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**The Facts: Oklahoma**

**Public Health Funding**

Strong investments in public health allow a state to carry out programs that improve health. Oklahoma receives $89 total per person from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in public health funding. The Prevention and Public Health Fund awarded the state $8.87 million in grants for community and clinical prevention efforts and improvements to public health infrastructure in fiscal year 2018.

**Access to Care**

14.2 percent of people in Oklahoma do not have health insurance coverage, well above the national uninsured rate of 8.8 percent. This ranks the state 2nd highest in the nation for percentage of uninsured. The number of practicing primary care physicians is also an important measure of health care availability. Oklahoma has 131.2 active primary care physicians per 100,000 people. Nationally, there are 159.6 practicing primary care physicians per 100,000 people.

**Notable Health Measures**

- **Drug deaths** Oklahoma has a drug death rate of 20.3 drug deaths per 100,000 people, compared to the national average of 19.3 drug deaths per 100,000 people.

- **Cardiovascular deaths** The state has the 2nd highest cardiovascular death rate in the nation with 347.5 deaths per 100,000 people.

- **Occupational fatalities** The state has the 7th highest occupational fatality rate in the nation with 7.2 deaths per 100,000 workers. Occupational fatalities describe the amount of fatal injuries in construction, manufacturing, trade, transportation, utilities and professional and business services.

- **Infant mortality** Oklahoma has the 4th highest infant mortality rate in the nation with 7.6 deaths per 1,000 live births.

**The Challenges Ahead**

- **Tobacco use** 19.7 percent of the adult population smoke cigarettes in Oklahoma, ranking the state 9th highest in the nation. Each year, 7,500 people die from smoking-related illnesses in Oklahoma and $1.6 billion is spent on health care costs due to smoking.

- **Cancer deaths** Not surprisingly, the state has the 4th highest cancer death rate in the nation with 219.2 deaths per 100,000 people.

- **Obesity** 34.8 percent of the adult population in Oklahoma is obese, ranking the state 10th highest in the nation. The adult obesity rate in the state has nearly tripled since 1990. Obesity contributes to poor general health and is a leading factor in preventable diseases.

Sources: Trust for America’s Health, Investing in America’s Health; Trust for America’s Health, Prevention and Public Health Fund at Work in