

County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

Building a Culture of Health, County by County

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Morton County

MORTON COUNTY, KANSAS | Pop. 2,848

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Kansas 2018
Number of Counties Ranked	98	101	101	102	103	103
Health Outcomes- Rank	65	59	89	90	102	n/a
Length of life- Rank	51	36	80	86	103	n/a
Premature death (Years of Potential Life Lost)		7047	9207	9553	13504	6782
Quality of life- Rank	73	85	90	81	71	n/a
% Reporting poor or fair health*			16	17	16	15
# Poor physical health days*			3.3	3.2	3.1	3.1
# Poor mental health days*			3	3.1	3.2	3.3
% Low birthweight	8.1	9.3	9.7	8.3	7.8	7
Health Factors- Rank	69	78	55	66	58	n/a
Health Behaviors- Rank	96	93	31	34	6	n/a
% Adult smokers*	27	27	17	16	15	17
% Obese adults	34	33	31	32	31	32
Food environment index	8.6	8.1	8	7.9	8.2	7
% Physically inactive adults	32	31	33	30	32	25
% Access to exercise opportunities	90	92	86	86	93	81
% Excessive drinking*			15	14	15	17
% Driving deaths with alcohol-impairment	33	29	14	14	0	25
Sexually transmitted infection rate	407	221	252	191	161	395
Teen birth rate	63	61	55	49	37	30
Clinical Care- Rank	75	79	68	98	96	n/a
% Uninsured	17	17	18	14	14	10
Primary care physicians rate	63	95	95	64	100	76
Dentist rate	32	32	32	33	35	57
Mental health provider rate	63	64	64	33	35	180
Preventable hospital stays		117	73	101	91	51
% Diabetes monitoring	79	84	81	80	80	86
% Mammography screening				38	38	63
Social & Economic Factors- Rank	40	62	59	80	87	n/a
% High school graduation		68	71	75	75	86
% Population with some college	70	64	66	58	50	69
% Unemployed	3.9	4.1	4	4.4	4.1	4.2
% Children in poverty	19	18	16	15	18	14
Income inequality		3.4	3.6	3.4	3.8	4.4
% No social-emotional support						
% Children in single-parent households	26	33	33	36	34	29
Membership associations rate		34.7	35	32.2	36.6	13.7
Violent crime rate	425	335	335	267	267	348
Injury death rate		81	100	186	196	70
Physical Environment- Rank	33	32	31	3	3	n/a
Daily fine particulate matter*	12.4	12.4	12.4	6.8	6.8	8.5
% Exposed to unsafe drinking water	0	0				
Drinking water violations? yes/no			No	No	No	
% Severe housing problems	4	7	9	7	9	14
% Driving alone to work	83	80	78	75	68	82
% Long commute - driving alone	7	7	11	17	23	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, Morton County, KS – 2018

	Measure	Description	Factor Category	County Value	State Value	Impact on Ranking
1	Adult smoking	Percentage of adults who are current smokers	Health Behaviors	15%	17%	+
2	Some college	Percentage of adults ages 25-44 with some post-secondary education	Social and Economic Environment	50%	69%	-
3	Injury deaths	Number of deaths due to injury per 100,000 population	Social and Economic Environment	196	70	-
4	High school graduation	Percentage of ninth-grade cohort that graduates in four years	Social and Economic Environment	75%	86%	-
5	Mammography screening	Percentage of female Medicare enrollees ages 67-69 that receive mammography screening	Clinical Care	38%	63%	-

Health Outcomes: Drivers with greatest impact on ranking, Morton 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	13504	6782	-
2	Low birthweight	Percentage of live births with low birthweight (< 2500 grams)	Quality of Life	7.8%	7%	-
3	Poor or fair health	Percentage of adults reporting fair or poor health (age-adjusted)	Quality of Life	16%	15%	-
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	Poor physical health days	Average number of physically unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted)	Quality of Life	3.1	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>.