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Health Factors Rank

Health Outcomes 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	59	58	62	79	53	N/A
Length of Life- Rank	17	14	12	22	22	N/A
Premature death (years of potential life lost, per 100,000) ^Δ	6732	6441	6487	7225	7225	7458
Quality of Life- Rank	84	92	98	97	77	N/A
% Reporting poor or fair health, adults [#]			28	29	20	13
Average number of poor physical health days, adults [#]			4	5	3	3
Average number of poor mental health days, adults [#]			4	4	4	4
% Low birthweight, <2,500 grams ^Δ	5.6	5.8	6	6	6	7.2
Health Factors- Rank	92	95	97	94	97	N/A
Health Behaviors- Rank	83	89	60	73	90	N/A
% Smokers, adults [#]			20	17	19	17
% Obese, adults age 20 and older [#]				40	41	36
Food environment index, 0 (worst) to 10 (best)	9.5	9.2	8.7	8.3	8.4	7
% Physically inactive, adults age 20 and older [#]				42	34	21
% Access to exercise opportunities [#]					91	80
% Excessive drinking, adults [#]			15	14	17	20
% Driving deaths with alcohol-involvement ^Δ	23	28	38	38	38	19
Sexually transmitted infection rate, per 100,000 population	514	573	573	728	532	502
Teen birth rate, per 1,000 females age 15-19 ^Δ	64	56	53	49	49	22
Clinical Care- Rank	100	97	103	102	99	N/A
% Uninsured, population under age 65	21	20	19	20	21	10
Primary care physicians rate, per 100,000 population	53	54	37	37	38	79
Dentists rate, per 100,000 population	32	32	33	33	32	62
Mental health providers rate, per 100,000 population	72	78	84	95	92	224
Preventable hospital stays rate, per 100,000 Medicare enrollees	4709	4226	4692	3068	2188	2708
% Mammography screening, Medicare females age 65-74	19	20	18	22	17	42
% Flu vaccinations, Medicare enrollees	36	36	38	37	37	51
Social & Economic Factors- Rank	85	95	102	96	93	N/A
% High school completion, adults age 25 and older [@]			66	70	70	92
% With some college, adults age 25-44	39	35	37	43	42	71
% Unemployed, population age 16 and older	3.5	3.3	3.1	4.4	2.8	3.2
% Children in poverty	20	19	18	15	16	14
Income inequality ratio, 80th to 20th percentile	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.4	3.5	4.4
% Children in single-parent households [#]			22	19	17	21
Membership associations rate, per 10,000 population	12.3	10.8	11.5	11.7	13.3	13.2
Injury death rate, per 100,000 population ^Δ	70	71	67	68	68	78
Physical Environment- Rank	20	21	21	20	28	N/A
Average daily density of fine particulate matter	7.2	7.2	6	7	6.5	6.7
Drinking water violations?	No	No	No	No	No	
% Households with severe housing problems	16	16	16	16	15	13
% Driving alone to work	72	71	72	72	74	79
% Long commute - driving alone	9	12	11	11	11	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, Seward County, KS - 2023

	Measure	Description	Factor Category	County Value	State Value	Impact on Rankings
1	High School Completion	Percentage of adults ages 25 and over with a high school diploma or equivalent.	Social and Economic Environment	70%	92%	-
2	Uninsured	Percentage of population under age 65 without health insurance.	Clinical Care	21%	10%	-
3	Some College	Percentage of adults ages 25-44 with some post-secondary education.	Social and Economic Environment	42%	71%	-
4	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%	-
5	Physical Inactivity	Percentage of adults age 18 and over reporting no leisure-time physical activity (age-adjusted).	Health Behaviors	34%	21%	-

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

	Measure	Description	Factor Category	County Value	State Value	Impact on Rankings
1	Poor or Fair Health	Percentage of adults reporting fair or poor health (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	20%	13%	-
2	Premature Death	Years of potential life lost before age 75 per 100,000 population (age-adjusted).	Length of Life	7225	7458	+
3	Poor Mental Health Days	Average number of mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	4	4	+
4	Poor Physical Health Days	Average number of physically unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	3	3	-
5	Low Birthweight	Percentage of live births with low birthweight (< 2,500 grams).	Quality of Life	6%	7.2%	+

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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