

Wyandot County General Health District
2025 Annual Report

Wyandot County
Public Health

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Wyandot County Public Health

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2025 Health Commissioner Message



I have served as the Health Commissioner and Medical Director for Wyandot County Public Health since 2010. While much has evolved over the years, our mission remains the same: to provide high-quality health and safety services that enhance the well-being of Wyandot County residents.

In 2025, we added the Help Me Grow Early Intervention program, allowing us to offer critical resources and therapies for infants and young children who or at risk for, or experiencing, developmental delays or disabilities. We also remain committed to advancing our Community Health Improvement Plan and delivering effective public health services that support the overall health of our community.

As always, we welcome opportunities to better serve you as we continue to prevent, promote and protect in 2026.

Keri Harris, M.D.

Wyandot County Health Commissioner

2025 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



Deborah Rellinger
Board Member

Current Term:

4/1/2025 - 3/31/2030



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 2025, we utilized the data from the 2024 Community Health Assessment (CHA) to create our

2025-2028 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). To view the specific data used, please visit www.wyandothealth.com/community-health-assessment/.

2025-2028 CHIP identifies our current 3-year strategies as:

Priority Area 1: Health Behaviors (6 strategies)

Priority Area 2: Mental Health and Addiction (4 strategies)

Priority Area 3: Chronic Disease (2 strategies)

Priority Area 4: Risky Behaviors (1 strategy)

To view a more detailed list of the strategies and their action

plans, please visit www.wyandothealth.com/community-health-improvement-plan/.

The Health Alliance is now fifty-three members strong. The Health Alliance is currently in the process of using the 2025-2028 CHIP with new goals and strategies for our community. The next Community Health Assessment will occur in 2027.

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



Kate Ardner



Beth Bower



Carrie Boes



Krystina Carlisle



Molly Carlisle



Hanna Dickerson



Vincent Donnersbach



April Gottfried



Alexa Heacock



Lydia Ingalls



Candace Kimmel



Jodi Kimmel



Mandy Keckler



Erin Logsdon



Yajaira Luikart



Callan McMillion



Katrina Motter



Sarah Mullins



Aleesha Norris



Kelli Owens



Ashley Pierson



Danielle Schalk



Michelle Swinehart



Tonya Tracey

2025 Fiscal Division

Performance Management

Our 2025 financial goal was increasing our operating funds from 105 to 120 days cash on hand. We ended the year with 83.59 days. We continue to monitor funding and are always looking for grant opportunities. With decreased grant funding, we remain optimistic regarding the 2026 financial picture.

Fiscal Staff 2025

Kelli Owens
Fiscal Officer / Registrar

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.

Operating Funds for County Health General Fund

Operating Funds for All Funds Combined

Year	Beginning Balance	YTD Revenue	YTD Expenditures	Ending Balance	Days	GOALS
2013	\$553,221.75	\$2,392,740.03	\$2,409,188.91	\$536,772.87	57.93	
2014	\$536,772.87	\$2,354,265.11	\$2,586,526.33	\$304,511.65	30.61	
2015	\$304,511.65	\$2,425,477.38	\$2,485,346.63	\$244,642.40	25.59	
2016	\$244,642.40	\$2,721,084.49	\$2,667,276.02	\$298,450.87	29.09	
2017	\$298,405.89	\$2,914,845.83	\$2,957,055.42	\$256,196.30	22.53	Operating Funds for 30 Days
2018	\$256,241.30	\$2,115,481.44	\$2,083,977.53	\$287,745.21	36.04	Operating Funds for 30 Days
2019	\$287,745.21	\$1,719,947.20	\$1,793,478.28	\$214,214.13	31.17	Operating Funds for 30 Days
2020	\$214,214.13	\$2,443,604.16	\$2,109,901.86	\$547,916.43	68.04	Operating Funds for 45 Days
2021	\$547,916.43	\$2,067,079.02	\$1,822,813.48	\$792,181.97	113.43	Operating Funds for 60 Days
2022	\$792,181.97	\$2,068,831.05	\$1,995,107.20	\$865,905.82	158.41	Operating Funds for 75 Days
2023	\$865,905.82	\$1,847,949.55	\$1,857,811.72	\$855,899.81	114.25	Operating Funds for 90 Days
2024	\$855,790.93	\$1,885,492.97	\$1,968,638.50	\$804,520.48	148.35	Operating Funds for 105 Days
2025	\$804,520.48	\$2,057,606.14	\$2,138,461.50	\$723,665.12	83.59	Operating Funds for 120 Days
2026					0.00	Operating Funds for 120 Days
2027					0.00	Operating Funds for 120 Days

Cash Report All Funds Combined

December 31, 2025	Beginning Balance January 1, 2025	2025 Revenue YTD	2025 Transfers In	2025 Beginning, Revenue & Transfer Total	2025 Expenses YTD	2025 Transfers Out	2025 YTD Balance
County Health	\$314,604.33	\$1,195,154.98	\$78,131.83	\$1,587,891.14	\$1,243,934.39	\$21,200.00	\$322,756.75
Recreational Vehicle Park	\$1,596.32	\$1,524.44	\$1,000.00	\$4,120.76	\$3,679.52		\$441.24
Water Supply	\$6,619.02	\$25,191.21		\$31,810.23	\$31,468.25		\$341.98
Women Infants and Children Grant	\$20,921.23	\$127,590.21	\$20,000.00	\$168,511.44	\$134,114.28		\$34,397.16
Food Service	\$16,966.81	\$56,613.78		\$73,580.59	\$71,100.03		\$2,480.56
Sanitary Landfill	\$20,838.79	\$60,009.69		\$80,848.48	\$1,197.05		\$79,651.43
CYTP	\$20,875.03	\$5,388.15		\$26,263.18	\$6,033.88		\$20,229.30
Manufactured Home Park	\$3,484.84	\$1,109.70		\$4,594.54	\$719.04		\$3,875.50
School Nursing	\$19,785.05	\$166,311.67		\$186,096.72	\$180,652.18		\$5,444.54
Solid Waste Health	\$8,558.49	\$20,049.57		\$28,608.06	\$19,645.71		\$8,962.35
CN-22	\$4,516.77	\$0.00		\$4,516.77	\$0.00	\$4,516.77	\$0.00
Infectious Waste	\$2,109.15	\$0.00		\$2,109.15	\$0.00		\$2,109.15
Swimming Pool	\$3,617.99	\$1,634.90		\$5,252.89	\$3,640.13		\$1,612.76
EO-22	\$11,406.68	\$50,267.53	\$200.00	\$61,874.21	\$61,772.73		\$101.48
Public Health Emergency Response Grant	\$127,638.17	\$70,943.70		\$198,581.87	\$75,254.74		\$123,327.13
Mental Health & Recovery Services Board	\$73,615.06	\$0.00		\$73,615.06	\$0.00	\$73,615.06	\$0.00
Construction & Demolition Debris Fund	\$33,901.15	\$30,969.84		\$64,870.99	\$28,480.06		\$36,390.93
Get Vaccinated	\$53,219.24	\$46,118.88		\$99,338.12	\$39,339.83		\$59,998.29
Household Sewage Disposal	\$60,246.36	\$99,395.64		\$159,642.00	\$138,190.71		\$21,451.29
Health Department Subtotal	\$804,520.48	\$1,958,273.89	\$99,331.83	\$2,862,126.20	\$2,039,222.53	\$99,331.83	\$723,571.84

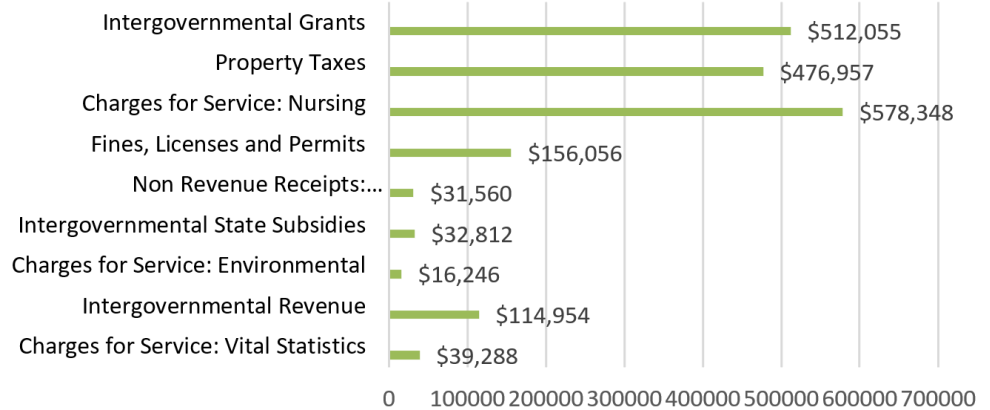
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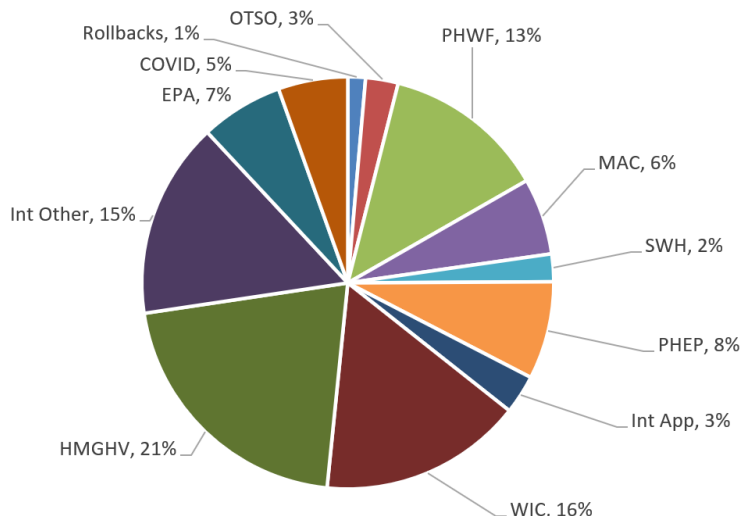
2025 Revenue Sources \$1,958,276



2025 Expenses \$2,039,221

2025 Expenses		
Postage	\$2,627	0.1%
Travel & Expenses	\$14,348	0.7%
Intergovernmental Expense	\$0	0.0%
Equipment	\$2,127	0.1%
State and EPA Fees	\$57,060	2.8%
Other Expenses	\$193,731	9.5%
Supplies	\$150,939	7.4%
Contract Service	\$116,344	5.7%
Fringes	\$394,859	19.4%
Salaries	\$1,107,186	54.3%
Total Expenses	\$2,039,221	100.0%

2025 Grants and Other Receipts \$924,529



2025 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.

2025 Environmental Staff

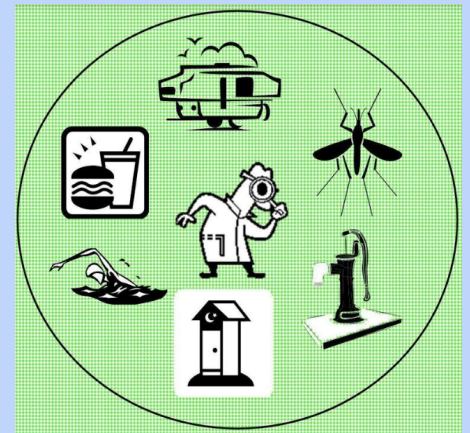
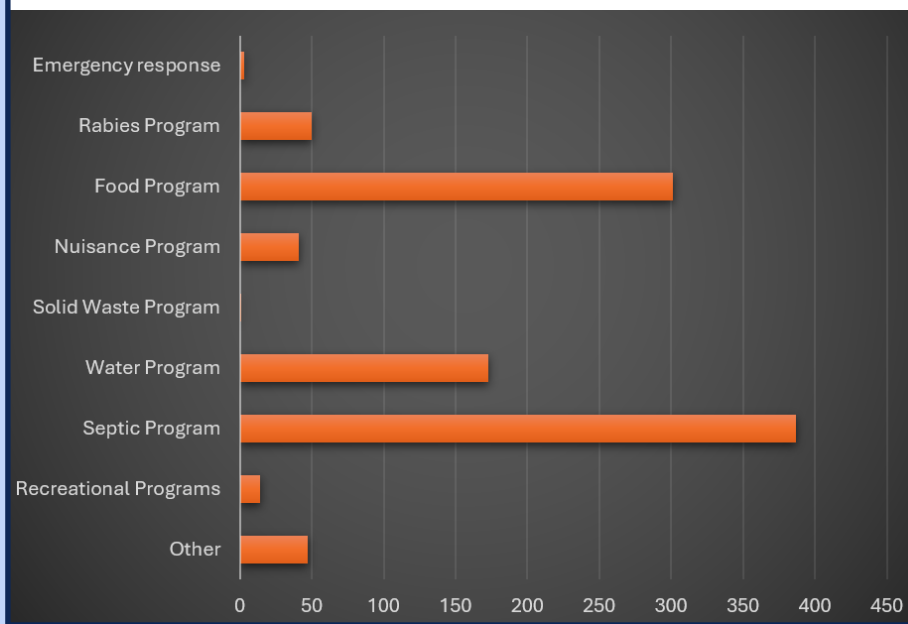
Molly Carlisle, MBA, MPH, REHS
Director

Danielle Schalk, BS, REHS

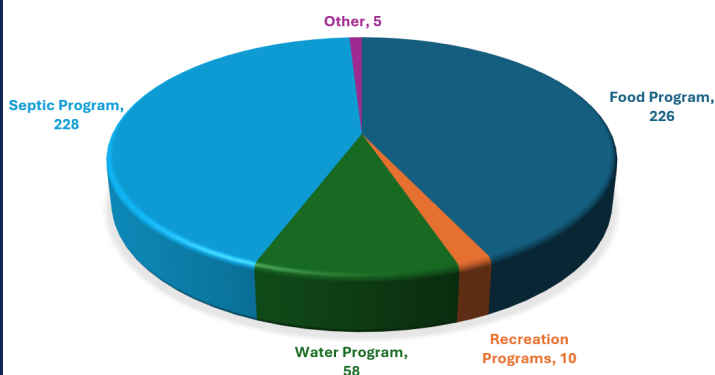
Lydia Ingalls, BS, REHS

Callan McMillion, BA
Public Health Educator

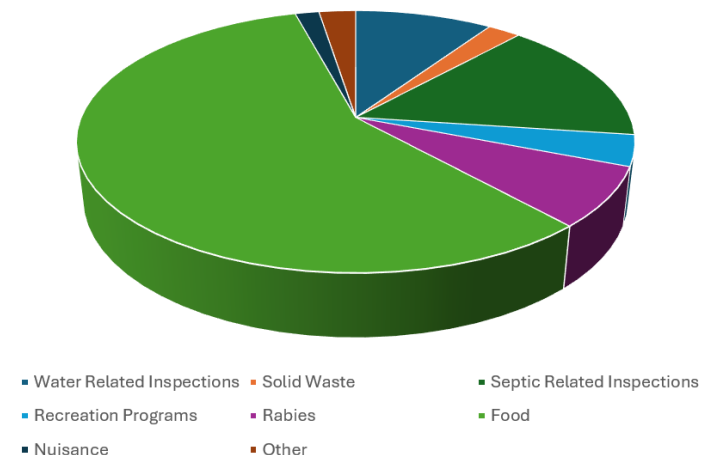
1014 Consultations by Program



546 Permits / Licenses Issued by Major Program



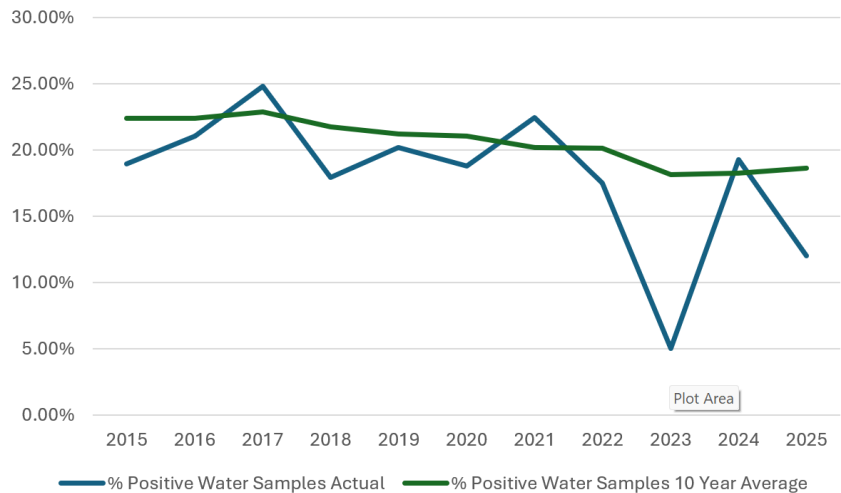
789 Investigations/Inspections



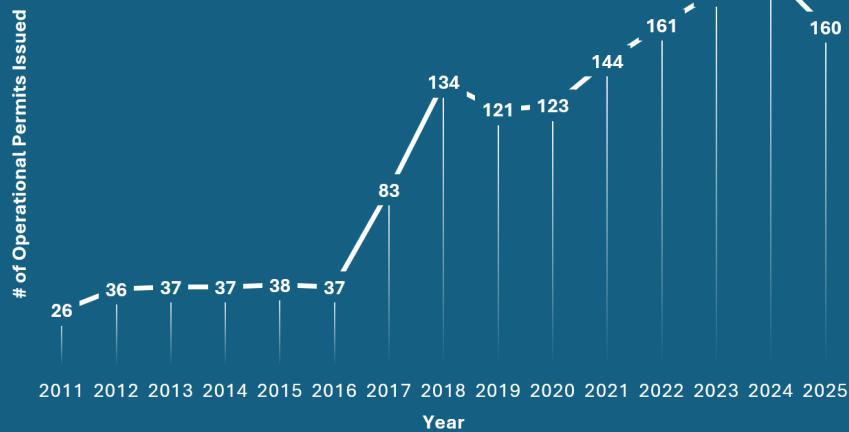
Environmental Health Performance Management

In 2025 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 can be devastating to a household. To assist with the financial burden, Wyandot Public Health continues our effort to make available up to \$100,000 in grant dollars each year, to income eligible families, for the repair or replacement of failing household sewage systems.

2025 Public Health Nursing Report of Activities

Nursing Department Staff in 2025

Candace Kimmel, BSN, RN –
Director of Nursing

Beth Bower, RN – Public Health Nurse

Kate Ardner, RN – Public Health Nurse

Tonya Tracy, RN – Public Health Nurse

Alexa Heacock, RN, BSN – Public Health Nurse

Ashley Pierson, BSN, RN – Public Health Nurse

Sarah Mullins, RN – Public Health Nurse

Katrina Motter, LPN – Public Health Nurse

Aleesha Norris, LPN – Public Health Nurse

Yajaira Luikart – Help Me Grow
Home Visiting Supervisor

April Gottfried, OTD, OTR/L. –
Early Intervention Service Coordinator

Mandy Keckler, OTR/L. –
Early Intervention 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.



2025 Nursing Programs Included:

Routine Immunization Clinics

Seasonal Vaccine Clinics

Communicable Disease Reporting, Investigation, & Follow-up

Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH)

Early Intervention

School Nursing

Help Me Grow Home Visiting

Project DAWN Naloxone Distribution

Car Seat Training & Distribution

Lead Case Management

Lice Prevention & Eradication

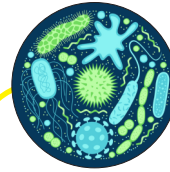
The Pieces to Our Nursing Puzzle



PROJECT DAWN

Deaths Avoided with Naloxone.
Opioid overdose education and naloxone distribution

Community Naloxone Kits Distributed: **809**
Law Enforcement/First Responder
Naloxone Kits Distributed: **5**
ODOT Vending Machines: **4,347**
Total Naloxone Kits Distributed: **5,161**



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 2023:
#1 – COVID-19
#2 – Influenza-Associated Hospitalization
#3 – Chlamydia



Immunization Clinic

Reduce and eliminate vaccine-preventable diseases for all ages.

1,336 Clients
2,302 Vaccines Given
33 Mantoux (PPD) tests



Car Seat Program

WCPH provides child safety seats and booster seats to eligible families through the Ohio Buckles Buckeyes Child Passenger Safety Program. The overall goal is to increase safety and proper installation.

43 Convertible Car Seats Distributed
3 High-back Boosters Distributed
1 Low-back Booster Distributed
2 Community Car Seat Check Events



Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH) Program

Providing assistance to children with specialty health care and their families

90 Children



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.

16 Families
3 Children aged out in 2025
10 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
5,059 School Contacts



2025 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	Cardiac/Heart	78
Carbon Monoxide Poisoning	Cirrhosis of Liver	2
Fall	COPD	4
Drowning	Dementia	9
Combined Drug Intoxication	Dysphagia	3
(Fentanyl, Oxycodone/Meth)	OTHER	15
Car-Blunt Force	Parkinson's Disease	3
Alzheimer's	Pneumonia	1
Cancer, not listed below	Pulmonary	4
Bladder	Renal/Kidney	1
Brain	Respiratory Failure	8
Breast	Senescence	11
Colon	Sepsis/Septicemia	6
Kidney	Stroke	5
Liver	Suicide, Other	
Lung	Gun Shot Wound	2
Lymphoma	Ulcer, Bleeding Gastric	2
Pancreatic		
Prostate	Totals:	212

2025 Vital Statistics

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

596 Birth Certificates Issued
809 Death Certificates Issued
215 Burial Permits Issued

Births 2025

Births Male 3
 Births Female 6
Total Births 9

Deaths 2025

Deaths Male 112
 Deaths Female 100
Total Deaths 212

Wyandot County Leading Causes of Death 2023-25

Total Deaths: 589

- Heart Disease (34% of all deaths)
- Cancer (19%)
- Senescence (7%)
- Respiratory Failure (6%)
- Accidents (4%)

Ohio Leading Causes of Death up to 8-2025

- Heart Disease
- Cancers
- Accidents, Unintentional Injuries
- Stroke
- Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease

(Source: CDC)

2025 WIC Report of Activities

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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 2025

Krystina Carlisle
MPH, RD, LD, CLC Director

Hanna Dickerson
Clerk

Jodi Kimmel
Medical Assistant

Erin Logsdon Breastfeeding
Peer & Clerk

Statistics 2025

Total Annual Number of Appointments	1358
Average Monthly Caseload	372
Total Annual Referrals	89
Average Breastfeeding Initiation Rate	81.67%
Breastfeeding Support Interactions	438
USDA Grant Dollars Awarded	\$157,118



**Department of
Health**

Women, Infants, and
Children Program (WIC)



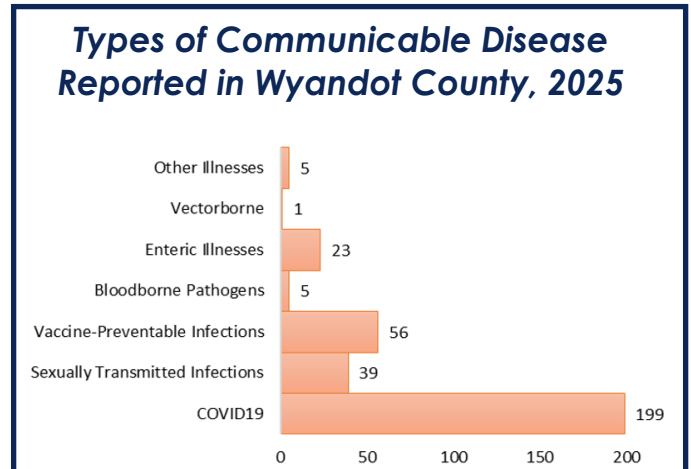
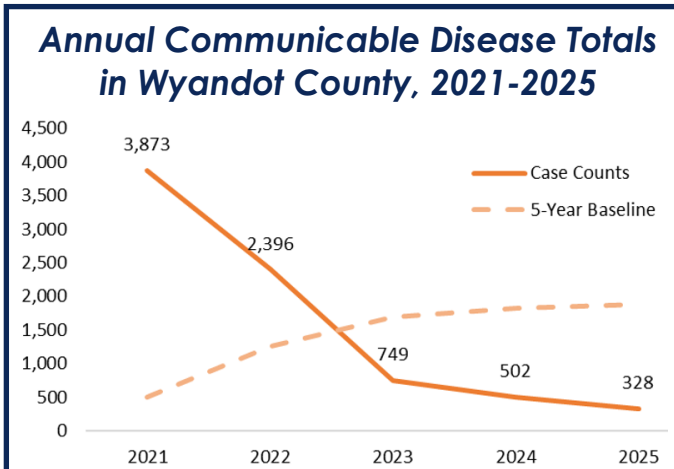
WIC Quality Improvement Project

Wyandot County WIC has maintained a high breastfeeding initiation rate of 81.6%. This compares to the state's average WIC breastfeeding initiation rate of 67.9%. 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 2026!

Another Incredible Year for WIC!

1. Wyandot County WIC has maintained our high WIC caseload of over 350 participants each month!
2. Our breastfeeding program received an exciting boost in 2025! We purchased a wide range of breastfeeding pump flange sizes and now offer flange fittings to our breastfeeding WIC participants. Correct flange size is essential when pumping and is a fantastic addition to our breastfeeding support program!
3. Wyandot County WIC participated in the Farmer's Market program for the fourth year in a row. Though federal funding was severely reduced this year, we gave out \$30 produce coupons to 30 WIC families!
4. With additional funding starting in October 2025, more staff hours were added to our Wyandot WIC program! This increase in hours allows for more breastfeeding support and nutrition education for our WIC participants.
5. Wyandot County WIC partnered with Help Me Grow Home Visiting to throw a Mother's Day event, Pumpkin Patch event and Holiday Party for WIC and HMG participants. Over 131 parents and children enjoyed painting pumpkins and making crafts at our events!

Communicable Diseases In Wyandot County



Notes:

- Case counts include confirmed, probable, and suspect disease classifications. Suspected cases for COVID19 are excluded.
- Sexually transmitted infections include chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis
- Enteric illnesses include campylobacteriosis, CPO, cryptosporidiosis, cyclosporiasis, E. coli, and salmonella
- Vaccine preventable illnesses include Haemophilus influenzae, Hepatitis B, influenza-

- associated hospitalizations, pertussis, RSV hospitalizations, and Streptococcus pneumoniae
- Bloodborne pathogens include Hepatitis C
- Other illnesses include C. auris, Legionnaires' disease, and TB
- As of 9/30/2025, individual COVID-19 cases are not reportable. As of 10/1/2025, only COVID-19 hospitalizations are reportable. Since 10/1/2025, 2 COVID hospitalizations were reported.
- RSV hospitalizations became reportable as of 10/1/2025

Wyandot County Early Intervention is Growing

Wyandot County Public Health has offered Help Me Grow Early Intervention Service Coordination since 2025. Help Me Grow Early Intervention is an evidence-based, statewide program that supports



families of young children birth to age three with developmental delays and/or disabilities. EI can address all types of concerns: some examples include physical development like crawling or walking, speech delays, or social interaction like playing with other children.

It is crucial to connect children with delays to Early Intervention services as soon as possible. At age three 80% brain development has occurred. Early support through the Help Me Grow EI program gives a child the best chance to learn and grow and can reduce the need for services later in life. In

fact, evidence has shown it is more cost effective to provide EI than to wait until the child is older.

Wyandot County Children Served per Year

Year	Children
2025	44
2024	22
2023	22
2022	14
2021	7

72 Referrals for 2025

44 Children Service in 2025