

2020

Thomas County

Pop. 7,711

27

Health Factors Rank

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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	2	6	14	7	20	n/a
Length of life- Rank	4	5	21	8	22	n/a
Premature death (years of potential life lost, per 100,000)	4774	5285	6502	5891	6867	7024
Quality of life- Rank	9	18	19	15	25	n/a
% Reporting poor or fair health, adults	11	12	12	12	15	16
Avg # poor physical health days, adults	2.7	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.4	3.6
Avg # poor mental health days, adults	2.7	3	3.1	3.1	3.6	3.7
% Low birthweight, <2,500 grams	6.6	6.9	7.1	6.8	6.3	7.1
Health Factors- Rank	25	14	11	26	27	n/a
Health Behaviors- Rank	50	40	35	34	53	n/a
% Adult smokers	16	15	15	15	16	17
% Obese adults age 20 and older	32	35	34	35	33	33
Food environment index, 0 (worst) to 10 (best)	6.7	6.9	7.6	7.7	7.6	6.8
% Physically inactive adults age 20 and older	26	24	28	30	31	25
% Access to exercise opportunities	65	65	79	79	78	80
% Excessive drinking, adults	18	17	18	18	18	19
% Driving deaths with alcohol-involvement	27	27	17	17	25	22
Sexually transmitted infection rate, per 100,000	403	315	292	240	398	465
Teen birth rate, per 1,000 females age 15-19	29	30	26	26	24	26
Clinical Care- Rank	37	36	45	57	57	n/a
% Uninsured, population under age 65	13	11	9	9	9	10
Primary care physicians rate, per 100,000	63	51	51	76	64	77
Dentists rate, per 100,000	51	51	63	51	52	58
Mental health providers rate, per 100,000	177	152	127	128	156	197
Preventable hospital stays rate, per 1,000 [§]	82	67	80			
Preventable hospital stays rate, per 100,000 ^{§#}				5950	5933	4024
% Diabetes monitoring, adults age 65-75 [§]	87	88	88			
% Mammography screening, females age 67-69 [§]	53	57	57			
% Mammography screening, females age 65-74 ^{§#}				41	47	45
% Flu vaccinations [§]				26	27	46
Social & Economic Factors- Rank	9	6	5	15	6	n/a
% High school graduation	94	90	90	86	89	87
% Adults age 25-44 with some college	80	77	80	77	82	70
% Population age 16 and older unemployed	2.9	2.7	2.9	2.6	2.6	3.4
% Children in poverty	13	12	11	12	12	15
Income inequality ratio, 80th percentile to 20th	4.9	4.8	5	4.6	4.4	4.3
% Children in single-parent households	23	22	18	19	13	29
Membership associations rate, per 10,000	26.4	27.9	27.8	27.9	19.3	13.7
Violent crime rate, per 100,000	260	305	305	234	234	365
Injury death rate, per 100,000	89	66	63	81	77	74
Physical Environment- Rank	91	29	37	39	58	n/a
Avg daily density of fine particulate matter	13.1	7.2	7.2	6.6	6.6	8.1
Drinking water violations? yes/no	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
% Households with severe housing problems	11	9	7	11	13	13
% Driving alone to work	79	80	82	79	83	82
% Long commute - driving alone	7	7	11	10	8	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, Thomas 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	82%	70%	+
2	Children in poverty	% of children under age 18 in poverty	Social and Economic Environment	12%	15%	+
3	Unemployment	% of population age 16 and older unemployed but seeking work	Social and Economic Environment	2.6%	3.4%	+
4	Children in single-parent households	% of children that live in a household headed by a single parent	Social and Economic Environment	13%	29%	+
5	Preventable hospital stays	# of hospital stays for ambulatory care sensitive conditions per 100,000 Medicare enrollees	Clinical Care	5933	4024	-

Health Outcomes: Drivers with greatest impact on ranking, Thomas 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	6867	7024	+
2	Low birthweight	% of live births with low birthweight (< 2,500 grams)	Quality of Life	6.3%	7.1%	+
3	Poor or fair health	% of adults reporting fair or poor health	Quality of Life	15%	16%	+
4	Poor physical health days	Average # of physically unhealthy days reported in past 30 days for adults	Quality of Life	3.4	3.6	+
5	Poor mental health days	Average # of mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days for adults	Quality of Life	3.6	3.7	+

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>.