

## Overall Rank: 14

Change: ▼6

Determinants Rank: 12

Outcomes Rank: 15

### Strengths:

- Low incidence of infectious disease
- Low rate of preventable hospitalizations
- Low levels of air pollution
- Low violent crime rate

### Challenges:

- Limited availability of primary care physicians
- Low immunization coverage

### Significant Changes:

- In the past year, the percentage of children in poverty increased by 37%
- In the past five years, immunization coverage decreased by 16%
- In the past ten years, the prevalence of obesity increased by 53%
- Since 1990, the prevalence of smoking declined by 30%

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

**Strengths:** Strengths include a low incidence of infectious disease at 4.2 cases per 100,000 population, low levels of air pollution at 7.5 micrograms of fine particulate per cubic meter, a low violent crime rate at 229 offenses per 100,000 population, strong public health funding at \$116 per person, a low rate of preventable hospitalizations with 51.1 discharges per 1,000 Medicare enrollees and a low rate of cancer deaths at 176.0 deaths per 100,000 population.

**Challenges:** Challenges include limited availability of primary care physicians with 78.1 primary care physicians per 100,000 population and low immunization coverage with 65.9 percent of children ages 19 to 35 months receiving complete immunizations.

### Significant Changes:

- ▲ In the past year, the percentage of children in poverty increased from 12.6 percent to 17.2 percent of persons under age 18.
- ▼ In the past five years, immunization coverage decreased from 78.1 percent to

65.9 percent of children ages 19 to 35 months receiving complete immunizations.

- ▲ In the past ten years, the prevalence of obesity increased from 16.4 percent to 25.1 percent of the population.
- ▼ Since 1990, the prevalence of smoking decreased from 24.1 percent to 16.8 percent of the population.

**Health Disparities:** In Idaho, smoking is more prevalent among non-Hispanic American Indians at 33.9 percent than non-Hispanic whites at 17.4 percent. Mortality rates vary by race and ethnicity in Idaho, with 819.3 deaths per 100,000 population among American Indians compared to whites, who experience 776.0 deaths per 100,000 population.

### State Health Department Web Site:

[www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov](http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov)

DETERMINANTS	BEHAVIORS	2009		NO. 1 STATE
		VALUE	RANK	
	Prevalence of Smoking (Percent of population)	16.8	14	9.3
	Prevalence of Binge Drinking (Percent of population)	14.0	16	9.0
	Prevalence of Obesity (Percent of population)	25.1	13	19.1
	High School Graduation (Percent of incoming ninth graders)	80.5	14	87.5
	<b>COMMUNITY &amp; ENVIRONMENT</b>			
	Violent Crime (Offenses per 100,000 population)	229	7	118
	Occupational Fatalities (Deaths per 100,000 workers)	5.0	21	3.1
	Infectious Disease (Cases per 100,000 population)	4.2	4	2.4
	Children in Poverty (Percent of persons under age 18)	17.2	24	8.6
	Air Pollution (Micrograms of fine particles per cubic meter)	7.5	6	4.8
	<b>PUBLIC &amp; HEALTH POLICIES</b>			
	Lack of Health Insurance (Percent without health insurance)	14.7	30	5.4
	Public Health Funding (Dollars per person)	\$116	8	\$220
	Immunization Coverage (Percent of children ages 19 to 35 months)	65.9	49	85.0
	<b>CLINICAL CARE</b>			
	Prenatal Care (Percent of pregnant women)*	71.1	—	—
	Primary Care Physicians (Number per 100,000 population)	78.1	50	190.0
	Preventable Hospitalizations (Number per 1,000 Medicare enrollees)	51.1	5	29.3
	<b>ALL DETERMINANTS</b>	0.35	12	0.83
<b>HEALTH OUTCOMES</b>				
	Poor Mental Health Days (Days in previous 30 days)	3.3	22	2.2
	Poor Physical Health Days (Days in previous 30 days)	3.3	15	2.7
	Geographic Disparity (Relative standard deviation)	11.4	27	4.3
	Infant Mortality (Deaths per 1,000 live births)	6.5	23	4.8
	Cardiovascular Deaths (Deaths per 100,000 population)	258.1	20	212.6
	Cancer Deaths (Deaths per 100,000 population)	176.0	7	144.7
	Premature Death (Years lost per 100,000 population)	6,644	18	5,595
	<b>ALL HEALTH OUTCOMES</b>	0.18	15	0.35
	<b>OVERALL</b>	0.52	14	1.06

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

ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT	
Unemployment Rate (Aug 2009)	8.9%
Underemployment Rate (2008)	10.4%
Median Household Income (2008)	\$47,420

