



## THE FACTS

# WASHINGTON

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**PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING** Strong investments in public health allow a state to carry out programs that improve health. Washington receives \$139 per person total 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 \$5.84 million in grants for community and clinical prevention efforts and improvements to public health infrastructure in fiscal year 2023.

**ACCESS TO CARE** 6.3 percent of people in Washington do not have health insurance coverage, which is below the national uninsured rate is 7.9 percent. The number of practicing primary care providers is also an important measure of health care availability. Washington has 283.9 active primary care providers per 100,000 people, compared to the national average of 283.4 practicing primary care providers per 100,000 people.

## Notable Health Measures

- **Drug deaths** Washington has a moderate rate of drug deaths at 35.0 deaths due to drug injury per 100,000 people. The national rate is 32.4 drug deaths per 100,000 people.
- **Infant mortality** Washington has the 10th lowest infant mortality rate in the nation with 4.4 deaths per 1,000 live births.

## The Challenges Ahead

- **Tobacco use** Washington has the 4th lowest smoking rate in the nation, with only 9.0% of adults reporting smoking tobacco.
- **High school graduation** 83.6 percent of students in Washington graduate from high school. There is a strong connection between education and health. People with higher levels of education are more likely to adopt healthy behaviors.

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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