

# THE FACTS OREGON

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**PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING** Strong investments in public health allow a state to carry out programs that improve health. Oregon receives \$86 total per person from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) in public health funding. The Prevention and Public Health Fund awarded the state \$8.22 million in grants for community and clinical prevention efforts and improvements to public health infrastructure in fiscal year 2020.

**ACCESS TO CARE** 7.2 percent of people in Oregon do not have health insurance coverage compared with the national uninsured rate of 9.2 percent. The number of practicing primary care providers is also an important measure of health care availability. Oregon has 244.4 active primary care providers per 100,000 people. Nationally, there are 241.9 practicing primary care providers per 100,000 people.

## Notable Health Measures

- **Low birthweight** In Oregon, 6.7 percent of live births are low birthweight, the 5th lowest rate in the nation.
- **Physical inactivity** 23.9 percent of the adult population reports doing no physical activity—lower than the national percentage at 26.4 Oregon holds the 14th lowest physical inactivity rate in the country.

## The Challenges Ahead

- **High school graduation** 78.7 percent of students graduate from high school in Oregon. This is the 3rd lowest high school graduation rate in the nation. This is of public health concern as there is a strong connection between education and health. People with higher levels of education are more likely to adopt healthy behaviors.
- **Obesity** 29.0 percent of adults in Oregon are obese, ranking the state 11th lowest in the nation. The adult obesity rate in the state has more than doubled since 1990. Obesity contributes to poor general health and is a leading factor in preventable diseases.
- **Immunization** Oregon has the lowest rate of child immunization in the nation, with only 65.0 percent of children receiving the required vaccinations by 35 months old, compared to a national rate of 75.8 percent.

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 2021; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. National Tobacco Control Program (NTCP) State Fact Sheets, (March 2021). Atlanta, GA: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. <https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/about/osh/state-fact-sheets/index.htm>; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Fiscal Year 2020 Grant Funding Profiles Totals, (July 2021). Atlanta, GA: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. <https://fundingprofiles.cdc.gov/>



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