

# Douglas County



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Health Factors Rank

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Health Outcomes Rank

Population: 119,363

20  
23

**Empty cells:** Shaded cells indicate measures were new additions (@), omitted due to methodology change (#), or are unavailable due to low reliability.

**Δ:** Source data have not been updated since the 2022 County Health Rankings Release.

**N/A:** State is not ranked against counties.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Kansas 2023
Number of Counties Ranked	102	104	104	104	104	104
<b>Health Outcomes- Rank</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Length of Life- Rank</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Premature death (years of potential life lost, per 100,000) <sup>Δ</sup>	5420	5371	5356	5280	5280	7458
<b>Quality of Life- Rank</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>N/A</b>
% Reporting poor or fair health, adults <sup>#</sup>			15	15	12	13
Average number of poor physical health days, adults <sup>#</sup>			3	3	3	3
Average number of poor mental health days, adults <sup>#</sup>			4	4	5	4
% Low birthweight, <2,500 grams <sup>Δ</sup>	6.8	7.2	7.1	7.3	7.3	7.2
<b>Health Factors- Rank</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Health Behaviors- Rank</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>N/A</b>
% Smokers, adults <sup>#</sup>			16	15	16	17
% Obese, adults age 20 and older <sup>#</sup>				29	32	36
Food environment index, 0 (worst) to 10 (best)	7.3	7.3	7.9	7.8	7.9	7
% Physically inactive, adults age 20 and older <sup>#</sup>				25	19	21
% Access to exercise opportunities <sup>#</sup>					93	80
% Excessive drinking, adults <sup>#</sup>			19	20	21	20
% Driving deaths with alcohol-involvement <sup>Δ</sup>	31	33	38	33	33	19
Sexually transmitted infection rate, per 100,000 population	575	725	679	647	564	502
Teen birth rate, per 1,000 females age 15-19 <sup>Δ</sup>	9	9	8	8	8	22
<b>Clinical Care- Rank</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>N/A</b>
% Uninsured, population under age 65	10	9	8	10	9	10
Primary care physicians rate, per 100,000 population	86	87	90	91	94	79
Dentists rate, per 100,000 population	57	58	59	64	65	62
Mental health providers rate, per 100,000 population	277	299	301	308	328	224
Preventable hospital stays rate, per 100,000 Medicare enrollees	3253	3077	3075	2399	1900	2708
% Mammography screening, Medicare females age 65-74	50	51	49	52	48	42
% Flu vaccinations, Medicare enrollees	56	57	61	63	64	51
<b>Social &amp; Economic Factors- Rank</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>N/A</b>
% High school completion, adults age 25 and older <sup>@</sup>			95	95	96	92
% With some college, adults age 25-44	83	84	83	82	83	71
% Unemployed, population age 16 and older	3.2	3.1	2.9	6.1	3.1	3.2
% Children in poverty	12	12	12	9	11	14
Income inequality ratio, 80th to 20th percentile	5.2	5.2	5.1	4.9	5	4.4
% Children in single-parent households <sup>#</sup>			19	18	17	21
Membership associations rate, per 10,000 population	9.6	9.3	9.1	9.2	9.3	13.2
Injury death rate, per 100,000 population <sup>Δ</sup>	58	57	57	57	57	78
<b>Physical Environment- Rank</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Average daily density of fine particulate matter	9.8	9.8	7.6	8.8	8.2	6.7
Drinking water violations?	No	No	No	No	No	
% Households with severe housing problems	20	20	20	19	18	13
% Driving alone to work	78	77	78	76	73	79
% Long commute - driving alone	28	29	28	29	29	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, Douglas County, KS - 2023

	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	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	32%	36%	+
3	Some College	Percentage of adults ages 25-44 with some post-secondary education.	Social and Economic Environment	83%	71%	+
4	Children in Poverty	Percentage of people under age 18 in poverty.	Social and Economic Environment	11%	14%	+
5	Unemployment	Percentage of population ages 16 and older unemployed but seeking work.	Social and Economic Environment	3.1%	3.2%	-

#### Health Outcomes: Drivers with the greatest impact on ranking, Douglas County, KS - 2023

	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	5280	7458	+
2	Poor Mental Health Days	Average number of mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	5	4	-
3	Poor or Fair Health	Percentage of adults reporting fair or poor health (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	12%	13%	+
4	Low Birthweight	Percentage of live births with low birthweight (< 2,500 grams).	Quality of Life	7.3%	7.2%	-
5	Poor Physical Health Days	Average number of physically unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	3	3	+

**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: <https://bit.ly/2023CHRzScores>. For more information on measure source, ranking weight and year(s), please visit <https://bit.ly/CHRinfo>.*



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