

Home-Health Quality by State (CMS Care Compare)

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Public methodology surface -- <https://fonteum.com/methodology/home-health-quality>

State-level rollups of CMS Care Compare home-health agency ratings.

Source provenance

Source families: CMS Care Compare datasets (public)

Spatial resolution: Facility (point) + state rollups.

Temporal coverage: CMS quarterly Care Compare release (current snapshot 2026-04-01).

Refresh cadence: Quarterly (matches CMS Care Compare release cadence).

Snapshot: 11,500 agencies across 51 states + DC, dated 2026-04-01.

Reproducibility

1. Pull the CMS Care Compare Home Health Compare dataset from data.cms.gov/provider-data/dataset/6jpm-sxkc.
2. Filter to active agencies with non-null Quality-of-Patient-Care star rating.
3. Bucket by state.
4. Compute per-state count + rating distribution.

Limitations

- Each CMS measure carries its own published limitations; readers should review the CMS dataset documentation linked in the methodology for measure-specific caveats. We do not modify CMS's published measure values, only re-aggregate to state-level rollups.
- Sampling-based measures (e.g. patient-experience surveys) carry confidence bands CMS publishes alongside the values. State-level rollups average across facilities and do not preserve those bands; for facility-specific decisions, reference the original CMS Care Compare record.
- Date alignment: state rollups are computed from the CMS file's published reporting period, not the file release date. The reporting period typically lags the release date by 6-12 months per CMS convention.

Field schema

> `agency_ccn` -- CMS Certification Number for the home-health agency.

Source: CMS Care Compare -- Home Health Compare
(<https://data.cms.gov/provider-data/dataset/6jpm-sxkc>)

Refresh: Quarterly - Confidence: 1.0 (verbatim)

> `state` -- Agency state (USPS code).

Source: CMS Care Compare -- Home Health Compare
(<https://data.cms.gov/provider-data/dataset/6jpm-sxkc>)

Refresh: Quarterly - Confidence: 1.0 (verbatim)

> `quality_of_patient_care_star` -- CMS published Quality of Patient Care star rating (1-5).

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Initial Audit Pack release. Methodology, provenance map, reproducibility statement, and limitations stack baselined.

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Cross-references

Audit Pack: <https://fonteum.com/audit-pack/home-health-quality>

Research study: <https://fonteum.com/research/home-health-quality-by-state-2026>

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