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County Health Rankings & Roadmaps Annual Data Release Provide Updated Picture of Health Outcomes & Health Factors for Kansas Counties

Kansas Health Institute to host webinar tomorrow on Kansas-specific data

TOPEKA, KANSAS, March 2024 – Today, Wednesday, March 20, new data released from [County Health Rankings & Roadmaps](#) provides health data for each county across the nation. The Kansas Health Institute serves as the state team for the 2024 CHR&R release in Kansas and offers county-specific profiles with data trends and comparisons to the rest of the state and nation. [View Kansas county profiles](#).

As part of the release, KHI will host, tomorrow, a webinar to further discuss Kansas-specific data in the report. Details below.

For more than a decade, CHR&R's data, evidence, guidance and stories have broadened the nation's understanding about the multiple factors that shape health. This year's CHR&R data release provides communities with a local snapshot of the most recent health data available. New this year, the health of each county is summarized in graphical visualizations for both Health Outcomes and Health Factors, rather than numerical ranks. These graphics show how a county fares relative to other counties in the state and across the country. Although counties are not ranked, comparisons among all counties across the U.S. offer a look at how counties are progressing toward addressing health needs in the community.

"This year's rankings may look a little different, but the way health outcomes and the factors that influence health are measured remain the same," said Kari Bruffett, KHI President and CEO. "This year's CHR&R allows Kansas communities to look beyond the state line to compare and learn from similar counties in neighboring states and across the country."

The annual data release provides a snapshot of the health of nearly every county in the nation. With data on more than 80 measures relevant to health, the data offers important context about the

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community conditions that support good health and advance health equity. To see how Kansas counties fare on these measures, visit countyhealthrankings.org.

In addition to state- and county-level data, the program's [What Works for Health](#) database offers more than 400 evidence-informed strategies to help communities improve health. Each strategy is rated for its effectiveness and likely impact on health disparities. The program's [In Solidarity](#) podcast examines the connections between power, place and health and explores how our lives and fates are interconnected, whether obvious or not. The latest podcast series examines what's needed to engage young people, with experts offering insights on what's worked well in civics education.

Visit countyhealthrankings.org to learn more.

KHI will distribute district-specific packets to legislators at the State Capitol Building on Thursday, March 21, from 8-10 a.m. and will be available for media interviews beginning at 10:30 a.m. Later that day, from 1:30-2:30 p.m., KHI will host an informational webinar to go over the data for Kansas counties, describe new measures and features in this year's release and provide a live demonstration for navigating and utilizing the CHR&R website.

WHO: Wyatt Beckman, KHI senior analyst and state team lead

WHEN: 1:30-2:30 p.m., Thursday, March 21

WHERE: Zoom

[Register to attend the webinar](#). If you'd like an interview on County Health Rankings & Roadmaps with Beckman, please visit the second floor of the rotunda at the State Capitol Building, downtown Topeka, between 10:30-11 a.m., Thursday, March 21. To make other arrangements for an interview, contact KHI Director of Strategic Communication and Engagement Theresa Freed by email at tfreed@khi.org or by phone at 316-305-5190.

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