

THE FACTS FLORIDA



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PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING Strong investments in public health allow a state to carry out programs that improve health. Florida receives about \$77 in public health funding per person from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA). In fiscal year 2023, the Prevention and Public Health awarded the state \$9.04 million in grants for community and clinical prevention efforts and improvements to public health infrastructure.

ACCESS TO CARE 10.7 percent of people in Florida do not have health insurance coverage compared to the national uninsured rate of 7.9 percent, ranking the state 6th highest uninsured rate in the nation. The number of practicing primary care providers is also an important measure of health care availability. Florida has 310.5 active primary care providers per 100,000 people. Nationally, there are 283.4 practicing primary care providers per 100,000 people.

Notable Health Measures

- **Air pollution** The state reports 7.4 micrograms of fine particles per cubic meter, ranking the state 18th lowest in air pollution in the nation. Reduced exposure to air pollution is important to as poor air quality leads to reduced lung function, increased risk of asthma complications, heart attacks, heart failure and death, and impacts a large number of people, particularly impacting young children and older adults.
- **Mental health providers** Florida reported 227.9 mental health providers per 100,000 population, the 9th lowest rate in the nation.
- **Drug deaths** Florida reported 33.9 drug deaths per 100,000 people in 2021, ranking 28th highest rate in the nation.

The Challenges Ahead

- **High school graduation** 87.3 percent of students graduate high school in Florida, ranking Florida 19th in the nation. This is an important health indicator as there is a strong connection between education and health. People with higher levels of education are more likely to adopt healthy behaviors.
- **Low birthweight** Florida ranks 15th highest in the nation for low birthweight rates, with 9.1 percent of infants weighing less than 2,500 grams at birth.

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 2025; 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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