

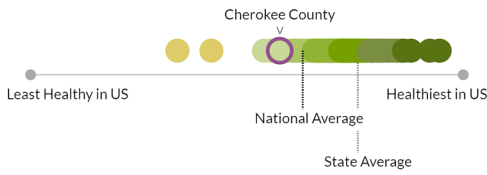
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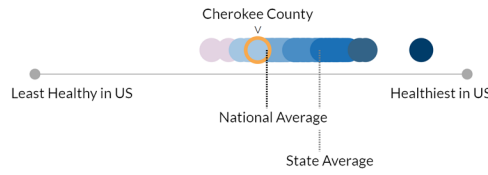
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## Health Outcomes



## Health Factors



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Health Outcomes and Health Factors summaries replace the numerical ranking provided in previous years.

Each Kansas county with sufficient data is represented by a dot, placed on a continuum from least healthy to healthiest in the nation.

The color of each dot represents data-informed groupings of counties nationwide with similar Health Outcomes or Health Factors on the continuum.

Population: 19,088

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Kansas 2024	U.S. 2024
<b>Health Outcomes</b>							
<b>Length of life</b>							
Premature death (years of potential life lost, per 100,000) <sup>(1)</sup>					12000	8079	7972
<b>Quality of life</b>							
% Reporting poor or fair health, adults <sup>(1)</sup>		19	20	15	17	14	14
Average number of poor physical health days, adults <sup>(1)</sup>		4	4	3	3.7	3.2	3.3
Average number of poor mental health days, adults <sup>(1)</sup>		5	5	5	5.0	5.0	4.8
% Low birthweight, <2,500 grams	8.1	8.6	8.9	8.9	9	7	8
<b>Health Factors</b>							
<b>Health Behaviors</b>							
% Smokers, adults <sup>(1)</sup>		23	21	22	21	16	15
% Obese, adults age 20 and older <sup>(1)</sup>			37	36	43	37	34
Food environment index, 0 (worst) to 10 (best)	7.7	7.4	6.2	6.3	6.4	7.1	7.7
% Physically inactive, adults age 20 and older <sup>(1)</sup>			31	26	26	23	23
% Access to exercise opportunities <sup>(1)</sup>				54	72	80	84
% Excessive drinking, adults <sup>(1)</sup>		18	20	19	16	20	18
% Driving deaths with alcohol-involvement	27	17	14	14	19	20	26
Sexually transmitted infection rate, per 100,000 population	328	333	426	351	250.9	506.1	495.5
Teen birth rate, per 1,000 females age 15-19 <sup>(1)</sup>					28	19	17
<b>Clinical Care</b>							
% Uninsured, population under age 65	11	11	11	10	12	11	10
Primary care physicians rate, per 100,000 population	25	25	25	20	21	78	75
Dentists rate, per 100,000 population	25	30	25	26	26	63	74
Mental health providers rate, per 100,000 population	145	145	152	162	162	237	314
Preventable hospital stays rate, per 100,000 Medicare enrollees	5063	5521	4616	2804	3279	2576	2681
% Mammography screening, Medicare females age 65-74	38	39	40	32	39	48	43
% Flu vaccinations, Medicare enrollees	40	43	41	44	41	47	46
<b>Social &amp; Economic Factors</b>							
% High school completion, adults age 25 and older <sup>(2)</sup>		90	88	88	90	92	89
% With some college, adults age 25-44	65	64	59	57	60	71	68
% Unemployed, population age 16 and older	3.8	3.4	5.2	2.9	2.6	2.7	3.7
% Children in poverty	23	21	20	20	20	14	16
Income inequality ratio, 80th to 20th percentile	4.2	4.4	4.7	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.9
% Children in single-parent households	30	23	24	18	17	21	25
Membership associations rate, per 10,000 population	11.9	11.5	11.5	11.7	12.0	13.2	9.1
Injury death rate, per 100,000 population <sup>(1)</sup>					97	82	80
<b>Physical Environment</b>							
Average daily density of fine particulate matter <sup>(3)</sup>	9.9	8.6	9.3	8.8	8.8	6.7	7.4
Drinking water violations?	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes		
% Households with severe housing problems	10	11	10	10	10	12	17
% Driving alone to work	84	83	83	84	84	78	72
% Long commute - driving alone	22	23	21	24	23	22	36

**Empty cells:** Shaded cells indicate measures were omitted due to methodology change<sup>(1)</sup>, new additions<sup>(2)</sup>, or are unavailable due to low reliability.

<sup>(3)</sup>Source data have not been updated since the 2023 County Health Rankings Release.

2024

# Cherokee County

The annual *County Health Rankings & Roadmaps* data release provides a snapshot of the health of each county in two summaries: **Health Factors** (which measure issues that can shape the health outcomes) and **Health Outcomes** (which measure length and quality of life). Each county is placed on a continuum from least healthy to healthiest in the nation and categorized into a group of counties with similar Health Outcomes or Health Factors. The following tables illustrate the “drivers” for health of this county.

## What do these drivers mean?

The drivers indicate the measures with the greatest impact on the health of the county. Drivers labeled with a green plus sign are measures on which the county performed particularly well compared to all counties nationwide. Those labeled with a red minus sign are measures which could be improved and may warrant additional attention.

### Health Factors: Drivers with the greatest impact on health, Cherokee County, KS - 2024

	Measure	Description	Factor Category	County Value	U.S. Value	Direction of Impact
1	Unemployment	Percentage of population ages 16 and older unemployed but seeking work.	Social and Economic Environment	2.6%	3.7%	+
2	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	43%	34%	-
3	Adult Smoking	Percentage of adults who are current smokers (age-adjusted).	Health Behaviors	21%	15%	-
4	Drinking Water Violations	Indicator of the presence of health-related drinking water violations. 'Yes' indicates the presence of a violation, 'No' indicates no violation.	Physical Environment	Yes		-
5	Primary Care Physicians	Ratio of population to primary care physicians.	Clinical Care	21	75	-

### Health Outcomes: Drivers with the greatest impact on health, Cherokee County, KS - 2024

	Measure	Description	Factor Category	County Value	U.S. Value	Direction of Impact
1	Premature Death	Years of potential life lost before age 75 per 100,000 population (age-adjusted).	Length of Life	12000	7972	-
2	Low Birthweight	Percentage of live births with low birthweight (< 2,500 grams).	Quality of Life	9%	8%	-
3	Poor Physical Health Days	Average number of physically unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	3.7	3.3	+
4	Poor Mental Health Days	Average number of mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	5.0	4.8	+
5	Poor or Fair Health	Percentage of adults reporting fair or poor health (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	17%	14%	+

**N/A:** Not applicable due to insufficient data.

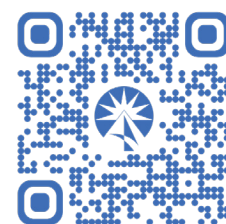
**+ Green Plus:** Measure with a positive impact on a county’s health grouping.

**- Red Minus:** Measure with a negative impact on a county’s health grouping.

*Technical Note: The U.S. values are provided as a point of reference. However, the drivers and direction of impact are determined by using the county value and the average across counties in the U.S. and then applying measure weights. Drivers are provided in order of impact on health for this year. Values have been rounded according to how they are presented on the County Health Rankings and Roadmaps website. For more information on the derivation of health groups, please visit: [bit.ly/2024CHRzScores](https://bit.ly/2024CHRzScores). For more information on data sources, year(s) of data and weights for measures, please visit [bit.ly/2024CHRmeasures](https://bit.ly/2024CHRmeasures).*



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