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ABOUT STATE PUBLIC HEALTH

State health agencies are working across the country to actively protect the public's health, prevent avoidable diseases and conditions, and promote healthy communities.

Montana has 28.4 certified lactation counselors (CLCs) per 1,000 live births—ranking 2nd in the nation.

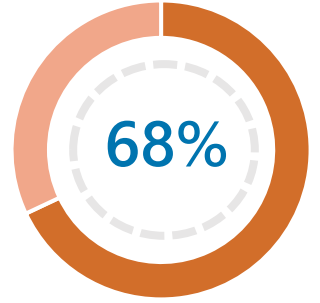
CLCs are helping staff in WIC clinics deliver up-to-date information and evidence-based strategies to improve breastfeeding initiation and duration rates statewide.

From 2011-2015, the rate of breastfeeding initiation and breastfeeding at three months postpartum among moms in Montana's WIC program increased from 75% to 78% and 29% to 32% respectively.

#75ways

See more public health successes at: my.astho.org/75ways

FEDERAL FUNDS (FY15)



Source: ASTHO 2017 Profile

FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCES (FY15)

Agency	Percent of agency budget	Revenue
CDC	38.9%	\$17,722,127.35
HRSA	20.4%	\$9,293,866.27
USDA	32.2%	\$14,669,730.10
All other	8.5%	\$3,872,444.28

Source: ASTHO 2017 Profile



TOP 5 HEALTH AGENCY PRIORITIES

- 1 Behavioral Health
- 2 Chronic Disease Prevention and Self-Management
- 3 Motor Vehicle Crashes
- 4 Healthy Mothers, Babies, and Youth
- 5 Adverse Childhood Experiences

Source: Montana State Health Improvement Plan, 2019

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CDC 2018 OPIOID OVERDOSE CRISIS YEAR 1 (FY18) FUNDING: \$2,417,896

This funding helps Montana prevent opioid-related overdoses, deaths, and other outcomes by advancing understanding of the epidemic, expanding prevention and response activities, and improving timeliness of data. Montana is working to:

- Ensure first responders have adequate naloxone training;
- Ensure vulnerable patients are referred to Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT) and provided “warm hand-offs” to community organizations;
- Conduct academic detailing to train physicians on safe prescribing for acute and chronic pain; and
- Develop and disseminate vulnerability assessments that identify areas at high risk for opioid overdoses.

UNITED HEALTH FOUNDATION RANK



Strengths:

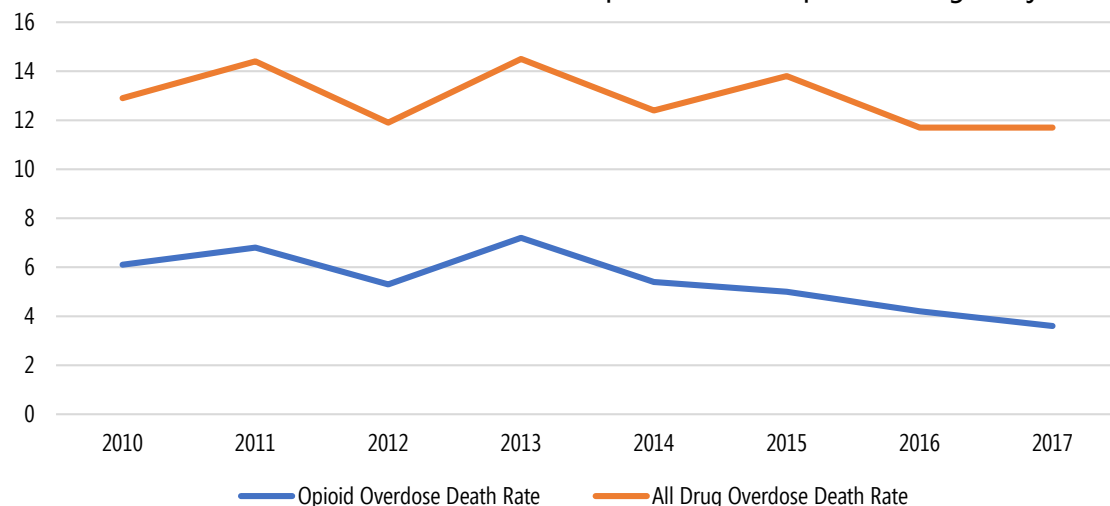
- Low drug death rate
- Low prevalence of obesity
- High per capita public health funding

Areas for Improvement:

- Low immunization coverage among children
- High prevalence of excessive drinking
- Low rate of primary care physicians

OPIOID STATISTICS

MT: Overdose Death Rates per 100,000 Population (Age-Adjusted)



Source: America's Health Rankings, 2018 Annual Report



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Advancing public health performance

Source: Kaiser Family Foundation's State Health Facts