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Health Factors Rank

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Health Outcomes Rank

Population: 7,777

2021

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Kansas 2021
Number of Counties Ranked	102	103	102	104	104	104
Health Outcomes - Rank	6	14	7	20	49	N/A
Length of life - Rank	5	21	8	22	78	N/A
Premature death (years of potential life lost, per 100,000)	5285	6502	5891	6867	8605	7079
Quality of life - Rank	18	19	15	25	23	N/A
% Reporting poor or fair health, adults [#]					16	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	6.9	7.1	6.8	6.3	6.4	7.2
Health Factors - Rank	14	11	26	27	8	N/A
Health Behaviors - Rank	40	35	34	53	19	N/A
% Smokers, adults [#]					19	18
% Obese, adults age 20 and older	35	34	35	33	34	33
Food environment index, 0 (worst) to 10 (best)	6.9	7.6	7.7	7.6	7.6	6.7
% Physically inactive, adults age 20 and older	24	28	30	31	24	24
% Access to exercise opportunities	65	79	79	78	78	80
% Excessive drinking, adults [#]					19	18
% Driving deaths with alcohol-involvement	27	17	17	25	31	20
Sexually transmitted infection rate, per 100,000 population	315	292	240	398	244	489
Teen birth rate, per 1,000 females age 15-19	30	26	26	24	20	24
Clinical Care - Rank	36	45	57	57	53	N/A
% Uninsured, population under age 65	11	9	9	9	10	10
Primary care physicians rate, per 100,000 population	51	51	76	64	65	78
Dentists rate, per 100,000 population	51	63	51	52	51	60
Mental health providers rate, per 100,000 population	152	127	128	156	154	205
Preventable hospital stays rate, per 100,000 Medicare enrollees [#]			5950	5933	5559	3959
% Mammography screening, female Medicare enrollees age 65-74 [#]			41	47	50	45
% Flu vaccinations, Medicare enrollees			26	27	29	49
Social & Economic Factors - Rank	6	5	15	6	3	N/A
% High school completion, adults age 25 and older [@]					93	91
% With some college, adults age 25-44	77	80	77	82	77	70
% Unemployed, population age 16 and older	2.7	2.9	2.6	2.6	2.3	3.2
% Children in poverty	12	11	12	12	10	14
Income inequality ratio, 80th to 20th percentile	4.8	5	4.6	4.4	4.7	4.3
% Children in single-parent households [#]					8	21
Membership associations rate, per 10,000 population	27.9	27.8	27.9	19.3	19.5	13.6
Violent crime rate, per 100,000 population	305	305	234	234	234	365
Injury death rate, per 100,000 population	66	63	81	77	95	76
Physical Environment - Rank	29	37	39	58	47	N/A
Average daily density of fine particulate matter	7.2	7.2	6.6	6.6	5.1	6.7
Drinking water violations? yes/no	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
% Households with severe housing problems	9	7	11	13	13	13
% Driving alone to work	80	82	79	83	82	82
% Long commute - driving alone	7	11	10	8	8	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.

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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, Thomas 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	10%	14%	+
2	Unemployment	Percentage of population ages 16 and older unemployed but seeking work.	Social and Economic Environment	2.3%	3.2%	+
3	Adult smoking	Percentage of adults who are current smokers (age-adjusted).	Health Behaviors	19%	18%	+
4	Some college	Percentage of adults ages 25-44 with some post-secondary education.	Social and Economic Environment	77%	70%	+
5	Children in single-parent households	Percentage of children that live in a household headed by single parent.	Social and Economic Environment	8%	21%	+

Health Outcomes: Drivers with the greatest impact on ranking, Thomas 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	8605	7079	-
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 or fair health	Percentage of adults reporting fair or poor health (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	16%	16%	+
4	Low birthweight	Percentage of live births with low birthweight (< 2,500 grams).	Quality of Life	6.4%	7.2%	+
5	Poor mental health days	Average number of mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	4	4	+

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>.