



THE FACTS

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PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING Strong investments in public health allow a state to carry out programs that improve health. Oklahoma receives \$143 total per person from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in public health funding. The Prevention and Public Health Fund awarded the state \$6.01 million in grants for community and clinical prevention efforts and improvements to public health infrastructure in fiscal year 2023.

ACCESS TO CARE 11.4 percent of people in Oklahoma do not have health insurance coverage, well above the national uninsured rate of 7.9 percent. This ranks the state 3rd highest in the nation for percentage of uninsured. The number of practicing primary care providers is also an important measure of health care availability. Oklahoma has 241.4 active primary care providers per 100,000 people. Nationally, there are 283.4 practicing primary care providers per 100,000 people.

Notable Health Measures

- **Drug deaths** Oklahoma has a drug death rate of 29.8 drug deaths per 100,000 people, compared to the national average of 32.4 drug deaths per 100,000 people.
- **Occupational fatalities** The state has the 13th highest occupational fatality rate in the nation with 5.3 deaths per 100,000 workers. Occupational fatalities describe the amount of fatal injuries in construction, manufacturing, trade, transportation, utilities and professional and business services.
- **Infant mortality** Oklahoma has the 9th highest infant mortality rate in the nation with 7.0 deaths per 1,000 live births.

The Challenges Ahead

- **Tobacco use** 15.8 percent of the adult population smoke cigarettes in Oklahoma, ranking the state 3rd highest in the nation.
- **Obesity** 38.7 percent of the adult population in Oklahoma is obese, ranking the state 5th highest in the nation. The adult obesity rate in the state has nearly tripled since 1990. Obesity contributes to poor general health and is a leading factor in preventable diseases.

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](https://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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