

# 2025

# Annual Report

**Brown  
County  
Health  
Department**



**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.

***The Brown County Health Department has been awarded National Accreditation by the Public Health Accreditation Board***

The Brown County Health Department (BCHD) announced that it has achieved national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) on August 28, 2025. The national accreditation program works to improve and protect the health of the public by advancing the quality and performance of the nation's tribal, state, local, and territorial public health departments.

Hundreds of health departments across Ohio have achieved accreditation through PHAB, the non-profit organization that administers the National Public Health Accreditation Program.

# 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.	The opportunity to help the citizens of Brown County achieve positive health outcomes.
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

***Erin Kohler***, Environmental Secretary

***Natalie Cooper***, REHS-SIT (Sanitarian in Training)

***Stephen Dick***, REHS Environmental Director

***Jennifer Fetters***, Fiscal Officer / Local Registrar

***Whitney Gifford***, Emergency Response Coor.

***Andrew Louderback***, REHS

***Cheryl Phillips***, RN Medical Biller

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

***Dr. Todd Williams***, Medical Director

***Ami Yelton***, BSN, 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 2030)**

**Rachael Jodrey (term ends March 2027)**

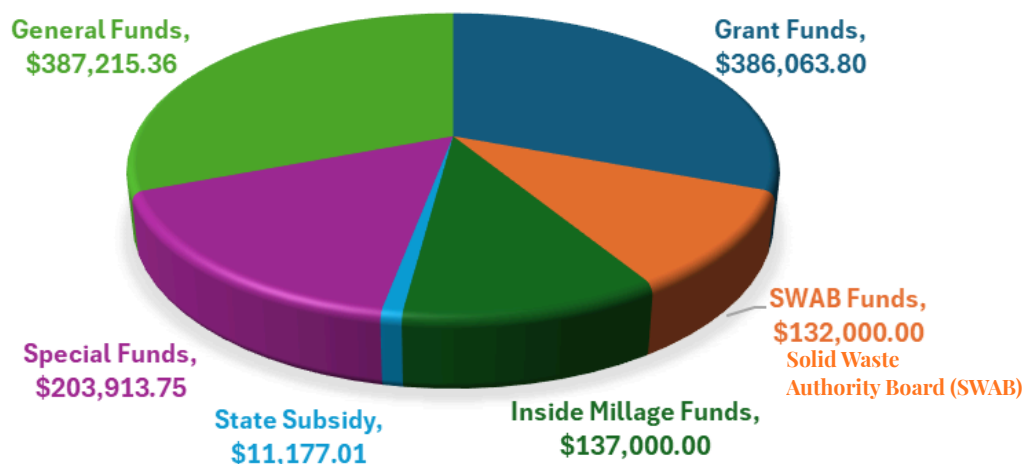
**Dena Richter (term ends March 2029)**

# 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 grant funds. General Funds consist of all other funding sources, such as revenue from plumbing, nursing, solid waste, vital statistics, inside millage, state subsidy, etc. Some additional grant funds are located within the general fund as well. 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/Cities Readiness Initiative 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.

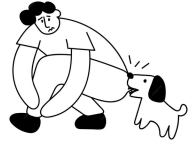
## 2025 REVENUE BY FUNDING RESOURCE



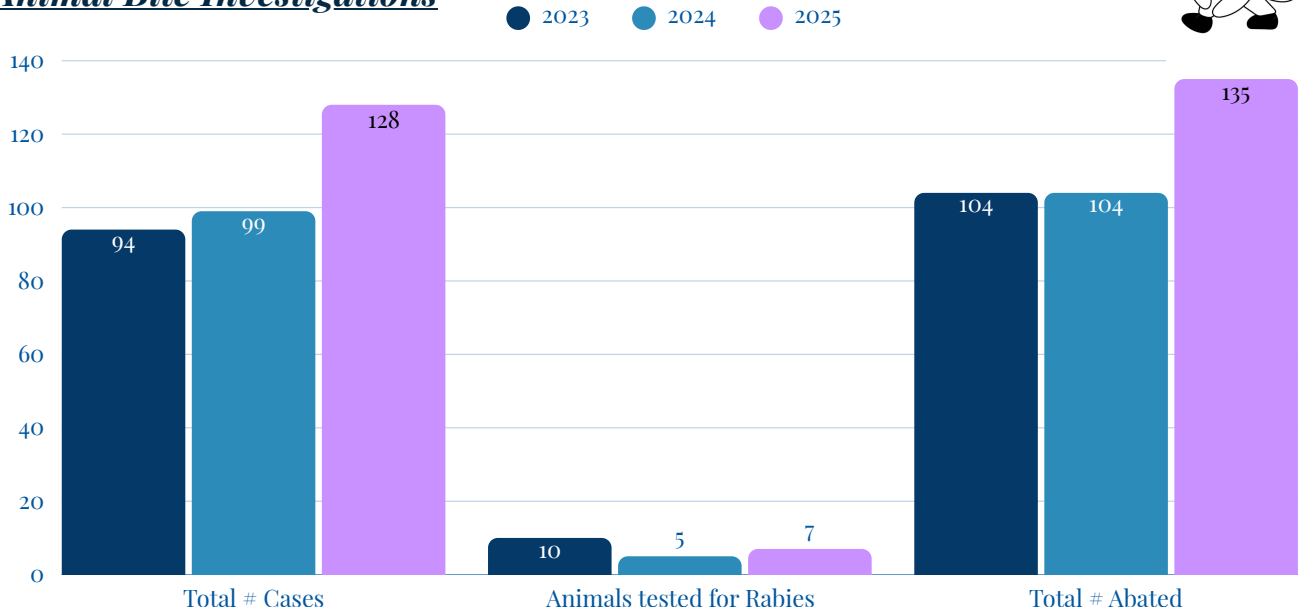
Total Revenue	\$ 1,257,369.92
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,272,596.76
2025 YTD Difference	(\$15,226.84)

# Environmental

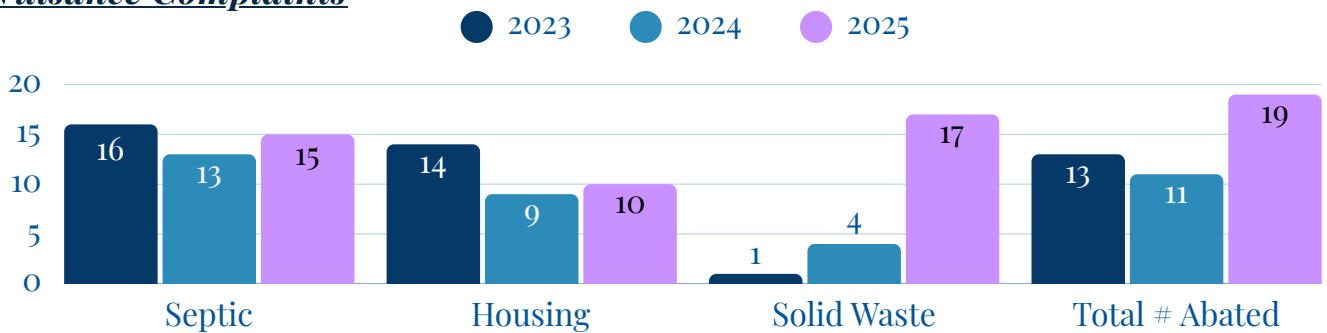
The Environmental Health Division works to improve and protect the environment that people live in. This division inspects food operations, school safety, sewage/water quality, nuisance complaints, pool and campground safety, disease outbreaks, and many other areas that directly impact community health.



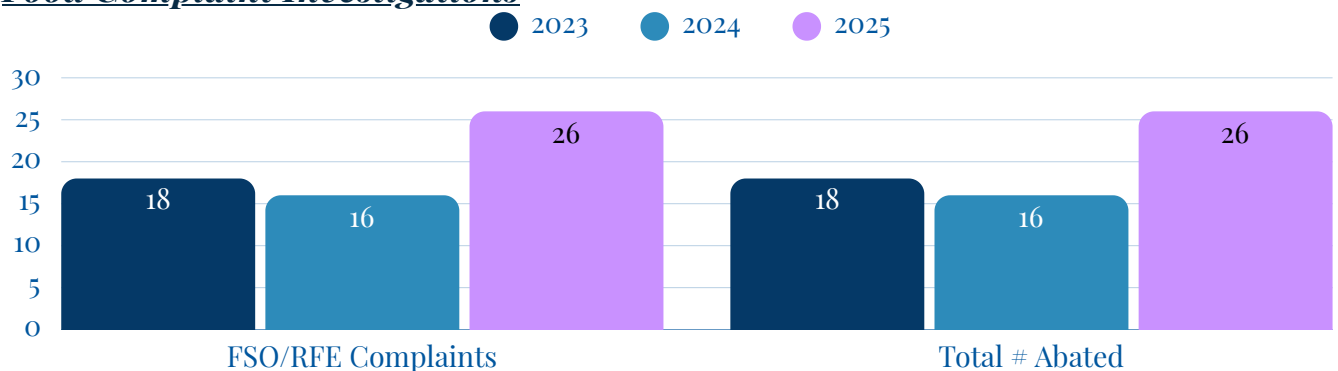
## Animal Bite Investigations



## Nuisance Complaints

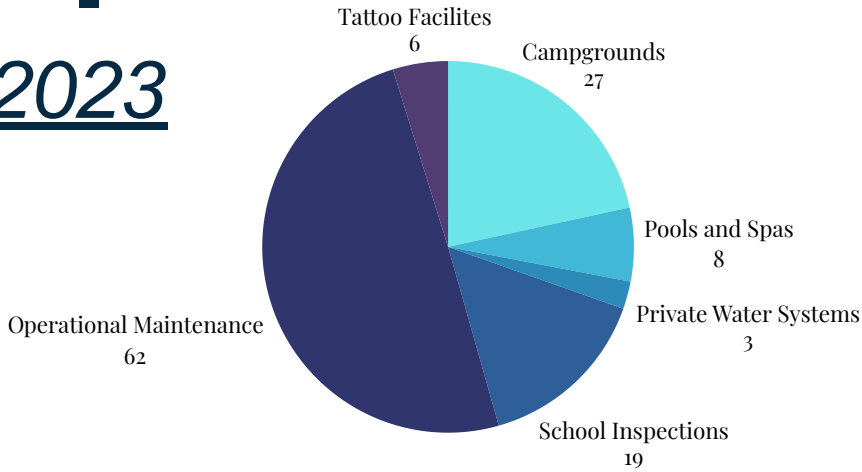


## Food Complaint Investigations

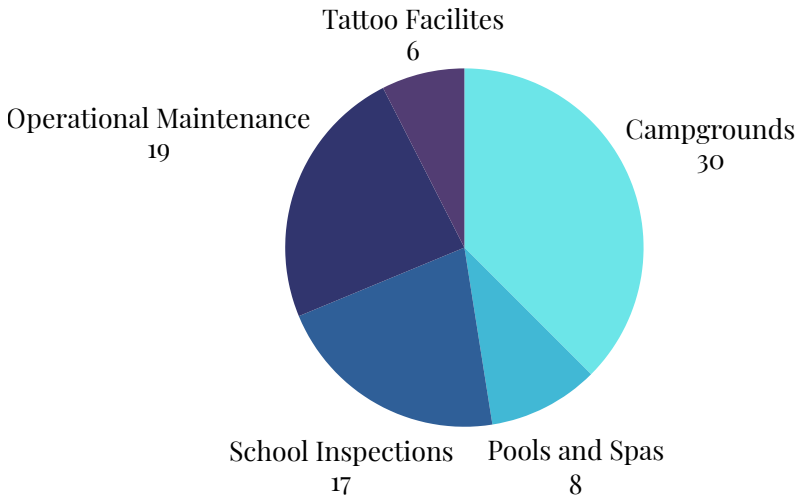
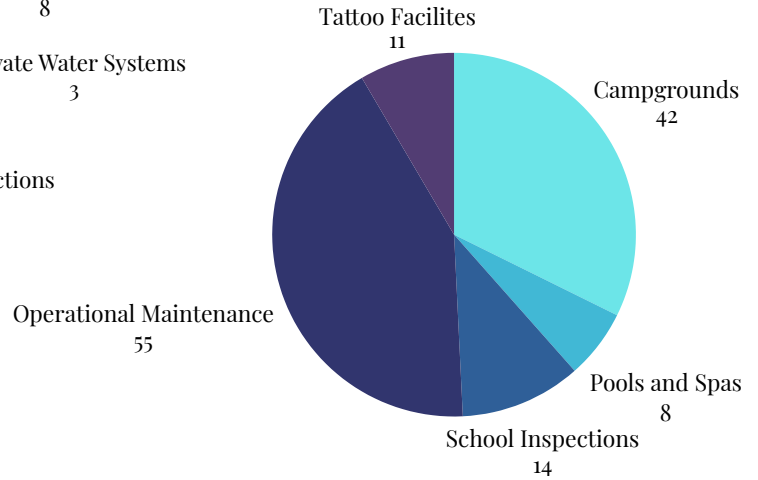


# Environmental

2023



2024

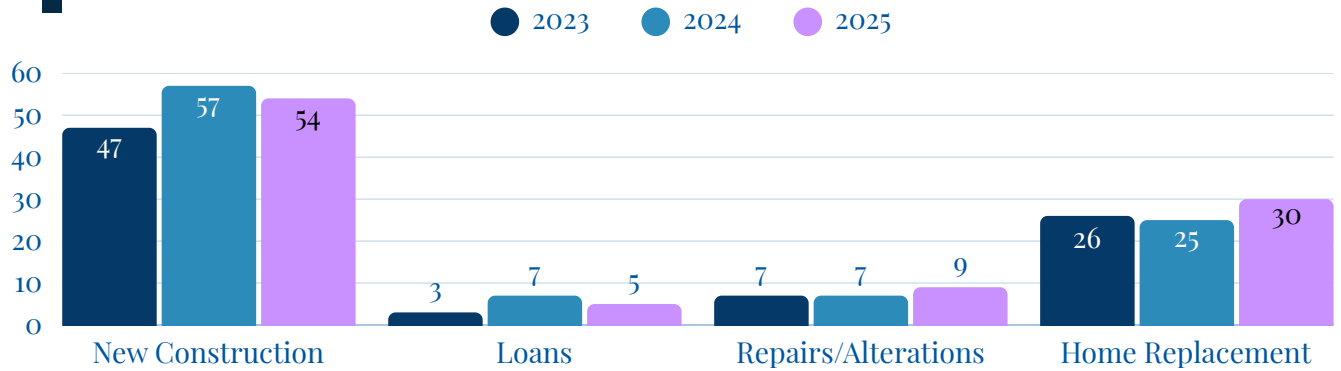


2025

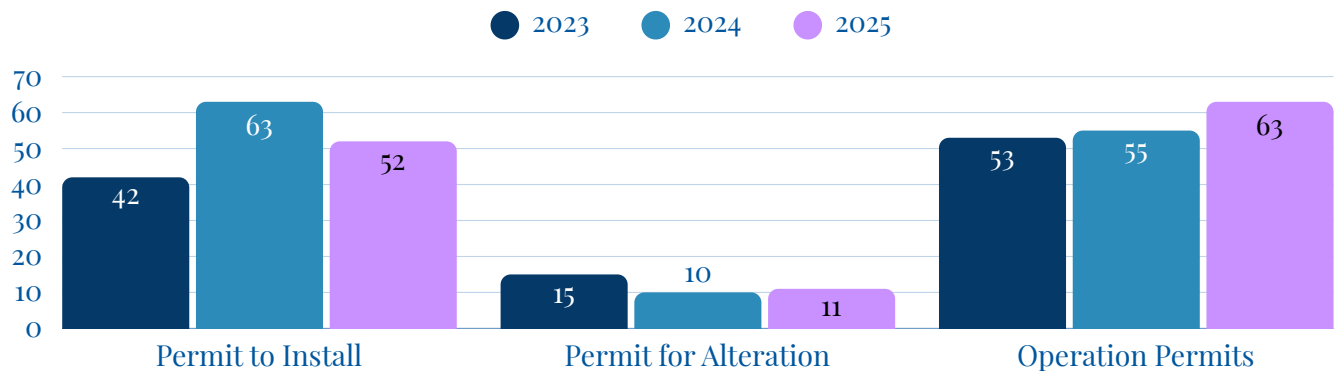
Food Insp.	539
Nuisance Insp.	65
Septic Insp.	344
Pool Insp.	15
Tattoo Insp.	21
Camp Park Insp.	56
Private Water Insp.	14

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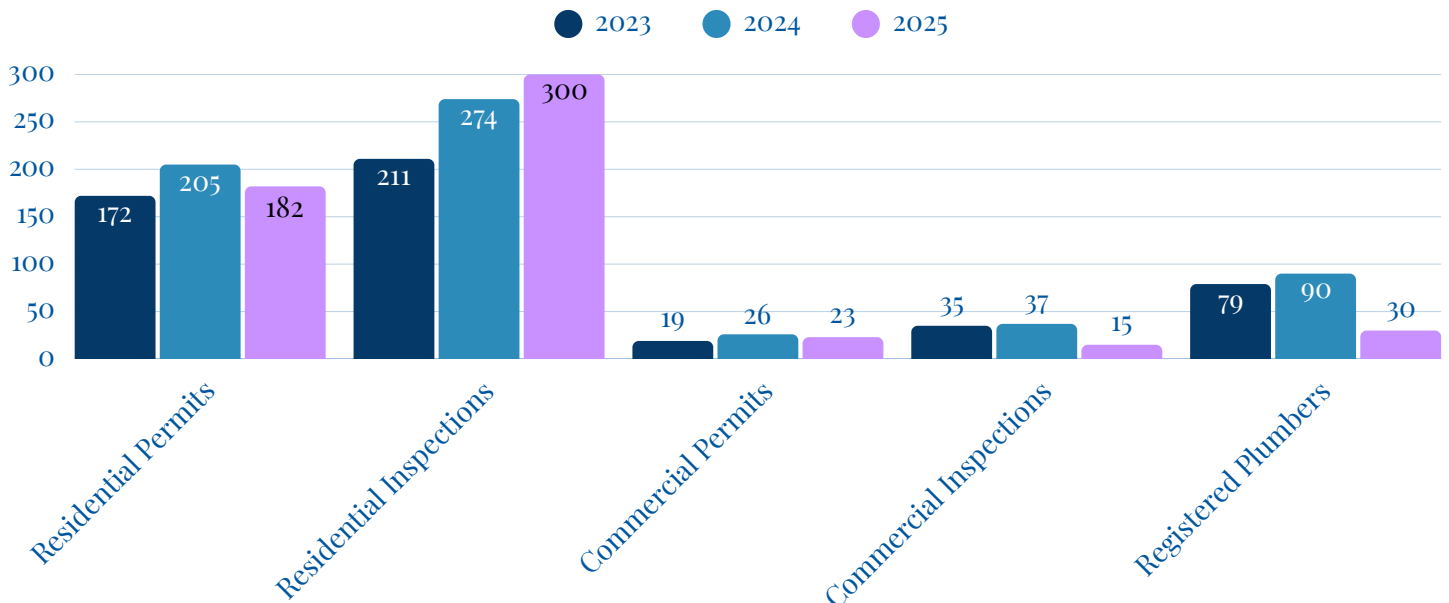
## Sewage Applications



## Installation and Operation Permits



## Plumbing Permits and Inspections



**Plumbing Services in the county during 2025 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

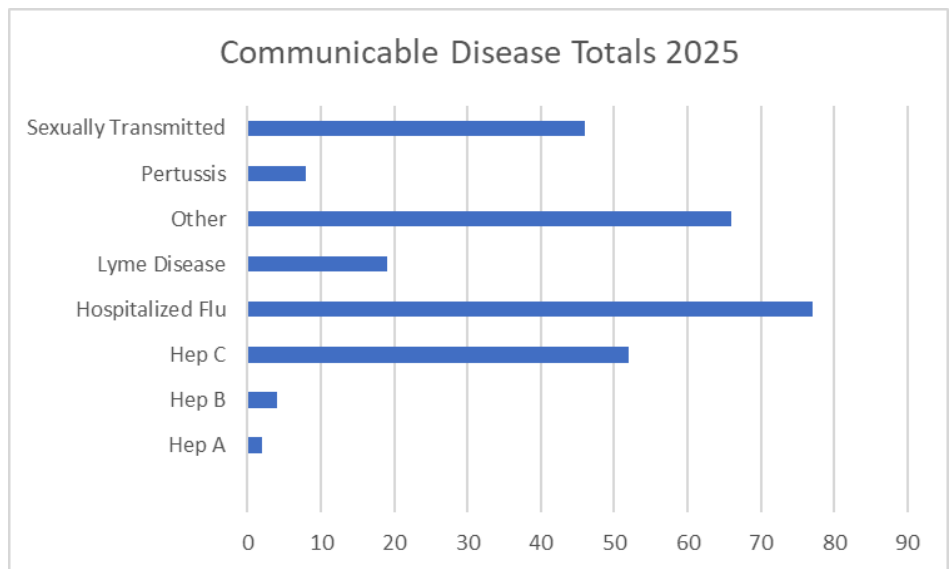


Immunization clinics are held every Tuesday and other days by appointment. Other nursing services provided through the clinic include: blood pressure screenings, pregnancy testing, diabetes and other medical education on a variety of topics.

## Communicable Disease

A disease that, when diagnosed, requires health providers (usually by law) to report to state or local public health officials. Reportable 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 2025, the BCHD conducted a total of 293 reportable disease investigations not including COVID-19 cases.**



## St. Elizabeth & Mercy Mobile Mammography Van



**Both St. Elizabeth and Mercy brought their mobile mammography vans to the health department. Together they visited 8 times throughout the year. 89 women were screened. Early detection SAVES lives!**

# Nursing continued

## U.C. Hoxworth Blood Center

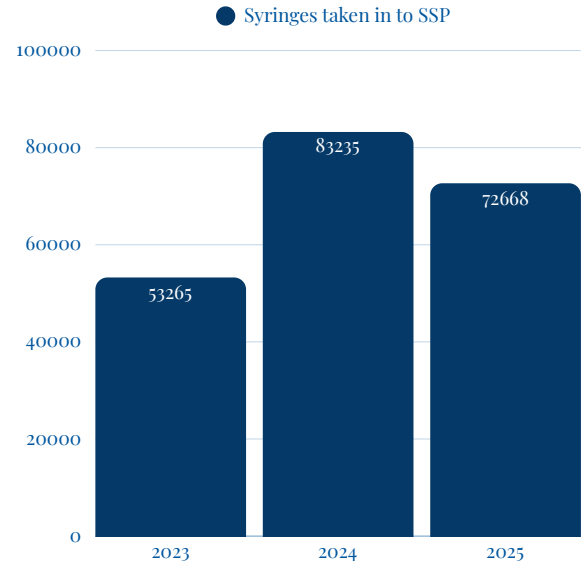
Three blood drives were held this year on May 9<sup>th</sup>, August 25<sup>th</sup>, and November 11, 2025

- 90 volunteers signed up to donate.
- 72 volunteers were registered.
- 7 first time donors
- 68 units of blood were collected.
- 204 lives could be saved from these products.



## Harm Reduction and Prevention Efforts

Prevention Point, our syringe service program (SSP), was discontinued as of December 12, 2025. With the goal of helping people who use drugs stay healthy and reduce the spread of bloodborne pathogens, our capacity to serve this program has diminished and we are planning to refocus our Harm Reduction efforts in new and exciting ways in 2026.



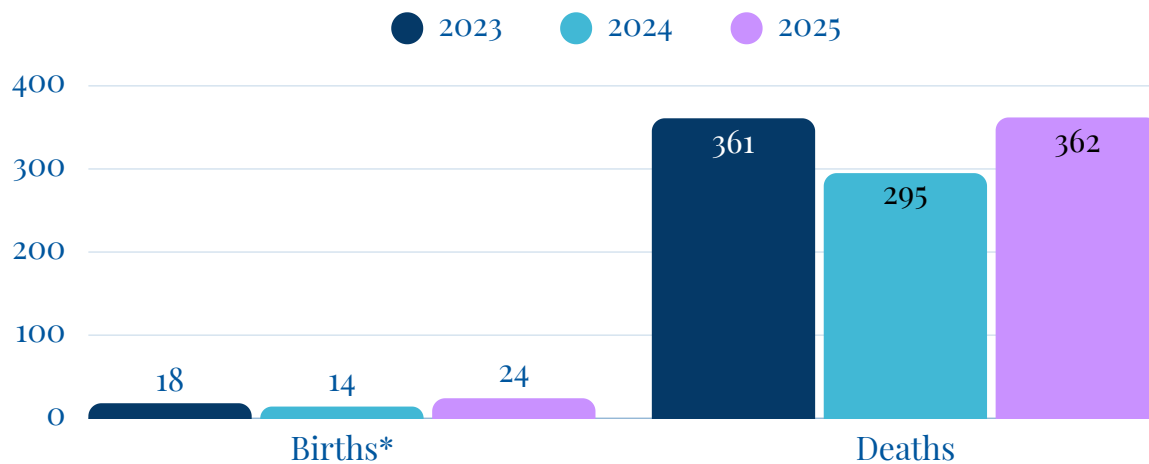
**Project DAWN** (Deaths Avoided With Naloxone) is a network of opioid overdose education and naloxone distribution programs coordinated by the Ohio Department of Health. Additional funding from other grants allows us to purchase and distribute other Naloxone.

*Total of 72,668 used syringes taken out of Brown County!*

# Vital Statistics

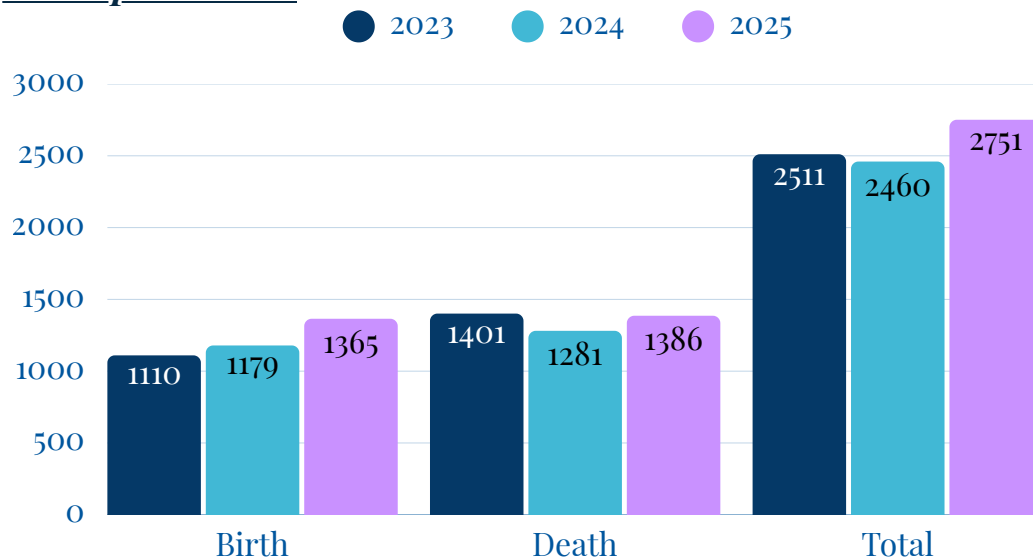
The Vital Statistics Division is responsible for maintaining official records and documentation related to births and deaths in Brown County. Certificates are recorded in the county in which the birth or death occurs regardless of place of residence. As of December 15, 2025, death certificates are state wide issuance.

## Birth/Death Occurring in County



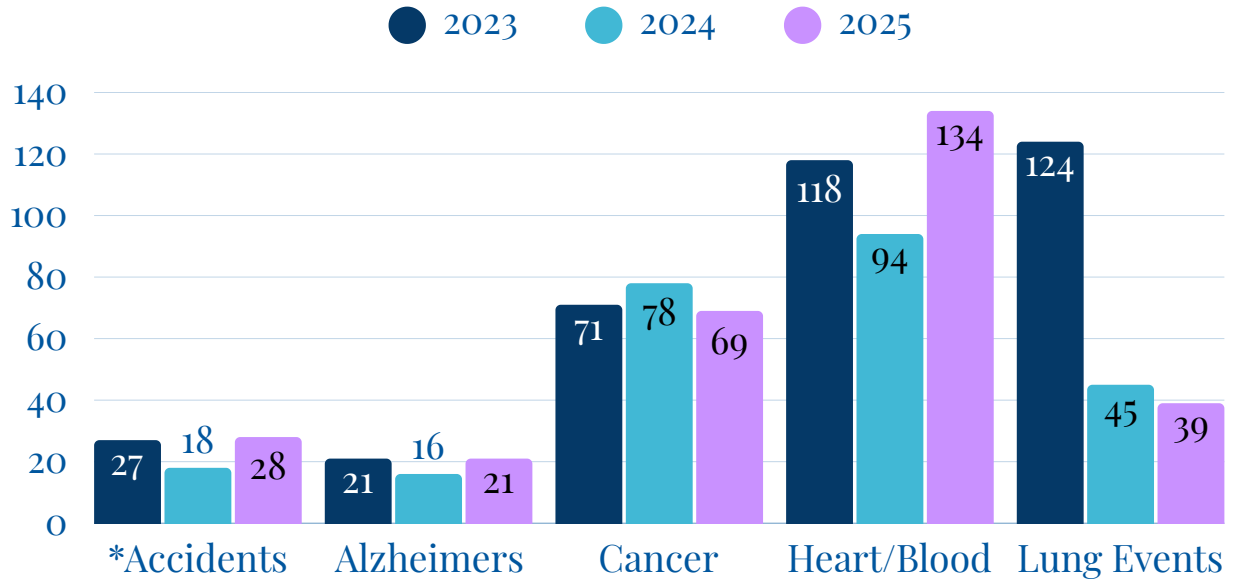
\*Brown County does not have a birthing hospital.  
All births recorded are home or out of institution births.

## Certified Copies Issued

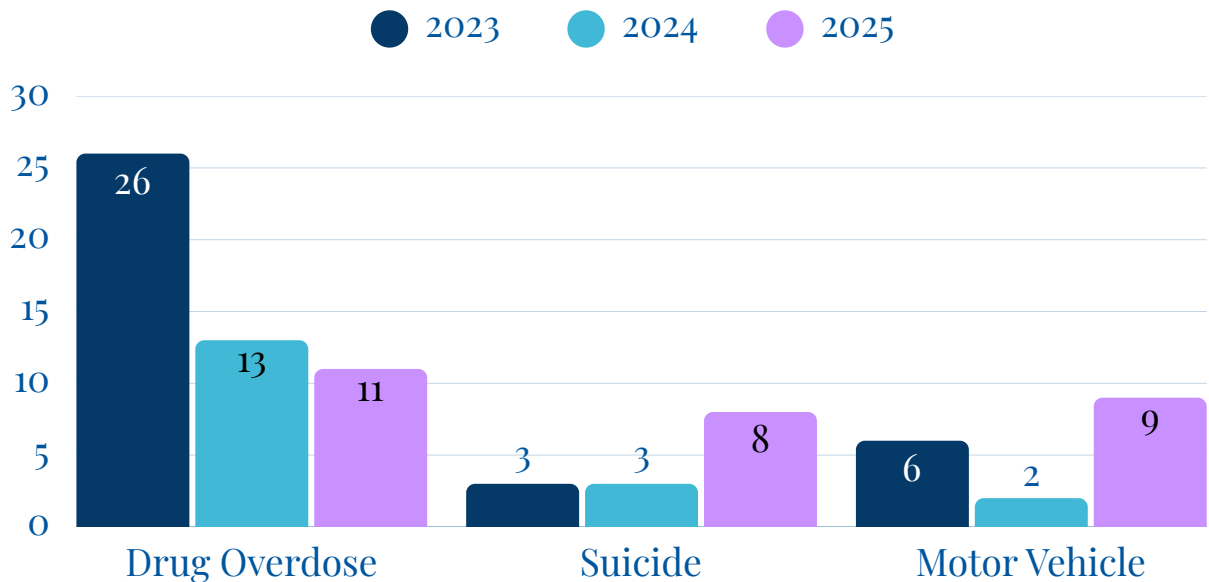


# Vital Statistics

## Leading Causes of Death in the County



## Accident Breakdown\*





# 2025

# ANNUAL REPORT

## Board of Health

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Ralph Jennings

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Mark Klump

### Members

Michael McHenry, MD

Rachael Jodrey

Dena Richter

## Health Commissioner

Kyle Arn, MS, REHS

### 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 prevent, 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 2025, \$12,371.59 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: 25*

*Total Miles covered across the county: 678*

## PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

Project DAWN: 1922 doses of

Naloxone given out

Mammograms Van Visits: 8 visits

Women Screened: 89



### Complex Medical Help Program

*Clients served: 90 Parent Contacts: 190*

### Infectious Diseases Investigations

*Total Investigations: 293*

*(does not include Covid-19 cases)*

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

**Food Operations:** 59

**Court Appearances:** 5



**Landfill Inspections:** 44

**Subdivision Reviews:** 40

**Total Registered Contactors:** 70  
*(Water, Septic, and Service)*

## VITAL STATISTICS



**Total Issued Certified Birth Certificates:** 1,365

**Total Issued Certified Death Certificates:** 1,386

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