

2020

Ness County

Pop. 2,840

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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	43	40	69	90	51	n/a
Length of life- Rank	47	48	87	98	38	n/a
Premature death (years of potential life lost, per 100,000)			9145	11065		7024
Quality of life- Rank	39	35	28	38	52	n/a
% Reporting poor or fair health, adults	14	15	15	15	15	16
Avg # poor physical health days, adults	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.5	3.6
Avg # poor mental health days, adults	3	3.2	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.7
% Low birthweight, <2,500 grams	5.9	5.6	5.2	5.8	6.9	7.1
Health Factors- Rank	31	29	43	27	22	n/a
Health Behaviors- Rank	14	19	38	40	26	n/a
% Adult smokers	16	16	15	15	15	17
% Obese adults age 20 and older	31	31	34	36	33	33
Food environment index, 0 (worst) to 10 (best)	8	8.1	7.8	7.9	8	6.8
% Physically inactive adults age 20 and older	27	27	29	30	28	25
% Access to exercise opportunities	49	49	21	21	21	80
% Excessive drinking, adults	14	14	14	14	15	19
% Driving deaths with alcohol-involvement	40	33	33	33	14	22
Sexually transmitted infection rate, per 100,000	130			200		465
Teen birth rate, per 1,000 females age 15-19	32	32	34	27	28	26
Clinical Care- Rank	61	57	70	37	73	n/a
% Uninsured, population under age 65	16	13	13	13	16	10
Primary care physicians rate, per 100,000	65	64	67	68	70	77
Dentists rate, per 100,000	0	0	0	0	0	58
Mental health providers rate, per 100,000						197
Preventable hospital stays rate, per 1,000 [§]	66	75	93			
Preventable hospital stays rate, per 100,000 ^{§#}				3035	4467	4024
% Diabetes monitoring, adults age 65-75 [§]	81	81	81			
% Mammography screening, females age 67-69 [§]	61	77	77			
% Mammography screening, females age 65-74 ^{§#}				53	48	45
% Flu vaccinations [§]				33	33	46
Social & Economic Factors- Rank	39	43	49	30	20	n/a
% High school graduation				97	94	87
% Adults age 25-44 with some college	55	59	63	63	64	70
% Population age 16 and older unemployed	2.7	3.3	3.8	2.9	2.8	3.4
% Children in poverty	14	14	14	15	14	15
Income inequality ratio, 80th percentile to 20th	3.8	4.2	4.3	4.3	4	4.3
% Children in single-parent households	33	36	31	21	16	29
Membership associations rate, per 10,000	29.3	35.4	33.3	30.4	31.4	13.7
Violent crime rate, per 100,000	149	227	227	166	166	365
Injury death rate, per 100,000	149	111	105	140	129	74
Physical Environment- Rank	46	18	6	10	13	n/a
Avg daily density of fine particulate matter	12.4	7.5	7.5	7.1	7.1	8.1
Drinking water violations? yes/no	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	
% Households with severe housing problems	5	5	7	7	8	13
% Driving alone to work	76	77	76	76	77	82
% Long commute - driving alone	10	8	10	15	16	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, Ness County, KS – 2020

	Measure	Description	Factor Category	County Value	State Value	Impact on Ranking
1	Uninsured	% of population under age 65 without health insurance	Clinical Care	16%	10%	—
2	Children in poverty	% of children under age 18 in poverty	Social and Economic Environment	14%	15%	+
3	Adult smoking	% of adults who are current smokers	Health Behaviors	15%	17%	+
4	Unemployment	% of population age 16 and older unemployed but seeking work	Social and Economic Environment	2.8%	3.4%	+
5	High school graduation	% of ninth-grade cohort that graduates in four years	Social and Economic Environment	94%	87%	+

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

	Measure	Description	Outcome Category	County Value	State Value	Impact on Ranking
1	Poor or fair health	% of adults reporting fair or poor health	Quality of Life	15%	16%	+
2	Poor mental health days	Average # of mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days for adults	Quality of Life	3.6	3.7	+
3	Low birthweight	% of live births with low birthweight (< 2,500 grams)	Quality of Life	6.9%	7.1%	—
4	Poor physical health days	Average # of physically unhealthy days reported in past 30 days for adults	Quality of Life	3.5	3.6	+
5	Premature death	Years of potential life lost before age 75 per 100,000 population	Length of Life		7024	NR

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>.