

Geary County

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Health Factors Rank

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Health Outcomes Rank

Population: 31,670



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	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Kansas 2021
Number of Counties Ranked	102	103	102	104	104	104
Health Outcomes - Rank	74	63	82	96	86	N/A
Length of life - Rank	47	71	85	92	91	N/A
Premature death (years of potential life lost, per 100,000)	7636	7929	9109	9563	9848	7079
Quality of life - Rank	88	65	67	95	60	N/A
% Reporting poor or fair health, adults [#]					18	16
Average number of poor physical health days, adults [#]					4	4
Average number of poor mental health days, adults [#]					4	4
% Low birthweight, <2,500 grams	7.4	6.9	6.9	6.8	6.8	7.2
Health Factors - Rank	99	90	89	100	87	N/A
Health Behaviors - Rank	102	100	96	104	86	N/A
% Smokers, adults [#]					20	18
% Obese, adults age 20 and older	33	35	36	39	39	33
Food environment index, 0 (worst) to 10 (best)	5.7	6.4	6.5	6.3	6.8	6.7
% Physically inactive, adults age 20 and older	27	26	24	23	22	24
% Access to exercise opportunities	95	74	86	80	80	80
% Excessive drinking, adults [#]					16	18
% Driving deaths with alcohol-involvement	25	31	21	26	19	20
Sexually transmitted infection rate, per 100,000 population	581	627	519	517	842	489
Teen birth rate, per 1,000 females age 15-19	73	67	68	64	62	24
Clinical Care - Rank	19	16	28	12	10	N/A
% Uninsured, population under age 65	10	9	9	8	8	10
Primary care physicians rate, per 100,000 population	35	32	28	35	40	78
Dentists rate, per 100,000 population	132	149	151	141	133	60
Mental health providers rate, per 100,000 population	251	270	289	313	316	205
Preventable hospital stays rate, per 100,000 Medicare enrollees [#]			3439	2710	2580	3959
% Mammography screening, female Medicare enrollees age 65-74 [#]			43	40	38	45
% Flu vaccinations, Medicare enrollees			23	31	29	49
Social & Economic Factors - Rank	92	86	84	85	85	N/A
% High school completion, adults age 25 and older [@]					94	91
% With some college, adults age 25-44	68	69	73	74	74	70
% Unemployed, population age 16 and older	6.2	5.8	5	4.8	4.4	3.2
% Children in poverty	20	16	19	16	19	14
Income inequality ratio, 80th to 20th percentile	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.2	4.3
% Children in single-parent households [#]					22	21
Membership associations rate, per 10,000 population	7.6	7.6	8.1	7.7	7.7	13.6
Violent crime rate, per 100,000 population	452	452	484	484	484	365
Injury death rate, per 100,000 population	57	59	61	63	67	76
Physical Environment - Rank	54	88	92	100	102	N/A
Average daily density of fine particulate matter	8.9	8.9	8.8	8.8	7.2	6.7
Drinking water violations? yes/no	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
% Households with severe housing problems	15	17	18	18	20	13
% Driving alone to work	79	79	84	87	85	82
% Long commute - driving alone	10	10	9	11	11	21

Empty cells: Shaded cells indicate data are unavailable or omitted due to methodology changes. 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.

[#]The data sources or calculation of these measures has changed over time making comparisons with similar measures in prior years unreliable so the data have been omitted.

[@]Represents new measure for 2021.

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, Geary County, KS - 2021

	Measure	Description	Factor Category	County Value	State Value	Impact on Rankings
1	Unemployment	Percentage of population ages 16 and older unemployed but seeking work.	Social and Economic Environment	4.4%	3.2%	-
2	Teen births	Number of births per 1,000 female population ages 15-19.	Health Behaviors	62	24	-
3	Sexually transmitted infections	Number of newly diagnosed chlamydia cases per 100,000 population.	Health Behaviors	842	489	-
4	Preventable hospital stays	Rate of hospital stays for ambulatory-care sensitive conditions per 100,000 Medicare enrollees.	Clinical Care	2580	3959	+
5	Uninsured	Percentage of population under age 65 without health insurance.	Clinical Care	8%	10%	+

Health Outcomes: Drivers with the greatest impact on ranking, Geary County, KS - 2021

	Measure	Description	Factor Category	County Value	State Value	Impact on Rankings
1	Premature death	Years of potential life lost before age 75 per 100,000 population (age-adjusted).	Length of Life	9848	7079	-
2	Poor or fair health	Percentage of adults reporting fair or poor health (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	18%	16%	-
3	Poor physical health days	Average number of physically unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	4	4	-
4	Low birthweight	Percentage of live births with low birthweight (< 2,500 grams).	Quality of Life	6.8%	7.2%	-
5	Poor mental health days	Average number of mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	4	4	+

NR: Measure (e.g., premature death) could not be reported for this county or not applicable at the state level.

+ 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>.