PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING  Strong investments in public health allow a state to carry out programs that improve health. Kansas receives $60 total per person from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA). This ranks the state 11th lowest for funding in the nation. In 2018 fiscal year, the Prevention and Public Health Fund awarded Kansas over $7.3 million in grants for community and clinical prevention efforts and improvements to public health infrastructure.

ACCESS TO CARE  8.8 percent of people in Kansas do not have health insurance coverage, ranking the state 31st in the nation. The national uninsured rate is also 8.7 percent. The number of practicing primary care physicians is also an important measure of health care availability. Kansas has 138.1 active primary care physicians per 100,000 people, below the national average of 159. practicing primary care physicians per 100,000 people.

Notable Health Measures

DRUG DEATHS  After experiencing an increase in drug deaths from 10.4 deaths per 100,000 people in 2014 to 11.7 drug deaths per 100,000 people in 2016, the state has made efforts to lower the amount of deaths from drug use. In 2019, Kansas reported 11.6 drug deaths per 100,000 people, ranking the state 7th lowest in the nation.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION  86.5 percent of students graduate from high school in Kansas, which is slightly above the national average of 84.6 percent. People with higher levels of education are more likely to adopt healthy behaviors.

The Challenges Ahead

- **Obesity**  34.4 percent of the Kansas population is obese, which is higher than the national average at 30.9 percent. Obesity contributes to poor general health and is a leading factor in preventable diseases. Each year, an estimated $190.2 billion is spent on obesity-related health issues in the U.S., accounting for 21 percent of annual medical spending.

- **Immunization coverage among adolescents**  Kansas ranks 6th lowest in the nation in terms of immunization coverage of adolescents aged 13 to 17 who received the recommended routine of vaccines. The recommended vaccines for this age group are Tdap, meningococcal, and HPV, and those who are unvaccinated are at higher risk for contracting these illnesses.

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.