

METHODOLOGY

America's Best Plastic Surgeons **2026**

Scope, Data Collection, Evaluation, and Results

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Summary of the project

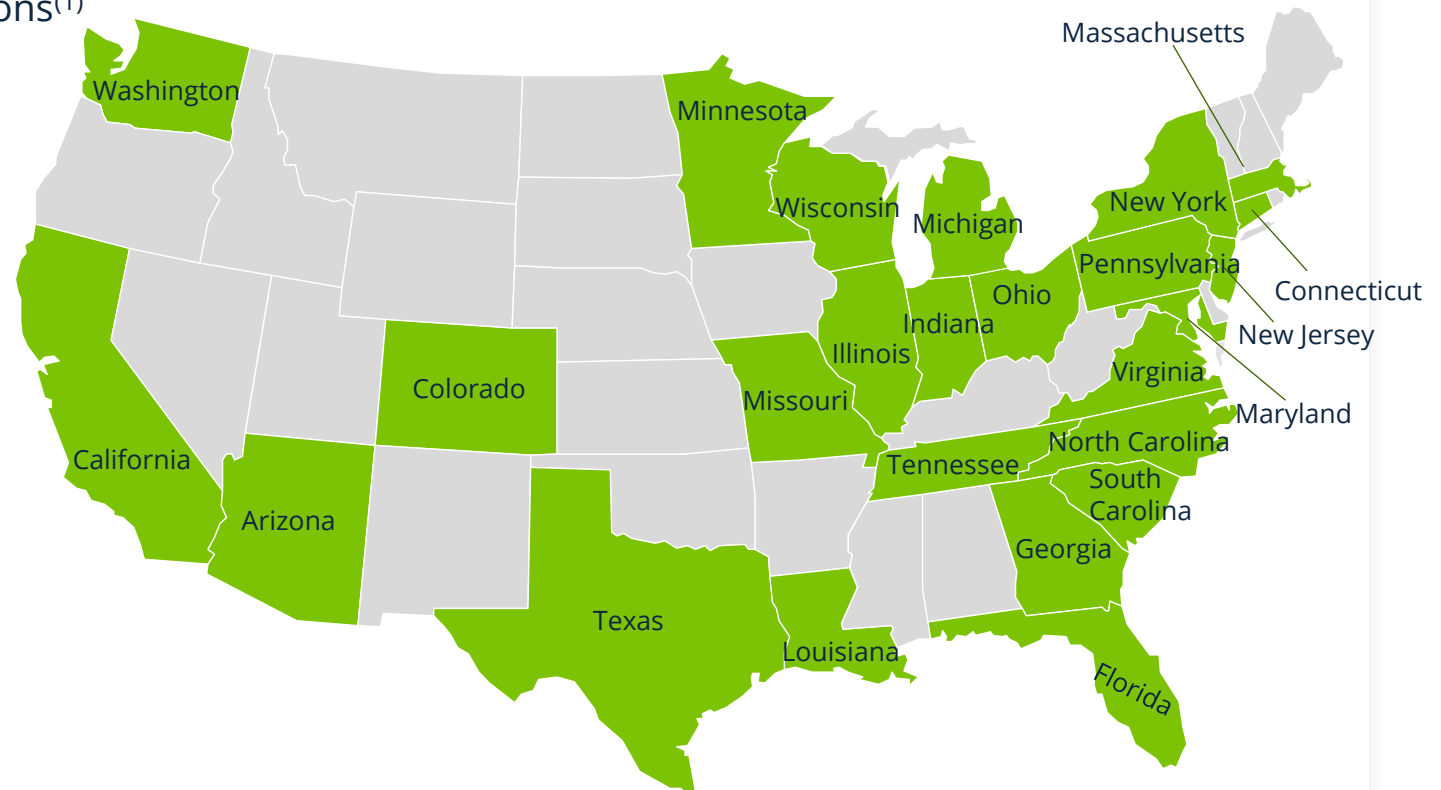
- The America's Best Plastic Surgeons 2026 ranking awards the leading plastic surgeons in the US.
- Plastic surgeons were awarded in six cosmetic surgery procedures: Breast Augmentation, Liposuction, Facelift, Rhinoplasty, Eyelid Surgery and Tummy Tuck.
- For this edition of the ranking, 240 plastic surgeons were awarded for breast augmentation, 235 for facelift and tummy tuck, 220 for liposuction, 215 for rhinoplasty, and 180 plastic surgeons were awarded for eyelid surgery.⁽¹⁾ In total, 578 individual plastic surgeons were awarded.
- The top 30 plastic surgeons in each cosmetic surgery procedure⁽²⁾ are ranked #1 to #30. The top 31-180 plastic surgeons for eyelid surgery, the top 31-235 plastic surgeons for tummy tuck, the top 31-220 for liposuction, the top 31-215 for rhinoplasty, the top 31-235 for facelift, and the top 31-240 plastic surgeons for breast augmentation are sorted alphabetically.
- For the first time plastic surgeons from the 25 US states with the most plastic surgeons were included in the survey.
- Plastic surgeons who exclusively offer reconstruction or non-elective reconstruction/correction were excluded from the survey.
- The list is based on **three data sources**:
 1. **Online survey by state:** During the survey period from April to May 2026, thousands of medical experts with knowledge of plastic surgery (doctor/surgeons, plastic surgery clinic manager and medical professionals) were invited to an online survey in cooperation with Newsweek. During the survey period, over 10,000 votes for plastic surgeons were collected and analyzed for each cosmetic surgery procedure.
 2. **Quality Score:** For in-state recommendations, participants were asked to assess the quality of care (e.g., consultation, complications, follow-up care, outcome) for each plastic surgeon.
 3. **Certification:** Plastic surgeons received 5% towards their total score if they are certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery.

Plastic surgeons from 25 states were eligible for the ranking

Geographical distribution

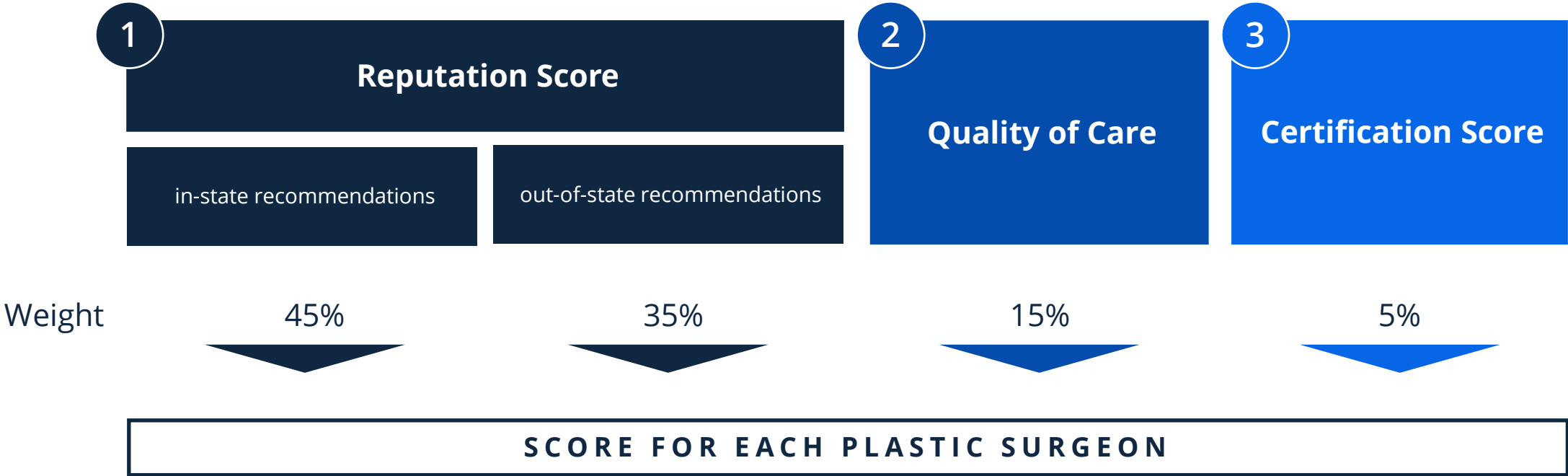
- The following 25 states with the most plastic surgeons⁽¹⁾ were included in the survey:

- Arizona
- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Florida
- Georgia
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Louisiana
- Massachusetts
- Maryland
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Missouri
- North Carolina
- New Jersey
- New York
- Ohio
- Pennsylvania
- South Carolina
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Virginia
- Washington
- Wisconsin



A score was calculated for each plastic surgeon

A score was calculated for each plastic surgeon based on the scoring model



The total score for each plastic surgeon is based on the three pillars and their respective weights listed above.

Thousands of medical experts were invited to the survey

Methodology: Reputation score



Recommendations for Plastic Surgeons from medical experts

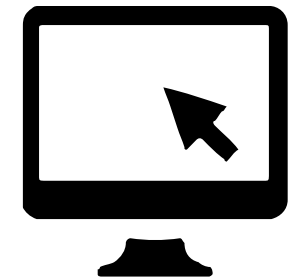
- From April to May 2026, Statista invited medical experts with knowledge of plastic surgery (doctor/surgeons, nurses, plastic surgery clinic manager and medical professionals) in the 25 selected states to an online survey. The survey was also promoted on newsweek.com.



Online survey among medical experts with knowledge of plastic surgery in the **25 selected states**. Participants were invited to an online survey in cooperation with Newsweek.



Participants were asked to name the **leading plastic surgeons** for each cosmetic procedure, both **within and outside their respective states**. The order in which recommendations were provided was relevant to the ranking. **Self-recommendations resulted in disqualification from the survey.**



In-state and out-of-state recommendations for each plastic surgeon were analyzed across the six cosmetic procedures. Each plastic surgeon was assigned a score based on the number of weighted recommendations.

REPUTATION SCORE (80% OF TOTAL SCORE)

A Quality Score and Certifications were used as additional elements

Methodology: Quality Assessment and Certifications

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Quality Score

- For their in-state recommendations, participants were asked to **assess the quality of care** (e.g., consultation with doctor, complications, follow-up care, outcome) to further differentiate the perceived reputation of each plastic surgeon, and to indicate their overall confidence in their recommendations. **Plastic surgeons** who only received out-of-state recommendations were given a baseline score.
- For each recommended plastic surgeon, the participant rated the **quality of care** on a **scale from 1 ("poor") to 10 ("excellent")**.

QUALITY SCORE
(15% OF TOTAL SCORE)

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Certifications

- The **ABPS (American Board of Plastic Surgery)** ⁽¹⁾ accreditation is a voluntary credential for plastic surgeons in the US.
- **Plastic surgeons certified** by the ABPS must have completed appropriate training and passed both oral and comprehensive written examinations covering all plastic surgery procedures.
- Plastic surgeons received **5% towards their total score** if they have a ABPS certification.

CERTIFICATION SCORE
(5% OF TOTAL SCORE)

Result tables of the best plastic surgeons

Highest ranked plastic surgeons across two exemplary specialties

Breast Augmentation

Rank	Plastic Surgeon	City, State
1	William P Adams Jr, MD	University Park, TX
2	Rod J Rohrich, MD	Dallas, TX
3	Adam R Kolker, MD, FACS	New York, NY
4	David Hidalgo, MD, FACS	New York, NY
5	Dennis Hammond, MD	Grand Rapids, MI

[...]

Tummy Tuck

Rank	Plastic Surgeon	City, State
1	Ryan Neinstein, MD	New York, NY
2	Rod J Rohrich, MD	Dallas, TX
3	Alan Matarasso, MD, FACS, PC	New York, NY
4	Adam R Kolker, MD, FACS	New York, NY
5	A George Volpe, MD, FACS	Newton, MA

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LEADING PLASTIC SURGEONS WERE AWARDED

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