

County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

Building a Culture of Health, County by County

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Sheridan County

SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS | Pop. 2,527

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Kansas 2019
Number of Counties Ranked	101	101	102	103	102	102
Health Outcomes - Rank	30	53	57	50	61	n/a
Length of life - Rank	52	47	48	50	46	n/a
Premature death (years of potential life lost, per 100,000)						6944
Quality of life - Rank	11	58	60	44	59	n/a
% Reporting poor or fair health, adults* ²⁰¹⁶		14	15	15	15	15
Avg # poor physical health days, adults* ²⁰¹⁶	1.4	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.1
Avg # poor mental health days, adults* ²⁰¹⁶		3	3.2	3.4	3.4	3.3
% Low birthweight, <2,500 grams	5.7	7.4	6.8	5.7	6.5	7.1
Health Factors - Rank	31	33	30	35	29	n/a
Health Behaviors - Rank	72	58	52	46	24	n/a
% Adult smokers* ²⁰¹⁶		17	16	16	16	17
% Obese adults age 20 and older	31	32	32	33	30	33
Food environment index, 0 (worst) to 10 (best)	4.9	4.7	4.7	8	8.1	6.9
% Physically inactive adults age 20 and older	27	30	27	27	24	24
% Access to exercise opportunities	10			64	64	80
% Excessive drinking, adults* ²⁰¹⁶	25	15	14	14	14	17
% Driving deaths with alcohol-involvement	43	50	60	55	50	24
Sexually transmitted infection rate, per 100,000	197					418
Teen birth rate, per 1,000 females age 15-19	32	37	29		22	28
Clinical Care - Rank	57	81	92	91	98	n/a
% Uninsured, population under age 65	14	15	14	14	16	10
Primary care physicians rate, per 100,000					40	76
Dentists rate, per 100,000	39	39	40	40	40	57
Mental health providers rate, per 100,000						188
Preventable hospital stays rate, per 1,000 [§]	112	116	144	119		
Preventable hospital stays rate, per 100,000 ^{§#}					10679	4078
% Diabetes monitoring, adults age 65-75 [§]	91	83	88	88		
% Mammography screening, females age 67-69 [§]	58		69	69		
% Mammography screening, females age 65-74 ^{§#}					47	43
% Flu vaccinations [§]					37	44
Social & Economic Factors - Rank	4	8	9	18	11	n/a
% High school graduation					95	87
% Adults age 25-44 with some college	69	65	65	66	69	70
% Population age 16 and older unemployed	2.5	2.6	2.3	2.6	2.3	3.6
% Children in poverty	17	16	17	18	19	15
Income inequality ratio, 80th percentile to 20th	4.3	3.9	3.6	3.4	3.5	4.3
% Children in single-parent households	23	22	20	25	22	29
Membership associations rate, per 10,000	43.3	43.1	39.4	35.8	39.9	13.7
Violent crime rate, per 100,000	0	0	117	117	117	365
Injury death rate, per 100,000		86	95	103	95	73
Physical Environment - Rank	54	48	11	12	4	n/a
Avg daily density of fine particulate matter	12.9	12.9	7.3	7.3	6.7	8.1
% Exposed to unsafe drinking water	0					
Drinking water violations? yes/no		No	No	No	No	
% Households with severe housing problems	5	5	6	8	7	13
% Driving alone to work	82	84	81	78	73	82
% Long commute - driving alone	14	15	12	14	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.

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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, Sheridan County, KS – 2019

	Measure	Description	Factor Category	County Value	State Value	Impact on Rankings
1	Preventable hospital stays	# of hospital stays for ambulatory care sensitive conditions per 100,000 Medicare enrollees	Clinical Care	10679	4078	—
2	Unemployment	% of population age 16 and older unemployed but seeking work	Social and Economic Environment	2.3%	3.6%	+
3	Uninsured	% of population under age 65 without health insurance	Clinical Care	16%	10%	—
4	Adult obesity	% of adults age 20 and older that report a BMI ≥ 30	Health Behaviors	30%	33%	+
5	High school graduation	% of ninth-grade cohort that graduates in four years	Social and Economic Environment	95%	87%	+

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

	Measure	Description	Outcome Category	County Value	State Value	Impact on Rankings
1	Poor mental health days	Average # of mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days for adults	Quality of Life	3.4	3.3	—
2	Low birthweight	% of live births with low birthweight (< 2,500 grams)	Quality of Life	6.5%	7.1%	+
3	Poor physical health days	Average # of physically unhealthy days reported in past 30 days for adults	Quality of Life	3.2	3.1	—
4	Poor or fair health	% of adults reporting fair or poor health	Quality of Life	15%	15%	+
5	Premature death	Years of potential life lost before age 75 per 100,000 population	Length of Life		6944	NR

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>.