



# America's Best Eye Doctors 2022

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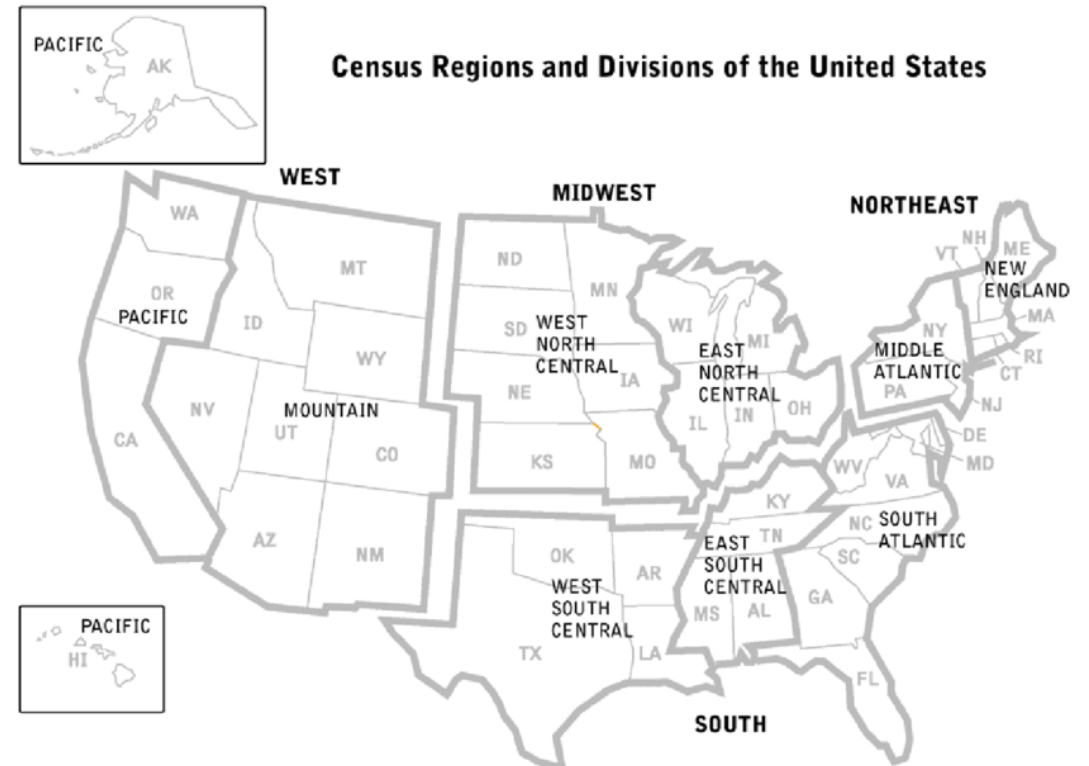
## Summary

- The **America’s Best Ophthalmologists and America’s Best Optometrists 2022 ranking** awards the leading 350 eye doctors in the US. The ranking distinguishes ophthalmologists and optometrists in separate lists to account for the substantial differences in services and treatments provided.
- In total, 175 ophthalmologists and 175 optometrists were awarded.
- Eye doctors from all US states were eligible for the ranking.
- During the survey period from May to June 2022, over 10,000 medical experts (ophthalmologists, optometrists, clinic managers & health care professionals) were invited to an online survey. In total, over 5,500 votes were collected and analyzed during the survey period.
- A score was calculated for each eye doctor based on the number of recommendations, the quality score and – if available – their membership status in the American Board of Ophthalmology and the American Board of Optometry respectively.
- In-State recommendations were weighted higher than Out-of-State recommendations.
- Recommendations within one doctor group were weighted higher than recommendations from the other specialty (ophthalmology for optometry and vice versa).
- In the ophthalmologist survey, participants were also able to specify a standout treatment (Cornea, Retina, Glaucoma) for the recommended ophthalmologists (if applicable).
- Most awarded eye doctors work primarily in an outpatient practice where patients can schedule direct appointments with the respective eye doctor (as opposed to inpatient settings).

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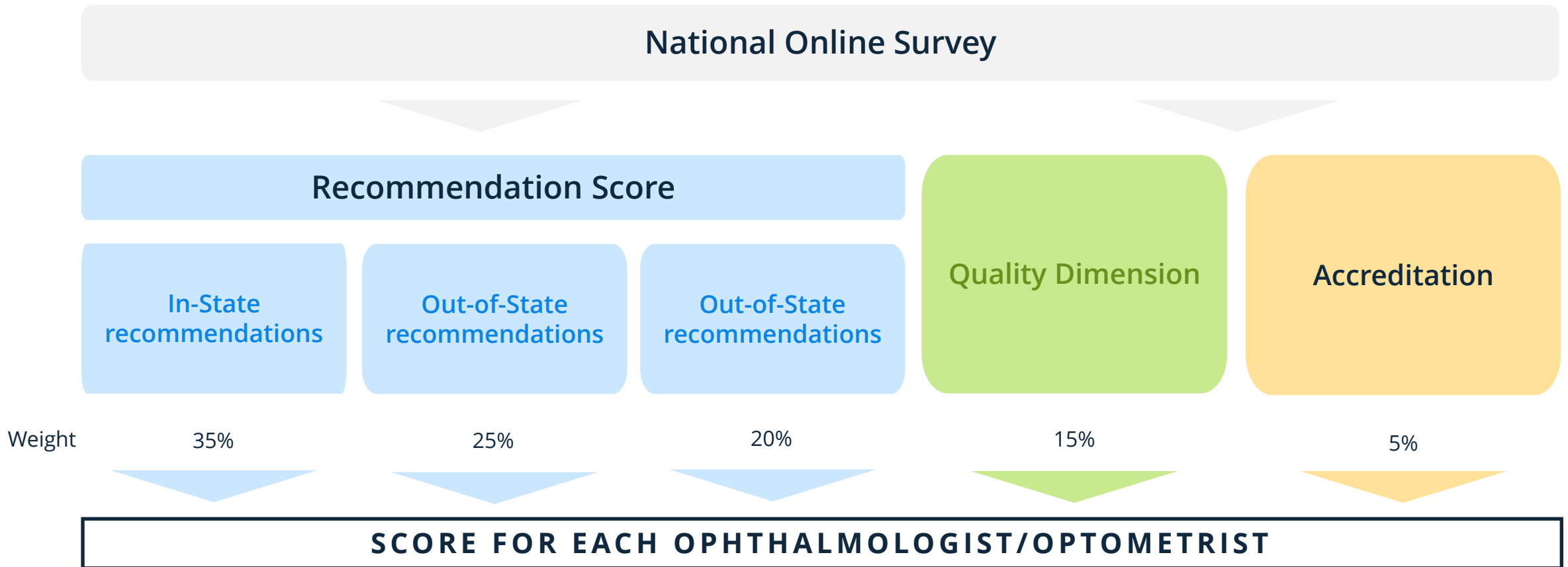
## Geographical distribution

- Eye doctors from 20 states with the highest number of inhabitants were included in the survey
- All other states were divided into 4 regions:
  - **Northeast:** CT, ME, NH, RI, VT
  - **Midwest:** IA, KS, MN, NE, ND, SD
  - **West:** AK, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WY
  - **South:** AL, AR, DE, KY, LA, MS, OK, SC, WV



# A score was calculated for each eye doctor

Scoring model



# The recommendation score was calculated based on three components

In-State and Out-of-State recommendations

## IN-STATE RECOMMENDATIONS

- Participants were asked to name the leading optometrists or ophthalmologists in their own state or in one of the 4 regions (Northeast, Midwest, West and South)
- The order in which recommendations were provided was relevant to the ranking (#1 has the highest weight)
- Participants were able to specify a standout treatment in the ophthalmologist survey (Cornea, Retina, Glaucoma)
- Self-recommendations were not allowed and lead to disqualification from the survey
- In-State recommendations constitute 35% of the overall score

## OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

### Out-of-State recommendations

- Participants were asked to recommend the leading doctors in their respective field in any of the other states or regions included in the survey
- Out-of-State recommendations constitute 25% of the overall score

### Recommendations by other specialty

- Optionally, ophthalmologists were able to recommend optometrists and vice versa
- These recommendations constitute 20% of the overall score

**THE RECOMMENDATION SCORE CONSTITUTES 80% OF THE OVERALL SCORE**

# A quality score was calculated for each In-State recommendation

Three quality dimensions

## WEIGHTS OF QUALITY DIMENSIONS



## CALCULATION OF QUALITY SCORE

- For In-State recommendations participants were asked to rank the doctors in three quality dimensions: Quality of care, continuity of care and quality of technical equipment
- For each recommended eye doctor, the participant rated the three quality variables on a scale from 1 ("Poor") to 100 ("Excellent")
- Based on these three dimensions, a quality score was assigned to each eye doctor

THE QUALITY SCORE CONTRIBUTES 15% TOWARDS THE OVERALL SCORE

# As a result, the top 175 eye doctors with the highest score in the two specialties were awarded

## Final Eye Doctor Scores

### Ophthalmology

Rank	Ophthalmologist	Score	City
1	Eric D. Donnenfeld, MD	95.2	Fairfield, CT
2	Uday Devgan, MD	88.8	Los Angeles, CA
3	David F. Chang, MD	86.8	Los Altos, CA
4	Douglas D. Koch, MD	85.7	Houston, TX
5	Nathan P. Hesemann, MD	78.5	Colombia, MO

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### Optometry

Rank	Optometrist	Score	City
1	Viola Kanevsky, OD	93.1	New York, NY
2	Arthur B. Epstein, OD	90.7	Phoenix, AZ
3	Alan Glazier, OD	84.8	Rockville, MD
4	Joseph W. Sowka, OD, FAAO, Diplomate	82.5	Englewood, FL
5	Hardeep Kataria, OD, FAAO	79.3	Porter Ranch, CA

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LEADING EYE DOCTORS WERE AWARDED

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