

# County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

Building a Culture of Health, County by County

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# 2019

Cherokee County

CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS | Pop. 20,115

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Kansas 2019
Number of Counties Ranked	101	101	102	103	102	102
<b>Health Outcomes - Rank</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Length of life - Rank</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>n/a</b>
Premature death (years of potential life lost, per 100,000)	11651	10794	9655	8223	8979	6944
<b>Quality of life - Rank</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>n/a</b>
% Reporting poor or fair health, adults* <sup>2016</sup>	18	16	18	16	16	15
Avg # poor physical health days, adults* <sup>2016</sup>	3.9	3.5	4	3.3	3.3	3.1
Avg # poor mental health days, adults* <sup>2016</sup>	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.3
% Low birthweight, <2,500 grams	7.4	7.4	7.7	7.7	8	7.1
<b>Health Factors - Rank</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Health Behaviors - Rank</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>n/a</b>
% Adult smokers* <sup>2016</sup>	21	20	19	20	20	17
% Obese adults age 20 and older	39	39	37	39	39	33
Food environment index, 0 (worst) to 10 (best)	7.2	7	7.1	7.7	7.7	6.9
% Physically inactive adults age 20 and older	34	33	29	29	29	24
% Access to exercise opportunities	36	25	25	42	43	80
% Excessive drinking, adults* <sup>2016</sup>	12	15	14	15	15	17
% Driving deaths with alcohol-involvement	32	39	34	32	25	24
Sexually transmitted infection rate, per 100,000	283	254	296	255	307	418
Teen birth rate, per 1,000 females age 15-19	58	55	56	48	43	28
<b>Clinical Care - Rank</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>n/a</b>
% Uninsured, population under age 65	16	14	13	11	11	10
Primary care physicians rate, per 100,000	33	24	24	24	20	76
Dentists rate, per 100,000	33	38	34	40	35	57
Mental health providers rate, per 100,000	114	115	122	138	139	188
Preventable hospital stays rate, per 1,000 <sup>§</sup>	69	59	61	54		
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% Diabetes monitoring, adults age 65-75 <sup>§</sup>	78	80	80	80		
% Mammography screening, females age 67-69 <sup>§</sup>	52	55	57	57		
% Mammography screening, females age 65-74 <sup>§#</sup>					34	43
% Flu vaccinations <sup>§</sup>					40	44
<b>Social &amp; Economic Factors - Rank</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>n/a</b>
% High school graduation	88	92	90	90	91	87
% Adults age 25-44 with some college	61	62	62	63	64	70
% Population age 16 and older unemployed	6.1	5	4.5	4.6	3.9	3.6
% Children in poverty	28	27	28	23	24	15
Income inequality ratio, 80th percentile to 20th	4.3	4	3.8	4	4.2	4.3
% Children in single-parent households	27	25	26	25	23	29
Membership associations rate, per 10,000	16	16.2	16.4	16.1	16.3	13.7
Violent crime rate, per 100,000	280	280	296	296	318	365
Injury death rate, per 100,000	84	81	90	82	87	73
<b>Physical Environment - Rank</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>n/a</b>
Avg daily density of fine particulate matter	8.9	8.9	9.8	9.8	9.9	8.1
% Exposed to unsafe drinking water	2					
Drinking water violations? yes/no		Yes	Yes	No	No	
% Households with severe housing problems	11	11	12	12	11	13
% Driving alone to work	85	85	85	86	85	82
% Long commute - driving alone	24	25	26	24	20	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.

\*2016 represents substantial changes in data sources or calculation of the measure that would affect comparisons with measure data in 2015.

# represents substantial changes in data sources or calculation of the measure that would affect comparisons with similar measures in prior years.

§ represents measures derived among Medicare enrollees.

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 length and quality of life). The following tables illustrate the “drivers,” or measures with the greatest impact on ranking position, for this county.

**What do these drivers mean?**

The drivers indicate the measures with the greatest impact on the 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 rankings of the county.

**Health Factors: Drivers with greatest impact on ranking, Cherokee County, KS – 2019**

	Measure	Description	Factor Category	County Value	State Value	Impact on Rankings
1	Adult smoking	% of adults who are current smokers	Health Behaviors	20%	17%	—
2	Children in poverty	% of children under age 18 in poverty	Social and Economic Environment	24%	15%	—
3	Adult obesity	% of adults age 20 and older that report a BMI ≥ 30	Health Behaviors	39%	33%	—
4	Unemployment	% of population age 16 and older unemployed but seeking work	Social and Economic Environment	3.9%	3.6%	—
5	Primary care physicians	# of primary care physicians per 100,000 population	Clinical Care	20	76	—

**Health Outcomes: Drivers with greatest impact on ranking, Cherokee County, KS – 2019**

	Measure	Description	Outcome Category	County Value	State Value	Impact on Rankings
1	Premature death	Years of potential life lost before age 75 per 100,000 population	Length of Life	8979	6944	—
2	Low birthweight	% of live births with low birthweight (< 2,500 grams)	Quality of Life	8%	7.1%	—
3	Poor mental health days	Average # of mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days for adults	Quality of Life	3.4	3.3	—
4	Poor physical health days	Average # of physically unhealthy days reported in past 30 days for adults	Quality of Life	3.3	3.1	—
5	Poor or fair health	% of adults reporting fair or poor health	Quality of Life	16%	15%	—

**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 county 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>.