

# THE FACTS KANSAS

## 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. Kansas receives \$151 total per person from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA). In fiscal year 2023, the Prevention and Public Health Fund awarded Kansas over \$4.84 million in grants for community and clinical prevention efforts and improvements to public health infrastructure.

**ACCESS TO CARE** 8.6 percent of people in Kansas do not have health insurance coverage, ranking the state 36th in the nation. The national uninsured rate is 8.0 percent. The number of practicing primary care providers is also an important measure of health care availability. Kansas has 258.7 active primary care providers per 100,000 people, above the national average of 232.0 practicing primary care providers per 100,000 people.

### Notable Health Measures

- **Drug deaths** Deaths due to drug injury have steadily increased in recent years, from 11.2 drug deaths per 100,000 people in 2016 to 24.0 drug deaths per 100,000 people in 2021.
- **High school graduation** 88.2 percent of students graduate from high school in Kansas, which is slightly above the national average of 86.5 percent. People with higher levels of education are more likely to adopt healthy behaviors.

### The Challenges Ahead

- **Obesity** 35.7 percent of the Kansas population is obese, which is higher than the national average at 33.6 percent. Obesity contributes to poor general health and is a leading factor in preventable diseases.
- **Food insecurity** Kansas ranks 16th lowest in the nation for food insecurity, with 9.6% of households unable to provide adequate food for one or more members.

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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