

Ness County

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Health Factors Rank

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Health Outcomes Rank

Population: 2,750



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	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Kansas 2021
Number of Counties Ranked	102	103	102	104	104	104
Health Outcomes - Rank	40	69	90	51	55	N/A
Length of life - Rank	48	87	98	38	39	N/A
Premature death (years of potential life lost, per 100,000)		9145	11065			7079
Quality of life - Rank	35	28	38	52	58	N/A
% Reporting poor or fair health, adults [#]					18	16
Average number of poor physical health days, adults [#]					4	4
Average number of poor mental health days, adults [#]					4	4
% Low birthweight, <2,500 grams	5.6	5.2	5.8	6.9	6.8	7.2
Health Factors - Rank	29	43	27	22	35	N/A
Health Behaviors - Rank	19	38	40	26	46	N/A
% Smokers, adults [#]					20	18
% Obese, adults age 20 and older	31	34	36	33	34	33
Food environment index, 0 (worst) to 10 (best)	8.1	7.8	7.9	8	7.9	6.7
% Physically inactive, adults age 20 and older	27	29	30	28	24	24
% Access to exercise opportunities	49	21	21	21	21	80
% Excessive drinking, adults [#]					19	18
% Driving deaths with alcohol-involvement	33	33	33	14	14	20
Sexually transmitted infection rate, per 100,000 population			200			489
Teen birth rate, per 1,000 females age 15-19	32	34	27	28	26	24
Clinical Care - Rank	57	70	37	73	87	N/A
% Uninsured, population under age 65	13	13	13	16	14	10
Primary care physicians rate, per 100,000 population	64	67	68	70	70	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 [#]			3035	4467	5863	3959
% Mammography screening, female Medicare enrollees age 65-74 [#]			53	48	42	45
% Flu vaccinations, Medicare enrollees			33	33	37	49
Social & Economic Factors - Rank	43	49	30	20	26	N/A
% High school completion, adults age 25 and older [@]					91	91
% With some college, adults age 25-44	59	63	63	64	68	70
% Unemployed, population age 16 and older	3.3	3.8	2.9	2.8	2.5	3.2
% Children in poverty	14	14	15	14	13	14
Income inequality ratio, 80th to 20th percentile	4.2	4.3	4.3	4	4.3	4.3
% Children in single-parent households [#]					13	21
Membership associations rate, per 10,000 population	35.4	33.3	30.4	31.4	31.7	13.6
Violent crime rate, per 100,000 population	227	227	166	166	166	365
Injury death rate, per 100,000 population	111	105	140	129	153	76
Physical Environment - Rank	18	6	10	13	10	N/A
Average daily density of fine particulate matter	7.5	7.5	7.1	7.1	5.1	6.7
Drinking water violations? yes/no	Yes	No	No	No	No	
% Households with severe housing problems	5	7	7	8	9	13
% Driving alone to work	77	76	76	77	75	82
% Long commute - driving alone	8	10	15	16	16	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.

[#]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.

[@]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, Ness 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	13%	14%	+
2	Unemployment	Percentage of population ages 16 and older unemployed but seeking work.	Social and Economic Environment	2.5%	3.2%	+
3	Injury deaths	Number of deaths due to injury per 100,000 population.	Social and Economic Environment	153	76	-
4	Uninsured	Percentage of population under age 65 without health insurance.	Clinical Care	14%	10%	-
5	Preventable hospital stays	Rate of hospital stays for ambulatory-care sensitive conditions per 100,000 Medicare enrollees.	Clinical Care	5863	3959	-

Health Outcomes: Drivers with the greatest impact on ranking, Ness 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	6.8%	7.2%	-
2	Poor physical health days	Average number of physically unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	4	4	-
3	Poor mental health days	Average number of mentally 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	18%	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>.