

2020

Geary County

Pop. 32,594

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Health
Factors
Rank

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	64	74	63	82	96	n/a
Length of life- Rank	62	47	71	85	92	n/a
Premature death (years of potential life lost, per 100,000)	8035	7636	7929	9109	9563	7024
Quality of life- Rank	72	88	65	67	95	n/a
% Reporting poor or fair health, adults	15	19	17	17	20	16
Avg # poor physical health days, adults	3.2	3.6	3.2	3.2	4.1	3.6
Avg # poor mental health days, adults	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.8	3.7
% Low birthweight, <2,500 grams	7.7	7.4	6.9	6.9	6.8	7.1
Health Factors- Rank	93	99	90	89	100	n/a
Health Behaviors- Rank	100	102	100	96	104	n/a
% Adult smokers	20	22	18	18	22	17
% Obese adults age 20 and older	31	33	35	36	39	33
Food environment index, 0 (worst) to 10 (best)	5.9	5.7	6.4	6.5	6.3	6.8
% Physically inactive adults age 20 and older	26	27	26	24	23	25
% Access to exercise opportunities	95	95	74	86	80	80
% Excessive drinking, adults	20	21	18	18	19	19
% Driving deaths with alcohol-involvement	40	25	31	21	26	22
Sexually transmitted infection rate, per 100,000	634	581	627	519	517	465
Teen birth rate, per 1,000 females age 15-19	74	73	67	68	64	26
Clinical Care- Rank	22	19	16	28	12	n/a
% Uninsured, population under age 65	14	10	9	9	8	10
Primary care physicians rate, per 100,000	35	35	32	28	35	77
Dentists rate, per 100,000	131	132	149	151	141	58
Mental health providers rate, per 100,000	248	251	270	289	313	197
Preventable hospital stays rate, per 1,000 [§]	47	54	55			
Preventable hospital stays rate, per 100,000 ^{§#}				3439	2710	4024
% Diabetes monitoring, adults age 65-75 [§]	85	86	86			
% Mammography screening, females age 67-69 [§]	62	62	62			
% Mammography screening, females age 65-74 ^{§#}				43	40	45
% Flu vaccinations [§]				23	31	46
Social & Economic Factors- Rank	91	92	86	84	85	n/a
% High school graduation	83	71	71	87	87	87
% Adults age 25-44 with some college	66	68	69	73	74	70
% Population age 16 and older unemployed	7.1	6.2	5.8	5	4.8	3.4
% Children in poverty	20	20	16	19	16	15
Income inequality ratio, 80th percentile to 20th	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.2	4.3
% Children in single-parent households	27	26	26	27	26	29
Membership associations rate, per 10,000	8.6	7.6	7.6	8.1	7.7	13.7
Violent crime rate, per 100,000	499	452	452	484	484	365
Injury death rate, per 100,000	71	57	59	61	63	74
Physical Environment- Rank	23	54	88	92	100	n/a
Avg daily density of fine particulate matter	9.5	8.9	8.9	8.8	8.8	8.1
Drinking water violations? yes/no	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
% Households with severe housing problems	13	15	17	18	18	13
% Driving alone to work	78	79	79	84	87	82
% Long commute - driving alone	11	10	10	9	11	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, Geary County, KS – 2020

	Measure	Description	Factor Category	County Value	State Value	Impact on Ranking
1	Adult smoking	% of adults who are current smokers	Health Behaviors	22%	17%	—
2	Unemployment	% of population age 16 and older unemployed but seeking work	Social and Economic Environment	4.8%	3.4%	—
3	Teen births	# of births per 1,000 female population ages 15-19	Health Behaviors	64	26	—
4	Preventable hospital stays	# of hospital stays for ambulatory care sensitive conditions per 100,000 Medicare enrollees	Clinical Care	2710	4024	+
5	Uninsured	% of population under age 65 without health insurance	Clinical Care	8%	10%	+

Health Outcomes: Drivers with greatest impact on ranking, Geary 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	9563	7024	—
2	Poor physical health days	Average # of physically unhealthy days reported in past 30 days for adults	Quality of Life	4.1	3.6	—
3	Poor or fair health	% of adults reporting fair or poor health	Quality of Life	20%	16%	—
4	Poor mental health days	Average # of mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days for adults	Quality of Life	3.8	3.7	—
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>.