

# THE FACTS NEVADA

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**PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING** Strong investments in public health allow a state to carry out programs that improve health. Nevada receives \$135 per person total 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 \$2.86 million in grants for community and clinical prevention efforts and improvements to public health infrastructure in fiscal year 2023.

**ACCESS TO CARE** 11.1 percent of people in Nevada do not have health insurance coverage, well above the national uninsured rate of 8.0 percent. This is the 6th highest uninsured rate in the country. The number of practicing primary care providers is also an important measure of health care availability. Nevada has 192.6 active primary care providers per 100,000 people, ranking 5th lowest in the nation. Nationally, there are 232.0 practicing primary care providers per 100,000 people.

## Notable Health Measures

- **Tobacco use** 14.8% of adults report smoking cigarettes, and 18.7% of high school students report using any tobacco product including e-cigarettes. The state experiences \$2.2 million in total annual morbidity-related productivity losses related to adults who currently smoke.
- **Obesity** 33.5 percent of adults in Nevada are obese. And while the state boasts a relatively low adult obesity rate in comparison to other states, the obesity rate has more than doubled over the past two and a half decades. Obesity contributes to poor general health and is a leading factor in preventable diseases.

## The Challenges Ahead

- **High school graduation** Only 82.6 percent of students graduate from high school in Nevada, ranking the state 10th lowest in the nation. This is a major public health concern as there is a strong connection between education and health. People with higher levels of education are more likely to adopt healthy behaviors.
- **Drug deaths** The rate of drug-related deaths in Nevada is 29.9 deaths per 100,000 people, ranking the state 23rd lowest in the nation. The national rate is 32.1 drug deaths per 100,000 people.
- **Air pollution** Air pollution increased 18% from 8.8 to 10.4 micrograms of fine particulate matter per cubic meter between 2015-2017 and 2020-2022.

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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