehensive fitness and overall well-being for Soldiers and their families.

By visiting the campaign’s website, www.guardyourhealth.com, Soldiers can access the information, tools, and support they need to overcome the unique challenges they face as Citizen-Soldiers, and make healthy decisions for themselves, their families, and their units.

Guard Your Health is the most comprehensive, free resource available exclusively for ARNG Soldiers and their Families, providing access to:

- How-To Articles and Infographics
- Ask the Experts Feature
- Fitness-Focused Mobile App
- How-To Articles and Infographics
- Easy-to-Use Toolkits
- Soldier Stories
- APFT Training Guides
- 24/7 State Crisis Contacts
- Custom Tools including Hydration and APFT Calculators
- Healthy Recipes

Check out a few featured resources to stay mission ready!

**FitText**

Text “FitText” to 703-997-6747 to receive PT tips and motivation to max your performance.

**#ClassIRecipes**

Access healthy, simple, and budget-friendly recipes.

**Toolkits**

Inspire Soldiers to make positive health changes with easy-to-use toolkits.

**#WarriorReadyWorkouts**

Boost PT anytime, anywhere with a variety of 15-minute workout videos.

**Drill Deck**

Stay fit on-the-go with an equipment-free workout generator accessible via mobile devices.

Guard Your Health is everywhere Soldiers are online:
Flagged for Weight

The Army Body Composition Program (ABCP), as directed by AR 600-9 and DoDI 1308.1, requires Soldiers to be physically fit and maintain a healthy, military appearance. Maximum thresholds for body fat are 26 percent in males and 36 percent in females (as shown in the Body Mass Index Thresholds Table in Appendix I of the methods section). To verify compliance, bi-annual height and weight measurements are taken (typically during the APFT) to calculate BMI; if necessary, circumferential measurements (known as the “tape test”) are also taken. A Soldier whose relative body fat percentage exceeds the maximum allowable standard is “flagged” and is enrolled in the ABCP on the day he or she is notified of the failure. The ABCP includes exercise guidance, nutrition counseling, and behavioral modification strategies. Participating Soldiers are weighed on a monthly basis with a goal of losing 3–8 pounds or 1% body fat per month until the standards are met.

It is noteworthy that 26.2% of Soldiers were classified as obese (BMI ≥ 30), while only 4.6% of Soldiers were flagged for exceeding their maximum allowable weight (as shown in the AR 600-9 height and weight tables, modified for illustration purposes, and provided in Appendix I). According to AR 600-9, the Soldiers classified as obese would have exceeded their maximal allowable weight and should have been flagged for a body composition measurement. For example, the BMI threshold for men over 40 years old is 27.5. Therefore, any Soldier over 40 years old with a BMI greater than 27.5 would exceed his or her maximum allowable weight and should be flagged for a body composition measurement.

Rates ranged from 2.1% to 7.0% across states.

Overall, 5% of ARNG Soldiers were flagged for weight.

Prescribed literature for weight management includes USAHC TG 358, Body Composition Management Guide, which can be found at: http://www.armyg1.army.mil/hr/bodyComposition/docs/USAPHC_TG_358_Army_Weight_Management_Guide.pdf

KANSAS KEEPS SOLDIERS READY TO FIGHT

Meeting the Army’s height and weight standards can be a challenge for some ARNG Soldiers. In order to help Soldiers remain fit to fight, the Kansas National Guard implemented a fitness program called the Tactical Strength and Conditioning Program (TSAC-P). The program’s intent is to give Soldiers the tools and resources necessary to make long-term lifestyle changes. The TSAC-P aligns with the National Strength and Conditioning Association’s program specifically designed for military, law enforcement and first responders.

The TSAC-P targets Soldiers who are within 365 days of their Expiration of Term of Service (ETS), but who are ineligible for re-enlistment because of failure to meet height and weight standards. Soldiers who are overdue on Noncommissioned Officer Education System requirements receive priority to attend. Soldier participation in TSAC-P is voluntary, in most cases, attendance is in lieu of AT.

The program comprises 2 weeks followed by a 60-day follow-up in the form of an Inactive Duty Training weekend that includes height and weight screening and an APFT. TSAC-P staff consists of a combination of Active Duty Operational Support and Active Guard Reserve personnel with a range of individual and team-based coaching experience. All staff are current members of the Kansas ARNG.

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Although data regarding the effectiveness of the TSAC-P are still being collected, some short-term successes have been identified:

- Increased percentage of Soldiers passing APFT.
- Decreased percentage of Soldiers remaining on the Weight-Control Program.
- Enlistment extensions.

At the conclusion of two TSAC-P sessions held in January and July 2016, 58 participants lost a total of 450 pounds (average of 8 pounds per Soldier). Of these 58 Soldiers, 17% met Army height/weight standards at the beginning of the program, and 55% met the standards at its conclusion.

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Among the 54 ARNG States and Territories, APFT failures ranged from 4.5% to 20.6% in FY16. Factors related to APFT failure might include, but are not limited to, increased body fat and failure to exercise.

Overall, 13% of ARNG Soldiers failed their Army Physical Fitness Test. Rates ranged from 4.5% to 20.6% across states.

**States with the Lowest APFT Failure Rates**

1. **Utah** 4.5%
2. **Guam** 6.6%
3. **South Dakota** 6.9%
4. **Colorado** 6.9%
5. **New Hampshire** 7.4%
Hazardous alcohol use can be a warning sign for adverse alcohol-related outcomes such as driving under the influence (DUI) or the development of alcohol use disorders. The misuse of alcohol detracts from individual health and unit readiness, and negatively impacts the lives of ARNG Families and the community at large. The accidental or intentional overdose of alcohol is a major cause of illness and death in the United States.

Alcohol use habits were measured using the Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test-Consumption (AUDIT-C), a standardized self-report survey that is a portion of the Periodic Health Assessment (PHA) questionnaire. The AUDIT-C survey asks Soldiers about the frequency and quantity of their alcohol consumption in order to assess the likelihood that a Soldier’s drinking is affecting his or her safety. AUDIT-C is a screening tool that may indicate hazardous alcohol use, which is distinct from an alcohol dependency disorder diagnosis. Soldiers who screen positive on the AUDIT-C may be referred for alcohol education or similar interventions in order to reduce the risk that the Soldier will experience a severe adverse outcome such as a DUI. Among ARNG Soldiers in FY16, reported levels of alcohol use classified as hazardous were higher among males (16.8%) than females (15.6%), and were highest among Soldiers under 35 years of age. Across the states, reported hazardous alcohol use ranged from 8.6% to 31.3%. Rates of hazardous alcohol use were similar across all ARNG Soldiers regardless of their Traditional Soldier or AGR/Mil Tech designation.

Overall, 17% of ARNG Soldiers were classified as exhibiting hazardous levels of alcohol use. Rates ranged from 8.6% to 31.3% across states.

States with the Lowest Rates of Hazardous Alcohol Use

1. U.S. Virgin Islands  8.6%
2. Utah  11.0%
3. Mississippi  11.4%
4. New Jersey  11.5%
5. Puerto Rico  12.0%

*Frequent alcohol consumption, drinking several alcoholic drinks on a typical day, and/or frequent binge drinking (drinking more than six drinks in one sitting) can lead to an AUDIT-C score indicative of hazardous alcohol use.
Tobacco Use

Tobacco use can greatly diminish health and contributes to respiratory disease, heart disease, stroke, cancer, and premature death. Previous investigations have also demonstrated an increased risk of injury in smokers compared to non-smokers. The relationship between tobacco use and injury may be due to an individual’s compromised ability to repair damaged tissues.

Tobacco use data were collected from self-reported responses on the PHA questionnaire. Overall, 15.1% of ARNG Soldiers reported smoking, and 12.5% reported using dip or chewing tobacco. Smoking rates ranged from 2.5% to 25.7% across States and Territories. Rates of using dip or chewing tobacco ranged from 0.3% to 22.7% across States and Territories and were much higher among men than among women. Rates of tobacco use were similar across all ARNG Soldiers regardless of their Traditional Soldier or AGR/MIL designation.

Overall, 15% of ARNG Soldiers reported smoking tobacco. Rates ranged from 2.5% to 25.9% across states.

Overall, 13% of ARNG Soldiers reported using smokeless tobacco. Rates ranged from 0.3% to 22.7% across states.

States with the lowest rates of smoking tobacco use

1. VIRGINIA 2.5%
2. UTAH 7.2%
3. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 9.8%
4. PUERTO RICO 10.1%
5. FLORIDA 10.6%

States with the lowest rates of smokeless tobacco use

1. VIRGINIA 0.3%
2. PUERTO RICO 0.3%
3. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 2.1%
4. NEW JERSEY 5.0%
5. DELAWARE 5.4%
Health Index:

HEALTH OUTCOMES

- Behavioral Health
- Drug Testing
Behavioral Health

The stressors of military life can have a profound impact on the psychological well-being of ARNG Soldiers and Families. Behavioral health disorders such as PTSD, depression, and substance use are risk factors for a number of negative outcomes for ARNG Soldiers. These negative outcomes may affect medical readiness, result in early discharge, and can be associated with suicidal behavior.

The FY16 PTSD Checklist-Civilian Version (PCL-C) results indicated that 4.1% of ARNG Soldiers reported symptoms that could be consistent with a diagnosis of PTSD. A matrix on the provider review portion of the PHA was used to interpret PTSD scores (PCL-C), which can range from 17 to 85. The PCL-C scores are categorized as sub-threshold or no symptoms (<30), mild symptoms (30–39), moderate symptoms (40–49) and severe symptoms (≥50).

Based on the Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-8) scores, 2.6% of ARNG Soldiers reported symptoms that could be consistent with a diagnosis of clinical depression. The PHQ-8 is a standardized self-report survey that is a portion of the PHA questionnaire. A depression intervention matrix on the provider review portion of the PHA was used to interpret PHQ-8 depression scores, which can range from 1 to 24. The scores are categorized as no depression (<5), sub-threshold symptoms (5–9) mild depression (10–14), moderate depression (15–18), or severe depression (19–24). In accordance with provider guidelines, Soldiers classified as having PTSD or mild, moderate, or severe depression are offered behavioral education and, at the provider’s discretion, may be referred to specialized care for further evaluation.

Overall, 4% of ARNG Soldiers were classified as exhibiting symptoms of PTSD. Rates ranged from 0.9% to 9.3% across states.

Overall, 3% of ARNG Soldiers were classified as exhibiting symptoms of depression. Rates ranged from 0.3% to 6.4% across states.

Treatment options for PTSD include counseling, group or family therapy, medication, and alternative medicine. The goal of treatment is to reduce the symptoms of PTSD and help Soldiers find the best ways to cope. If PTSD symptoms are left untreated, it can lead to other concerns like depression, relationship problems, or substance misuse. Encourage your fellow Soldier to reach out for help now for a positive outcome.

“How to Spot Signs of PTSD in Your Buddy”

Guard Your Health website

BEST RANKING STATES

The top five states are not reported for behavioral health disorders because higher percentages of Soldiers with established diagnoses may, in fact, reflect lower levels of stigma and greater access to care. Identifying concerns early and encouraging Soldiers to seek treatment is a primary goal of Army Medicine and leads to better clinical outcomes. Soldiers with behavioral health conditions who do not receive timely treatment are at risk for negative outcomes and decreased readiness.
SUICIDE PREVENTION: A TOP PRIORITY

The ARNG faces unique challenges in preventing suicides. These challenges include a geographically dispersed work force and limited Soldier face-to-face time with leadership. Leaders may only see their Soldiers one weekend a month and may be unaware that a Soldier needs help.

Who’s Most at Risk?
• ARNG Soldiers most at risk for suicide are:
  — Enlisted (E1–E4)
  — Single
  — 18–24 years-old
  — Caucasian
  — Male
• There is no proven correlation between deployments and ARNG Soldier suicides.
• 53% of ARNG Soldiers who commit suicide have never deployed.

National and Local Suicide Prevention Resources
Master resilience trainers, substance abuse trainers, and suicide prevention program managers are in each State, Territory and the District of Columbia to assist State ARNG leadership with resilience training, risk reduction and suicide prevention efforts. Training is tracked in the Digital Training Management System (DTMS).

Risk Reduction Campaign Plan
The Risk Reduction Campaign (R2CP) is currently being implemented in all States to address resilience and risk reduction in ARNG Soldiers and Family members. R2CP includes four main initiatives:
  — Leader engagement
  — Training
  — Social media
  — Analytics

Key suicide risk factors for ARNG Soldiers:
Personal relationship problems
Financial / unemployment / underemployment issue
Substance abuse problems and/or behavioral health concerns

Source: Army National Guard

Current Efforts
The ARNG is currently conducting a research study that focuses on identifying geographic locations that may demonstrate an increased risk for suicides.

More Information
• ARNG Soldiers who need immediate help may call: 1-800-273-TALK (8255).
• For information about ARNG Suicide Prevention Programs, contact the National Guard Bureau Suicide Prevention Section at ng.ncr.org-arnn.mbx.arnngsuicideprevention@mail.mil.
• Information is also available at the following Facebook and Milsuite sites:
  — https://www.facebook.com/arnghrs
DUTY-RELATED INJURIES

Duty-related injuries are injuries that occur while ARNG Soldiers are in an active drilling status. In FY16, 7,333 duty-related injuries were reported. Male Soldiers accounted for 81% of all duty-related injuries. Sprains, strains and fractures accounted for approximately 44% of all duty-related injuries, and contusions accounted for approximately 5%. Approximately half of strains and sprains occurred in the lower extremities. Multiple studies of military and other physically active populations have indicated that injuries most commonly occur in the lower extremities. Sprains and strains are the most common injury type among lower-extremity injuries. Sprains can be described as injuries to ligaments or joints, and strains as injuries to tendons or muscles. The proportion of duty-related injury types was similar for men and women. More information on duty-related injuries can be found in AR 600-8-4, Line of Duty Policy, Procedures and Investigations.

Top 5 Duty-Related Injuries, Female ARNG Soldiers, 2016

- Sprain/Strain*: 34%
- Fracture: 9%
- Contusion: 5%
- Pain: 3%
- Concussion: 2%
- Laceration/ Abrasion/ Open wound: 2%

* Lower Extremity Sprain-Strain: 50% / Upper Extremity Sprain-Strain: 26% / Unspecified Sprain-Strain: 24%

Top 5 Duty-Related Injuries, Male ARNG Soldiers, 2016

- Sprain/Strain*: 33%
- Fracture: 9%
- Laceration/ Abrasion/ Open wound: 5%
- Contusion: 4%
- Pain: 2%

SPOTLIGHT

UNIT RISK INVENTORY PREVENTS HIGH-RISK BEHAVIORS

More than half of Traditional ARNG Soldiers are 29 years of age or younger, and a majority of these Soldiers fall into a high-risk behavior age group (18–25 years). High-risk behaviors are destructive and can lead to decreased Soldier and unit readiness. Unit commanders can use the Unit Risk Inventory (URI), a 53-item Soldier questionnaire, to identify and reduce high-risk behaviors. The URI assesses the following areas:

- Alcohol/drug use
- Command factors
- Stress levels
- Self perceptions
- Relationships
- Safe sex practices
- Child/spouse abuse
- Violence/crimes
- Suicide
- Financial problems

When a high-risk Soldier is identified, the commander is immediately informed and is advised to brief the Soldier on available resources. Results of the URI can further be used to inform the development of a Unit Risk Mitigation Plan (RMP). The RMP provides proposed unit education and early interventions using available ARNG, State, and local resources. Contracted staff support URI survey administration and analysis and help develop Unit RMPs.

As of FY16, more than 170,000 ARNG Soldiers have taken the URI. State leadership is encouraged to utilize the surveys to identify and promote programs and initiatives that mitigate Soldiers’ high-risk behaviors.

For information on the URI or a roll-up report for your State, please contact your Alcohol and Drug Control Officer. For additional information about the URI, contact the Army G1’s Resilience and Risk Reduction Branch at usarmy.pentagon.hqda-dcs-g-1.mbx.urisurvey-acsap@mail.mil.

References:
2. URI Marketing: Risk Reduction Program.
Drug Use

The use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol are inconsistent with the military’s standards of conduct and professionalism and can negatively impact the Army mission. AR 600-85 provides guidance for the drug testing program in the ARNG. Unit commanders randomly select and test 10% of their unit each month or 25% of their unit each quarter for illicit substances and alcohol abuse. Overall, 3.0% of ARNG Soldiers tested positive for illicit drugs in FY16. The percentage of ARNG Soldiers who tested positive for illegal drugs ranged from 0.2% to 6.3% across States and Territories. The use or possession of small quantities of marijuana has been legalized in 24 States and Territories, but remains prohibited for all ARNG Soldiers.

Best Ranking States

1. U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS 0.2%
2. GUAM 0.8%
3. PUERTO RICO 1.1%
4. SOUTH DAKOTA 1.7%
5. MONTANA 1.7%

Types of Drugs Detected

Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the main psychoactive ingredient in marijuana, continues to be the predominant illicit drug detected in Army National Guardsmen, accounting for 72.6% of all illicit positive results. Of the illicit positive results not cleared by medical staff as attributable to prescription drug use, 85% are for THC use.

Impact of Marijuana Legalization

In some States, marijuana is legal for civilians; however, it is not legal for U.S. Military personnel. Most of the States in which marijuana is legal share the same overall metrics as “non-legal” states, but there have been some monthly spikes above the national average in Oregon and California.

Prevention Resources

The ARNG has stepped up its drug prevention and testing efforts to decrease illicit positive rates. The ARNG conducts a 2-hour annual Army Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP) training for Traditional ARNG Soldiers and a 4-hour annual ASAP training for full-time members. Each state ASAP program has a list of resources and points of contact available to ARNG Soldiers. Each State and many individual counties have unique levels of resources available for ARNG Soldier access. The ARNG has also expanded testing and prevention training in Recruit Sustainment Program units to reduce drug use in the high-risk age group of 18-25 year-olds.

Behavioral Health Treatment facilities locator for substance abuse/addiction and/or mental health problems: https://www.findtreatment.samhsa.gov/

Soldiers who need help with a substance abuse problem should contact their local ASAP program office.

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Rate of Oregon ARNG Soldiers Testing Positive for THC, Oct 2013–Feb 2017*

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Sleep, activity and nutrition (SAN) are critical for achieving optimal physical, mental, and emotional health and well-being. They are integral in maximizing Soldier performance and are the cornerstones of the U.S. Army Office of The Surgeon General’s (OTSG) Performance Triad (P3) Campaign. P3 integrates the best available SAN science to improve Soldier performance in tactical environments. It includes messaging, training, policy development, technology, leader development, and changes within the built installation environment to make the healthy choice the easy choice. P3 strives to improve and sustain healthy SAN knowledge, attitudes, behaviors, and associated outcomes among Soldiers and other Army beneficiaries. ARNG Soldiers face distinct challenges in achieving P3 goals because their schedule and duties vary from those of AC Soldiers.

The Global Assessment Tool (GAT) is a survey tool designed to assess personal behaviors that can impact physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. A portion of the GAT questions is useful for assessing progress toward SAN goals established by P3. GAT-derived SAN summary scores for each State and Territory were compiled with measures of the percentage of ARNG Soldiers in each State or Territory meeting SAN targets specified by OTSG. This assessment revealed that the vast majority of ARNG States and Territories were similar with respect to overall P3 measures. No State, Territory or Area achieved the “green” zone for Sleep, Activity, or Nutrition goals.

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* Red=Score<70 | Amber=Score 70–84.9 | Green=Score≥85 (No state met this standard.)
Alabama Army National Guard

Profile (2016)†
Demographics: 10,189 (18.1% Female)
27.5% have a post-secondary education
State Population: 4,863,300 (2.0 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)
ARNG Health Index Ranking: 12 / 54

ARNG HEALTH INDEX MEASURES**

**See Appendix I for details regarding measure computations.
***Lower ARNG Health Index Scores indicate better overall health.

PERFORMANCE TRIAD SCORES

** State Health
† Refer to page 95 in Appendix I for explanation of State Health data and references used.

Score: 72.6
ARNG average: 72.8
ARNG range: 64–77

Score: 74.8
ARNG average: 77.8
ARNG range: 74–82

Score: 67.3
ARNG average: 69.3
ARNG range: 66–73

STRENGTHS:
• Lower proportion not medically ready
• Lower level of hazardous alcohol use

CHALLENGES:
• Higher APFT failure percentage

Alabama State Health†
• Alabama ranked 47 in overall health out of 50 States in 2016.
— 35.6% of the population is considered obese.
— Smoking prevalence was estimated at 21.4%.
— There were 13.1 drug deaths per 100,000 persons in 2016.
— 13.0% of the population is considered to drink in excess.
— An estimated 89.3% graduated from high school.

* Population statistics provide approximations of ARNG Soldiers based on time spent at the installation; refer to Appendix I for details.

ARNG HEALTH INDEX RANKING
1. U.S. Virgin Islands
2. Utah
3. Puerto Rico
4. Wisconsin
5. Nevada
6. Florida
7. New Jersey
8. District of Columbia
9. Connecticut
10. New York
11. Arizona
12. Alabama
13. Hawaii
14. Maryland
15. Ohio
16. North Carolina
17. Illinois
18. Delaware
19. Georgia
20. South Dakota
21. Massachusetts
22. Rhode Island
23. Colorado
24. Virginia
25. Minnesota
26. California
27. South Carolina
28. West Virginia
29. Montana
30. New Hampshire
31. Idaho
32. Pennsylvania
33. Missouri
34. Maine
35. Kentucky
36. Indiana
37. Nebraska
38. Tennessee
39. Washington
40. Michigan
41. Mississippi
42. Alaska
43. Iowa
44. New Mexico
45. Oklahoma
46. Arkansas
47. Wyoming
48. North Dakota
49. Texas
50. Vermont
51. Louisiana
52. Kansas
53. Oregon
54. Guam

MEASURE            VALUE  ARNG VALUE  ARNG VALUE RANGE
Medical Readiness
Medical readiness classification (% not ready) 10.4 14.1 8.8–21.0
Dental readiness classification (% not ready) 4.6 6.0 2.7–14.0

Health Factors
Obesity (%) 24.3 24.5 15.1–33.4
Flagged for weight (%) 3.8 4.6 2.1–7.0
APFT failed (%) 14.5 12.5 10.7–36.6
Smoke tobacco (%) 15.7 15.1 2.5–25.7
Smokeless tobacco (%) 13.2 12.5 0.3–22.7
Exhibited hazardous levels of alcohol use (%) 12.2 16.6 8.6–31.3

Health Outcomes
PTSD (% with self-reported symptoms) 4.1 4.1 0.9–9.3
Depression (% with self-reported symptoms) 2.4 2.6 0.3–6.4
Tested positive for illegal drug use (%) 3.0 3.0 0.2–6.3

ARNG Health Index Score***
89.9 99.1 59.3–152.9

STATE PROFILE SUMMARIES
ARNG Health Index scores take into account hazardous alcohol use, tobacco use, obesity, medical readiness, dental readiness, PTSD, and depression.

Profile Summaries
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20. South Dakota
21. Massachusetts
22. Rhode Island
23. Colorado
24. Virginia
25. Minnesota
26. California
27. South Carolina
Alaska Army National Guard

Profile (2016)*

Demographics: 1,701 (16.9% Female)
28.0% have a post-secondary education

State Population: 741,894 (2.2 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)

ARNG Health Index Ranking: 42 / 54

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**ARNG Health Index Score***

Score: 71.7
ARNG average: 72.8
ARNG range: 64–77

**Performance Triad Scores**

Score: 77.5
ARNG average: 77.8
ARNG range: 74–82

Score: 69.7
ARNG average: 69.3
ARNG range: 66–71

### STRENGTHS:
- Lower percentage of drug use
- Lower medical readiness

### CHALLENGES:
- Lower health index scores

### Arizona Army National Guard

Profile (2016)*

Demographics: 5,199 (15.7% Female)
299% have a post-secondary education

State Population: 6,931,071 (0.8 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)

ARNG Health Index Ranking: 11 / 54

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ARNG average: 69.3
ARNG range: 66–71

### STRENGTHS:
- Lower levels of obesity and tobacco smoking
- Lower dental readiness

### CHALLENGES:
- Higher medical readiness

### Arizona State Health†

- Arizona ranked 29 in overall health out of 50 States in 2016.
  - 29.4% of the population is considered obese.
  - Smoking prevalence was estimated at 14.0%.
  - There were 18.6 drug deaths per 100,000 persons in 2016.
  - 16.0% of the population is considered to drink in excess.

### Population Statistics

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**Arkansas Army National Guard**

**Profile (2016)***

Demographics: 6,950 (16.1% Female)
26.4% have a post-secondary education
State Population: 2,988,248 (2.3 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)

**ARNG Health Index Ranking:**

**ARNG Health Index Score**: 72.0
**ARNG average**: 72.8
**ARNG range**: 64–77

**Performance Triad Scores**

- **Medical Readiness**: 72.0
  - Medical readiness classification (% not ready): 11.9
  - Dental readiness classification (% not ready): 4.9

- **Health Factors**: 75.9
  - Obesity (%): 27.9
  - APFT failed (%): 20.6
  - Smoke tobacco (%): 20.6
  - Exhibited hazardous levels of alcohol use (%): 16.8

- **Health Outcomes**: 67.1
  - PTSD (% with self-reported symptoms): 4.8
  - Depression (% with self-reported symptoms): 3.3
  - Tested positive for illegal drug use (%): 4.6

**Strengths**:
- Lower proportion not medically ready
- Arkansas ranked 48 in overall health out of 50 States in 2016.
  - 34.5% of the population is considered obese.
  - Smoking prevalence was estimated at 24.9%.
  - There were 12.1 drug deaths per 100,000 persons in 2016.
  - 15.3% of the population is considered to drink in excess.
  - An estimated 84.9% graduated from high school.

**Challenges**:
- Higher percentage of APFT failure, tobacco smoking, and testing positive for drug use
- California ranked 16 in overall health out of 50 States in 2016.
  - 24.2% of the population is considered obese.
  - Smoking prevalence was estimated at 11.7%.
  - There were 11.4 drug deaths per 100,000 persons in 2016.
  - 18.0% of the population is considered to drink in excess.
  - An estimated 82.0% graduated from high school.

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**California State Health†**

**Profile (2016)***

Demographics: 14,357 (15.9% Female)
29.3% have a post-secondary education
State Population: 39,250,017 (0.4 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)

**ARNG Health Index Ranking:**

**ARNG Health Index Score**: 72.4
**ARNG average**: 77.8
**ARNG range**: 74–82

**Performance Triad Scores**

- **Medical Readiness**: 72.4
  - Medical readiness classification (% not ready): 21.0
  - Dental readiness classification (% not ready): 14.0

- **Health Factors**: 77.8
  - Obesity (%): 27.5
  - APFT failed (%): 11.3
  - Smoke tobacco (%): 10.9
  - Exhibited hazardous levels of alcohol use (%): 13.2

- **Health Outcomes**: 70.8
  - PTSD (% with self-reported symptoms): 4.8
  - Depression (% with self-reported symptoms): 3.3
  - Tested positive for illegal drug use (%): 2.2

**Strengths**:
- Lower percentages of tobacco chewing and smoking
- California ranked 16 in overall health out of 50 States in 2016.
  - 24.2% of the population is considered obese.
  - Smoking prevalence was estimated at 11.7%.
  - There were 11.4 drug deaths per 100,000 persons in 2016.
  - 18.0% of the population is considered to drink in excess.
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**Challenges**:
- Lower medical and dental readiness
- California ranked 16 in overall health out of 50 States in 2016.
  - 24.2% of the population is considered obese.
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**Colorado Army National Guard**

**Profile (2016)**

Demographics: 3,744 (15.9% Female)
31.5% have a post-secondary education

State Population: 5,540,545 (0.7 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)

ARNG Health Index Ranking: 23 / 54

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**PERFORMANCE TRIAD SCORES**

Score: 74.1  
41% ARNG average: 72.8  
ARNG range: 64–77

Score: 81.9  
41% ARNG average: 77.8  
ARNG range: 74–82

Score: 72.6  
41% ARNG average: 69.5  
ARNG range: 66–73

**STRENGTHS:**
- Lower percentage of failed APFT and obesity

**CHALLENGES:**
- Higher percentage of drug use

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**Colorado State Health**

- Colorado ranked 10 in overall health out of 50 States in 2016.
  - 20.2% of the population is considered obese.
  - Smoking prevalence was estimated at 15.6%.
  - There were 15,9 drug deaths per 100,000 persons in 2016.
  - 19.1% of the population is considered to drink in excess.
  - An estimated 77.3% graduated from high school.

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**Connecticut Army National Guard**

**Profile (2016)**

Demographics: 3,544 (16.9% Female)
32.0% have a post-secondary education

State Population: 3,576,452 (1.0 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)

ARNG Health Index Ranking: 9 / 54

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41% ARNG average: 69.5  
ARNG range: 66–73

**STRENGTHS:**
- Lower percentage of smokeless tobacco use
- Higher percentage of illegal drug use

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**Connecticut State Health**

- Connecticut ranked 3 in overall health out of 50 States in 2016.
  - 25.3% of the population is considered obese.
  - Smoking prevalence was estimated at 13.5%.
  - There were 15.1 drug deaths per 100,000 persons in 2016.
  - 18.6% of the population is considered to drink in excess.
  - An estimated 87.2% graduated from high school.

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Profile Summaries

Delaware Army National Guard

Profile (2016)*
Demographics: 1,558 (19.3% Female)
30.2% have a post-secondary education
State Population: 952,065 (1.5 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)
ARNG Health Index Ranking: 18 / 54

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ARNG Health Index Score**
Score: 93.7
99.1
59.3–152.9

STRENGTHS:
- Lower level of smokless tobacco use

CHALLENGES:
- Lower medical readiness

Delaware State Health
Delaware ranked 31 in overall health out of 50 States in 2016.
- 29.7% of the population is considered obese.
- Smoking prevalence was estimated at 17.4%.
- There were 18.1 drug deaths per 100,000 persons in 2016.
- 16.6% of the population is considered to drink in excess.
- An estimated 85.6% graduated from high school.

**See Appendix I for details regarding measure computations.
***Lower ARNG Health Index Scores indicate better overall health.

District of Columbia Army National Guard

Profile (2016)*
Demographics: 1,421 (28.9% Female)
35.9% have a post-secondary education
State Population: 681,170 (0.7 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)
ARNG Health Index Ranking: 8 / 54

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ARNG Health Index Score**
Score: 84.0
99.1
59.3–152.9

STRENGTHS:
- Lower levels of smoking and smokeless tobacco use
- Lower level of obesity

CHALLENGES:
- Lower medical readiness

District of Columbia Health
D.C. was not ranked.
- 22.1% of the population is considered obese.
- Smoking prevalence was estimated at 16.0%.
- There were 15.3 drug deaths per 100,000 persons in 2016.
- 30.0% of the population is considered to drink in excess.
- An estimated 68.5% graduated from high school.

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Florida Army National Guard

Profile (2016)*
Demographics: 9,694 (15.9% Female)
30.3% have a post-secondary education
State Population: 20,612,439 (0.5 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)
ARNG Health Index Ranking: 6 / 54

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STRENGTHS:
• Lower level of tobacco smoking

CHALLENGES:
• None

Georgia Army National Guard

Profile (2016)*
Demographics: 10,828 (22.5% Female)
25.8% have a post-secondary education
State Population: 10,310,371 (1.1 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)
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ARNG Health Index Score***
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**See Appendix I for details regarding measure computations.
***Lower ARNG Health Index Scores indicate better overall health.

STRENGTHS:
• Higher dental readiness

CHALLENGES:
• Higher level of obesity

STRENGTHS:
• Lower level of tobacco smoking

CHALLENGES:
• None

— Georgia ranked 41 in overall health out of 50 States in 2016.
  — 30.7% of the population is considered obese.
  — Smoking prevalence was estimated at 17.7%.
  — There were 11.2 drug deaths per 100,000 persons in 2016.
  — 16.8% of the population is considered to drink in excess.
  — An estimated 78.8% graduated from high school.

— Florida ranked 36 in overall health out of 50 States in 2016.
  — 26.8% of the population is considered obese.
  — Smoking prevalence was estimated at 15.8%.
  — There were 13.2 drug deaths per 100,000 persons in 2016.
  — 17.4% of the population is considered to drink in excess.
  — An estimated 77.9% graduated from high school.

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**Guam Army National Guard**

**Profile (2016):**

Demographics: 1,086 (18.1% Female)  
21.2% have a post-secondary education  
State Population: 170,000 (6.1 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)  
ARNG Health Index Ranking: 54 / 54

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**Strengths:**

- Lower levels of illegal drug use and APFT failure

**Challenges:**

- Higher levels of hazardous drinking behavior, obesity, and tobacco chewing and smoking

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**Hawaii Army National Guard**

**Profile (2016):**

Demographics: 3,044 (17.4% Female)  
29.4% have a post-secondary education  
State Population: 1,428,557 (2.1 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)  
ARNG Health Index Ranking: 13 / 54

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**Strengths:**

- Higher medical readiness  
- Lower level of smokeless tobacco use

**Challenges:**

- Higher percentage of obesity

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**Guam Territory Health**  
— Data source did not include Guam

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**Hawaii State Health**

- Hawaii ranked 1 in overall health out of 50 States in 2016.  
  — 22.7% of the population is considered obese.  
  — Smoking prevalence was estimated at 14.1%.  
  — There were 11.2 drug deaths per 100,000 persons in 2016.  
  — 20.5% of the population is considered to drink in excess.  
  — An estimated 81.6% graduated from high school.

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*State Health data and references used.*
**Profile Summaries**

### Idaho

**Army National Guard**

**Profile (2016)**

- **Demographics:** 2,967 (12.9% Female)
- 28.3% have a post-secondary education
- **State Population:** 1,683,140 (1.7 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)
- **ARNG Health Index Ranking:** 31 / 54

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- Score: 71.1
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  - ARNG range: 74–82
- Score: 68.7
  - ARNG average: 69.5
  - ARNG range: 66–73

**Strengths:**
- Lower percentages of APFT failure and obesity
- Lower medical readiness

**Challenges:**
- Lower medical readiness

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### Illinois

**Army National Guard**

**Profile (2016)**

- **Demographics:** 9,979 (18.3% Female)
- 28.8% have a post-secondary education
- **State Population:** 12,801,539 (0.8 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)
- **ARNG Health Index Ranking:** 17 / 54

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- Score: 79.6
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  - ARNG range: 74–82
- Score: 70.1
  - ARNG average: 69.5
  - ARNG range: 66–73

**Strengths:**
- Lower percentage of obesity
- Higher dental readiness

**Challenges:**
- Lower medical readiness

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**Idaho State Health**

- Idaho ranked 15 in overall health out of 50 States in 2016.
  - 28.6% of the population is considered obese.
  - Smoking prevalence was estimated at 13.8%.
  - There were 13.1 drug deaths per 100,000 persons in 2016.
  - 15.4% of the population is considered to drink in excess.
  - An estimated 78.9% graduated from high school.

**Illinois State Health**

- Illinois ranked 26 in overall health out of 50 States in 2016.
  - 30.8% of the population is considered obese.
  - Smoking prevalence was estimated at 15.1%.
  - There were 12.6 drug deaths per 100,000 persons in 2016.
  - 21.2% of the population is considered to drink in excess.
  - An estimated 85.6% graduated from high school.

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***Lower ARNG Health Index Scores indicate better overall health.

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Indiana
Army National Guard

Profile (2016)*
Demographics: 11,463 (16.3% Female)
24.8% have a post-secondary education
State Population: 6,633,053 (1.57 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)
ARNG Health Index Ranking: 36 / 54

**MEASURE** | **VALUE** | **AVERAGE** | **ARNG VALUE** | **ARNG VALUE RANGE**
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Medical readiness classification (% not ready) | 13.9 | 14.1 | 8.8-21.0 |
Dental readiness classification (% not ready) | 6.1 | 6.0 | 2.7-14.0 |

Health Factors | | | | |
Obesity (%) | 23.5 | 24.5 | 15.1-33.4 |
Flagged for weight (%) | 7.0 | 4.6 | 2.1-7.0 |
APFT failed (%) | 15.6 | 12.5 | 10.7-36.6 |
Smoke tobacco (%) | 19.4 | 15.1 | 2.5-25.7 |
Smokeless tobacco (%) | 15.8 | 12.5 | 0.3-22.7 |
Exhibited hazardous levels of alcohol use (%) | 14.6 | 16.6 | 8.6-31.3 |

Health Outcomes | | | | |
PTSD (% with self-reported symptoms) | 2.6 | 4.1 | 0.9-9.3 |
Depression (% with self-reported symptoms) | 2.0 | 2.6 | 0.3-4.4 |
Tested positive for illegal drug use (%) | 6.2 | 3.0 | 0.2-6.3 |

**ARNG Health Index Score*** 104.2 99.1 59.3-152.9

**PERFORMANCE TRIAD SCORES**

Score: 72.6  
ARNG average: 72.8  
ARNG range: 64-77

Score: 78.6  
ARNG average: 77.8  
ARNG range: 74-82

Score: 69.1  
ARNG average: 69.5  
ARNG range: 66-73

**STRENGTHS:**
• Lower percentage of hazardous alcohol use

**CHALLENGES:**
• Higher percentage of illegal drug use, APFT failure, and tobacco smoking

Indiana State Health‡
• Indiana ranked 39 in overall health out of 50 States in 2016.
  — 31.3% of the population is considered obese.
  — Smoking prevalence was estimated at 20.6%.
  — There were 16.7 drug deaths per 100,000 persons in 2016.
  — 16.8% of the population is considered to drink in excess.
  — An estimated 87.1% graduated from high school.

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Iowa
Army National Guard

Profile (2016)*
Demographics: 6,827 (15.0% Female)
28.8% have a post-secondary education
State Population: 3,134,693 (2.1 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)
ARNG Health Index Ranking: 43 / 54

**MEASURE** | **VALUE** | **AVERAGE** | **ARNG VALUE** | **ARNG VALUE RANGE**
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Medical Readiness | | | | |
Medical readiness classification (% not ready) | 13.7 | 14.1 | 8.8-21.0 |
Dental readiness classification (% not ready) | 5.6 | 6.0 | 2.7-14.0 |

Health Factors | | | | |
Obesity (%) | 24.1 | 24.5 | 15.1-33.4 |
Flagged for weight (%) | 5.5 | 4.6 | 2.1-7.0 |
APFT failed (%) | 14.2 | 12.5 | 10.7-36.6 |
Smoke tobacco (%) | 18.2 | 15.1 | 2.5-25.7 |
Smokeless tobacco (%) | 18.4 | 12.5 | 0.3-22.7 |
Exhibited hazardous levels of alcohol use (%) | 21.9 | 19.9 | 8.6-31.3 |

Health Outcomes | | | | |
PTSD (% with self-reported symptoms) | 2.6 | 4.1 | 0.9-9.3 |
Depression (% with self-reported symptoms) | 1.5 | 2.6 | 0.3-6.4 |
Tested positive for illegal drug use (%) | 2.5 | 3.0 | 0.2-6.3 |

**ARNG Health Index Score*** 108.5 99.1 59.3-152.9

**PERFORMANCE TRIAD SCORES**

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**STRENGTHS:**
• Lower percentage of illegal drug use

**CHALLENGES:**
• Higher percentage of smokeless tobacco use

Iowa State Health‡
• Iowa ranked 17 in overall health out of 50 States in 2016.
  — 32.1% of the population is considered obese.
  — Smoking prevalence was estimated at 18.1%.
  — There were 8.9 drug deaths per 100,000 persons in 2016.
  — 21.0% of the population is considered to drink in excess.
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**Kansas Army National Guard**

**Profile (2016)**

Demographics: 4,850 (13.8% Female)
26.0% have a post-secondary education
State Population: 2,907,289 (1.6 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)
ARNG Health Index Ranking: 52 / 54

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**Strengthes:**
- Higher medical readiness

**Challenges:**
- Higher percentages of obesity, APFT failure, and smoking and smokeless tobacco use

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**Kentucky Army National Guard**

**Profile (2016)**

Demographics: 6,578 (12.1% Female)
26.7% have a post-secondary education
State Population: 4,436,974 (1.5 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)
ARNG Health Index Ranking: 35 / 54

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**Strengthes:**
- Higher medical readiness

**Challenges:**
- Higher proportion not dentally ready
- Higher percentages of APFT failure and smokeless tobacco use

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Louisiana Army National Guard

Profile (2016)*

Demographics: 9,434 (19.3% Female)
21.0% have a post-secondary education
State Population: 4,681,666 (1.9 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)
ARNG Health Index Ranking: 51 / 54

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**Health Outcomes**

| PTSD (% with self-reported symptoms) | 6.9 | 4.1 | 0.9–9.3 |
| Depression (% with self-reported symptoms) | 4.3 | 2.6 | 0.3–6.4 |
| Tested positive for illegal drug use (%) | 6.1 | 3.0 | 0.2–6.3 |

ARNG Health Index Score**: 116.2

**PERFORMANCE TRIAD SCORES**

Score: 68.0
ARNG average: 72.8
ARNG range: 64–77

Score: 73.8
ARNG average: 77.8
ARNG range: 74–82

Score: 65.6
ARNG average: 69.5
ARNG range: 66–73

STRENGTHS:
- Lower smokeless tobacco use

CHALLENGES:
- Higher percentages of drug use, tobacco smoking, and obesity

Louisiana State Health

- Louisiana ranked 49 in overall health out of 50 States in 2016.
  - 36.2% of the population is considered obese.
  - Smoking prevalence was estimated at 21.9%.
  - There were 15.6 drug deaths per 100,000 persons in 2016.
  - 18.8% of the population is considered to drink in excess.
  - An estimated 77.5% graduated from high school.

Maine Army National Guard

Profile (2016)*

Demographics: 2,020 (13.5% Female)
31.4% have a post-secondary education
State Population: 1,331,479 (1.5 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)
ARNG Health Index Ranking: 34 / 54

**ARNG HEALTH INDEX MEASURES**

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ARNG Health Index Score**: 103.9

**PERFORMANCE TRIAD SCORES**

Score: 74.8
ARNG average: 72.8
ARNG range: 64–77

Score: 79.1
ARNG average: 77.8
ARNG range: 74–82

Score: 68.9
ARNG average: 69.5
ARNG range: 66–73

STRENGTHS:
- Higher dental readiness

CHALLENGES:
- Higher percentage of APFT failure

Maine State Health

- Maine ranked 22 in overall health out of 50 States in 2016.
  - 30.0% of the population is considered obese.
  - Smoking prevalence was estimated at 19.5%.
  - There were 13.6 drug deaths per 100,000 persons in 2016.
  - 19.6% of the population is considered to drink in excess.
  - An estimated 87.5% graduated from high school.

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**See Appendix I for details regarding measure computations.
***Lower ARNG Health Index Scores indicate better overall health.

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**Maryland Army National Guard**

**Profile (2016)**
Demographics: 4,738 (17.2% Female)
34.2% have a post-secondary education
State Population: 6,016,447 (0.8 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)
ARNG Health Index Ranking: 14 / 54

**Health Index Measures**

**Medical Readiness**
- Dental readiness classification (% not ready): 7.8 / 6.0 / 2.7–14.0

**Health Factors**
- Obesity (%): 24.1 / 24.5 / 15.1–33.4
- Flagged for weight (%): 3.8 / 4.6 / 2.1–7.0
- APFT failed (%): 9.0 / 12.5 / 10.7–36.6
- Smoke tobacco (%): 12.0 / 15.1 / 2.5–25.7
- Smokeless tobacco (%): 6.4 / 12.5 / 0.3–22.7
- Exhibited hazardous levels of alcohol use (%): 16.1 / 16.6 / 8.6–31.3

**Health Outcomes**
- PTSD (% with self-reported symptoms): 4.0 / 4.1 / 0.9–9.3
- Depression (% with self-reported symptoms): 2.6 / 2.6 / 0.3–6.4
- Tested positive for illegal drug use (%): 3.0 / 3.0 / 0.2–6.3

**Health Index Score**: 90.7 / 99.1 / 59.3–152.9

**Performance Triad Scores**
- Score: 72.8 / 47.8 average / 64–77
- Score: 77.4 / 47.8 average / 74–82
- Score: 71.2 / 47.8 average / 66–73

**Strengths**: Lower percentage of smokeless tobacco use

**Challenges**: Lower dental readiness

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**Massachusetts Army National Guard**

**Profile (2016)**
Demographics: 6,041 (15.1% Female)
30.4% have a post-secondary education
State Population: 6,811,779 (0.9 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)
ARNG Health Index Ranking: 21 / 54

**Health Index Measures**

**Medical Readiness**
- Medical readiness classification (% not ready): 15.6 / 14.1 / 8.8–21.0
- Dental readiness classification (% not ready): 8.3 / 6.0 / 2.7–14.0

**Health Factors**
- Obesity (%): 26.8 / 24.5 / 15.1–33.4
- Flagged for weight (%): 5.0 / 4.6 / 2.1–7.0
- APFT failed (%): 12.2 / 12.5 / 10.7–36.6
- Smoke tobacco (%): 13.0 / 15.1 / 2.5–25.7
- Smokeless tobacco (%): 7.0 / 12.5 / 0.3–22.7
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**Health Outcomes**
- PTSD (% with self-reported symptoms): 3.8 / 4.1 / 0.9–9.3
- Depression (% with self-reported symptoms): 2.2 / 2.6 / 0.3–6.4
- Tested positive for illegal drug use (%): 2.9 / 3.0 / 0.2–6.3

**Health Index Score**: 95.8 / 99.1 / 59.3–152.9

**Performance Triad Scores**
- Score: 73.0 / 47.8 average / 64–77
- Score: 77.9 / 47.8 average / 74–82
- Score: 73.1 / 47.8 average / 66–73

**Strengths**: Lower percentage of smokeless tobacco use

**Challenges**: Lower dental readiness

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**Maryland State Health**
- Maryland ranked 18 in overall health out of 50 States in 2016.
  - 28.9% of the population is considered obese.
  - Smoking prevalence was estimated at 15%.
  - There were 15.3 drug deaths per 100,000 persons in 2016.
  - 15.5% of the population is considered to drink in excess.
  - An estimated 87.0% graduated from high school.

**Massachusetts State Health**
- Massachusetts ranked 2 in overall health out of 50 States in 2016.
  - 24.3% of the population is considered obese.
  - Smoking prevalence was estimated at 14%.
  - There were 15.7 drug deaths per 100,000 persons in 2016.
  - 19.5% of the population is considered to drink in excess.
  - An estimated 87.3% graduated from high school.

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### Michigan

**Army National Guard**

#### Profile (2016)*

**Demographics:** 7,730 (15.6% Female)
29.6% have a post-secondary education

**State Population:** 9,928,300 (0.8 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)

**ARNG Health Index Ranking:** 40 / 54

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**ARNG Health Index Score*** 105.9

#### PERFORMANCE TRIAD SCORES

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- **Score: 77.3**
  - ARNG average: 77.8
  - ARNG range: 74–82
- **Score: 68.3**
  - ARNG average: 69.5
  - ARNG range: 66–73

**STRENGTHS:**
- Higher dental readiness

**CHALLENGES:**
- Higher percentages of illegal drug use, APFT failure, and tobacco smoking

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### Minnesota

**Army National Guard**

#### Profile (2016)*

**Demographics:** 10,927 (17.5% Female)
27.3% have a post-secondary education

**State Population:** 5,519,952 (1.8 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)

**ARNG Health Index Ranking:** 25 / 54

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#### PERFORMANCE TRIAD SCORES

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**STRENGTHS:**
- Lower percentage of obesity
- Higher medical and dental readiness

**CHALLENGES:**
- Higher percentage of hazardous alcohol use

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Mississippi
Army National Guard

Profile (2016)*
Demographics: 9,483 (16.7% Female)
25.3% have a post-secondary education
State Population: 2,988,726 (2.8 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)
ARNG Health Index Ranking: 41 / 54

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STRENGTHS:
- Lower percentage of hazardous alcohol use

CHALLENGES:
- Higher percentages of obesity and APFT failure
- Lower dental readiness

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Missouri
Army National Guard

Profile (2016)*
Demographics: 9,340 (14.9% Female)
26.8% have a post-secondary education
State Population: 6,093,000 (1.5 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)
ARNG Health Index Ranking: 33 / 54

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STRENGTHS:
- Higher dental readiness

CHALLENGES:
- Higher APFT failure percentage

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### Montana
#### Army National Guard

**Profile (2016)**

**Demographics:** 2,609 (18.0% Female)
- 27.1% have a post-secondary education

**State Population:** 1,042,520 (2.4 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)

**ARNG Health Index Ranking:** 29 / 54

**Score:** 74.1
**ARNG average:** 72.8
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**PERFORMANCE TRIAD SCORES**

- **Score:** 74.1
  - **ARNG average:** 72.8
  - **ARNG range:** 64–77

- **Score:** 69.2
  - **ARNG average:** 69.5
  - **ARNG range:** 66–73

**STRENGTHS:**
- Higher dental readiness
- Montana ranked 23 in overall health out of 50 States in 2016.
  - 23.6% of the population is considered obese.
  - Smoking prevalence was estimated at 18.9%.
  - There were 12.8 drug deaths per 100,000 persons in 2016.
  - 21.8% of the population is considered to drink in excess.
  - An estimated 86.0% graduated from high school.

**CHALLENGES:**
- Higher APFT failure percentage

### Nebraska
#### Army National Guard

**Profile (2016)**

**Demographics:** 3,386 (14.2% Female)
- 30.8% have a post-secondary education

**State Population:** 1,907,116 (1.8 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)

**ARNG Health Index Ranking:** 37 / 54

**Score:** 77.9
**ARNG average:** 77.8
**ARNG range:** 66–73

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**STRENGTHS:**
- Lower percentage of obesity
- Nebraska ranked 12 in overall health out of 50 States in 2016.
  - 31.4% of the population is considered obese.
  - Smoking prevalence was estimated at 17.1%.
  - There were 7.1 drug deaths per 100,000 persons in 2016.
  - 20.4% of the population is considered to drink in excess.
  - An estimated 88.9% graduated from high school.

**CHALLENGES:**
- Higher percentages of hazardous alcohol use and smokeless tobacco use

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** See Appendix I for details regarding measure computations.
*** Lower ARNG Health Index Scores indicate better overall health.

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** Montana State Health **

- Higher dental readiness
- Montana ranked 23 in overall health out of 50 States in 2016.
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** Nebraska State Health **

- Higher percentages of hazardous alcohol use and smokeless tobacco use

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Nevada Army National Guard

Profile (2016)

Demographics: 3,176 (21.2% Female)
25.1% have a post-secondary education
State Population: 2,940,058 (1.0 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)

ARNG Health Index Ranking: 5 / 54

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**ARNG Health Index Score**

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PERFORMANCE TRIAD SCORES

Score: 76.1

ARNG average: 72.8

ARNG range: 64–77

Score: 80.3

ARNG average: 77.8

ARNG range: 74–82

Score: 71.7

ARNG average: 69.3

ARNG range: 66–73

**STRENGTHS:**
- Lower APFT failure percentage
- Higher medical readiness

**CHALLENGES:**
- None

New Hampshire State Health

- Nevada ranked 35 in overall health out of 50 States in 2016.
  - 26.7% of the population is considered obese.
  - Smoking prevalence was estimated at 17.5%.
  - There were 20.9 drug deaths per 100,000 persons in 2016.
  - 15.8% of the population is considered to drink in excess.
  - An estimated 71.3% graduated from high school.

New Hampshire Army National Guard

Profile (2016)

Demographics: 1,671 (12.2% Female)
28.7% have a post-secondary education
State Population: 1,334,795 (1.5 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)

ARNG Health Index Ranking: 30 / 54

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PERFORMANCE TRIAD SCORES

Score: 74.2

ARNG average: 72.8

ARNG range: 64–77

Score: 78.0

ARNG average: 77.8

ARNG range: 74–82

Score: 70.4

ARNG average: 69.3

ARNG range: 66–73

**STRENGTHS:**
- Lower APFT failure percentage
- Higher percentage of hazardous alcohol use

**CHALLENGES:**
- None

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**State Health Rankings and Data**
- Nevada ranked 6 in overall health out of 50 States in 2016.
  - 26.3% of the population is considered obese.
  - Smoking prevalence was estimated at 15.9%.
  - There were 17.9 drug deaths per 100,000 persons in 2016.
  - 18.4% of the population is considered to drink in excess.
  - An estimated 88.1% graduated from high school.

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New Jersey Army National Guard

Profile (2016)*

Demographics: 6,029 (17.1% Female)
29.6% have a post-secondary education
State Population: 8,994,469 (0.7 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)

ARNG Health Index Ranking: 7 / 54

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**ARNG Health Index Score***

Score: 73.1

**PERFORMANCE TRIAD SCORES**

- Score: 73.1
  - ARNG average: 72.8
  - ARNG range: 64–77

**STRENGTHS:**
- Lower percentages of smokeless tobacco use and hazardous alcohol use

**CHALLENGES:**
- Higher percentage of obesity

New Mexico Army National Guard

Profile (2016)*

Demographics: 2,819 (18.3% Female)
27.5% have a post-secondary education
State Population: 2,081,015 (1.0 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)

ARNG Health Index Ranking: 44 / 54

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**PERFORMANCE TRIAD SCORES**

- Score: 79.2
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**STRENGTHS:**
- Lower percentage of illegal drug use

**CHALLENGES:**
- Lower medical readiness

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New York Army National Guard

Profile (2016)*

Demographics: 10,117 (16.7% Female)
30.9% have a post-secondary education
State Population: 19,745,289 (0.5 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)

ARNG Health Index Ranking: 10 / 54

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**PERFORMANCE TRIAD SCORES**

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STRENGTHS:
• Lower percentage of smokeless tobacco use

CHALLENGES:
• Higher percentage of obesity

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North Carolina Army National Guard

Profile (2016)*

Demographics: 10,098 (17.2% Female)
29.1% have a post-secondary education
State Population: 10,146,788 (1.0 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)

ARNG Health Index Ranking: 16 / 54

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North Dakota Army National Guard

**Profile (2016)**

**Demographics:** 2,990 (18.4% Female)
36.0% have a post-secondary education

**State Population:** 757,952 (3.8 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)

**ARNG Health Index Ranking:** 48 / 54

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**STRENGTHS:**

- Higher medical and dental readiness

**CHALLENGES:**

- Higher percentages of hazardous alcohol use and smokeless tobacco use

Ohio Army National Guard

**Profile (2016)**

**Demographics:** 11,408 (17.4% Female)
26.0% have a post-secondary education

**State Population:** 11,614,373 (1.0 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)

**ARNG Health Index Ranking:** 15 / 54

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**STRENGTHS:**

- Higher dental readiness

**CHALLENGES:**

- Smokeless tobacco use

North Dakota State Health

- North Dakota ranked 11 in overall health out of 50 States in 2016.
  - 31.0% of the population is considered obese.
  - Smoking prevalence was estimated at 18.7%.
  - There were 4 drug deaths per 100,000 persons in 2016.
  - 24.7% of the population is considered to drink in excess.
  - An estimated 86.6% graduated from high school.

Ohio State Health

- Ohio ranked 40 in overall health out of 50 States in 2016.
  - 29.8% of the population is considered obese.
  - Smoking prevalence was estimated at 21.6%.
  - There were 21.1 drug deaths per 100,000 persons in 2016.
  - 19.2% of the population is considered to drink in excess.
  - An estimated 80.7% graduated from high school.

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Oklahoma
Army National Guard

Profile (2016)*
Demographics: 6,692 (15.8% Female)
29.7% have a post-secondary education
State Population: 3,923,561 (1.7 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)

ARNG Health Index Ranking: 45 / 54

** Performance Triad Scores **

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STRENGTHS:
• Higher medical readiness

CHALLENGES:
• Higher percentages of illegal drug use and APFT failure

Oregon State Health ‡

• Oklahoma ranked 46 in overall health out of 50 States in 2016.
  — 33.9% of the population is considered obese.
  — Smoking prevalence was estimated at 22%.
  — There were 20.9 drug deaths per 100,000 persons in 2016.
  — 13.9% of the population is considered to drink in excess.
  — An estimated 82.5% graduated from high school.

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Oregon
Army National Guard

Profile (2016)*
Demographics: 5,824 (13.9% Female)
28.5% have a post-secondary education
State Population: 4,093,465 (1.3 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)

ARNG Health Index Ranking: 53 / 54

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STRENGTHS:
• Lower APFT failure percentage

CHALLENGES:
• Higher percentage of hazardous alcohol use

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Pennsylvania Army National Guard

Profile (2016)*

Demographics: 15,547 (16.8% Female)
29.2% have a post-secondary education

State Population: 12,784,227 (1.2 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)

ARNG Health Index Ranking: 32 / 54

Score: 74.3

Perf. Triad Score: 77.3

Pennsylvania State Health

• Lower percentage of hazardous alcohol use

CHALLENGES:

• Lower medical readiness

Puerto Rico Army National Guard

Profile (2016)*

Demographics: 6,495 (12.5% Female)
41.0% have a post-secondary education

State Population: 3,411,307 (1.8 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)

ARNG Health Index Ranking: 3 / 54

Score: 73.8

Perf. Triad Score: 76.9

Puerto Rico Territory Health

• Lower percentages of illegal drug use, hazardous alcohol use, and smoking and smokeless tobacco use

CHALLENGES:

• Higher percentage of obesity

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‡ Data source did not include Puerto Rico
**Rhode Island**

**Army National Guard**

**Profile (2016)**

Demographics: 2,032 (14.3% Female)  
32.1% have a post-secondary education  
State Population: 1,056,426 (1.7 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)  
ARNG Health Index Ranking: 22 / 54

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- **Score: 73.4**  
  - ARNG average: 72.8  
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  - ARNG average: 69.5  
  - ARNG range: 66–73

**STRENGTHS:**

- Lower percentage of smokeless tobacco use

**CHALLENGES:**

- Lower medical readiness

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**Profile (2016)**

Demographics: 9,118 (18.6% Female)  
27.3% have a post-secondary education  
State Population: 4,961,119 (1.7 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)  
ARNG Health Index Ranking: 27 / 54

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**STRENGTHS:**

- Lower percentage of hazardous alcohol use

**CHALLENGES:**

- Higher APFT failure percentage

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*South Carolina*  

**Army National Guard**

**Profile (2016)**

Demographics: 9118 (18.6% Female)  
27.3% have a post-secondary education  
State Population: 4,961,119 (1.7 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)  
ARNG Health Index Ranking: 27 / 54

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### South Dakota Army National Guard

**Profile (2016)**

Demographics: 3,125 (17.2% Female)  
34.7% have a post-secondary education  

State Population: 865,454 (3.6 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)  

ARNG Health Index Ranking: 20 / 54

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**ARNG Health Index Score**: 95.6

**Score**: 77.1  
**ARNG average**: 72.8  
**ARNG range**: 64–77

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**STRENGTHS**:  
- Lower percentages of obesity and APFT failure  
- Higher dental readiness

**CHALLENGES**:  
- Higher percentage of smokeless tobacco use

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### Tennessee Army National Guard

**Profile (2016)**

Demographics: 9,551 (14.4% Female)  
26.8% have a post-secondary education  

State Population: 6,651,194 (1.5 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)  

ARNG Health Index Ranking: 38 / 54

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**ARNG Health Index Score**: 104.9

**Score**: 74.6  
**ARNG average**: 72.8  
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**STRENGTHS**:  
- Lower percentage of hazardous alcohol use

**CHALLENGES**:  
- Higher percentages of smoking and smokeless tobacco use

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Texas Army National Guard

Profile (2016)*
Demographics: 18,191 (17.5% Female)
26.0% have a post-secondary education
State Population: 27,862,596 (0.7 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)
ARNG Health Index Ranking: 49 / 54

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**PERFORMANCE TRIAD SCORES**

**STRENGTHS:**
• Lower percentage of smokeless tobacco use

**CHALLENGES:**
• Lower dental and medical readiness
• Higher percentage of obesity

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U.S. Virgin Islands Army National Guard

Profile (2016)*
Demographics: 757 (39.6% Female)
30.7% have a post-secondary education
State Population: 106,415 (6.8 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)
ARNG Health Index Ranking: 1 / 54

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**STRENGTHS:**
• Lower percentages of smoking and smokeless tobacco use, illegal drug use, and hazardous alcohol use

**CHALLENGES:**
• Lower medical readiness

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**Utah Army National Guard**

**Profile (2016)**

Demographics: 5,409 (9.0% Female)  
29.1% have a post-secondary education  
State Population: 3,051,217 (1.7 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)  
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ARNG Health Index Score**: 62.8  
Score: 74.0  
ARNG average: 72.8  
ARNG range: 64–77

**STRENGTHS:**
- Lower percentages of APFT failure, tobacco smoking, and obesity

**CHALLENGES:**
- None

**Performance Triad Scores**
- Score: 74.0  
ARNG average: 72.8  
ARNG range: 64–77

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**Vermont Army National Guard**

**Profile (2016)**

Demographics: 2,672 (13.6% Female)  
29.4% have a post-secondary education  
State Population: 624,594 (3.0 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)  
ARNG Health Index Ranking: 50 / 54

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Score: 73.5  
ARNG average: 72.8  
ARNG range: 64–77

**STRENGTHS:**
- Lower APFT failure percentage

**CHALLENGES:**
- Higher percentages of hazardous alcohol use and obesity

**Performance Triad Scores**
- Score: 73.5  
ARNG average: 72.8  
ARNG range: 64–77

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Virginia
Army National Guard
Profile (2016)∗
Demographics: 7,226 (16.7% Female)
29.0% have a post-secondary education
State Population: 8,411,808 (1.1 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)
ARNG Health Index Ranking: 24 / 54

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**PERFORMANCE TRIAD SCORES**

| Score: 73.3 | ARNG average: 72.8 | ARNG range: 64–77 |
| Score: 78.2 | ARNG average: 77.8 | ARNG range: 74–82 |
| Score: 71.5 | ARNG average: 69.5 | ARNG range: 66–73 |

**STRENGTHS:**
- Lower APFT failure percentage

**CHALLENGES:**
- Lower dental readiness

Virginia State Health‡
- Virginia ranked 19 in overall health out of 50 States in 2016.
  - 29.2% of the population is considered obese.
  - Smoking prevalence was estimated at 16.5%.
  - There were 10.1 drug deaths per 100,000 persons in 2016.
  - 17.4% of the population is considered to drink in excess.
  - An estimated 85.7% graduated from high school.

Refer to page 95 in Appendix I for details regarding measure computations.

© Lower ARNG Health Index Scores indicate better overall health.

Washington
Army National Guard
Profile (2016)∗
Demographics: 5,978 (14.7% Female)
26.7% have a post-secondary education
State Population: 7,288,000 (0.9 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)
ARNG Health Index Ranking: 39 / 54

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**PERFORMANCE TRIAD SCORES**

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| Score: 77.1 | ARNG average: 77.8 | ARNG range: 74–82 |
| Score: 68.7 | ARNG average: 69.5 | ARNG range: 66–73 |

**STRENGTHS:**
- Lower percentage of illegal drug use

**CHALLENGES:**
- Lower dental readiness

Washington State Health‡
- Washington ranked 7 in overall health out of 50 States in 2016.
  - 26.4% of the population is considered obese.
  - Smoking prevalence was estimated at 15.0%.
  - There were 13.8 drug deaths per 100,000 persons in 2016.
  - 17.8% of the population is considered to drink in excess.
  - An estimated 78.2% graduated from high school.

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West Virginia Army National Guard

Profile (2016)*
Demographics: 4,097 (12.0% Female)
26.8% have a post-secondary education
State Population: 1,831,102 (1.7 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)
ARNG Health Index Ranking: 28 / 54

STRENGTHS:
• Higher dental readiness

CHALLENGES:
• Higher percentage of smokeless tobacco use

Wisconsin Army National Guard

Profile (2016)*
Demographics: 7,552 (18.5% Female)
27.8% have a post-secondary education
State Population: 5,778,708 (1.3 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)
ARNG Health Index Ranking: 4 / 54

STRENGTHS:
• Lower percentage of obesity
• Higher medical and dental readiness

CHALLENGES:
• Higher percentage of smokeless tobacco use

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PERFORMANCE TRIAD SCORES

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Wisconsin State Health‡

STRENGTHS:
• Wisconsin ranked 20 in overall health out of 50 States in 2016.
— 30.7% of the population is considered obese.
— Smoking prevalence was estimated at 17.3%.
— There were 14 drug deaths per 100,000 persons in 2016.
— 24.5% of the population is considered to drink in excess.
— An estimated 88.4% graduated from high school.

CHALLENGES:
• Higher percentage of smokeless tobacco use

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West Virginia State Health‡

STRENGTHS:
• West Virginia ranked 43 in overall health out of 50 States in 2016.
— 35.6% of the population is considered obese.
— Smoking prevalence was estimated at 25.7%.
— There were 32.2 drug deaths per 100,000 persons in 2016.
— 11.4% of the population is considered to drink in excess.
— An estimated 86.5% graduated from high school.

CHALLENGES:
• Higher percentage of smokeless tobacco use

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Wyoming Army National Guard

Profile (2016)*

Demographics: 1,521 (13.9% Female)
32.9% have a post-secondary education

State Population: 585,501 (2.4 ARNG Soldiers per 1,000 population)

ARNG Health Index Ranking: 47 / 54

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ARNG range: 74–82

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ARNG average: 69.3
ARNG range: 66–71

STRENGTHS:
- Lower APFT failure percentage
- Higher percentage of smokeless tobacco use

CHALLENGES:
- Wyoming ranked 25 in overall health out of 50 States in 2016.
  - 29.0% of the population is considered obese.
  - Smoking prevalence was estimated at 19.1%.
  - There were 17.7 drug deaths per 100,000 persons in 2016.
  - 17.5% of the population is considered to drink in excess.
  - An estimated 79.3% graduated from high school.

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METHODS

AGR Soldiers are U.S. Army Reserve (USAR) or ARNG Soldiers who serve full-time according to AR 135-18, The Active Guard Reserve Program. Thus, AGR soldiers serve in the same manner as AC Soldiers (Title 10 U.S. Code). There are two types of AGR Soldiers in the ARNG:

a. Title 10 AGR Soldiers serve in the Army National Guard of the United States, are managed by the National Guard Bureau, and are deployed worldwide.

b. Title 32 AGR, also referred to as Full Time National Guard Duty (FTNGD), serve in the National Guard of the 50 U.S. States, three Territories, and the District of Columbia and are covered under 32 USC section 902(a). As members of Modification Table of Organization and Equipment (MTOE) units or Table of Distribution and Allowances (TDA) elements, they also drill 2 days per month and attend AT with the unit or organization they support.

National Guard dual-status technicians (Military Technicians or Mil Techs) are civilians who work full-time for the National Guard (hired as State/Territory employees) and must be members of the ARNG, thus their dual status. Their jobs range from weapon system and equipment maintainers to clerical and support workers. Like Traditional ARNG Soldiers, Mil Techs are in an ARNG Soldier duty status only 39 days per year (unless otherwise mobilized for a State/Federal mission).

Traditional Soldiers refers to the vast majority of National Guard Soldiers who drill 2 days a month (typically over a weekend) and complete 2 weeks of AT. Traditional Soldiers are obligated to complete 39 total training days per year (i.e., drill periods/month x 12 months + 15 days AT). Traditional Soldiers may be in uniform and pay status more than 39 days throughout the year for various reasons: professional school attendance, mandatory/elective training, Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) sustainment training, or mobilization (i.e., called up for State (Title 32 USC) or Federal (Title 10) missions).

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* The AR uses tablesd values rounded from these BMI thresholds (AR 600-9).

** The upper limits of BMI permitted in DoD 1308.3, DoD Physical Fitness and Body Fat Programs Procedures, November 5, 2002) are 25–27.5 kg • m–2 for both sexes. Permissible body fat standards are 26–36% for women and 18–26% for men. Other military services use different age categories and limits within the permissible ranges.

Appendix I METHODS HEALTH OF THE ARNG FORCE
Health Outcomes were reported through two subsets of the PHA: the Personal Health Questionnaire Depression Scale (PHQ-8) and PTSD Checklist - Civilian Version (PCL-C). The PHQ-8 assigned Soldiers a depression score of no depression (<5), sub-threshold symptoms (5–9), mild depression (9–14), moderate depression (15–18), or severe depression (19–24). The PCL Checklist (PCL-C) assigned Soldiers a PTSD score (<30= no PTSD, 30–39=mild PTSD, 40–49= moderate PTSD, ≥50= severe PTSD). Alcohol use was evaluated by the three-item AUDIT-C in the PHA. The AUDIT-C is scored on a scale of 1–12 with a higher score indicative of greater risk for alcohol use disorders. An AUDIT-C score of ≥ 4 in men and ≥ 3 in women is “considered optimal for identifying hazardous drinking or alcohol use disorders.”

Line of Duty (LOD) injuries for FY16 were aggregated and collapsed into broad categories (sprains and strains, fractures, etc.) and reported by gender.

P3 scores were taken from the ARNG–provided results of the online Global Assessment Tool (GAT), a self-assessment tool that scores Soldiers on sleep, activity, and nutrition. Scores are given as a percentage of the total score which is derived from subcomponent scores in each category. P3 percentage scores are further categorized into “red” (<70%), “amber” (≥70% and <85%) or “green” (≥85%) groups.

ARNG Health Index scores were created by summing the percent positive results for hazardous drinking behaviors, chewing tobacco use, smoking tobacco use, obesity, not dentally ready, not medically ready, and the percentage of Soldiers who screened positive for signs of PTSD and depression. Lower Health Index scores are suggestive of better overall health status.

State Health includes state rankings, drug deaths, excessive drinking, high school graduation, obesity, and smoking measures. State rankings are based on the weighted sum of the number of standard deviations of each core measure from the national average. Drug deaths are reported as the number of deaths due to drug injury of any intent (unintentional, suicide, homicide, or undetermined) per 100,000 population. Excessive drinking is reported as the percentage of adults who reported either binge drinking (having four or more drinks [women] or five or more drinks [men] on one occasion in the past month) or chronic drinking (having 8 or more drinks [women] or 15 or more drinks [men] per week). High school graduation is reported as the percentage of high school students who graduate with a regular high school diploma within four years of starting ninth grade. Obesity is reported as the percentage of adults whose BMI is ≥ 30.0 based on their reported height and weight. Smoking is reported as the percentage of adults who are smokers (reported smoking at least 100 cigarettes in their lifetime and currently smoke every day or some days). Data was retrieved from the United-Health Foundation’s America’s Health Rankings 2016 annual report.
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