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PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING Strong investments in public health allow a state to carry out programs that improve health. Connecticut receives \$179 per person from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA), ranking the state 31st in the nation. In fiscal year 2023, the Prevention and Public Health Fund awarded over \$7.14 million in grants to Connecticut for community and clinical prevention efforts and improvements to public health infrastructure.

ACCESS TO CARE 5.2 percent of people in Connecticut do not have health insurance coverage compared to the national uninsured rate of 8.0 percent. The number of practicing primary care providers is also an important measure of health care availability. Connecticut has 248.9 active primary care providers per 100,000 people, ranking 25th highest in the nation. Nationally, there are 232.0 practicing primary care providers per 100,000 people.

Notable Health Measures

- **Tobacco use** 10.0% of adults report smoking cigarettes, and 10.6% of high school students report using any tobacco product including e-cigarettes. The state experiences \$3.1 million in total annual morbidity-related productivity losses related to adults who currently smoke.
- **Teen births** Connecticut ranks 4th lowest in the nation for teen birth rates, with 7.1 births per 1,000 women aged 15-19.

The Challenges Ahead

- **Excessive drinking** 17.6 percent of the adult population reports excessively drinking, ranking the state as the 18th highest in the nation.
- **Drug deaths** Connecticut ranks 10th highest in the nation for drug-related death rates, with 42.5 drug-related deaths per 100,000 population in 2021.
- **Air pollution** Poor air quality can have severe health effects and impact a large number of people, particularly impacting young children and older adults. Connecticut ranks 6th lowest in the nation with a rate of 5.7 micrograms per cubic meter.

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 2024; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. National Tobacco Control Program (NTCP) State Fact Sheets, (2023). Atlanta, GA: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. <https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/stateandcommunity/state-fact-sheets/index.htm>. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Fiscal Year 2023 Grant Funding Profiles Totals, (2023). Atlanta, GA: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. <https://fundingprofiles.cdc.gov/>



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