



# 2024

## ANNUAL REPORT

**Darke County General Health District**

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Greenville, OH 45331

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH COMMISSIONER

*Jordan Francis, MPH*

## Foundations of Public Health

Throughout history, disease outbreaks such as cholera, smallpox, and the plague elicited reactive efforts to protect citizens at risk of contracting the deadly diseases. However, prior to the eighteenth century, epidemic disease was often considered the result of moral shortfalls. Despite this commonly held belief, rudimentary interventions began to take shape with the implementation of isolation and quarantine measures in some European cities in the late 1600's as a response to epidemic disease.

By the early eighteenth century, these practices had spread throughout Europe, and even American port cities were implementing rules for quarantining sick arrivals on ships. While these introductory interventions were helpful in reducing the disease burden of historically deadly epidemics, it was just the infancy of the modern public health system.

What transpired to allow the advancement of the public health system from its roots in the eighteenth century to the current state? Two primary factors have given rise to modern public health: 1. the amassing of a body of scientific knowledge regarding the sources of, and tools to control, disease, and; 2. increased public acceptance of the possibility of controlling disease and the recognition that it is a public responsibility. Prior to scientific breakthroughs that provided empirical evidence as to the cause of disease, the prevailing societal approach to disease was one of resignation and apathy; without a known cause, a clear path for prevention and treatment was not possible. As the body of scientific knowledge grew, particularly in the late 19th century and into the 20th with the rise of the sanitary awakening and bacteriology, so too did the effectiveness of interventions intended to prevent or reduce the risk of disease. Hand in hand, as the scientific knowledge of the day grew, the foundational services of public health grew to include immunization, sanitation, environmental regulation, health education, and individual healthcare.

Today, we continue to espouse the importance of foundational public health services as outlined by the Public Health Accreditation Board: communicable disease control; chronic disease and injury prevention; environmental health; maternal, child, and family health; and access to, and linkage with, clinical care. As a local health department, we focus on providing foundational services with the highest return on investment for our community. Activities like providing individualized support for mothers and families at key developmental stages, health education, immunizations against infectious disease, and keeping our environment and places we congregate safe are all essential services that bring significant value to our communities in Darke County. It is our hope, as a local health department, that the collective public health system continues to amass scientific knowledge that shapes the interventions we use to impact the health of our communities, collectively working toward a brighter, healthier future for all Darke Countians.



## MEDICAL DIRECTOR

**DR. SHERRY ADKINS, MD, MPH**  
*FAMILY MEDICINE, FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES*

## 2024 DARKE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS

- DR. TIMOTHY KATHMAN** *CHAIRMAN*
- JAMES SCHAAR** *VICE CHAIRMAN*
- JEFFREY SUBLER** *BOARD MEMBER*
- KRISTA FOURMAN** *BOARD MEMBER*
- CURTIS YOUNT** *BOARD MEMBER*
- GARY GIERE** *ALTERNATE*

## ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

**JORDAN FRANCIS, MPH** *HEALTH COMMISSIONER*  
**JODY HOCKER** *ACCOUNT CLERK AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT*  
**GINGER MAGOTO, REHS, MS, MPH** *DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND GIS SPECIALIST*  
**EMILY HOISINGTON, MBA, BSN, RN** *DIRECTOR OF NURSING*

## STAFF

- 23 STAFF MEMBERS**
- 1 HEALTH COMMISSIONER**


- 2 DIVISION DIRECTORS**


- 5 ADMINISTRATION/CLERICAL**


- 6 REGISTERED NURSES**


- 5 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS**


- 7 CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES**


- 1 LACTATION SPECIALIST NURSE**


- 1 HEALTH EDUCATOR**


- 1 EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATOR/  
EPIDEMIOLOGIST**



STAFF



**NURSING DIVISION**



**ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION**



**ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM**

# FINANCES

## 2024 INCOME

### GRANTS

TB	\$32,447.00
Help Me Grow	\$450,128.14
Family Connects	\$82,000.00
Get Vaccinated	\$39,298.00
TWP/Vill	\$274,507.00
GNC	\$137,253.50
PHEP	\$69,484.00
MAC	\$115,326.80
Workforce	\$72,307.44
Medical Reserve Corps	\$22,500.00
Non Smoking	\$350.00
WPCLF	\$170,651.35
Mosquito	\$25,000.00
Complex Medical Help	\$68,090.00

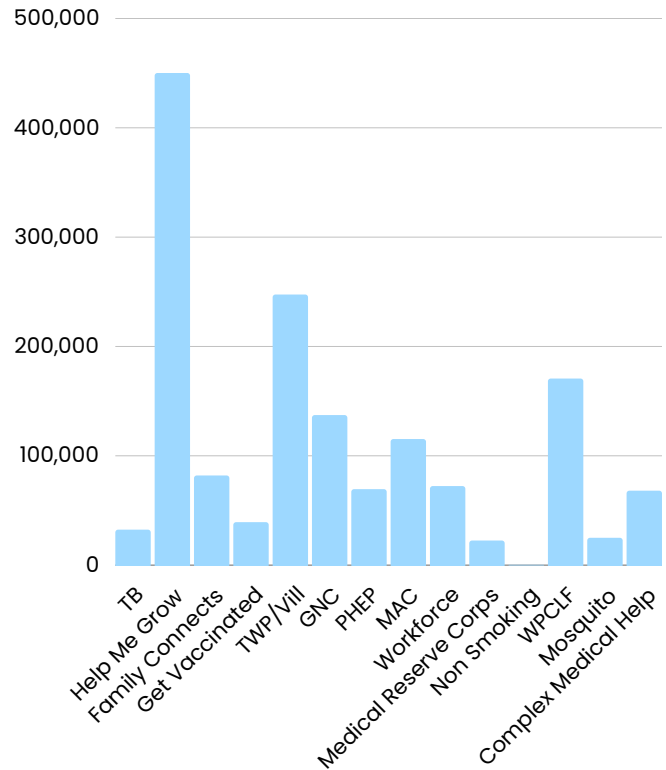
### COVID

Enhanced Operations Grant	\$254,266.84
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### FEES

Immunizations	\$132,327.21
Vital Statistics	\$88,400.40
General receipts & fees	\$10,776.13
Miscellaneous Reimbursement	\$15,131.62
Damage Claim Restitution	\$6,722.07
Worker's Compensation	\$2,745.37
Advance In	\$16,000.00
State Subsidy	\$33,153.15

### GRANTS



### LICENSES AND PERMITS

Campgrounds - Trailer Ct. Camp	\$7,433.10
Food Service	\$182,109.95
Private Water	\$55,873.25
Sewage	\$356,901.66
Solid Waste	\$36,866.62
Swimming Pools	\$9,875.50
Plumbing Permits and Registrations	\$75,101.00

FINANCES

2024 EXPENSES

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Campgrounds - Trailer Ct. Camp	\$4,550.73
Food Service	\$163,694.57
Private Water	\$58,498.71
Sewage	\$321,466.98
Solid Waste	\$45,071.05
Swimming Pools	\$6,595.44

GENERAL HEALTH FUND

\$976,809.21
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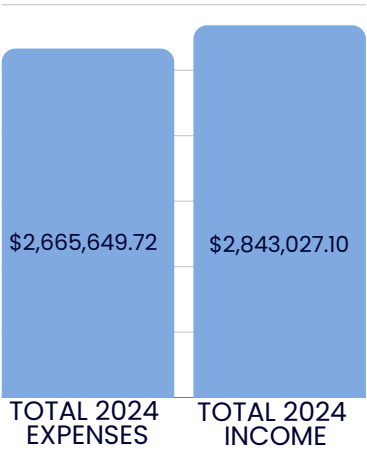
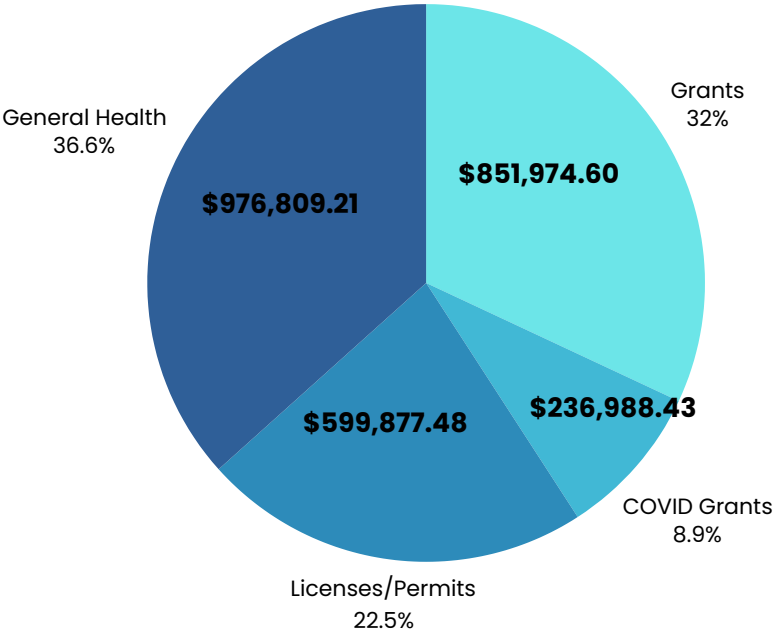
COVID

Enhanced Operations Grant	\$236,988.43
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GRANTS

Help Me Grow	\$417,464.94
Get Vaccinated	\$36,606.13
PHEP	\$86,441.81
Workforce Development	\$79,236.03
Medical Reserve Corps	\$7,612.96
WPCLF	\$199,612.73
Mosquito	\$25,000.00

2024 EXPENSES BY CATEGORY



# NURSING DIVISION

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## 2024 BY THE NUMBERS



**23**

CRIBS DISTRIBUTED



**889**

EARLY INTERVENTION HOME VISITS



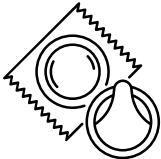
**213**

EOY COMPLEX MEDICAL HELP CLIENT CASELOAD



**922**

HELP ME GROW HOME VISITS



**3,800**

CONDOMS DISTRIBUTED



**106**

NARCAN KITS DISTRIBUTED



**194**

TB TESTS



**13**

FAME CALLS



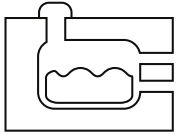
**1,336**

REPORTABLE COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CASES

# ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION

## *highlights*

## 2024 BY THE NUMBERS

**103**

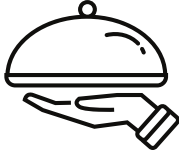
NEW SEWAGE OR SEWAGE ALTERATIONS

**2,145**

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE INSPECTIONS AND REINSPECTIONS

**30**

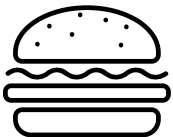
NEW HOME BUILDING SITE APPLICATIONS

**517**

FOOD SERVICE OPERATION/RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INSPECTIONS

**178**

MOBILE FOOD SERVICE INSPECTIONS

**115**

TEMPORARY FOOD SERVICE INSPECTIONS

**145**

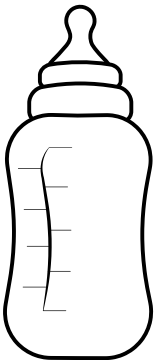
TOTAL PREMISE INSPECTIONS

**104**

COMPLAINTS FILED

# VITAL STATISTICS

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576

BIRTHS  
RECORDED

286  
MALES

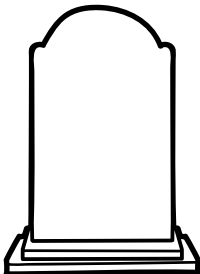
290  
FEMALES



OLDEST MOTHER 38  
YOUNGEST MOTHER 18

517

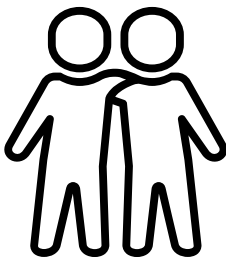
DEATHS  
RECORDED



247  
MALES

270  
FEMALES

16  
SETS OF  
TWINS

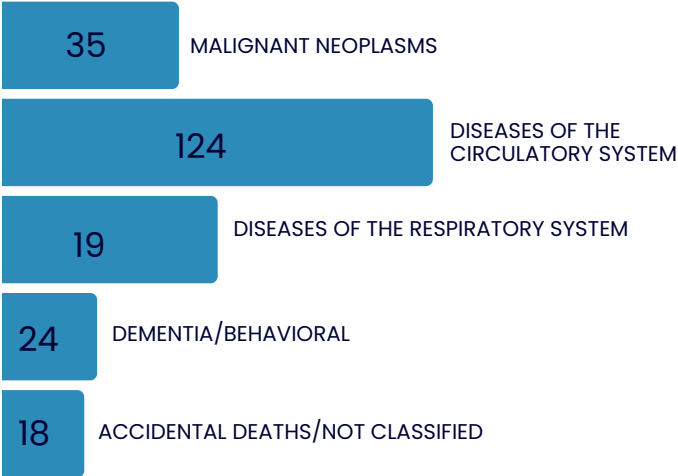


247 DARKE COUNTY BIRTHS  
301 OUT-OF-COUNTY BIRTHS  
28 OUT-OF-STATE BIRTHS

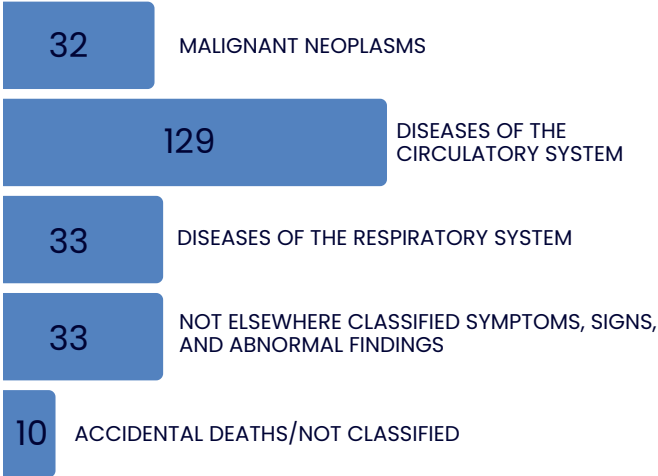
## 2024 DARKE COUNTY DEATHS

Category	Male	Female
Natural Causes	229	259
Accidental Death	18	10
Suicide	5	0
Homicide	0	1

## TOP 5 CAUSES OF DEATH IN DARKE COUNTY MALES 2024



## TOP 5 CAUSES OF DEATH IN DARKE COUNTY FEMALES 2024



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**ABBY, REHS, MEASURING DISTANCE AT A PROPERTY**



**ZACHARY, REHS, PERFORMING A TATTOO AND BODY ART INSPECTION**



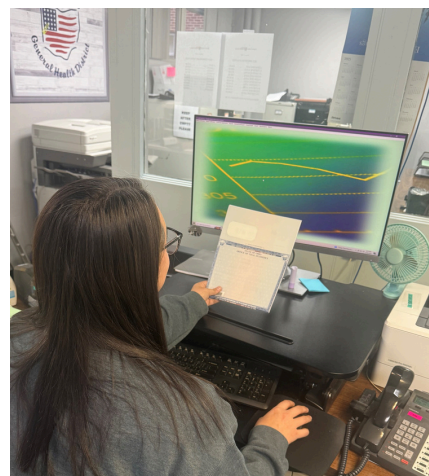
**CAITLIN, REHS, COMPLETING AN INDOOR POOL INSPECTION**



**ENVIRONMENTAL STAFF TOURING THE GREENVILLE WATER TREATMENT PLANT**



**GINGER, REHS, WEARING PPE FOR A PROPERTY INSPECTION**



**KIM COMPLETING A BIRTH CERTIFICATE**

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# highlights



**HALLOWEEN IMMUNIZATION CLINIC - BACK TO THE 90S**



**NURSES CASEY AND EMILY ASSISTING AT GUARDCARE IN GREENE COUNTY**



**WALGREENS HIV DAY**



**EARLY INTERVENTION TEAM**



**STAFF AT THE SOLAR ECLIPSE MURAL**