



THE FACTS ILLINOIS

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PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING Strong investments in public health allow a state to carry out programs that improve health. Illinois receives \$172 per person total from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA). This ranks the state 32nd in the nation for per person funding. In fiscal year 2023, the Prevention and Public Health Fund awarded Illinois over \$10.74 million in grants for community and clinical prevention efforts and improvements to public health infrastructure.

ACCESS TO CARE 6.6 percent of people in Illinois do not have health insurance coverage, which is below the national uninsured rate of 8.0 percent. The number of practicing primary care providers is also an important measure of health care availability. Illinois has 234.7 active primary care providers per 100,000 people, which is more than the national average of 232.0 practicing primary care providers per 100,000 people, ranking the state 31st in the nation.

Notable Health Measures

- **Tobacco use** 12.4% of adults report smoking cigarettes, and 17.1% of high school students report using any tobacco product including e-cigarettes. The state experiences \$3.2 million in total annual morbidity-related productivity losses related to adults who currently smoke.
- **Mental distress** 13.7 percent of adults reported their mental health was not good 14 or more days in the past 30 days, ranking 5th lowest in the nation in terms of frequency of mental distress.

The Challenges Ahead

- **Excessive drinking** 18.0% percent of the adult population reports excessively drinking, ranking the state 21st lowest in the nation. Excessive drinking can lead to negative health outcomes including fetal damage, liver diseases, high blood pressure and cardiovascular diseases.
- **Drug deaths** Deaths due to drug injury have steadily increased in recent years, from 13.1 drug deaths per 100,000 people in 2014 to 29.5 drug deaths per 100,000 people in 2021.
- **Air pollution** Illinois is ranked 4th highest in the nation in terms of air pollution with an estimated 9.8 micrograms of fine particles per cubic meter. Poor air quality can have severe health effects and impact a large number of people, particularly impacting young children and older adults.

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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