

# Elk County

## 102

Health Factors Rank

## 74

Health Outcomes Rank

Population: 2,530



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# 2021

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Kansas 2021
Number of Counties Ranked	102	103	102	104	104	104
<b>Health Outcomes - Rank</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Length of life - Rank	88	50	46	38	39	N/A
Premature death (years of potential life lost, per 100,000)	9564					7079
Quality of life - Rank	99	83	80	98	75	N/A
% Reporting poor or fair health, adults <sup>#</sup>					20	16
Average number of poor physical health days, adults <sup>#</sup>					4	4
Average number of poor mental health days, adults <sup>#</sup>					5	4
% Low birthweight, <2,500 grams	8.8	7.1	7.1	7.9	5.5	7.2
<b>Health Factors - Rank</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Health Behaviors - Rank	57	73	74	74	96	N/A
% Smokers, adults <sup>#</sup>					23	18
% Obese, adults age 20 and older	33	34	34	33	33	33
Food environment index, 0 (worst) to 10 (best)	2.8	4.2	4.4	4.6	4	6.7
% Physically inactive, adults age 20 and older	25	28	29	33	30	24
% Access to exercise opportunities		29	29	29	29	80
% Excessive drinking, adults <sup>#</sup>					18	18
% Driving deaths with alcohol-involvement	40	60	60	50	25	20
Sexually transmitted infection rate, per 100,000 population						489
Teen birth rate, per 1,000 females age 15-19	36	29	28	29	25	24
Clinical Care - Rank	96	73	83	74	82	N/A
% Uninsured, population under age 65	18	13	13	14	15	10
Primary care physicians rate, per 100,000 population	37	38	39	40	40	78
Dentists rate, per 100,000 population	0	0	0	0	0	60
Mental health providers rate, per 100,000 population						205
Preventable hospital stays rate, per 100,000 Medicare enrollees <sup>#</sup>			3854	3332	3903	3959
% Mammography screening, female Medicare enrollees age 65-74 <sup>#</sup>			32	30	37	45
% Flu vaccinations, Medicare enrollees			35	38	39	49
<b>Social &amp; Economic Factors - Rank</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>N/A</b>
% High school completion, adults age 25 and older <sup>@</sup>					88	91
% With some college, adults age 25-44	69	67	54	54	48	70
% Unemployed, population age 16 and older	4.9	5.3	4.3	3.3	3.7	3.2
% Children in poverty	31	27	29	28	30	14
Income inequality ratio, 80th to 20th percentile	4.2	3.9	3.7	3.9	5	4.3
% Children in single-parent households <sup>#</sup>					18	21
Membership associations rate, per 10,000 population	22.3	19.2	15.7	12	15.9	13.6
Violent crime rate, per 100,000 population	0	0	0	0	0	365
Injury death rate, per 100,000 population	119	129	162	179	197	76
Physical Environment - Rank	69	20	63	70	67	N/A
Average daily density of fine particulate matter	8.4	8.4	8.9	8.9	7.3	6.7
Drinking water violations? yes/no	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
% Households with severe housing problems	14	9	10	9	7	13
% Driving alone to work	72	69	72	77	78	82
% Long commute - driving alone	38	37	40	36	37	21

Empty cells: Shaded cells indicate data are unavailable or omitted due to methodology changes. 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.

<sup>#</sup>The data sources or calculation of these measures has changed over time making comparisons with similar measures in prior years unreliable so the data have been omitted.

<sup>@</sup>Represents new measure for 2021.

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

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, Elk County, KS - 2021

	Measure	Description	Factor Category	County Value	State Value	Impact on Rankings
1	Children in poverty	Percentage of people under age 18 in poverty.	Social and Economic Environment	30%	14%	-
2	Adult smoking	Percentage of adults who are current smokers (age-adjusted).	Health Behaviors	23%	18%	-
3	Unemployment	Percentage of population ages 16 and older unemployed but seeking work.	Social and Economic Environment	3.7%	3.2%	-
4	Some college	Percentage of adults ages 25-44 with some post-secondary education.	Social and Economic Environment	48%	70%	-
5	Injury deaths	Number of deaths due to injury per 100,000 population.	Social and Economic Environment	197	76	-

#### Health Outcomes: Drivers with the greatest impact on ranking, Elk County, KS - 2021

	Measure	Description	Factor Category	County Value	State Value	Impact on Rankings
1	Low birthweight	Percentage of live births with low birthweight (< 2,500 grams).	Quality of Life	5.5%	7.2%	+
2	Poor mental health days	Average number of mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	5	4	-
3	Poor physical health days	Average number of physically unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	4	4	-
4	Poor or fair health	Percentage of adults reporting fair or poor health (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	20%	16%	-
5	Premature death	Years of potential life lost before age 75 per 100,000 population (age-adjusted).	Length of Life	NR	7079	NR

**NR:** Measure (e.g., premature death) could not be reported for this county or not applicable at the state level.

**+ 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>.*