



THE FACTS

PENNSYLVANIA

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PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING Strong investments in public health allow a state to carry out programs that improve health. Pennsylvania receives \$79 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 \$13.62 million in grants for community and clinical prevention efforts and improvements to public health infrastructure in fiscal year 2023.

ACCESS TO CARE 5.4 percent of people in Pennsylvania do not have health insurance coverage, which is below the national uninsured rate of 7.9 percent. The number of practicing primary care providers is also an important measure of health care availability. Pennsylvania has 317.6 active primary care providers per 100,000 people, well above the nation average of 283.4 practicing primary care providers per 100,000 people.

Notable Health Measures

- **Tobacco use** 14.4 percent of adults in Pennsylvania smoke cigarettes regularly.
- **Physical inactivity** The physical inactivity rate in Pennsylvania is 24.3 percent, compared to the national inactivity rate which is 23.7 percent.
- **Obesity** 33.3 percent of the adult population in Pennsylvania is obese, ranking the state 21st lowest in the nation. The adult obesity rate in the state has more than doubled since 1990. Obesity contributes to poor general health and is a leading factor in preventable diseases.

The Challenges Ahead

- **Drug deaths** Pennsylvania has the 13th highest rate of deaths due to drug injury with 39.8 deaths per 100,000 people.
- **Air pollution** Pennsylvania has the 6th highest rate of air pollution in the nation with an estimated 9.0 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.

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