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Health Factors Rank

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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
Health Outcomes- Rank	13	4	8	7	7	N/A
Length of Life- Rank	30	26	14	11	11	N/A
Premature death (years of potential life lost, per 100,000) ^Δ	7359	7102	6562	6480	6480	7458
Quality of Life- Rank	10	2	7	6	7	N/A
% Reporting poor or fair health, adults [#]			15	16	12	13
Average number of poor physical health days, adults [#]			3	3	3	3
Average number of poor mental health days, adults [#]			4	4	4	4
% Low birthweight, <2,500 grams ^Δ	5.1	4.9	5.6	5.1	5.1	7.2
Health Factors- Rank	34	35	23	31	32	N/A
Health Behaviors- Rank	48	50	25	35	23	N/A
% Smokers, adults [#]			19	18	18	17
% Obese, adults age 20 and older [#]				34	37	36
Food environment index, 0 (worst) to 10 (best)	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.9	9.1	7
% Physically inactive, adults age 20 and older [#]				28	22	21
% Access to exercise opportunities [#]					37	80
% Excessive drinking, adults [#]			20	21	20	20
% Driving deaths with alcohol-involvement ^Δ	31	30	29	28	28	19
Sexually transmitted infection rate, per 100,000 population	301	300	253	263	257	502
Teen birth rate, per 1,000 females age 15-19 ^Δ	20	19	17	17	17	22
Clinical Care- Rank	21	20	21	12	22	N/A
% Uninsured, population under age 65	9	9	9	9	10	10
Primary care physicians rate, per 100,000 population	48	47	53	58	53	79
Dentists rate, per 100,000 population	16	16	16	21	16	62
Mental health providers rate, per 100,000 population	26	32	32	42	43	224
Preventable hospital stays rate, per 100,000 Medicare enrollees	3792	3270	3609	3183	2445	2708
% Mammography screening, Medicare females age 65-74	48	46	47	49	43	42
% Flu vaccinations, Medicare enrollees	52	53	57	56	56	51
Social & Economic Factors- Rank	31	17	20	28	28	N/A
% High school completion, adults age 25 and older [@]			94	94	95	92
% With some college, adults age 25-44	63	65	68	71	70	71
% Unemployed, population age 16 and older	3.6	3.3	3.1	4.9	3	3.2
% Children in poverty	11	11	11	9	10	14
Income inequality ratio, 80th to 20th percentile	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.6	3.6	4.4
% Children in single-parent households [#]			14	13	12	21
Membership associations rate, per 10,000 population	13.2	11.6	11.6	10	10.5	13.2
Injury death rate, per 100,000 population ^Δ	79	87	85	93	93	78
Physical Environment- Rank	77	99	95	100	97	N/A
Average daily density of fine particulate matter	9.7	9.7	7.6	8.9	8.2	6.7
Drinking water violations?	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
% Households with severe housing problems	9	10	9	9	9	13
% Driving alone to work	85	85	84	84	82	79
% Long commute - driving alone	47	49	46	48	48	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, Jefferson County, KS - 2023

	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	10%	14%	+
2	Unemployment	Percentage of population ages 16 and older unemployed but seeking work.	Social and Economic Environment	3%	3.2%	-
3	Adult Smoking	Percentage of adults who are current smokers (age-adjusted).	Health Behaviors	18%	17%	+
4	High School Completion	Percentage of adults ages 25 and over with a high school diploma or equivalent.	Social and Economic Environment	95%	92%	+
5	Food Environment Index	Index of factors that contribute to a healthy food environment, from 0 (worst) to 10 (best).	Health Behaviors	9.1	7	+

Health Outcomes: Drivers with the greatest impact on ranking, Jefferson 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	6480	7458	+
2	Low Birthweight	Percentage of live births with low birthweight (< 2,500 grams).	Quality of Life	5.1%	7.2%	+
3	Poor or Fair Health	Percentage of adults reporting fair or poor health (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	12%	13%	+
4	Poor Physical Health Days	Average number of physically unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	3	3	+
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 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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