



The 2021 Rankings includes deaths through 2019. See our FAQs for information about when we anticipate the inclusion of deaths attributed to COVID-19.

Knox (KO) 2020 Rankings

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	State	
Population	31,304	4,468,402
% below 18 years of age	23.4%	22.6%
% 65 and older	17.3%	16.4%
% Non-Hispanic Black	1.2%	8.2%
% American Indian & Alaska Native	0.3%	0.3%
% Asian	0.3%	1.6%
% Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%
% Hispanic	1.3%	3.8%
% Non-Hispanic White	95.7%	84.3%
% not proficient in English	0%	1%
% Females	51.0%	50.7%
% Rural	62.9%	41.6%

		Error Margin	Top U.S. Performers ^	Kentucky
Health Outcomes				
Length of Life				
Premature death	12,600	11,300-14,000	5,500	9,700
Quality of Life				
Poor or fair health **	30%	29-31%	12%	24%
Poor physical health days **	6.0	5.8-6.3	3.1	5.1
Poor mental health days **	5.6	5.4-5.9	3.4	5.0
Low birthweight	11%	10-12%	6%	9%
Additional Health Outcomes (not included in overall ranking)				
Life expectancy	72.5	71.5-73.5	81.1	75.4
Premature age-adjusted mortality	630	580-670	270	480
Child mortality	60	40-100	40	60
Infant mortality	10	7-15	4	7
Frequent physical distress	19%	19-20%	9%	17%
Frequent mental distress	19%	18-19%	11%	16%
Diabetes prevalence	13%	9-17%	7%	13%
HIV prevalence			41	184
Health Factors				
Health Behaviors				
Adult smoking **	28%	27-29%	14%	25%
Adult obesity	39%	33-46%	26%	34%
Food environment index	6.3		8.6	7.0
Physical inactivity	34%	28-40%	20%	29%
Access to exercise opportunities	45%		91%	71%
Excessive drinking **	13%	12-14%	13%	17%
Alcohol-impaired driving deaths	20%	11-30%	11%	26%
Sexually transmitted infections	550.8		161.4	433.7
Teen births	57	52-63	13	34
Additional Health Behaviors (not included in overall ranking)				

Food insecurity	21%		9%	15%
Limited access to healthy foods	6%		2%	6%
Drug overdose deaths	29	19-42	10	32
Motor vehicle crash deaths	24	18-31	9	17
Insufficient sleep	41%	39-42%	27%	39%
Clinical Care				
Uninsured	7%	6-8%	6%	6%
Primary care physicians	4,460:1		1,030:1	1,520:1
Dentists	3,480:1		1,240:1	1,540:1
Mental health providers	1,570:1		290:1	440:1
Preventable hospital stays	7,756		2,761	5,949
Mammography screening	29%		50%	40%
Flu vaccinations	31%		53%	45%
Additional Clinical Care (not included in overall ranking)				
Uninsured adults	8%	7-10%	7%	7%
Uninsured children	3%	2-4%	3%	4%
Other primary care providers	591:1		665:1	732:1
Social & Economic Factors				
High school graduation	95%		96%	90%
Some college	43%	36-50%	73%	62%
Unemployment	6.2%		2.6%	4.3%
Children in poverty	45%	34-55%	11%	22%
Income inequality	6.2	5.2-7.1	3.7	5.1
Children in single-parent households	36%	29-44%	20%	34%
Social associations	6.4		18.4	10.7
Violent crime	66		63	222
Injury deaths	96	81-112	58	93
Additional Social & Economic Factors (not included in overall ranking)				
Disconnected youth			4%	8%
Reading scores	3.0		3.4	3.2
Math scores	2.8		3.4	3.1
Median household income	\$30,700	\$27,000-34,500	\$69,000	\$50,200
Children eligible for free or reduced price lunch	77%		32%	60%
Residential segregation - Black/White	89		23	61
Residential segregation - non-white/white	47		14	51
Homicides	9	5-13	2	6
Suicides	13	8-20	11	17
Firearm fatalities	16	11-24	8	16
Juvenile arrests				
Physical Environment				
Air pollution - particulate matter **	9.9		6.1	10.7
Drinking water violations	No			
Severe housing problems	14%	11-16%	9%	14%
Driving alone to work	85%	82-88%	72%	82%
Long commute - driving alone	31%	26-36%	16%	30%
Additional Physical Environment (not included in overall ranking)				
Traffic volume	66			235
Homeownership	64%	60-67%	81%	67%
Severe housing cost burden	13%	9-16%	7%	12%

^ 10th/90th percentile, i.e., only 10% are better.

** Data should not be compared with prior years

Note: Blank values reflect unreliable or missing data