

Public health funding: Strong investments in public health allow a state to carry out programs that improve health. Delaware receives \$30.15 per person in funding from CDC (9th in the nation) and \$31.76 per person from HRSA (16th in the nation). The Prevention and Public Health Fund has awarded over \$24 million in grants to Delaware since 2010 for community and clinical prevention efforts and improvements to public health infrastructure.

Access to care: 5.9 percent of people in Delaware do not have health insurance coverage compared to the national uninsured rate of 9.4 percent. The number of practicing health care providers is also an important measure of health care availability. Delaware has 151.4 active primary care physicians per 100,000 people, slightly above the national rate of 145.3 practicing primary care physicians per 100,000 people. Delaware only has 45.6 dentists per 100,000 people, ranking the state 47th in the nation.

Notable health measures

- **Cardiovascular deaths:** Cardiovascular deaths have decreased 41 percent from 422.4 deaths per 100,000 people in 1990 to 247.5 deaths per 100,000 people.
- **Infectious disease:** Delaware boasts the 8th highest incidence of infectious disease in the nation, including chlamydia, pertussis and Salmonella.

The challenges ahead

- **Drug deaths:** In the past five years, drug deaths increased 37 percent from 13.2 to 18.1 deaths per 100,000 people.
- **Violent crime:** 499 offenses per 100,000 people in Delaware, 8th highest in the nation. Violent crimes may cause injuries, disability and early death. Additionally, violent crimes may cause long-term stress for families and communities, and interfere with leading a healthy lifestyle. However, violent crime can be prevented. Numerous programs and practices have shown that by addressing root causes it is possible to prevent violence.

Sources: Trust for America's Health, Investing in America's Health; Trust for America's Health, Prevention and Public Health Fund at Work in States; U.S. Census Bureau, 2013, 2014, and 2015 1-Year American Community Surveys; United Health Foundation, America's Health Rankings.