

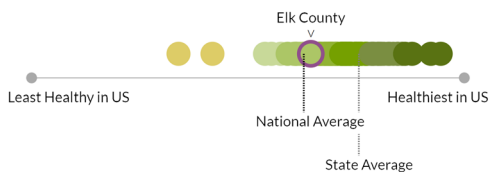
# Elk County



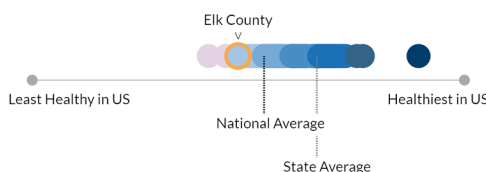
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## Health Outcomes



## Health Factors



County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

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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: 2,441

	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>						8079	7972
<b>Quality of life</b>							
% Reporting poor or fair health, adults <sup>(1)</sup>		20	21	16	18	14	14
Average number of poor physical health days, adults <sup>(1)</sup>		4	4	3	3.9	3.2	3.3
Average number of poor mental health days, adults <sup>(1)</sup>		5	5	5	5.2	5.0	4.8
% Low birthweight, <2,500 grams	7.9	5.5	5.8	5.8	7	7	8
<b>Health Factors</b>							
<b>Health Behaviors</b>							
% Smokers, adults <sup>(1)</sup>		23	22	23	22	16	15
% Obese, adults age 20 and older <sup>(1)</sup>			39	41	43	37	34
Food environment index, 0 (worst) to 10 (best)	4.6	4	5.8	6.2	6.4	7.1	7.7
% Physically inactive, adults age 20 and older <sup>(1)</sup>			36	27	30	23	23
% Access to exercise opportunities <sup>(1)</sup>				27	28	80	84
% Excessive drinking, adults <sup>(1)</sup>		18	18	19	15	20	18
% Driving deaths with alcohol-involvement	50	25	33	33	0	20	26
Sexually transmitted infection rate, per 100,000 population				237	245.8	506.1	495.5
Teen birth rate, per 1,000 females age 15-19 <sup>(1)</sup>						19	17
<b>Clinical Care</b>							
% Uninsured, population under age 65	14	15	16	13	13	11	10
Primary care physicians rate, per 100,000 population	40	40	40	40	41	78	75
Dentists rate, per 100,000 population	0	0	0	0	0	63	74
Mental health providers rate, per 100,000 population						237	314
Preventable hospital stays rate, per 100,000 Medicare enrollees	3332	3903	1987	3119	1756	2576	2681
% Mammography screening, Medicare females age 65-74	30	37	38	36	35	48	43
% Flu vaccinations, Medicare enrollees	38	39	35	37	30	47	46
<b>Social &amp; Economic Factors</b>							
% High school completion, adults age 25 and older <sup>(2)</sup>		88	88	87	87	92	89
% With some college, adults age 25-44	54	48	54	45	51	71	68
% Unemployed, population age 16 and older	3.3	3.7	4.8	2.8	2.7	2.7	3.7
% Children in poverty	28	30	26	26	25	14	16
Income inequality ratio, 80th to 20th percentile	3.9	5	4.7	4.5	4.8	4.4	4.9
% Children in single-parent households	19	18	21	18	16	21	25
Membership associations rate, per 10,000 population	12	15.9	15.8	16	20.5	13.2	9.1
Injury death rate, per 100,000 population <sup>(1)</sup>					160	82	80
<b>Physical Environment</b>							
Average daily density of fine particulate matter <sup>(3)</sup>	8.9	7.3	8.4	8.1	8.1	6.7	7.4
Drinking water violations?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No		
% Households with severe housing problems	9	7	7	10	10	12	17
% Driving alone to work	77	78	79	78	78	78	72
% Long commute - driving alone	36	37	39	44	42	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

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, Elk County, KS - 2024

	Measure	Description	Factor Category	County Value	U.S. Value	Direction of Impact
1	Injury Deaths	Number of deaths due to injury per 100,000 population.	Social and Economic Environment	160	80	-
2	Adult Smoking	Percentage of adults who are current smokers (age-adjusted).	Health Behaviors	22%	15%	-
3	Unemployment	Percentage of population ages 16 and older unemployed but seeking work.	Social and Economic Environment	2.7%	3.7%	+
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	43%	34%	-
5	Children in Poverty	Percentage of people under age 18 in poverty.	Social and Economic Environment	25%	16%	-

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

	Measure	Description	Factor Category	County Value	U.S. Value	Direction of Impact
1	Low Birthweight	Percentage of live births with low birthweight (< 2,500 grams).	Quality of Life	7%	8%	+
2	Poor or Fair Health	Percentage of adults reporting fair or poor health (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	18%	14%	-
3	Poor Mental Health Days	Average number of mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	5.2	4.8	-
4	Poor Physical Health Days	Average number of physically unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	3.9	3.3	+
5	Premature Death	Years of potential life lost before age 75 per 100,000 population (age-adjusted).	Length of Life	N/A	7972	N/A

**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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