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Health Factors Rank

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Health Outcomes Rank

Population: 5,917

2021

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Kansas 2021
Number of Counties Ranked	102	103	102	104	104	104
Health Outcomes - Rank	89	87	84	82	47	N/A
Length of life - Rank	78	76	81	86	26	N/A
Premature death (years of potential life lost, per 100,000)	8551	8223	8818	9138	6974	7079
Quality of life - Rank	93	88	78	70	70	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	8.9	9.5	8.4	8.2	7.8	7.2
Health Factors - Rank	70	68	64	67	51	N/A
Health Behaviors - Rank	69	60	66	76	66	N/A
% Smokers, adults [#]					20	18
% Obese, adults age 20 and older	30	34	36	40	40	33
Food environment index, 0 (worst) to 10 (best)	4.9	5.6	5.8	5.9	5.5	6.7
% Physically inactive, adults age 20 and older	30	28	29	29	31	24
% Access to exercise opportunities	72	82	82	82	82	80
% Excessive drinking, adults [#]					18	18
% Driving deaths with alcohol-involvement	44	20	14	0	0	20
Sexually transmitted infection rate, per 100,000 population	196	147	251	472	202	489
Teen birth rate, per 1,000 females age 15-19	54	44	35	33	23	24
Clinical Care - Rank	77	89	75	88	73	N/A
% Uninsured, population under age 65	15	13	10	10	8	10
Primary care physicians rate, per 100,000 population	49	33	34	34	17	78
Dentists rate, per 100,000 population	50	50	67	68	68	60
Mental health providers rate, per 100,000 population	33	34	34	34	51	205
Preventable hospital stays rate, per 100,000 Medicare enrollees [#]			5147	7412	6145	3959
% Mammography screening, female Medicare enrollees age 65-74 [#]			31	36	33	45
% Flu vaccinations, Medicare enrollees			31	33	37	49
Social & Economic Factors - Rank	77	64	56	51	40	N/A
% High school completion, adults age 25 and older [@]					92	91
% With some college, adults age 25-44	62	74	75	73	77	70
% Unemployed, population age 16 and older	3	3.5	2.9	2.8	2.7	3.2
% Children in poverty	24	19	20	20	19	14
Income inequality ratio, 80th to 20th percentile	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.3	4.3
% Children in single-parent households [#]					24	21
Membership associations rate, per 10,000 population	24.5	26.7	26.8	21.9	22	13.6
Violent crime rate, per 100,000 population	262	262	240	240	240	365
Injury death rate, per 100,000 population	102	106	100	110	108	76
Physical Environment - Rank	17	31	43	34	25	N/A
Average daily density of fine particulate matter	6.9	6.9	6.4	6.4	5.2	6.7
Drinking water violations? yes/no	No	No	No	No	No	
% Households with severe housing problems	15	16	17	14	14	13
% Driving alone to work	79	81	84	83	81	82
% Long commute - driving alone	10	11	12	10	9	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](https://www.khi.org/county-health-rankings-and-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, Sherman County, KS - 2021

	Measure	Description	Factor Category	County Value	State Value	Impact on Rankings
1	Some college	Percentage of adults ages 25-44 with some post-secondary education.	Social and Economic Environment	77%	70%	+
2	Adult obesity	Percentage of the adult population (age 20 and older) that reports a body mass index (BMI) greater than or equal to 30 kg/m ² .	Health Behaviors	40%	33%	-
3	Uninsured	Percentage of population under age 65 without health insurance.	Clinical Care	8%	10%	+
4	Preventable hospital stays	Rate of hospital stays for ambulatory-care sensitive conditions per 100,000 Medicare enrollees.	Clinical Care	6145	3959	-
5	Children in poverty	Percentage of people under age 18 in poverty.	Social and Economic Environment	19%	14%	-

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

	Measure	Description	Factor Category	County Value	State Value	Impact on Rankings
1	Premature death	Years of potential life lost before age 75 per 100,000 population (age-adjusted).	Length of Life	6974	7079	+
2	Low birthweight	Percentage of live births with low birthweight (< 2,500 grams).	Quality of Life	7.8%	7.2%	-
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 physical health days	Average number of physically unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	4	4	+
5	Poor or fair health	Percentage of adults reporting fair or poor health (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	18%	16%	+

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>.