

THE FACTS KANSAS

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PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING Strong investments in public health allow a state to carry out programs that improve health. Kansas receives \$87 total per person from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA). In 2021 fiscal year, the Prevention and Public Health Fund awarded Kansas over \$6.10 million in grants for community and clinical prevention efforts and improvements to public health infrastructure.

ACCESS TO CARE 9.2 percent of people in Kansas do not have health insurance coverage, ranking the state 33rd in the nation. The national uninsured rate is 8.6 percent. The number of practicing primary care providers is also an important measure of health care availability. Kansas has 277.9 active primary care providers per 100,000 people, below the national average of 265.3 practicing primary care providers per 100,000 people.

Notable Health Measures

DRUG DEATHS Deaths due to drug injury have steadily increased in recent years, from 11.2 drug deaths per 100,000 people in 2016 to 17.4 drug deaths per 100,000 people in 2022.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION 87.2 percent of students graduate from high school in Kansas, which is slightly above the national average of 85.8 percent. People with higher levels of education are more likely to adopt healthy behaviors.

The Challenges Ahead

- **Obesity** 36.0 percent of the Kansas population is obese, which is higher than the national average at 33.9 percent. Obesity contributes to poor general health and is a leading factor in preventable diseases. Each year, an estimated \$190.2 billion is spent on obesity-related health issues in the U.S., accounting for 21 percent of annual medical spending.
- **Food insecurity** Kansas ranks 26th in the nation for food insecurity, with 10.2% of households unable to provide adequate food for one or more members.

Sources: America's Health Rankings analysis of Trust for America's Health, U.S. HHS, U.S. Census Bureau, Annual Estimates of the Resident Population, United Health Foundation, AmericasHealthRankings.org, Accessed 2023; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. National Tobacco Control Program (NTCP) State Fact Sheets, (2023). Atlanta, GA: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. <https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/stateandcommunity/state-fact-sheets/index.htm>; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Fiscal Year 2023 Grant Funding Profiles Totals, (2023). Atlanta, GA: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. <https://fundingprofiles.cdc.gov/>



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