

**Ranking:** The District of Columbia is not included in the ranking of states, as it is a unique governmental entity and is considerably more urban than the states.

**Strengths:** Strengths include a low prevalence of smoking at 16.2 percent of the population, a low prevalence of obesity at 22.3 percent of the population and a low rate of uninsured population at 9.8 percent.

**Challenges:** Challenges include a high violent crime rate at 1,438 offenses per 100,000 population, a high percentage of children in poverty at 29.2 percent of persons under age 18 and limited access to prenatal care, with 53.9 percent of pregnant women receiving adequate prenatal care.

**Significant Changes:**

- ▼ In the past year, the high school graduation rate decreased from 68.8 percent to 65.4 percent of incoming ninth graders who graduate within four years.
- ▼ In the past five years, the prevalence of smoking declined from 22.0 percent to 16.2 percent of the population.

- ▲ In the past ten years, immunization coverage increased from 49.8 percent to 78.6 percent of children ages 19 to 35 months receiving complete immunizations.
- ▼ Since 1990, the rate of deaths from cardiovascular disease decreased from 425.5 to 336.9 deaths per 100,000 population.

**State Health Department Web Site:**  
www.dchealth.dc.gov

## Overall Rank: District is not ranked.

**Strengths:**

- Low prevalence of smoking
- Low prevalence of obesity
- Low rate of uninsured population

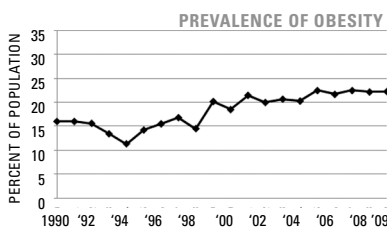
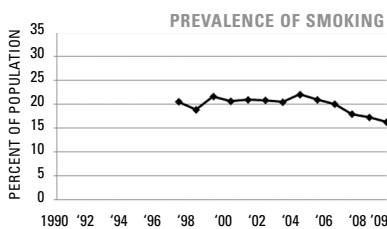
**Challenges:**

- High violent crime rate
- High percentage of children in poverty
- Limited access to prenatal care

**Significant Changes:**

- In the past year, the high school graduation rate decreased by 5%
- In the past five years, the prevalence of smoking decreased by 26%
- In the past ten years, immunization coverage increased by 58%
- Since 1990, the rate of deaths from cardiovascular disease decreased by 21%

ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT	
Unemployment Rate (Aug 2009)	11.1%
Underemployment Rate (2008)	10.0%
Median Household Income (2008)	\$55,590



DETERMINANTS	2009	NO. 1 STATE
	VALUE	
<b>BEHAVIORS</b>		
Prevalence of Smoking (Percent of population)	16.2	9.3
Prevalence of Binge Drinking (Percent of population)	17.0	9.0
Prevalence of Obesity (Percent of population)	22.3	19.1
High School Graduation (Percent of incoming ninth graders)	65.4	87.5
<b>COMMUNITY &amp; ENVIRONMENT</b>		
Violent Crime (Offenses per 100,000 population)	1438	118
Children in Poverty (Percent of persons under age 18)	29.0	8.6
Air Pollution (Micrograms of fine particles per cubic meter)	11.7	4.8
<b>PUBLIC &amp; HEALTH POLICIES</b>		
Lack of Health Insurance (Percent without health insurance)	9.8	5.4
Immunization Coverage (Percent of children ages 19 to 35 months)	78.6	85.0
<b>CLINICAL CARE</b>		
Prenatal Care (Percent of pregnant women)*	53.9	—
Primary Care Physicians (Number per 100,000 population)	320.0	190.0
Preventable Hospitalizations (Number per 1,000 Medicare enrollees)	59.2	29.3
<b>HEALTH OUTCOMES</b>		
Poor Mental Health Days (Days in previous 30 days)	2.8	2.2
Poor Physical Health Days (Days in previous 30 days)	3.0	2.7
Infant Mortality (Deaths per 1,000 live births)	12.6	4.8
Cardiovascular Deaths (Deaths per 100,000 population)	336.9	212.6
Cancer Deaths (Deaths per 100,000 population)	209.3	144.7
Premature Death (Years lost per 100,000 population)	12,702	5595

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