



2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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Public Health

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LETTER FROM THE HEALTH COMMISSIONER

Last year marked a significant achievement for our agency and our staff members. In 2024, we became reaccredited with the Public Health Accreditation Board, having been accredited for the first time in 2017.

Maintaining accreditation can be tedious and time-consuming, but the ongoing process improves our agency and our ability to serve our community better.



Public health often operates out of the spotlight, and I am fortunate to lead a team of compassionate professionals who come to work daily to help better the health of our community. Since our initial accreditation, we have continued to improve as an agency each year.

Throughout this process, we have strengthened relationships with our community partners and have formed new ones. We created the Clermont Partnership for Health, a collaboration between many community stakeholders to help identify health disparities and advance health for everyone in Clermont County.

As we move into 2025, our Community Health Improvement Plan will be updated, and we will work together to address the county's most significant health issues. As public health professionals, we often don't know what the next challenge will be, but I am thankful that we have great staff, wonderful community partners, and a supportive community that works together to improve Clermont County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julianne Nesbit".

Julianne Nesbit, MPH
Health Commissioner
Clermont County Public Health

Mission

Striving to improve Clermont County by preventing disease, promoting health, and protecting the environment.

Vision

Healthy People.
Healthy Communities.
Healthy Clermont.

Values

Service. Credibility. Integrity.
Responsibility. Equity.

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HARM REDUCTION



Our Harm Reduction Program served 734 clients and exchanged more than 185,000 sterile syringes for contaminated ones. Harm reduction is a comprehensive program that aims to reduce the number of bloodborne diseases in the county, like hepatitis C and HIV. In addition to collecting used syringes, the program also provides naloxone, which helps to reverse an opioid overdose.

Our program received two grants from the Clermont County Mental Health and Recovery Board. The grants were used to purchase xylazine test kits and wound care kits to provide at our clinic.

Collaboration with our community partners is key to the program's success. In 2024, Inter Parish Ministry Food Pantry provided more than 300 food boxes to some of our unhoused clients throughout the year.

One of the program's underlying goals is to help people enter treatment when ready. When the clinic is open, we partner with treatment and recovery providers to engage with our clients and help them enter treatment.

186,699

Sterile syringes
exchanged

2,017

Fentanyl test strips
distributed

1,057

Naloxone doses
distributed

734

Clients served

79

Treatment
referrals



Reaccreditation

Clermont County Public Health earned reaccreditation from the Public Health Accreditation Board in 2024. After being initially accredited in 2017, this was our first round of reaccreditation. Ohio has 111 local health departments. Of those, 94 are accredited, but CCPH was the 17th in the state to earn accreditation. Accreditation for local health departments shows a commitment to quality improvement and performance management.

To maintain accreditation, the Public Health Accreditation Board evaluates each health department against a set of national standards to ensure accredited health departments continue to evolve, improve, and advance their public health practice to serve the community.

The accreditation process also helps us strengthen our relationships with our community partners. Though our reaccreditation lasts five years, we are already planning and working toward our second reaccreditation in 2029.



Upgraded Customer Self-Service Portal

Our online customer self-service portal was upgraded to streamline the efficiency of our staff and plumbing contractors. Contractors can now apply for and pay for water heater permits online and track the status of their permits. These changes will allow us to expand our online services to include other applications and permits.



Partnership for Health to Advance Health Equity



Formed in late 2023, the Clermont Partnership for Health began meeting in 2024. The partnership is a collaboration between community organizations, healthcare providers, local government agencies, businesses, schools, and other key stakeholders in Clermont County.

The partnership utilizes the Mobilizing for Action through Planning Partnerships strategic planning process. This process is community-driven and prioritizes health issues and ways to address those issues to improve the overall health of a population.

This new group will play a vital role in developing Clermont County's Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan. The partnership's mission is to improve population health and advance health equity in Clermont County by identifying key health priorities and coordinating strategic action through cross-sector collaboration.

Social Determinants of Health

We completed agency-wide training on equity and the social determinants of health to help our staff better understand our community and how we can help the people we serve.

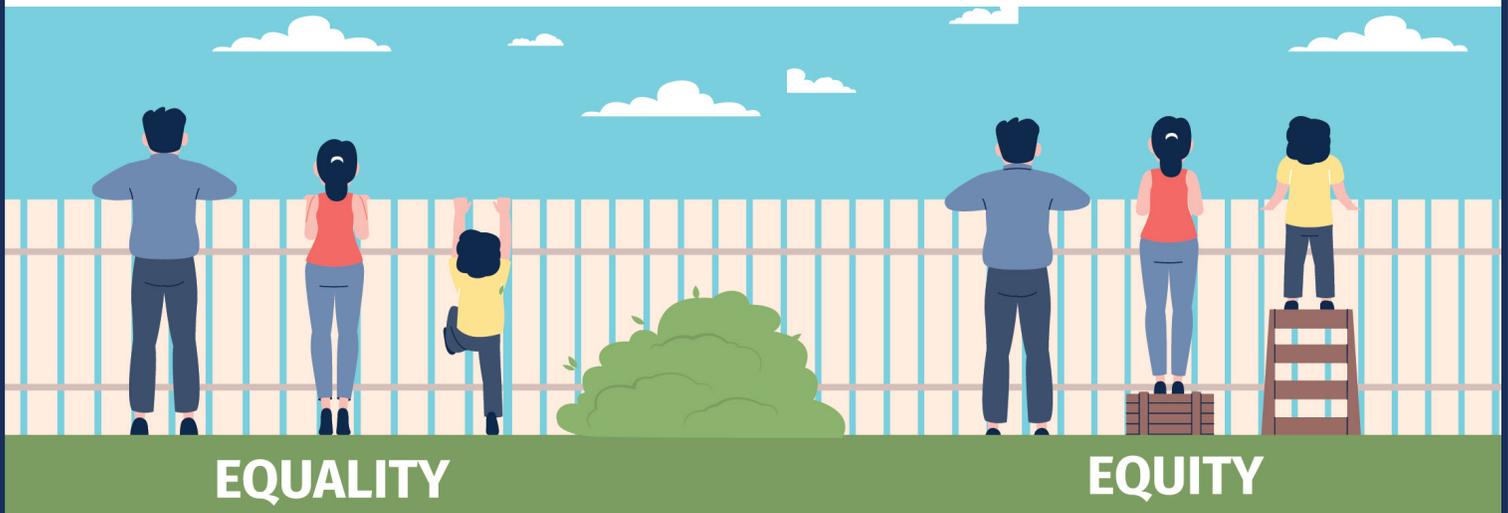
The social determinants of health are the conditions in the environments where people are born, live, learn, work, play, worship, and age that affect a wide range of health, functioning, and quality of life outcomes and risks.

The five categories that define the social determinants of health are

- Economic stability
- Education access and quality
- Healthcare access and quality
- Neighborhood and built environment
- Social and community context



As a health department, we strive to ensure everyone in our community can access our programs and services. Understanding the social determinants of health will help our staff provide more equitable services to our residents.



BY THE NUMBERS



Childhood Vaccines
472



Food Inspections
2,219



Operation Permits Issued
7,078



Adult Vaccines
135



Food Licenses Issued
789



Septic Inspections
9,827



Total Vaccines
839



Pool & Spa Inspections
825



Plumbing Permits Issued
1,048



Child Safety Seats Distributed
102



Animal Bite Complaints
397



Social Media Impressions
135,880



WIC Office Visits
9,654



Birth Certificates Issued
4,162



Website Visits
139,857

Quality Improvement

We completed three quality improvement projects in 2024.

Grants - With approximately 25% of our revenue coming from grants, our staff spends a lot of time applying for and managing grants. The goal of this project was to establish a standardized process and consolidate resources for grant applications which will reduce the amount of staff time spent on writing and managing grants.

Evaluations - We revamped our staff performance evaluations to make them more equitable across all roles. The new process will create new evaluation competencies for specific roles within the agency.

Staff retention - The goal of this project was to reduce the staff turnover rate. We added incentives such as increased parental leave to our policy manual to entice employees to stay with our agency.

Community Engagement



REPORTABLE DISEASES

LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH

	2022	2023	2024
Campylobacteriosis	28	34	16
Chlamydia	501	498	378
COVID-19	27,257	6,840	5,139
Cryptosporidiosis	2	3	7
E.coli, shiga-toxin producing	7	7	6
Giardiasis	3	5	5
Gonorrhea	116	90	80
Haemophiliis Influenza (invasive)	9	9	10
Hepatitis A	1	0	0
Hepatitis B, acute	3	2	3
Hepatitis B, chronic	17	17	13
Hepatitis C, acute	0	3	4
Hepatitis C, chronic	142	110	87
Hepatitis C (perinatal)	2	1	2
Influenza-associated hospitalizations	167	40	179
Legionnaire's Disease	3	3	7
Lyme Disease	14	16	22
Meningitis-aseptic (viral)	9	16	13
Meningitis, bacterial (not N. meningitidis)	5	6	6
Outbreaks, food	39	14	21
Pertussis	2	2	40
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever	1	0	1
Salmonellosis	28	27	17
Shigellosis	1	6	2
Streptococcal - Group A - invasive	18	28	21
Streptococcal Pneumoniae, Invasive Disease (resistance unknown or non-resistant)	14	29	11
Syphilis	10	14	10
Varicella	5	2	3
Vibrosis	0	1	1

The disease table is not inclusive of all diseases reported in Clermont County, but those of most interest or highest incidence. The table includes suspect, probable, and confirmed cases. Case counts are considered provisional and are subject to change pending further investigation. Diseases included in the table may not be exclusive to the category in which they are listed.

Cases prior to 2022 were based on date of diagnosis. Cases from 2022 and after are based on event date.

	2022	2023
Malignant neoplasms (cancer)	420	444
Diseases of the heart	473	391
Cerebrovascular diseases	139	137
Chronic lower respiratory diseases	124	118
Accidents	142	116
Alzheimer's disease	98	83
Diabetes mellitus	69	60
Nephritis (kidney disease)	59	47
Influenza and pneumonia	34	44
Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	31	40
COVID-19	175	37
Septicemia	32	33
Nutritional deficiencies	29	31
Suicide	32	31
Parkinson's disease	26	25

Vital statistics data is preliminary and subject to change pending final investigation. The data reported is for all Clermont County residents regardless of where the birth or death occurred.

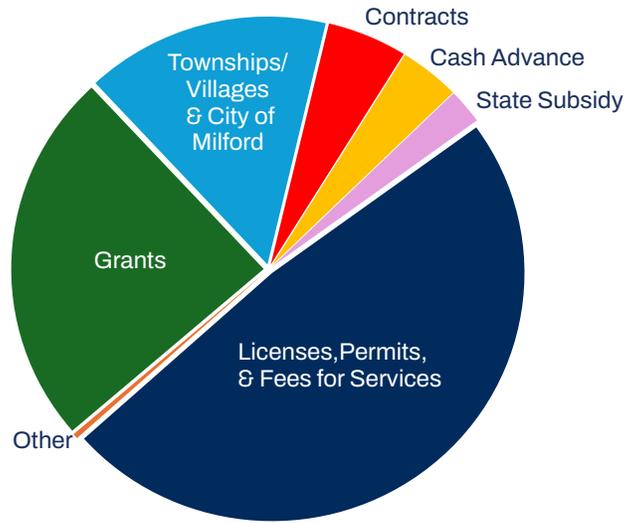
2022 & 2023 cause of death data totals are preliminary and are not yet finalized.

*2024 data is not yet available

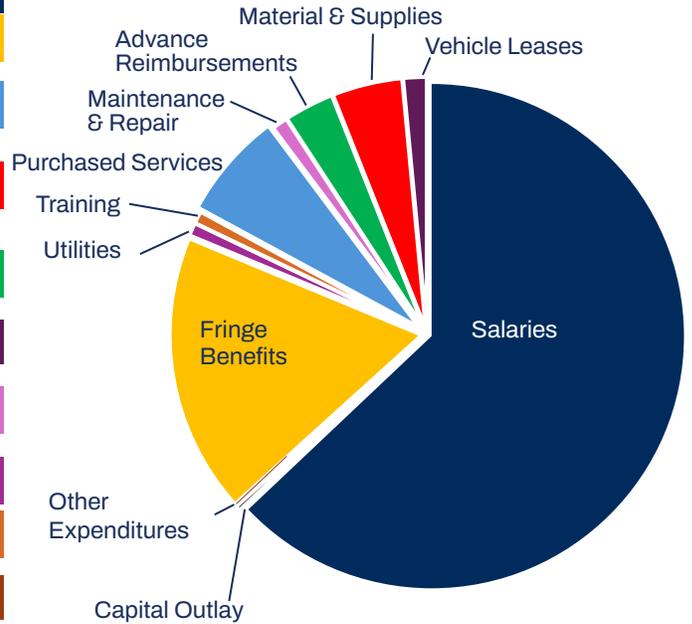
	2022	2023
Total Births	2,188	2,300
Total Deaths	2,323	2,073

FINANCIALS

Revenue	Amount	Percent
Licenses/ Permits/Services	\$2,460,800.47	48.36%
Grants	\$1,239,968.17	24.37%
Townships/ Villages/ City of Milford	\$795,970.68	15.64%
Contracts	\$260,811.39	5.13%
Cash Advance	\$197,842.87	3.89%
State Subsidy	\$115,904.49	2.28%
Other	\$16,841.06	0.33%
Grand Total	\$5,088,139.13	100.00%



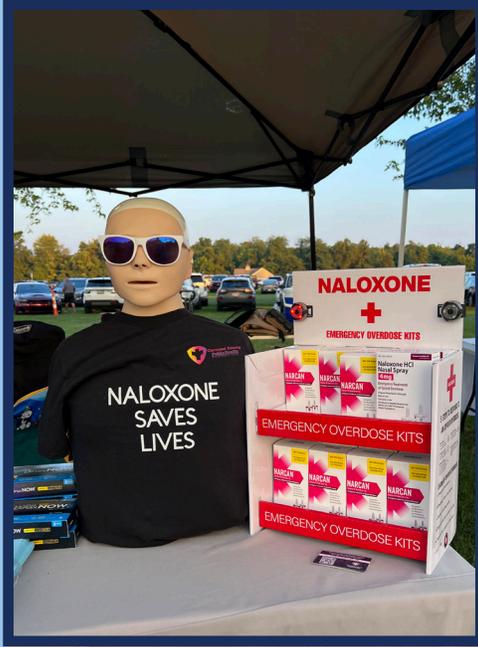
Expenses	Amount	Percent
Salaries	\$3,150,659.08	62.94%
Fringe Benefits	\$899,621.51	17.97%
Purchased Services	\$344,720.21	6.89%
Material & Supplies	\$225,468.80	4.50%
Advance Reimbursements	\$160,000.00	3.20%
Vehicle Leases	\$75,011.03	1.50%
Maintenance & Repair	\$50,741.76	1.01%
Utilities	\$41,958.97	0.84%
Training	\$39,849.97	0.80%
Capital Outlay	\$15,117.87	0.30%
Other Expenditures	\$2,854.00	0.06%
Grand Total	\$5,006,003.20	100.00%



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