**THE FACTS:**

**Kansas**

**Public Health Funding:** Strong investments in public health allow a state to carry out programs that improve health. Kansas receives $20.38 per person in funding from CDC (40th in the nation) and $23.64 per person from HRSA (39th in the nation). The Prevention and Public Health Fund has awarded over $50 million in grants to Kansas since 2010 for community and clinical prevention efforts and improvements to public health infrastructure. Overall, Kansas spends $49 per person ranking the state 42nd in the nation in terms of public health funding.

**Access to Care:** 8.7 percent of people in Kansas do not have health insurance coverage. The national uninsured rate is 8.6 percent. The number of practicing primary care physicians is also an important measure of health care availability. Kansas has 133.3 active primary care physicians per 100,000 people, below the national average of 149.7 practicing primary care physicians per 100,000 people.

**Notable Health Measures**

- **Drug deaths:** While ranking 10th lowest in the nation, Kansas has recently experienced an increase in drug deaths. In the past five years, drug deaths increased 23 percent from 9.6 to 11.8 deaths per 100,000 people.
- **High school graduation:** 85.7 percent of students graduate from high school in Kansas, which is slightly above the national average of 83.2 percent. People with higher levels of education are more likely to adopt healthy behaviors.

**The Challenges Ahead**

- **Obesity:** In the past year, obesity decreased 9 percent from 34.2 percent to 31.2 percent of adults in Kansas, moving the state from 7th to 29th in the nation for the highest rates of obesity. 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.
- **Immunization coverage among adolescents:** Kansas ranks 9th lowest in the nation in terms of immunization coverage of adolescents aged 13 to 17 who received the recommended routine of vaccines to protect from tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, meningococcal diseases and the human papillomavirus.

Sources: Trust for America’s Health, Investing in America’s Health; Trust for America’s Health, Prevention and Public Health Fund at Work in States; U.S. Census Bureau, 2015, 2016, and 2017 1-Year American Community Surveys; United Health Foundation, America’s Health Rankings; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Tobacco Control Program Funding.

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