

PAULDING COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

2025 Annual Report

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DEPUTY HEALTH COMMISSIONER LETTER

The Paulding County Health Department remained steadfast in its commitment to protecting and improving the health of our residents throughout 2025. Despite a year marked by evolving public health priorities, funding losses, and ongoing concerns surrounding state and federal legislative changes, our team continued to adapt and respond with resilience. Reductions in public health funding required strategic planning and thoughtful resource allocation to ensure that services remain. At the same time, proposed and enacted legislation created uncertainty for local health departments across Ohio, reinforcing the importance of strong local partnerships and community support.

Collaboration remained a cornerstone of our success in 2025. We continued our valued partnership with Paulding County Hospital through a contracted agreement to provide registered dietitian services. This collaboration enhances patient care, supports chronic disease prevention efforts, and ensures residents have access to professional nutrition counseling close to home. By working together, we are strengthening the local healthcare network and improving overall health outcomes.

The Health Department also proudly continued the community garden initiative, which promotes nutrition education, physical activity, and increased access to fresh produce. The garden serves not only as a food resource, but also as a hands-on learning environment that fosters community engagement and healthy lifestyle habits for individuals and families.

A significant highlight of 2025 was the debut of our vending machine. This innovative initiative provides free access to essential health and safety supplies, including naloxone, hygiene kits, thermometers, safety kits, safe sex kits, and mini first aid kits to name a few. Funded entirely through local and regional grant support, the vending machine removes barriers to critical resources and reflects our proactive approach to harm reduction, disease prevention, and overall community wellness.

Throughout the year, the Health Department and our local partners continued implementation of the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). Through collaboration with healthcare providers, schools, community organizations, and local leaders, we remain focused on priority health needs identified within Paulding County. Together, we are addressing key health concerns, leveraging resources, and aligning efforts to create measurable, sustainable improvements.

As we reflect on 2025, the Paulding County Health Department remains dedicated to transparency, innovation, and service. Even amid financial and legislative challenges, our mission remains clear: to work collaboratively in making Paulding County a safer, healthier place to live, work, and thrive. Let me now present to you Paulding County Health Department's 2025 Annual Report!

Respectfully,

Brandi Schrader, M.Ed., REHS
Deputy Health Commissioner

ABOUT US

Mission: To protect, promote, and improve the health, safety, and quality of life of the Paulding County Community.

Vision: To enhance the health and wellness of the community we serve.

Values: RESPECT: Respect, Excellence, Safety, Professional, Educate, Collaborate, Trust

All individuals deserve to be treated with **respect**

All PCHD staff will strive for **excellence**

Safety of the citizens is a focus of the community

All PCHD staff will act in a **professional** manner

PCHD will strive to **educate** the community

PCHD will **collaborate** with community partners

PCHD is the **trusted** source for the community

Board of Health

The Paulding County Board of Health serves as the governing board for the Paulding County Health Department and WIC. The Board of Health holds meetings on the last Thursday of each month at 7:30 am. For more information, visit our website at www.pauldingcountyhealth.com or call the Health Department at 419-399-3921.

Members of the 2025 Board of Health include:

Dr. Wendell Spangler	Term expiring: 2026
Mr. Christopher Bercaw, President	Term expiring: 2027
Mr. Jacob Shaffer	Term expiring: 2028
Ms. Sarah Rachel Butler	Term expiring: 2029
Mr. Ronald Schmidt, Vice-President	Term expiring: 2030

STAFF

In 2025 the Paulding County Health Department and WIC staff consisted of ten staff members.

Dr. Joseph Kuhn, D.O.	Health Commissioner / Medical Director
Brandi Schrader, M.Ed., REHS	Deputy Health Commissioner / Director of Environmental Health
Robin Gonzales	Fiscal Officer / Registrar
Kristen Kurilec	Director of WIC
Sophia Mobley	WIC Clerk
Andrea Schlueter	WIC Breastfeeding Peer Helper
Lisa Ruschel	Environmental Health Specialist in Training
Lindsey Manz	Director of Nursing
Chelsea Kipfer	Public Health Nurse and Billing Specialist
Ashley Suter	Emergency Preparedness Coordinator and Accreditation Coordinator

A heartfelt thank you to the entire staff at the Paulding County Health Department for your unwavering dedication to the health and well-being of our community. Your commitment to public health, tireless efforts, and the important work you do every day make a meaningful difference in the lives of residents throughout Paulding County. Your professionalism, compassion, and service do not go unnoticed, and we are truly grateful for everything you do to keep our community safe and healthy.

COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The 2024–2026 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) continues to guide community health efforts led by the partners and the Paulding County Health Department. The CHIP focuses on three priority areas—Mental Health & Substance Misuse, Chronic Disease, and Access to Healthcare—and includes established indicators and SMART objectives to measure progress and ensure accountability. Throughout 2025, meaningful progress was made across all three priority areas.

Mental Health & Substance Misuse

In 2025, community partners made significant strides in strengthening behavioral health supports. A local mental health coalition met to bring together providers, schools, law enforcement, healthcare professionals, and community organizations to coordinate efforts and reduce duplication of services. The coalition provides a structured forum for collaboration, resource sharing, and identification of service gaps.

Additionally, a “No Wrong Door” initiative was implemented. This approach ensures that individuals seeking help for mental health, substance use concerns, or other services can enter the system through any participating agency and be connected to appropriate services, regardless of where they first seek assistance. The goal is to reduce barriers, streamline referrals, and ensure individuals receive timely and appropriate care. Partners also continued to support and strengthen existing local prevention and recovery initiatives, building on the strong foundation already established in the community.

Chronic Disease

Efforts to address chronic disease continued in 2025. The Paulding County Health Department partnered with Paulding County Hospital to provide dietitian services, expanding access to nutrition education and counseling. This collaboration supports residents in managing chronic conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, and obesity.

Ohio State University Extension (OSU Extension) experienced funding adjustments in 2025 but remained committed to delivering nutrition education in schools and throughout the community. A recent organizational restructure has created additional opportunities for collaboration moving into 2026. The Health Department also continued its community garden initiative, helping families in need access fresh vegetables while promoting healthy eating habits.

Access to Healthcare

Improving access to care remains a key priority. Paulding County Hospital continues to play a central role in expanding and maintaining healthcare services locally. The Health Department provides immunizations to individuals and families across the county and administers programs such as Children with Medical Handicaps, which connects eligible families to specialized medical services and support.

To reduce language barriers, translation devices are available at the Health Department to assist non-English-speaking individuals seeking services. These tools help promote equitable access to care and improve communication between providers and patients.

As 2025 concludes, progress toward CHIP objectives continues to be monitored and evaluated using established indicators. We extend our sincere appreciation to our community partners for their ongoing commitment, collaboration, and active involvement in the success of the CHIP. Working together strengthens our community and enhances the overall health and well-being of Paulding County residents.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Executive Summary

In 2025, the Emergency Preparedness Program focused on strengthening readiness and coordination across Paulding County through exercises, targeted outreach, and interagency collaboration. Efforts emphasized practical preparedness appropriate for a rural setting and alignment with Ohio Department of Health (ODH), CDC, FEMA, and PHAB requirements.

The Emergency Preparedness Coordinator led preparedness exercises, coordinated with emergency management partners, and supported grant-funded training activities. The role included representing the health department in coordination forums and ensuring preparedness efforts were integrated into existing agency functions.

2025 Program Activities & Accomplishments

Preparedness efforts in 2025 centered on exercise-driven readiness and operational coordination. A chemical surge tabletop exercise was planned and conducted in alignment with ODH expectations, resulting in a comprehensive After-Action Report (AAR) that documented strengths, gaps, and actionable improvement areas. The coordinator also participated in regional and state-level drills to maintain situational awareness and operational readiness.

Preparedness education was advanced through collaboration with established community channels rather than standalone programming. Educational materials were distributed in coordination with the local library and Emergency Management Agency (EMA), extending preparedness messaging through trusted community access points.

Training capacity was strengthened through implementation of the **MRC STRONG Grant**, which supported CPR instructor training and Matter of Balance (fall prevention) training for the agency Director of Nursing, increasing internal capacity for health and safety education.

Interagency coordination remained a core focus throughout the year. The Emergency Preparedness Coordinator actively participated in the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and maintained coordination with EMA and neighboring counties. A significant accomplishment by PCHD Coordinator was the successful development and execution of a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a local church to serve as both a Point of Dispensing (POD) site and a designated warming and cooling station for emergency sheltering operations.

The 2025 Emergency Preparedness Program emphasized compliance and coordination. Through focused exercises, targeted education, strengthened training capacity, and effective interagency collaboration, the program contributed to county readiness while remaining appropriate to local capacity and resources.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

The Environmental Health Division oversees eleven regulatory and public health programs. These programs include Food Safety, Rabies Surveillance, School Sanitary Inspections, Jail Sanitary Inspections, Sewage Treatment Systems, Private Water Systems, Public Swimming Pools and Spas, Campgrounds, Public Health Nuisances, and the Smoke-Free Workplace Program. The Division also contracts with the Ohio Department of Commerce to conduct inspections of Manufactured Home Parks.

Sewage	Food	Jail Inspections	Private Water
Smoke Free Workplace	Manufactured Home Park Inspections	Rabies Surveillance	School Inspections
Swimming Pools	Campgrounds	Nuisances	General Environmental

All Environmental Health (EH) programs directly support our mission and vision in meaningful ways. Residents can dine at local restaurants or purchase food from grocery stores with confidence, knowing these facilities are routinely inspected for compliance with health and safety standards. Community members can also enjoy public swimming pools with the assurance that they meet established public health regulations.

For homeowners with private water systems, the Health Department permits, inspects, and tests wells and ponds to help ensure safe drinking water. Environmental Health Specialists have also contributed to improved water quality throughout the county by overseeing the installation of new septic systems that provide on-site treatment and are properly permitted and inspected.

Each day, the Environmental Health team works diligently to uphold the Paulding County Health Department’s vision of enhancing the health and wellness of the community we proudly serve.



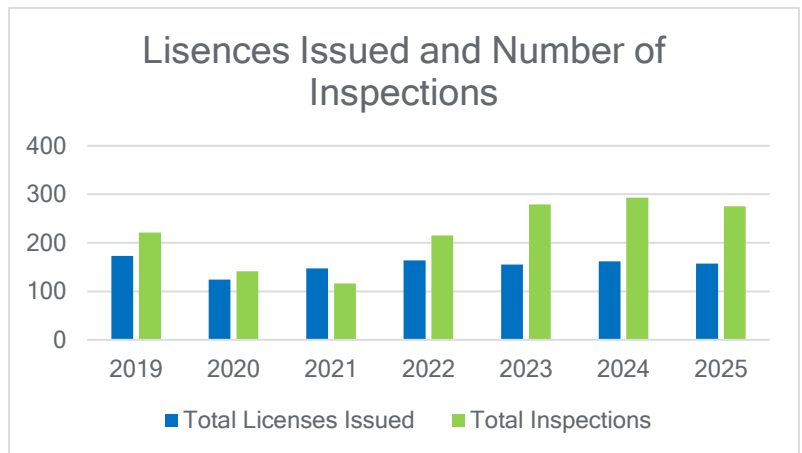
Trends of the Environmental Health Division

Description	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Food Licenses	124	147	164	155	162	157
Total Food Inspections	141	116	215	279	293	275
Pools and Spa Licenses	3	3	3	4	5	5
Campground Licenses	5	5	5	5	5	5
Sewage Permits	30	33	21	23	24	27
Private Water Permits	37	29	31	30	38	45
Water Samples	224	148	125	80	120	104
Animal Bites	38	36	18	36	48	60
Nuisances	33	21	1	7	9	7

FOOD SAFETY PROGRAM

The Environmental Health Specialist conducts inspections at food service operations, retail food establishments, mobile and temporary food vendors, vending machines, and micro-markets.

With the exception of the COVID-19 years, the number of inspections typically exceeds the number of licenses issued. This is due to inspection frequency requirements based on risk level. For example, a Risk Level IV facility requires a minimum of four inspections per year, while a Risk Level I facility requires at least one. Additional follow-up inspections are conducted when facilities meet criteria requiring corrective action.



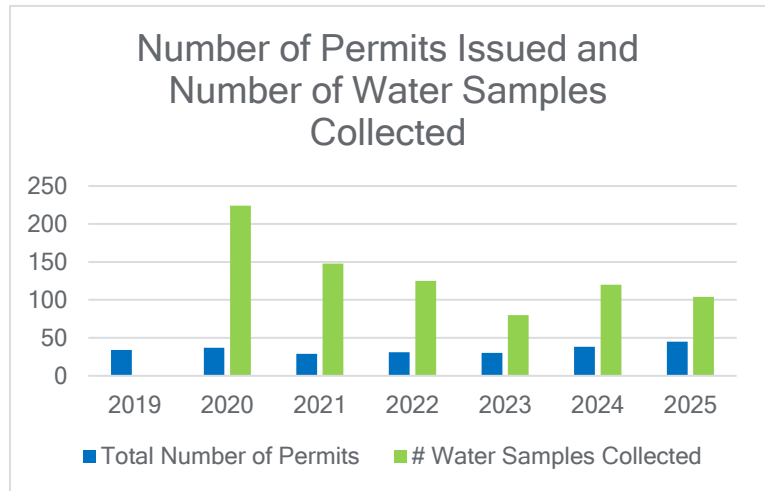
The most common violations documented during food inspections include:

- Food must be protected from cross-contamination
- Food-contact surfaces of cooking equipment and pans must be kept free of encrusted grease and other soil
- Manager certification in food protection is required
- Date marking of ready-to-eat, time/temperature-controlled-for-safety foods must be properly maintained
- Physical facilities must be cleaned as often as necessary to maintain cleanliness

PRIVATE WATER PROGRAM

This program oversees the construction and alteration of private water systems, including wells and ponds. A permit from the local health department is required before work begins. Most new private water systems rely on well water rather than pond or hauled water.

The chart shows the number of permits issued and water samples collected since 2019. Water sample testing had steadily declined in recent years; however, 2024 showed a notable increase. The reason for this increase is unclear, as there was a decline again in 2025.

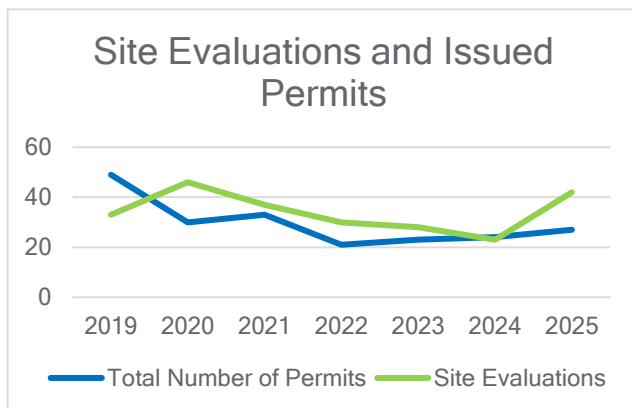


In 2025, the number of permits showed a significant increase. This rise is likely due to replacement wells, as many wells throughout the county have gone dry. Well depletion continues to impact areas across the county.

SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM PROGRAM

Since 2009, the Paulding County Health Department has successfully applied for and received funding to assist homeowners with the repair and replacement of household sewage treatment systems. To date, approximately \$2 million has been distributed to support system repairs and replacements for Paulding County residents. The Health Department will continue to pursue available funding opportunities as permitted by state agencies.

In 2025, the department continued meeting with stakeholders to discuss implementation of the Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Program. With stakeholder input and approval, a process was developed to incorporate existing systems into the program. Implementation is scheduled to begin January 1, 2026.



The number of site evaluations had declined steadily in recent years but increased significantly in 2025. While the exact reason is unknown, the increase may be attributed in part to a rise in tank replacements, as a site evaluation is required before a permit can be issued. Despite this increase, new construction activity remains steady or slightly declining. Although the precise cause is unclear, economic conditions and lingering impacts from the pandemic may be influencing trends in the housing market.

NURSING

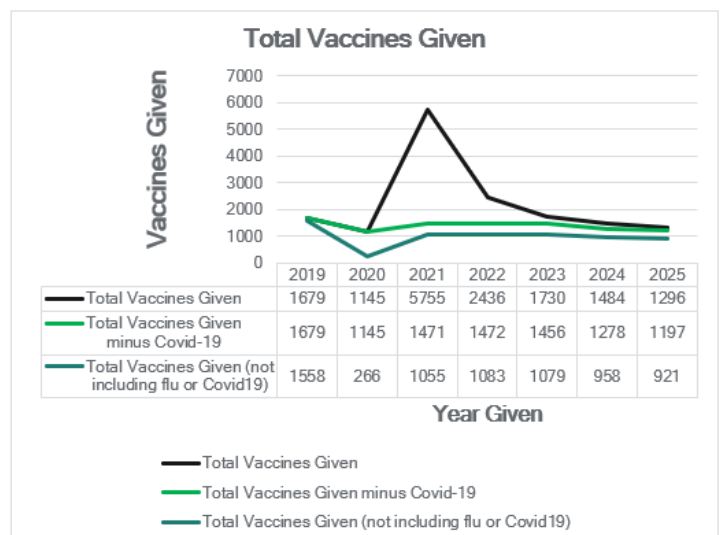
COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

The PCHD investigates all reportable diseases defined by the Ohio Department of Health. Diseases are reported to PCHD by providers and laboratories as required by the Ohio Revised Code. They are written in one of three ways: by mail, by fax, or through the Ohio Disease Reporting System (ODRS) online. Investigation can include patient interviews, contact tracing, education, and follow-up as described by the Ohio Infectious Disease Control Manual. All information gathered is entered into ODRS for tracking and control purposes. The goal of the program is to stop the spread of the disease.

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Reported	1274	2480	1963	540	371	251
Total w/out COVID-19	87	87	84	84	71	80

VACCINATIONS

PCHD currently carries all ACIP-recommended vaccines. There are three divisions to the immunization program. The first is the Vaccine for Children Program through the Ohio Department of Health. This program offers free or low-cost vaccines for children on Medicaid, underinsured, or without insurance. Another program, Adult 317, is similar to this. This program is also administered through the Ohio Department of Health and offers free or low-cost vaccines for adults without insurance or who are underinsured. We also have privately purchased vaccines for those who have insurance. PCHD accepts most insurance. All vaccinations are recorded in our electronic health record system, HDIS, and the Ohio Impact Statewide Immunization System, allowing healthcare providers access to patient records. Vaccines are currently offered on Tuesdays from 8:15 am to 3:45 pm. Additional times and days may be added if needed. If appointment times are missed, patients are contacted to reschedule. Billing is completed through the electronic billing systems, Quadax and Transact RX. The percentage of fully vaccinated children remains below average in Ohio. Through the Get Vaccinated Grant offered by the Ohio Department of Health, we continue to educate on the importance of maintaining an up-to-date vaccination status.



TESTING AND INVESTIGATION

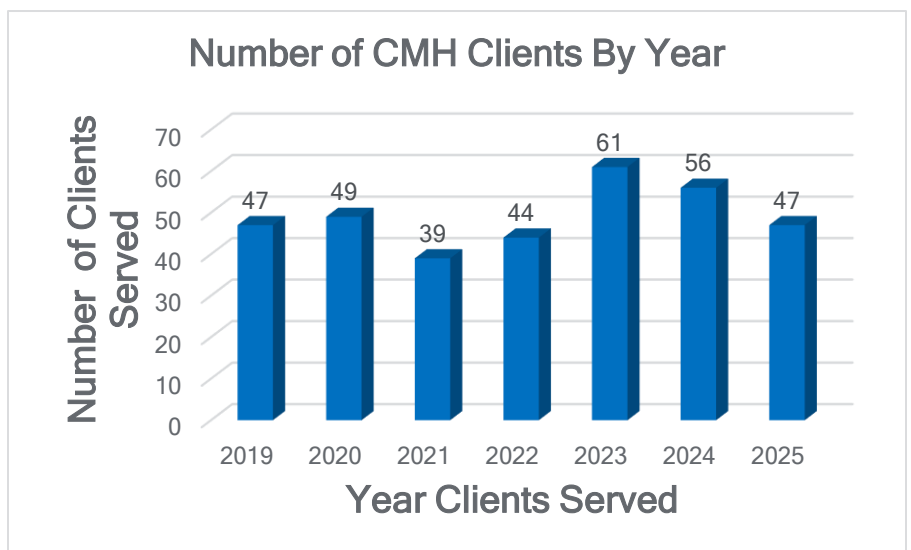


As part of our clinical services, PCHD does Mantoux TB testing, blood pressure checks, and head lice checks. These services are offered to help improve the health of our community. TB testing is \$20.00. There is no charge for blood pressure and lice checks. In 2025, the nurses at PCHD completed 84 TB tests, 26 blood pressure checks, and 4 head lice checks. Lead cases are reported to PCHD and passed on to the Ohio Department of Health's Lead Control Division for investigation and monitoring.

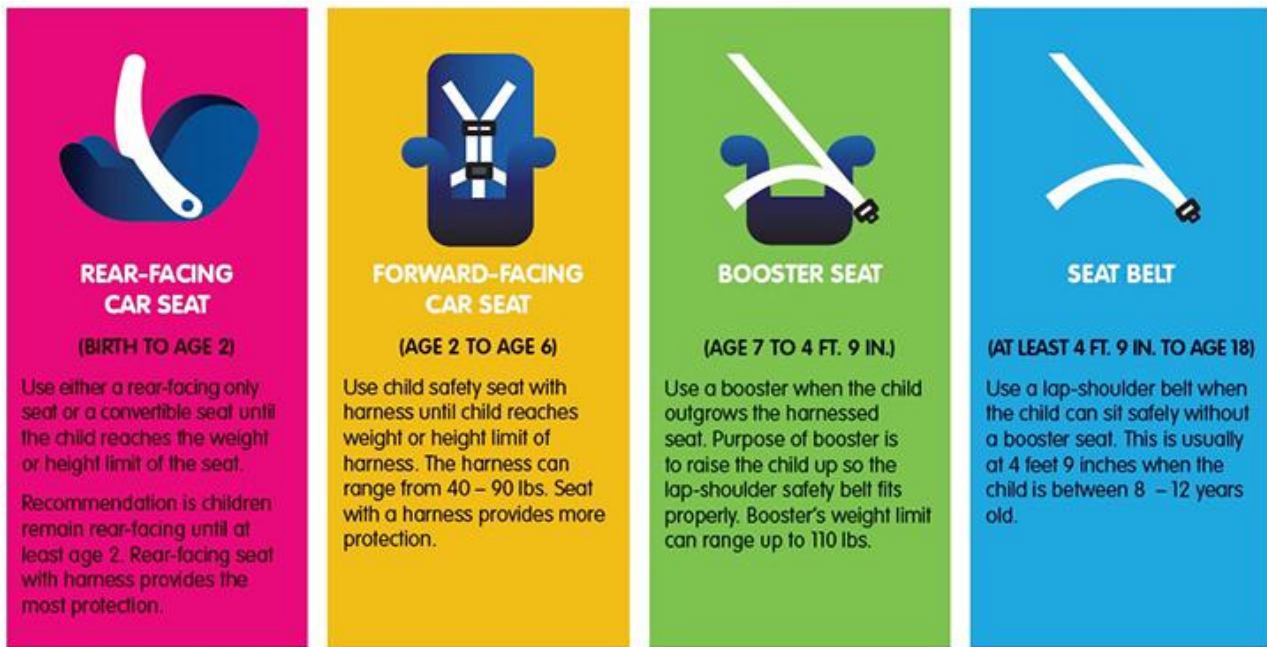
PCHD also completed the Child Fatality Review Board as required by Ohio law. The Ohio CFR Program was formed to better understand how and why children in our county die and to take action to prevent other child deaths. The purpose of the local Child Fatality Review Board is to reduce the incidence of preventable child deaths. Ohio records data from the National Child Death Review Case Reporting System online. The board meets yearly in the spring. In 2024, Paulding had 1 child fatality, so a meeting was held in March 2025 to review the case.

CHILDREN WITH MEDICAL HANDICAPS

CMH is an Ohio Department of Health program that provides medical payment assistance for children and young adults aged 25 and under with life-altering conditions. The program is also available to adults with Cystic Fibrosis who qualify financially. CMH is always the “payor of last resort,” paying what the clients’ primary and secondary insurance or Medicaid don’t cover. Public health nurses at PCHD help clients enroll in the CMH program, assist families with paperwork, complete comprehensive assessments of children, refer them to participating providers, collaborate with local resources such as Help Me Grow, and conduct yearly home visits to maintain the child’s enrollment in the program and assess needs. PCHD is compensated through ODH to cover the staff time required for the program. The program has several divisions, including diagnosis, treatment, metabolic formula, cystic fibrosis, and service coordination. In 2025, PCHD worked with 49 clients. 30 are on the treatment program. 14 are on the diagnostic, one on the Cystic Fibrosis program, one on the Metabolic Formula program, and one for hearing aid assistance.



OHIO BUCKLES BUCKEYES CAR SEAT PROGRAM



PCHD nurses are certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians (CPST). Lindsey Manz, RN, is the Ohio Buckles Buckeyes (OBB) coordinator for Paulding County. OBB provides the health department with 16 convertible car seats every 3-4 months. Occasionally, PCHD will receive a small allotment of booster seats. Convertible car seats, which fit newborns to around age 5, are available to children enrolled in the WIC program or financially eligible for it. Booster seats are available for clients ages 4-12 who are on or financially eligible for Medicaid. Clients not currently on WIC are referred to WIC. A donation of \$20 for convertible seats or a booster is requested but not required. Parents or guardians interested in a car seat for their child must make an appointment, watch a car seat education video, attend hands-on training, and then install the car seat in their vehicle with the assistance of the CPST. Before the parent and child leave, the seat is checked for a secure installation and proper child harnessing. Car seat installation checks on existing car seats can be scheduled by appointment for any family, regardless of income, for no cost. A certified CPST completes all checks. In 2025, 39 convertible car seats and 6 booster seats were given out, and 3 existing car seats were checked. Through seat donations, we received \$365.

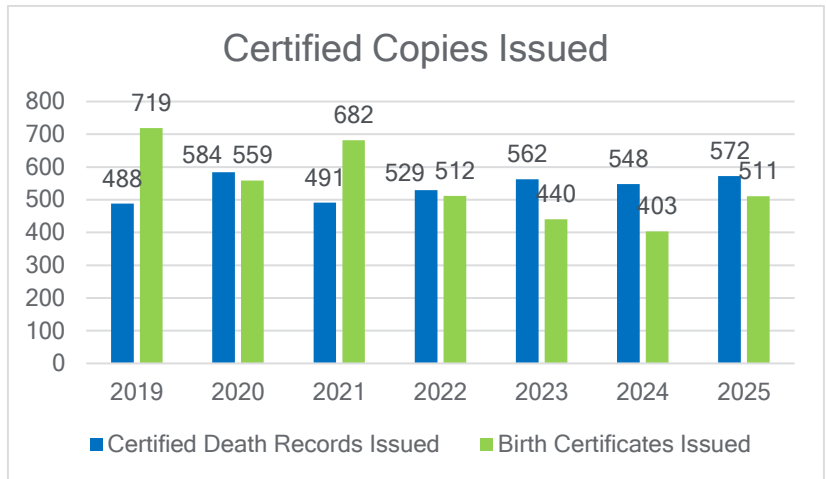
PROJECT DAWN

Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided with Naloxone) is a network of opioid overdose education and naloxone distribution programs (OENDP) coordinated by the Ohio Department of Health. PCHD is a distribution point to individuals and some first responders. Naloxone is free to increase availability and save lives in our community. Individuals can come in during regular business hours to obtain a kit. They are asked to complete a short form that collects their basic information and then provide educational information on the use of Naloxone. In 2025, PCHD distributed 62 kits.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTH AND DEATH RECORDS

The Paulding County Health Department Registrar is responsible for filing all birth and death records occurring in Paulding County with the Ohio Bureau of Vital Statistics. Since 2011, Ohio residents have been able to obtain a certified copy of any Ohio birth certificate at their local health department, with records available from 1908 to the present. Death certificates, however, have historically only been available from the county in which the death occurred.

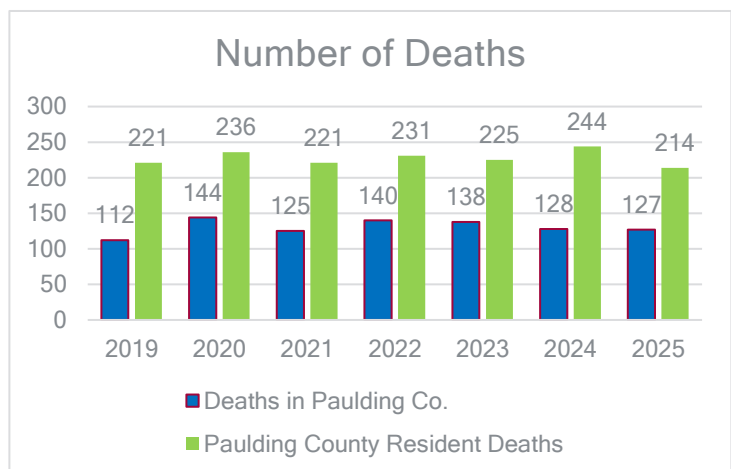


In 2025, the Paulding County Health Department issued 511 birth certificates and 572 death certificates. Birth certificate requests experienced a temporary increase in prior years due to identification requirements for obtaining a driver’s license; however, the number of birth certificates issued has steadily declined in recent years. Conversely, the number of death certificates issued has increased over the past several years.

A shift in these trends may occur in 2026, as late 2025 marked the debut of a new statewide system allowing individuals to obtain a death certificate from any local health department in Ohio, similar to the process implemented for birth certificates in 2011.

RATES

The table reflects the number of deaths of both residents of Paulding County and also the number of deaths that have occurred in Paulding County. As the chart reflects, the numbers have remained steady overall. To break the numbers down further, of the 214 Paulding County residents, 101 were male and 113 were female.



CAUSES OF DEATH

In 2025, there were 214 deaths among Paulding County residents. During the same year, 127 deaths occurred within Paulding County; however, some of those individuals were not residents of Paulding County.

The table below reflects the leading causes of death among Paulding County residents. It does not include causes of death for individuals who passed away in Paulding County but resided elsewhere.

LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH	
Cancer	49
Not a leading cause (Causes not meeting state requirements)	38
Heart Disease	34
Cerebrovascular Disease	19
Pulmonary Disease	13
Accidents – unintentional (motor vehicle, falls, fire & noxious substance)	13
Cerebrovascular Disease	9
Alzheimer’s Disease	7
Kidney Disease	7
Other	25
TOTAL	214

Of the total resident deaths, six were intentional deaths (suicides).

“Not a Leading Cause” indicates that the cause listed on the death certificate does not meet state criteria for classification as a leading cause of death. For example, dementia may be listed on a death certificate but does not qualify as a leading cause under state reporting guidelines.

At the time, local health departments do not have access to all individual death certificates. As a result, the Paulding County Health Department is not able to further break down all leading causes of death or provide additional detail within the “Other” category.

*This data is provided by the Ohio Department of Health. The Department specifically disclaims responsibility for any analyses, interpretations, or conclusions.

WIC

Women, Infant and Children, also known as WIC is a special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants and children. WIC helps income eligible pregnant and breastfeeding women, women who recently had a baby, and infants and children up to five years of age who are at health risk due to inadequate nutrition. The program improves pregnancy outcomes by providing or referring to support services necessary for full-term pregnancies; reducing infant mortality by lowering the incidence of low birth weight (infants under 5 ½ pounds are at greater risk of breathing problems, brain injuries, and physical abnormalities) and providing infants and children with a healthy start in life by improving poor or inadequate diets.

WIC provides nutrition education, breastfeeding education and support. Participants are given access to supplemental, highly nutritious foods such as, cereal, eggs, milk, yogurt, whole grain foods, peanut butter, juice, beans or peas, cheese, tofu, fruits, and vegetables, infant cereal, baby food, and iron fortified infant formula. WIC also provides referrals to prenatal and pediatric health care and other maternal and child health and human service programs such as, Head Start, Help Me Grow, Hands of Hope, Medicaid and SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program).

WIC is funded through a grant provided by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). This grant must be applied for annually. In 2025 WIC received a grant for \$153, 419.00. In July 2025, State WIC reallocated grant money for the WIC program and awarded an additional \$30,500.00 for a total of \$183,919.00 awarded to the Paulding County WIC program for the 2025 fiscal year. Paulding County WIC was also awarded an additional \$750.00 this past year through the United Way of Paulding County's Community Impact Grant to help service children and families within the community and promote nutrition education.

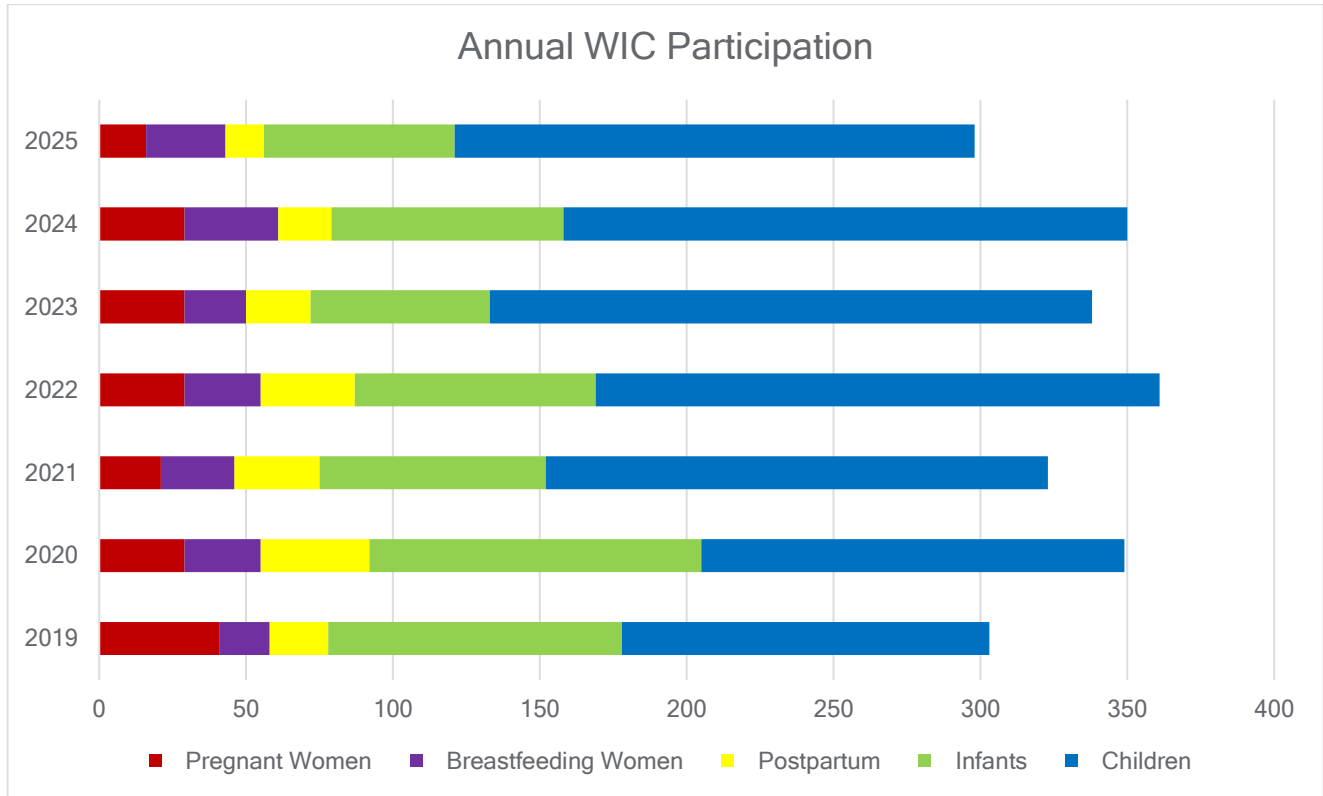
Breastfeeding Peer Helper Program

BREASTFEEDING PEER HELPER PROGRAM

The Breastfeeding Peer Helper program is designed to enhance the breastfeeding support services provided by WIC. Breastfeeding peer helpers are women in the community with personal breastfeeding experience. They provide mother-to-mother breastfeeding education and support which in turn helps mothers successfully reach their breastfeeding goals. Peer helpers assist by establishing a connection with families, helping mothers in managing common concerns, ongoing encouragement, and offering comfort outside the usual workday. The development of the Breastfeeding Peer Helper program has increased breastfeeding initiation and duration rates among the WIC population. There are breast pumps available for breastfeeding moms. These pumps are free of charge to WIC participants.

WIC WORKS!

The Paulding County WIC office currently serves 298 participants (as of 12/31/25) monthly. The following is a breakdown of participants groups.



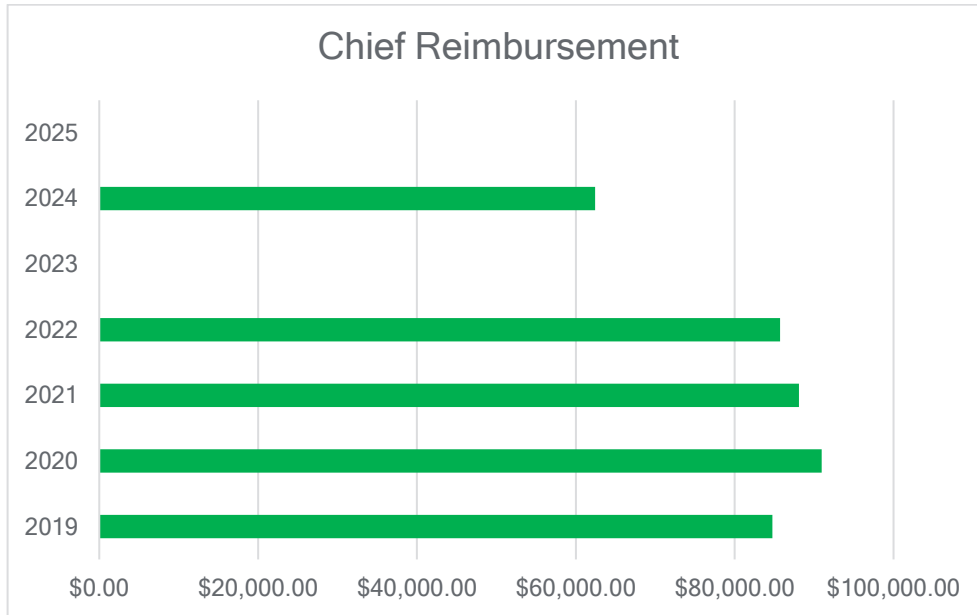
FARMER'S MARKET

Farmer's Market coupons have been offered to Paulding County WIC participants since the summer of 2004. Coupons are worth \$25 and can be redeemed at WIC approved farm markets for fresh fruits and vegetables during the months of June through October. This program is extremely popular with our WIC participants.



WHO PROVIDES WIC FOODS?

Chief is the only facility in Paulding County that accepts WIC. The reimbursement for Chief has remained steady over the years as many participants utilize the local retailer. 2024 data was not available at the time the report was generated.



PARTNERSHIPS

In September 2025, our WIC Director and dietitian started as the contracted dietitian for the Paulding County Hospital. The contract is for 8-10hr/week on site at the hospital. Her duties include outpatient nutrition counseling, menu planning, conducting kitchen audits, providing inpatient nutrition services as needed. This partnership has helped build on the health department's relationship with the Paulding County Hospital and assists with funding towards the Paulding County WIC Program.



ACCREDITATION

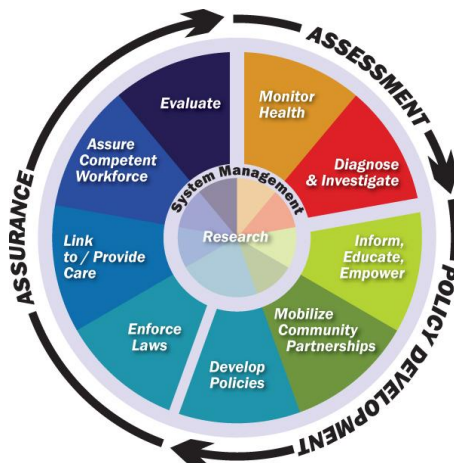
The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) accreditation process represents a commitment to continuous quality improvement, accountability, and performance excellence in public health. The Paulding County Health Department (PCHD) continues to make steady progress toward achieving this important national recognition.

In 2025, the Paulding County Health Department staff worked to finalize the necessary documentation for submission to PHAB. This phase involves careful review, verification, and organization of materials to ensure compliance with national public health standards.

Key documents compiled for the accreditation application include:

- Annual budgets
- Organizational chart
- Community Health Assessment (CHA)
- Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)
- Strategic Plan
- Applicable laws and regulations enforced by the health department
- Information regarding the governing body
- Documentation demonstrating support for the accreditation process

Although accreditation has not yet been achieved, this continued progress reflects PCHD’s strong commitment to quality improvement, transparency, and excellence in service delivery. The accreditation journey underscores the department’s dedication to protecting and improving the health of Paulding County residents. Staff collaboration, leadership support, and organizational commitment remain central as the department moves closer to achieving national accreditation.



FISCAL

The Paulding County Health Department is funded through multiple sources, including service fees, grants, and local levy support. The Department continues to actively pursue funding opportunities that align with its Strategic Plan and the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), ensuring resources are directed toward priority health initiatives and community needs.

When adjustments to Environmental Health program fees are necessary, a formal cost analysis is conducted. This analysis ensures that fees accurately reflect the cost of providing services and that the agency remains compliant by not overcharging for those services.

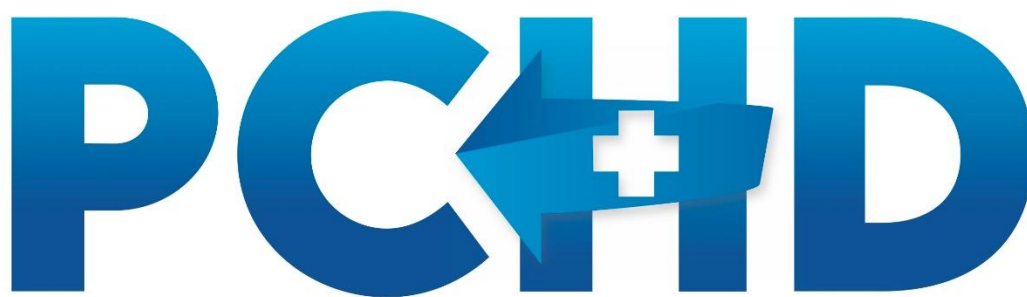
Balance as of January 1, 2025 \$2,265,217

REVENUE	
Paulding County Tax Levy	\$275,813
Other Local Government Funds	\$69,846
Federal/State Grants/Subsidy	\$805,768
Service Fees	\$248,244
Misc. Grants/Receipts	\$2,102
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,401,774

EXPENDITURES	
Administrative Costs	\$360,924
Supplies (Medical, Office, Program)	\$126,362
ODH Grants	\$523,129
WPCLF Grant	\$57,989
Share to State	\$223,932
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,092,336

Balance as of December 31, 2025 \$2,574,655

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