America’s Best Plastic Surgeons 2022

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Summary

- The America’s Best Plastic Surgeon 2022 ranking awards the leading plastic surgeons in the US.
- The plastic surgeons were awarded in five major cosmetic surgery procedures: Breast Augmentation, Liposuction, Facelift, Rhinoplasty and Eyelid Surgery. 150 plastic surgeons were awarded for breast augmentation, liposuction, facelift and rhinoplasty. 100 plastic surgeons were awarded for eyelid surgery.¹
- In total, 349 individual plastic surgeons were awarded.
- Plastic surgeons who exclusively offer reconstruction or non-elective reconstruction/correction were excluded from the survey.
- Plastic surgeons from the 20 US states with the most plastic surgeons were included in the survey.
- All remaining states were divided into 4 regions: Northeast, Midwest, West and South. Plastic surgeons from these states were grouped accordingly.
- During the survey period from March to April 2022, over 2,000 medical experts with knowledge of plastic surgery (doctors/surgeons, plastic surgery clinic managers & health care professionals) were invited to an online survey in cooperation with Newsweek.
- During the survey period, over 5,900 votes for plastic surgeons were collected and analysed for each cosmetic surgery procedure.
- A score was calculated for each plastic surgeon based on the number of recommendations, a quality assessment (from the peer survey) as well as relevant certifications. In-State recommendations were weighted higher than Out-of-State recommendations, followed by the quality assessment score and the certifications.

¹ Overlaps can occur if one plastic surgeon offers several procedures
For the first time, all US regions were included in the survey

Geographical distribution

- Plastic Surgeons from the 20 states with the highest number of plastic surgeons\(^1\) were included in the survey:
  - CA, IN, FL, TX, NY, PA, IL, OH, NJ, GA, NC, VA, MI, AZ, MD, MA, WA, TN, CT, MN
- All remaining states were divided into 4 regions for the survey:
  - Northeast: ME, NH, RI, VT
  - Midwest: IA, KS, NE, ND, SD, WI, MO
  - West: AK, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WY
  - South: AL, AR, DE, KY, LA, MS, OK, SC, WV


\(^2\) Source: [https://www2.census.gov/geo/pdfs/maps-data/maps/reference/us_regdiv.pdf](https://www2.census.gov/geo/pdfs/maps-data/maps/reference/us_regdiv.pdf)
A score was calculated for each plastic surgeon for each procedure

Scoring model

**National Online Survey**

- **Recommendation Score**
  - In-State recommendations: 45%
  - Out-of-State recommendations: 35%

- **Quality Score**: 15%

- **Certification**: 5%

**Score for each plastic surgeon**
A recommendation score was calculated for each surgeon

In-State and Out-of-State recommendations

**IN-STATE RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Participants were asked to name the leading plastic surgeons for each cosmetic procedure in their own state (Eyelid Surgery, Breast Augmentation, Liposuction, Facelift, and Rhinoplasty)
- The order in which recommendations were provided was relevant to the ranking (#1 has the highest weight)
- Self-recommendations were not allowed and lead to disqualification from the survey
- In-State recommendations constitute 45% of the overall score

**OUT-OF-STATE RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Participants were asked to name leading plastic surgeons for each cosmetic procedure outside their own state
- Recommendations for the whole US (either one of the 20 states or by region)
- Out-of-State recommendations constitute 35% of the overall score

**RECOMMENDATIONS CONSTITUTE 80% OF THE OVERALL SCORE**
A quality score was calculated for each surgeon based on in-state recommendations

Quality assessment and certification

**CALCULATION OF 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.
- For each recommended plastic surgeon, the participant rated the quality of care on a scale from 1 (“Poor”) to 10 (“Excellent”).
- A quality score was assigned to each plastic surgeon. This score accounts for 15% of the total score.

**CERTIFICATION**

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

**QUALITY SCORE CONTRIBUTES 15% AND CERTIFICATION 5% TOWARDS OVERALL SCORE**

¹https://www.abplasticsurgery.org/public/faqs/
As a result, the 349 plastic surgeons with the highest total score were awarded in five procedures.

**Final Plastic Surgeon Score**

### Breast Augmentation – 150 Surgeons

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<td>Dr. William P. Adams Jr. MD</td>
<td>92.24%</td>
<td>University Park</td>
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<td>Dr. David Hidalgo, MD, FACS</td>
<td>86.86%</td>
<td>New York</td>
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<td>Dr. Dennis Hammond, MD</td>
<td>78.82%</td>
<td>Grand Rapids</td>
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<td>Dr. Garth Fisher MD</td>
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<td>Beverly Hills</td>
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<td>Marissa Tenenbaum, MD</td>
<td>77.85%</td>
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### Eyelid Surgery – 100 Surgeons

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<td>Sherrell J. Aston, MD</td>
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<td>Dr. James M. Stuzin</td>
<td>88.22%</td>
<td>Miami, Boca Raton</td>
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<td>Dr. James E. Zins, MD</td>
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<td>Dr. Rod J. Rohrich, MD</td>
<td>86.04%</td>
<td>Dallas</td>
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<td>Glenn W. Jelks, MD</td>
<td>84.71%</td>
<td>New York</td>
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