**PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING** Strong investments in public health allow a state to carry out programs that improve health. Wisconsin receives $55 total per person from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) in public health funding. The Prevention and Public Health Fund awarded the state $13.06 million in grants for community and clinical prevention efforts and improvements to public health infrastructure in fiscal year 2018.

**ACCESS TO CARE** 5.5 percent of people in Wisconsin do not have health insurance coverage, which is well below the national uninsured rate of 8.8 percent. The number of practicing primary care physicians is also an important measure of health care availability. Wisconsin has 152.4 active primary care physicians per 100,000 people compared to the national average of 159.6 practicing primary care physicians per 100,000 people.

**Notable Health Measures**

- **High school graduation** 88.6 percent of students in Wisconsin graduate from high school. This is the 11th highest high school graduation rate in the nation, and 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.

- **Diabetes** 8.7 percent of the adult population in Wisconsin has diabetes. This is the 4th lowest rate in the nation.

**The Challenges Ahead**

- **Drug deaths** In the past four years, drug deaths increased 39.7 percent from 13.1 to 18.3 deaths per 100,000 people.

- **Excessive drinking** 25.0 percent of the adult population reported excessively drinking in Wisconsin, the highest rate in the nation. Excessive alcohol use can lead to fetal damage, liver diseases, high blood pressure, cardiovascular diseases and other major health problems.

- **Pertussis** There are 13 cases of pertussis per 100,000 people in Wisconsin, ranking the state the fifth highest in the nation and well over the national average of 5.8 cases per 100,000 people. Also known as whooping cough, pertussis is highly contagious, but can be prevented through immunization.

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.