

2024

**Brown
County
Health
Department**

Annual Report



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.



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Introduction

This report contains an overview of the Brown County Health Department's public health program activity. The report is broken down by division and program and contains general information and activity numbers for each area.

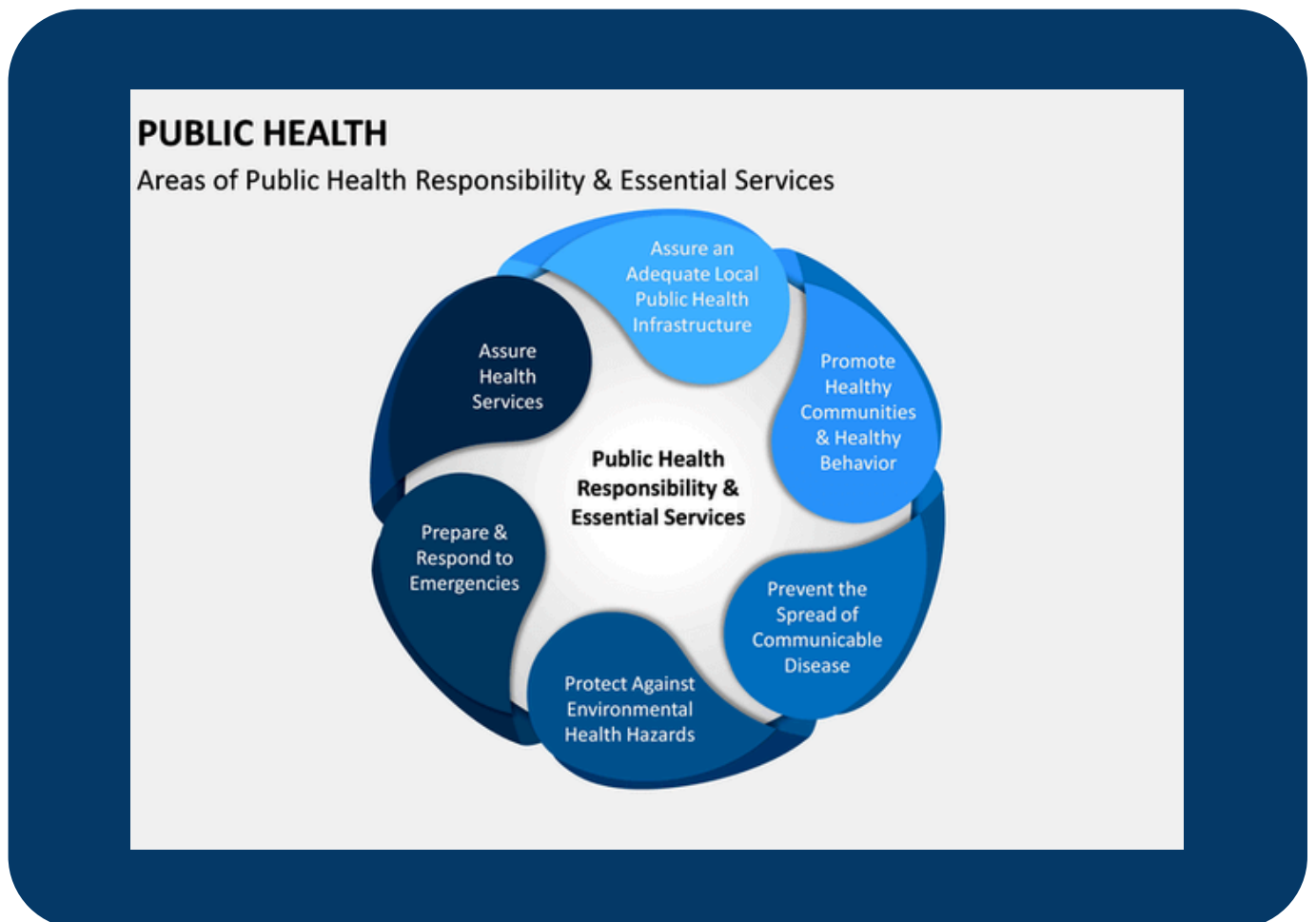
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Our Mission



To protect and improve the health of Brown County residents by providing preventive services, ensuring healthy environments, and promoting healthy lifestyles.



Our Values



1.	Delivering quality care with dignity, equality, sensitivity, and professionalism.
2.	Opportunities to maximize health for all who live or work in Brown County.
3.	Delivering quality care with dignity, equality, sensitivity and professionalism.
4.	Transparency and collaborations that foster health, exercise, and unity.
5.	The strong network of first responders, law enforcement agencies, and Emergency Preparedness to oversee the safety of the residents of Brown County.
6.	We value having access to quality healthcare including behavioral and addiction services.
7.	Participation of individuals, families, Medical Reserve Corps and organizations actively participating in creating a healthy community.
8.	We value the collaboration among and between our community agencies to promote well-being.
9.	We value our students as future leaders and their potential to serve in health-related fields.

Our Team

Kyle Arn, MS, REHS Health Commissioner

April Bishop, RN Public Health Nurse

Erin Boone, Environmental Secretary

Stephen Dick, REHS Environmental Director

Jennifer Fetters, Fiscal Officer / Local Registrar

Andrew Louderback, REHS-SIT (Sanitarian in Training)

Elizabeth Pemberton, Emergency Response Coor.

Cheryl Phillips, RN Medical Biller

Pamela Williams, MPH, RN Deputy Health
Commissioner/Director of Nursing

Dr. Todd Williams, Medical Director

Ami Yelton, RN Public Health Nurse

Our Board Members

Ralph Jennings, President (term ends March 2028)

Mark Klump, Vice President (term ends March 2026)

Michael McHenry, MD (term ends March 2025)

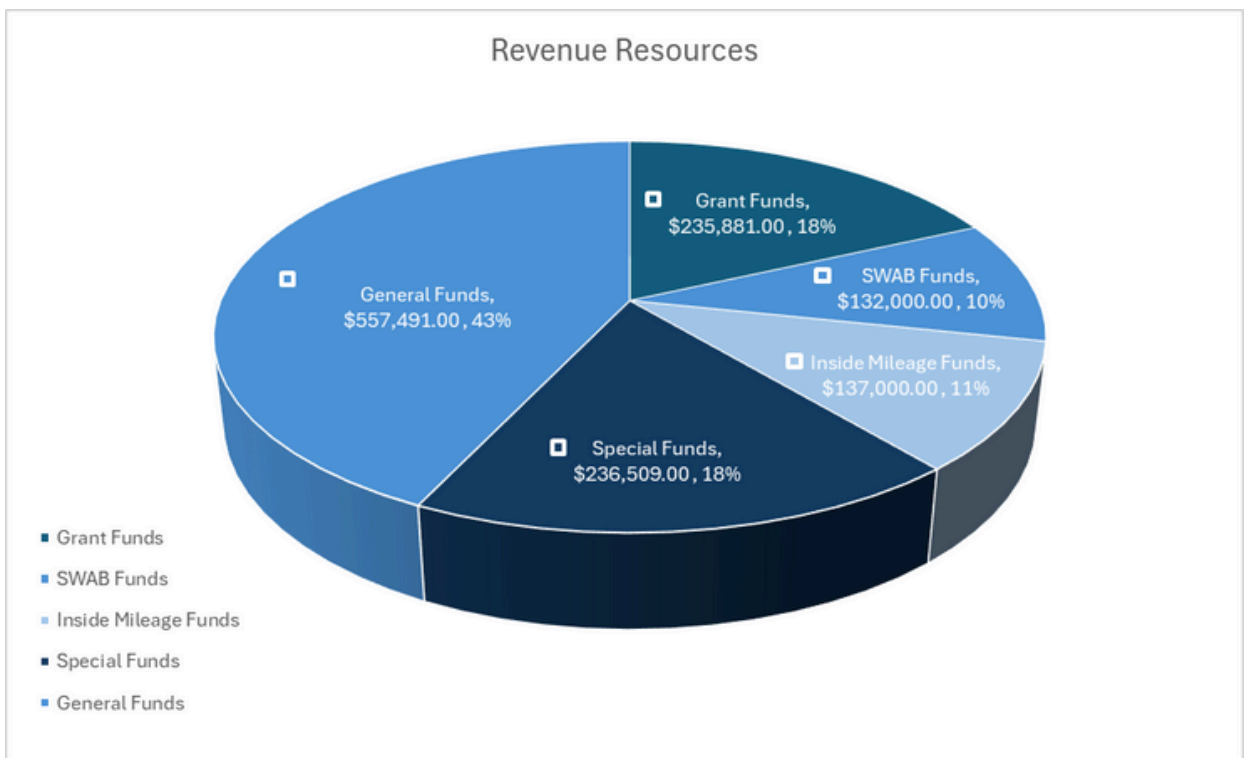
Rachael Jodrey (term ends March 2027)

Dena Richter (term ends March 2029)

Financial Report

BCHD revenue is broken down into General Funds and Special Funds. Special Funds consist of all revenue generated by state mandated programs, such as the Food Service Program, Septic Program, Swimming Pools, Camp Parks, etc., as well as all grant funds. General Funds consist of all other funding sources, such as revenue from plumbing, nursing, solid waste, vital statistics, inside mileage, etc. Special Fund revenue can only be spent on expenditures in the fund in which it was generated. General Fund revenue can be used for any expenditure.

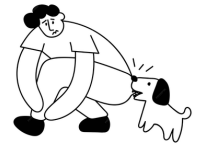
The Health Department partners with the Ohio Department of Health and other agencies for several grants that are intended to help support Local Health Departments through Emergency Preparedness, Workforce Development, and Harm Reduction Programs. The Health Department currently receives funding through the Workforce Development (WF23) grant as well as the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant to partially fund an Emergency Response Coordinator, Public Health Nurse and Registered Environmental Health Specialist position. These roles are crucial to the fundamental services the Health Department provides for the community.



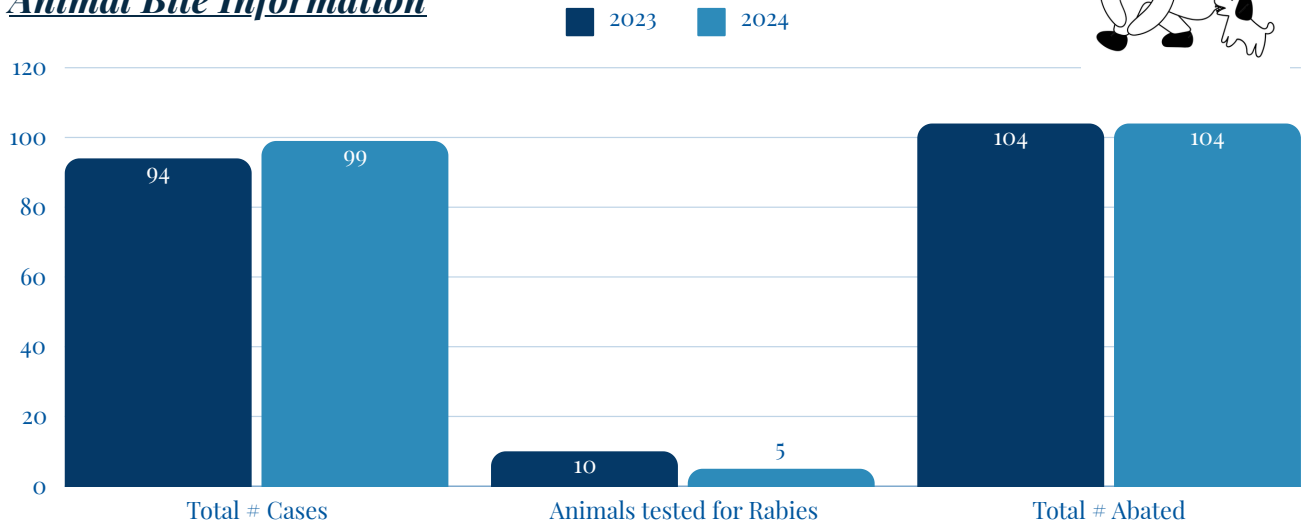
Total Revenue \$ 1,298,982.52
Total Expenditures \$ 1,340,598.12
2024 YTD Difference (\$41,615.60)

Environmental

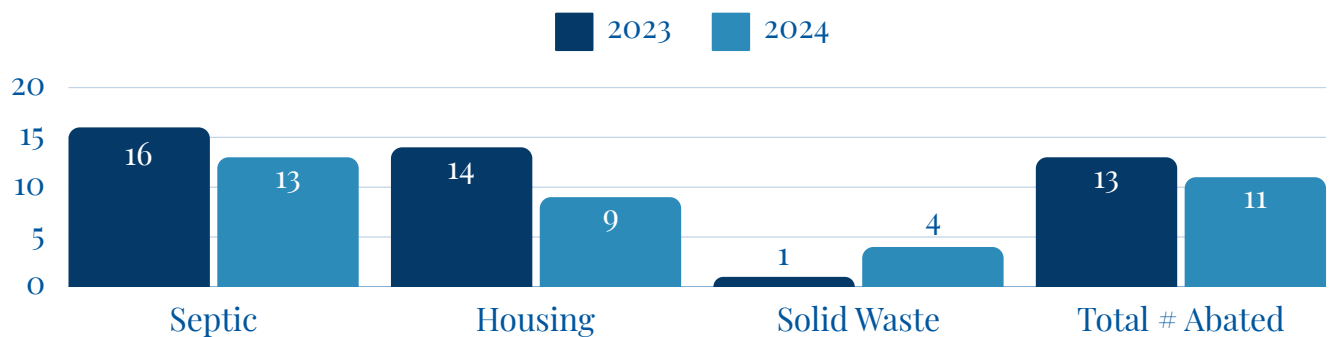
The Environmental Health Division works to improve and protect the environment that people live in. This division inspects food operations, school inspections, sewage/water quality, nuisance complaints, pool and campground safety, disease outbreaks, and many other areas that directly impact community health.



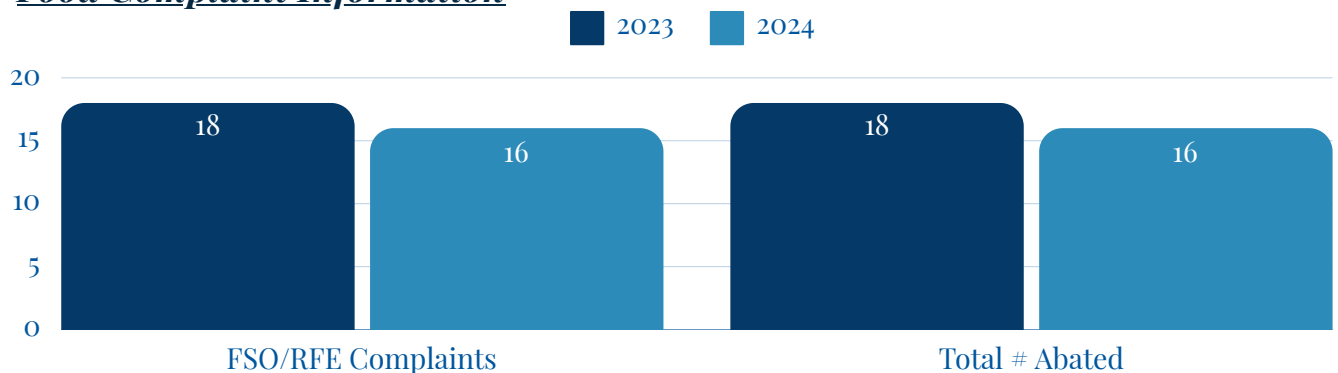
Animal Bite Information



Nuisances



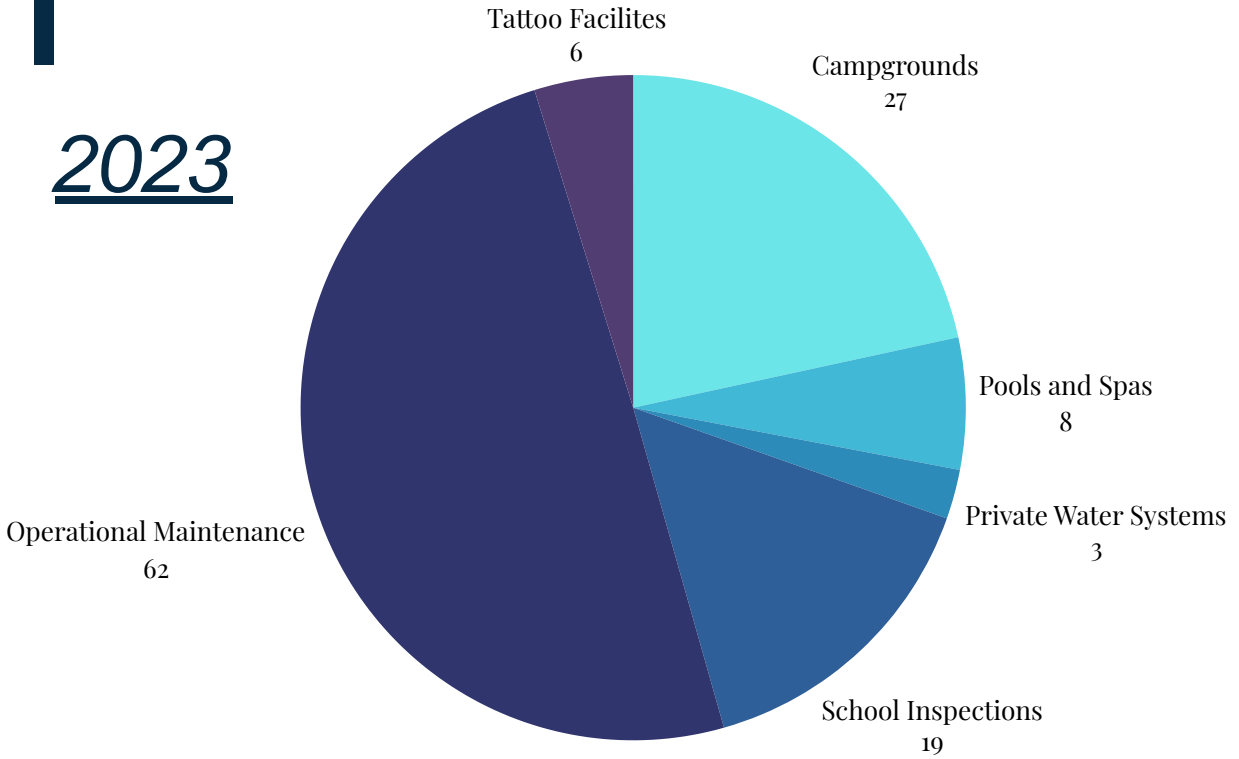
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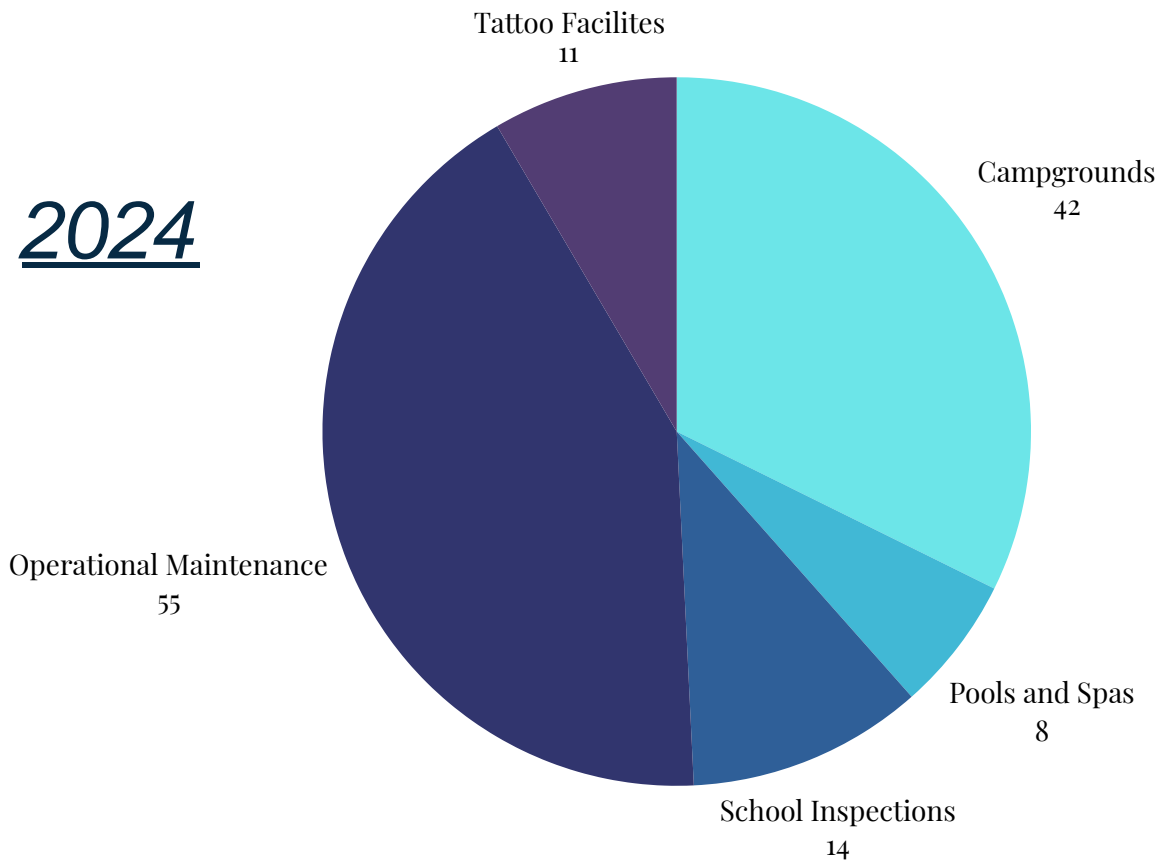
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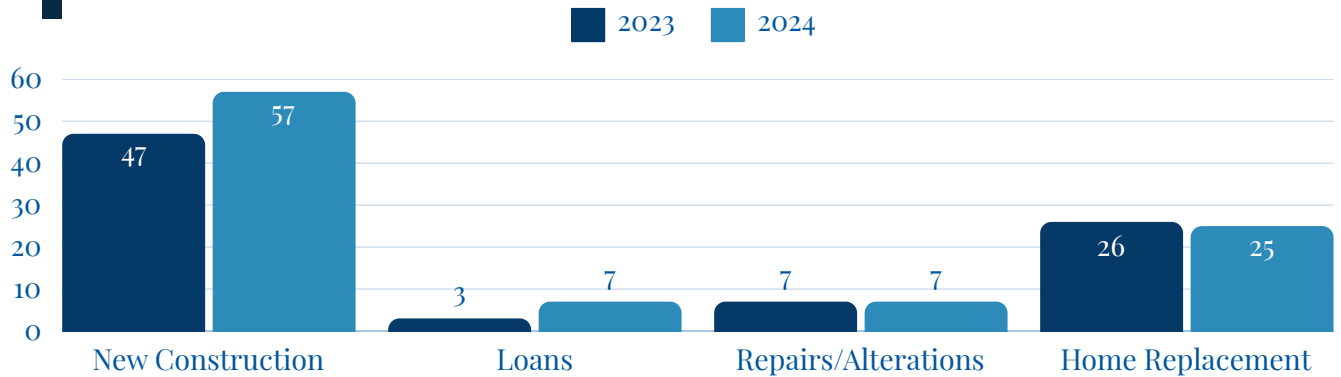


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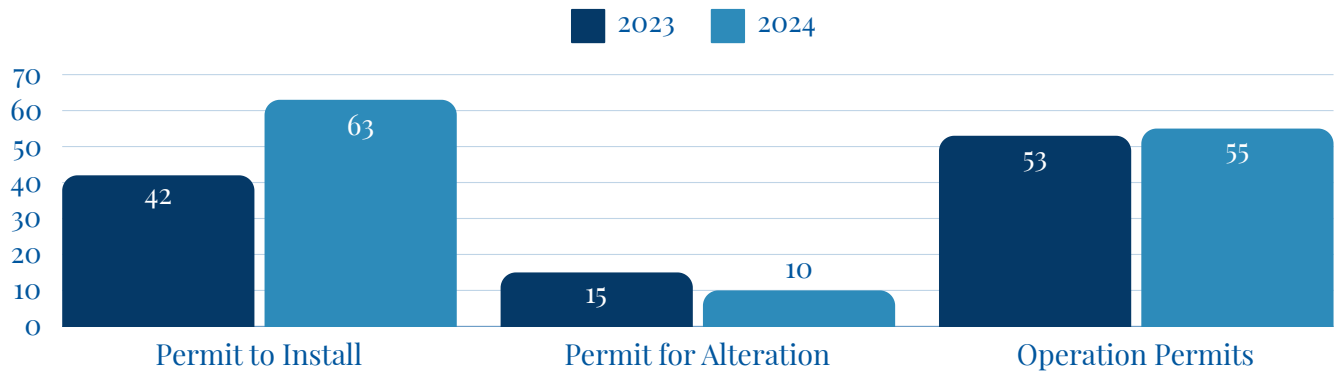


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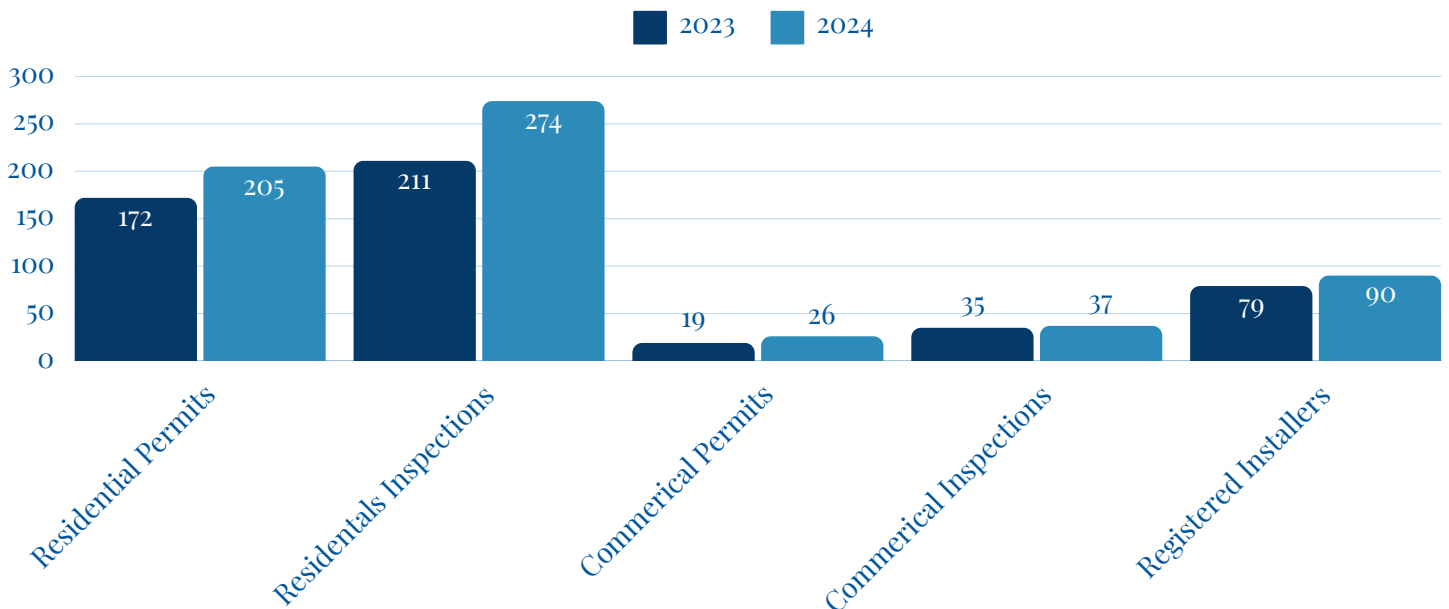
Sewage Applications



Installation Permits



Plumbing Permits and Inspections



Plumbing Services in the county during 2024 continued to be provided through a contract with Hamilton County. This arrangement results in a net monetary savings for the agency.

Nursing

The Public Health Nursing Division works to improve and protect the health of Brown County residents through a variety of programs. Through communicable disease tracking, epidemiology, health education, and immunization clinics, our public health nurses work to promote, prevent and protect all of Brown County.

Immunization Clinics

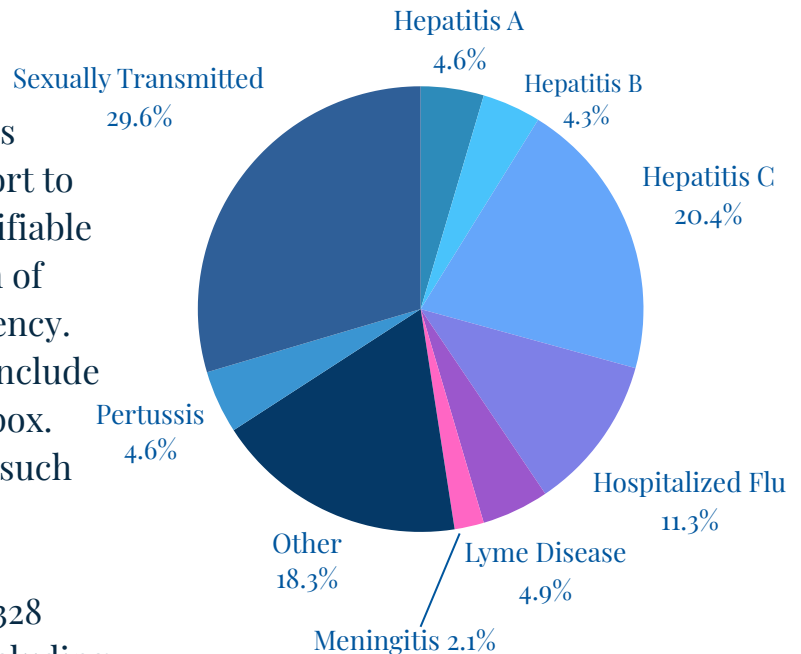


Immunization clinics are held every Tuesday and other days by appointment. Other nursing services provided through the clinic include: blood pressure screenings, pregnancy testing, diabetes and other medical education on a variety of topics.

Communicable Reportable Diseases

A disease that, when diagnosed, requires health providers (usually by law) to report to state or local public health officials. Notifiable diseases are of public interest by reason of their contagiousness, severity, or frequency. Examples of some reportable illnesses include measles, whooping cough, and chickenpox. Also reportable are foodborne illnesses such as Salmonella and E. Coli and others.

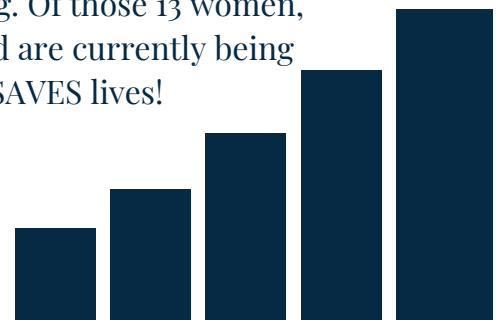
In 2024, the BCHD conducted a total of 328 reportable disease investigations not including COVID-19 cases.



St. Elizabeth Mobile Mammography Van



The mobile unit visited four times in 2024. 87 women were screened with a 15% call back rate for further screening. Of those 13 women, 2 cancers were found and are currently being treated. Early detection SAVES lives!



Nursing continued

U.C. Hoxworth Blood Center

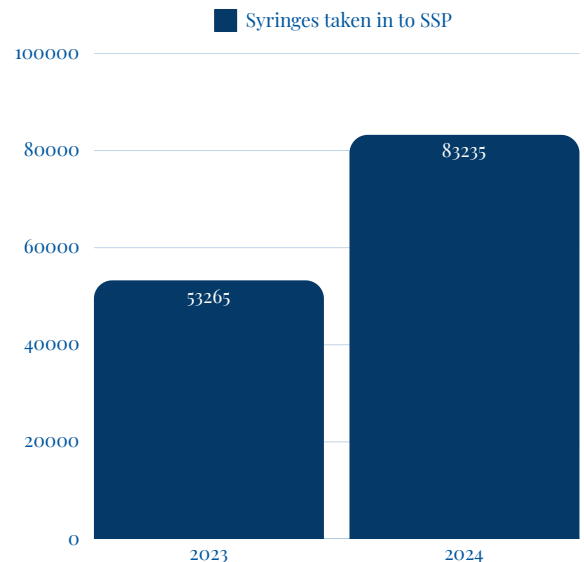
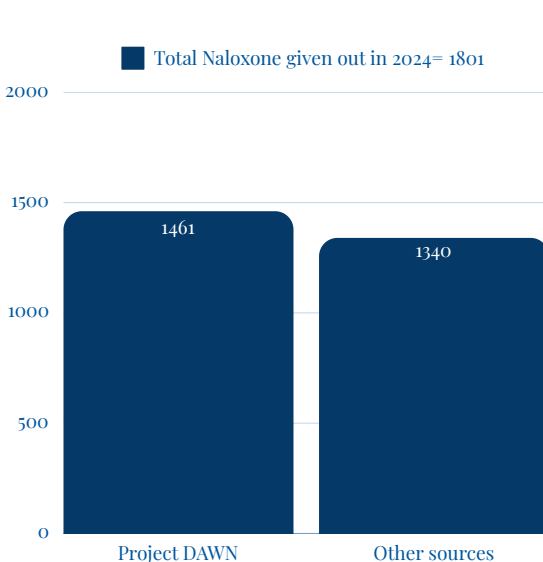
Two blood drives were held this year on August 26th, 2024, and November 26th, 2024

- 100 volunteers signing up to donate.
- 87 volunteers registering to donate.
- 77 units of blood were collected.
- 231 lives could be saved from these products.



Harm Reduction and Prevention Efforts

Prevention Point, our syringe service program (SSP), continue, to evolve; offering more comprehensive harm reduction services that address both the health and safety of people who use drugs as well as their environment. With the goal of helping people who use drugs stay healthy and reduce the spread of bloodborne pathogens, the program also includes HIV, HCV (Hep C), and Syphilis testing, counseling, and referral, along with educational resources on safer drug use, overdose prevention, and substance use disorder treatment referrals.



Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided With Naloxone) is a network of opioid overdose education and naloxone distribution programs coordinated by the Ohio Department of Health. Additional funding from other grants allows us to purchase and distribute other Naloxone.

Total of 83,235 used syringes taken out of Brown County!

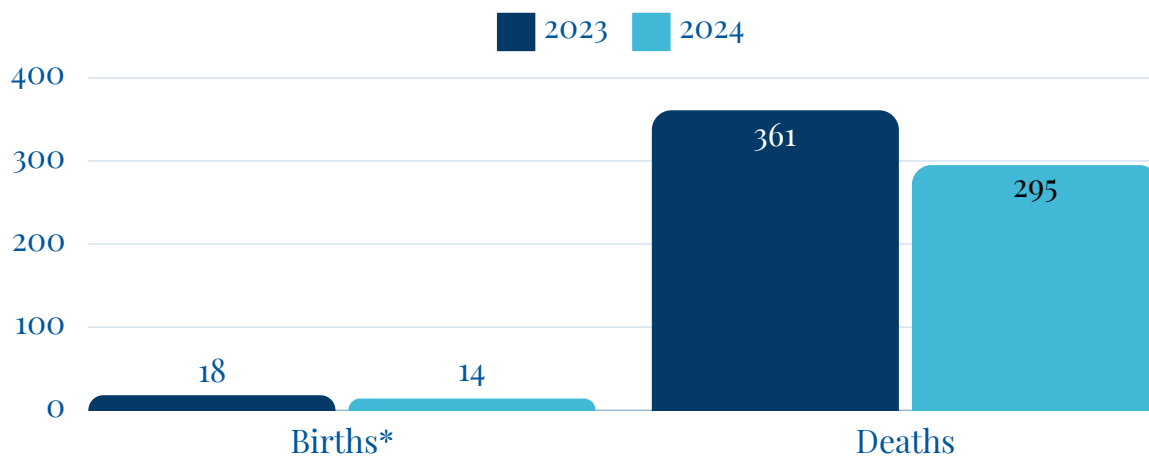


Vital Statistics

The Vital Statistics Division is responsible for maintaining official records and documentation related to birth and deaths in Brown County.

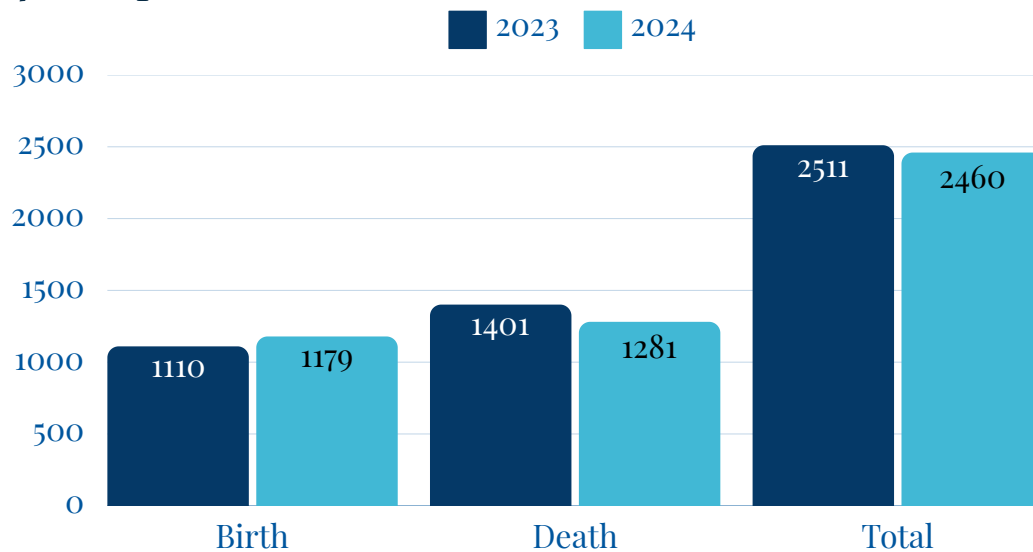
Certificates are recorded in the county in which the birth or death occurs regardless of place of residence. Birth certificates are available at our office for births that occurred in any county in Ohio.

Birth/Death Occurring in County



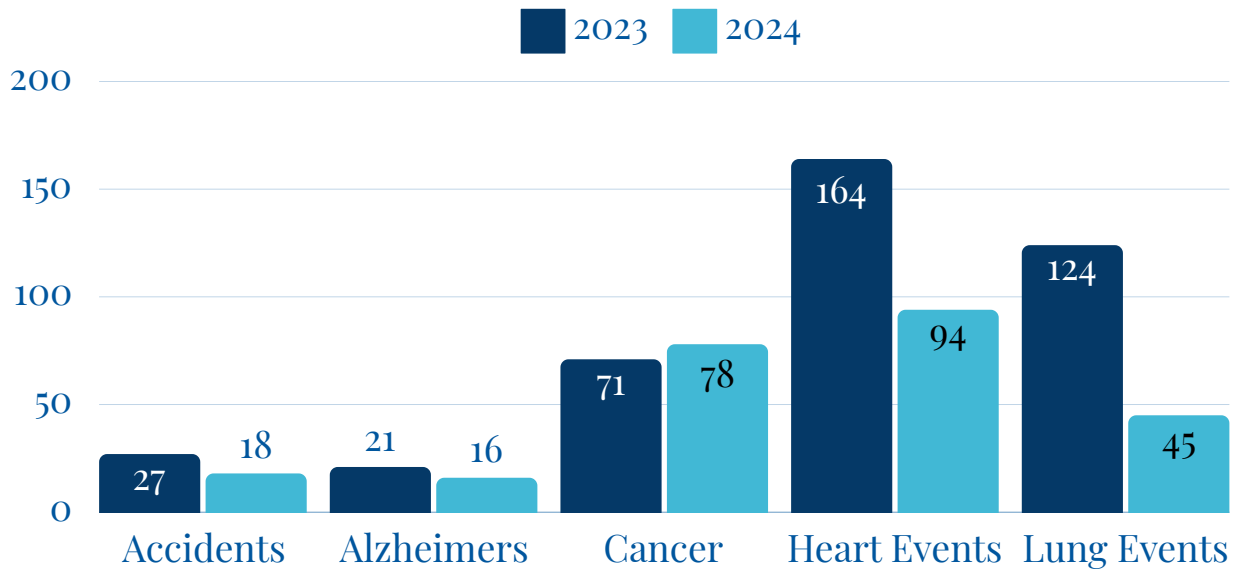
*Brown County does not have a birthing hospital.
All births recorded are home births.

Certified Copies

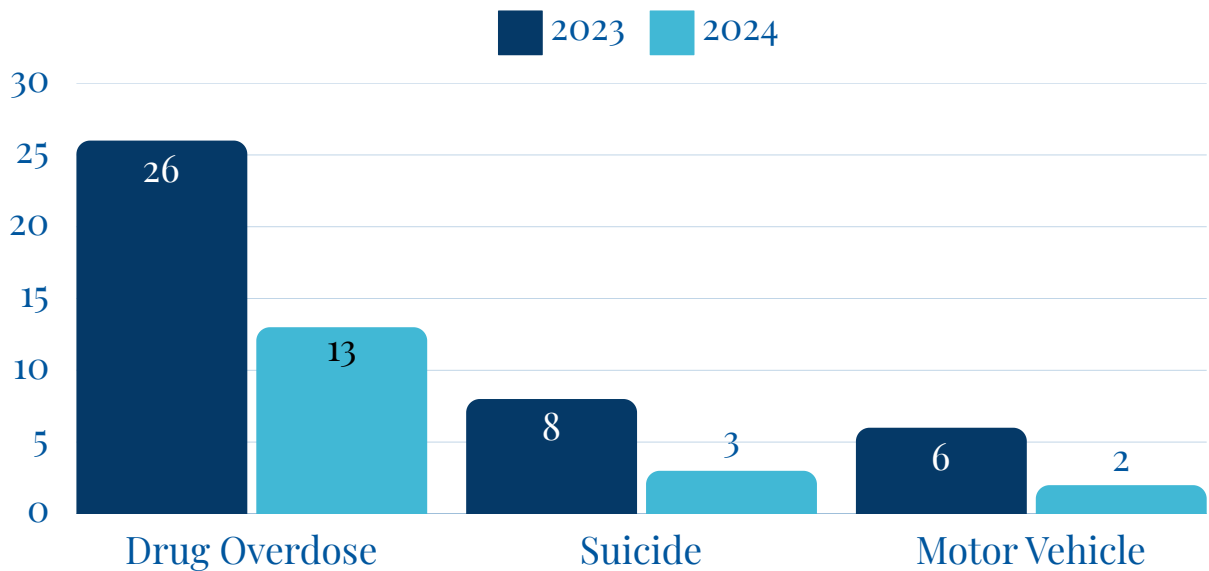


Vital Statistics

Leading Causes of Death in Brown County



2024 Accident Breakdown*





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Emergency

Preparedness

The CDC Emergency Response Grant enables the health department to work with local and regional first responders to help maintain our county's ability to respond to natural or manmade disasters. The Public Health Preparedness Grant and related funding brings in approximately \$80,000 annually and is only used for Emergency Response activities.

MISSION

The mission of the Brown County Health Department is to provide public health services that promote, protect, and improve our communities and environmental health.



IN OUR COUNTY

BCHD participates in the HSTS Grant funded by the Ohio EPA. This grant goes to qualified county residents with failing septic systems. In 2024, \$58,933.65 was spent through the 2023 HSTS grant.

We apply for this grant each year through the EPA and focus on helping as many residents as we can.

Community Mobile Health Events

Total Visits: 34

Total Miles covered across the county: 1189

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

Total Immunizations Administered: 1200

Mammograms Van Visits: 4 visits

Breast Cancer Incidents: 2 detected



Complex Medical Help Program

Clients served: 87 Parent Contacts: 225

Infectious Diseases Investigations

Total Investigations: 328

(does not include Covid-19 cases)

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Temporary Food Licenses: 87

Landfill Inspections: 37

Court Appearances: 4



Animal Investigations: 99

Plumbing Inspections: 311

Total Registered Contractors: 156
(Water, Septic, and Service)

VITAL STATISTICS

Total Certified Birth Certificates: 14

Total Certified Death Certificates: 295



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