



## THE FACTS ALASKA

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**PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING** Strong investments in public health allow a state to carry out programs that improve health. Alaska receives \$334 per person from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Health Resources Services Administration in public health funding. In fiscal year 2023 the Prevention and Public Health Fund awarded the state \$5.25 million in grants for community and clinical prevention efforts and improvements to public health infrastructure.

**ACCESS TO CARE** 10.4 percent of people in Alaska do not have health insurance coverage compared to the national uninsured rate of 7.9 percent. The number of practicing primary care providers is also an important measure of health care availability. Alaska has 359.3 active primary care providers per 100,000 people. Nationally, there are 283.4 practicing primary care providers per 100,000 people.

### Notable Health Measures

- **High school graduation** Alaska's graduation rate is 77.8 percent which is significantly lower than the national graduation rate of 86.6 percent. This data is of concern given the connection between education and health. Individuals with higher levels of education are more likely to adopt healthy behaviors.
- **Diabetes** 8.7% of adults have diabetes, ranking the state 3rd lowest in the nation.
- **Chlamydia** The state reports 727.7 new chlamydia cases per 100,000 population, ranking the state the 3rd highest in the nation.
- **Flu Vaccination** Alaska has the 8th lowest rate of flu vaccination at 36.7 percent.

### The Challenges Ahead

- **Tobacco use** 15.3 percent of adults in Alaska report smoking regularly, the 7th highest smoking rate in the nation.
- **Drug deaths** Alaska reported 34.6 deaths due to drug injury per 100,000 population, compared to a national average of 32.4 deaths.

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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