

Overall Rank: 8

Change: ▲6

Determinants Rank: 9

Outcomes Rank: 13

Strengths:

- Low prevalence of obesity
- Low levels of air pollution
- Low rate of preventable hospitalizations
- Low rates of cancer deaths and cardiovascular deaths

Challenges:

- High geographic disparity within the state
- High rate of uninsured population

Significant Changes:

- In the past year, per capita public health funding increased by 19%
- In the past year, the rate of deaths from cardiovascular disease declined by 5%
- In the past five years, immunization coverage increased by 20%
- In the past ten years, the prevalence of smoking decreased by 23%

Ranking: Colorado is 8th this year; it was 14th in 2008.

Strengths: Strengths include a low prevalence of obesity at 19.1 percent of the population, low levels of air pollution at 7.7 micrograms of fine particulate per cubic meter, few poor mental and physical health days per month at 3.0 days and 3.2 days in the previous 30 days, respectively, low rates of deaths from cancer and cardiovascular disease at 166.1 deaths and 235.1 deaths per 100,000 population, respectively, and a low rate of preventable hospitalizations with 53.7 discharges per 1,000 Medicare enrollees.

Challenges: Challenges include a high prevalence of binge drinking at 16.6 percent of the population, a high rate of uninsured population at 16.1 percent and high geographic disparity within the state at 15.8 percent.

Significant Changes:

- ▲ In the last year, public health funding increased from \$74 to \$88 per person.

▼ In the last year, the rate of deaths from cardiovascular disease declined from 247.0 to 235.1 deaths per 100,000 population.

▲ In the past five years, immunization coverage increased from 67.5 percent to 80.7 percent of children ages 19 to 35 months receiving complete immunizations.

▼ In the past ten years, the prevalence of smoking decreased from 22.8 percent to 17.6 percent of the population.

Health Disparities: In Colorado, smoking is more prevalent among non-Hispanic blacks at 25.2 percent than non-Hispanic whites at 16.5 percent. Mortality rates vary by race and ethnicity in Colorado, with 835.3 deaths per 100,000 population among blacks compared to whites, who experience 748.5 deaths per 100,000 population.

State Health Department Web Site:

www.cdphe.state.co.us

DETERMINANTS	BEHAVIORS	2009		NO. 1 STATE
		VALUE	RANK	
	Prevalence of Smoking (Percent of population)	17.6	20	9.3
	Prevalence of Binge Drinking (Percent of population)	16.6	33	9.0
	Prevalence of Obesity (Percent of population)	19.1	1	19.1
	High School Graduation (Percent of incoming ninth graders)	75.5	29	87.5
	COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT			
	Violent Crime (Offenses per 100,000 population)	343	25	118
	Occupational Fatalities (Deaths per 100,000 workers)	5.7	28	3.1
	Infectious Disease (Cases per 100,000 population)	10.1	19	2.4
	Children in Poverty (Percent of persons under age 18)	14.4	15	8.6
	Air Pollution (Micrograms of fine particles per cubic meter)	7.7	8	4.8
	PUBLIC & HEALTH POLICIES			
	Lack of Health Insurance (Percent without health insurance)	16.1	37	5.4
	Public Health Funding (Dollars per person)	\$88	17	\$220
	Immunization Coverage (Percent of children ages 19 to 35 months)	80.7	10	85.0
	CLINICAL CARE			
	Prenatal Care (Percent of pregnant women)*	64.5	—	—
	Primary Care Physicians (Number per 100,000 population)	116.1	23	190.0
	Preventable Hospitalizations (Number per 1,000 Medicare enrollees)	53.7	6	29.3
	ALL DETERMINANTS	0.41	9	0.83
	HEALTH OUTCOMES			
	Poor Mental Health Days (Days in previous 30 days)	3.0	9	2.2
	Poor Physical Health Days (Days in previous 30 days)	3.2	8	2.7
	Geographic Disparity (Relative standard deviation)	15.8	43	4.3
	Infant Mortality (Deaths per 1,000 live births)	6.1	16	4.8
	Cardiovascular Deaths (Deaths per 100,000 population)	235.1	4	212.6
	Cancer Deaths (Deaths per 100,000 population)	166.1	3	144.7
	Premature Death (Years lost per 100,000 population)	6,429	11	5,595
	ALL HEALTH OUTCOMES	0.20	13	0.35
	OVERALL	0.61	8	1.06

— indicates data not available. *See measure description for full details.

ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT	
Unemployment Rate (Aug 2009)	7.3%
Underemployment Rate (2008)	9.2%
Median Household Income (2008)	\$60,943

