



## THE FACTS ILLINOIS

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**PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING** Strong investments in public health allow a state to carry out programs that improve health. Illinois receives \$110 per person total 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 Illinois over \$10.74 million in grants for community and clinical prevention efforts and improvements to public health infrastructure.

**ACCESS TO CARE** 6.2 percent of people in Illinois 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. Illinois has 292.1 active primary care providers per 100,000 people, which is more than the national average of 283.4 practicing primary care providers per 100,000 people.

### Notable Health Measures

- **Tobacco use** 10.8 percent of adults in Indiana report smoking regularly, ranking the state 17th lowest in the nation for smoking rates.
- **Mental distress** 13.7 percent of adults reported their mental health was not good 14 or more days in the past 30 days, ranking 4th lowest in the nation in terms of frequency of mental distress.

### The Challenges Ahead

- **Excessive drinking** 18.7 percent percent of the adult population reports excessively drinking, ranking the state 9th highest in the nation. Excessive drinking can lead to negative health outcomes including fetal damage, liver diseases, high blood pressure and cardiovascular diseases.
- **Drug deaths** Illinois reports 30.6 deaths due to drug injury per 100,000 population, compared to the national average of 32.4 deaths.
- **Air pollution** Illinois is ranked 4th highest in the nation in terms of air pollution with an estimated 9.8 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](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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