

Wyandot County General Health District 2024 Annual Report



Wyandot County **Public Health**

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Wyandot County Public Health

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2024 Health Commissioner Message



I have served as the Health Commissioner for Wyandot County and the Medical Director for Wyandot County Public Health since 2010. There have been many changes over the years, but our mission remains the same. Wyandot County Public Health is dedicated to providing health and safety services that positively impact the well-being of all citizens of Wyandot County. We do so by providing services including routine immunizations, assistance to children with medical handicaps, school nursing, Help Me Grow home visiting, food and water safety programs, emergency preparedness, disaster training and WIC services. We continually work on our Community Health Improvement Plan and are committed to providing quality public health services to our community with the goal of improving the overall health of our population.

As always, please contact us with opportunities on how we can better serve you as we continue to prevent, promote, and protect in 2025.

Keri Harris, M.D.

Wyandot County Health Commissioner

2024 Wyandot County Board of Health

Meet the Members of Our Board of Health



Bill Aubry
President
Current Term:
4/1/2021 - 3/31/2026



Barb Mewhorter
Vice President
Current Term:
4/1/2023 - 3/31/2028



Cindy Kraus
Board Member
Current Term:
4/1/2024 - 3/31/2029



Dallas Risner
Replaced by
Deborah Rellinger
Board Member
Current Term:
10/1/2023 - 3/31/2025



Dr. Chevone R. Vent
Board Member
Current Term:
4/1/2022 - 3/31/2027

Mission Statement - Providing health and safety services that positively impact and improve the well-being of all who live, work, and play in Wyandot County.

Wyandot County Health Alliance



In August of 2002, more than 20 local agencies, businesses, health professionals, and private citizens established the Wyandot County Health Alliance, a partnership to improve community wellness and quality of life. In 2003, with "A Healthier Wyandot County" as their vision, the Health Alliance initiated the most comprehensive county-wide, standardized community needs assessment ever conducted for Wyandot County. The assessment is completed every three years, as required by the Ohio Department of Health. In 2022, we utilized the data from the 2021 Community Health Assessment (CHA) to create our 2022-2025 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). To view the specific data used, please visit www.wyandothealth.com/

[community-health-assessment/](http://www.wyandothealth.com/).

The 2022-2025 CHIP identifies our newest 3-year strategies as:

- Priority Area 1:** Community Conditions (1 strategy)
- Priority Area 2:** Health Behaviors (7 strategies)
- Priority Area 3:** Access to Care (Discontinued)
- Priority Area 4:** Mental Health and Addiction (4 strategies)
- Priority Area 5:** Chronic Disease (1 strategy)
- Priority Area 6:** Maternal and Infant Health (2 strategies)
- Priority Area 7:** Risky Behaviors (1 strategy)

To view a more detailed list of the strategies and their action plans, please visit www.wyandothealth.com/ [community-health-](http://www.wyandothealth.com/)

[improvement-plan/](http://www.wyandothealth.com/).

The Health Alliance is now fifty-three members strong. The Health Alliance is currently in the process of using the 2024 CHA data to create a 2026-2028 CHIP with new goals and strategies for our community. The new CHIP is expected to be completed around the second quarter of 2025. Participation is vital and gives the Health Alliance fresh ideas to help our community flourish.

For any questions or if you are a community partner wanting to join the Wyandot County Health Alliance, please give us a call at 419-294-3852 and ask for one of our Health Alliance coordinators, Vincent Donnersbach and Callan McMillion.

Wyandot County Public Health Staff



Krystina Auble



Yajaira Ayala



Carrie Boes



Beth Bower



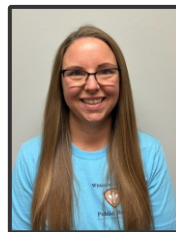
Rhiannon Coppler



Hanna Dickerson



Vincent Donnersbach



April Gottfried



Alexia Heacok



Lydia Ingalls



Jodi Kimmel



Candace Kimmel



Erin Logsdon



Katrina Motter



Allison Meek



Sarah Mullins



Kelli Owens



Molly Owens



Ashley Pierson



Callan Pugh



Danielle Schalk



Michelle Swinehart



Tonya Tracy

2024 Fiscal Division

Performance Management

Our 2024 financial goal was increasing our operating funds from 90 to 105 days cash on hand. We ended the year with 148.35 days. We continue to monitor funding and are always looking for grant opportunities. We remain optimistic regarding the 2025 financial picture.

Fiscal Staff 2024

Kelli Owens
Financial Officer / Registrar

Performance Management for All Funds Combined

| Year | Beginning Balance | YTD Revenue | YTD Expenditures | Ending Balance | Days | GOALS |
|------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|--------|------------------------------|
| 2013 | \$106,989.56 | \$645,749.00 | \$663,612.18 | \$89,126.38 | 34.92 | |
| 2014 | \$89,126.38 | \$710,555.83 | \$732,974.46 | \$66,707.75 | 23.66 | |
| 2015 | \$66,707.75 | \$784,773.16 | \$827,917.60 | \$23,563.31 | 7.40 | |
| 2016 | \$23,563.31 | \$890,088.84 | \$866,056.82 | \$47,595.33 | 14.29 | |
| 2017 | \$47,595.33 | \$1,026,521.20 | \$1,036,609.66 | \$37,506.87 | 9.41 | Operating Funds for 30 Days |
| 2018 | \$37,506.87 | \$961,605.66 | \$929,033.74 | \$70,078.90 | 19.69 | Operating Funds for 30 Days |
| 2019 | \$70,078.79 | \$957,960.95 | \$1,006,009.57 | \$22,030.17 | 5.72 | Operating Funds for 30 Days |
| 2020 | \$22,030.17 | \$1,204,237.25 | \$1,021,358.39 | \$204,909.03 | 52.56 | Operating Funds for 45 Days |
| 2021 | \$204,909.93 | \$1,094,981.84 | \$867,370.83 | \$432,520.94 | 130.15 | Operating Funds for 60 Days |
| 2022 | \$432,520.94 | \$104,815.97 | \$134,555.66 | \$402,781.25 | 122.73 | Operating Funds for 75 Days |
| 2023 | \$402,781.25 | \$1,034,112.01 | \$1,148,458.49 | \$368,399.52 | 79.55 | Operating Funds for 90 Days |
| 2024 | \$368,260.64 | \$1,094,145.38 | \$1,081,808.70 | \$380,597.32 | 110.19 | Operating Funds for 105 Days |
| 2025 | | | | | | Operating Funds for 120 Days |
| 2026 | | | | | | Operating Funds for 120 Days |

Cash Report All Funds Combined

| Date December 31, 2024 | Beginning Balance January 1, 2024 | 2024 Revenue YTD | 2024 Transfers In | 2024 Beginning, Revenue & Transfer Total | 2024 Expenses YTD | 2024 Transfers Out | 2024 YTD Balance |
|--|-----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|--|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| County Health | \$368,260.64 | \$1,094,145.38 | | \$1,462,406.02 | \$1,097,801.69 | \$50,000.00 | \$314,604.33 |
| Recreational Vehicle Park | \$4,700.20 | \$2,657.95 | | \$7,358.15 | \$5,761.83 | | \$1,596.32 |
| Water Supply | \$7,422.49 | \$17,890.42 | \$10,000.00 | \$35,312.91 | \$28,693.89 | | \$6,619.02 |
| Women Infants and Children Grant | \$25,114.13 | \$99,841.15 | | \$124,955.28 | \$104,034.05 | | \$20,921.23 |
| Food Service | \$30,329.36 | \$54,304.32 | | \$84,633.68 | \$67,666.87 | | \$16,966.81 |
| Sanitary Landfill | \$77,271.14 | \$60,000.82 | | \$137,271.96 | \$116,433.17 | | \$20,838.79 |
| Community Youth & Tobacco | \$0.00 | \$17,433.00 | \$10,000.00 | \$27,433.00 | \$6,557.97 | | \$20,875.03 |
| Manufactured Home Park | \$3,071.35 | \$1,100.96 | | \$4,172.31 | \$687.47 | | \$3,484.84 |
| School Nursing | \$1,378.49 | \$139,493.24 | | \$140,871.73 | \$121,086.68 | | \$19,785.05 |
| Solid Waste Health | \$12,743.92 | \$20,005.65 | | \$32,749.57 | \$24,191.08 | | \$8,558.49 |
| Covid-19 Vaccination Grant | \$4,710.92 | \$11.44 | | \$4,722.36 | \$205.59 | | \$4,516.77 |
| Infectious Waste | \$2,109.15 | \$0.00 | | \$2,109.15 | \$0.00 | | \$2,109.15 |
| Swimming Pool | \$374.40 | \$1,617.83 | \$5,000.00 | \$6,992.23 | \$3,374.24 | | \$3,617.99 |
| Covid Enhanced Operations | \$47,188.25 | \$93,004.99 | | \$140,193.24 | \$128,786.56 | | \$11,406.68 |
| Public Health Emergency Response Grant | \$130,169.08 | \$55,091.27 | | \$185,260.35 | \$57,622.18 | | \$127,638.17 |
| Life Skills | \$48,468.61 | \$25,573.51 | | \$74,042.12 | \$427.06 | | \$73,615.06 |
| Construction & Demolition Debris Fund | \$27,942.84 | \$34,327.11 | | \$62,269.95 | \$28,368.80 | | \$33,901.15 |
| Get Vaccinated | \$42,481.80 | \$54,142.48 | | \$96,624.28 | \$43,405.04 | | \$53,219.24 |
| Household Sewage Disposal | \$22,054.16 | \$127,170.87 | \$25,000.00 | \$174,225.03 | \$113,978.67 | | \$60,246.36 |
| Health Department Subtotal | \$855,790.93 | \$1,897,812.39 | \$50,000.00 | \$2,803,603.32 | \$1,949,082.84 | \$50,000.00 | \$804,520.48 |
| | | | \$1,947,812.39 | | | \$1,999,082.84 | |

The fiscal division administers all state, federal and local grants. The division oversees the collection of revenues and monitors expenses such as payroll and purchasing. The health district is audited once a year by the Auditor of the State of Ohio and has received a clean audit for many years. In addition to the state audit, the board of health also reviews all financial reporting at the monthly board of health meetings.

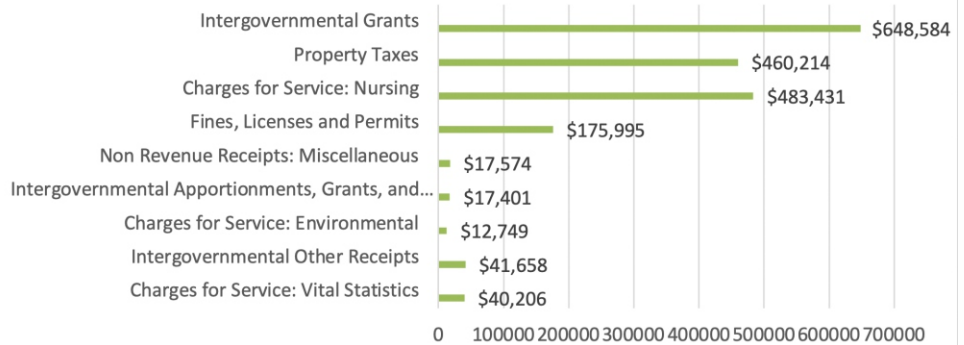
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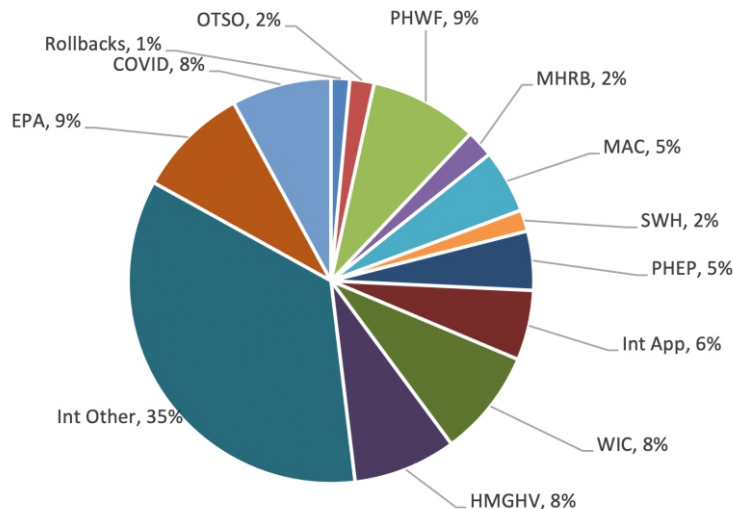
2024 Revenue Sources \$1,897,812



2024 Expenses \$1,949,083

| Expense Category | Amount | Percentage |
|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Postage | \$2,419 | 0.1% |
| Travel & Expenses | \$17,002 | 0.9% |
| Intergovernmental Expense | \$49,999 | 2.6% |
| Equipment | \$2,753 | 0.1% |
| State and EPA Fees | \$169,374 | 8.7% |
| Other Expenses | \$254,571 | 13.1% |
| Supplies | \$197,797 | 10.1% |
| Contract Service | \$106,189 | 5.4% |
| Fringes | \$246,805 | 12.7% |
| Salaries | \$902,174 | 46.3% |
| Total Expenses | \$1,949,083 | 100.0% |

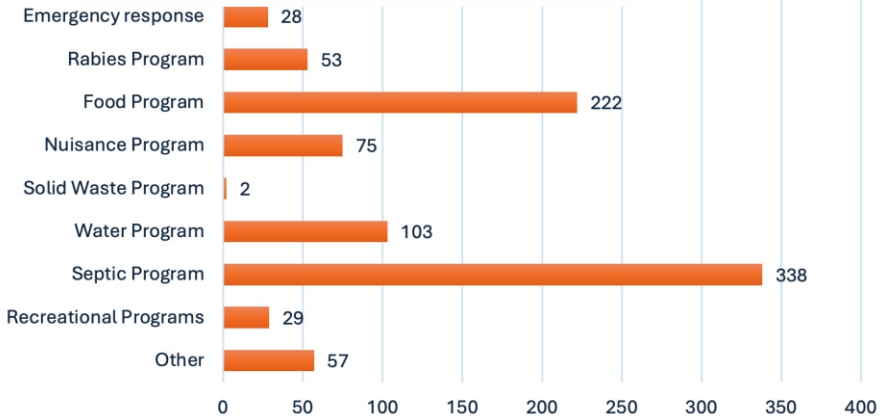
2024 Grants and Other Receipts \$1,167,857



2024 Environmental Health Report of Activities

The Environmental Health Division's duties include conducting environmental health inspections at restaurants and other food service establishments as well as campgrounds, swimming pools, landfills, and school facilities. Additional responsibilities include issuing water and sewage permits for private residences and overseeing the operation and maintenance of septic systems in the county. The Environmental Health Division is also involved in tracking all animal bites and assuring animals are quarantined and vaccinated for rabies.

879 Environmental Health Consults by Program



2024 Environmental Staff

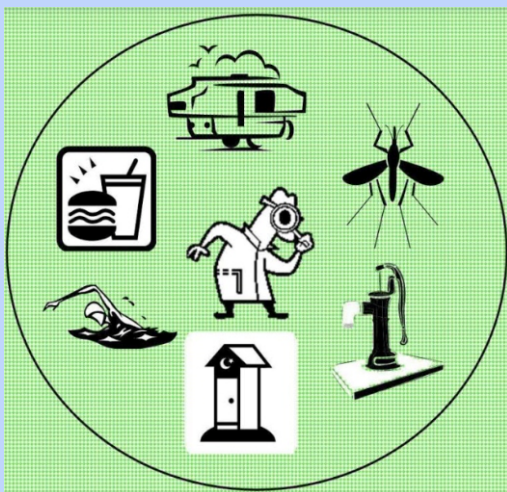
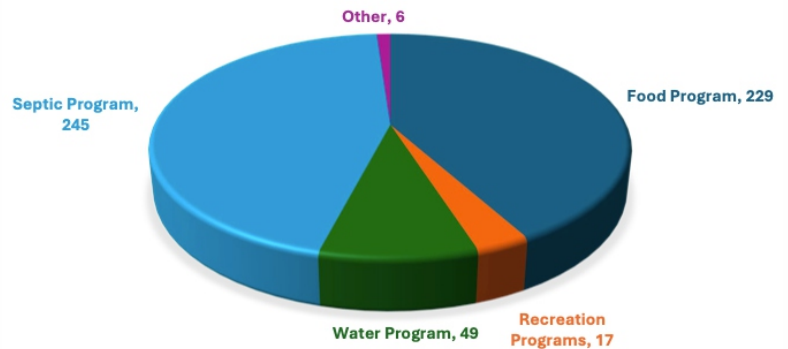
Molly Owens, MBA, MPH, REHS -
Director

Danielle Schalk, BS, REHS

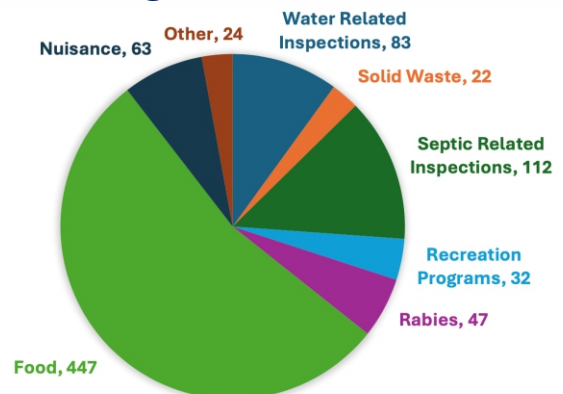
Lydia Ingalls, BS, REHSIT

Callan McMillion, BA -
Public Health Educator

546 Permits / Licenses Issued by Major Program



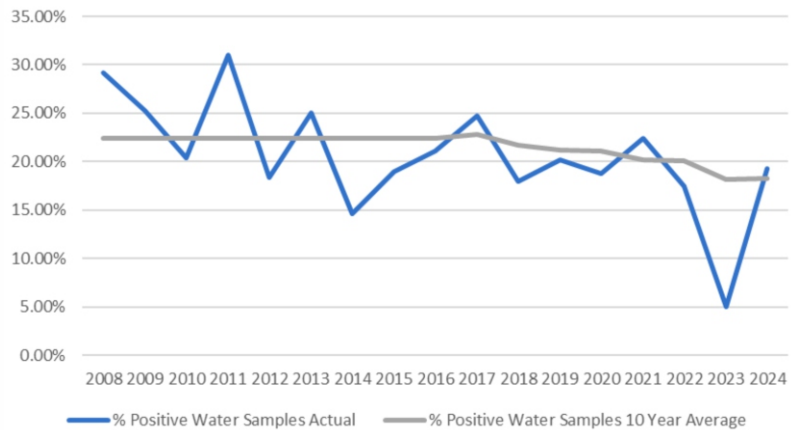
831 Total Investigations/Inspections



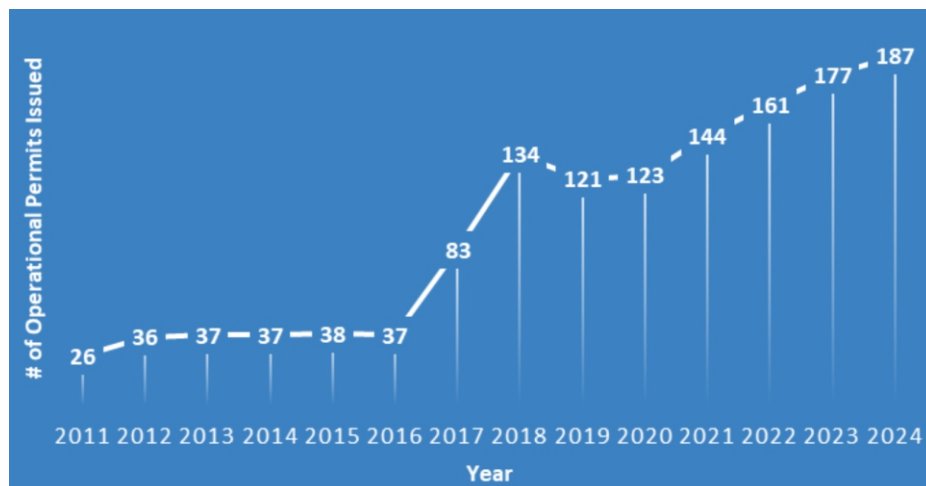
Environmental Health Performance Management

In 2024 the Environmental Health Division continued to monitor positive water sample rates for new and replaced private water systems. The ultimate goal of this project is to reduce the costs and inconvenience associated with the resampling of wells for homeowners, contractors and the Health Department, and to assure safe water for homeowners.

Positive Water Sample Rates by Year



Septic Operational Permits Issued by Year



Since 2017 Wyandot Public Health has added old existing sewage systems as well as new installs into an Operational Permitting Program. Operational Permits help to ensure that existing septic systems are being properly maintained and not creating nuisances.

The cost to replace or repair a failing sewage system can be devastating to a household. To assist with the financial burden, Wyandot Public Health continues to make available up to \$75,000 in grant dollars each year, to income eligible families, for the repair or replacement of failing household sewage systems.

2024 Public Health Nursing Report of Activities

Nursing Department Staff in 2024

Candace Kimmel, BSN, RN – Director of Nursing

Beth Bower, RN – Public Health Nurse

Rhiannon Coppler, RN – Public Health Nurse

Allison Meek, RN – Public Health Nurse

Alexa Heacock, RN – Public Health Nurse

Ashley Pierson, BSN, RN – Public Health Nurse

Sarah Mullins, RN – Public Health Nurse

Katrina Motter, LPN – Public Health Nurse

Tonya Tracy, RN – Public Health Nurse

Yajaira Ayala – Help Me Grow Supervisor

April Gottfried, OTD, OTR/L –
Help Me Grow Service Coordinator

Carrie Boes – Clerk & Medical Biller

Jodi Kimmel – Clerk

Michelle Swinehart - Clerk

Public Health Nursing is defined as the practice of promoting and protecting the health of populations using knowledge from nursing, social, and public health sciences (American Public Health Association). Public health nursing focuses on promoting health, preventing disease, and building community involvement.

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2024 Nursing Programs Included:

Routine Immunization Clinics

Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Clinics

Covid-19 Vaccination Clinics

Communicable Disease Reporting,
Investigation, & Follow-up

Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH)

School Nursing

Help Me Grow Home Visiting

Project DAWN Naloxone Distribution

Car Seat Training & Distribution

Lead Case Management

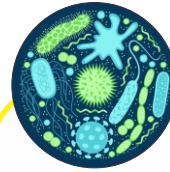
Lice Prevention & Eradication

The Pieces to Our Nursing Puzzle



Deaths Avoided with Naloxone. Opioid overdose education and naloxone distribution

Community Naloxone Kits Distributed: **2131**
 Law Enforcement/First Responder Naloxone Kits Distributed: **73**
 Total Naloxone Kits Distributed: **2207**



Communicable Disease Reporting

Public Health Nurses are responsible for following up on reportable conditions in Wyandot County residents.

The top 3 reportable conditions in Wyandot County in 2024:
 #1 – COVID-19
 #2 – Chlamydia
 #3 – Influenza-Associated Hospitalization



Immunization Clinic

Reduce and eliminate vaccine-preventable diseases for all ages.

1,658 Clients
2,888 Vaccines Given
71 Mantoux (PPD) Tests



Car Seat Program

WCPH provides child safety seats and booster seats to eligible families through the O.B.B Program. The overall goal is to increase safety and proper installation.

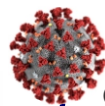
53 Car Seats Distributed
13 High-back Boosters Distributed
2 Community Car Seat Check Events



Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH) Program

Providing assistance to children with special health care and their families

105 Children



Covid Test Kit Distribution

Covid test kits distributed: **2191**



Help Me Grow Home Visiting

Help Me Grow Home Visiting is a parent- support program that encourages early prenatal and well-baby care, as well as parenting education to promote the comprehensive health and development of children.

32 Families
2 Children aged out in 2024
9 Group Connections

School Nursing & Delegated Nursing Services

Promoting the health and wellness of students.

Screenings:
 Hearing / Vision / Scoliosis
 Health Management

Contracted Nursing Services with:
 Angeline / Board of DD / Carey / OLC
 St. Peter's / Upper Sandusky
4,362 School Contacts



2023 Primary Cause of Death

Primary causes of Wyandot County deaths have been provided below. It should be noted that additional contributing factors can be included on each death certificate.

| | | | |
|----------------------------|----|---------------------|------------|
| Accidents | | COPD | 7 |
| Fall | 1 | COVID-19 | 2 |
| Drowning | 1 | Dementia | 4 |
| Combined Drug Intoxication | | Diabetes | 1 |
| (Fentanyl, Oxycodone/Meth) | 1 | Dysphagia | 7 |
| Car-Blunt Force | 6 | OTHER | 3 |
| Alzheimer's | 8 | Parkinson's Disease | 3 |
| Cancer, not listed below | 8 | Pending | 3 |
| Brain | 2 | Pneumonia | 2 |
| Colon | 6 | Pulmonary | 2 |
| Esophageal | 1 | Renal/Kidney | 6 |
| Leukemia | 1 | Respiratory Failure | 18 |
| Liver | 1 | Senescence | 19 |
| Lung | 9 | Sepsis/Septicemia | 3 |
| Lymphoma | 1 | Stroke | 7 |
| Pancreatic | 1 | Suicide, Other | |
| Prostate | 2 | Gun Shot Wound | 2 |
| Cardiac/Heart | 52 | Hanging | 1 |
| Cirrhosis of Liver | 3 | TOTALS: | 196 |

2023 Vital Statistics

Birth certificates for individuals who are born in Ohio and death certificates for people who died in Wyandot County are available for purchase. Both can be obtained in person at the health department, by mail order, by phone or at www.vitalchek.com.

672 Birth Certificates Issued
628 Death Certificates Issued
218 Burial Permits Issued

Births 2023

Births Male 3
 Births Female 3
Total Births 6

Deaths 2023

Deaths Male 93
 Deaths Female 103
Total Deaths 196

Wyandot County Leading Causes of Death 2021-23

Total Deaths: 605

- Heart Disease (30% of all deaths)
- Cancer (16%)
- Respiratory Failure (8.5%)
- Senescence (7%)
- Accidents (5%)

Ohio Leading Causes of Death 2021-2023

Total Deaths: 413,026

- Heart Disease (21% of all deaths)
- Cancers (18%)
- COVID-19 (7%)
- Accidents, Unintentional Injuries (7%)
- Stroke (5%)

(Source: Ohio Public Health Data Warehouse, 2023)

2024 WIC Report of Activities

Another fantastic year for WIC!

1. Wyandot WIC has continued to grow our caseload over the past year—increasing from 322 participants in January to 367 participants in December, an increase of 14%!
2. The USDA released WIC's new food rules in April 2024. Most changes won't occur until 2026 but immediately increased the fruit and vegetable benefit permanently! Pregnant and breastfeeding participants receive \$52 per month, postpartum participants receive \$47 per month and children ages 1 through 4 receive \$26 per month with an expected increase each year due to inflation. This permanent increase is imperative for our WIC participants to consume adequate amounts of fresh fruits and vegetables each day.
3. Wyandot WIC participated in the Farmer's Market program for the second year in a row and gave out \$30 worth of produce to 100 Wyandot WIC participants last summer!
4. We partnered with Help Me Grow to throw our second baby shower in August for expecting parents and parents with children under one - we hope to continue this tradition each year!
5. In October and December, Wyandot WIC partnered with Help Me Grow to throw a pumpkin patch event and holiday party. Over 90 WIC and HMG parents and children enjoyed painting pumpkins and making crafts at our events!



Department of Health

Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC)

WIC is a nutrition program that provides assistance for mothers and families who qualify by offering nutrition evaluation and education, breastfeeding education and support, highly nutritious supplemental foods and iron fortified formula if necessary. These promote good health for pregnant and postpartum women, infants, and children up to age five. We work closely with partnering agencies and refer participants to other community service providers in the county for unmet needs.



WIC Staff 2024

Krystina Auble,
MPH, RD, LD, CLC
Director

Hanna Dickerson
Clerk

Jodi Kimmel
Medical Assistant

Erin Logsdon
Breastfeeding Peer
Helper

Statistics 2024

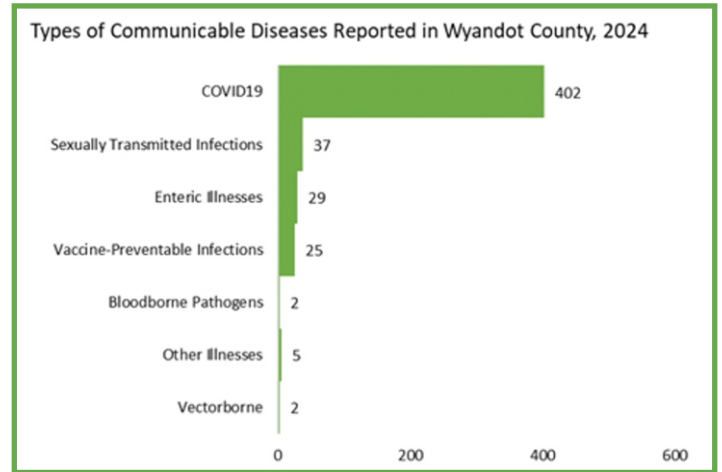
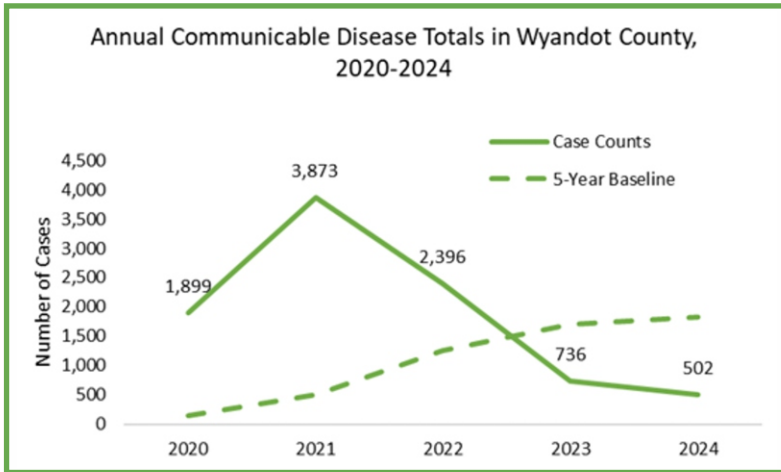
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|--|-----------|
| Total Annual Number of Appointments | 1,341 |
| Average Monthly Caseload | 349 |
| New Participants Seen | 296 |
| Total Annual Referrals | 101 |
| Average Breastfeeding Initiation Rate | 83% |
| Percentage of Postpartum Women Breastfeeding | 60% |
| USDA Grant Dollars Awarded | \$127,866 |

WIC Quality Improvement Project

Wyandot County WIC has increased our breastfeeding initiation rate from an average of 67% in 2023 to 83% in 2024, an increase of 16%! This compares to the state's average WIC breastfeeding initiation rate of 67%. Wyandot County WIC has the highest initiation rate of all WIC projects in Ohio. We look forward to continuing to support our WIC parents in their breastfeeding journeys in 2025!



Communicable Diseases In Wyandot County



Notes:

- ◆ Case counts include confirmed, probable, and suspect disease classifications. Suspected cases of COVID-19 are excluded.
- ◆ Sexually transmitted infections include chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis
- ◆ Vector-borne diseases include Lyme disease and West Nile virus disease

- ◆ Enteric illnesses include campylobacteriosis, cryptosporidiosis, E. coli, giardiasis, salmonella, shigellosis, and yersiniosis. Vaccine-preventable illnesses include Haemophilus influenzae, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, influenza-associated hospitalizations, and Streptococcus pneumoniae
- ◆ Bloodborne pathogens include Hepatitis C
- ◆ Other illnesses include CPO, Legionnaires' disease, bacterial meningitis, and streptococcal disease

2024 Harm Reduction Machines

July 17, 2024: The Wyandot County Board of Health approved the purchase of three harm reduction machines via utilization of grant funds.

December 5, 2024: The ribbon cutting ceremony introduced harm reduction machines into the community.

These machines are located outside

1. Wyandot Medical Providers at Carey
2. Wyandot Memorial Hospital's Urgent Care and Koehler Pharmacy
3. Wyandot Memorial Hospital Emergency Room

Partnerships that made these machines possible

- Wyandot Memorial Hospital for providing the locations and supplying electricity for the machines
- Wyandot County Prevention provides Detera Drug Deactivation bags
- The Ohio Department of Health is providing the COVID-19 at-home test kits

- Project DAWN though ODH is providing the Naloxone
- Gallion City Health Department is providing condoms and safe sex information
- Wyandot County Public Health is maintaining the machines

Narcan kits distributed

182 kits were distributed in 2023

686 kits were distributed in 2024

1,260 Have been distributed through the Route 30 ODOT vending machines in 2024

