

# County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

Building a Culture of Health, County by County

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# 2019

Cowley County

COWLEY COUNTY, KANSAS | Pop. 35,361

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Kansas 2019
Number of Counties Ranked	101	101	102	103	102	102
<b>Health Outcomes - Rank</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Length of life - Rank</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>n/a</b>
Premature death (years of potential life lost, per 100,000)	9014	8951	9395	9354	9308	6944
<b>Quality of life - Rank</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>n/a</b>
% Reporting poor or fair health, adults* <sup>2016</sup>	15	17	17	16	16	15
Avg # poor physical health days, adults* <sup>2016</sup>	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.1
Avg # poor mental health days, adults* <sup>2016</sup>	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.6	3.6	3.3
% Low birthweight, <2,500 grams	7.4	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.6	7.1
<b>Health Factors - Rank</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Health Behaviors - Rank</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>n/a</b>
% Adult smokers* <sup>2016</sup>	18	20	18	18	18	17
% Obese adults age 20 and older	37	37	36	36	38	33
Food environment index, 0 (worst) to 10 (best)	7.3	7.3	7.3	6.9	6.9	6.9
% Physically inactive adults age 20 and older	31	30	29	27	26	24
% Access to exercise opportunities	54	50	50	76	71	80
% Excessive drinking, adults* <sup>2016</sup>	10	14	14	14	14	17
% Driving deaths with alcohol-involvement	38	33	27	26	27	24
Sexually transmitted infection rate, per 100,000	535	295	246	420	344	418
Teen birth rate, per 1,000 females age 15-19	51	50	48	40	37	28
<b>Clinical Care - Rank</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>n/a</b>
% Uninsured, population under age 65	15	16	13	11	11	10
Primary care physicians rate, per 100,000	44	47	50	53	50	76
Dentists rate, per 100,000	39	39	39	39	40	57
Mental health providers rate, per 100,000	97	103	115	120	116	188
Preventable hospital stays rate, per 1,000 <sup>§</sup>	51	49	49	52		
Preventable hospital stays rate, per 100,000 <sup>§#</sup>					3673	4078
% Diabetes monitoring, adults age 65-75 <sup>§</sup>	85	89	89	89		
% Mammography screening, females age 67-69 <sup>§</sup>	54	57	54	54		
% Mammography screening, females age 65-74 <sup>§#</sup>					36	43
% Flu vaccinations <sup>§</sup>					39	44
<b>Social &amp; Economic Factors - Rank</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>n/a</b>
% High school graduation	79	79	86	86	83	87
% Adults age 25-44 with some college	64	66	63	61	61	70
% Population age 16 and older unemployed	5.5	4.6	4.7	4.6	3.8	3.6
% Children in poverty	24	21	21	18	23	15
Income inequality ratio, 80th percentile to 20th	4.1	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.3
% Children in single-parent households	31	31	33	34	33	29
Membership associations rate, per 10,000	18.2	17.7	17	17.3	17.6	13.7
Violent crime rate, per 100,000	379	379	366	366	335	365
Injury death rate, per 100,000	76	83	85	89	91	73
<b>Physical Environment - Rank</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>n/a</b>
Avg daily density of fine particulate matter	9.4	9.4	8.9	8.9	9.3	8.1
% Exposed to unsafe drinking water	0					
Drinking water violations? yes/no		Yes	Yes	No	No	
% Households with severe housing problems	13	13	13	13	12	13
% Driving alone to work	81	80	79	80	80	82
% Long commute - driving alone	21	21	22	22	21	20

Empty cells: Shaded = Item was not used to calculate rankings that year; White = Data unavailable. NR: Health outcomes (e.g., length of life) or health factors (e.g., health behaviors) were not ranked that year. n/a: State is not ranked against counties.

\*2016 represents substantial changes in data sources or calculation of the measure that would affect comparisons with measure data in 2015.

# represents substantial changes in data sources or calculation of the measure that would affect comparisons with similar measures in prior years.

§ represents measures derived among Medicare enrollees.

Please refer to the [County Health Rankings & Roadmaps](#) to find out more about the indicator changes.

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The annual *County Health Rankings* provide a snapshot of the health of Kansas counties. The *Rankings* are made up of two summary scores: **Health Factors** (which measure issues that can shape the health outcomes) and **Health Outcomes** (which measure length and quality of life). The following tables illustrate the “drivers,” or measures with the greatest impact on ranking position, for this county.

**What do these drivers mean?**

The drivers indicate the measures with the greatest impact on the ranking position. Drivers labeled with a green plus sign are measures on which the county performed particularly well. Drivers labeled with a red minus sign indicate priority areas which, if improved, could have the greatest impact on improving the rankings of the county.

**Health Factors: Drivers with greatest impact on ranking, Cowley County, KS – 2019**

	Measure	Description	Factor Category	County Value	State Value	Impact on Rankings
1	Adult smoking	% of adults who are current smokers	Health Behaviors	18%	17%	—
2	Children in poverty	% of children under age 18 in poverty	Social and Economic Environment	23%	15%	—
3	Adult obesity	% of adults age 20 and older that report a BMI ≥ 30	Health Behaviors	38%	33%	—
4	High school graduation	% of ninth-grade cohort that graduates in four years	Social and Economic Environment	83%	87%	—
5	Unemployment	% of population age 16 and older unemployed but seeking work	Social and Economic Environment	3.8%	3.6%	—

**Health Outcomes: Drivers with greatest impact on ranking, Cowley County, KS – 2019**

	Measure	Description	Outcome Category	County Value	State Value	Impact on Rankings
1	Premature death	Years of potential life lost before age 75 per 100,000 population	Length of Life	9308	6944	—
2	Low birthweight	% of live births with low birthweight (< 2,500 grams)	Quality of Life	7.6%	7.1%	—
3	Poor mental health days	Average # of mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days for adults	Quality of Life	3.6	3.3	—
4	Poor physical health days	Average # of physically unhealthy days reported in past 30 days for adults	Quality of Life	3.5	3.1	—
5	Poor or fair health	% of adults reporting fair or poor health	Quality of Life	16%	15%	—

**NR:** Measure (e.g., premature death) could not be reported for this county.

**+ Green Plus:** Measure with a positive impact on a county’s ranking position.

**— Red Minus:** Measure with a negative impact on a county’s ranking position.

**Technical Note:** The state values are only provided as a point of reference. They have not been used in the determination of county rankings or top drivers for health outcomes and health factors. For more information on the calculation of score and rankings, please visit: <http://bit.ly/CHRzscores>.