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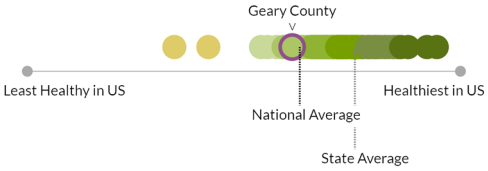

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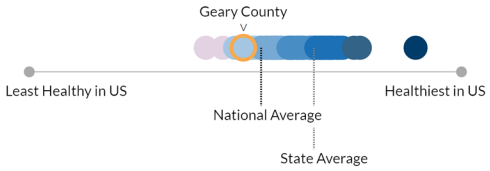

Health Outcomes and **Health Factors** summaries replace the numerical ranking provided in previous years.

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.

2024

Population: 35,691

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Kansas 2024	U.S. 2024
Health Outcomes							
Length of life							
Premature death (years of potential life lost, per 100,000)[1]					11525	8079	7972
Quality of life							
% Reporting poor or fair health, adults[1]		18	19	15	18	14	14
Average number of poor physical health days, adults[1]		4	4	3	3.8	3.2	3.3
Average number of poor mental health days, adults[1]		4	4	4	5.0	5.0	4.8
% Low birthweight, <2,500 grams	6.8	6.8	6.9	6.9	7	7	8
Health Factors							
Health Behaviors							
% Smokers, adults[1]		20	18	19	19	16	15
% Obese, adults age 20 and older[1]			37	38	43	37	34
Food environment index, 0 (worst) to 10 (best)	6.3	6.8	6.5	6.5	6.5	7.1	7.7
% Physically inactive, adults age 20 and older[1]			29	24	28	23	23
% Access to exercise opportunities[1]				80	80	80	84
% Excessive drinking, adults[1]		16	17	18	19	20	18
% Driving deaths with alcohol-involvement	26	19	25	25	20	20	26
Sexually transmitted infection rate, per 100,000 population	517	842	1926	1989	1380.3	506.1	495.5
Teen birth rate, per 1,000 females age 15-19[1]					58	19	17
Clinical Care							
% Uninsured, population under age 65	8	8	8	9	10	11	10
Primary care physicians rate, per 100,000 population	35	40	47	47	39	78	75
Dentists rate, per 100,000 population	141	133	133	111	115	63	74
Mental health providers rate, per 100,000 population	313	316	326	367	423	237	314
Preventable hospital stays rate, per 100,000 Medicare enrollees	2710	2580	3505	2541	2649	2576	2681
% Mammography screening, Medicare females age 65-74	40	38	37	32	30	48	43
% Flu vaccinations, Medicare enrollees	31	29	28	34	30	47	46
Social & Economic Factors							
% High school completion, adults age 25 and older[2]		94	94	94	94	92	89
% With some college, adults age 25-44	74	74	79	76	74	71	68
% Unemployed, population age 16 and older	4.8	4.4	6.9	4.3	3.8	2.7	3.7
% Children in poverty	16	19	17	17	16	14	16
Income inequality ratio, 80th to 20th percentile	3.2	3.2	3.5	3.6	3.7	4.4	4.9
% Children in single-parent households	26	22	24	25	27	21	25
Membership associations rate, per 10,000 population	7.7	7.7	7.9	6.8	6.7	13.2	9.1
Injury death rate, per 100,000 population[1]					77	82	80
Physical Environment							
Average daily density of fine particulate matter[3]	8.8	7.2	8.2	7.8	7.8	6.7	7.4
Drinking water violations?	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes		
% Households with severe housing problems	18	20	18	16	17	12	17
% Driving alone to work	87	85	83	81	79	78	72
% Long commute - driving alone	11	11	12	14	14	22	36

Empty cells: Shaded cells indicate measures were omitted due to methodology change[1], new additions[2], or are unavailable due to low reliability.
[3]Source data have not been updated since the 2023 County Health Rankings Release.

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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, Geary County, KS - 2024

	Measure	Description	Factor Category	County Value	U.S. Value	Direction of Impact
1	Sexually Transmitted Infections	Number of newly diagnosed chlamydia cases per 100,000 population.	Health Behaviors	1380.3	495.5	-
2	Teen Births	Number of births per 1,000 female population ages 15-19.	Health Behaviors	58	17	-
3	Some College	Percentage of adults ages 25-44 with some post-secondary education.	Social and Economic Environment	74%	68%	+
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	High School Completion	Percentage of adults ages 25 and over with a high school diploma or equivalent.	Social and Economic Environment	94%	89%	+

Health Outcomes: Drivers with the greatest impact on health, Geary 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	11525	7972	-
2	Low Birthweight	Percentage of live births with low birthweight (< 2,500 grams).	Quality of Life	7%	8%	+
3	Poor Mental Health Days	Average number of mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	5.0	4.8	+
4	Poor Physical Health Days	Average number of physically unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	3.8	3.3	+
5	Poor or Fair Health	Percentage of adults reporting fair or poor health (age-adjusted).	Quality of Life	18%	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. For more information on data sources, year(s) of data and weights for measures, please visit bit.ly/2024CHRmeasures.

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