

County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

Building a Culture of Health, County by County

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Ness County

NESS COUNTY, KANSAS | Pop. 3,005

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Kansas 2017
Number of Counties Ranked	102	98	101	101	102	102
Health Outcomes- Rank	60	63	16	43	40	n/a
Length of life- Rank	64	60	15	47	48	n/a
Premature death (Years of Potential Life Lost)	7688	7688	6216			6757
Quality of life- Rank	52	65	30	39	35	n/a
% Reporting poor or fair health*	15	16	16	14	15	15
# Poor physical health days*	3.3	3.7	3.7	3.2	3.2	3.1
# Poor mental health days*	2.3	2.7	2.7	3	3.2	3.2
% Low birthweight			4.6	5.9	5.6	7.1
Health Factors- Rank	27	37	41	31	29	n/a
Health Behaviors- Rank	32	72	78	14	19	n/a
% Adult smokers*		25	25	16	16	18
% Obese adults	28	29	30	31	31	31
Food environment index		8.8	8.4	8	8.1	7.2
% Physically inactive adults	28	29	29	27	27	23
% Access to exercise opportunities		23	71	49	49	76
% Excessive drinking*				14	14	17
% Driving deaths with alcohol-impairment		60	63	40	33	27
Motor vehicle crash death rate	55					
Sexually transmitted infection rate	129			130		384
Teen birth rate	37	34	36	32	32	36
Clinical Care- Rank	36	22	29	61	57	n/a
% Uninsured	18	16	16	16	13	12
Primary care physicians rate	96	96	98	65	64	75
Dentist rate	0	0	0	0	0	55
Mental health provider rate						173
Preventable hospital stays	78	69	81	66	75	52
% Diabetes monitoring	88	89	90	81	81	86
% Mammography screening	78	74	71	61	77	63
Social & Economic Factors- Rank	30	39	44	39	43	n/a
% High school graduation*	95					86
% Population with some college	50	50	51	55	59	69
% Unemployed	3	2.8	2.8	2.7	3.3	4.2
% Children in poverty	18	14	15	14	14	17
Income inequality			3.9	3.8	4.2	4.4
% No social-emotional support	18	18				
% Children in single-parent households	24	27	44	33	36	29
Membership associations rate			29.3	29.3	35.4	13.9
Violent crime rate	168	186	149	149	227	348
Injury death rate		147	123	149	111	69
Physical Environment- Rank	63	7	9	46	18	n/a
Daily fine particulate matter*	10.6	12.4	12.4	12.4	7.5	8.5
% Exposed to unsafe drinking water	0	0	5			
Drinking water violations? yes/no				Yes	Yes	
% Severe housing problems		5	4	5	5	14
% Limited access to healthy foods	6					
% Driving alone to work		75	75	76	77	82
% Long commute - driving alone		10	9	10	8	20
Access to recreational facilities rate	0					
% 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, Ness County, KS — 2017

	Measure	Description	Factor Category	County Value	State Value	Impact on Ranking
1	Unemployment	Percentage of population ages 16 and older unemployed but seeking work	Social and Economic Environment	3.3%	4.2%	+
2	Children in poverty	Percentage of children under age 18 in poverty	Social and Economic Environment	14%	17%	+
3	Adult smoking	Percentage of adults who are current smokers	Health Behaviors	16%	18%	+
4	Mammography screening	Percentage of female Medicare enrollees ages 67-69 that receive mammography screening	Clinical Care	77%	63%	+
5	Children in single-parent households	Percentage of children that live in a household headed by single parent	Social and Economic Environment	36%	29%	-

Health Outcomes: Drivers with greatest impact on ranking, Ness County, KS — 2017

	Measure	Description	Factor Category	County Value	State Value	Impact on Ranking
1	Low birthweight	Percentage of live births with low birthweight (< 2500 grams)	Quality of Life	5.6%	7.1%	+
2	Poor mental health days	Average number of mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted)	Quality of Life	3.2	3.2	-
3	Poor physical health days	Average number of physically unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted)	Quality of Life	3.2	3.1	+
4	Poor or fair health	Percentage of adults reporting fair or poor health (age-adjusted)	Quality of Life	15%	15%	+
5	Premature death	Years of potential life lost before age 75 per 100,000 population (age-adjusted)	Length of Life		6757	NR

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>.