PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING  Strong investments in public health allow a state to carry out programs that improve health. Arizona receives $53 per person from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Health Resources Services Administration in public health funding. This ranks Arizona as the second-lowest funded state in the nation, with the national average at $87 per capita. In fiscal year 2018, the Prevention and Public Health Fund awarded the state $13.29 million in grants for community and clinical prevention efforts and improvements to public health infrastructure.

ACCESS TO CARE  10.4% of people in Arizona do not have health insurance coverage compared to the national uninsured rate of 8.8%. The number of practicing primary care physicians is also an important measure of health care availability. Arizona has 125.8 active primary care physicians per 100,000 people. Nationally, there are 159.6 practicing primary care physicians per 100,000 people.

Notable Health Measures

- **Tobacco use** About 14.0% of the adult population smokes cigarettes, ranking the state 11th lowest in the nation. Smoking-related medical costs, such as prescription drugs and medical equipment, cost the state about $2.4 billion per year.

- **Chlamydia** In the past six years, chlamydia increased 58 percent from 358.0 to 564.4 cases per 100,000 people.

- **Air pollution** 9.7 micrograms of fine particles per cubic meter, ranking the state 2nd highest in air pollution in the nation. Poor air quality can have severe health effects and impact a large number of people, particularly impacting young children and older adults.

The Challenges Ahead

- **High school graduation** 78.0% of students graduate from high school, ranking 3rd lowest in the nation, which is of public health concern given that individuals with higher levels of education are more likely to adopt healthy behaviors.

- **Drug deaths** 20.8 deaths due to drug overdose per 100,000 people, ranking the state 29th in the nation. Since 2007, drug deaths increased 53% from 13.6 to 20.8 deaths per 100,000 people. Additionally, opioids have had a significant impact on Arizona’s medical care system due to the volume and cost of hospital admission and emergency department use.

- **Mental Health** There are 132.9 mental health providers per 100,000 people in Arizona compared to the national average of 247.4, ranking the state 4th lowest in the nation. 12.5% of adults in Arizona experience frequent mental distress, which is equal to the national average.

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, 2015, 2016, and 2017 1-Year American Community Surveys; United Health Foundation, America’s Health Rankings; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Tobacco Control Program Funding.