

Overall Rank: 24

Change: ▼ 1

Determinants Rank: 25

Outcomes Rank: 22

Strengths:

- Few poor mental and physical health days per month
- Low incidence of infectious disease
- Low prevalence of binge drinking

Challenges:

- Low per capita public health funding
- Limited availability of primary care physicians
- High occupational fatalities rate

Significant Changes:

- In the past year, the number of poor mental health days increased by 12%
- In the past five years, the prevalence of obesity increased by 24%
- In the past ten years, immunization coverage increased by 119%
- Since 1990, the prevalence of smoking decreased by 41%

Ranking: Kansas is 24th this year; it was 23rd in 2008.

Strengths: Strengths include few poor mental and physical health days per month at 2.9 days and 3.2 days in the previous 30 days, respectively, a low incidence of infectious disease at 7.6 cases per 100,000 population and a low prevalence of binge drinking at 14.1 percent of the population.

Challenges: Challenges include low public health funding at \$41 per person, limited availability of primary care physicians with 101.2 primary care physicians per 100,000 population and a high occupational fatalities rate at 6.7 deaths per 100,000 workers.

Significant Changes:

- ▲ In the past year, the number of poor mental health days increased from 2.6 to 2.9 days in the previous 30 days.
- ▲ In the past five years, the prevalence of obesity increased from 22.6 percent to 28.0 percent of the population.
- ▲ In the past ten years, immunization coverage increased from 35.7 percent to 78.2 percent of children ages 19 to 35 months receiving complete immunizations.

▼ Since 1990, the prevalence of smoking decreased from 30.2 percent to 17.8 percent of the population.

Health Disparities: In Kansas, obesity is more prevalent among non-Hispanic blacks at 42.6 percent than non-Hispanic whites at 26.6 percent. The prevalence of diabetes also varies by race and ethnicity in the state; 10.9 percent of non-Hispanic blacks have diabetes compared to 7.4 percent of non-Hispanic whites. In addition, mortality rates vary in Kansas, with 1,125.9 deaths per 100,000 population among blacks compared to whites, who experience 803.9 deaths per 100,000 population.

State Health Department Web Site:

www.kdheks.gov

	2009		NO. 1 STATE
	VALUE	RANK	
DETERMINANTS			
BEHAVIORS			
Prevalence of Smoking (Percent of population)	17.8	22	9.3
Prevalence of Binge Drinking (Percent of population)	14.1	18	9.0
Prevalence of Obesity (Percent of population)	28.0	34	19.1
High School Graduation (Percent of incoming ninth graders)	77.6	23	87.5
COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT			
Violent Crime (Offenses per 100,000 population)	411	29	118
Occupational Fatalities (Deaths per 100,000 workers)	6.7	39	3.1
Infectious Disease (Cases per 100,000 population)	7.6	10	2.4
Children in Poverty (Percent of persons under age 18)	17.1	21	8.6
Air Pollution (Micrograms of fine particles per cubic meter)	9.9	20	4.8
PUBLIC & HEALTH POLICIES			
Lack of Health Insurance (Percent without health insurance)	12.4	20	5.4
Public Health Funding (Dollars per person)	\$41	45	\$220
Immunization Coverage (Percent of children ages 19 to 35 months)	78.2	20	85.0
CLINICAL CARE			
Prenatal Care (Percent of pregnant women)*	69.1	—	—
Primary Care Physicians (Number per 100,000 population)	101.2	38	190.0
Preventable Hospitalizations (Number per 1,000 Medicare enrollees)	77.3	32	29.3
ALL DETERMINANTS			
	0.12	25	0.83
HEALTH OUTCOMES			
Poor Mental Health Days (Days in previous 30 days)	2.9	6	2.2
Poor Physical Health Days (Days in previous 30 days)	3.2	8	2.7
Geographic Disparity (Relative standard deviation)	11.1	24	4.3
Infant Mortality (Deaths per 1,000 live births)	7.2	30	4.8
Cardiovascular Deaths (Deaths per 100,000 population)	275.5	24	212.6
Cancer Deaths (Deaths per 100,000 population)	191.6	22	144.7
Premature Death (Years lost per 100,000 population)	7,245	22	5,595
ALL HEALTH OUTCOMES			
	0.12	22	0.35
OVERALL			
	0.25	24	1.06

— indicates data not available. *See measure description for full details.

ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT	
Unemployment Rate (Aug 2009)	7.1%
Underemployment Rate (2008)	7.8%
Median Household Income (2008)	\$47,877

