

County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

Building a Culture of Health, County by County

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2017

Ford County

FORD COUNTY, KANSAS | Pop. 34,536

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Kansas 2017
Number of Counties Ranked	102	98	101	101	102	102
Health Outcomes- Rank	26	34	31	68	63	n/a
Length of life- Rank	31	31	30	31	25	n/a
Premature death (Years of Potential Life Lost)	6769	6769	6739	6935	6713	6757
Quality of life- Rank	29	39	46	92	90	n/a
% Reporting poor or fair health*	16	16	16	20	23	15
# Poor physical health days*	2.5	2.6	2.6	3.7	3.6	3.1
# Poor mental health days*	2	2.2	2.2	3.2	3.2	3.2
% Low birthweight	6.3	6.5	6.6	6.7	6.8	7.1
Health Factors- Rank	75	84	86	89	81	n/a
Health Behaviors- Rank	60	71	65	85	70	n/a
% Adult smokers*	15	17	17	19	18	18
% Obese adults	33	34	33	33	31	31
Food environment index		7.4	7.4	7.9	7.9	7.2
% Physically inactive adults	29	29	30	31	30	23
% Access to exercise opportunities		32	83	83	83	76
% Excessive drinking*	12	15	15	16	15	17
% Driving deaths with alcohol-impairment		38	36	35	22	27
Motor vehicle crash death rate	24					
Sexually transmitted infection rate	381	341	386	285	365	384
Teen birth rate	75	74	75	72	70	36
Clinical Care- Rank	59	84	95	87	93	n/a
% Uninsured	22	22	22	21	18	12
Primary care physicians rate	65	58	49	40	46	75
Dentist rate	37	40	43	46	52	55
Mental health provider rate		49	83	86	87	173
Preventable hospital stays	82	78	78	57	68	52
% Diabetes monitoring	88	84	84	83	82	86
% Mammography screening	68	60	54	58	57	63
Social & Economic Factors- Rank	77	72	68	78	78	n/a
% High school graduation*	84	82	84	89	84	86
% Population with some college	38	42	42	42	43	69
% Unemployed	4	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.4	4.2
% Children in poverty	20	22	19	22	19	17
Income inequality			3.4	3.5	3.8	4.4
% No social-emotional support	23	23				
% Children in single-parent households	24	25	24	33	33	29
Membership associations rate			10.1	10.3	9.8	13.9
Violent crime rate	499	459	410	410	348	348
Injury death rate		53	69	72	74	69
Physical Environment- Rank	49	90	100	100	65	n/a
Daily fine particulate matter*	10.7	11.9	11.9	11.9	7.8	8.5
% Exposed to unsafe drinking water	0	0	46			
Drinking water violations? yes/no				Yes	Yes	
% Severe housing problems		17	17	16	14	14
% Limited access to healthy foods	14					
% Driving alone to work		81	83	80	80	82
% Long commute - driving alone		10	10	11	10	20
Access to recreational facilities rate	12					
% Restaurants that are fast food	33					

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, Ford County, KS – 2017

	Measure	Description	Factor Category	County Value	State Value	Impact on Ranking
1	Some college	Percentage of adults ages 25-44 years with some post-secondary education	Social and Economic Environment	43%	69%	—
2	Uninsured	Percentage of population under age 65 without health insurance	Clinical Care	18%	12%	—
3	Teen births	Teen birth rate per 1,000 female population, ages 15-19	Health Behaviors	70	36	—
4	Adult smoking	Percentage of adults who are current smokers	Health Behaviors	18%	18%	—
5	Unemployment	Percentage of population ages 16 and older unemployed but seeking work	Social and Economic Environment	3.4%	4.2%	+

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

	Measure	Description	Factor Category	County Value	State Value	Impact on Ranking
1	Poor or fair health	Percentage of adults reporting fair or poor health (age-adjusted)	Quality of Life	23%	15%	—
2	Premature death	Years of potential life lost before age 75 per 100,000 population (age-adjusted)	Length of Life	6713	6757	+
3	Poor physical health days	Average number of physically unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted)	Quality of Life	3.6	3.1	—
4	Poor mental health days	Average number of mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted)	Quality of Life	3.2	3.2	—
5	Low birthweight	Percentage of live births with low birthweight (< 2500 grams)	Quality of Life	6.8%	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/CHRzscores>.