

County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

Building a Culture of Health, County by County

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Ford County

FORD COUNTY, KANSAS | Pop. 33,971

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Kansas 2018
Number of Counties Ranked	98	101	101	102	103	103
Health Outcomes- Rank	34	31	68	63	60	n/a
Length of life- Rank	31	30	31	25	25	n/a
Premature death (Years of Potential Life Lost)	6769	6739	6935	6713	6823	6782
Quality of life- Rank	39	46	92	90	91	n/a
% Reporting poor or fair health*	16	16	20	23	22	15
# Poor physical health days*	2.6	2.6	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.1
# Poor mental health days*	2.2	2.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.3
% Low birthweight	6.5	6.6	6.7	6.8	6.9	7
Health Factors- Rank	84	86	89	81	82	n/a
Health Behaviors- Rank	71	65	85	70	72	n/a
% Adult smokers*	17	17	19	18	17	17
% Obese adults	34	33	33	31	32	32
Food environment index	7.4	7.4	7.9	7.9	9	7
% Physically inactive adults	29	30	31	30	29	25
% Access to exercise opportunities	32	83	83	83	82	81
% Excessive drinking*	15	15	16	15	15	17
% Driving deaths with alcohol-impairment	38	36	35	22	18	25
Sexually transmitted infection rate	341	386	285	365	454	395
Teen birth rate	74	75	72	70	59	30
Clinical Care- Rank	84	95	87	93	94	n/a
% Uninsured	22	22	21	18	19	10
Primary care physicians rate	58	49	40	46	49	76
Dentist rate	40	43	46	52	59	57
Mental health provider rate	49	83	86	87	88	180
Preventable hospital stays	78	78	57	68	59	51
% Diabetes monitoring	84	84	83	82	82	86
% Mammography screening	60	54	58	57	57	63
Social & Economic Factors- Rank	72	68	78	78	72	n/a
% High school graduation	82	84	89	84	84	86
% Population with some college	42	42	42	43	46	69
% Unemployed	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.4	3.3	4.2
% Children in poverty	22	19	22	19	16	14
Income inequality		3.4	3.5	3.8	3.8	4.4
% No social-emotional support	23					
% Children in single-parent households	25	24	33	33	34	29
Membership associations rate		10.1	10.3	9.8	9.3	13.7
Violent crime rate	459	410	410	348	348	348
Injury death rate	53	69	72	74	73	70
Physical Environment- Rank	90	100	100	65	55	n/a
Daily fine particulate matter*	11.9	11.9	11.9	7.8	7.8	8.5
% Exposed to unsafe drinking water	0	46				
Drinking water violations? yes/no			Yes	Yes	Yes	
% Severe housing problems	17	17	16	14	14	14
% Driving alone to work	81	83	80	80	76	82
% Long commute - driving alone	10	10	11	10	10	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, Ford County, KS – 2018

	Measure	Description	Factor Category	County Value	State Value	Impact on Ranking
1	Uninsured	Percentage of population under age 65 without health insurance	Clinical Care	19%	10%	—
2	Some college	Percentage of adults ages 25-44 with some post-secondary education	Social and Economic Environment	46%	69%	—
3	Unemployment	Percentage of population ages 16 and older unemployed but seeking work	Social and Economic Environment	3.3%	4.2%	+
4	Teen births	Number of births per 1,000 female population ages 15-19	Health Behaviors	59	30	—
5	Adult smoking	Percentage of adults who are current smokers	Health Behaviors	17%	17%	—

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

	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	22%	15%	—
2	Premature death	Years of potential life lost before age 75 per 100,000 population (age-adjusted)	Length of Life	6823	6782	+
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	3.3	+
5	Low birthweight	Percentage of live births with low birthweight (< 2500 grams)	Quality of Life	6.9%	7%	—

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>.