

THE FACTS GEORGIA

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. Georgia receives \$192 per person in public health funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) combined. In 2023, the Prevention and Public Health Fund awarded the state \$19.97 million in grants for community and clinical prevention efforts and improvements to public health infrastructure.

ACCESS TO CARE 11.7 percent of people in Georgia do not have health insurance coverage compared to the national uninsured rate of 8.0 percent. This ranks the state 3rd worst in the nation for insurance coverage. The number of practicing primary care providers is also an important measure of health care availability. Georgia has 209.3 active primary care providers per 100,000 people, ranking below the national average of 232.0 practicing primary care providers per 100,000 people.

Notable Health Measures

- **Flu vaccination** Georgia ranks 10th lowest in the nation for flu vaccination rates, with only 40.6% of adults getting their yearly flu vaccine.
- **Obesity** Obesity contributes to poor general health and is a leading factor in preventable diseases. The obesity rate has steadily increased over the decades with 37.0 percent of the adult population in Georgia obese.

The Challenges Ahead

- **Low birthweight** In Georgia, 10.6 percent of live births have a low birthweight, the 3rd highest in the nation. Low birthweight is associated with short- and long-term complications and an increased risk of infant mortality.
- **Chlamydia** Georgia ranks 5th highest in the nation for chlamydia infection rates, with 629.1 new cases per 100,000 population in 2021.
- **Avoided care** Georgia ranks 3rd highest for avoided care rates, with 14.8% of adults reporting avoiding seeking health care due to cost.

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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