

How well does the health care system in **Kansas**

work for people of different racial and ethnic groups?

In Kansas, **White people** experienced the **highest health system performance**, scoring in the 72nd percentile among all population groups nationally.

Black people experienced the **lowest health system performance** in the state, scoring in the 17th percentile.

Compared to other states in the Plains region, Kansas has less severe racial and ethnic health disparities.

Health System Performance by Race/Ethnicity



Each column is a racial/ethnic group, and each point represents a state. Performance represented as percentiles (1–100). Kansas performance percentile highlighted. No highlighted dot indicates overall performance data not available for that group.

Population by race/ethnicity (2022)

	Kansas	Plains	United States
Total	2,876,114	21,358,018	328,403,052
AANHPI	89,331 (3%)	678,323 (3%)	19,862,655 (6%)
AIAN	11,386 (<1%)	170,947 (<1%)	1,688,543 (<1%)
Black	134,990 (5%)	1,372,841 (6%)	38,460,950 (12%)
Hispanic	375,637 (13%)	1,523,355 (7%)	62,818,758 (19%)
White	2,105,740 (73%)	16,508,579 (77%)	189,511,136 (58%)

Notes: AANHPI = Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander. AIAN = American Indian and Alaska Native. “—” means data not available. Plains states include IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD. Source: David C. Radley et al., Advancing Racial Equity in U.S. Health Care: The Commonwealth Fund 2024 State Health Disparities Report (Commonwealth Fund, Apr. 2024).

How well does the health system in Kansas work for people from different racial and ethnic groups, and across different dimensions of care?

AANHPI

Kansas ranks 23rd of 31 states where calculation was possible, indicating health system performance for AANHPI people in the state was worse than average compared to other states. Specifically:

- Health outcomes ranking: **18** (of 33) is worse than average
- Health care access ranking: **27** (of 34) is worse than average
- Health care quality ranking: **35** (of 41) is worse than average

AIAN

An overall ranking for AIAN people in Kansas is not available because of insufficient data.

- Health outcomes ranking: insufficient data
- Health care access ranking: insufficient data
- Health care quality ranking: insufficient data

Black

Kansas ranks 30th of 39 states where calculation was possible, indicating health system performance for Black people in the state was worse than average compared to other states. Specifically:

- Health outcomes ranking: **28** (of 40) is worse than average
- Health care access ranking: **36** (of 40) is among the worst
- Health care quality ranking: **18** (of 41) is better than average

Hispanic

Kansas ranks 21st of 47 states where calculation was possible, indicating health system performance for Hispanic people in the state was better than average compared to other states. Specifically:

- Health outcomes ranking: **37** (of 49) is worse than average
- Health care access ranking: **31** (of 48) is worse than average
- Health care quality ranking: **10** (of 48) is better than average

White

Kansas ranks 32nd of 51 states where calculation was possible, indicating health system performance for white people in the state was worse than average compared to other states. Specifically:

- Health outcomes ranking: **38** (of 51) is worse than average
- Health care access ranking: **28** (of 51) is worse than average
- Health care quality ranking: **33** (of 51) is worse than average

Kansas Performance Data

	AIAN		AANHPI		Black		Hispanic		White	
	KS rate	US rate	KS rate	US rate	KS rate	US rate	KS rate	US rate	KS rate	US rate
Health Outcomes										
Deaths before age 75 from health care–treatable causes per 100,000 population	137	125	58	50	191	164	75	73	88	83
Deaths before age 75 from preventable causes per 100,000 population	385	479	114	104	407	347	230	225	226	225
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	—	8	4	4	13	11	6	5	6	4
Breast cancer deaths (per 100,000 female population)	—	14	—	12	28	27	16	13	19	20
Colorectal cancer deaths (per 100,000 population)	—	13	—	9	17	17	11	11	15	13
Hospital 30-day readmission rate age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	—	—	—	—	24	44	—	—	26	26
Adults who smoke (%)	38	25	8	7	21	15	14	11	14	14
Adults who are obese (%)	42	41	13	14	39	44	40	37	38	34
Adults who have lost six or more teeth (%)	17	17	—	3	13	11	6	6	9	9
Health Care Access										
Uninsured adults (%)	21	22	12	7	19	12	30	23	9	8
Uninsured children (%)	—	12	—	4	—	4	9	8	4	4
Adults who went without care because of cost (%)	16	14	8	8	16	13	17	19	9	8
High out-of-pocket medical spending (%)	—	14	17	9	13	12	18	13	8	9
Adults with a usual source of care (%)	87	79	76	82	83	85	75	67	87	87
Health Care Quality										
Preventable hospitalizations age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	—	—	—	—	—	45	—	—	30	28
Potentially avoidable emergency department visits age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	—	—	—	—	216	206	—	—	141	140
Adult women who received a mammogram (%)	71	65	67	74	82	84	73	77	74	77
Adult women with a cervical cancer screening test (%)	82	82	90	87	88	90	89	87	83	84
Adults with a colon cancer screening test (%)	59	53	36	50	60	65	48	50	65	68
Adults with a recent flu shot (%)	42	39	44	50	39	38	37	34	49	50
Older adults who received the pneumonia vaccine (%)	71	63	73	62	63	62	68	55	75	73
Children with a medical and dental preventive care visit (%)	—	—	—	—	65	61	68	59	71	69
Children with all recommended vaccines (%)	—	—	—	—	—	65	72	71	71	74
Adults with a dental visit (%)	42	45	44	34	36	41	39	44	32	32
Primary care spending as share of total, age 65 and older (%)	—	—	—	—	4	5	—	—	5	5

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