

2020

Ford County

Pop. 33,888

73

Health
Factors
Rank

24

Health
Outcomes
Rank

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.

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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County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

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	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Kansas 2020
Number of Counties Ranked	101	102	103	102	104	104
Health Outcomes- Rank	68	63	60	57	24	n/a
Length of life- Rank	31	25	25	13	7	n/a
Premature death (years of potential life lost, per 100,000)	6935	6713	6823	6254	6085	7024
Quality of life- Rank	92	90	91	96	66	n/a
% Reporting poor or fair health, adults	20	23	22	22	20	16
Avg # poor physical health days, adults	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6
Avg # poor mental health days, adults	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.5	3.7
% Low birthweight, <2,500 grams	6.7	6.8	6.9	7.1	6.8	7.1
Health Factors- Rank	89	81	82	74	73	n/a
Health Behaviors- Rank	85	70	72	53	59	n/a
% Adult smokers	19	18	17	17	17	17
% Obese adults age 20 and older	33	31	32	33	31	33
Food environment index, 0 (worst) to 10 (best)	7.9	7.9	9	8.9	8.7	6.8
% Physically inactive adults age 20 and older	31	30	29	24	27	25
% Access to exercise opportunities	83	83	82	78	78	80
% Excessive drinking, adults	16	15	15	15	16	19
% Driving deaths with alcohol-involvement	35	22	18	10	7	22
Sexually transmitted infection rate, per 100,000	285	365	454	397	422	465
Teen birth rate, per 1,000 females age 15-19	72	70	59	57	53	26
Clinical Care- Rank	87	93	94	84	81	n/a
% Uninsured, population under age 65	21	18	19	16	18	10
Primary care physicians rate, per 100,000	40	46	49	47	41	77
Dentists rate, per 100,000	46	52	59	58	53	58
Mental health providers rate, per 100,000	86	87	88	90	97	197
Preventable hospital stays rate, per 1,000 [§]	57	68	59			
Preventable hospital stays rate, per 100,000 ^{§#}				3330	3704	4024
% Diabetes monitoring, adults age 65-75 [§]	83	82	82			
% Mammography screening, females age 67-69 [§]	58	57	57			
% Mammography screening, females age 65-74 ^{§#}				30	37	45
% Flu vaccinations [§]				37	38	46
Social & Economic Factors- Rank	78	78	72	71	62	n/a
% High school graduation	89	84	84	91	91	87
% Adults age 25-44 with some college	42	43	46	45	46	70
% Population age 16 and older unemployed	3.8	3.4	3.3	2.8	2.6	3.4
% Children in poverty	22	19	16	17	16	15
Income inequality ratio, 80th percentile to 20th	3.5	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.6	4.3
% Children in single-parent households	33	33	34	35	33	29
Membership associations rate, per 10,000	10.3	9.8	9.3	8.8	7	13.7
Violent crime rate, per 100,000	410	348	348	367	367	365
Injury death rate, per 100,000	72	74	73	73	75	74
Physical Environment- Rank	100	65	55	60	66	n/a
Avg daily density of fine particulate matter	11.9	7.8	7.8	7.6	7.6	8.1
Drinking water violations? yes/no	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
% Households with severe housing problems	16	14	14	15	16	13
% Driving alone to work	80	80	76	77	78	82
% Long commute - driving alone	11	10	10	10	9	21

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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 five measures that, when combined with the weighting, have the greatest impact on the ranking positions for health factors and health outcomes. Drivers labeled with a green plus sign are the weighted measures that influenced higher, or better, rankings. 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, Ford County, KS – 2020

	Measure	Description	Factor Category	County Value	State Value	Impact on Ranking
1	Some college	% of adults age 25-44 with some post-secondary education	Social and Economic Environment	46%	70%	—
2	Uninsured	% of population under age 65 without health insurance	Clinical Care	18%	10%	—
3	Unemployment	% of population age 16 and older unemployed but seeking work	Social and Economic Environment	2.6%	3.4%	+
4	Teen births	# of births per 1,000 female population ages 15-19	Health Behaviors	53	26	—
5	Adult smoking	% of adults who are current smokers	Health Behaviors	17%	17%	—

Health Outcomes: Drivers with greatest impact on ranking, Ford County, KS – 2020

	Measure	Description	Outcome Category	County Value	State Value	Impact on Ranking
1	Premature death	Years of potential life lost before age 75 per 100,000 population	Length of Life	6085	7024	+
2	Poor or fair health	% of adults reporting fair or poor health	Quality of Life	20%	16%	—
3	Poor mental health days	Average # of mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days for adults	Quality of Life	3.5	3.7	+
4	Poor physical health days	Average # of physically unhealthy days reported in past 30 days for adults	Quality of Life	3.6	3.6	—
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>.