



# THE FACTS IDAHO

# Speak for Health

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**PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING** Strong investments in public health allow a state to carry out programs that improve health. Idaho receives \$150 total per person in public health funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and The Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA). In 2020 fiscal year, the Prevention and Public Health Fund awarded over \$3.81 million in grants to Idaho for community and clinical prevention efforts and improvements to public health infrastructure.

**ACCESS TO CARE** 10.8 percent of people in Idaho do not have health insurance coverage, above the national uninsured rate of 9.2 percent. The number of practicing primary care providers is also an important measure of health care availability. Idaho has 211.4 active primary care providers per 100,000 people, ranking 43rd in the nation. Nationally, there are 241.9 practicing primary care providers per 100,000 people.

## Notable Health Measures

- **Violent crime** In 2020, there were 224 offenses per 100,000 people, ranking 10th lowest in the nation. This is well below the national rate of 379 offenses per 100,000 people.
- **Food insecurity** The rate of food insecurity decreased 29% from 2016, from 13.8% to 9.8%, ranking Idaho 11th in the nation.
- **Tobacco use** 15.3 percent of adults smoke cigarettes in Idaho, ranking the state 21st lowest in the nation.

## The Challenges Ahead

- **Drug deaths** Drug deaths have been consistently increasing over the past decade. In 2008, there were 8.2 drug deaths per 100,000 people, which climbed to 14.9 drug deaths per 100,000 people in 2020.
- **High school graduation** 80.7 percent of students graduate from high school in Idaho, the 6th lowest graduation rate in the nation. 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 health benefits of educational attainment accumulate and as a result will also impact the community level and social/cultural context.
- **Flu vaccination** 38.2% of adults received their seasonal flu vaccine within the past 12 months, ranking Idaho 44th in the nation for vaccination rates.

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, Accessed 2021; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. National Tobacco Control Program (NTCP) State Fact Sheets, (March 2021). Atlanta, GA: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. <https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/about/osh/state-fact-sheets/index.htm>; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Fiscal Year 2020 Grant Funding Profiles Totals, (July 2021). Atlanta, GA: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. <https://fundingprofiles.cdc.gov/>



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