

GALION CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

2019 ANNUAL REPORT



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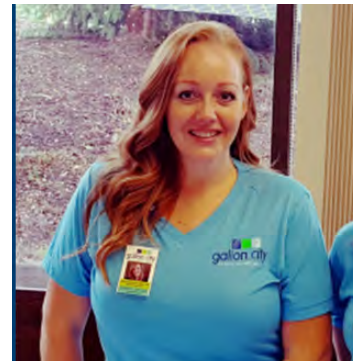
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LETTER FROM THE HEALTH COMMISSIONER

Galion Community Members:

On behalf of the Galion City Board of Health, staff members of the Galion City Health Department, and myself, we are pleased to present the 2019 Annual Report. We hope that this Annual Report reflects the tremendous community benefit we provide, thanks to your support.



One of the best ways to ensure the success of a community is to ensure its residents have the opportunities they need to get and stay healthy. The Mission of the Galion City Health Department is "To Promote, Improve, and Protect the Health and Well-Being of the Community We Serve". This Mission captures the essence of what we do on a daily basis in the public health world. Most of the work we do such as inspections, vaccinations, epidemiology/ disease investigation, licensing, and more flies "under the radar" and serves to protect our community from disease.

In 2019, the Galion City Health Department in collaboration with the Crawford County Health Partners began a new comprehensive community health assessment to better understand the city's and county's most pressing health needs. This was an opportunity to engage a broad spectrum of our community partners in gathering information and input on a wide range of issues that have an impact on health. In a systematic effort to address public health problems based on the results of the Community Health Assessment, public health and other governmental, education, and human service agencies, in collaboration with community partners worked together to set priorities, coordinate and target resources through the 2020 Community Health Improvement Plan.

The opening of the Galion City Health Department Sexual Health Clinic was a major step toward promoting, improving, and protecting the health of the communities we serve. With cultural changes and the rise of mobile dating apps helping to fuel the rise of sexually transmitted diseases, especially among young adults, we want people to make STI screenings a key part of their plans for healthy living.

Public Health efforts continue to change the local culture, and create a demand amongst the population to have access to healthy lifestyle choices. The community is still striving to embrace health and wellness as an economic driver, and is working hard to give a voice to residents that are struggling to be heard. By taking the health of our population seriously, Galion is well on the way to making big strides in the health and wellness of the community.

I would like to thank the many advocates and community partners who have pushed us to make our programs the best they can be and encourage us to strive for more.

Sincerely,

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Health Commissioner

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REWARDS IN THE PUBLIC
HEALTH FIELD IS BEING ABLE
TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN
THE LIVES OF PEOPLE
THROUGHOUT AN ENTIRE
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THEM EVEN KNOWING."**



PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

The value of any organization is, in large part, due to the skill and expertise of the staff. Assessing, evaluating, and providing learning opportunities for our employees on every level and in every service, area improves the quality of our programs and services, reduces operating costs, and ultimately, increases customer satisfaction.

At the Galion City Health Department, staff tenure ranges from 2 from 7 years; however, between the 8 full and part time staff we have almost 82 years of public health experience and over 92 years of public service experience.



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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Birth Certificates Issued
867

Births Registered
416

**Communicable Disease
Confirmed**
160

**Communicable Disease
Outbreaks**
2

**Car Seats
Distributed**
38

Deaths Registered
187

Death Certificates Issued
542

**Free Veterans Death
Certificates Issued**
27

CMH Client load
46

Flu Immunizations Given
390

Immunizations Given (non-Flu)
851

TB Tests Administered
137

Food Licenses Issued
126

**Public Health Nuisance
Complaints**
147

Swimming Pool/ Spa Inspections
13

**School Inspections
Conducted**
10

**Food Service Operation &
Retail Food Establishment
Inspections Conducted**
193

Rabies Prevention (Animal Bites Investigated)
40



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MISSION

To Promote, Improve, and
Protect the Health and
Well-Being of the
Community We Serve

VISION

Inspire and Engage the
Community We Serve to be
Optimally Healthy

VALUES WE CARE

Work Together: Collaborating with stakeholders to build strong collaborative relationships that increase innovation.

Excellence: Striving for excellence through practical, data-driven, evidence-based decision making.

Customer Focused: Treating our diverse external and internal customers with respect while addressing their individual needs and concerns. We strive to maintain effective customer relations.

Accountability: Understanding that we are accountable for the health and safety of the community. We are also responsible for providing quality programming and services, fiscal integrity, and upholding the public's trust.

Respect: Providing respect by showing value equity, diversity, and inclusion of all.

Ensure: Ensuring that the community knows that our first priority is their health and wellbeing.

WHAT WE DO

As a public health department, we are guided by local, state, and federal mandates and collaborate with a wide variety of jurisdictions and organizations to improve the health of the community we serve. Community-based responsibilities and objectives provide our organizations purpose as well as a framework for accountability. These functions, known as The 10 Essential Public health Services, are what every citizen across the United States should expect and receive from their public health department.

WHAT DO PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS DO?

- Monitor the health status of a community to identify potential problems
- Diagnose and investigate health problems and hazards in the community
- Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues, particularly the underserved and those at risk
- Mobilize community partnerships to identify and solve health problems
- Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts
- Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety
- Ensure a competent public health workforce
- Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of population-based health services
- Research new insights and innovative solutions to health problems.

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- Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable
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The Galion City Health Department (GCHD) utilizes The 10 Essential Public Health Services as a framework to guide our functions and better serve the community. These functions are our responsibility to the community we serve. Throughout this annual report, examples of how we are working to meet those responsibilities and improve the health status of the community are given.

ACCREDITATION

2019 ACCREDITATION PROGRESS

In 2019, the CCHD has continued to pursue accreditation and strengthen our infrastructure. Staff works to collect documents that show how the health department is in compliance with the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) standards as well as determine what documents are needed and/or what systems need put in place. PHAB is a voluntary national program designed to help standardize and improve public health practices and the quality of care offered in health departments nationwide. As we work toward accreditation, we strive to continue our mission to promote and protect the health and well-being of those we serve.

The Galion City Health Department submitted their documentation to the Public Health Accreditation Board on September 6, 2019. The Site Visit has been scheduled for May 27-28, 2020.



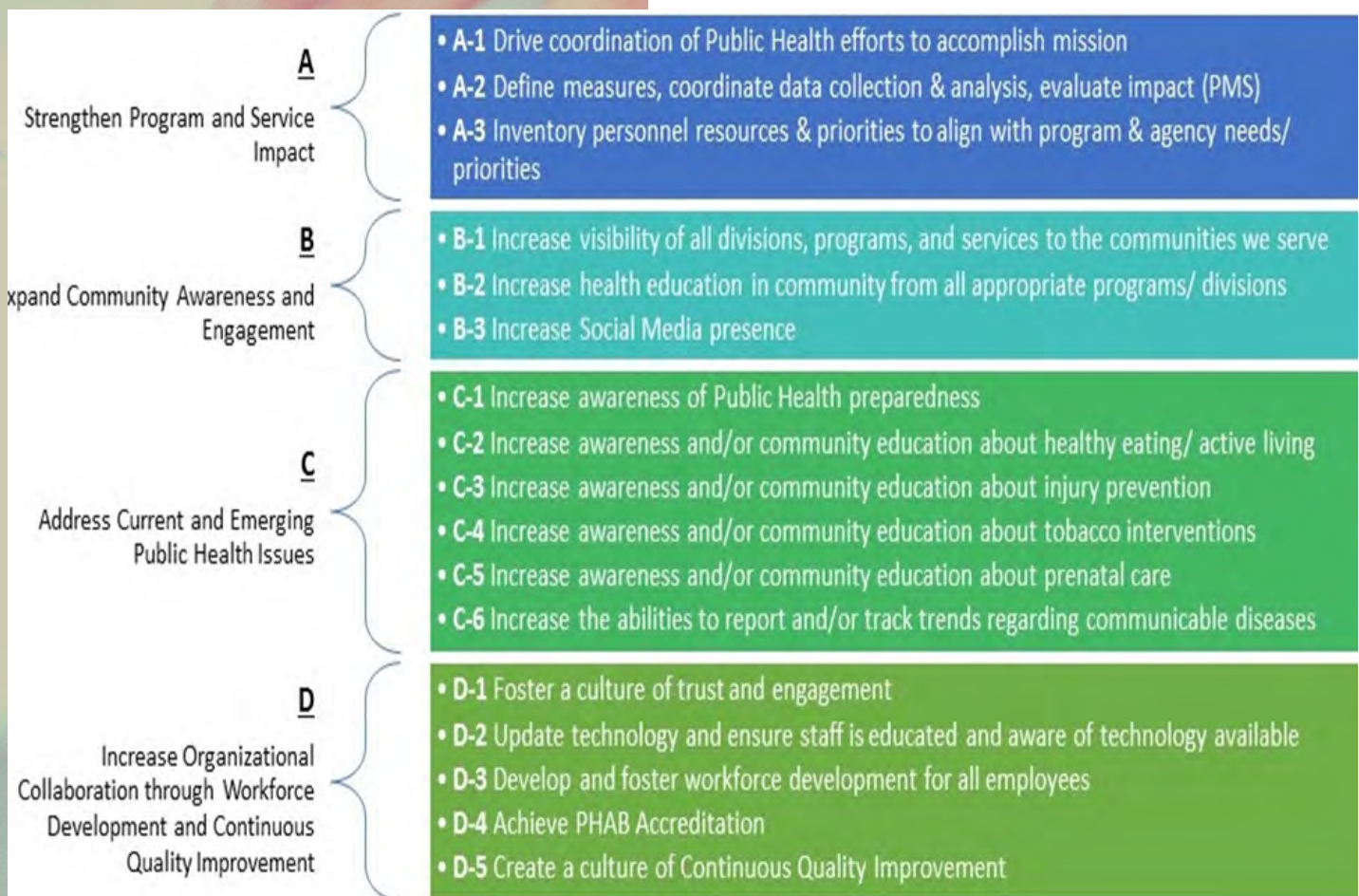
Improving the health of a community can't be done by any one entity. PHAB's national accreditation program fosters health departments' commitment to quality improvement, performance management, accountability, transparency, and the capacity to deliver the Ten Essential Public Health Services. Committed to achieving the highest standards of public health practice, nationally accredited health departments demonstrate a consistent and continued commitment to strengthening their community partnerships, which in turn enables them to better serve their communities.



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The GCHD's strategic priorities do not cover all the work done at the Galion City Health Department (GCHD). GCHD engages in a broad range of activities that help it achieve its overall mission of promoting and protecting the health and well-being of the communities we serve. With all its work, GCHD is committed to addressing all health disparities. In order to achieve the mission of the Galion City Health Department, the following four strategic priorities and associated goals were identified.

Strategic Priorities and Associated Goals:
Areas of department emphasis



MONITOR THE HEALTH STATUS OF THE COMMUNITY

2019



Crawford County & Galion City

Community Health Status Assessment
Commissioned by:



COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT & IMPROVEMENT PLANNING

The Galion City Health Department is a member of the Crawford County Health Partners. Every 3 years the Crawford County Health Partners conduct and fund a health assessment. This assessment is a questionnaire that asks Crawford County, including Galion City, residents about their health habits, health insurance, healthcare services, as well as social and environmental factors. The health report helps to answer the question “How healthy is the community?”.

In 2018, the Crawford County Health Partners developed a new assessment survey for both adults and the youth of our community. In the fall of 2018, adults surveys were sent to randomly selected residents. Randomly selected students in grades 6-12 throughout the county completed their surveys in early 2019. In 2019, the Crawford County & Galion City Health Assessment was analyzed with our partners. Analysis involves comparing local health data with other counties, the state and the nation. The partners also look at health trends over time, race, gender, age, ethnicity, and geographic location. All the assessments and data help to identify health priority areas. This information helps determine the health areas on which to focus. Once all survey data was analyzed, a new Community Health Assessment (CHA) was developed and presented to the community. on May 29, 2019.

2020-2022 Community Health Improvement Plan

A community health improvement plan (CHIP) is a community-driven, long-term, systematic plan to address issues identified in a community health assessment (CHA). The purpose of the CHIP is to describe how hospitals, health departments, and other community stakeholders will work to improve the health of the county. A CHIP is designed to set priorities, direct the use of resources, and develop and implement projects, programs, and policies. The CHIP is more comprehensive than the roles and responsibilities of health organizations alone, and the plan’s development must include participation of a broad set of community stakeholders and partners. This CHIP reflects the results of a collaborative planning process that includes significant involvement by a variety of community sectors.

In 2019, the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) completed its implementation. The plan outlines the health priorities, as well as why these priorities were chosen. Each priority area has health data linked to it.

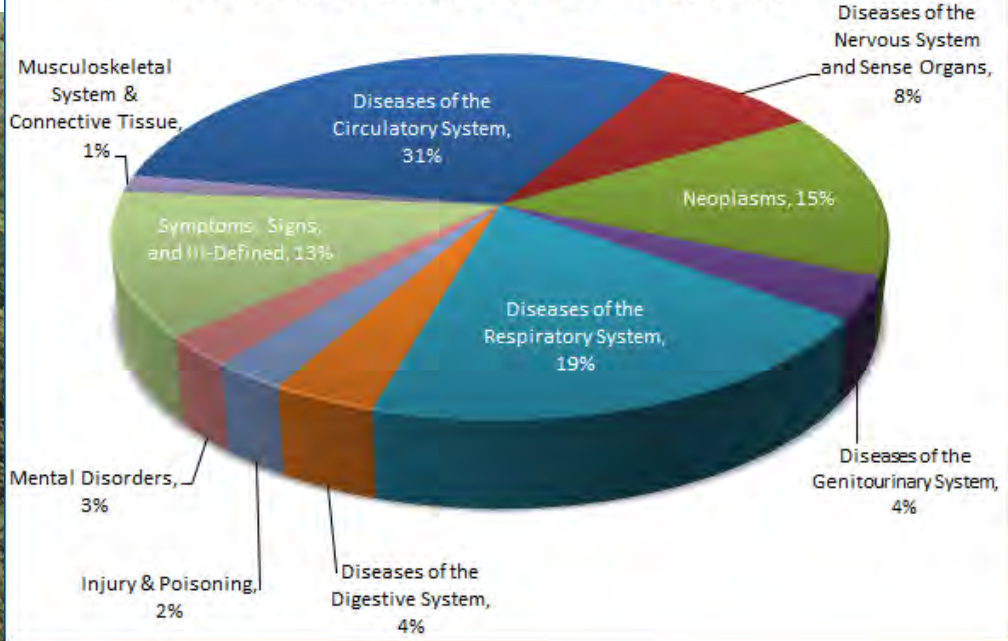
Crawford County Health Partners has been conducting CHAs since 2015 to measure community health status. The most recent Crawford County CHA was cross-sectional in nature and included a written survey of adults and adolescents within Crawford County. The questions were modeled after the survey instruments used by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for their national and state Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) and Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS) This has allowed Crawford County to compare their CHA data to national, state and local health trends. Community stakeholders were actively engaged in the early phases of CHA planning and helped define the content,scope, and sequence of the project.

2020-2022 Crawford CHIP Alignment with the 2017-2019 SHIP

Priority Topic	Priority Outcome	Cross-Cutting Strategy	Cross-Cutting Outcome
Mental health and addiction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decrease depression Decrease suicide deaths Decrease unintentional drug overdose deaths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Health System, Prevention, and Health Behaviors Social Determinants of Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decrease obesity Decrease smoking Decrease physical inactivity
Chronic Disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decrease diabetes Decrease heart disease 		

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2019 Causes of Death by Disease Process



VITAL STATISTICS DATA

The legal records collected by the Galion City Health Department's Vital Statistics Department are the data source for many important statistical measures used in public health. These indicators track health outcomes and are used locally for planning and community analysis.

The Galion City Health Department's Vital Statistics Department issues birth certificates, death certificates, and burial permits. For birth records, we can issue certified copies for anyone born in the state of Ohio from December 20, 1908 to the present. For death records we can issue certified copies for deaths that occurred within the city limits of Galion from December 20, 1908 to the present.

The Vital Statistics Department is also responsible for registering all births, deaths, and fetal deaths that occur within the Galion city limits, assisting parents with completing Acknowledgement of Paternity Affidavits, assisting people with completing Birth Affidavits to make minor corrections on birth records, issuing copies of records to the Veteran's Administration, and assisting people with genealogical requests.



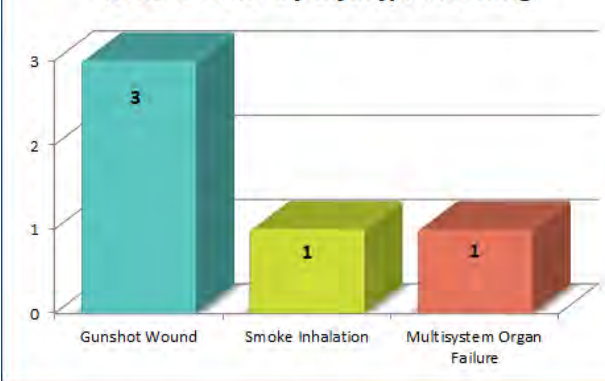
The Galion City Health Department tracks the causes of death by disease process in order to better understand the health of the community.

Diseases of the Circulatory System remained the primary cause of death in 2019 as it was in 2018; in 2017 the primary cause was diseases of the Respiratory System.

Changes of Note

- Diseases of the Digestive System
4% (2019) - 1% (2018)
- Injury & Poisoning
2% (2019) - 7% (2018)
- Mental Disorders
3% (2019) - 4% (2018)
- Symptoms, Signs, & Ill-Defined
13% (2019) - 9% (2018)

2019 Deaths by Injury/Poisoning



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2019 VITAL STATISTICS

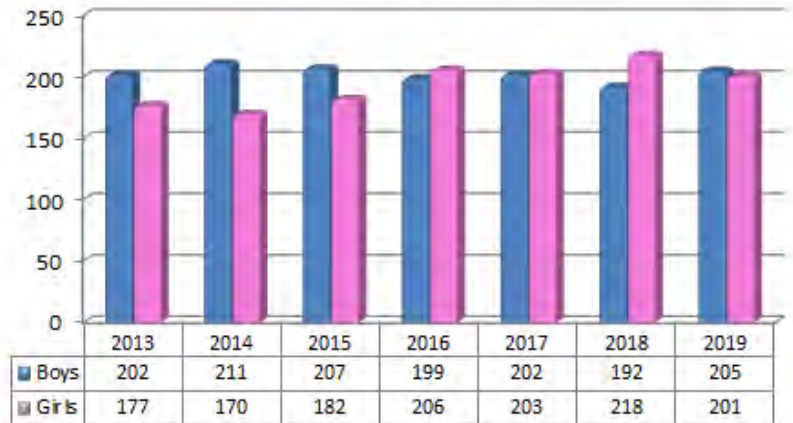
In 2019 the Vital Statistics Department registered 416 new birth certificates and issued 867 certified birth certificates. 187 new death certificates were registered, 542 certified death certificates were issued, and an additional 27 free Veteran copies were issued.



THERE WERE 81 FEWER DEATH CERTIFICATES ISSUED IN 2019 THAN THERE WERE IN 2018.



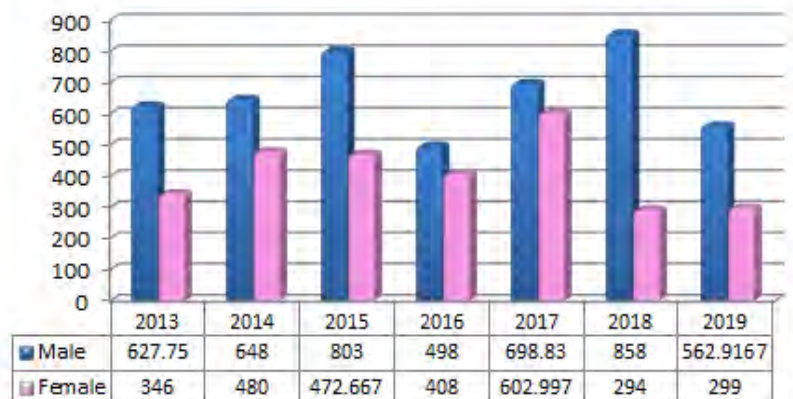
Births by Gender



Deaths by Gender



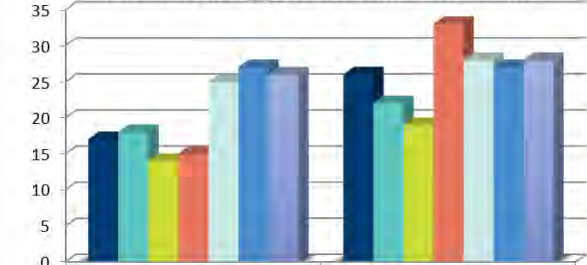
Potential Life Lost in Years by Gender
(Average Life Expectancy of 75 years)



Potential life lost, in years, is based on the average life expectancy of 75 years.
*i.e. if a person passes at age 50, there was 25 years of potential life lost.

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Low Birth Weight & Premature Babies



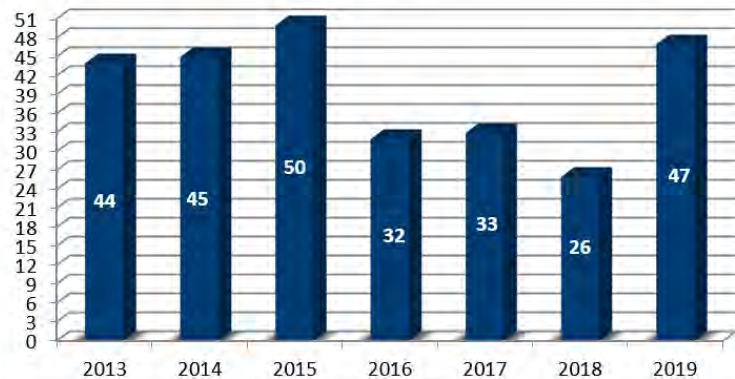
IN 2019 THE AVERAGE AGE OF DEATH WAS 77.48 YEARS.

Birth by Insurance Types

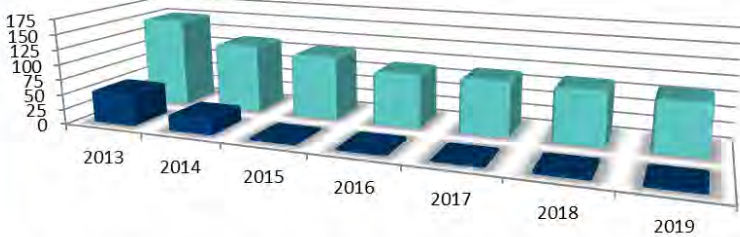


IN 2019, THE NUMBER OF TEEN BIRTHS INCREASED DRASTICALLY; THIS WAS FOLLOWING A DECREASE FROM 2017 TO 2018. WE HAVE NOT SEEN AN INCREASE IN TEEN BIRTHS THIS HIGH.

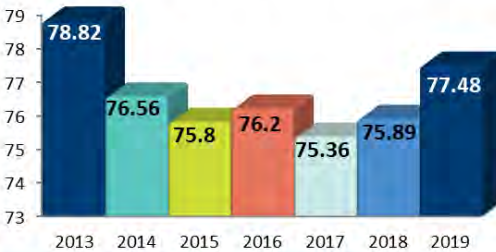
Teen Births



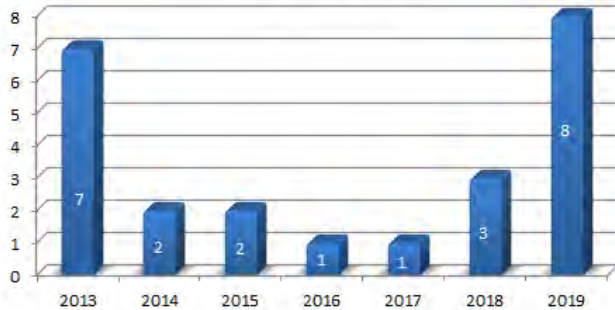
Mothers Drank Alcohol and/or Smoked at Some Point During Pregnancy



Average Age of Death



Fetal Deaths



THE NUMBER OF FETAL DEATHS JUMPED FROM 3 IN 2018 TO 8 IN 2019.

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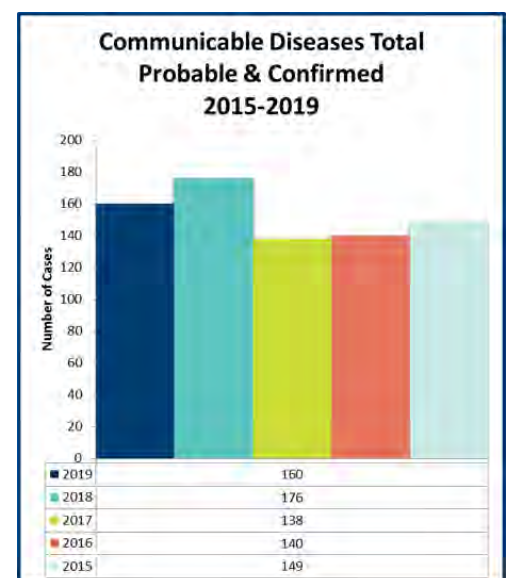
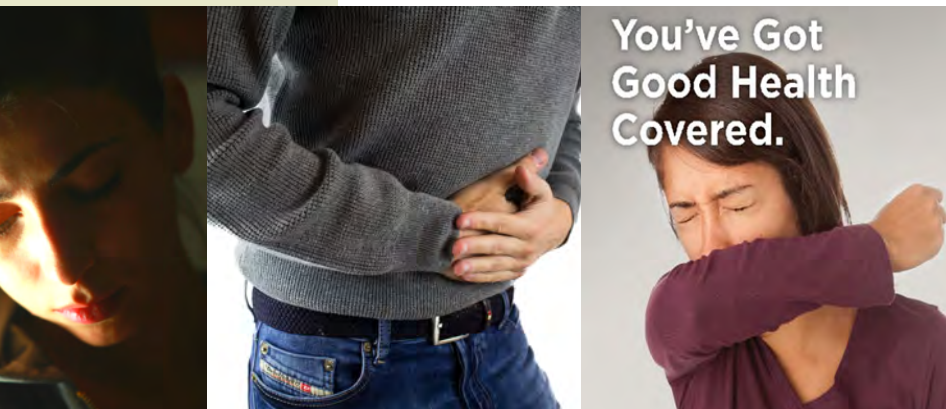
COMMUNICABLE DISEASE SURVEILLANCE

According to Ohio Administrative Code 3701-3-02, cases and suspected cases of selected infectious diseases are required to be reported to state and local public health agencies. These “reportable diseases” or “reportable conditions” were determined to be of public health significance in Ohio. Many of these diseases must also be reported by state health departments to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as part of national public health surveillance of infectious diseases.

Infectious disease staff ensure proper investigation, timely case follow-up of all reports and preventive interventions to reduce secondary cases.

The 2018 Galion City Health Department Data Summary includes cases of reportable disease that were diagnosed among residents of Galion, reported to public health, and found to meet the public health surveillance definition of a confirmed or probable case; this summary does not include the numerous suspected case investigations that occurred. These data do not represent all cases of reportable infectious disease that occurred in the community, as individuals may not seek medical care for mild or asymptomatic infections. Additionally, a reported case of disease may not meet the surveillance definition of a confirmed or probable case. Surveillance definitions are designed to standardize data collection and reporting across public health jurisdictions and may differ slightly from clinical definitions used in patient management. Outbreaks or media coverage of a particular disease can also influence testing and reporting rates. Data in this summary are considered provisional.

**Some cases may have been previously diagnosed, but investigated again due to new/ updated lab results.*

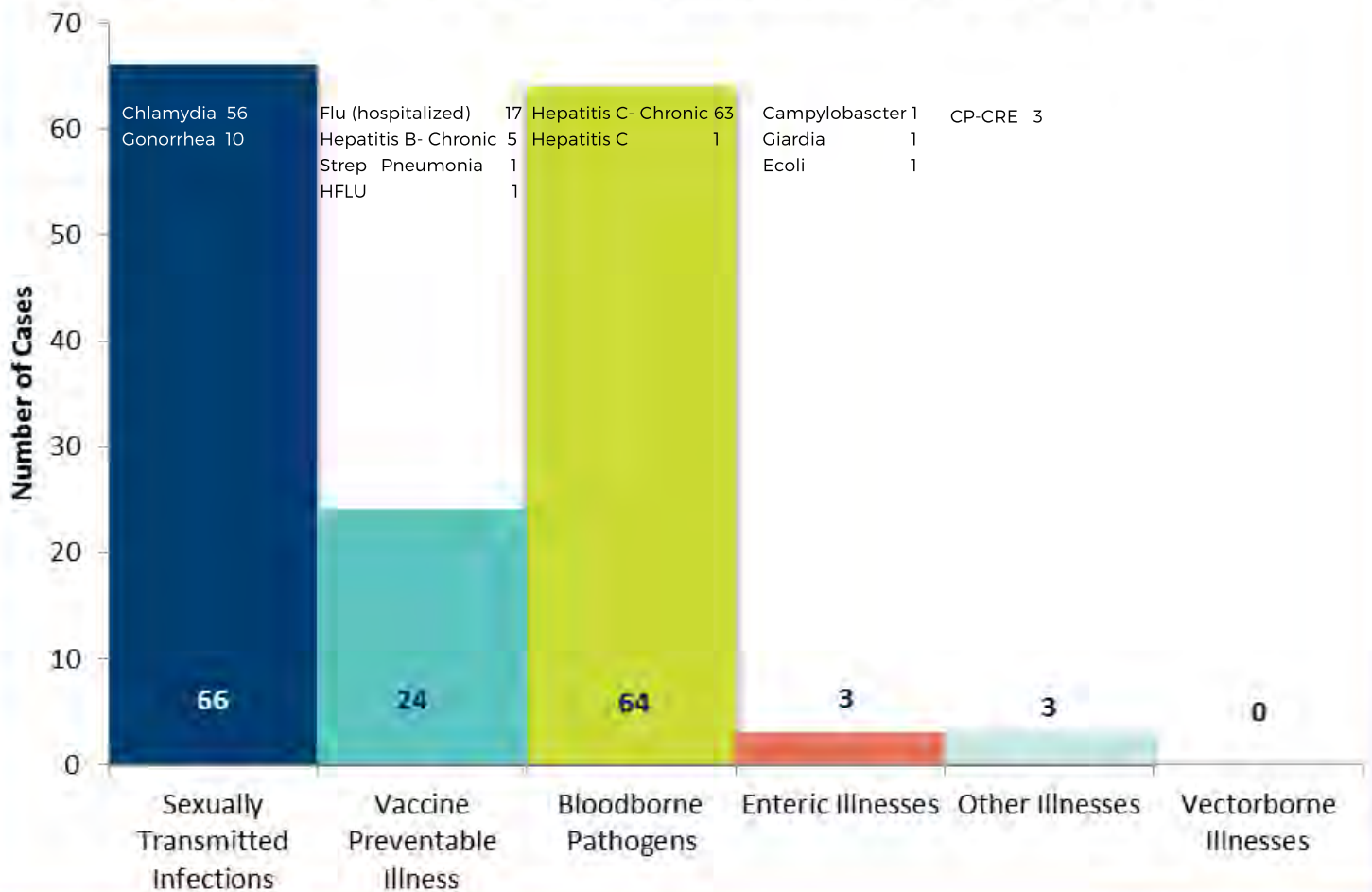


REPORTABLE DISEASES

A comprehensive listing and guidance for reportable diseases and non-reportable diseases in the State of Ohio can be found in the Infectious Disease Control Manual (IDCM) (<https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/know-our-programs/infectious-disease-control-manual>). This document also includes rules contained within the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) that pertain to infectious disease reporting. Services provided at the Ohio Department of Health Laboratory and processes for submission of specimens can be found within this document.

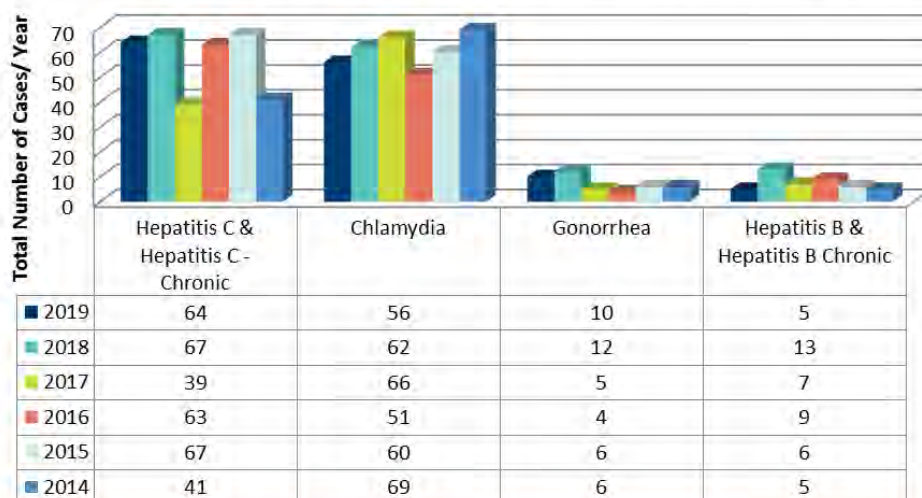
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Communicable Diseases Confirmed in 2019 (By Type)



This summary is intended to be a resource for individuals and public health partners concerned about infectious diseases in Galion, Ohio. More information on infectious diseases and reporting procedures may be obtained by contacting the Galion City Health Department.

Top 4 Confirmed Communicable Diseases (non flu)

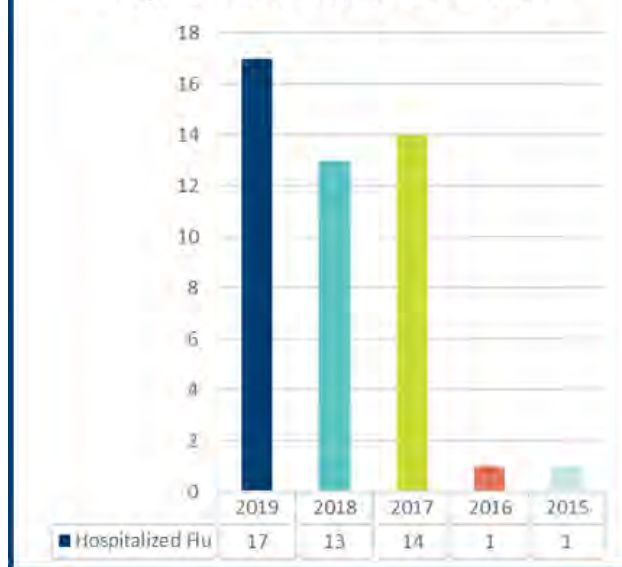


Communicable- Infectious diseases are illnesses caused by microorganisms such as bacteria, viruses and parasites, and transmitted from an infected person or animal to another person or animal. The route of transmission varies by disease and may include direct contact with contaminated body fluids or respiratory secretions, contact with contaminated objects, inhalation of contaminated airborne particles, ingestion of contaminated food or water, or the bite of an animal or vector (e.g., insect) carrying the microorganism.

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2019 FLU SEASON

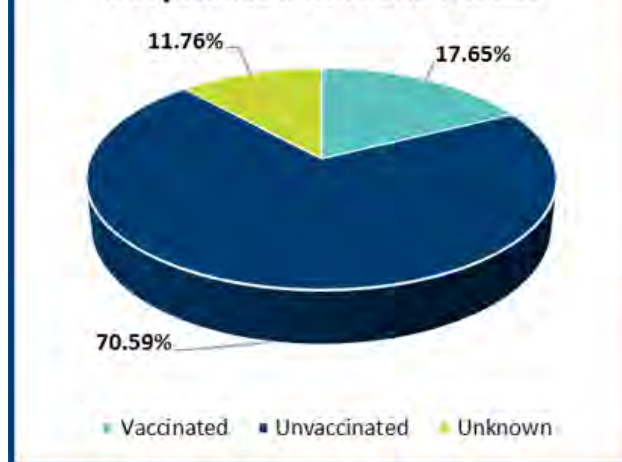
Hospitalized Flu Cases 2015-2019



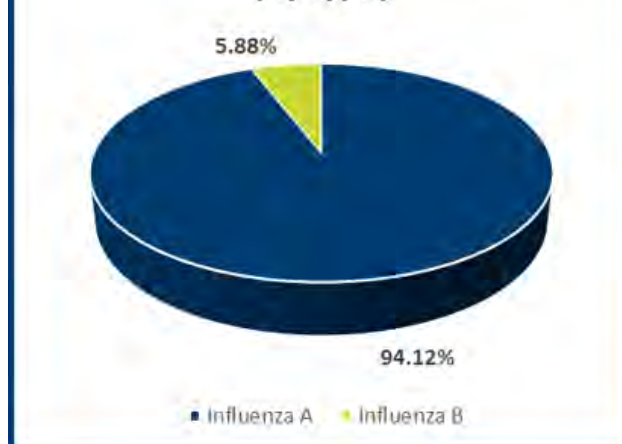
Influenza, also known as the flu, is a respiratory illness that infects thousands of people each year. The very old, the very young, and those with immune problems are at the highest risk for severe complications, which sometimes require hospitalization.

Like much of Ohio, Galion has seen an increase in influenza-related hospitalizations over the years. In 2015 and 2016 only 1 case in each year was reported; this increased drastically in 2017 to 14 influenza-related hospitalizations cases, and 13 cases in 2018. The in 2019, 17 cases of Hospitalized Influenza were confirmed. Over seventy percent (70%) of the confirmed cases in 2019 were known to have not received the flu shot. In addition, over ninety four percent (94%) of the influenza-related hospitalizations were found to be Influenza A.

2019 Vaccination Status of Hospitalized Influenza Cases



2019 Hospitalized Influenza (by type)



Reduce your risk by getting a flu shot every year (over half of the confirmed cases in 2018 were known to have not received the flu shot), washing your hands often, and staying away from people who are sick. If you get the flu, taking antiviral medicine your health care provider prescribes can help.

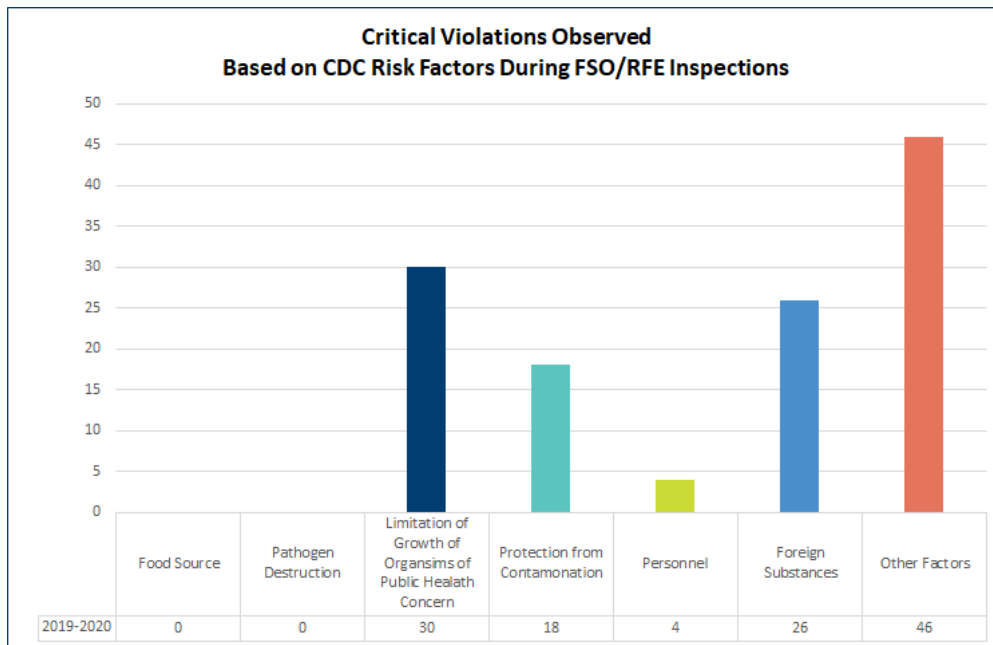
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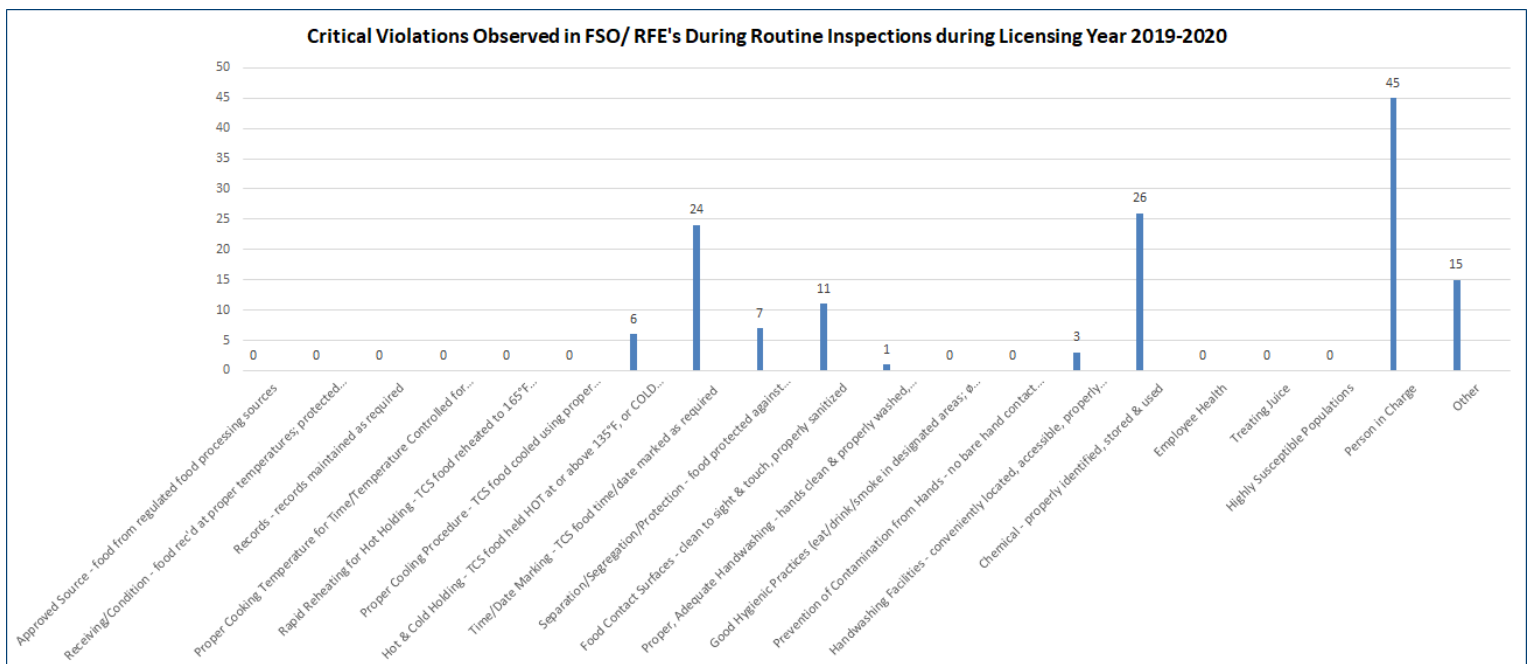
INSPECTION REPORTS

Galion City Health Department began posting food safety inspection reports online on July 1, 2012. GCHD posts food safety inspection reports online to share information that may assist you in being a well-informed consumer. Each inspection report is a "snapshot" of restaurant conditions on the day and time of that inspection. On any given day, an establishment may have more or fewer violations than posted here. Any individual inspection may not be representative of the overall, long-term performance of an establishment.

Reports can be found at: <https://galionhealth.org/food-safety-inspectionsand-online-reports/s>



Critical Violation report numbers presented do not include Mobile, Temporary, and Vending Inspection data.



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DISEASE INTERVENTION FUNDING

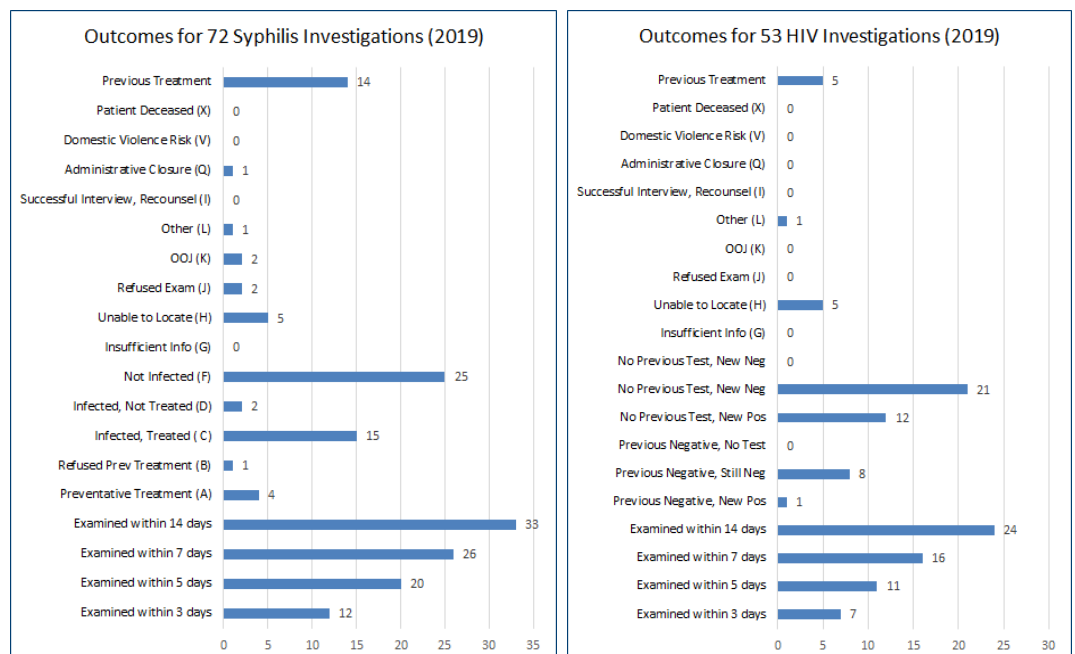
This program is funded completely through subcontract of the Ohio Department of Health HIV & STD Prevention Grants; Effective January 1, 2019, the Galion City Health Department became a direct grantee of the Ohio Department of Health HIV & STI Prevention Grants. 2019 brought about many changes to the DIS program, one of which was the regional boundaries; effective 1/1/19, the GCHD became the DIS for the newly designated Region 2. Region 2 counties include Crawford, Ashland, Erie, Huron, Knox, Marion, Richland, Seneca, and Wyandot Counties.

DISEASE INTERVENTION HIV/ AIDS, STI'S, SYPHILIS

The Galion City Health Department is committed to controlling the spread of sexually transmitted infections (STI) and HIV/AIDS in our community by tracking and investigating infected individuals as well as their contacts, and by providing public education. The primary goal of our program is to intervene and investigate the spread of STI's.

GCHD staff ensures proper diagnosis, testing, adequate treatment and partner notification. Additionally, GCHD staff provide information regarding STIs to individuals, schools, drug rehabilitation facilities, health care providers, and other agencies throughout Ohio who request our services. We network with hospitals and clinics to provide superior patient care.

The program promotes prevention through free rapid HIV testing, various other STI testing, condom distribution and community education. We investigated 72 cases of Syphilis and 53 cases of HIV in 2019. Many of these cases were found to be co-infected with other STIs. We continue to see a rise with co-infections.



DIAGNOSE & INVESTIGATE HEALTH PROBLEMS

SEXUAL HEALTH CLINIC

The Galion City Health Department Sexual Health Clinic began providing in July 2019. Testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections (STI's) were provided in a safe, discreet environment. HIV testing, including referral services for positive results and PrEP, pre-exposure prophylaxis, for clients at high risk for HIV, is also being made available.



SARAH MILEY APRN-CNP

Sarah Miley, APRN-CNP is a board certified women's health nurse practitioner with nearly 15 years of public health experience. Sarah has practiced as a nurse practitioner for 5 years providing women's health, contraceptive management, family planning and other sexual health services. She is well versed in care of all aspects of sexually transmitted infections including testing, treatment and counseling. Sarah has a particular interest in working with the adolescent population providing preventive care and educational services and is able to see men and women ages 13 and older. More recently, Sarah has become a PAPI (Prevention Assistance Program Interventions) provider for the state of Ohio. PAPI is a program designed to provide PrEP, highly effective daily HIV prophylaxis to high risk individuals, across all income levels, even those lacking adequate health insurance coverage.



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**VISIT US.
FEEL CONFIDENT.
FEEL BETTER.**



INFORM, EDUCATE, & ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY

CLEAN PLATE AWARDS

The 2019 Clean Plate Awards are awarded to 33 licensed food service facilities.

These restaurants and other food service operations have been dedicated to upholding excellent sanitation and food safety knowledge and going above and beyond the minimum requirements within their facilities. Data collected during the 2019 license year (March 1, 2019-February 28, 2020) was the basis for these awards. The performance score comes from a facility's compliance with the Ohio Uniform Food Safety Code and implementation of best practices.

The winners receive a certificate in recognition of excellent performance in food safety from the Galion City Health Department.

Galion City Health Department is pleased to announce the facilities which are 2019 Clean Plate Award recipients. Awardees are as follows: American Legion, Arby's, Caleb's Brookside Dari, Dairy Queen, DK's Drive In, Domino's, East of Chicago, Elk's, Galion Booster Club - Football Concession, Galion Booster Club - High School Concession, Galion Golden Age Club, Galion High School, Galion Intermediate School, Galion Middle School, Galion Primary School, Galion Owl's Nest, Galion YMCA, Heise Pool Concession, Jen Cor Food Store, Magnolia Terrace, Peco II Softball, Phil's Deli, Planet 14, Sara Beegle Daycare, Speedway, St. Joseph Catholic School, Subway, Taco Bell, Tim Horton's, Trackside 30, Tubby's Pizza, Victory Lanes, and Wendy's.

The Clean Plate Award program was established in 2014 in order to recognize Galion food service operations and retail food establishments that consistently demonstrate a commitment to protecting the public's health. Eligibility for an award is based on having met the following criteria:

- Have a valid food service operation (FSO) or retail food establishment (RFE) license, Risk III or IV
- Have at least 1 full licensing year's inspection data
- Have the same licensee for at least 1 year
- Have no confirmed foodborne illness within 2 years
- Have no administrative hearings within 2 years
- Have a written employee health policy with employee verification (verified by Health Department staff during inspection)
- Have at least 1 person in charge per shift certified in Level 1 Food Protection or above
- Earn a composite performance score of at least 90 points

**SPECIAL
CONGRATULATIONS GO TO
ALL THE GALION CITY
SCHOOLS AND ST.
JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC
SCHOOL FOR HAVING
RECEIVED AWARDS FOR
THE FIFTH YEAR IN A ROW.**

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HEALTHY HOMES LEAD POISONING PREVENTION

Together with the Ohio Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, Galion City Health Department works to promote healthy homes and educate the community on lead poisoning prevention. Through our nursing and environmental health staff, we will educate and raise awareness with our community about the importance of lead testing, lead safe work practices, and the seven steps to a healthy home. In 2018, GCHD looked at evidence-based data from ODH's website. The Childhood Lead Poisoning Fact Sheet for Crawford County was very alarming to our jurisdiction. The City of Galion's predicted probability of Blood Lead Levels was 18-27% which was the highest section in the Crawford County (Galion's primary location). Like many smaller cities, Galion is faced with low income families living in an older housing stock in a high-risk zip code, 44833. Our Nursing Director implemented lead testing/screenings for children under the age of 6 beginning July of 2018. This testing is being conducted primarily at our small health department clinic in order to promote our efforts of childhood lead poisoning prevention. GCHD also obtained a HEPA vacuum from ODH in May of 2018 to start loaning in our jurisdiction to aide in lead safe clean-up practices; this has been utilized multiple times already.

A Healthy Homes & Lead Poisoning Prevention Grant was again awarded to the Galion City Health Department in 2019 and allowed GCHD to reach over 150 residents with supplies and educational materials through community outreach efforts. This included, but was not limited to, purchasing wet cleaning supplies to provide to families living in at-risk homes.



**12 CHILDREN
WERE ABLE TO
HAVE THEIR
BLOOD LEAD
LEVEL TESTED BY
GCHD IN 2019**

**6 CHILDREN
WERE REFERRED
TO GCHD DUE
TO ELEVATED
BLOOD LEAD
LEVELS.**



Galion City Health Department Staff and Intern presented information regarding lead hazards during Third Friday Outreach events.



**8 CHILDREN IDENTIFIED WITH ELEVATED
BLOOD LEAD LEVELS WERE PROVIDED
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND GUIDANCE
BY GCHD NURSING STAFF.**

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SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

The goal of the GCHD was to provide information on healthy habits and healthy lifestyles to Galion children participating in the Summer Lunch Program at various sites throughout the City of Galion.

The program is sponsored by the Galion City Schools and is intended to provide a nutritious lunch to children who might not receive one during the summer months. The program occurs five days per week. Nursing staff from the Galion City Health Department attended one day a week with activities and information on Eat smart to Play Hard, Bicycle Safety, Summer Safety, Back to School Immunization, Burn Awareness, Extreme Heat and How to Stay Cool to Galion. On Fridays the children receive a backpack with nutritious food for the weekend.

**GALION SUMMER
LUNCH PROGRAM**



**GCHD STAFF
DISTRIBUTED 204
EDUCATIONAL
PACKETS TO
SUMMER LUNCH
PARTICIPANTS!**



The Summer Lunch Bus, an old school bus that has been retrofitted to serve lunches to children on the go, returned for its 2nd year! The bus features several booth-style seating areas, as well as stools and an eating area for children.



Bike safety was a popular topic! Bike reflectors were able to be distributed by the GCHD staff to help keep kids safe!



Nurses brought sidewalk chalk and a cornhole game to each session to encourage physical activity during the Summer months. These activities were very popular and highly successful, especially the cornhole game and sidewalk chalk.

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MOSQUITO CONTROL & SURVEILLANCE



Active mosquito surveillance was initiated yet again in 2019 thanks to grant funds from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. Funding provided surveillance (trapping and testing of mosquitos), education, and outreach throughout Galion, along with mosquito control through adulticide (spraying) and larvicide dunk distribution. This surveillance provided data to the Ohio Department of Health arbovirus program.

Mosquito control planning has been an ongoing issue within the City of Galion. There has been a rapidly growing concern for nuisance abatement within the City. The number of nuisance complaints over the years are as follows; there was a total of 111 nuisances in 2015, 93 in 2016, 145 in 2017, 133 in 2018, and 147 in 2019. The vast majority of nuisances are solid waste, which are a large source for mosquitos.

Approximately 1,000 Mosquito Dunks were distributed to Galion residents in 2019.

Mosquito Dunks—approximately 1,000 of these were distributed to Galion residents.



Traps— these were placed in order to trap mosquitos and send to the ODH Lab for testing. This surveillance aids the GCHD in determining whether mosquitos are carrying certain diseases in the Galion area.

Prevent Mosquitoes Around Your Home

Get rid of standing water and water sources. Mosquitoes breed by laying eggs in and near standing water. You can do a lot to lower the number of mosquitoes around your home by getting rid of standing water in your yard.



Andrea Barnes, Director of Environmental Health, accepted the check from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

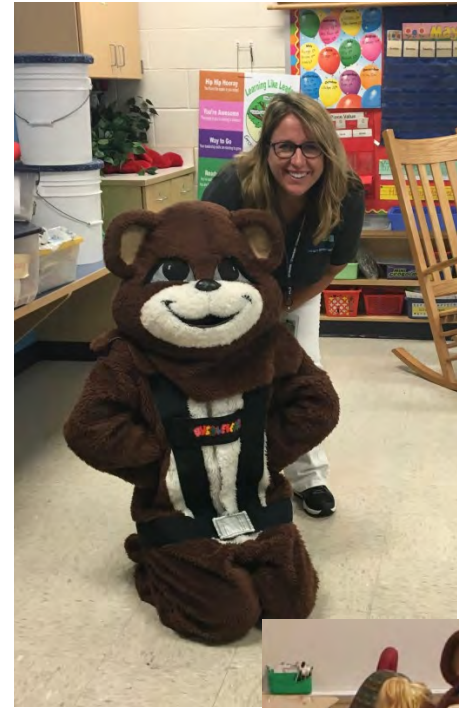
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SAFETY TOWN

Galion City Schools hosted Safety Town for the incoming kindergarteners during the week of July 22nd. The Galion City Health Department participated on Wednesday July 24th. Buckle Bear participated and presented on the importance of wearing a seat belt and using a car seat or booster seat. Children were taught a rhyme to remind everyone in the car to put their seat belt on. The Buckle Bear presentation was presented by Trish Factor and Buckle Bear was played by Lauren Fricke (Intern). A staff members 8-year-old son also helped demonstrate the appropriate way to wear a seat belt and use a booster seat.

Amy Jerger, one of the schools public health nurses, and Andrea Barnes, the Director of Environmental Health taught the students about healthy habits and hand hygiene. A portion of the book *Oh, the Things you can Do that are Good for You!* Was read to the students, afterwards the nurses showed the students how to wash their hand properly and what “germs” were missed using Glo Germ.

This event introduces the students to the nurses, hopefully providing some later comforts with seeing the nurse at school. The students are engaged during this event and have fun with the activities provided, while learning health and safety skills for use throughout their lives.



**Everybody
loves
Buckle
Bear !**



Safety Town is a community led program for incoming Kindergarten children of Galion schools. Approximately 45 incoming Kindergarteners and their families participated in 2019.

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THIRD FRIDAYS

2019 was the third year for Third Fridays in Galion. Third Fridays are organized by the Chamber of Commerce with participation by uptown businesses; including the Galion City Health Department. The staff participated in all the event dates, with a different theme being followed each month.



Buckle Bear came out during Third Friday events to visit with the kids!



Health Department Staff participated in front of the office by providing various resources, information, and activities.



The Covert Manufacturing Food Court remained an opportunity for the GCHD to collaborate with its business partners. Andrea Barnes, Director of Environmental Health worked with the organizers and the food vendors to ensure that all the proper steps for licensure and food safety were followed. Onsite inspections were also conducted during each event.

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CAR SEAT PROGRAM

The Galion City Health Department is a coordinating site for the Ohio Department of Health's Child Passenger Safety (CPS) program, Ohio Buckles Buckeyes (OBB), which provides child safety seats and booster seats to those in need. The overall goal of this program is to increase the availability of child safety seats for families who could not otherwise afford them and to increase correct installation and proper use of child safety seats.

The GCHD offers free child car seat safety checks and education by certified technicians. The safest car seat is the seat that fits the child, fits the vehicle, and the caregiver can install correctly every single time. In 2019, GCHD distributed 38 car seats and conducted numerous car seat inspections.

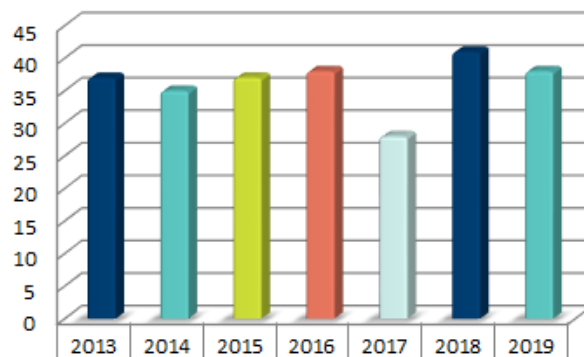
Ohio's Child Passenger Safety Law is defined in Ohio Revised Code 4511.81.

This program relies on donations and local dollars- general funds.



A HUGE THANK YOU GOES OUT TO THE ELKS LODGE FOR DONATING A NEW BUCKLE BEAR SUIT AND THE GALION POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR CONTRUCTING A DEMOSTRATION MODEL FOR CAR SEAT SAFETY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO UTILIZING THESE IN 2020!

Number of Car Seats Provided (YTD)



■ Number of Car Seats Provided

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
37	35	37	38	28	41	38



Trish Factor and Emily Miller are the Child Passenger Safety Technicians on staff at the Galion City Health Department.

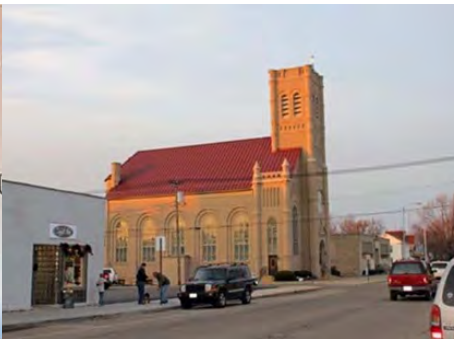
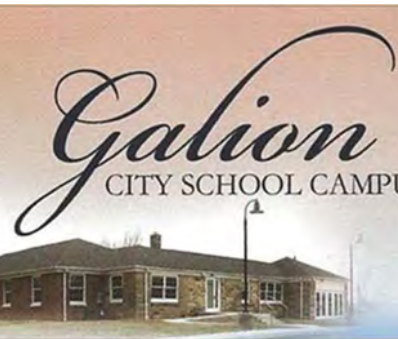


MOBILIZE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

SCHOOL NURSING

The Galion City Health Department School Nursing Program supports the provision of quality health services in schools to promote student health and wellness.

Galion City Health Department is contracted to provide Public Health Nursing Services to Galion City Schools, 40 hours per week, and St. Joseph's Catholic School-Galion, as needed. The schools are provided with CCHD Staff for vision and hearing screenings, immunizations record review, lice checks, health education programs, as well as providing daily care for students.



COMMUNITY COUNSELING

GCHD has partnered with Community Counseling to support mental health outreach by providing space within the Health Department to allow for counseling sessions to take place locally. For many clients, it is a struggle to get to various locations when seeking mental health assistance; whether court-ordered or self-referred. There continues to be great feedback and an obvious need for these services to be provided right here in Galion. This allows our department to aid in the outreach of mental health services.

Transportation as well as mental health issues were both struggles highlighted in data obtained through the Community Health Assessment.



Tim Brown
Community Counseling Services

Tim provided counseling services in the Galion City Health Department each Tuesday in 2019.

COUNSELING THROUGH OUTREACH

27% of adults reported they or a family member had been diagnosed with or treated for depression, according to the 2019 Crawford County and Galion City Community Health Assessment.

Community Counseling and the Galion City Health Department teamed up to provide FREE depression screenings on 5/17/19, 6/21/19, 7/26/19, & 8/16/19. These events will coincided with Third Fridays in Galion and were held at the health department. All ages were welcome, and no appointment was necessary. Numerous folks took advantage of this opportunity. This initiative will be continued in 2020.



MOBILIZE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



The Galion City Health Department continues to be the Chair for the Crawford County Health Partners. The Crawford County Health Partners is comprised of businesses, agencies and individuals working in collaboration to identify, target and reduce health issues throughout Crawford County.

How it began:

Originally, the driving factor for this partnership was mandates for both health departments within the county and the Hospitals of Crawford County.

Currently, Crawford County Health Partners consists of over 40 different businesses/agencies.

This diversity has allowed us to become more focused on the entire population and begin forming relationships to make a lasting impact on the health of our community.

COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN

A real and permanent change in any community system requires the collaboration of everyone involved in that system, from those that administer and direct it to those that receive its services or are otherwise affected by it. Organizations and agencies that are officially part of or interact with the local public health system, for example, have to work together to avoid duplication of effort, make sure that everyone who needs services receives them, provide coverage to all geographic areas, pass on procedures and practices that work well, share resources when necessary, and plan together. They also must coordinate efforts both among themselves and with other sectors of the community and state. This is one reason for assembling a diverse CHA/CHIP Committee, "The Crawford County Health Partners" to get as many individuals and organizations in the community as possible moving in the same direction and communicating with one another.

Through the efforts of the Crawford County Health Partners, the community has successfully completed a joint Community Health Assessment (CHA) and a joint Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) in 2019. The group looks forward to the implementation of the 2020-2022 CHIP. Priorities identified in the CHIP include Mental Health & Addiction, Chronic Disease, as well as additional Trans Strategies.



DEVELOP POLICIES TO ACHIEVE HEALTH

The Galion City Health Department develops, implements, and supports numerous policies, procedures, and plans in efforts to improve and protect the health of the community we serve. Plans include, but are not limited to, Community Health Improvement Plans, Emergency Response Plans, individual program plans, policies, and procedures, as well as policies for the agency.



The Galion City Health Department developed a Health Equity Policy in order to establish internal standards that reflect the National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) and adopt the social determinants of health framework created by the World Health Organization.



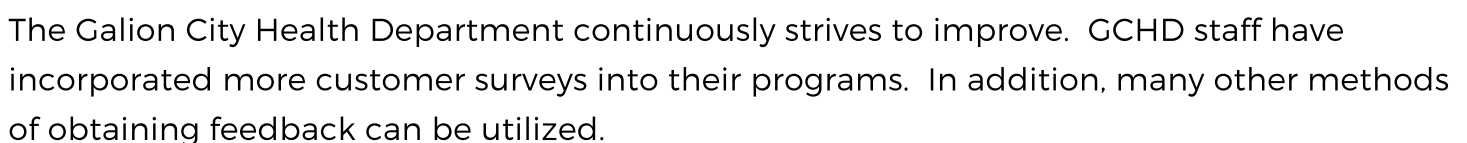
PLAN, DO, CHECK, ACT

The Galion City Health Department (GCHD) has embraced the concept of continuous quality improvement (CQI), and the development of plans and policies will insure that the principles of CQI will be implemented throughout the organization. GCHD has adopted the Plan, Do, Check, Act (PDCA) CQI methodology, and this methodology will be used throughout the department on an ongoing basis in order to develop a culture of quality. Taking this approach will not only allow GCHD to better serve its customers, but its employees as well. The implementation of quality plans and policies will assist GCHD in its efforts to become nationally accredited, as well as to achieve the strategic priorities set forth in its strategic plan.



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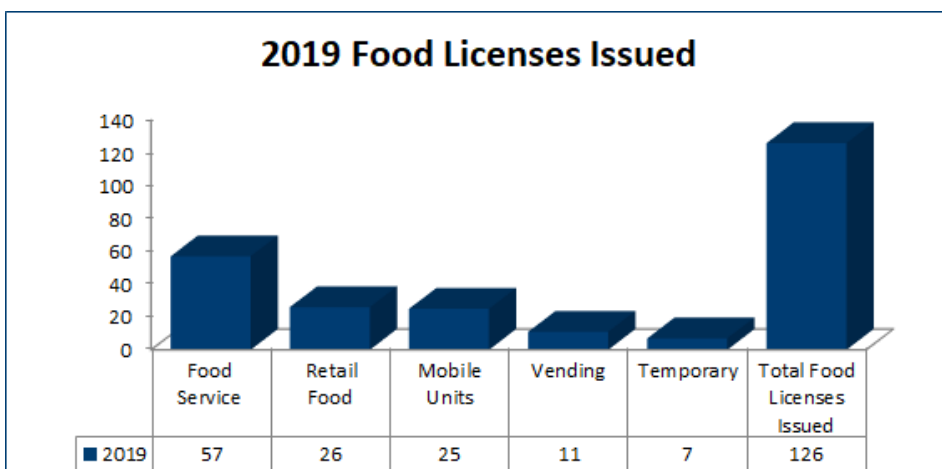
The Galion City Health Department continued its quality efforts by following a model for the Organizational Culture of Quality. This model gives the GCHD staff a visual representation of the efforts it takes to build a true culture of quality through the various steps. The model also shows the interconnectivity between the many documents the organization has and/or will create, as well as the timeframes associated with each.



ENFORCE LAWS TO PROVIDE A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

FOOD SAFETY PROGRAM

This program includes licensing food service operations, retail food establishments, and mobile and temporary food facilities to ensure they are following the food safety code under Ohio Revised Code 3717 and Ohio Administrative Code 3717 and 901:3-4. Sanitarians inspect the facilities and investigate complaints. This includes complaints of food safety, improper food handling, and possible food-related illnesses. If necessary, legal action is taken against unlicensed or improperly managed locations. The environmental division takes pride in educating food service operators, along with various groups on the importance of food safety. License fees are set to cover the cost of the program using a method set forth by state rules. The Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Department of Agriculture review and approve the food program regularly.



IN 2019 126 FOOD LICENSES WERE ISSUED; THIS IS UP FROM 123 IN 2018.

FOOD SAFETY ONLINE INSPECTIONS REPORTS

Galion City Health Department posts food safety inspection reports online to share information that may assist you in being a well-informed consumer. Galion City Health Department began posting food safety inspection reports online on July 1, 2012, to share information that may assist you in being a well-informed consumer. Each inspection report is a "snapshot" of restaurant conditions on the day and time of that inspection. On any given day, an establishment may have more or fewer violations than posted here. Any individual inspection may not be representative of the overall, long-term performance of an establishment. Online Inspection Reports can be found at <https://healthspace.com/Clients/Ohio/Galion/web.nsf>.

A Foodborne Illness Should Never Be On The Menu.



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ENFORCE LAWS TO PROVIDE A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

OUR FOOD PROTECTION PROGRAM OFFERS THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:

Complaint Investigation
Plan review
Licensing
Inspections

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION

Our food protection program investigates illness and non-illness complaints within its jurisdiction.

PLAN REVIEW

Plans must be submitted to the health department for review prior to construction and development of a new facility, or prior to the substantial renovation of an existing facility.

LICENSING

The Galion City Board of Health licenses all food service operations and retail food establishments:

Permanent food service operations and retail food establishments

Mobile food service operations and retail food establishments

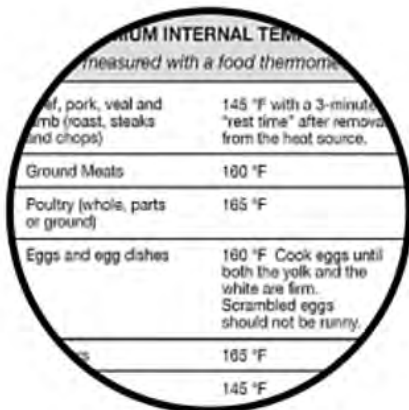
Vending machines offering prepared food or beverages

Temporary food service operations and retail food establishments.

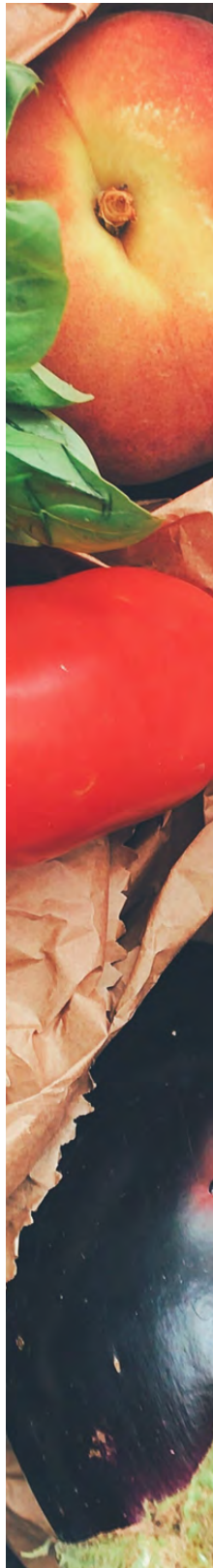


INSPECTIONS

The health department conducts inspections at all licensed food service operations and retail food establishments. Inspections and consultations with operators promote control over the five identified risk factors for foodborne illness identified in the FDA Food Code: poor personal hygiene, food from unsafe sources, inadequate cooking, improper holding temperatures, and contaminated equipment. The inspections are a service provided to protect public health. The frequency of inspections depends upon the type of food facility and the food preparation processes conducted.



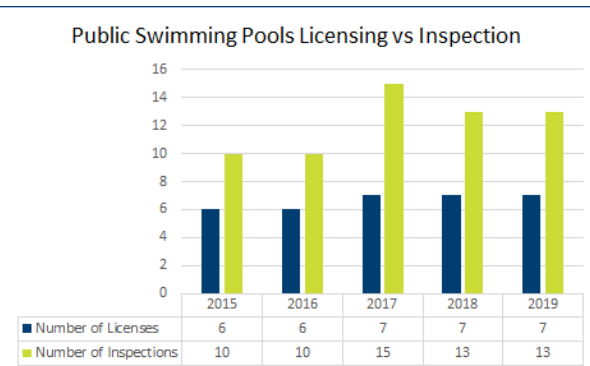
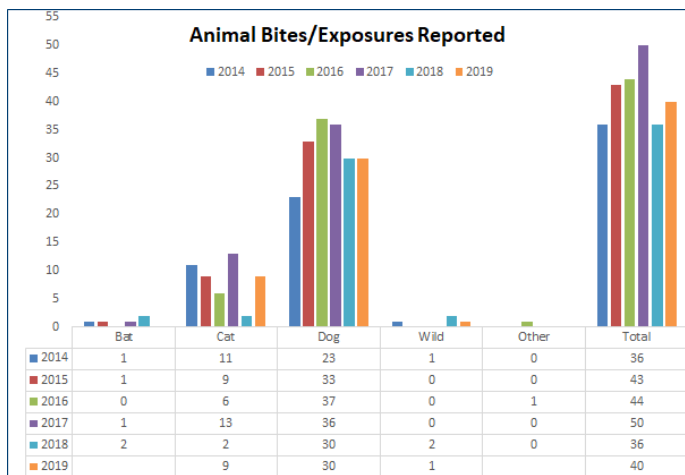
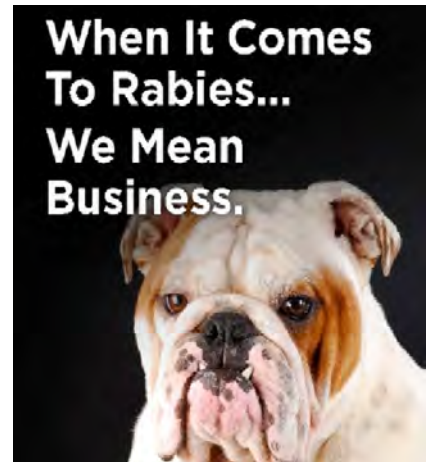
MINIMUM INTERNAL TEMPERATURES measured with a food thermometer	
Beef, pork, veal and lamb (roast, steaks and chops)	145 °F with a 3-minute "rest time" after removal from the heat source.
Ground Meats	160 °F
Poultry (whole, parts or ground)	165 °F
Eggs and egg dishes	160 °F Cook eggs until both the yolk and the white are firm. Scrambled eggs should not be runny.
Fish	145 °F



ENFORCE LAWS TO PROVIDE A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

RABIES PREVENTION PROGRAM

State rules require law enforcement, animal control and healthcare employees report all animal bites to the health department; these rules can be found in Ohio Revised Code 955.26 and Ohio Administrative Code 3701-3-(28-30). The Galion City Health Department rabies prevention program receives reports of animal bites and ensures that owned animals are quarantined, have a veterinary evaluation at the end of the quarantine period, have current vaccination against rabies, and/or is tested. We can also assist with referral to initiate rabies prophylaxis for the bite victim and rabies testing of the animal after an animal bite occurs if necessary. This program is funded through local dollars- general funds.



PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS SURVEY

The Ohio Department of Health conducted an annual survey of the public swimming pool, special use pool, and spa programs. The survey is done to determine the division's compliance with regulatory requirements. Andrea Barnes, Director of Environmental Health, was able to demonstrate her knowledge of the code and her ability to conduct inspections and document findings. This along with proper administrative practice, found the program to be in good standing once again.



PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL, SPA, SPECIAL USE POOL PROGRAM

All public pools, spas, and special-use pools are licensed and inspected for compliance with the Ohio Administrative Code 3701-31 and Ohio Revised Code 3749. Compliant investigations are also conducted, and legal action is taken as necessary against unlicensed or improperly managed locations. License fees are set to cover the cost of the program using a method set forth by state rules. This program is approved through regular surveys conducted by the Ohio Department of Health.

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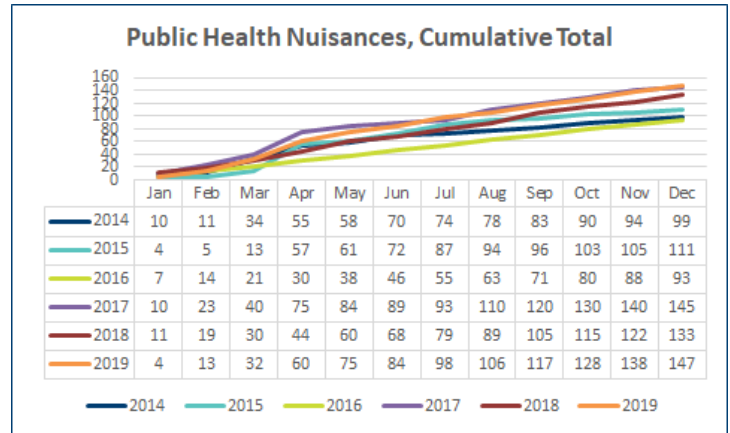
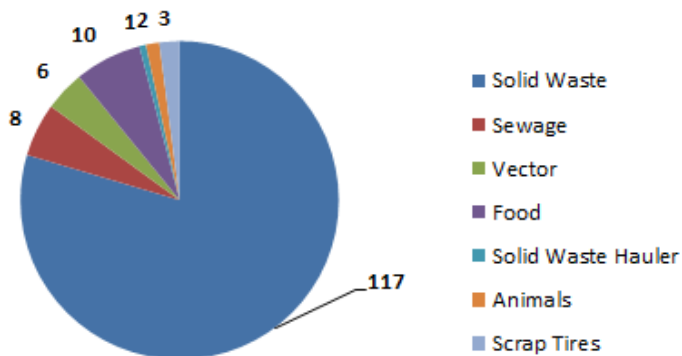
PUBLIC HEALTH NUISANCE PROGRAM

Our public health nuisance program seeks to eliminate unsanitary conditions in the community that pose potential hazards to public health. Public health nuisance conditions often result from the improper storage and/or disposal of solid waste, or the accumulation of solid waste on premises. In addition to drawing insect and animal pests, unsanitary premises may have old tires and watertight containers that give mosquitoes stagnant water in which to breed.

Unsanitary properties pose a threat to public health, cause blight in a neighborhood, and in severe cases can affect the values of nearby properties.

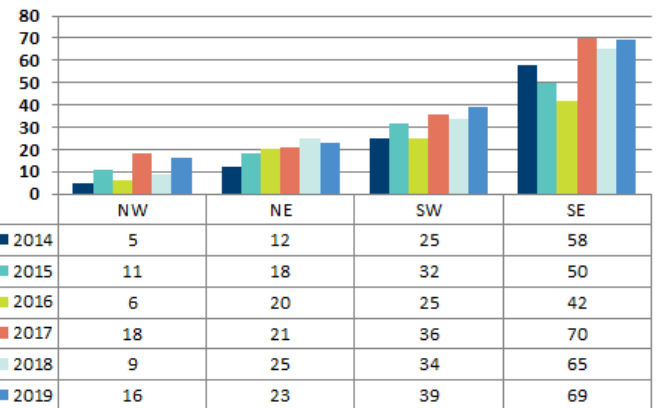
Inspections are conducted on a complaint basis; often anonymous. Orders are issued for properties that do not comply with Galion Codified Ordinances and/or select sections of Ohio Revised Code 3707. This program relies on local dollars- general funds.

Public Health Nuisances by Type



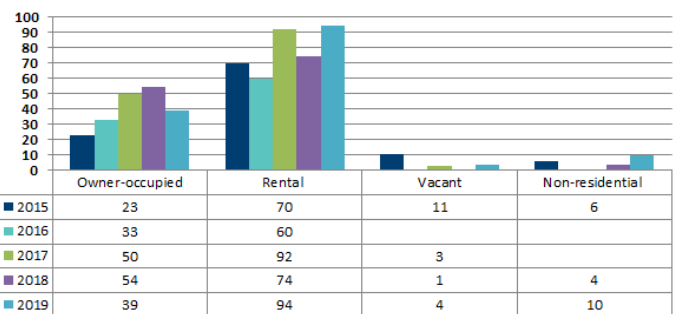
Nuisance complaints tend to decline in the winter months and are at their highest in summer months.

Public Health Nuisances by Location



Nuisance complaints are seen more often in the southern quadrants of the city; south east being most prevalent.

Property Ownership Status, 2015-2019



Nuisance complaints have been seen in rental properties more than any other property type over a 5-year period. Solid waste (i.e. Trash) has remained the primary nuisance type over the same 5-year period.



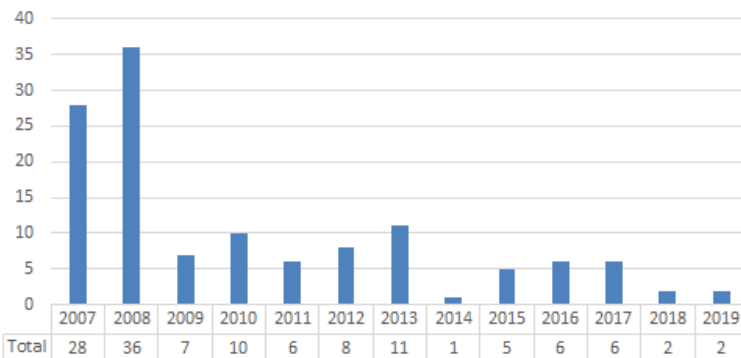
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SMOKEFREE WORKPLACE ENFORCEMENT

Ohio's Smoke Free Workplace Act was implemented in 2006 and requires places of employment and public places to be smoke free. Violations of the Smoke Free Workplace Act are investigated and enforced by the Smoke Free Workplace Program in the Office of Health Assurance and Licensing at the Ohio Department of Health. Enforcement of the ban by the Ohio Department of Health became effective May 3, 2007. Many of Ohio's local health departments have partnered with the Ohio Department of Health to help provide enforcement of the law and rules and have been designated to enforce the Smoking Ban in certain areas of Ohio. Investigations are conducted, per agreement with the Ohio Department of Health, based on complaints filed with ODH. Partial program costs are reimbursed by ODH. The investigations of smokefree workplace complaints is regulated under Ohio Revised Code 3794 and Ohio Administrative Code 3701-52. This program prohibits all forms of tobacco smoke in all public places of employment and in areas immediately adjacent to the ingress or egress of the public place or place of employment. While immediately adjacent is not defined, proprietors must assure that smoke does not enter the area where smoking is prohibited through entrances, windows, ventilations systems, or other means. One-page summary sheets of the law are available by request.



Number of Smokefree Workplace Complaints per
Year 2007-2019



SCHOOL INSPECTION PROGRAM

All K-12 schools in Galion are inspected biannually per the Ohio Revised Code 3707.03 and 3707.26. Although this is required, the program is unfunded and relies on local dollars-general funds.



MANUFACTURED HOME PARKS

Inspections of licensed manufactured home parks are conducted annually, per agreement with the Ohio Manufactured Homes Program under the Division of Industrial Compliance & Division of Real Estate & Professional Licensing at the Ohio Department of Commerce. Program costs are covered, mostly, with an annual contract with the state. The inspection of manufactured home parks is regulated under Ohio Revised Code 4781 and Ohio Administrative Code 4781.26 to 4781.57. Please note that inspections are performed annually by the Galion City Health Department, but that enforcement of the program is handled by the Ohio Department of Commerce.



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IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

The Galion City Health Department provides vaccines to individuals of all ages. GCHD is a Vaccines for Children Program provider for uninsured or under insured children through age 18. The 317 Program provides vaccine to those ages 18 and over that are uninsured or under insured. The Galion City Health Department also accepts Medicaid, Medicare, most private insurances, and self-pay clients are also welcome.

Immunizations are provided as a preventative to many diseases but are not a 100% guarantee against disease. For some diseases, such as influenza, the vaccine may not prevent the disease completely but may reduce symptoms. And just as important is the community aspect of vaccination to provide a cocoon of protection around those who are too young or too immunocompromised to be vaccinated.



GCHD provides all 'routine' childhood immunizations, including those required for entrance into grades 7 and 12. GCHD also provides many immunizations to adults whether they are beginning a new educational program, becoming grandparents, traveling, or simply wish to protect themselves.

IMMUNIZATIONS AVAILABLE INCLUDE:

Haemophilus Influenzae (Flu)
Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, & Pertussis)
Hepatitis B (Adult)
Hepatitis B (Pediatric/Adolescent)
Human Papilloma Virus
Hepatitis A (Pediatric/Adolescent)
Dtap (Diphtheria, Tetanus, & Pertussis)
Polio
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, & Polio
Meningococcal
Measles, Mumps, Rubella
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Haemophilus
Influenzae, & Polio
Pneumococcal
Measles, Mumps, Rubella, & Varicella (Chicken Pox)
Rotavirus
Tuberculin (TB) Skin Test
Td (Tetanus & Diphtheria)
Varicella (Chicken Pox)

IMMUNIZATION CLINICS

Galion City Health Department offers Immunization Clinics (by appointment) as well as walk-in services.

2nd Wednesday of the Month:
9am – 11am & 1pm – 3pm

3rd Wednesday of the Month:
3pm – 6pm

4th Wednesday of the Month:
9am – 11am & 1pm – 3pm

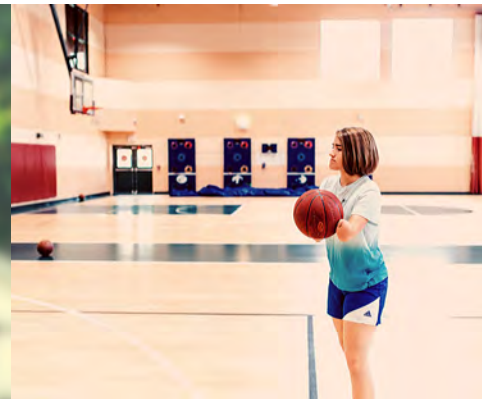
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CHILDREN WITH MEDICAL HANDICAPS (CMH) PROGRAM

The Children with medical Handicaps (CMH) Program is a healthcare program in the Ohio Department of Health that links families of children with special health care needs to a network of quality providers and helps families obtain payment for the services their children need. Assistance is provided to children under the age of 21 who have special health care needs and are residents of the State of Ohio. CMH's mission is to assure, through the development and support of high quality, coordinated systems, that children with special health care needs and their families obtain comprehensive care and services that are family centered, community based and culturally sensitive.

Major components of the CMH program include: conducting quality assurance activities to establish standards of care and to determine unmet needs of children with handicaps and their families; funding services for the diagnosis and treatment of medically eligible conditions; collaborating with public health nurses and local health departments to assist in increasing access to care; supporting service coordination for children with selected diagnoses; and assisting families to access and utilize appropriate sources of payment for services for their child.

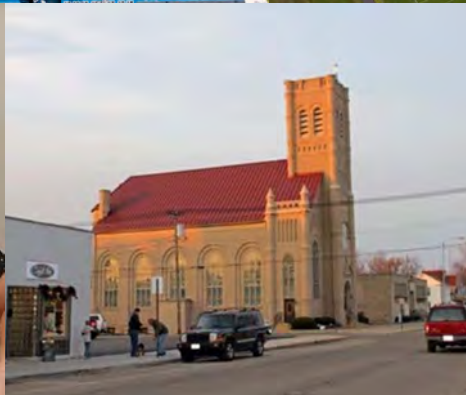
In 2019, 46 children and their families were able to receive CMH Program assistance through the Galion City Health Department.



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SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

The Galion City Health Department contracts with the Galion City Schools and St. Joseph's Catholic School- Galion to provide school health services to students; as allowed for under Ohio Revised Code 3709.22. GCHD staff provide health screenings including vision screenings for children in grades preschool, kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, and 9th, as well as any child with an individualized education program (IEP) or referred by the parent or teacher for vision concerns. GCHD staff also provide hearing screenings for children in grades preschool, kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 9th, and 11th, as well as those children referred for concerns or with an IEP. Additionally, female students in grades 6 and 7 and male students in grades 8 and 9 are screened for curvatures of the spine. The GCHD staff review immunization records for children in preschool, kindergarten, and in grades 7 and 11 to ensure these students meet the immunization requirements set by the State of Ohio under Ohio Revised Code 3313.67 and 3313.671. The GCHD staff provide health education programs to students and staff and are available for questions from the school about communicable diseases, head lice, and various other topics. The GCHD staff also provide daily medical care for students, coordinate care with parents and healthcare providers, and so much more!



ASSURE COMPETENT WORKFORCE



The Galion City Health Department invests time and resources in training employees that can best serve and meet the needs of the community we serve. GCHD is committed to ensuring staff have the opportunity to enhance skill sets in order to effectively carry out health department programs in the best way possible.

The administration at GCHD acknowledges the benefit of investing in people-focused practices including knowledge accessibility, building learning capacity and professional development. It is understood that by demonstrating a commitment to our employees' professional development, the organization and the people we serve will enjoy the rewards. GCHD provides opportunities for employees to attend educational in-services both internally and externally. The agency also believes that the employees share in the responsibility for their own learning and development. They need to work with their supervisor to identify and engage in training opportunities that meet their individual as well as departmental needs.

GCHD wishes to support and sustain a capable and qualified workforce. Training and educational activities are conducted to strive for the highest quality of services and performance improvement while meeting the needs and expectations of the community.

Whether conducting a training, educational outreach, workshop or exercise, quality improvement methods such as evaluation forms, after action reports, and improvement plans are utilized. As referenced in the Quality Improvement Plan, GCHD is committed to improving quality in all of its services, processes and programs, including workforce development, and all staff is required to maintain a culture of quality.



FEMA

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

All staff has completed the following FEMA Incident Command System Trainings:

IS-100 Introduction to Incident Command System

IS-200 ICS for Single Resources & Initial Action Incident

IS 700 National Incident Management System (NIMS), An Introduction

IS 800 National Response Framework, An Introduction

In addition, staff also completed:

IS-907 Active Shooter: What Can You Do

ASSURE COMPETENT WORKFORCE

MENTAL HEALTH IN THE WORKPLACE TRAINING

On August 5, 2019 Brad DeCamp of the Crawford-Marion ADMAH Board provided a training on Mental Health Conditions and Implications for the Workplace. The staff were able to learn about various mental illnesses, suicide warning signs, steps to help someone at risk, local suicide trends in Crawford County, Signs of Suicide programming occurring in Crawford County Schools, depression in the workplace, tips to help with anxiety in the workplace, and an overview of Mental Health First Aid. Various resources were also provided. Many staff were interested in learning more about Mental Health first Aid; staff will be able to attend that course in 2020.

“INCREASING SUICIDE RATES IN THE U.S. ARE A CONCERNING TREND THAT REPRESENT A TRAGEDY FOR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES AND IMPACT THE AMERICAN WORKFORCE,”DR.

DEBRA HOURY, DIRECTOR OF THE CDC NATIONAL CENTER FOR INJURY PREVENTION AND CONTROL.



LEADERSHIP ESSENTIALS FOR HEALTH DISTRICTS

The Leadership Essentials for Health District Success (LEHDS) course was attended by the Director of Nursing. This course is delivered by the Association of Ohio Health Commissioners and is meant to provide attendees with an understanding of leadership principles and management priorities as they relate to local health departments.

Topics include:

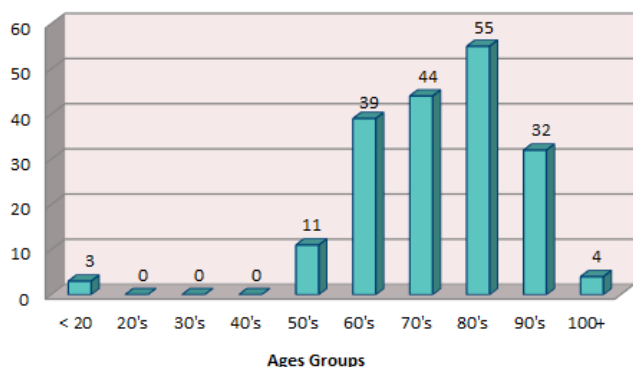
- Essential HR
- Performance Management
- Progressive Discipline & Performance Appraisal
- Quality Improvement
- Theft in Office
- Workers Compensation
- Attitude, Change, and Team Building activity
- Workforce Development
- Cost Methodology
- Attendance
- Layoffs
- Building Relationships with Ohio Legislators
- Terminations
- FMLA/ FLSA
- LHD HR Case Examples
- Funding Sources & Levies
- Community Engagement



EVALUATE

BIRTH AND DEATH STATISTICS

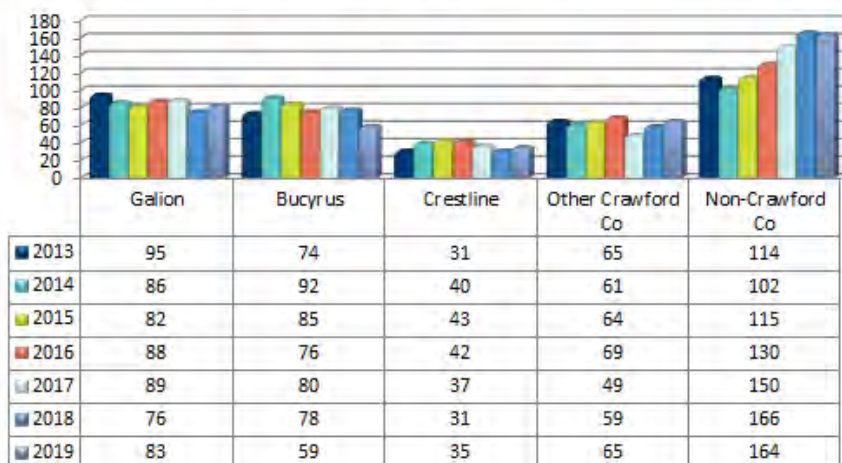
2019 Deaths By Age Groups



The Galion City Health Department looks at birth and death statistics to gain a perspective regarding population estimates and health concerns/ outcomes affecting the community. This data is incorporated into population projections by the state of Ohio as well as federally.

We need to know how many people are born and die each year – and the main causes of their deaths – in order to have well-functioning health systems. The GCHD must track all births and deaths. This data collection provides us the ability to identify our most pressing health issues. If deaths were uncounted and the causes of death not documented, we wouldn't be able to design effective public health policies or measure their impact.

Births by Mother's Residence



DID YOU KNOW?

The health department gets “inspected,” too? Environmental Health programs are periodically surveyed by Ohio Department of Health, when administrative aspects (fee setting, inspection frequency and reports, etc.) and inspection skills are reviewed to ensure appropriate services are provided to citizens. The Food Service Operation, Retail Food Establishment and Public Swimming Pool programs are surveyed and approved by Ohio Department of Health and/ or the Ohio Department of Agriculture



EVALUATE

THE GALION CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS CONSTANTLY WORKING TO IMPROVE THE SERVICES WE PROVIDE THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY. IN ORDER TO ENSURE CONTINUOUS GROWTH, GCHD UTILIZES FORMAL PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES.

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

The GCHD's Performance Management System is set up to determine whether each offered program is successful; based on a set of measurable outcomes determined by staff, program administrators, state mandates, and/or internal goals.

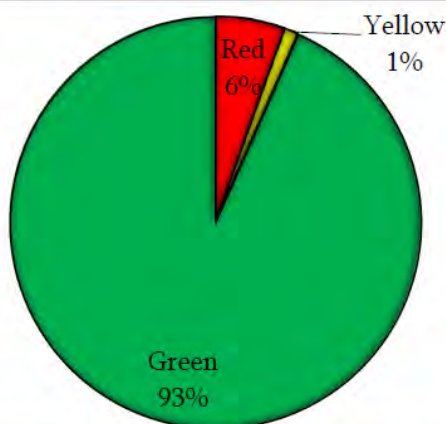
In 2018, staff and administrators working in each program set program goals and (SMART) objectives for the year 2019. These metrics were approved and entered into a system. Each objective was directly correlated with the GCHD's Strategic Priorities. In 2019, these objectives were regularly monitored, and reported on to determine strengths and weaknesses within each program area.

We are pleased to share that 93% of all objectives were met in 2019. Only 1% of the objectives were in progress but weren't quite considered met. The other 6% of the objectives had progress but were not complete to standards that were set internally.

In 2019, the staff again challenged themselves with difficult objectives. They continually push themselves and strive to exceed expectations. Lofty goals brought about the need for assessment and quality improvement projects in an effort to meet the goals and objectives set.

Through regularly monitoring outcomes, the staff are able to determine if a program is not meeting its predetermined goals/ objectives. In these cases, those program objectives will be taken to the GCHD Quality Improvement Council to determine if a quality improvement project could be beneficial.

GCHD Performance Measure Summary



Totals	Red	Yellow	Green
	5	1	85

GCHD STAFF WERE SUCCESSFUL IN MEETING 93% OF ALL OBJECTIVES THAT WERE SET IN 2019. THIS WAS AN IMPROVEMENT OVER 2018 WHEN 87% OF OBJECTIVES WERE MET.



RESEARCH AND APPLY INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS



OHIO PUBLIC HEALTH PARTNERSHIP



2019 NATIONAL PROFILE OF LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS STUDY

The National Longitudinal Survey of Public Health Systems (NLSPHS) local public health system assessment instrument measures the extent to which local public health systems provide 20 core public health services, the effectiveness of those efforts, and the contribution of effort that health departments and other system members make to those services.

All health departments that completed the instrument received a customized report, which can be used by as a quality improvement tool. In addition, departments that participated contributed to the science base of public health practice- for example, data from the NLSPHS has been used to examine the relationship between public health system characteristics and preventable mortality.



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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Human Development and Controlled Substance Prescribing in Ohio Counties

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ABSTRACT

Background: Human development is a holistic measure of well-being. The American Human Development Index (AHD) operationalizes the concept for the American context, using a composite measure of income, education, and health. This work presents the first county-level examination of AHD for the state of Ohio and examines the relationship between human development and controlled substance prescribing.

Methods: Publicly available data from the census and prior publications were compiled to calculate county-level AHD for all 88 Ohio counties. Correlations were examined between AHD and 4 classes of controlled substances, opioids, benzodiazepines, stimulants, and sedatives, using Pearson product moment correlation coefficient.

Results: County AHD scores ranged from 3.3 to 7.6, with mean and median values of 4.8. At the county level, human development is negatively correlated with opioid ($r = -0.46$, $r^2 = 0.22$, $P < 0.0001$) and benzodiazepine ($r = -0.43$, $r^2 = 0.18$, $P < 0.0001$) prescribing and positively associated with stimulant prescribing ($r = 0.49$, $r^2 = 0.24$, $P < 0.0001$). Neither sedative prescribing practices ($r = 0.09$, $P = 0.40$) nor median age ($r = -0.09$, $P = 0.41$) were significantly correlated with AHD.

Conclusion: There is a strong correlation between AHD and prescribing of several classes of controlled substances. Work remains to ascertain mechanisms and directionality of these relationships. Whether higher prescribing in areas with lower human development is an attempt to medicate health inequity or low human development is an additional manifestation of the opioid epidemic, this study underscores the necessity of pursuing equity in all policies.

Keywords: Opioids, Controlled substances, Prescribing, Human development, Human development index

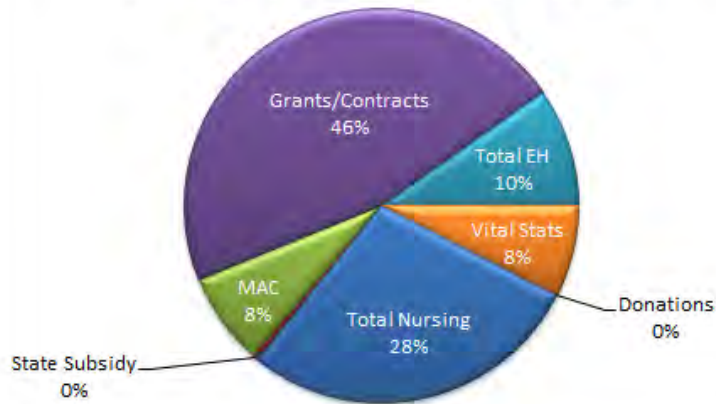


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GCHD Health Commissioner, Trish Factor, along with colleagues from around the state conducted research and were subsequently published in the December 2019 edition of the Ohio Journal of Public Health. The research article was entitled "Human Development and Controlled Substance Prescribing in Ohio Counties" can be found at <https://ohioph.org/ojph/ohio-journal-of-public-health-vol-2-no-2-dec-2019/>.

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2019 Revenue by Department



**GCHD PRODUCED
120.71% OF THE TOTAL
PROJECTED REVENUE IN
2019.**

**GCHD PRODUCED
143.71% OF THE
PROJECTED GRANTS/
CONTRACTS REVENUE IN
2019.**

**GCHD PRODUCED
111.31% OF THE
PROJECTED NURSING
REVENUE IN 2019.**

2019 Original Revenue Projections vs Amount Collected

	Projected	Collected	Difference
Nursing	\$122,985.00	\$136,898.35	11.31%
State Subsidy	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,972.11	3.80%
MAC	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 36,774.41	2.15%
Grants/Contracts	\$155,990.33	\$224,173.80	43.71%
Env. Health	\$ 45,884.80	\$ 47,101.40	2.65%
Vital Stats	\$ 37,500.00	\$ 36,245.41	-3.35%
Donations	\$ -	\$ -	-
Totals	\$400,260.13	\$483,165.48	20.71%

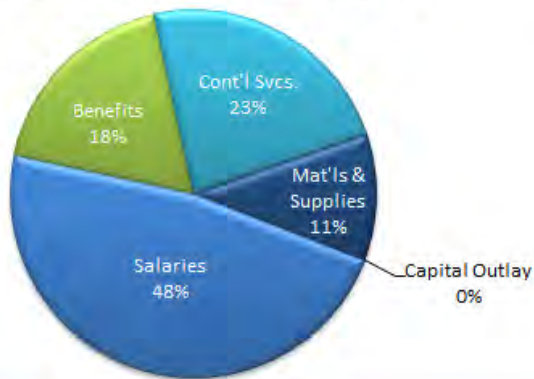
General Income & Source of Funds 2019

City General Fund	\$ 240,853.54	33.27%
Other Local Government Contracts	\$ 5,468.63	0.76%
Shelby City Contract - \$ 5,468.63		
Passthrough Rec. from Non-State Entities		
Craw Co. GetVaccinated Grant - \$ 2,064.00	\$ 19,408.04	2.68%
Portsmouth HIV/STD Contract - \$ 17,344.04		
Medicaid	\$ 9,707.44	1.34%
Medicare	\$ 9,012.12	1.24%
Private Insurance Reimbursement	\$ 57,081.34	7.88%
Patient Fees		
Immunization Cash - \$ 5,438.00		
Shampoo - \$ 96.00		
Visuals - \$ 239.50		
Record Copies - \$ 267.00	\$ 7,887.49	1.09%
Head Checks - \$ 80.92		
Lead Testing - \$ 117.18		
Flu Cash - \$ 1,121.03		
Sexual Health Clinic Cash - \$ 527.86		
Health Promotion Fees	\$ 275.00	0.04%
Car Seats - \$ 275.00		
Environmental Health		
Food Services - \$ 42,455.15		
MHP Inspection Fees - \$ 325.00		
Pool Licenses - \$ 2,820.00	\$ 46,726.40	6.45%
Trash Hauler Licenses - \$ 631.25		
Water Testing - \$ 20.00		
Other (Food Safety Test, Temp Campground, Tattoo License) - \$ 475.00		
Vital Statistics	\$ 36,245.41	5.01%
Locally Funded Projects/Special Contracts (Non-Govt)		
School Nursing:		
Galion City - \$ 45,422.03	\$ 45,667.03	6.31%
Galion St Joe's - \$ 245.00		
Miscellaneous Income		
Donations - \$ -	\$ 317.93	0.04%
Refunds - \$ 317.93		
State Subsidy	\$ 1,972.11	0.27%
ODH State Funded Projects		
BCMH - \$ 6,950.00		
Healthy Homes - \$ 8,000.00		
HIV Grant - \$ 156,786.11	\$ 192,072.13	26.53%
STD Grant - \$ 18,630.02		
Hep A - \$ 1,331.00		
Smokefree Workplace - \$ 375.00		
Fed. Passthrough Rec. from State Entities	\$ 36,774.41	5.08%
MAC (From ODH) - \$ 36,774.41		
Other State (Non-ODH) Funded Projects	\$ 14,550.00	2.01%
Mbsquito Grant - \$ 14,550.00		
Federally Funded Projects	\$ -	0.00%
Total Revenue	\$724,019.02	100.00%

The General Income & Source of Funds Chart shows the breakdown of income for the Galion City Health Department. Also provided is the breakdown by percentage.

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2019 Expenses by Category



The Original Budget Target was \$658,830

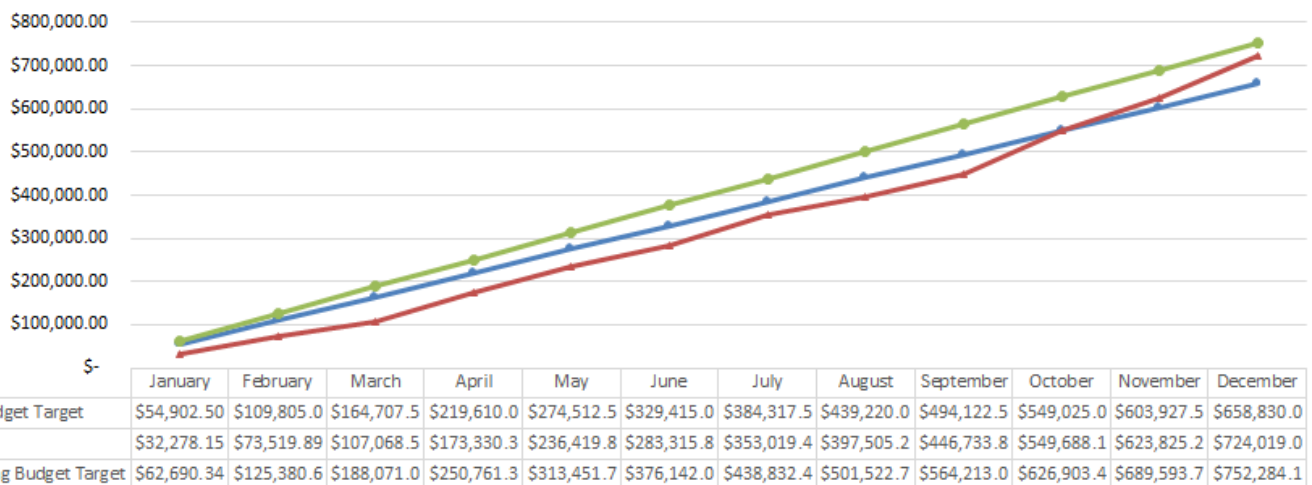
The New Working Budget was \$752,284.11 due to increased revenue streams.

The Actual Budget spent was \$724,019.02; therefore, we only spent 96.24% of our budget in 2019.

General Health Expenditures 2019

Contractual Services		
Legal Advertising, Memberships, Publications, Equipment Lease, Software, Permits, License and Contract, Facility and Vehicle Maint., Postage, Technical Services, EH Fees, VS Fees, Travel/Registration	\$ 165,817.18	22.90%
Liability Insurance	\$ 550.96	0.08%
Personnel/Human Services	\$ -	0.00%
Materials & Supplies		
Supplies for office, computers, copiers, printers, cleaning, medical, vaccines, medicines, gasoline, equipment, & furniture	\$ 80,298.58	11.09%
Utilities		
Natural Gas, Trash, Phones, Cell Phones, & Internet Service	\$ 1,630.63	0.23%
Capital Outlay	\$ -	0.00%
Employee Benefits & Ins.		
Includes Workman's Comp, PERS, Medicare, Hospital and Life Insurance	\$ 131,335.23	18.14%
Salaries & Wages		
Including: Longevity, Clothing Allowance, Sick Leave Incentive	\$ 344,386.44	47.57%
TOTAL	\$724,019.02	100.00%

Overall Budget 2019

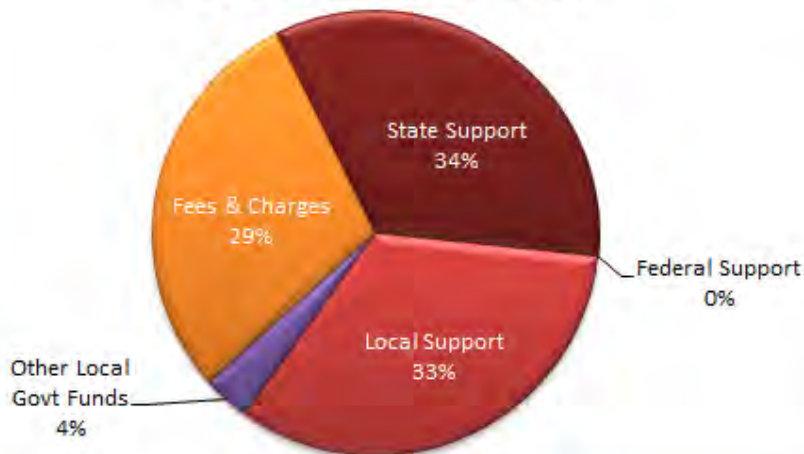


This chart (above) shows the overall 2019 budget for the Galion City Health Department. The staff work diligently to utilize funds in the most efficient and effective ways.

As noted, we came in under the New Working Budget.

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2019 Revenue Source



Local Support, funds received from the City of Galion, were reduced from 46% in 2018 to 33% IN 2019.

State Support received in the form of grants, state subsidy, and federal passthrough increased greatly from 1% in 2018 to 34% in 2019.

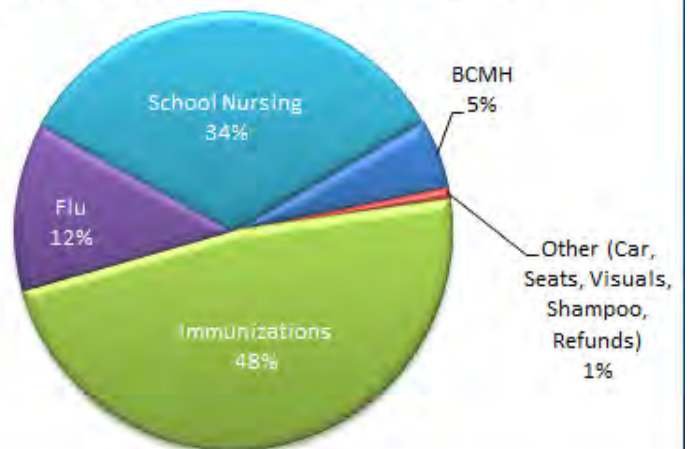
Fees and Charges received decreased from 46% in 2018 to 29% in 2019.

Revenues from School Nursing Services decreased from 45% in 2018 to 34% in 2019.

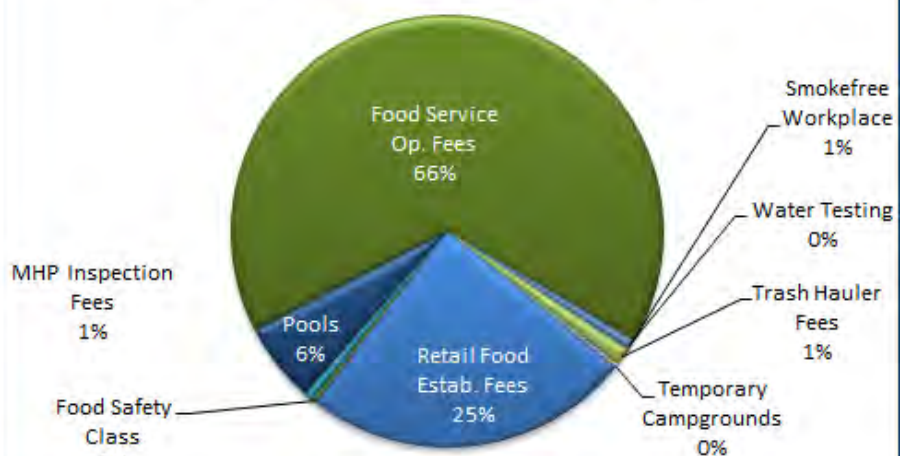
Revenues from Immunizations increased from 35% in 2018 to 48% in 2019.

Flu Revenues decreased from 15% in 2018 to 12% in 2019.

2019 Nursing Revenue by Program



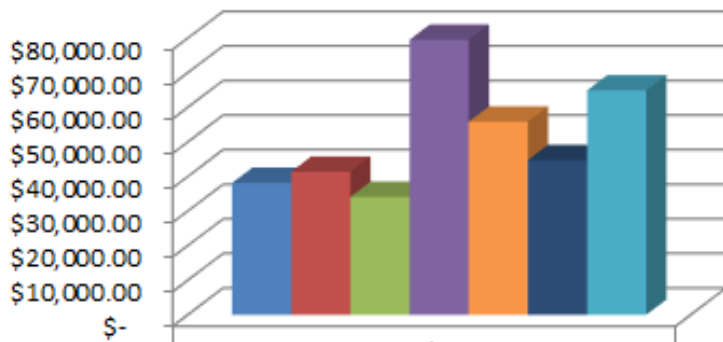
2019 EH Revenue by Program



Environmental Health Division Revenues remained fairly consistent from 2018 to 2019. The Food Service Operation Fees rose only slightly from 63% in 2018 to 66% in 2019.

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Immunization Fees by Year



2013	\$38,158.64
2014	\$41,395.87
2015	\$34,111.19
2016	\$79,536.06
2017	\$55,848.41
2018	\$44,723.72
2019	\$64,870.40

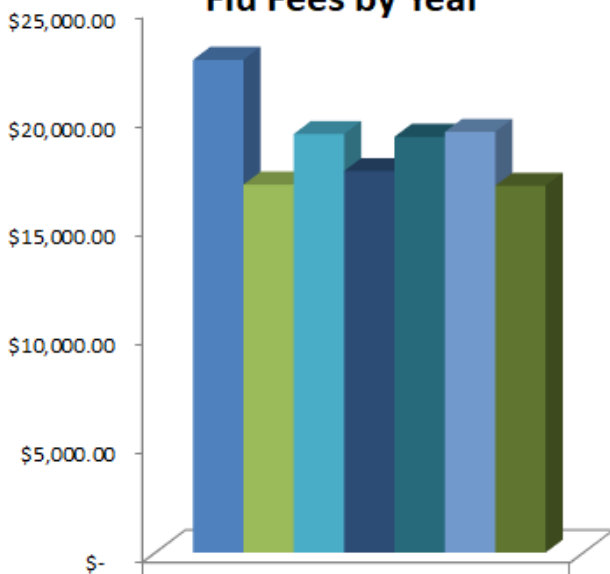
MEDICARE IMMUNIZATION REVENUES WERE 226.77% OF THE PROJECTED REVENUE FOR 2019.

CASH PAY IMMUNIZATION REVENUES WERE 183.04% OF THE PROJECTED REVENUE FOR 2019.

MEDICAID IMMUNIZATION REVENUES WERE 148.63% OF THE PROJECTED REVENUE FOR 2019.

PRIVATE INSURANCE IMMUNIZATION REVENUES WERE 143.86% OF THE PROJECTED REVENUE FOR 2019.

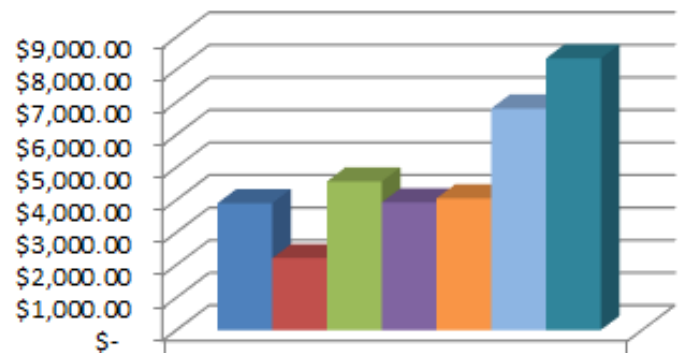
Flu Fees by Year



2013	\$22,642.20
2014	\$16,912.36
2015	\$19,237.72
2016	\$17,532.86
2017	\$19,109.11
2018	\$19,337.14
2019	\$16,859.61

Other Nursing Fees by Year

(CMH, Car Seats, Lice Checks, Refunds, Shampoo, Visuals, Lead Tests)



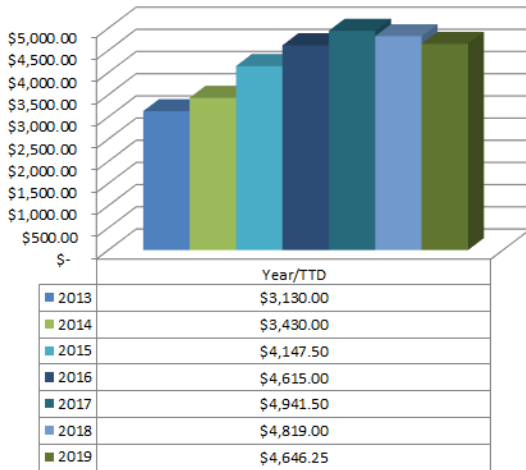
2013	\$3,896.96
2014	\$2,210.00
2015	\$4,565.17
2016	\$3,917.96
2017	\$4,041.58
2018	\$6,805.97
2019	\$8,343.53

CMH REVENUES WERE 231.67% OF THE PROJECTED REVENUE FOR 2019.

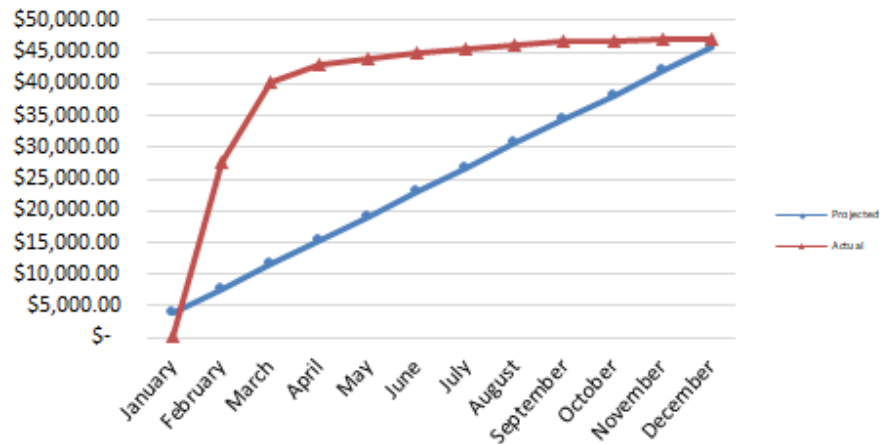
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EH Other Fees by Year

(Food Safety Class/Test, Mobile Home Park Inspection, Pool/Spa, Trash Hauler, Water Testing, Temp Campground, Smokefree Workplace, Tattoo License Fee)

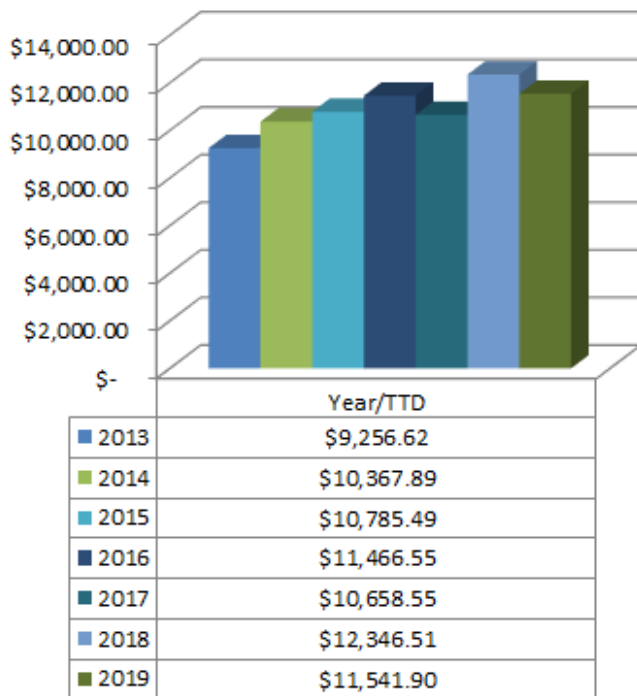


Environmental Health Revenue 2019

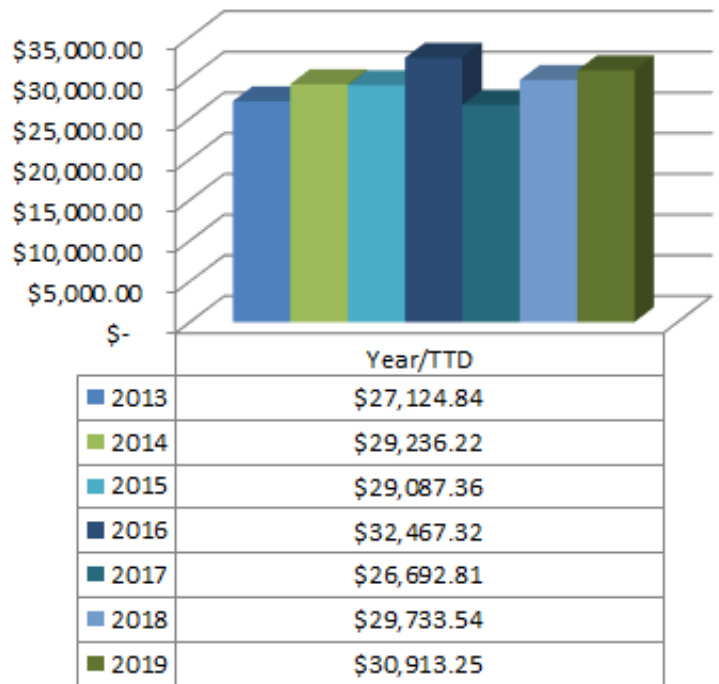


As noted in the chart, above, the majority of Environmental Health Revenues are received in February. This is due to the food licensing period in which renewals and fees are due.

Retail Food Est Fees by Year



Food Service Op Fees by Year

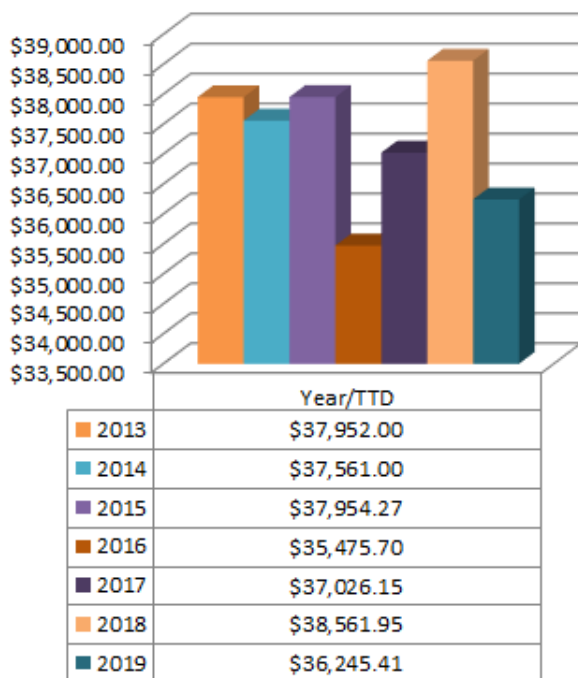


In the Food Service Operation and Retail Food Establishment licensing fees, it can be seen that fees received remained fairly consistent, with only a minor shift of revenue from one category to the other. Although fees for individual licenses are determined based on the Ohio Department of Health Cost Methodology, an increase in late application (late fees), new facilities, and other factors have affected this.

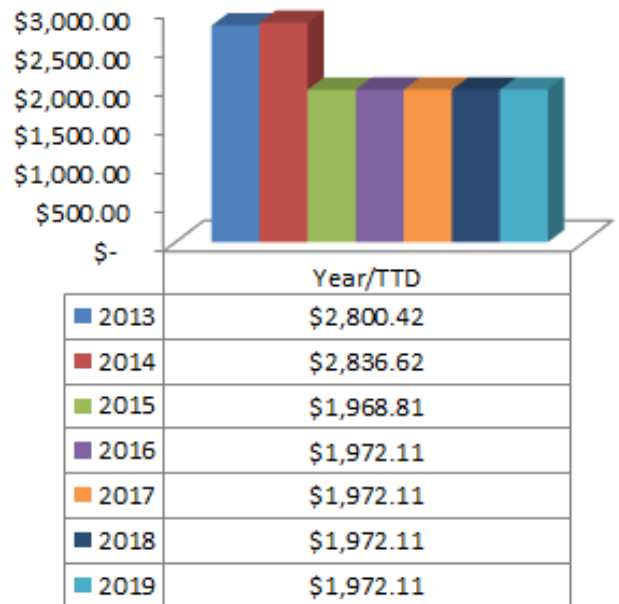
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After a decrease in State Subsidy funding effective in 2015, the subsidy funding has remained consistent, and agreeably low.

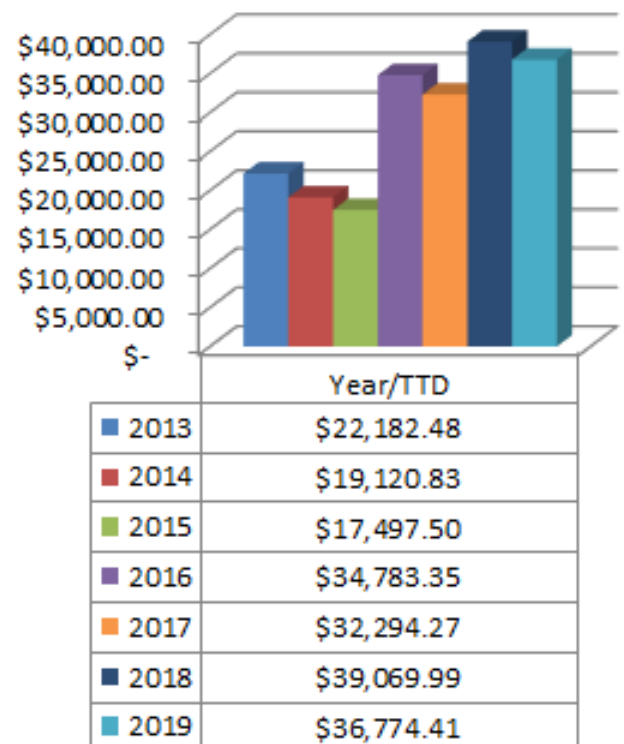
Vital Stats Fees by Year



State Subsidy by Year



MAC Fees by Year



The Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) is a quarterly week long time-study. Completion of these quarterly time time studies allows our agency to be reimbursed for individual or population-based work we do to either: 1) help enroll people in Medicaid; or 2) help them access Medicaid-covered services.



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HEALTH DEPARTMENT



Open House!

- Lead safety
- Food safety
- Free Blood Pressure
- Free Mosquito Dunks

You are important to us!

