

THE FACTS

# DELAWARE



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**PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING** Strong investments in public health allow a state to carry out programs that improve health. Delaware receives \$149 per person in funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA). The Prevention and Public Health Fund awarded Delaware \$3.92 million in grants for community and clinical prevention efforts and improvements to public health infrastructure in the 2023 fiscal year.

**ACCESS TO CARE** 6.5 percent of people in Delaware do not have health insurance coverage compared to the national uninsured rate of 7.9 percent. The number of practicing health care providers is also an important measure of health care availability. Delaware has 332.8 active primary care providers per 100,000 people in comparison to the national rate of 283.4 practicing primary care providers per 100,000 people.

## Notable Health Measures

- **Housing problems** 14.3 percent of occupied housing units in the state experience severe housing problems like overcrowding or non-working plumbing.
- **High school graduation** 87.8 percent of students graduate from high school in Delaware. This is the 16th highest rate in the nation. 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.
- **Tobacco use** 11.4 percent of adults in Delaware report smoking regularly, compared to a national average of 12.1 percent.

## The Challenges Ahead

- **Drug deaths** Delaware reported 53.9 drug deaths per 100,000 population, the 3rd highest rate in the nation.
- **Diabetes** 18.3 percent of adults in Delaware are diabetic, ranking the state 8th highest for diabetes rates in the nation.

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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