



THE FACTS

NEW JERSEY

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PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING Strong investments in public health allow a state to carry out programs that improve health. New Jersey receives \$95 total per person from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) for public health funding. The Prevention and Public Health Fund awarded the state \$8.59 million in grants for community and clinical prevention efforts and improvements to public health infrastructure in fiscal year 2023.

ACCESS TO CARE 7.2 percent of people in New Jersey do not have health insurance coverage compared with the national uninsured rate of 7.9 percent. The number of practicing primary care providers is also an important measure of health care availability. New Jersey has 236.5 active primary care providers per 100,000 people. Nationally, there are 283.4 practicing primary care providers per 100,000 people.

Notable Health Measures

- **Tobacco use** 9.1 percent of adults in New Jersey regularly smoke cigarettes, ranking 6th lowest in the nation.
- **High school graduation** 85.2 percent of students graduate from high school in New Jersey, ranking the state 18th highest 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.
- **Infant mortality** New Jersey has the 2nd lowest infant mortality rate in the nation with 3.6 deaths per 1,000 live births.

The Challenges Ahead

- **Drug deaths** New Jersey has the 25th highest rate of drug-related deaths in the nation, with 32.2 drug-related deaths per 100,000 people.
- **Air pollution** New Jersey is ranked 18th best in the nation in terms of air pollution with an estimated 7.4 micrograms of fine particles per cubic meter. Poor air quality can have severe health effects and impact a large number of people, particularly impacting young children and older adults.

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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