

# County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

Building a Culture of Health, County by County

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# 2018

Meade County

MEADE COUNTY, KANSAS | Pop. 4,216

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Kansas 2018
Number of Counties Ranked	98	101	101	102	103	103
<b>Health Outcomes- Rank</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Length of life- Rank</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>n/a</b>
Premature death (Years of Potential Life Lost)	6147	6673	6426	6089	6178	6782
<b>Quality of life- Rank</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>n/a</b>
% Reporting poor or fair health*	11	11	13	15	14	15
# Poor physical health days*			3	3	3.2	3.1
# Poor mental health days*	3.2	3.2	2.9	3	3.1	3.3
% Low birthweight	5.5	4.8	5	5	6.7	7
<b>Health Factors- Rank</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Health Behaviors- Rank</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>n/a</b>
% Adult smokers*	22	22	15	15	15	17
% Obese adults	31	29	26	27	30	32
Food environment index	7.1	6.7	6.7	6.6	7.2	7
% Physically inactive adults	27	29	26	25	25	25
% Access to exercise opportunities	25	41	41	41	40	81
% Excessive drinking*			16	15	15	17
% Driving deaths with alcohol-impairment	50	43	40	50	56	25
Sexually transmitted infection rate	155	91		92	184	395
Teen birth rate	43	36	39	38	32	30
<b>Clinical Care- Rank</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>n/a</b>
% Uninsured	18	17	17	15	13	10
Primary care physicians rate	22	23	23	23	46	76
Dentist rate	23	23	23	23	24	57
Mental health provider rate						180
Preventable hospital stays	125	96	127	65	51	51
% Diabetes monitoring	81	86	85	77	77	86
% Mammography screening	51	43	61	57	57	63
<b>Social &amp; Economic Factors- Rank</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>n/a</b>
% High school graduation						86
% Population with some college	57	54	58	55	57	69
% Unemployed	3.3	3.4	2.6	3	2.9	4.2
% Children in poverty	14	14	16	12	14	14
Income inequality		3.1	3.4	3.6	3.9	4.4
% No social-emotional support	15					
% Children in single-parent households	20	21	27	27	30	29
Membership associations rate		38.7	36.8	34.4	34.6	13.7
Violent crime rate	393	581	581	769	769	348
Injury death rate		58	63	77	92	70
<b>Physical Environment- Rank</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>n/a</b>
Daily fine particulate matter*	11.8	11.8	11.8	7.4	7.4	8.5
% Exposed to unsafe drinking water	0	0				
Drinking water violations? yes/no			No	No	No	
% Severe housing problems	9	9	7	8	9	14
% Driving alone to work	78	79	78	75	73	82
% Long commute - driving alone	18	16	14	15	17	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, Meade 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	2.9%	4.2%	+
2	Violent crime	Number of reported violent crime offenses per 100,000 population	Social and Economic Environment	769	348	-
3	Adult obesity	Percentage of adults that report a BMI of 30 or more	Health Behaviors	30%	32%	+
4	Adult smoking	Percentage of adults who are current smokers	Health Behaviors	15%	17%	+
5	Children in poverty	Percentage of children under age 18 in poverty	Social and Economic Environment	14%	14%	+

**Health Outcomes: Drivers with greatest impact on ranking, Meade 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	6178	6782	+
2	Poor mental health days	Average number of mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted)	Quality of Life	3.1	3.3	+
3	Poor or fair health	Percentage of adults reporting fair or poor health (age-adjusted)	Quality of Life	14%	15%	+
4	Poor physical health days	Average number of physically unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted)	Quality of Life	3.2	3.1	-
5	Low birthweight	Percentage of live births with low birthweight (< 2500 grams)	Quality of Life	6.7%	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>.