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Health Factors Rank

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Population: 5,895

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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	84	82	47	27	28	N/A
Length of Life- Rank	81	86	26	21	21	N/A
Premature death (years of potential life lost, per 100,000) ^Δ	8818	9138	6974	7222	7222	7458
Quality of Life- Rank	78	70	70	43	42	N/A
% Reporting poor or fair health, adults [#]			18	17	12	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	8.4	8.2	7.8	7.6	7.6	7.2
Health Factors- Rank	64	67	51	25	54	N/A
Health Behaviors- Rank	66	76	66	11	18	N/A
% Smokers, adults [#]			20	16	17	17
% Obese, adults age 20 and older [#]				37	37	36
Food environment index, 0 (worst) to 10 (best)	5.8	5.9	5.5	6.2	6.7	7
% Physically inactive, adults age 20 and older [#]				28	22	21
% Access to exercise opportunities [#]					79	80
% Excessive drinking, adults [#]			18	19	20	20
% Driving deaths with alcohol-involvement ^Δ	14	0	0	0	0	19
Sexually transmitted infection rate, per 100,000 population	251	472	202	406	406	502
Teen birth rate, per 1,000 females age 15-19 ^Δ	35	33	23	25	25	22
Clinical Care- Rank	75	88	73	69	73	N/A
% Uninsured, population under age 65	10	10	8	9	12	10
Primary care physicians rate, per 100,000 population	34	34	17	17	17	79
Dentists rate, per 100,000 population	67	68	68	69	68	62
Mental health providers rate, per 100,000 population	34	34	51	35	34	224
Preventable hospital stays rate, per 100,000 Medicare enrollees	5147	7412	6145	4645	2821	2708
% Mammography screening, Medicare females age 65-74	31	36	33	32	28	42
% Flu vaccinations, Medicare enrollees	31	33	37	35	39	51
Social & Economic Factors- Rank	56	51	40	42	78	N/A
% High school completion, adults age 25 and older [@]			92	90	90	92
% With some college, adults age 25-44	75	73	77	81	68	71
% Unemployed, population age 16 and older	2.9	2.8	2.7	3.4	2.5	3.2
% Children in poverty	20	20	19	18	18	14
Income inequality ratio, 80th to 20th percentile	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.8	5.2	4.4
% Children in single-parent households [#]			24	20	33	21
Membership associations rate, per 10,000 population	26.8	21.9	22	22	22.5	13.2
Injury death rate, per 100,000 population ^Δ	100	110	108	95	95	78
Physical Environment- Rank	43	34	25	7	8	N/A
Average daily density of fine particulate matter	6.4	6.4	5.2	5.9	5.3	6.7
Drinking water violations?	No	No	No	No	No	
% Households with severe housing problems	17	14	14	14	12	13
% Driving alone to work	84	83	81	70	70	79
% Long commute - driving alone	12	10	9	10	9	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, Sherman 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	17%	17%	+
2	Income Inequality	Ratio of household income at the 80th percentile to income at the 20th percentile.	Social and Economic Environment	5.2	4.4	-
3	Children in Single-Parent Households	Percentage of children that live in a household headed by a single parent.	Social and Economic Environment	33%	21%	-
4	Children in Poverty	Percentage of people under age 18 in poverty.	Social and Economic Environment	18%	14%	-
5	Air Pollution - Particulate Matter	Average daily density of fine particulate matter in micrograms per cubic meter (PM2.5).	Physical Environment	5.3	6.7	+

Health Outcomes: Drivers with the greatest impact on ranking, Sherman 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	7222	7458	+
2	Low Birthweight	Percentage of live births with low birthweight (< 2,500 grams).	Quality of Life	7.6%	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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