



THE FACTS

SOUTH DAKOTA

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PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING Strong investments in public health allow a state to carry out programs that improve health. South Dakota receives \$136 total per person 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 \$3.87 million in grants for community and clinical prevention efforts and improvements to public health infrastructure in fiscal year 2023.

ACCESS TO CARE 8.3 percent of people in South Dakota do not have health insurance coverage, which is 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. South Dakota has 332.0 active primary care providers per 100,000 people. Nationally, there are 283.4 practicing primary care providers per 100,000 people.

Notable Health Measures

- **Drug deaths** South Dakota has the lowest rate of drug-related death in the nation, with only 10.4 drug-related deaths per 100,000 population in 2023. The national average is 32.4 drug-related deaths per 100,000.
- **Air pollution** The state is ranked 5th in the country for air quality with an estimated 5.9 micrograms of fine particles per cubic meter. Reduced exposure to air pollution is important to public health as poor air quality leads to reduced lung function, increased risk of asthma complications, heart attacks, heart failure and death, and impacts a large number of people, particularly impacting young children and older adults.

The Challenges Ahead

- **Occupational fatalities** The state has the 11th highest rate of occupational fatalities with 5.5 deaths per 100,000 workers.
- **Excessive drinking** The state is ranked 3rd highest for excessive drinking in the nation, with 21.3 percent of adults reporting binge drinking or heavy drinking.

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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