

# County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

Building a Culture of Health, County by County

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# 2017

Seward County

SEWARD COUNTY, KANSAS | Pop. 23,152

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Kansas 2017
Number of Counties Ranked	102	98	101	101	102	102
<b>Health Outcomes- Rank</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Length of life- Rank</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>n/a</b>
Premature death (Years of Potential Life Lost)	7900	7900	6163	5704	7046	6757
<b>Quality of life- Rank</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>n/a</b>
% Reporting poor or fair health*	21	19	19	23	24	15
# Poor physical health days*	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.7	3.6	3.1
# Poor mental health days*	2.1	2.3	2.3	3.1	3.2	3.2
% Low birthweight	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.8	6.2	7.1
<b>Health Factors- Rank</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Health Behaviors- Rank</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>n/a</b>
% Adult smokers*	11	11	11	18	19	18
% Obese adults	36	34	33	35	39	31
Food environment index		6.4	6.5	7	7.2	7.2
% Physically inactive adults	29	29	28	27	26	23
% Access to exercise opportunities		76	85	58	58	76
% Excessive drinking*	10	11	11	16	15	17
% Driving deaths with alcohol-impairment		57	43	32	25	27
Motor vehicle crash death rate	30					
Sexually transmitted infection rate	322	454	437	420	398	384
Teen birth rate	94	95	92	88	83	36
<b>Clinical Care- Rank</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>n/a</b>
% Uninsured	25	24	23	24	20	12
Primary care physicians rate	56	51	38	43	47	75
Dentist rate	26	25	30	30	30	55
Mental health provider rate		59	73	72	60	173
Preventable hospital stays	78	76	71	65	58	52
% Diabetes monitoring	77	85	82	74	83	86
% Mammography screening	60	51	39	42	42	63
<b>Social &amp; Economic Factors- Rank</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>n/a</b>
% High school graduation*	78	89	89	88	88	86
% Population with some college	34	35	37	38	38	69
% Unemployed	4.6	4	4.1	3.5	4.4	4.2
% Children in poverty	22	23	25	22	18	17
Income inequality			3.5	3.5	3.7	4.4
% No social-emotional support	21	21				
% Children in single-parent households	30	36	35	38	41	29
Membership associations rate			12.7	12	11.9	13.9
Violent crime rate	465	417	373	373	340	348
Injury death rate		59	65	63	60	69
<b>Physical Environment- Rank</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>n/a</b>
Daily fine particulate matter*	10.7	12	12	12	7.5	8.5
% Exposed to unsafe drinking water	0	0	0			
Drinking water violations? yes/no				No	No	
% Severe housing problems		18	18	16	15	14
% Limited access to healthy foods	22					
% Driving alone to work		72	72	70	68	82
% Long commute - driving alone		10	9	9	10	20
Access to recreational facilities rate	4					
% Restaurants that are fast food	48					

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, Seward 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	38%	69%	—
2	Uninsured	Percentage of population under age 65 without health insurance	Clinical Care	20%	12%	—
3	Adult obesity	Percentage of adults that report a BMI of 30 or more	Health Behaviors	39%	31%	—
4	Adult smoking	Percentage of adults who are current smokers	Health Behaviors	19%	18%	—
5	Teen births	Teen birth rate per 1,000 female population, ages 15-19	Health Behaviors	83	36	—

**Health Outcomes: Drivers with greatest impact on ranking, Seward 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	24%	15%	—
2	Premature death	Years of potential life lost before age 75 per 100,000 population (age-adjusted)	Length of Life	7046	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	Low birthweight	Percentage of live births with low birthweight (< 2500 grams)	Quality of Life	6.2%	7.1%	+
5	Poor mental health days	Average number of mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted)	Quality of Life	3.2	3.2	—

**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>.