

Public health funding: Strong investments in public health allow a state to carry out programs that improve health. Ohio receives \$17.90 per person in funding from CDC (44th in the nation) and \$21.43 per person from HRSA (43rd in the nation). The Prevention and Public Health Fund has awarded over \$99 million in grants to Ohio since 2010 for community and clinical prevention efforts and improvements to public health infrastructure.

Access to care: 6.5 percent of people in Ohio do not have health insurance coverage, below the national uninsured rate of 9.4 percent. The number of practicing primary care physicians is also an important measure of health care availability. Ohio has 162 active primary care physicians per 100,000 people. Nationally, there are 145.3 practicing primary care physicians per 100,000 people.

Notable health measures

- **Drug deaths:** In the past three years, drug deaths increased 51 percent from 14.0 to 21.1 deaths per 100,000 population. The state has the 6th highest drug death rate in the nation.
- **High school graduation:** 80.7 percent of students graduate from high school in Ohio. This is of public health concern as there is a strong connection between education and health. People with higher levels of education are more likely to adopt healthy behaviors.

The challenges ahead

- **Tobacco use:** 21.6 percent of the adult population smokes cigarettes in Ohio, ranking the state the 9th highest in the nation. Each year, 20,200 people die from smoking-related illnesses in Ohio and \$5.6 billion is spent on health care costs due to smoking.
- **Air pollution:** Ohio is ranked 6th highest in the nation in terms of air pollution with an estimated 10.2 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:** Ohio has the 9th highest infant mortality rate in the nation with 7.1 deaths per 1,000 live births.

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.