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Health Factors Rank

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Health Outcomes Rank

Population: 7,877

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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	14	7	20	49	86	N/A
Length of life - Rank	21	8	22	78	100	N/A
Premature death (years of potential life lost, per 100,000)	6502	5891	6867	8605	10683	7458
Quality of life - Rank	19	15	25	23	57	N/A
% Reporting poor or fair health, adults [#]				16	17	17
Average number of poor physical health days, adults [#]				4	4	4
Average number of poor mental health days, adults [#]				4	5	5
% Low birthweight, <2,500 grams	7.1	6.8	6.3	6.4	6.8	7.2
Health Factors - Rank	11	26	27	8	12	N/A
Health Behaviors - Rank	35	34	53	19	48	N/A
% Smokers, adults [#]				19	19	17
% Obese, adults age 20 and older [#]					35	36
Food environment index, 0 (worst) to 10 (best)	7.6	7.7	7.6	7.6	6.9	6.7
% Physically inactive, adults age 20 and older [#]					29	27
% Access to exercise opportunities	79	79	78	78	70	73
% Excessive drinking, adults [#]				19	19	20
% Driving deaths with alcohol-involvement	17	17	25	31	33	19
Sexually transmitted infection rate, per 100,000 population	292	240	398	244	322	525
Teen birth rate, per 1,000 females age 15-19	26	26	24	20	17	22
Clinical Care - Rank	45	57	57	53	58	N/A
% Uninsured, population under age 65	9	9	9	10	11	11
Primary care physicians rate, per 100,000 population	51	76	64	65	64	79
Dentists rate, per 100,000 population	63	51	52	51	52	61
Mental health providers rate, per 100,000 population	127	128	156	154	169	214
Preventable hospital stays rate, per 100,000 Medicare enrollees [#]		5950	5933	5559	6063	3645
% Mammography screening, Medicare females age 65-74 [#]		41	47	50	54	46
% Flu vaccinations, Medicare enrollees ^α		26	27	29	33	49
Social & Economic Factors - Rank	5	15	6	3	1	N/A
% High school completion, adults age 25 and older [@]				93	93	91
% With some college, adults age 25-44	80	77	82	77	81	71
% Unemployed, population age 16 and older	2.9	2.6	2.6	2.3	2.9	5.9
% Children in poverty	11	12	12	10	9	13
Income inequality ratio, 80th to 20th percentile	5.0	4.6	4.4	4.7	3.6	4.3
% Children in single-parent households [#]				8	5	21
Membership associations rate, per 10,000 population	27.8	27.9	19.3	19.5	19.3	13.5
Violent crime rate, per 100,000 population ^α	305	234	234	234	234	365
Injury death rate, per 100,000 population	63	81	77	95	87	78
Physical Environment- Rank	37	39	58	47	58	N/A
Average daily density of fine particulate matter	7.2	6.6	6.6	5.1	5.9	7.5
Drinking water violations?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
% Households with severe housing problems	7	11	13	13	13	13
% Driving alone to work	82	79	83	82	83	81
% Long commute - driving alone	11	10	8	8	11	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, Thomas County, KS - 2022

	Measure	Description	Factor Category	County Value	State Value	Impact on Rankings
1	Children in poverty	Percentage of people under age 18 in poverty.	Social and Economic Environment	9%	13%	+
2	Unemployment	Percentage of population ages 16 and older unemployed but seeking work.	Social and Economic Environment	2.9%	5.9%	+
3	Some college	Percentage of adults ages 25-44 with some post-secondary education.	Social and Economic Environment	81%	71%	+
4	Preventable hospital stays	Rate of hospital stays for ambulatory-care sensitive conditions per 100,000 Medicare enrollees.	Clinical Care	6063	3645	-
5	Adult obesity	Percentage of the adult population (age 18 and older) that reports a body mass index (BMI) greater than or equal to 30 kg/m2 (age-adjusted).	Health Behaviors	35%	36%	+

Health Outcomes: Drivers with the greatest impact on ranking, Thomas 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	10683	7458	-
2	Poor mental health days	Average number of mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	5	5	-
3	Poor or fair health	Percentage of adults reporting fair or poor health (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	17%	17%	+
4	Low birthweight	Percentage of live births with low birthweight (< 2,500 grams).	Quality of Life	6.8%	7.2%	-
5	Poor physical health days	Average number of physically unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	4	4	-

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>.



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