The 2012–2016 data in the above graphs are not directly comparable with prior years. See Methodology (page 150) for additional information.

Strengths:
- Low prevalence of low birthweight
- Low prevalence of frequent mental distress
- Low prevalence of frequent physical distress

Challenges:
- High prevalence of obesity
- Low immunization coverage among adolescents
- Low per capita public health funding

Ranking:
Kansas is 27th this year; it was 26th in 2015. The state ranks 32nd for senior health and 25th for the health of women and children.

Highlights:
- In the past three years, drug deaths increased 22% from 9.6 to 11.7 deaths per 100,000 population.
- In the past year, obesity increased 9% from 31.3% to 34.2% of adults.
- In the past year, children in poverty increased 23% from 16.6% to 20.4% of children.
- In the past two years, HPV immunization among females aged 13 to 17 years increased 51% from 21.0% to 31.7%.
- In the past year, disparity in health status by education decreased 6% from 29.1% to 27.3%.

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