

County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

Building a Culture of Health, County by County

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Kearny County

KEARNY COUNTY, KANSAS | Pop. 3,917

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Kansas 2018
Number of Counties Ranked	98	101	101	102	103	103
Health Outcomes- Rank	27	81	83	33	33	n/a
Length of life- Rank	51	94	99	69	19	n/a
Premature death (Years of Potential Life Lost)		11211	11466	7800	6497	6782
Quality of life- Rank	10	14	24	21	63	n/a
% Reporting poor or fair health*			15	17	16	15
# Poor physical health days*	2.5	2.5	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.1
# Poor mental health days*	2.3	2.3	2.9	3	3.3	3.3
% Low birthweight	5.3	5.2	5	4.7	6.7	7
Health Factors- Rank	66	65	57	37	66	n/a
Health Behaviors- Rank	34	34	42	17	36	n/a
% Adult smokers*	18	18	17	16	16	17
% Obese adults	33	31	30	29	31	32
Food environment index	8.9	8.7	8.9	8.9	6.6	7
% Physically inactive adults	26	28	27	26	25	25
% Access to exercise opportunities	50	84	84	84	87	81
% Excessive drinking*			17	15	16	17
% Driving deaths with alcohol-impairment	25	22	33	17	11	25
Sexually transmitted infection rate	201	302	403	229	434	395
Teen birth rate	65	63	54	51	40	30
Clinical Care- Rank	77	92	63	64	99	n/a
% Uninsured	22	20	20	17	16	10
Primary care physicians rate	75	101	102	102	76	76
Dentist rate	25	25	26	25	26	57
Mental health provider rate	25	25	26	51	51	180
Preventable hospital stays		97	38	63	125	51
% Diabetes monitoring	88	80	85	86	86	86
% Mammography screening	61	57	48	63	63	63
Social & Economic Factors- Rank	63	57	52	48	68	n/a
% High school graduation						86
% Population with some college	45	52	61	56	50	69
% Unemployed	3.8	3.6	3	3.2	3.3	4.2
% Children in poverty	19	19	19	17	17	14
Income inequality		3	3.7	3.6	3.7	4.4
% No social-emotional support	19					
% Children in single-parent households	31	26	30	25	27	29
Membership associations rate		17.6	17.8	17.9	17.7	13.7
Violent crime rate		299	299	295	295	348
Injury death rate		106	96	111	122	70
Physical Environment- Rank	97	99	81	23	11	n/a
Daily fine particulate matter*	12.8	12.8	12.8	7.4	7.4	8.5
% Exposed to unsafe drinking water	38	38				
Drinking water violations? yes/no			Yes	Yes	No	
% Severe housing problems	14	9	8	6	7	14
% Driving alone to work	84	82	75	76	76	82
% Long commute - driving alone	25	28	27	23	22	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, Kearny County, KS – 2018

	Measure	Description	Factor Category	County Value	State Value	Impact on Ranking
1	Preventable hospital stays	Number of hospital stays for ambulatory-care sensitive conditions per 1,000 Medicare enrollees	Clinical Care	125	51	—
2	Some college	Percentage of adults ages 25-44 with some post-secondary education	Social and Economic Environment	50%	69%	—
3	Unemployment	Percentage of population ages 16 and older unemployed but seeking work	Social and Economic Environment	3.3%	4.2%	+
4	Uninsured	Percentage of population under age 65 without health insurance	Clinical Care	16%	10%	—
5	Adult obesity	Percentage of adults that report a BMI of 30 or more	Health Behaviors	31%	32%	+

Health Outcomes: Drivers with greatest impact on ranking, Kearny 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	6497	6782	+
2	Poor or fair health	Percentage of adults reporting fair or poor health (age-adjusted)	Quality of Life	16%	15%	—
3	Low birthweight	Percentage of live births with low birthweight (< 2500 grams)	Quality of Life	6.7%	7%	+
4	Poor mental health days	Average number of mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted)	Quality of Life	3.3	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>.