

# County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

Building a Culture of Health, County by County

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# 2019

Ness County

NESS COUNTY, KANSAS | Pop. 2,869

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Kansas 2019
Number of Counties Ranked	101	101	102	103	102	102
<b>Health Outcomes - Rank</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Length of life - Rank</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>n/a</b>
Premature death (years of potential life lost, per 100,000)	6216			9145	11065	6944
<b>Quality of life - Rank</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>n/a</b>
% Reporting poor or fair health, adults* <sup>2016</sup>	16	14	15	15	15	15
Avg # poor physical health days, adults* <sup>2016</sup>	3.7	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.1
Avg # poor mental health days, adults* <sup>2016</sup>	2.7	3	3.2	3.4	3.4	3.3
% Low birthweight, <2,500 grams	4.6	5.9	5.6	5.2	5.8	7.1
<b>Health Factors - Rank</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Health Behaviors - Rank</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>n/a</b>
% Adult smokers* <sup>2016</sup>	25	16	16	15	15	17
% Obese adults age 20 and older	30	31	31	34	36	33
Food environment index, 0 (worst) to 10 (best)	8.4	8	8.1	7.8	7.9	6.9
% Physically inactive adults age 20 and older	29	27	27	29	30	24
% Access to exercise opportunities	71	49	49	21	21	80
% Excessive drinking, adults* <sup>2016</sup>		14	14	14	14	17
% Driving deaths with alcohol-involvement	63	40	33	33	33	24
Sexually transmitted infection rate, per 100,000		130			200	418
Teen birth rate, per 1,000 females age 15-19	36	32	32	34	27	28
<b>Clinical Care - Rank</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>n/a</b>
% Uninsured, population under age 65	16	16	13	13	13	10
Primary care physicians rate, per 100,000	98	65	64	67	68	76
Dentists rate, per 100,000	0	0	0	0	0	57
Mental health providers rate, per 100,000						188
Preventable hospital stays rate, per 1,000 <sup>§</sup>	81	66	75	93		
Preventable hospital stays rate, per 100,000 <sup>§#</sup>					3035	4078
% Diabetes monitoring, adults age 65-75 <sup>§</sup>	90	81	81	81		
% Mammography screening, females age 67-69 <sup>§</sup>	71	61	77	77		
% Mammography screening, females age 65-74 <sup>§#</sup>					53	43
% Flu vaccinations <sup>§</sup>					33	44
<b>Social &amp; Economic Factors - Rank</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>n/a</b>
% High school graduation					97	87
% Adults age 25-44 with some college	51	55	59	63	63	70
% Population age 16 and older unemployed	2.8	2.7	3.3	3.8	2.9	3.6
% Children in poverty	15	14	14	14	15	15
Income inequality ratio, 80th percentile to 20th	3.9	3.8	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.3
% Children in single-parent households	44	33	36	31	21	29
Membership associations rate, per 10,000	29.3	29.3	35.4	33.3	30.4	13.7
Violent crime rate, per 100,000	149	149	227	227	166	365
Injury death rate, per 100,000	123	149	111	105	140	73
<b>Physical Environment - Rank</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>n/a</b>
Avg daily density of fine particulate matter	12.4	12.4	7.5	7.5	7.1	8.1
% Exposed to unsafe drinking water	5					
Drinking water violations? yes/no		Yes	Yes	No	No	
% Households with severe housing problems	4	5	5	7	7	13
% Driving alone to work	75	76	77	76	76	82
% Long commute - driving alone	9	10	8	10	15	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, Ness County, KS – 2019**

	Measure	Description	Factor Category	County Value	State Value	Impact on Rankings
1	High school graduation	% of ninth-grade cohort that graduates in four years	Social and Economic Environment	97%	87%	+
2	Adult smoking	% of adults who are current smokers	Health Behaviors	15%	17%	+
3	Unemployment	% of population age 16 and older unemployed but seeking work	Social and Economic Environment	2.9%	3.6%	+
4	Preventable hospital stays	# of hospital stays for ambulatory care sensitive conditions per 100,000 Medicare enrollees	Clinical Care	3035	4078	+
5	Injury deaths	# of deaths due to injury per 100,000 population	Social and Economic Environment	140	73	-

**Health Outcomes: Drivers with greatest impact on ranking, Ness 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	11065	6944	-
2	Low birthweight	% of live births with low birthweight (< 2,500 grams)	Quality of Life	5.8%	7.1%	+
3	Poor mental health days	Average # of mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days for adults	Quality of Life	3.4	3.3	-
4	Poor or fair health	% of adults reporting fair or poor health	Quality of Life	15%	15%	+
5	Poor physical health days	Average # of physically unhealthy days reported in past 30 days for adults	Quality of Life	3.2	3.1	+

**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>.