
Annual Report



Love Life. Live Healthy.

2023

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A NOTE FROM THE HEALTH COMMISSIONER

Dear Morrow County,

I am pleased to present the 2023 Annual Report for the Morrow County Health District. Within these pages you will find a summary of your Health District's work and financials for the past year.

2023 was a busy year for MCHD as we continued our public health outreach and education efforts throughout the community. We have been working on conducting the latest Community Health Assessment (CHA) for Morrow County which should be completed during the first half of 2024. The environmental health division staff have been able to get the septic system operation and maintenance program up and running after much planning and collaboration. Through various grant opportunities from the Ohio Department of Health, MCHD has been able to expand the sexually transmitted infections (STI) clinic to include a site at Maryhaven. We have also been able to place three NaloxBoxes at various sites around Morrow County. Notable outreach events include a picnic event at Hidden Lakes in June where they were able to distribute health information to the residents there, and the annual Amish Health and Safety event held in September that had a record turn out of over 300 Amish men, women, and children.

I cannot express the pride I feel in the staff at MCHD and in the Board of Health as they continue to protect the community, promote public health, and prevent illness and injury for our county. These individuals show time and time again, just how deeply they care for Morrow County and its residents. We are excited to see what 2024 brings, and we will continue moving forward together.

Stay safe and healthy,



Stephanie Bragg, RN, BSN, MHA
Health Commissioner



Vision

Morrow County: Living Well in a Healthy Community

Mission

To protect the health of Morrow County by preventing disease and injury, and promoting healthy choices through leadership, education, and collaboration.

MORROW COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

The Morrow County Board of Health is the governing body of the Morrow County Health District. Each member of the Board is appointed for a five year term by the District Advisory Council. The purpose of the Board of Health is to represent the county's best interests in disease prevention policy and governance. The Board operates as a single unit, and makes decisions by majority vote. Board of Health powers and authority can be found in Chapters 3707 and 3709 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Morrow County Board of Health - 2023

Dr. Martha Mooney, DVM - President	Term Ends 2025
Shad Gallogly - President Pro Tempore	Term Ends 2023
Holly Trainer, RPh	Term Ends 2024
Dr. David Zaghlool, DO	Term Ends 2026
Megan Rockas	Term Ends 2027

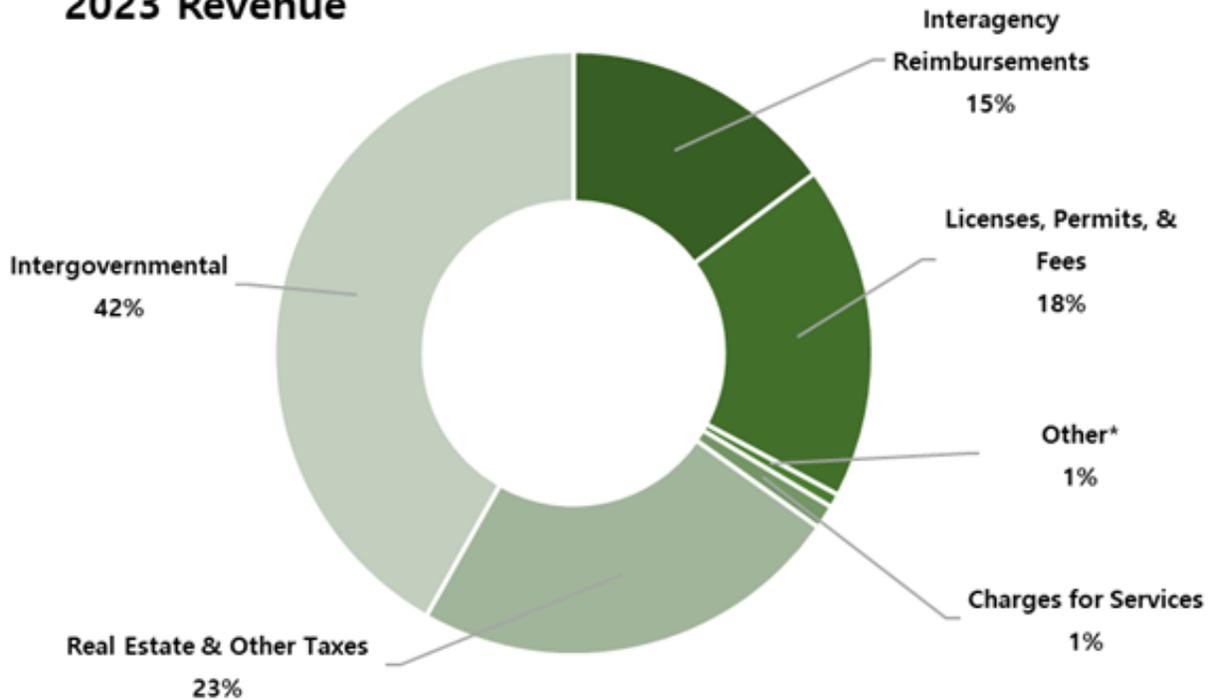
The Board of Health meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00 pm in the Community

MORROW COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT STAFF (as of 3/1/2024)

Division	Employee	Title	Extension
Administration	Stephanie Bragg, RN, BSN, MHA	Health Commissioner	308
	Jill Thompson	Fiscal Specialist	311
	Karrie Hursey	Executive Assistant	301
	Lynne Keesey	Registrar	312
Environmental Health	Stephanie Zmuda, REHS	Environmental Health Director	324
	Michaela Byler, REHSIT	Environmental Health Specialist	325
	Daniel Huddleston, REHSIT	EH Specialist-In-Training	306
	Rachel Perry	Environmental Health Technician	329
	Kelly Pack	Administrative Assistant	304
Nursing	Morgan Shirley, RN, BSN	Director of Nursing	318
	Amber Boice RN, NP	Nurse Practitioner	315
	Jessica Garver, RN, BSN	Clinic Services Coordinator	326
	Kelly Worstell, RN, BSN	Help Me Grow Coordinator	322
	Annette Goodrich, LPN	Licensed Practical Nurse	302
	Krysta Spengler, LPN	Licensed Practical Nurse	323
	Teresa Hoffman	Administrative Assistant	327

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2023 Revenue

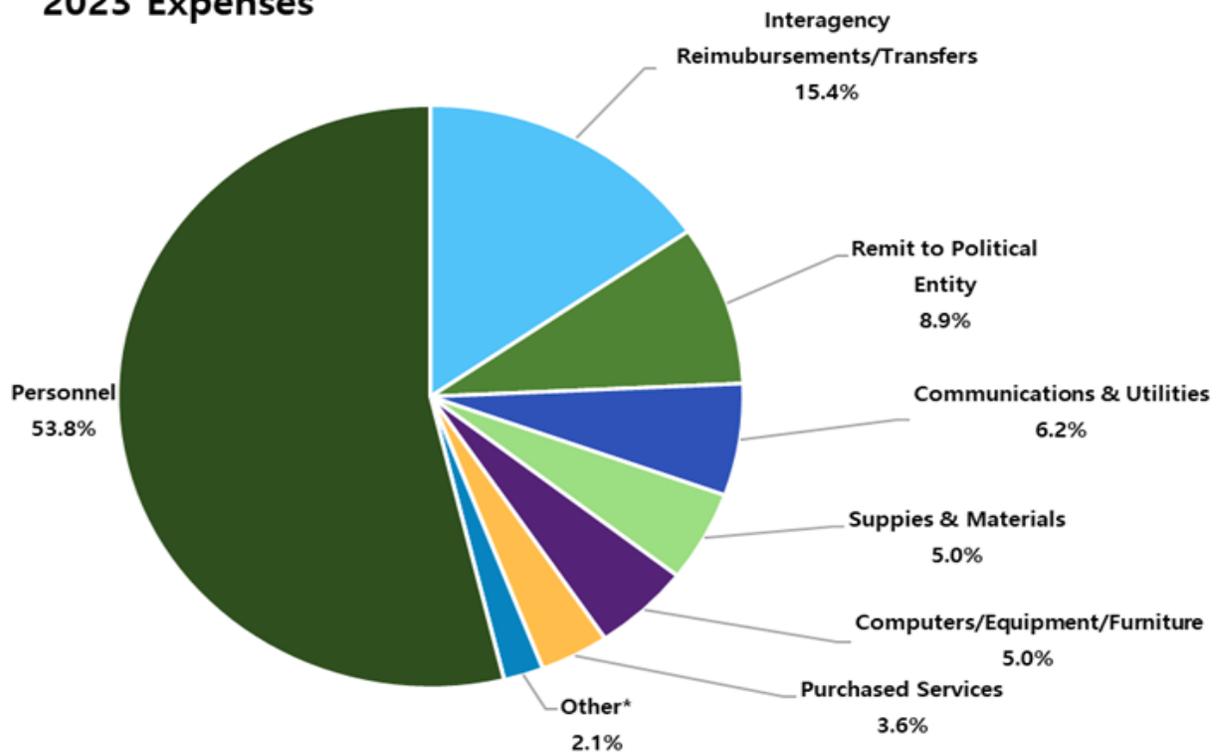


**Other includes Investment Incomes, Contributions & Donations, Fines & Forfeitures, and Other Misc.*

2023 Revenue	
Intergovernmental	\$ 733,365.22
Real Estate & Other Taxes	\$ 410,943.82
Licenses, Permits & Fees	\$ 314,423.94
Interagency Reimbursements / Advan	\$ 260,668.03
Charges for Services	\$ 22,382.65
Contributions & Donations	\$ 5,363.27
Investment Incomes	\$ 5,193.68
Other	\$ 1,338.95
Fines & Forfeitures	\$ 934.36
Total Revenue:	\$1,754,613.92

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2023 Expenses



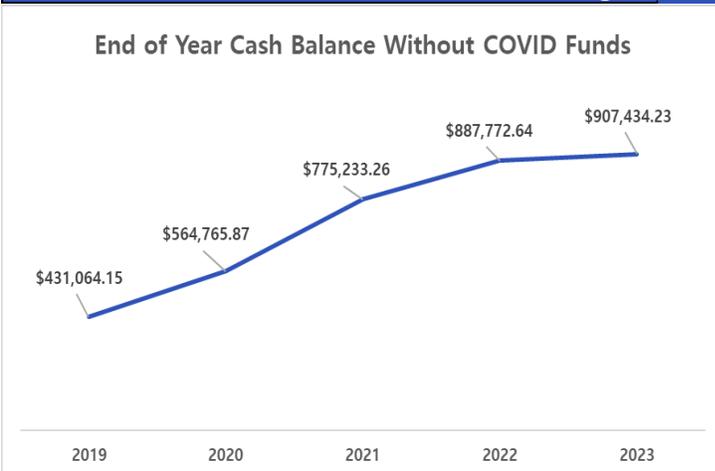
**Other includes Levy Expenses, Insurance & Bonding, Dues & Fees and Refunds*

2023 Expenses	
Personnel	\$ 949,610.72
Interagency Reimbursements / Advances & Transfers	\$ 271,834.89
Remit to Political Entity	\$ 157,043.42
Communications & Utilities	\$ 109,658.86
Computers, Equipment & Furniture	\$ 89,120.90
Supplies & Materials	\$ 88,957.54
Purchased Services	\$ 62,982.01
Dues & Fees	\$ 18,899.88
Levy Expenses	\$ 12,370.44
Insurance & Bonding	\$ 4,277.58
Refunds	\$ 839.71
Total Expenses	\$1,765,595.95

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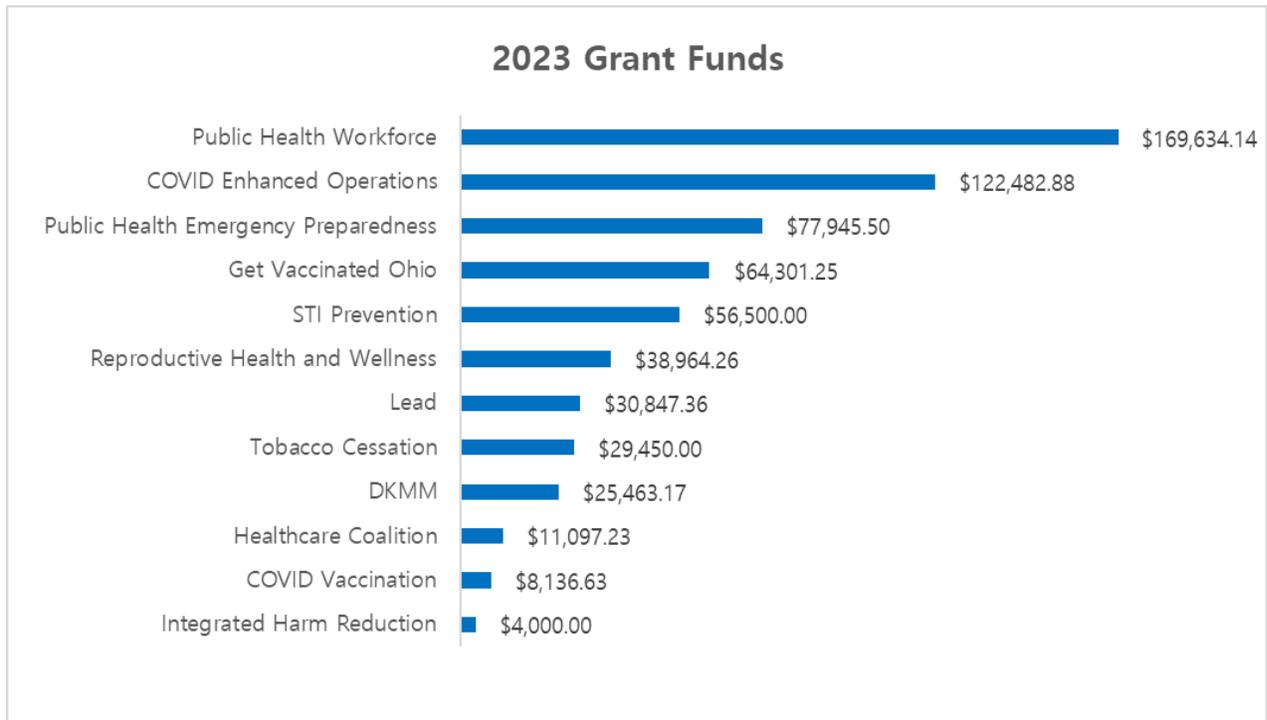
CASH BALANCE 2023 vs. 2022

Funds	Description	Ending 12/31/2022	Ending 12/31/2023	Difference Between 2022 vs. 2023 (As of 12/31/23)
8501	District Advisory Council	\$ -	\$ 16,371.05	\$ 16,371.05
8502	Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps	\$ -	\$ 1,616.10	\$ 1,616.10
8503	PH Nursing	\$ -	\$ 20,322.63	\$ 20,322.63
8504	Vital Statistics	\$ -	\$ 19,525.90	\$ 19,525.90
8515	Public Health Workforce	\$ 7,098.78	\$ 26,838.03	\$ 19,739.25
8546	CD & D Landfill	\$ 5,099.00	\$ 5,099.00	\$ -
8547	CD & D Processing Facility	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 4,472.50	\$ 2,722.50
8548	OEPA Sewage Grant	\$ 1.00	\$ -	\$ (1.00)
8550	General Health District	\$ 284,250.31	\$ 221,659.32	\$ (62,590.99)
8551	Medicaid Administrative Claiming	\$ -	\$ 22,150.20	\$ 22,150.20
8552	Food Safety	\$ 49,386.25	\$ 60,441.30	\$ 11,055.05
8553	RV Parks & Campgrounds	\$ 23,269.00	\$ 16,167.47	\$ (7,101.53)
8554	Covid 19 Vaccination	\$ 7,779.19	\$ 0.00	\$ (7,779.19)
8555	Private Water Systems	\$ 28,405.73	\$ 36,128.11	\$ 7,722.38
8556	Sewage Treatment Systems	\$ 211,440.98	\$ 237,390.53	\$ 25,949.55
8557	CEBCO Wellness	\$ 3,947.34	\$ 4,992.02	\$ 1,044.68
8558	Bathing Beaches	\$ -	\$ 124.85	\$ 124.85
8559	Body Art	\$ -	\$ 77.95	\$ 77.95
8560	Plumbing	\$ -	\$ 1,640.96	\$ 1,640.96
8561	Resident Camps	\$ -	\$ 739.97	\$ 739.97
8564	Get Vaccinated Ohio	\$ 4,621.34	\$ 10,697.69	\$ 6,076.35
8565	Pools & Spas	\$ 15,078.83	\$ 14,546.27	\$ (532.56)
8567	Help Me Grow	\$ -	\$ 42,470.60	\$ 42,470.60
8568	Solid Waste	\$ 35,156.89	\$ 35,247.07	\$ 90.18
8569	Reproductive Health	\$ 91,346.82	\$ 9,658.61	\$ (81,688.21)
*8570	COVID 19 Enhanced Operations	\$ 15,861.36	\$ 12,189.43	\$ (3,671.93)
8572	Integrated Harm Reduction	\$ -	\$ 1,280.55	\$ 1,280.55
*8574	Coronavirus Response	\$ 58,072.72	\$ 58,301.20	\$ 228.48
8575	PH Emergency Preparedness	\$ 79,814.33	\$ 77,437.69	\$ (2,376.64)
*8576	COVID 19 Contact Tracing	\$ 4,202.66	\$ 4,292.82	\$ 90.16
*8577	Vaccine Needs Assessment	\$ 0.05	\$ (0.00)	\$ (0.05)
*8578	Vaccine Equity Supplement	\$ 23,713.75	\$ -	\$ (23,713.75)
8579	Central Ohio Trauma System	\$ 5,337.51	\$ 4,307.61	\$ (1,029.90)
8580	Tobacco Use Prevention & Cessation	\$ 10,111.05	\$ 132.26	\$ (9,978.79)
8581	Innovative Approaches to STI Prevention	\$ 27,454.82	\$ 15,897.99	\$ (11,556.83)
		\$ 993,199.71	\$ 982,217.68	\$ (10,982.03)
<i>*COVID Grant Funding</i>				
Cash Balances WITHOUT COVID Grant Funding		\$ 887,772.64	\$ 907,434.23	\$ 19,661.59



In 2023, we removed smaller, individual funds from the General Fund, and put those funds into their own accounts. This is why the General Fund shows such a large deficit from last year. Those funds are now in their respective accounts. Also in 2023, we had to spend down carryover money in various grants, which is why these funds have much lower balances compared to previous years.

GRANTS MANAGEMENT



In 2023, MCHD managed 12 different grants for a total of \$638,922.45. Participating in these grant opportunities allows us to implement important programs that benefit our community.

MCHD Grants - 2023	
Public Health Workforce	Provides for workforce expansion and development
COVID Enhanced Operations	Provides for COVID response activities
Public Health Emergency Preparedness	Provides for emergency planning and preparedness activities
Get Vaccinated Ohio	Provides for activities to increase childhood vaccine rates
STI Prevention	Provides for STI testing and treatment for underserved people
Reproductive Health and Wellness	Provides family planning and wellness services for women and men
Lead	Provides education and outreach to prevent lead poisoning in children
COVID Vaccination	Provides for COVID vaccination activities
Tobacco Cessation	Provides education and tools to quit tobacco use
DKMM	Provides for solid waste nuisance clean up and enforcement
Healthcare Coalition	Provides community preparedness resources for participating partners
COVID Vaccination	Provides for COVID vaccination activities
Integrated Harm Reduction	Provides outreach and and tools for drug overdose prevention

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Recreational Program Licenses	
Permanent Camps Licensed	11
Temporary Camps Licensed	4
Pools Licensed	19
Bathing Beaches Licensed	3

Our EH team licenses and inspects Morrow County's campgrounds, swimming pools, beaches, and body art facilities for health and safety hazards.

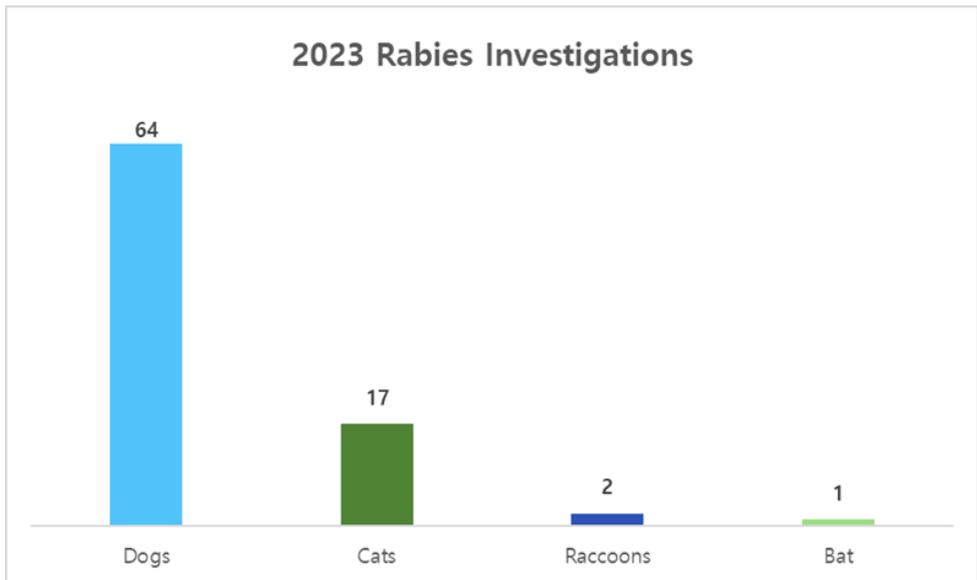
Body Art Shop Licenses Issued
3

EH staff issues permits for private wells and collects water samples for testing to ensure safe water for drinking and recreation.

Private Well Permits Issued
56



Lot Splits
44



We follow up on complaints about issues that can make our community sick, including public health nuisances and possible rabies exposures.

There were 0 positive animal rabies cases in 2023

Nuisance Investigations	
Complaints Investigated (Total)	27
• Solid Waste Nuisance Complaints	17
• Sewage Nuisance Complaints	6
• Food Complaints	4



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Sewage Treatment System Permits	
STS Permits Issued (Total)	112
• New Permits	77
• Replacement Permits	24
• Alteration Permits	11

**Properties
Currently in
O&M Program
4907**



**Sewage
Treatment
System
Inspections
429**

MCHD issues permits for household septic systems. EH staff performs inspections to make sure that the systems are installed properly, and are working as designed.

MCHD issues operating licenses for Morrow County restaurants and food facilities. Our EH staff conduct inspections according to the rules set by Ohio's Departments of Health and Agriculture. These rules are in place to prevent foodborne illness.



Food Safety Program Inspections	
Food Inspections Completed (Total)	440

Food Safety Program Licenses	
Food Licenses Issued (Total)	268
• Retail Foods	58
• Food Service Operations	68
• Temp. Food Service Operations	42
• Mobiles	100
• Vending	0

For the 4th year in a row, Improper Date Marking remains the top Food Safety Violation. Food only lasts a limited amount of time before it becomes unsafe to serve. Date Marking items is a clear way to identify when food must be thrown away.

**#1 Food Safety
Violation
Date Marking**

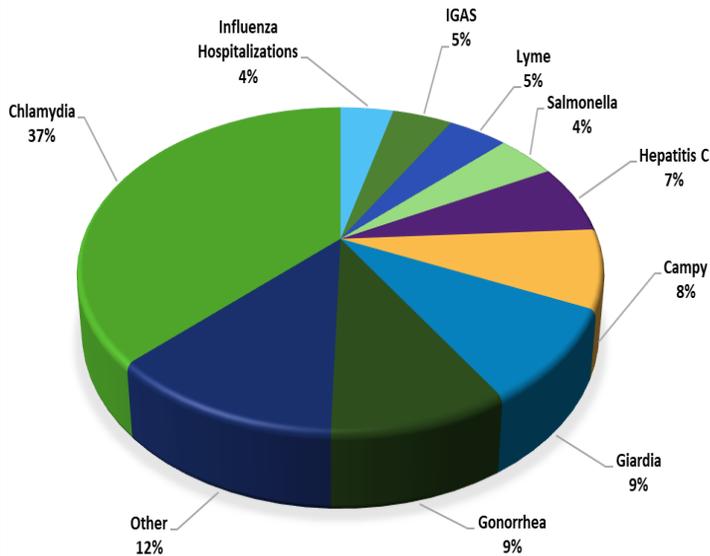


NURSING

Our Nursing division monitors and investigates reportable diseases in Morrow County that can impact the health of our community.

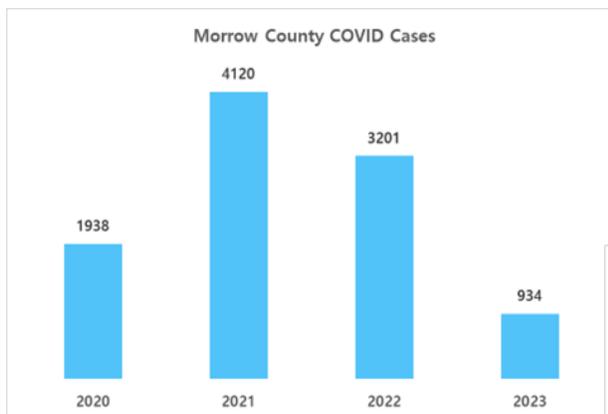


2023 COMMUNICABLE DISEASES REPORTED*

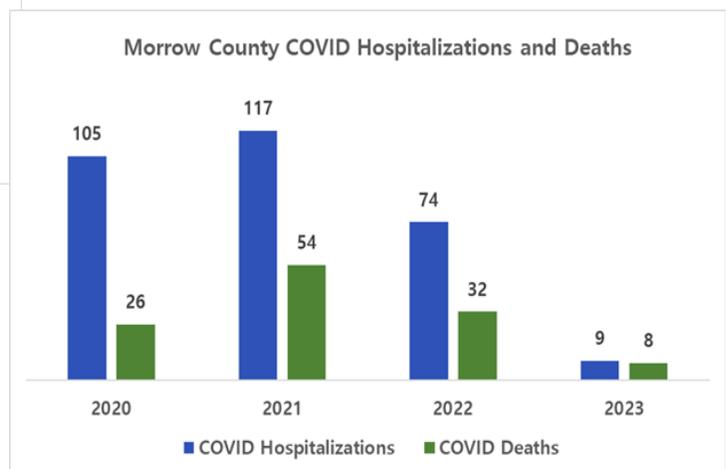


Communicable Disease Report 2023*	
Disease	Total
Bacterial Meningitis, not meningococcal	1
Carbapendemase-Producing Organisms (CPO)	1
Campy	16
Chlamydia	76
CP-CRE	2
E. Coli	4
Giardia	19
Gonorrhea	19
Hep B, Chronic	4
Hep C, Chronic	14
Influenza, hosp	8
Invasive Group A Strep (IGAS)	9
Invasive Strep Pneum (non resistant/unk)	4
Lyme	9
Pertussis	5
Q Fever	1
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever	1
Salmonella	9
Syphilis	2
Varicella	4
Total Cases	208

**Data does not include COVID-19 cases*



MCHD continues to monitor and track COVID cases, hospitalizations, and deaths throughout Morrow County



NURSING

Immunization Program	
Adult Immunizations Given (Non-COVID)	91
Child Immunizations Given (Non-COVID)	437
COVID-19 Immunizations Given	80

We provide vaccinations by appointment for children and adults in our immunization clinic. Our nurses also held special clinics to provide COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters.



We offer TB skin tests by appointment, and we provide follow up and referrals for positive results.

TB Tests
65

Reproductive Health Visits
77



STI Grant Clients Seen
67

MCHD nurses are able to provide reproductive health services, and STI testing and treatment for men and women due to grants received from the Ohio Department of Health. These grants allow us to offer services to everyone, regardless their ability to pay.

Help Me Grow Program	
Home Visits with Parents as Teachers	260
Phone and Drop Off Visits	13

Our public health nurses administer numerous programs that help benefit the children in our community.

Foster Care Screenings
6

Children with Medical Handicaps Clients
159

Ohio Buckles Buckeyes Program	
Convertible Car Seats Given	23
Booster Car Seats Given	4

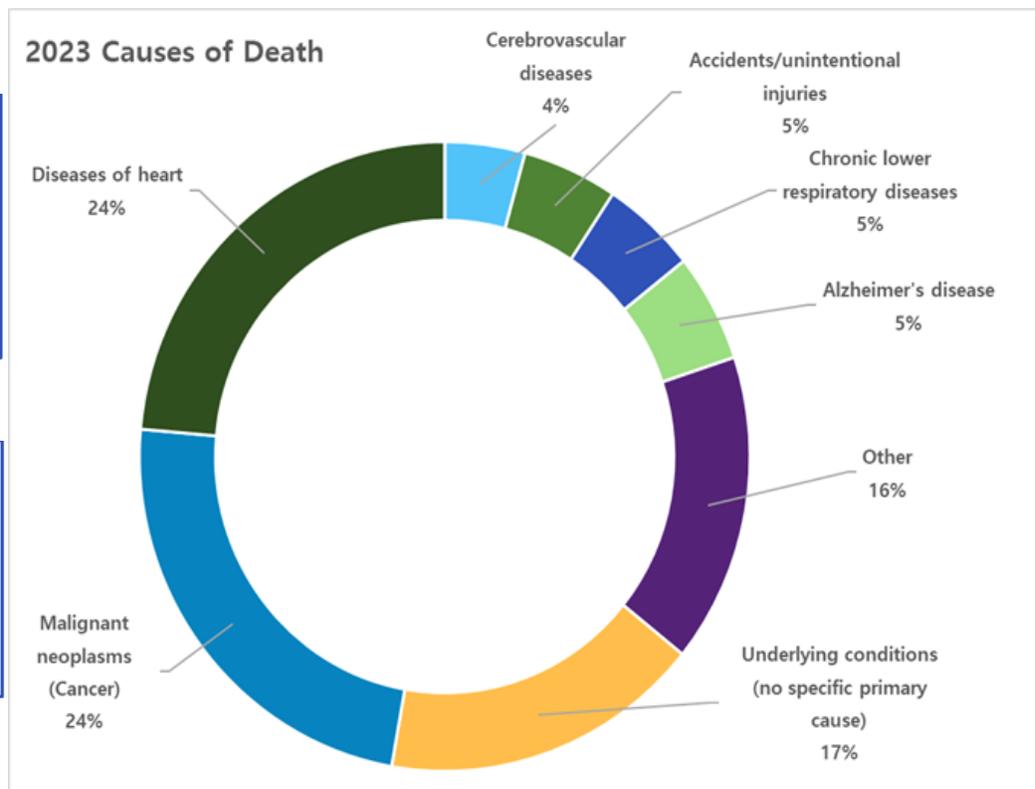
VITAL STATISTICS

Vital Statistics Issuances	
Birth Certificates Issued	616
Home Births Registered	27
Death Certificates Issued	848
Burial Permits Issued	27

MCHD issues birth and death certificates, registers home births, and issues burial permits through our Vital Statistics program. We also monitor birth and death data to help prioritize public health initiatives in our community.

Morrow County Resident Births
411

Morrow County Resident Deaths
377



Morrow County Leading Cause of Death by Year

2019	Cancer	28%
2020	Heart Disease	26%
2021	Cancer	22%
2022	Heart Disease	23%
2023	Heart Disease/Cancer (Tie)	24% & 24%



**Vital Statistics data is collected from the Ohio Department of Health Data Warehouse*