Ness County

28 Health Factors Rank

35 Health Outcomes Rank

Population: 2,672

2023

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	**90**	**51**	**55**	**45**	**35**	**N/A**
Length of Life- Rank	**98**	**38**	**39**	**44**	**44**	**N/A**
Premature death (years of potential life lost, per 100,000)$^\Delta$	11065					7458
Quality of Life- Rank	**38**	**52**	**58**	**41**	**23**	**N/A**
% Reporting poor or fair health, adults#			18	18	13	13
Average number of poor physical health days, adults#			4	4	3	3
Average number of poor mental health days, adults#			4	4	4	4
% Low birthweight, <2,500 grams$^\Delta$	5.8	6.9	6.8	6	6	7.2
Health Factors- Rank	**27**	**22**	**35**	**32**	**28**	**N/A**
Health Behaviors- Rank	**40**	**26**	**46**	**41**	**49**	**N/A**
% Smokers, adults#			20	18	19	17
% Obese, adults age 20 and older#				37	37	36
Food environment index, 0 (worst) to 10 (best)	7.9	8	7.9	7.8	7.9	7
% Physically inactive, adults age 20 and older#				30	24	21
% Access to exercise opportunities#						80
% Excessive drinking, adults#			19	18	20	20
% Driving deaths with alcohol-involvement$^\Delta$	33	14	14	20	20	19
Sexually transmitted infection rate, per 100,000 population	200			182		502
Teen birth rate, per 1,000 females age 15-19$^\Delta$	27	28	26	28	28	22
Clinical Care- Rank	**37**	**73**	**87**	**63**	**27**	**N/A**
% Uninsured, population under age 65	13	16	14	16	15	10
Primary care physicians rate, per 100,000 population	68	70	70	73	108	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	3035	4467	5863	3460	1872	2708
% Mammography screening, Medicare females age 65-74	53	48	42	51	55	42
% Flu vaccinations, Medicare enrollees	33	33	37	38	40	51
Social & Economic Factors- Rank	**30**	**20**	**26**	**32**	**37**	**N/A**
% High school completion, adults age 25 and older@			91	92	91	92
% With some college, adults age 25-44	63	64	68	72	71	71
% Unemployed, population age 16 and older	2.9	2.8	2.5	3.4	2.2	3.2
% Children in poverty	15	14	13	14	13	14
Income inequality ratio, 80th to 20th percentile	4.3	4	4.3	3.9	3.5	4.4
% Children in single-parent households#			13	16	14	21
Membership associations rate, per 10,000 population	30.4	31.4	31.7	29.1	28.9	13.2
Injury death rate, per 100,000 population$^\Delta$	140	129	153	162	162	78
Physical Environment- Rank	**10**	**13**	**10**	**9**	**7**	**N/A**
Average daily density of fine particulate matter	7.1	7.1	5.1	6.4	5.8	6.7
Drinking water violations?	No	No	No	No	No	
% Households with severe housing problems	7	8	9	8	7	13
% Driving alone to work	76	77	75	75	73	79
% Long commute - driving alone	15	16	16	19	16	22

Ness County

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, Ness County, KS - 2023

	Measure	Description	Factor Category	County Value	State Value	Impact on Rankings
1	Injury Deaths	Number of deaths due to injury per 100,000 population.	Social and Economic Environment	162	78	**-**
2	Preventable Hospital Stays	Rate of hospital stays for ambulatory-care sensitive conditions per 100,000 Medicare enrollees.	Clinical Care	1872	2708	**+**
3	Unemployment	Percentage of population ages 16 and older unemployed but seeking work.	Social and Economic Environment	2.2%	3.2%	**+**
4	Children in Poverty	Percentage of people under age 18 in poverty.	Social and Economic Environment	13%	14%	**+**
5	Mammography Screening	Percentage of female Medicare enrollees ages 65-74 that received an annual mammography screening.	Clinical Care	55%	42%	**+**

Health Outcomes: Drivers with the greatest impact on ranking, Ness 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	6%	7.2%	**+**
2	Poor Mental Health Days	Average number of mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	4	4	**+**
3	Poor or Fair Health	Percentage of adults reporting fair or poor health (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	13%	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	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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