

Sherman County



KANSAS HEALTH INSTITUTE
Informing Policy. Improving Health.

25

Health Factors Rank

27

Health Outcomes Rank

Population: 5,895

County Health
Rankings & Roadmaps

Building a Culture of Health, County by County

A Robert Wood Johnson Foundation program

khi.org | countyhealthrankings.org

20
22

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.

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

The data source or calculation of this measures has changed over time, making comparisons with similar measures in prior years unreliable so the data have been omitted.

^ Represents new measure added in 2019.

@ Represents new measure added in 2021.

α Source data have not been updated since the 2018 County Health Rankings Release.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Kansas 2022
Number of Counties Ranked	103	102	104	104	104	104
Health Outcomes - Rank	87	84	82	47	27	N/A
Length of life - Rank	76	81	86	26	21	N/A
Premature death (years of potential life lost, per 100,000)	8223	8818	9138	6974	7222	7458
Quality of life - Rank	88	78	70	70	43	N/A
% Reporting poor or fair health, adults [#]				18	17	17
Average number of poor physical health days, adults [#]				4	4	4
Average number of poor mental health days, adults [#]				4	4	5
% Low birthweight, <2,500 grams	9.5	8.4	8.2	7.8	7.6	7.2
Health Factors - Rank	68	64	67	51	25	N/A
Health Behaviors - Rank	60	66	76	66	11	N/A
% Smokers, adults [#]				20	16	17
% Obese, adults age 20 and older [#]					37	36
Food environment index, 0 (worst) to 10 (best)	5.6	5.8	5.9	5.5	6.2	6.7
% Physically inactive, adults age 20 and older [#]					28	27
% Access to exercise opportunities	82	82	82	82	75	73
% Excessive drinking, adults [#]				18	19	20
% Driving deaths with alcohol-involvement	20	14	0	0	0	19
Sexually transmitted infection rate, per 100,000 population	147	251	472	202	406	525
Teen birth rate, per 1,000 females age 15-19	44	35	33	23	25	22
Clinical Care - Rank	89	75	88	73	69	N/A
% Uninsured, population under age 65	13	10	10	8	9	11
Primary care physicians rate, per 100,000 population	33	34	34	17	17	79
Dentists rate, per 100,000 population	50	67	68	68	69	61
Mental health providers rate, per 100,000 population	34	34	34	51	35	214
Preventable hospital stays rate, per 100,000 Medicare enrollees [#]		5147	7412	6145	4645	3645
% Mammography screening, Medicare females age 65-74 [#]		31	36	33	32	46
% Flu vaccinations, Medicare enrollees ^α		31	33	37	35	49
Social & Economic Factors - Rank	64	56	51	40	42	N/A
% High school completion, adults age 25 and older [@]				92	90	91
% With some college, adults age 25-44	74	75	73	77	81	71
% Unemployed, population age 16 and older	3.5	2.9	2.8	2.7	3.4	5.9
% Children in poverty	19	20	20	19	18	13
Income inequality ratio, 80th to 20th percentile	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.8	4.3
% Children in single-parent households [#]				24	20	21
Membership associations rate, per 10,000 population	26.7	26.8	21.9	22.0	22.0	13.5
Violent crime rate, per 100,000 population ^α	262	240	240	240	240	365
Injury death rate, per 100,000 population	106	100	110	108	95	78
Physical Environment- Rank	31	43	34	25	7	N/A
Average daily density of fine particulate matter	6.9	6.4	6.4	5.2	5.9	7.5
Drinking water violations?	No	No	No	No	No	
% Households with severe housing problems	16	17	14	14	14	13
% Driving alone to work	81	84	83	81	70	81
% Long commute - driving alone	11	12	10	9	10	22

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, Sherman County, KS - 2022

	Measure	Description	Factor Category	County Value	State Value	Impact on Rankings
1	Adult smoking	Percentage of adults who are current smokers (age-adjusted).	Health Behaviors	16%	17%	+
2	Some college	Percentage of adults ages 25-44 with some post-secondary education.	Social and Economic Environment	81%	71%	+
3	Children in poverty	Percentage of people under age 18 in poverty.	Social and Economic Environment	18%	13%	-
4	Unemployment	Percentage of population ages 16 and older unemployed but seeking work.	Social and Economic Environment	3.4%	5.9%	+
5	Uninsured	Percentage of population under age 65 without health insurance.	Clinical Care	9%	11%	+

Health Outcomes: Drivers with the greatest impact on ranking, Sherman County, KS - 2022

	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	7222	7458	+
2	Low birthweight	Percentage of live births with low birthweight (< 2,500 grams).	Quality of Life	7.6%	7.2%	-
3	Poor mental health days	Average number of mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	4	5	+
4	Poor physical health days	Average number of physically unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	4	4	+
5	Poor or fair health	Percentage of adults reporting fair or poor health (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	17%	17%	+

NR: Measure 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. Drivers are provided in order of impact on ranking for this year. For more information on the calculation of score and rankings, please visit: <http://bit.ly/CHRzscores>.



CONTINUE THE JOURNEY

Explore resources and strategies
to move with data to action.



SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION

TAKE ACTION TO IMPROVE HEALTH IN YOUR COMMUNITY