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Health Factors Rank

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Health Outcomes Rank

Population: 5,342

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	64	75	93	75	59	N/A
Length of Life- Rank	76	89	96	83	83	N/A
Premature death (years of potential life lost, per 100,000) ^Δ	8395	9266	10414	9586	9586	7458
Quality of Life- Rank	51	49	73	60	38	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 ^Δ	7	7.4	8.1	7.5	7.5	7.2
Health Factors- Rank	28	34	32	41	40	N/A
Health Behaviors- Rank	57	54	69	64	64	N/A
% Smokers, adults [#]			21	19	19	17
% Obese, adults age 20 and older [#]				35	37	36
Food environment index, 0 (worst) to 10 (best)	7.7	7.6	7.5	7.9	8.3	7
% Physically inactive, adults age 20 and older [#]				31	24	21
% Access to exercise opportunities [#]					62	80
% Excessive drinking, adults [#]			20	20	21	20
% Driving deaths with alcohol-involvement ^Δ	67	50	43	38	38	19
Sexually transmitted infection rate, per 100,000 population	126	110	184	149	224	502
Teen birth rate, per 1,000 females age 15-19 ^Δ	33	29	29	24	24	22
Clinical Care- Rank	20	11	37	30	17	N/A
% Uninsured, population under age 65	9	10	11	11	10	10
Primary care physicians rate, per 100,000 population	55	55	37	37	56	79
Dentists rate, per 100,000 population	55	55	56	56	56	62
Mental health providers rate, per 100,000 population	74	74	93	94	112	224
Preventable hospital stays rate, per 100,000 Medicare enrollees	3863	2466	3657	2906	1560	2708
% Mammography screening, Medicare females age 65-74	57	56	51	47	44	42
% Flu vaccinations, Medicare enrollees	38	39	40	38	41	51
Social & Economic Factors- Rank	35	53	35	33	49	N/A
% High school completion, adults age 25 and older [@]			89	90	90	92
% With some college, adults age 25-44	56	46	56	62	60	71
% Unemployed, population age 16 and older	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.7	1.8	3.2
% Children in poverty	16	19	15	16	16	14
Income inequality ratio, 80th to 20th percentile	3.4	4	4.4	3.7	4.3	4.4
% Children in single-parent households [#]			8	7	12	21
Membership associations rate, per 10,000 population	27.3	18.4	18.4	18.7	18.8	13.2
Injury death rate, per 100,000 population ^Δ	87	87	114	122	122	78
Physical Environment- Rank	18	23	9	28	37	N/A
Average daily density of fine particulate matter	6.7	6.7	5.1	6.2	5.6	6.7
Drinking water violations?	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
% Households with severe housing problems	9	6	5	10	13	13
% Driving alone to work	82	76	81	77	74	79
% Long commute - driving alone	11	10	12	12	10	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, Norton County, KS - 2023

	Measure	Description	Factor Category	County Value	State Value	Impact on Rankings
1	Unemployment	Percentage of population ages 16 and older unemployed but seeking work.	Social and Economic Environment	1.8%	3.2%	+
2	Preventable Hospital Stays	Rate of hospital stays for ambulatory-care sensitive conditions per 100,000 Medicare enrollees.	Clinical Care	1560	2708	+
3	Injury Deaths	Number of deaths due to injury per 100,000 population.	Social and Economic Environment	122	78	-
4	Excessive Drinking	Percentage of adults reporting binge or heavy drinking (age-adjusted).	Health Behaviors	21%	20%	-
5	Alcohol-Impaired Driving Deaths	Percentage of driving deaths with alcohol involvement.	Health Behaviors	38%	19%	-

Health Outcomes: Drivers with the greatest impact on ranking, Norton 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	9586	7458	-
2	Poor Mental Health Days	Average number of mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	4	4	+
3	Low Birthweight	Percentage of live births with low birthweight (< 2,500 grams).	Quality of Life	7.5%	7.2%	-
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 or Fair Health	Percentage of adults reporting fair or poor health (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	13%	13%	+

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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