

# Riley County Community Needs Assessment


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### Services/features that were rated most highly are:

-  LIBRARY FACILITIES
-  FIRE DEPARTMENT
-  EMERGENCY SERVICES
-  AIR QUALITY
-  CLEAN ENVIRONMENT

### Services/features that were rated lower :

-  PATHS/SAFE OPTIONS FOR BIKING AND WALKING
-  CODE ENFORCEMENT FOR PRIVATE PROPERTIES
-  ROAD MAINTENANCE

Average ratings on a scale from 1 (very poor) to 5 (very good):



Parks and Recreation  
Facilities 4.05



Paths/Safe Options for  
Biking and Walking 3.34



Code Enforcement for  
Private Properties 3.37



Road Maintenance 3.27

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The 2014 Riley County Community Needs Assessment, conducted by Wichita State University Center for Community Support and Research, included the compilation of selected secondary data, administration of a community survey (N=1,126), key informant interviews, and focus groups with persons who were underrepresented in the survey. The following key findings related to physical health were drawn from the methods noted above.

Data related to indicators that make a community livable and sustainable show that Riley County does well in most areas. Riley County experiences a low level of pollution, has a higher ratio of health care professionals to residents than average, and generally has availability of valued resources (e.g., Internet); however, there is also an issue with access to healthy food and exercise opportunities across the community. Responses to the survey are also positive about essential services (i.e., fire, emergency services, library) and the environment. The areas of concern are focused on options for navigating the community, housing, and roads maintenance.

### *Selected data from secondary sources*

Infrastructure	Riley County	Kansas	Source
Average daily amount of fine particulate matter (air pollutant) in micrograms per cubic meter (PM2.5), 2011	9.5	10.9	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation County Health Rankings
Ranking of lack of access to healthy food and food insecurity (i.e., food environment index) from 0 (worst) to 10 (best), 2013	5.3	7.5	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation County Health Rankings
Percent of individuals with access to exercise opportunities, 2014	60.0%	71.0%	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation County Health Rankings
Ratio of population to primary care physicians, 2014	1,490:1	1,380:1	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation County Health Rankings
Ratio of population to dentists, 2014	1,942:1	1,987:1	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation County Health Rankings
Ratio of population to mental health providers, 2014	861:1	888:1	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation County Health Rankings
Percent of households with broadband internet subscription, 2013	78.4%	73.0%	US Census Bureau American Community Survey

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