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Health Factors Rank

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Health Outcomes Rank

Population: 7,877

20
23

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	7	20	49	86	70	N/A
Length of Life- Rank	8	22	78	100	100	N/A
Premature death (years of potential life lost, per 100,000) ^Δ	5891	6867	8605	10683	10683	7458
Quality of Life- Rank	15	25	23	57	31	N/A
% Reporting poor or fair health, adults [#]			16	17	12	13
Average number of poor physical health days, adults [#]			4	4	3	3
Average number of poor mental health days, adults [#]			4	5	4	4
% Low birthweight, <2,500 grams ^Δ	6.8	6.3	6.4	6.8	6.8	7.2
Health Factors- Rank	26	27	8	12	16	N/A
Health Behaviors- Rank	34	53	19	48	37	N/A
% Smokers, adults [#]			19	19	18	17
% Obese, adults age 20 and older [#]				35	38	36
Food environment index, 0 (worst) to 10 (best)	7.7	7.6	7.6	6.9	7.4	7
% Physically inactive, adults age 20 and older [#]				29	22	21
% Access to exercise opportunities [#]					78	80
% Excessive drinking, adults [#]			19	19	20	20
% Driving deaths with alcohol-involvement ^Δ	17	25	31	33	33	19
Sexually transmitted infection rate, per 100,000 population	240	398	244	322	412	502
Teen birth rate, per 1,000 females age 15-19 ^Δ	26	24	20	17	17	22
Clinical Care- Rank	57	57	53	58	54	N/A
% Uninsured, population under age 65	9	9	10	11	12	10
Primary care physicians rate, per 100,000 population	76	64	65	64	52	79
Dentists rate, per 100,000 population	51	52	51	52	51	62
Mental health providers rate, per 100,000 population	128	156	154	169	190	224
Preventable hospital stays rate, per 100,000 Medicare enrollees	5950	5933	5559	6063	3359	2708
% Mammography screening, Medicare females age 65-74	41	47	50	54	50	42
% Flu vaccinations, Medicare enrollees	26	27	29	33	31	51
Social & Economic Factors- Rank	15	6	3	1	5	N/A
% High school completion, adults age 25 and older [@]			93	93	92	92
% With some college, adults age 25-44	77	82	77	81	75	71
% Unemployed, population age 16 and older	2.6	2.6	2.3	2.9	1.8	3.2
% Children in poverty	12	12	10	9	11	14
Income inequality ratio, 80th to 20th percentile	4.6	4.4	4.7	3.6	4	4.4
% Children in single-parent households [#]			8	5	8	21
Membership associations rate, per 10,000 population	27.9	19.3	19.5	19.3	19.5	13.2
Injury death rate, per 100,000 population ^Δ	81	77	95	87	87	78
Physical Environment- Rank	39	58	47	58	27	N/A
Average daily density of fine particulate matter	6.6	6.6	5.1	5.9	5.4	6.7
Drinking water violations?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
% Households with severe housing problems	11	13	13	13	13	13
% Driving alone to work	79	83	82	83	81	79
% Long commute - driving alone	10	8	8	11	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, Thomas 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	Children in Poverty	Percentage of people under age 18 in poverty.	Social and Economic Environment	11%	14%	+
3	Adult Smoking	Percentage of adults who are current smokers (age-adjusted).	Health Behaviors	18%	17%	+
4	Some College	Percentage of adults ages 25-44 with some post-secondary education.	Social and Economic Environment	75%	71%	+
5	Children in Single-Parent Households	Percentage of children that live in a household headed by a single parent.	Social and Economic Environment	8%	21%	+

Health Outcomes: Drivers with the greatest impact on ranking, Thomas 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	10683	7458	-
2	Poor or Fair Health	Percentage of adults reporting fair or poor health (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	12%	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	Low Birthweight	Percentage of live births with low birthweight (< 2,500 grams).	Quality of Life	6.8%	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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