

# County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

Building a Culture of Health, County by County

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# 2019

Douglas County

DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS | Pop. 120,793

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Kansas 2019
Number of Counties Ranked	101	101	102	103	102	102
<b>Health Outcomes - Rank</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Length of life - Rank</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>n/a</b>
Premature death (years of potential life lost, per 100,000)	4826	4872	5134	5354	5420	6944
<b>Quality of life - Rank</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>n/a</b>
% Reporting poor or fair health, adults* <sup>2016</sup>	12	12	12	13	13	15
Avg # poor physical health days, adults* <sup>2016</sup>	2.7	3	3	3.4	3.4	3.1
Avg # poor mental health days, adults* <sup>2016</sup>	2.6	3.1	3.2	3.6	3.6	3.3
% Low birthweight, <2,500 grams	6.5	6.3	6.5	6.5	6.8	7.1
<b>Health Factors - Rank</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Health Behaviors - Rank</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>n/a</b>
% Adult smokers* <sup>2016</sup>	16	17	15	15	15	17
% Obese adults age 20 and older	25	23	24	26	28	33
Food environment index, 0 (worst) to 10 (best)	7	6.9	7	7.3	7.3	6.9
% Physically inactive adults age 20 and older	18	19	18	18	17	24
% Access to exercise opportunities	91	91	91	90	92	80
% Excessive drinking, adults* <sup>2016</sup>	19	21	22	22	22	17
% Driving deaths with alcohol-involvement	27	26	24	30	31	24
Sexually transmitted infection rate, per 100,000	487	520	543	558	575	418
Teen birth rate, per 1,000 females age 15-19	13	12	12	10	9	28
<b>Clinical Care - Rank</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>n/a</b>
% Uninsured, population under age 65	15	15	11	10	10	10
Primary care physicians rate, per 100,000	88	86	88	85	86	76
Dentists rate, per 100,000	55	56	60	59	57	57
Mental health providers rate, per 100,000	273	282	258	269	277	188
Preventable hospital stays rate, per 1,000 <sup>§</sup>	34	31	35	33		
Preventable hospital stays rate, per 100,000 <sup>§#</sup>					3253	4078
% Diabetes monitoring, adults age 65-75 <sup>§</sup>	84	85	85	85		
% Mammography screening, females age 67-69 <sup>§</sup>	69	69	69	69		
% Mammography screening, females age 65-74 <sup>§#</sup>					50	43
% Flu vaccinations <sup>§</sup>					56	44
<b>Social &amp; Economic Factors - Rank</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>n/a</b>
% High school graduation	88	85	84	84	84	87
% Adults age 25-44 with some college	82	82	81	82	83	70
% Population age 16 and older unemployed	5.1	4.1	3.7	3.6	3.2	3.6
% Children in poverty	15	15	13	12	12	15
Income inequality ratio, 80th percentile to 20th	5.2	5	5.2	5.2	5.2	4.3
% Children in single-parent households	28	29	28	28	28	29
Membership associations rate, per 10,000	10.4	10.4	10.8	10.6	9.6	13.7
Violent crime rate, per 100,000	387	387	313	313	225	365
Injury death rate, per 100,000	44	46	52	53	58	73
<b>Physical Environment - Rank</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>n/a</b>
Avg daily density of fine particulate matter	8.2	8.2	9.8	9.8	9.8	8.1
% Exposed to unsafe drinking water	0					
Drinking water violations? yes/no		No	No	Yes	No	
% Households with severe housing problems	22	22	21	21	20	13
% Driving alone to work	76	76	77	78	78	82
% Long commute - driving alone	26	27	27	27	28	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, Douglas County, KS – 2019**

	Measure	Description	Factor Category	County Value	State Value	Impact on Rankings
1	Adult obesity	% of adults age 20 and older that report a BMI ≥ 30	Health Behaviors	28%	33%	+
2	Some college	% of adults age 25-44 with some post-secondary education	Social and Economic Environment	83%	70%	+
3	Excessive drinking	% of adults reporting binge or heavy drinking	Health Behaviors	22%	17%	-
4	Children in poverty	% of children under age 18 in poverty	Social and Economic Environment	12%	15%	+
5	Physical inactivity	% of adults age 20 and older reporting no leisure-time physical activity	Health Behaviors	17%	24%	+

**Health Outcomes: Drivers with greatest impact on ranking, Douglas 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	5420	6944	+
2	Poor mental health days	Average # of mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days for adults	Quality of Life	3.6	3.3	-
3	Poor physical health days	Average # of physically unhealthy days reported in past 30 days for adults	Quality of Life	3.4	3.1	-
4	Poor or fair health	% of adults reporting fair or poor health	Quality of Life	13%	15%	+
5	Low birthweight	% of live births with low birthweight (< 2,500 grams)	Quality of Life	6.8%	7.1%	-

**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 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>.