

Kansas

State Health Department Website: kdheks.gov

Overall Rank:

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Summary

Strengths:

- Low prevalence of frequent physical distress
- Low percentage of low birthweight infants
- Low Black/white residential segregation

Challenges:

- High prevalence of excessive drinking
- High occupational fatality rate
- High levels of air pollution

Highlights:

MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS

▲29%

from 181.4 to 234.1 per 100,000 population between 2017 and 2022.

ASTHMA

▲22%

from 8.7% to 10.6% of adults between 2015 and 2021.

FIREARM DEATHS

▲22%

from 14.0 to 17.1 deaths per 100,000 population between 2019 and 2020.

Measures		Rating	State Rank	State Value	U.S. Value
SOCIAL & ECONOMIC FACTORS*		+++	25	-0.006	
Community and Family Safety	Occupational Fatalities (deaths per 100,000 workers)	+	41	6.0	3.9
	Public Health Funding (dollars per person)	++	39	\$87	\$116
	Violent Crime (offenses per 100,000 population)	++	32	425	399
Economic Resources	Economic Hardship Index (index from 1-100)	+++	25	51	—
	Food Insecurity (% of households)	+++	26	10.2%	10.4%
	Income Inequality (80/20 ratio)	++++	13	4.42	4.96
Education	Fourth Grade Reading Proficiency (% of public school students)	++	34	30.5%	32.1%
	High School Graduation (% of students)	++++	20	87.2%	85.8%
	High School Graduation Racial Disparity (percentage point difference)**	++++	19	13.3	15.1
Social Support and Engagement	Adverse Childhood Experiences (% ages 0-17)	++	38	17.7%	14.0%
	High-speed Internet (% of households)	++++	20	92.6%	92.4%
	Residential Segregation — Black/White (index from 0-100)	++++	16	60	—
	Volunteerism (% ages 16+)	+++	21	35.9%	33.4%
	Voter Participation (% of U.S. citizens ages 18+)	++++	19	61.3%	60.1%
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT*		+	44	-0.290	
Air and Water Quality	Air Pollution (micrograms of fine particles per cubic meter)	++	40	8.5	7.8
	Drinking Water Violations (% of community water systems)	+	41	1.7%	0.8%
	Risk-screening Environmental Indicator Score (unitless score)	+	43	9,747,054	—
	Water Fluoridation (% of population served)	++	33	65.1%	73.0%
Housing and Transit	Drive Alone to Work (% of workers ages 16+)	++	34	74.4%	67.8%
	Housing With Lead Risk (% of housing stock)	++	35	20.6%	16.9%
	Severe Housing Problems (% of occupied housing units)	+++++	8	12.5%	17.0%
CLINICAL CARE*		+++	28	-0.108	
Access to Care	Avoided Care Due to Cost (% ages 18+)	++	32	9.9%	8.8%
	Providers (per 100,000 population)				
	Dental Care	++	35	52.5	60.6
	Mental Health	++	36	234.1	305.0
	Primary Care	+++	26	277.9	265.3
Preventive Clinical Services	Uninsured (% of population)	++	33	9.2%	8.6%
	Colorectal Cancer Screening (% ages 50-75)	++	40	69.7%	74.3%
	Dental Visit (% ages 18+)	+++	22	67.3%	66.7%
	Immunizations				
	Childhood Immunizations (% by age 24 months)	+++	27	71.2%	70.5%
Quality of Care	Flu Vaccination (% ages 18+)	+++	22	46.8%	46.5%
	HPV Vaccination (% ages 13-17)	+++	22	64.3%	61.7%
	Dedicated Health Care Provider (% ages 18+)	++++	16	85.9%	84.1%
	Preventable Hospitalizations (discharges per 100,000 Medicare beneficiaries)	+++	26	2,691	2,770
BEHAVIORS*		++	36	-0.312	
Nutrition and Physical Activity	Exercise (% ages 18+)	++	37	20.8%	23.0%
	Fruit and Vegetable Consumption (% ages 18+)	++	33	6.5%	7.4%
Sexual Health	Physical Inactivity (% ages 18+)	+++	24	23.6%	23.7%
	Chlamydia (new cases per 100,000 population)	++	33	501.8	481.3
	High-risk HIV Behaviors (% ages 18+)	++	32	5.9%	5.6%
Sleep Health	Teen Births (births per 1,000 females ages 15-19)	++	34	18.1	15.4
	Insufficient Sleep (% ages 18+)	+++	23	32.0%	32.3%
Smoking and Tobacco Use	E-cigarette Use (% ages 18+)*	+++	23	6.6%	6.7%
	Smoking (% ages 18+)	++	34	15.6%	14.4%
HEALTH OUTCOMES*		+++	27	-0.089	
Behavioral Health	Drug Deaths (deaths per 100,000 population)*	+++++	9	17.4	27.9
	Excessive Drinking (% ages 18+)	++	37	18.9%	17.3%
	Frequent Mental Distress (% ages 18+)	+++	30	15.2%	14.7%
	Non-medical Drug Use (% ages 18+)	+++	21	14.6%	15.5%
Mortality	Premature Death (years lost before age 75 per 100,000 population)	+++	28	8,826	8,659
	Premature Death Racial Disparity (ratio)**	+++	27	1.6	1.6
Physical Health	Frequent Physical Distress (% ages 18+)	++++	15	10.0%	10.9%
	Low Birthweight (% of live births)	++++	13	7.2%	8.2%
	Low Birthweight Racial Disparity (ratio)**	+	47	2.2	2.0
	Multiple Chronic Conditions (% ages 18+)	+++	28	10.0%	9.6%
	Obesity (% ages 18+)	++	34	36.0%	33.9%
OVERALL*		++	31	-0.132	

* Value is a sum of weighted, ranking measure z-scores (the number of standard deviations a state value was above or below the U.S. value).

Higher summation scores are better. Scores are not calculated for the District of Columbia.

** Disparity measures compare the group with the highest or lowest rate and the white rate.

* Non-ranking measure.

— Data not available, missing or suppressed.

For measure descriptions, source details and methodologies, visit AmericasHealthRankings.org.

Rating	Rank
++++	1-10
+++	11-20
++	21-30
+	31-40
	41-50