

# Cowley County

88

Health Factors Rank

84

Health Outcomes Rank

Population: 34,496



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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.

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

# The data source or calculation of this measures has changed over time, making comparisons with similar measures in prior years unreliable so the data have been omitted.

^ Represents new measure added in 2019.

@ Represents new measure added in 2021.

α Source data have not been updated since the 2018 County Health Rankings Release.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Kansas 2022
Number of Counties Ranked	103	102	104	104	104	104
<b>Health Outcomes - Rank</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Length of life - Rank</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Premature death (years of potential life lost, per 100,000)	9354	9308	9636	9995	9278	7458
<b>Quality of life - Rank</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>N/A</b>
% Reporting poor or fair health, adults <sup>#</sup>				18	19	17
Average number of poor physical health days, adults <sup>#</sup>				4	4	4
Average number of poor mental health days, adults <sup>#</sup>				5	4	5
% Low birthweight, <2,500 grams	7.3	7.6	7.5	7.8	7.7	7.2
<b>Health Factors - Rank</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Health Behaviors - Rank</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>N/A</b>
% Smokers, adults <sup>#</sup>				22	20	17
% Obese, adults age 20 and older <sup>#</sup>					40	36
Food environment index, 0 (worst) to 10 (best)	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.8	7.2	6.7
% Physically inactive, adults age 20 and older <sup>#</sup>					34	27
% Access to exercise opportunities	76	71	70	70	59	73
% Excessive drinking, adults <sup>#</sup>				18	19	20
% Driving deaths with alcohol-involvement	26	27	26	16	16	19
Sexually transmitted infection rate, per 100,000 population	420	344	419	433	450	525
Teen birth rate, per 1,000 females age 15-19	40	37	33	29	27	22
<b>Clinical Care - Rank</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>N/A</b>
% Uninsured, population under age 65	11	11	10	10	11	11
Primary care physicians rate, per 100,000 population	53	50	51	51	46	79
Dentists rate, per 100,000 population	39	40	40	46	49	61
Mental health providers rate, per 100,000 population	120	116	133	146	159	214
Preventable hospital stays rate, per 100,000 Medicare enrollees <sup>#</sup>		3673	3662	3922	3597	3645
% Mammography screening, Medicare females age 65-74 <sup>#</sup>		36	40	40	39	46
% Flu vaccinations, Medicare enrollees <sup>α</sup>		39	41	49	50	49
<b>Social &amp; Economic Factors - Rank</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>N/A</b>
% High school completion, adults age 25 and older <sup>@</sup>				91	91	91
% With some college, adults age 25-44	61	61	60	62	62	71
% Unemployed, population age 16 and older	4.6	3.8	3.4	3.4	6.5	5.9
% Children in poverty	18	23	22	18	19	13
Income inequality ratio, 80th to 20th percentile	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.3	4.3
% Children in single-parent households <sup>#</sup>				25	26	21
Membership associations rate, per 10,000 population	17.3	17.6	16.7	16.2	16.0	13.5
Violent crime rate, per 100,000 population <sup>α</sup>	366	335	335	335	335	365
Injury death rate, per 100,000 population	89	91	91	88	84	78
<b>Physical Environment- Rank</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Average daily density of fine particulate matter	8.9	9.3	9.3	7.8	8.6	7.5
Drinking water violations?	No	No	No	No	No	
% Households with severe housing problems	13	12	12	12	11	13
% Driving alone to work	80	80	81	82	80	81
% Long commute - driving alone	22	21	22	21	22	22

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, Cowley County, KS - 2022

	Measure	Description	Factor Category	County Value	State Value	Impact on Rankings
1	Unemployment	Percentage of population ages 16 and older unemployed but seeking work.	Social and Economic Environment	6.5%	5.9%	-
2	Adult smoking	Percentage of adults who are current smokers (age-adjusted).	Health Behaviors	20%	17%	-
3	Children in poverty	Percentage of people under age 18 in poverty.	Social and Economic Environment	19%	13%	-
4	Adult obesity	Percentage of the adult population (age 18 and older) that reports a body mass index (BMI) greater than or equal to 30 kg/m2 (age-adjusted).	Health Behaviors	40%	36%	-
5	Children in single-parent households	Percentage of children that live in a household headed by a single parent.	Social and Economic Environment	26%	21%	-

#### Health Outcomes: Drivers with the greatest impact on ranking, Cowley County, KS - 2022

	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	7.7%	7.2%	-
2	Premature death	Years of potential life lost before age 75 per 100,000 population (age-adjusted).	Length of Life	9278	7458	-
3	Poor or fair health	Percentage of adults reporting fair or poor health (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	19%	17%	-
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 mental health days	Average number of mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	4	5	-

**NR:** Measure 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. Drivers are provided in order of impact on ranking for this year. For more information on the calculation of score and rankings, please visit: <http://bit.ly/CHRzscores>.*



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