

Essential Service #1

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# County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

## Building a Culture of Health, County by County

### A Robert Wood Johnson Foundation program

This year County Health Rankings placed Kane County 12th out of 102 counties in Illinois. This is one step up from last year's 13th. An easy-to-use snapshot that compares counties within states, the Rankings show that where you live influences how well and how long you live. The Kane County Health Department's [Community Health Improvement Plan](#) lists Chronic Disease, Behavioral Health and Income and Education as its three top health priorities, all of which address the important health factors that contribute to the overall health of our residents. By addressing these priorities we can achieve our vision of becoming the healthiest county in Illinois by 2030.



#### Ten essential services of Public Health

1. Monitor health status and understand health issues facing the community
2. Protect people from health problems and health hazards
3. Give people the information they need to make healthy choices
4. Engage the community to identify and solve health problems
5. Develop public health policies and plans
6. Enforce public health laws and regulations
7. Help people receive health services
8. Maintain a competent public health workforce
9. Evaluate and improve programs and interventions
10. Contribute to and apply the evidence base of public health

### Essential Service #2

Protect people from health problems and health hazards

**Number of tornadoes in Illinois, 25-year average, by month:**  
**April: 12**  
**May: 15**  
**June: 10**

National Weather Service,  
Storm Prediction Center



### Preparing for severe weather

Springtime is the season when Illinois typically sees the most tornadoes, although history has shown that the storms can develop in any month of the year. Heading into spring, now is a good time for us to learn more about the dangers of severe weather, make emergency plans with our families, and gather the materials we would need in our [emergency kits](#).

### Essential Service #5

Develop public health policies and plans



***Behavioral Health is one of three top health priorities in Kane County, along with Chronic Disease and Income and Education, according to the Community Health Improvement Plan. It's important to raise awareness of behavioral health issues during Mental Health Month each May.***

### May is Mental Health Month

The Kane County Mental Health Council is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. As a way to improve services and be more inclusive, it has evolved into the Behavioral Health Council by combining forces with the [Community Health Improvement Plan's Behavioral Health workgroup](#). According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), 1 in 5 Americans will be affected by a mental health condition in their lifetime and every American is affected or impacted through their friends and family.