

County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

Building a Culture of Health, County by County

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Allen County

ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS | Pop. 12,717

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Kansas 2017
Number of Counties Ranked	102	98	101	101	102	102
Health Outcomes- Rank	86	79	87	91	92	n/a
Length of life- Rank	86	82	85	91	96	n/a
Premature death (Years of Potential Life Lost)	8766	8766	9491	10813	10374	6757
Quality of life- Rank	80	75	76	70	67	n/a
% Reporting poor or fair health*	18	19	19	16	17	15
# Poor physical health days*	3.9	4	4	3.4	3.4	3.1
# Poor mental health days*	2.8	2.9	2.9	3.3	3.3	3.2
% Low birthweight	7.1	6.5	6.2	6	5.9	7.1
Health Factors- Rank	86	81	74	77	87	n/a
Health Behaviors- Rank	82	60	63	70	83	n/a
% Adult smokers*	19	19	19	17	19	18
% Obese adults	34	34	34	34	34	31
Food environment index		7	6.6	6.4	6.3	7.2
% Physically inactive adults	28	28	29	30	30	23
% Access to exercise opportunities		40	69	53	53	76
% Excessive drinking*	11	11	11	15	14	17
% Driving deaths with alcohol-impairment		42	50	41	11	27
Motor vehicle crash death rate	42					
Sexually transmitted infection rate	172	210	180	143	274	384
Teen birth rate	49	48	47	40	37	36
Clinical Care- Rank	57	61	47	55	58	n/a
% Uninsured	16	14	15	14	11	12
Primary care physicians rate	30	30	38	46	46	75
Dentist rate	44	53	53	46	55	55
Mental health provider rate		75	130	139	134	173
Preventable hospital stays	95	91	72	71	61	52
% Diabetes monitoring	87	87	89	87	85	86
% Mammography screening	55	52	55	47	43	63
Social & Economic Factors- Rank	86	85	85	88	91	n/a
% High school graduation*	86	91	93	90	90	86
% Population with some college	62	59	61	63	63	69
% Unemployed	7.4	6.4	5.5	5	5.2	4.2
% Children in poverty	28	28	26	25	26	17
Income inequality			4.3	4.2	4.5	4.4
% No social-emotional support	14	14				
% Children in single-parent households	25	35	35	35	30	29
Membership associations rate			15.8	14.5	16.3	13.9
Violent crime rate	359	322	294	294	218	348
Injury death rate		89	90	96	86	69
Physical Environment- Rank	67	59	14	5	44	n/a
Daily fine particulate matter*	8.3	8.2	8.2	8.2	9.1	8.5
% Exposed to unsafe drinking water	52	26	0			
Drinking water violations? yes/no				No	No	
% Severe housing problems		9	9	9	10	14
% Limited access to healthy foods	13					
% Driving alone to work		86	82	81	80	82
% Long commute - driving alone		15	13	14	14	20
Access to recreational facilities rate	0					
% Restaurants that are fast food	37					

Empty cells: Shaded = Item was not used to calculate rankings that year; White = Data unavailable. 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.

* Represent substantial changes in data sources or calculation of the measure that would affect year-to-year comparisons. 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 disease and deaths). The following tables illustrate this county's "drivers," or measures with the greatest impact on a county's ranking position.

What do these drivers mean?

The drivers indicate the measures with the greatest impact on a county's 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 county's rankings.

Health Factors: Drivers with greatest impact on ranking, Allen County, KS – 2017

	Measure	Description	Factor Category	County Value	State Value	Impact on Ranking
1	Children in poverty	Percentage of children under age 18 in poverty	Social and Economic Environment	26%	17%	—
2	Unemployment	Percentage of population ages 16 and older unemployed but seeking work	Social and Economic Environment	5.2%	4.2%	—
3	Adult smoking	Percentage of adults who are current smokers	Health Behaviors	19%	18%	—
4	Mammography screening	Percentage of female Medicare enrollees ages 67-69 that receive mammography screening	Clinical Care	43%	63%	—
5	Adult obesity	Percentage of adults that report a BMI of 30 or more	Health Behaviors	34%	31%	—

Health Outcomes: Drivers with greatest impact on ranking, Allen County, KS – 2017

	Measure	Description	Factor Category	County Value	State Value	Impact on Ranking
1	Premature death	Years of potential life lost before age 75 per 100,000 population (age-adjusted)	Length of Life	10374	6757	—
2	Low birthweight	Percentage of live births with low birthweight (< 2500 grams)	Quality of Life	5.9%	7.1%	+
3	Poor or fair health	Percentage of adults reporting fair or poor health (age-adjusted)	Quality of Life	17%	15%	—
4	Poor mental health days	Average number of mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted)	Quality of Life	3.3	3.2	—
5	Poor physical health days	Average number of physically unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted)	Quality of Life	3.4	3.1	—

NR: Measure (e.g., premature death) was not ranked this year.

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 counties' 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>.