

Elk County

103

Health Factors Rank

74

Health Outcomes Rank

Population: 2,441



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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
Health Outcomes- Rank	75	88	74	82	74	N/A
Length of Life- Rank	46	38	39	44	44	N/A
Premature death (years of potential life lost, per 100,000) ^Δ						7458
Quality of Life- Rank	80	98	75	90	81	N/A
% Reporting poor or fair health, adults [#]			20	21	16	13
Average number of poor physical health days, adults [#]			4	4	3	3
Average number of poor mental health days, adults [#]			5	5	5	4
% Low birthweight, <2,500 grams ^Δ	7.1	7.9	5.5	5.8	5.8	7.2
Health Factors- Rank	93	90	102	101	103	N/A
Health Behaviors- Rank	74	74	96	103	102	N/A
% Smokers, adults [#]			23	22	23	17
% Obese, adults age 20 and older [#]				39	41	36
Food environment index, 0 (worst) to 10 (best)	4.4	4.6	4	5.8	6.2	7
% Physically inactive, adults age 20 and older [#]				36	27	21
% Access to exercise opportunities [#]					27	80
% Excessive drinking, adults [#]			18	18	19	20
% Driving deaths with alcohol-involvement ^Δ	60	50	25	33	33	19
Sexually transmitted infection rate, per 100,000 population					237	502
Teen birth rate, per 1,000 females age 15-19 ^Δ	28	29	25	22	22	22
Clinical Care- Rank	83	74	82	71	76	N/A
% Uninsured, population under age 65	13	14	15	16	13	10
Primary care physicians rate, per 100,000 population	39	40	40	40	40	79
Dentists rate, per 100,000 population	0	0	0	0	0	62
Mental health providers rate, per 100,000 population						224
Preventable hospital stays rate, per 100,000 Medicare enrollees	3854	3332	3903	1987	3119	2708
% Mammography screening, Medicare females age 65-74	32	30	37	38	36	42
% Flu vaccinations, Medicare enrollees	35	38	39	35	37	51
Social & Economic Factors- Rank	99	92	103	99	103	N/A
% High school completion, adults age 25 and older [@]			88	88	87	92
% With some college, adults age 25-44	54	54	48	54	45	71
% Unemployed, population age 16 and older	4.3	3.3	3.7	4.8	2.8	3.2
% Children in poverty	29	28	30	26	26	14
Income inequality ratio, 80th to 20th percentile	3.7	3.9	5	4.7	4.5	4.4
% Children in single-parent households [#]			18	21	18	21
Membership associations rate, per 10,000 population	15.7	12	15.9	15.8	16	13.2
Injury death rate, per 100,000 population ^Δ	162	179	197	175	175	78
Physical Environment- Rank	63	70	67	77	62	N/A
Average daily density of fine particulate matter	8.9	8.9	7.3	8.4	8.1	6.7
Drinking water violations?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
% Households with severe housing problems	10	9	7	7	10	13
% Driving alone to work	72	77	78	79	78	79
% Long commute - driving alone	40	36	37	39	44	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, Elk 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	23%	17%	-
2	Children in Poverty	Percentage of people under age 18 in poverty.	Social and Economic Environment	26%	14%	-
3	Injury Deaths	Number of deaths due to injury per 100,000 population.	Social and Economic Environment	175	78	-
4	Some College	Percentage of adults ages 25-44 with some post-secondary education.	Social and Economic Environment	45%	71%	-
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	41%	36%	-

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

	Measure	Description	Factor Category	County Value	State Value	Impact on Rankings
1	Poor Physical Health Days	Average number of physically unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	3	3	-
2	Low Birthweight	Percentage of live births with low birthweight (< 2,500 grams).	Quality of Life	5.8%	7.2%	+
3	Poor or Fair Health	Percentage of adults reporting fair or poor health (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	16%	13%	-
4	Poor Mental Health Days	Average number of mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	5	4	-
5	Premature Death	Years of potential life lost before age 75 per 100,000 population (age-adjusted).	Length of Life	NR	7458	NR

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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