PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING  Strong investments in public health allow a state to carry out programs that improve health. Ohio receives $57 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 $17.09 million in grants for community and clinical prevention efforts and improvements to public health infrastructure in fiscal year 2020.

ACCESS TO CARE  6.6 percent of people in Ohio do not have health insurance coverage, well below the national uninsured rate of 9.2 percent. The number of practicing primary care providers is also an important measure of health care availability. Ohio has 261.8 active primary care providers per 100,000 people. Nationally, there are 241.9 practicing primary care providers per 100,000 people.

Notable Health Measures

• **Drug deaths**  Ohio has the 5th highest rate of drug-related deaths in the nation, with 34.8 drug-related deaths being reported per 100,000 population in 2020.

• **High school graduation**  82.1 percent of students graduate from high school in Ohio. This is a notable measure as there is a strong connection between education and health. People with higher levels of education are more likely to adopt healthy behaviors.

The Challenges Ahead

• **Tobacco use**  20.8 percent of the adult population regularly smokes cigarettes in Ohio, ranking the state the 4th highest in the nation. Each year, 20,200 people die from smoking-related illnesses in Ohio and $5.6 billion is spent on health care costs due to smoking.

• **Air pollution**  Ohio is ranked 4th highest in the nation in terms of air pollution with an estimated 8.7 micrograms of fine particles per cubic meter. Poor air quality can have severe health effects and impact a large number of people, particularly impacting young children and older adults.

• **Infant mortality**  Ohio has the 7th highest infant mortality rate in the nation with 7.3 deaths per 1,000 live births.