

Public health funding: Strong investments in public health allow a state to carry out programs that improve health. Indiana receives \$17.11 per person in funding from CDC (45th in the nation) and \$19.77 per person from HRSA (45th in the nation). The Prevention and Public Health Fund has awarded over \$41 million in grants to Indiana since 2010 for community and clinical prevention efforts and improvements to public health infrastructure.

Access to care: 9.6 percent of people in Indiana do not have health insurance coverage, which is close 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. Indiana has 121.3 active primary care physicians per 100,000 people. Nationally, there are 145.3 practicing primary care physicians per 100,000 people. Indiana only has 47.7 dentists per 100,000 people, ranking the state 45th in the nation.

Notable health measures

- **Drug deaths:** Deaths due to drug injury increased 27 percent from 13.1 to 16.7 deaths per 100,000 people in the past five years.
- **Tobacco use:** 20.6 percent of the adult population smokes cigarettes, ranking the state 39th in the nation. Each year, 11,100 people die from smoking-related illnesses in Indiana and \$2.9 billion is spent on health care costs due to smoking.
- **High school graduation:** 87.1 percent of students in Indiana graduate from high school, ranking 15th highest in the nation, which is of public health importance given that individuals with higher levels of education are more likely to adopt healthy behaviors.

The challenges ahead

- **Air pollution:** Indiana is ranked 47th in the nation for air quality with a measure of 10.5 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.
- **Infant mortality:** While Indiana has made progress in reducing infant mortality from 10.7 deaths per 1,000 live births in 1990 to 7.2 deaths per 1,000 live births in 2016, the rate remains relatively high in comparison to other states. Indiana ranks 43rd in the nation.

Sources: 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; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Tobacco Control Program Funding.