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Health Outcomes are the result of the composite of health determinants. According to the 2007 and 2008 Wisconsin County Health Rankings, "Health outcomes are often reported in terms of mortality statistics such as life expectancy and years of potential life lost, since these statistics are relatively easy to track. However, models of individual and population health do not merely include measures of longevity, but also quality of life," (p. 2). For this reason, the full reports of the county health rankings contain an outcomes component that weights quality of life with length of life. Waupaca County's health outcomes ranking is based on mortality, expressed in years of potential life lost, and general health status, expressed in terms of how people rate their overall level of health. Illustration *G* depicts Health Outcomes for the State of Wisconsin by Quartile for the year 2008.

## Health Outcomes by Quartile

