

Public health funding: Strong investments in public health allow a state to carry out programs that improve health. Wisconsin receives \$16.89 per person in funding from CDC (46th in the nation) and \$18.04 per person from HRSA (48th in the nation). The Prevention and Public Health Fund has awarded over \$73 million in grants to Wisconsin since 2010 for community and clinical prevention efforts and improvements to public health infrastructure.

Access to care: 5.7 percent of people in Wisconsin do not have health insurance coverage, which is well below the national uninsured rate is 9.4 percent. The number of practicing primary care physicians is also an important measure of health care availability. Wisconsin has 140.3 active primary care physicians per 100,000 people, which is below the national average of 145.3 practicing primary care physicians per 100,000 people.

Notable health measures

- **High school graduation:** 88.4 percent of students in Wisconsin graduate from high school. This is the 6th highest high school graduation rate in the nation, and a notable measure as there is a strong connection between education and health. People with higher levels of education are more likely to adopt healthy behaviors.
- **Diabetes:** 8.4 percent of the adult population in Wisconsin has diabetes. This is the 9th lowest rate in the nation.

The challenges ahead

- **Drug deaths:** In the past five years, drug deaths increased 23 percent from 11.4 to 14.0 deaths per 100,000 people.
- **Excessive drinking:** 24.5 percent of the adult population reported excessively drinking in Wisconsin. Excessive alcohol use can lead to fetal damage, liver diseases, high blood pressure, cardiovascular diseases and other major health problems.
- **Pertussis:** There are 26.4 cases of pertussis per 100,000 people in Wisconsin, ranking the state 4th highest in the nation and well over the national average of 10.4 cases per 100,000 people. Also known as whooping cough, pertussis is highly contagious, but can be prevented through immunization.

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.