

THE FACTS



MARYLAND

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PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING Strong investments in public health allow a state to carry out programs that improve health. Maryland receives \$210 per person total in public health funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA). In 2023 fiscal year, the Prevention and Public Health Fund awarded Maryland \$12.18 million in grants for community and clinical prevention efforts and improvements to public health infrastructure.

ACCESS TO CARE 6.3 percent of people in Maryland do not have health insurance coverage, well below the national uninsured rate of 7.9 percent. The number of practicing health care providers is also an important measure of health care availability. Maryland has 305.3 active primary care providers per 100,000 people, ranking 23rd highest in the nation.

Notable Health Measures

- **Tobacco use** 9.1 percent of adults in Maryland smoke cigarettes, ranking the state 6th lowest in the nation.
- **High school graduation** 86.3 percent of students graduate from high school in Maryland, which is close to the national average of 86.6 percent of students. 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.

The Challenges Ahead

- **Drug deaths** Maryland reports 41.7 deaths due to drug injury per 100,000 population, ranking the state 11th highest in the nation.
- **Homicide** Maryland reports 11.1 deaths due to injuries inflicted by another person with intent to injure or kill per 100,000 population, ranking 10th highest in the nation.
- **Low birthweight** In Maryland, 8.7 percent of live births are low birthweight, ranking 28th in the nation. Low birthweight is associated with short- and long-term complications and an increased risk of infant mortality.

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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