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Population: 2,692

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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
<b>Health Outcomes- Rank</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Length of Life- Rank	46	38	39	44	44	N/A
Premature death (years of potential life lost, per 100,000) <sup>Δ</sup>						7458
Quality of Life- Rank	87	79	65	85	96	N/A
% Reporting poor or fair health, adults <sup>#</sup>			18	21	17	13
Average number of poor physical health days, adults <sup>#</sup>			4	4	3	3
Average number of poor mental health days, adults <sup>#</sup>			4	4	4	4
% Low birthweight, <2,500 grams <sup>Δ</sup>	8.8	8	7.6	7.7	7.7	7.2
<b>Health Factors- Rank</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Health Behaviors- Rank	12	14	40	60	81	N/A
% Smokers, adults <sup>#</sup>			20	18	21	17
% Obese, adults age 20 and older <sup>#</sup>				38	38	36
Food environment index, 0 (worst) to 10 (best)	8.3	8.2	8	7.7	7.4	7
% Physically inactive, adults age 20 and older <sup>#</sup>				33	28	21
% Access to exercise opportunities <sup>#</sup>					89	80
% Excessive drinking, adults <sup>#</sup>			19	18	18	20
% Driving deaths with alcohol-involvement <sup>Δ</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	19
Sexually transmitted infection rate, per 100,000 population	266	219	329	541	425	502
Teen birth rate, per 1,000 females age 15-19 <sup>Δ</sup>	34	34	39	41	41	22
<b>Clinical Care- Rank</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>N/A</b>
% Uninsured, population under age 65	13	16	13	16	16	10
Primary care physicians rate, per 100,000 population	105	109	112	155	118	79
Dentists rate, per 100,000 population	36	37	0	0	0	62
Mental health providers rate, per 100,000 population	36	37	39	39	37	224
Preventable hospital stays rate, per 100,000 Medicare enrollees	6890	6391	6367	5276	4093	2708
% Mammography screening, Medicare females age 65-74	15	22	25	24	9	42
% Flu vaccinations, Medicare enrollees	50	38	46	42	40	51
<b>Social &amp; Economic Factors- Rank</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>N/A</b>
% High school completion, adults age 25 and older <sup>@</sup>			84	84	88	92
% With some college, adults age 25-44	42	42	47	42	54	71
% Unemployed, population age 16 and older	3.7	3.3	2.9	3	2.6	3.2
% Children in poverty	16	17	17	18	16	14
Income inequality ratio, 80th to 20th percentile	3.8	4.2	4	4.6	3.8	4.4
% Children in single-parent households <sup>#</sup>			26	26	20	21
Membership associations rate, per 10,000 population	31.6	29.2	18.7	19.3	19.7	13.2
Injury death rate, per 100,000 population <sup>Δ</sup>	189	174	159	120	120	78
<b>Physical Environment- Rank</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Average daily density of fine particulate matter	6.5	6.5	5.5	6.1	5.4	6.7
Drinking water violations?	No	No	No	No	No	
% Households with severe housing problems	8	6	7	10	8	13
% Driving alone to work	71	73	80	83	85	79
% Long commute - driving alone	20	16	18	17	20	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, Morton 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	21%	17%	-
2	Mammography Screening	Percentage of female Medicare enrollees ages 65-74 that received an annual mammography screening.	Clinical Care	9%	42%	-
3	Uninsured	Percentage of population under age 65 without health insurance.	Clinical Care	16%	10%	-
4	Preventable Hospital Stays	Rate of hospital stays for ambulatory-care sensitive conditions per 100,000 Medicare enrollees.	Clinical Care	4093	2708	-
5	Some College	Percentage of adults ages 25-44 with some post-secondary education.	Social and Economic Environment	54%	71%	-

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

	Measure	Description	Factor Category	County Value	State Value	Impact on Rankings
1	Low Birthweight	Percentage of live births with low birthweight (< 2,500 grams).	Quality of Life	7.7%	7.2%	-
2	Poor or Fair Health	Percentage of adults reporting fair or poor health (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	17%	13%	-
3	Poor Physical Health Days	Average number of physically unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	3	3	-
4	Poor Mental Health Days	Average number of mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	4	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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