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PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING Strong investments in public health allow a state to carry out programs that improve health. Georgia receives \$107 per person in public health funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) combined. In 2021, the Prevention and Public Health Fund awarded the state \$22.61 million in grants for community and clinical prevention efforts and improvements to public health infrastructure.

ACCESS TO CARE 12.6 percent of people in Georgia do not have health insurance coverage compared to the national uninsured rate of 8.6 percent. This ranks the state 2nd highest in the nation. The number of practicing primary care providers is also an important measure of health care availability. Georgia has 243.9 active primary care providers per 100,000 people, ranking well below the national average of 265.3 practicing primary care providers per 100,000 people.

Notable Health Measures

- **Flu vaccination** Georgia ranks 47th in the nation for flu vaccination rates, with only 37.9% of adults getting their yearly flu vaccine.
- **Obesity** Obesity contributes to poor general health and is a leading factor in preventable diseases. The obesity rate has steadily increased over the decades with 33.9 percent of the adult population in Georgia obese.

The Challenges Ahead

- **Low birthweight** In Georgia, 9.9 percent of live births have a low birthweight, the 4th highest in the nation. Low birthweight is associated with short- and long-term complications and an increased risk of infant mortality.
- **Chlamydia** Georgia ranks 5th highest in the nation for chlamydia infection rates, with 589.4 new cases per 100,000 population in 2020.
- **Avoided care** Georgia ranks 2nd highest for avoided care rates, with 15.5% of adults reporting avoiding seeking health care due to cost.

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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