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County Health Rankings show Kane ranks as 6th healthiest in Illinois Where you live impacts how long and how well you live

Kane County ranks as the 6th healthiest in Illinois, according to the annual County Health Rankings, released today by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute (UWPHI). The Rankings are available at www.countyhealthrankings.org.

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 County Health Rankings demonstrate that Kane is one of the healthiest counties in the state, but we can also see that there remains much work to be done to get where we want to be," said Barbara Jeffers, Executive Director of the Kane County Health Department. "The Rankings show us that where we live matters to our health. Even if we rank relatively high overall, we know that we can take steps to improve the health of all our residents."

This year's ranking follows a trend of improvement over the last four years. Last year, Kane ranked 7th, in 2017, 12th, and in 2016, 13th.

The Kane County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) identifies three health priorities chosen by the county residents. The priorities are 1. Chronic Disease, 2. Behavioral Health and 3. Income and Education. The Income and Education priority recognizes the importance of socio-economic conditions and their effects on peoples' health.

For more information regarding the CHIP and to learn more about CHIP data platform, please visit www.kanehealthcounts.org. The rankings website also contains a wealth of data regarding the health of Kane County residents www.countyhealthrankings.org.

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County Health Rankings & Roadmaps is a collaboration between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. Based on data available for each county, the Rankings are unique in their ability to measure the overall health of each county in all 50 states on the many factors that influence health, and they have been used to garner support among government agencies, healthcare providers, community organizations, business leaders, policymakers, and the public for local health improvement initiatives.