

# County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

Building a Culture of Health, County by County

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# 2018

Ellis County

ELLIS COUNTY, KANSAS | Pop. 28,893

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Kansas 2018
Number of Counties Ranked	98	101	101	102	103	103
<b>Health Outcomes- Rank</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Length of life- Rank</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>n/a</b>
Premature death (Years of Potential Life Lost)	5569	5690	5903	5517	6145	6782
<b>Quality of life- Rank</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>n/a</b>
% Reporting poor or fair health*	9	9	13	13	13	15
# Poor physical health days*	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.1
# Poor mental health days*	2	2	3	3	3.1	3.3
% Low birthweight	6.8	6.1	6	6.1	6	7
<b>Health Factors- Rank</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Health Behaviors- Rank</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>n/a</b>
% Adult smokers*	15	15	20	16	16	17
% Obese adults	29	30	29	32	32	32
Food environment index	8	7.6	7.4	7.3	7.6	7
% Physically inactive adults	26	26	26	22	24	25
% Access to exercise opportunities	74	72	70	70	83	81
% Excessive drinking*	19	19	19	17	19	17
% Driving deaths with alcohol-impairment	39	45	54	50	40	25
Sexually transmitted infection rate	543	375	499	447	565	395
Teen birth rate	24	24	25	25	21	30
<b>Clinical Care- Rank</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>n/a</b>
% Uninsured	13	13	12	11	9	10
Primary care physicians rate	77	59	65	65	62	76
Dentist rate	76	79	86	96	97	57
Mental health provider rate	172	258	272	265	263	180
Preventable hospital stays	72	73	60	57	57	51
% Diabetes monitoring	80	77	77	78	78	86
% Mammography screening	75	75	73	74	74	63
<b>Social &amp; Economic Factors- Rank</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>n/a</b>
% High school graduation	89	86	91	87	87	86
% Population with some college	74	75	75	78	78	69
% Unemployed	3.1	2.8	2.7	3	3.2	4.2
% Children in poverty	14	14	12	12	12	14
Income inequality		4.7	4.6	4.5	4.8	4.4
% No social-emotional support	15					
% Children in single-parent households	23	24	30	32	34	29
Membership associations rate		12.7	13.1	13.1	12.7	13.7
Violent crime rate	279	334	334	335	335	348
Injury death rate	59	62	69	63	65	70
<b>Physical Environment- Rank</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>n/a</b>
Daily fine particulate matter*	12.3	12.3	12.3	7.9	7.9	8.5
% Exposed to unsafe drinking water	0	0				
Drinking water violations? yes/no			No	No	Yes	
% Severe housing problems	12	11	13	14	15	14
% Driving alone to work	82	84	85	85	85	82
% Long commute - driving alone	6	7	7	7	6	20

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, Ellis County, KS – 2018**

	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	3.2%	4.2%	+
2	Children in poverty	Percentage of children under age 18 in poverty	Social and Economic Environment	12%	14%	+
3	Some college	Percentage of adults ages 25-44 with some post-secondary education	Social and Economic Environment	78%	69%	+
4	Excessive drinking	Percentage of adults reporting binge or heavy drinking	Health Behaviors	19%	17%	-
5	Sexually transmitted infections	Number of newly diagnosed chlamydia cases per 100,000 population	Health Behaviors	565	395	-

**Health Outcomes: Drivers with greatest impact on ranking, Ellis County, KS – 2018**

	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	6145	6782	+
2	Low birthweight	Percentage of live births with low birthweight (< 2500 grams)	Quality of Life	6%	7%	+
3	Poor or fair health	Percentage of adults reporting fair or poor health (age-adjusted)	Quality of Life	13%	15%	+
4	Poor mental health days	Average number of mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted)	Quality of Life	3.1	3.3	+
5	Poor physical health days	Average number of physically unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted)	Quality of Life	3.2	3.1	+

**NR:** Measure (e.g., premature death) could not be reported for this county.

**+ 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>.