

THE FACTS DELAWARE

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. Delaware receives \$203 per person in funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA), ranking the state 19th in the nation. The Prevention and Public Health Fund awarded Delaware \$3.92 million in grants for community and clinical prevention efforts and improvements to public health infrastructure in the 2023 fiscal year.

ACCESS TO CARE 5.6 percent of people in Delaware do not have health insurance coverage compared to the national uninsured rate of 8.0 percent. The number of practicing health care providers is also an important measure of health care availability. Delaware has 268.9 active primary care providers per 100,000 people in comparison to the national rate of 232.0 practicing primary care providers per 100,000 people.

Notable Health Measures

- **Housing problems** 14.1% of occupied housing units in the state experience severe housing problems like overcrowding or non-working plumbing.
- **High school graduation** 89.0 percent of students graduate from high school in Delaware. This is the 11th highest rate in the nation. This is 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.
- **Tobacco use** 10.4% of adults report smoking cigarettes, and 18.7% of high school students report using any tobacco product including e-cigarettes. The state experiences \$2.3 million in total annual morbidity-related productivity losses related to adults who currently smoke.

The Challenges Ahead

- **Drug deaths** Drug deaths have increased exponentially from 16.3 drug deaths per 100,000 people in 2010 to 52.4 drug deaths per 100,000 people in 2021..
- **Diabetes** Diabetes increased 31% from 10.6% to 13.9% of adults between 2016 and 2022.

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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