



## THE FACTS NEVADA

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**PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING** Strong investments in public health allow a state to carry out programs that improve health. Nevada receives \$66 per person total 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 \$3.86 million in grants for community and clinical prevention efforts and improvements to public health infrastructure in fiscal year 2023.

**ACCESS TO CARE** 10.8 percent of people in Nevada do not have health insurance coverage, well above the national uninsured rate of 7.9 percent. This is the 4th highest uninsured rate in the country. The number of practicing primary care providers is also an important measure of health care availability. Nevada has 230.8 active primary care providers per 100,000 people, ranking 3rd lowest in the nation. Nationally, there are 283.4 practicing primary care providers per 100,000 people.

### Notable Health Measures

- **Tobacco use** 14.2 percent of adults in Nevada smoke cigarettes.
- **Obesity** 30.8 percent of adults in Nevada are obese. And while the state boasts a relatively low adult obesity rate in comparison to other states, the obesity rate has more than doubled over the past two and a half decades. Obesity contributes to poor general health and is a leading factor in preventable diseases.

### The Challenges Ahead

- **High school graduation** Only 81.7 percent of students graduate from high school in Nevada, ranking the state 6th lowest in the nation. This is a major public health concern as there is a strong connection between education and health. People with higher levels of education are more likely to adopt healthy behaviors.
- **Drug deaths** The rate of drug-related deaths in Nevada is 31.6 deaths per 100,000 people. The national rate is 32.4 drug deaths per 100,000 people.
- **Mental distress** Nevada reported 19.9 percent of adults who reported their mental health was not good for 14 or more days in the past 30 days, ranking the state second highest in the nation for frequent mental distress.

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