

County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

Building a Culture of Health, County by County

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Ford County

FORD COUNTY, KANSAS | Pop. 34,381

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Kansas 2019
Number of Counties Ranked	101	101	102	103	102	102
Health Outcomes - Rank	31	68	63	60	57	n/a
Length of life - Rank	30	31	25	25	13	n/a
Premature death (years of potential life lost, per 100,000)	6739	6935	6713	6823	6254	6944
Quality of life - Rank	46	92	90	91	96	n/a
% Reporting poor or fair health, adults* ²⁰¹⁶	16	20	23	22	22	15
Avg # poor physical health days, adults* ²⁰¹⁶	2.6	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.1
Avg # poor mental health days, adults* ²⁰¹⁶	2.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.3
% Low birthweight, <2,500 grams	6.6	6.7	6.8	6.9	7.1	7.1
Health Factors - Rank	86	89	81	82	74	n/a
Health Behaviors - Rank	65	85	70	72	53	n/a
% Adult smokers* ²⁰¹⁶	17	19	18	17	17	17
% Obese adults age 20 and older	33	33	31	32	33	33
Food environment index, 0 (worst) to 10 (best)	7.4	7.9	7.9	9	8.9	6.9
% Physically inactive adults age 20 and older	30	31	30	29	24	24
% Access to exercise opportunities	83	83	83	82	78	80
% Excessive drinking, adults* ²⁰¹⁶	15	16	15	15	15	17
% Driving deaths with alcohol-involvement	36	35	22	18	10	24
Sexually transmitted infection rate, per 100,000	386	285	365	454	397	418
Teen birth rate, per 1,000 females age 15-19	75	72	70	59	57	28
Clinical Care - Rank	95	87	93	94	84	n/a
% Uninsured, population under age 65	22	21	18	19	16	10
Primary care physicians rate, per 100,000	49	40	46	49	47	76
Dentists rate, per 100,000	43	46	52	59	58	57
Mental health providers rate, per 100,000	83	86	87	88	90	188
Preventable hospital stays rate, per 1,000 [§]	78	57	68	59		
Preventable hospital stays rate, per 100,000 ^{§#}					3330	4078
% Diabetes monitoring, adults age 65-75 [§]	84	83	82	82		
% Mammography screening, females age 67-69 [§]	54	58	57	57		
% Mammography screening, females age 65-74 ^{§#}					30	43
% Flu vaccinations [§]					37	44
Social & Economic Factors - Rank	68	78	78	72	71	n/a
% High school graduation	84	89	84	84	91	87
% Adults age 25-44 with some college	42	42	43	46	45	70
% Population age 16 and older unemployed	3.8	3.8	3.4	3.3	2.8	3.6
% Children in poverty	19	22	19	16	17	15
Income inequality ratio, 80th percentile to 20th	3.4	3.5	3.8	3.8	3.8	4.3
% Children in single-parent households	24	33	33	34	35	29
Membership associations rate, per 10,000	10.1	10.3	9.8	9.3	8.8	13.7
Violent crime rate, per 100,000	410	410	348	348	367	365
Injury death rate, per 100,000	69	72	74	73	73	73
Physical Environment - Rank	100	100	65	55	60	n/a
Avg daily density of fine particulate matter	11.9	11.9	7.8	7.8	7.6	8.1
% Exposed to unsafe drinking water	46					
Drinking water violations? yes/no		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
% Households with severe housing problems	17	16	14	14	15	13
% Driving alone to work	83	80	80	76	77	82
% Long commute - driving alone	10	11	10	10	10	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.

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§ 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, Ford County, KS – 2019

	Measure	Description	Factor Category	County Value	State Value	Impact on Rankings
1	Some college	% of adults age 25-44 with some post-secondary education	Social and Economic Environment	45%	70%	—
2	Uninsured	% of population under age 65 without health insurance	Clinical Care	16%	10%	—
3	Unemployment	% of population age 16 and older unemployed but seeking work	Social and Economic Environment	2.8%	3.6%	+
4	Teen births	# of births per 1,000 female population ages 15-19	Health Behaviors	57	28	—
5	Adult smoking	% of adults who are current smokers	Health Behaviors	17%	17%	—

Health Outcomes: Drivers with greatest impact on ranking, Ford 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	6254	6944	+
2	Poor or fair health	% of adults reporting fair or poor health	Quality of Life	22%	15%	—
3	Poor physical health days	Average # of physically unhealthy days reported in past 30 days for adults	Quality of Life	3.6	3.1	—
4	Low birthweight	% of live births with low birthweight (< 2,500 grams)	Quality of Life	7.1%	7.1%	—
5	Poor mental health days	Average # of mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days for adults	Quality of Life	3.2	3.3	+

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>.