

# #HealthierMO

Transforming the Future of Public Health in Missouri



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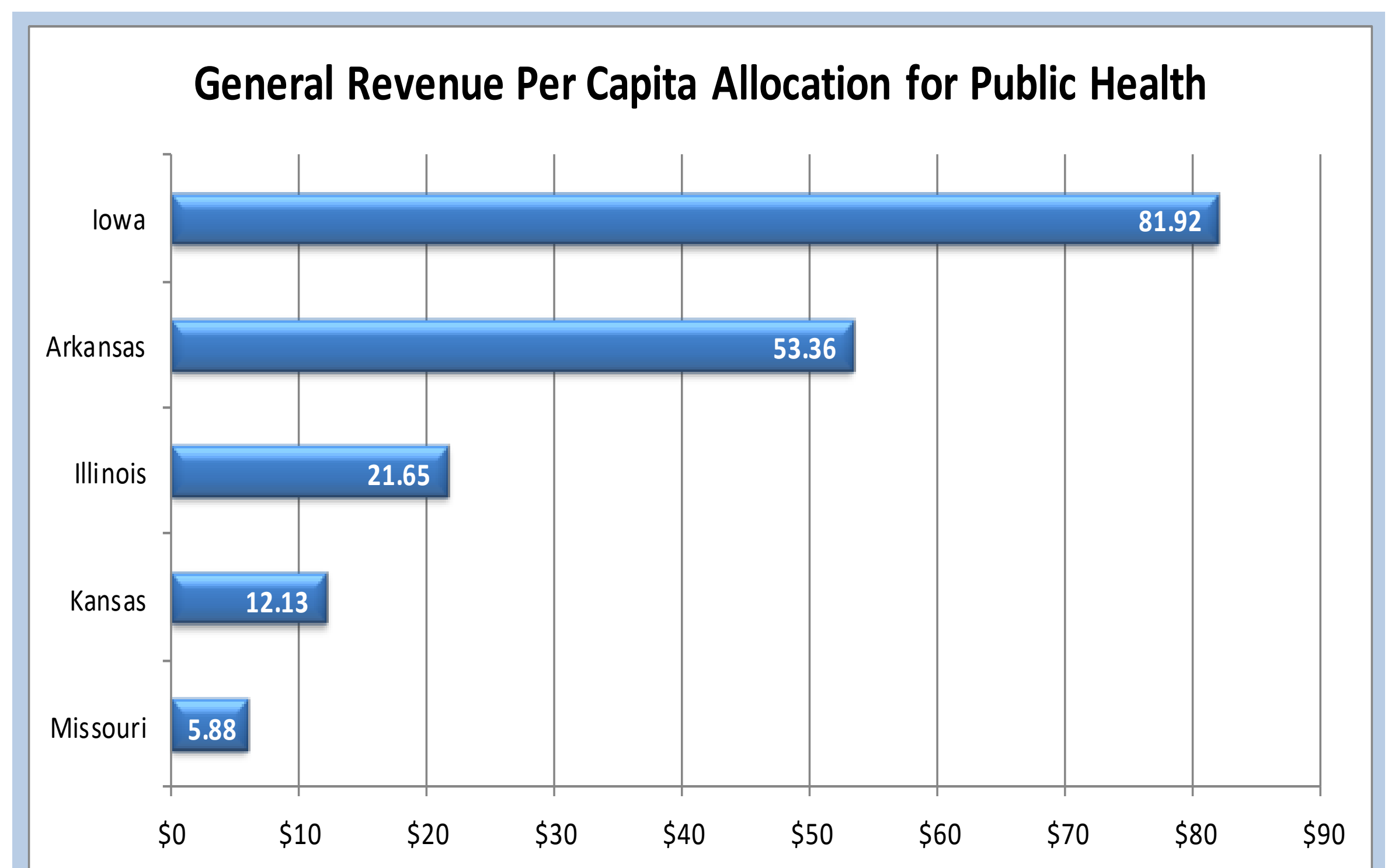
### Top Public Health Challenges

*Deficient*

Equitable, adequate, sustainable funding

Missouri ranks last in the nation in **per capita spending** on public health services, allocating just **\$ 5.88** per person from general revenue funds for public health.

This compares with public health per capita spending in neighbor states Kansas (\$ 12.13), Illinois (\$ 21.65), Arkansas (\$ 53.36), and Iowa (\$ 81.92).



Source: Trust for America's Health, [A Funding Crisis for Public Health and Safety: State-by-State Public Health Funding and Key Health Facts](#), 2017

\$1.00 invested in public health yields:



\$5.60

Programs to improve physical activity and nutrition and reduce tobacco use<sup>1</sup>



\$10.00

Immunization programs vs cost of direct and indirect care<sup>2</sup>



\$34.00

Effective school-based substance abuse programs<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>The Trust for America's Health, [A Funding Crisis for Public Health and Safety: State-by-State Public Health Funding and Key Health Facts](#), 2017  
<sup>2</sup>Pediatrics, [Economic Evaluation of the Routine Childhood Immunization Program in the United States](#), 2014

Missouri spends more than **\$ 8,000 per person in health care costs** each year<sup>†</sup>, ranking 26th in the nation on health care spending per person.

### Why does this matter?

Public health program spending makes up **less than 5 percent** of all health care spending, but it has a substantial impact on health outcomes<sup>††</sup>.

<sup>†</sup>Source: Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, [Health Care Expenditures per Capita by State of Residence](#), 2014.

<sup>††</sup>Source: United Health Foundation, [America's Health Rankings Annual Report](#), 2017

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