

# County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

Building a Culture of Health, County by County

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# 2018

Ness County

NESS COUNTY, KANSAS | Pop. 2,962

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Kansas 2018
Number of Counties Ranked	98	101	101	102	103	103
<b>Health Outcomes- Rank</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Length of life- Rank</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>n/a</b>
Premature death (Years of Potential Life Lost)	7688	6216			9145	6782
<b>Quality of life- Rank</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>n/a</b>
% Reporting poor or fair health*	16	16	14	15	15	15
# Poor physical health days*	3.7	3.7	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.1
# Poor mental health days*	2.7	2.7	3	3.2	3.4	3.3
% Low birthweight		4.6	5.9	5.6	5.2	7
<b>Health Factors- Rank</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Health Behaviors- Rank</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>n/a</b>
% Adult smokers*	25	25	16	16	15	17
% Obese adults	29	30	31	31	34	32
Food environment index	8.8	8.4	8	8.1	7.8	7
% Physically inactive adults	29	29	27	27	29	25
% Access to exercise opportunities	23	71	49	49	21	81
% Excessive drinking*			14	14	14	17
% Driving deaths with alcohol-impairment	60	63	40	33	33	25
Sexually transmitted infection rate			130			395
Teen birth rate	34	36	32	32	34	30
<b>Clinical Care- Rank</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>n/a</b>
% Uninsured	16	16	16	13	13	10
Primary care physicians rate	96	98	65	64	67	76
Dentist rate	0	0	0	0	0	57
Mental health provider rate						180
Preventable hospital stays	69	81	66	75	93	51
% Diabetes monitoring	89	90	81	81	81	86
% Mammography screening	74	71	61	77	77	63
<b>Social &amp; Economic Factors- Rank</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>n/a</b>
% High school graduation						86
% Population with some college	50	51	55	59	63	69
% Unemployed	2.8	2.8	2.7	3.3	3.8	4.2
% Children in poverty	14	15	14	14	14	14
Income inequality		3.9	3.8	4.2	4.3	4.4
% No social-emotional support	18					
% Children in single-parent households	27	44	33	36	31	29
Membership associations rate		29.3	29.3	35.4	33.3	13.7
Violent crime rate	186	149	149	227	227	348
Injury death rate	147	123	149	111	105	70
<b>Physical Environment- Rank</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>n/a</b>
Daily fine particulate matter*	12.4	12.4	12.4	7.5	7.5	8.5
% Exposed to unsafe drinking water	0	5				
Drinking water violations? yes/no			Yes	Yes	No	
% Severe housing problems	5	4	5	5	7	14
% Driving alone to work	75	75	76	77	76	82
% Long commute - driving alone	10	9	10	8	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, Ness 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	Preventable hospital stays	Number of hospital stays for ambulatory-care sensitive conditions per 1,000 Medicare enrollees	Clinical Care	93	51	-
3	Children in poverty	Percentage of children under age 18 in poverty	Social and Economic Environment	14%	14%	+
4	Mammography screening	Percentage of female Medicare enrollees ages 67-69 that receive mammography screening	Clinical Care	77%	63%	+
5	Excessive drinking	Percentage of adults reporting binge or heavy drinking	Health Behaviors	14%	17%	+

**Health Outcomes: Drivers with greatest impact on ranking, Ness 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	9145	6782	-
2	Low birthweight	Percentage of live births with low birthweight (< 2500 grams)	Quality of Life	5.2%	7%	+
3	Poor mental health days	Average number of mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted)	Quality of Life	3.4	3.3	-
4	Poor or fair health	Percentage of adults reporting fair or poor health (age-adjusted)	Quality of Life	15%	15%	+
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>.