



## THE FACTS IDAHO

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**PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING** Strong investments in public health allow a state to carry out programs that improve health. Idaho receives \$119 total per person in public health funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and The Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA). In fiscal year 2023,, the Prevention and Public Health Fund awarded over \$3.05 million in grants to Idaho for community and clinical prevention efforts and improvements to public health infrastructure.

**ACCESS TO CARE** 8.9 percent of people in Idaho do not have health insurance coverage, above the national uninsured rate of 7.9 percent. The number of practicing primary care providers is also an important measure of health care availability. Idaho has 253.8 active primary care providers per 100,000 people. Nationally, there are 283.4 practicing primary care providers per 100,000 people.

### Notable Health Measures

- **Air pollution** Illinois is ranked 14th highest in the nation in terms of air pollution with an estimated 8.5 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.
- **Food insecurity** Idaho reports a food insecurity rate of 11.3 percent of households, compared to a national average of 12.2 percent.
- **Tobacco use** 10.4 percent of adults in Idaho report smoking regularly, ranking the state 13th lowest in the nation for smoking rates.

### The Challenges Ahead

- **Drug deaths** Idaho reports 19.9 deaths due to drug injury per 100,000 population, compared to the national average of 32.4 deaths.
- **High school graduation** 79.9 percent of students graduate from high school in Idaho, the 3rd lowest graduation rate in the nation. This is of 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. The health benefits of educational attainment accumulate and as a result will also impact the community level and social/cultural context.
- **Flu vaccination** 32.1 percent of adults received their seasonal flu vaccine within the past 12 months, ranking Idaho the lowest in the nation for vaccination rates.

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