

County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

Building a Culture of Health, County by County

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Ellsworth County

ELLSWORTH COUNTY, KANSAS | Pop. 6,343

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Kansas 2017
Number of Counties Ranked	102	98	101	101	102	102
Health Outcomes- Rank	23	18	24	16	14	n/a
Length of life- Rank	25	25	25	19	13	n/a
Premature death (Years of Potential Life Lost)	6519	6519	6636	6210	5978	6757
Quality of life- Rank	32	18	35	18	22	n/a
% Reporting poor or fair health*				13	13	15
# Poor physical health days*	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.1	2.9	3.1
# Poor mental health days*	2.6	2.1	2.1	2.8	2.9	3.2
% Low birthweight	5.7	5.3	6	5.8	7.1	7.1
Health Factors- Rank	39	16	22	43	49	n/a
Health Behaviors- Rank	24	17	17	60	31	n/a
% Adult smokers*	11	12	12	17	16	18
% Obese adults	35	34	34	33	33	31
Food environment index		8	7.6	7.4	7.2	7.2
% Physically inactive adults	26	28	30	33	30	23
% Access to exercise opportunities		33	63	53	53	76
% Excessive drinking*	13	14	14	17	16	17
% Driving deaths with alcohol-impairment		42	29	25	22	27
Motor vehicle crash death rate						
Sexually transmitted infection rate	62	77		216	172	384
Teen birth rate	20	23	22	17	16	36
Clinical Care- Rank	77	49	58	49	82	n/a
% Uninsured	15	14	13	12	10	12
Primary care physicians rate	46	46	46	47	47	75
Dentist rate	27	31	31	31	32	55
Mental health provider rate		15	31	47	32	173
Preventable hospital stays	121	110	113	81	104	52
% Diabetes monitoring	84	91	87	80	77	86
% Mammography screening	56	61	61	61	58	63
Social & Economic Factors- Rank	46	22	26	29	44	n/a
% High school graduation*	79					86
% Population with some college	47	48	50	54	54	69
% Unemployed	3.9	3.3	3.3	3	3.7	4.2
% Children in poverty	15	15	14	14	13	17
Income inequality			3.4	3.9	3.9	4.4
% No social-emotional support	10	10				
% Children in single-parent households	30	25	26	32	28	29
Membership associations rate			27.7	28.1	29.7	13.9
Violent crime rate	216	219	210	210	154	348
Injury death rate		65	68	68	93	69
Physical Environment- Rank	38	18	33	47	37	n/a
Daily fine particulate matter*	10	11	11	11	8.3	8.5
% Exposed to unsafe drinking water	0	0	17			
Drinking water violations? yes/no				Yes	Yes	
% Severe housing problems		8	5	5	5	14
% Limited access to healthy foods	11					
% Driving alone to work		77	79	78	77	82
% Long commute - driving alone		17	19	17	17	20
Access to recreational facilities rate	0					
% Restaurants that are fast food	25					

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, Ellsworth 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	13%	17%	+
2	Preventable hospital stays	Number of hospital stays for ambulatory-care sensitive conditions per 1,000 Medicare enrollees	Clinical Care	104	52	-
3	Adult smoking	Percentage of adults who are current smokers	Health Behaviors	16%	18%	+
4	Some college	Percentage of adults ages 25-44 years with some post-secondary education	Social and Economic Environment	53%	69%	-
5	Uninsured	Percentage of population under age 65 without health insurance	Clinical Care	10%	12%	+

Health Outcomes: Drivers with greatest impact on ranking, Ellsworth 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	5978	6757	+
2	Poor mental health days	Average number of mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted)	Quality of Life	2.9	3.2	+
3	Poor physical health days	Average number of physically unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted)	Quality of Life	2.9	3.1	+
4	Poor or fair health	Percentage of adults reporting fair or poor health (age-adjusted)	Quality of Life	13%	15%	+
5	Low birthweight	Percentage of live births with low birthweight (< 2500 grams)	Quality of Life	7.1%	7.1%	-

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/CHRRscores>.