



THE FACTS ARKANSAS

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PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING Strong investments in public health allow a state to carry out programs that improve health. Arkansas received \$128 per capita in public health funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Health Resources Services Administration. In fiscal year 2023, the Prevention and Public Health Fund awarded over \$4.66 million in funding to the state for community and clinical prevention efforts and improvements to public health infrastructure.

ACCESS TO CARE 8.9 percent of people in Arkansas do not have health insurance coverage compared to the national uninsured rate of 7.9 percent. The number of practicing primary care providers is also an important measure of health care availability. Arkansas 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

- **Diabetes** 14.5 percent of adults in Arkansas are diabetic, ranking the state 7th highest in the nation for diabetes.
- **Adverse Childhood Experiences** Arkansas ranks 3rd highest in the nation for adverse childhood experiences, with 21.3 percent of children, ages 0-17, experiencing parental divorce, parental mental distress, parental death, etc.

The Challenges Ahead

- **Obesity** Obesity contributes to poor general health and is a leading factor in preventable diseases. The state obesity rate has steadily increased over the past two and a half decades, ranking Arkansas 3rd highest in the nation with 40.0 percent of the adult population obese.
- **Tobacco use** 15.0 percent of adults in Arkansas report smoking regularly, the 10th highest rate 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, 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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