



Clinton County Health District

Public Health - Prevent. Promote. Protect.



2025 Annual Report

Clinton County Health District 2025 Staff

Administrative

Health Commissioner - Monica Wood
Administrative Clerk II - Elizabeth Wheeler*
Fiscal Officer - Cheryl Babb
Fiscal Clerk- Georgia Jordan
Special Projects Coordinator - Tonja Ruther

Environmental Health

Environmental Health Director - Katie Burwinkel
Environmental Health Clerk - Melanie Nienaber*
Plumbing Inspector/Plans Examiner - JD Crowe
REHS 2 - Matt Johannes
REHS 2 - Stephanie Stewart
REHS 2 - Christine Propes*
EHS-IT - Camden Kenney

Nursing

Medical Advisor - Dr. Steven J. Englender
Nursing Director - Michaella Quallen
Public Health Nurse 2 - Hannah Hayes
Public Health Nurse - Delilah Pritchett*
Public Health Nurse 2 - Jennifer Simpson
Public Health Nurse - Sydney Griffith
Public Health Nurse - Jonda Meddock
Nursing Clerk - Kate Justice*
Nursing Accounts Specialist - Samantha Gaito

WIC/Breastfeeding

WIC Director - Renee Quallen
WIC Clerk - Alicia Miller
WIC Clerk - Kate Justice*
Breastfeeding Coordinator - Delilah Pritchett*
WIC Peer/WIC Clerk - Danielle Grubb
WIC Remote Nutritionist - Rachel Eichholtz
WIC Registered Dietetic Technician - Christine Propes*

Vital Statistics

Registrar - Melanie Nienaber*
Deputy Registrar - Elizabeth Wheeler*

New Staff

Sydney Griffith
Georgia Jordan

Former Staff

Stephanie Stewart
Camden Kenney
Hannah Hayes
Kate Justice



WIC - Women Infants Children
REHS - Registered Environmental Health Specialist
EHS-IT - Environmental Health Specialist in Training
* Shared within 2 programs



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2025 Health District Advisory Council



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Adams - James Reveal
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Board of Health Members

Terri Thobaben, Chairperson
Patricia Settlemyre, BSN, RN, Vice Chair
Brian Larrick
Janet Gick, MD
Katherine Dye, MSN

Clinton County Commissioner's Representative

Kerry Steed
Mike McCarty

This Health District Advisory Council (DAC) meets annually in March to bring health concerns and recommendations to the Board of Health and to appoint new Board of Health members from the county. This council is composed of the Presidents of the Boards of Township Trustees, the Mayors of the City and Villages, and the President of the Board of County Commissioners in the Health District in accordance with 3709.03 of the Ohio Revised Code.



Mission, Vision, and Values

Mission

Striving to improve Clinton County by preventing disease, promoting health, and protecting the environment.

Vision

To provide the highest level of education, leadership, and service to promote the well-being of those living and working in Clinton County.

Values

Commitment - We are committed to building strong communities with healthy people for a healthy Clinton County.

Educate - We strive to inform, educate, and empower people about health issues.

Equality - Everyone should have equal opportunity to health.

Inspire - We believe that health is more than life without disease.

Leadership - We provide our highest and best efforts in every aspect of our work.

Prevention - We emphasize prevention, health promotion and early intervention.

Respect - We have respect for our community, our citizens, each other and ourselves.

Service - We value fiscal responsibility and stewardship.

A message from the Health Commissioner

In 2025, the Clinton County Health District continued its commitment to protecting and improving the health of our community through prevention, education, and strong collaborative partnerships. Our efforts remained aligned with the national priorities outlined in Healthy People 2030, focusing on chronic disease prevention, communicable disease control, maternal and child health, environmental safety, and strengthening the public health workforce.

A significant accomplishment in 2025 was the completion of the Clinton County Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) in November. Working with healthcare providers, social service agencies, schools, community organizations, and residents to collect this comprehensive assessment which utilized quantitative public health data, qualitative community input to evaluate health trends, identify priority health concerns, and better understand barriers to health services and behavioral health needs. The results of this assessment will guide strategic planning, prioritize funding that promotes targeted interventions, and eliminate duplication of services to improve community health and advance shared public health goals across Clinton County.

Throughout the year, the Health District continued to monitor and analyze population health indicators and emerging health trends to inform program planning and service delivery. In collaboration with seven Southwest Ohio counties, the Clinton County Health District supported the development of the Southwest Ohio Data Hub, a comprehensive regional platform designed to provide valuable insight into the region's health and well-being. The Data Hub provides access to more than 200 health and quality-of-life indicators and over 250 demographic variables at the state, county, and ZIP code levels. This robust data resource supports data-driven decision making, strengthens regional collaboration, and serves as a valuable tool to inform policies and guide initiatives aimed at improving quality of life across Clinton County and the surrounding region.

Recognizing that a strong workforce is essential to delivering quality public health services, the Health District prioritized workforce development in 2025. Staff completed many hours of professional training focused on emergency preparedness, health equity, data-informed decision making, and quality improvement. The agency also strengthened succession planning and cross-training efforts to ensure continuity of services and enhanced organizational resilience. These initiatives support national public health infrastructure goals and improve the Health District's ability to respond to emerging community health needs.

The accomplishments of 2025 reflect the dedication of our staff, the leadership of the Board of Health, and the support of our healthcare, education, government, and community partners. By continuing to assess community health status, monitor emerging health trends, and share data transparently with the public and stakeholders, Clinton County Health District remains committed to health strengthening prevention efforts, and improving health outcomes for all residents.

Monica Wood, MSN, BS, RN
Clinton County Health Commissioner

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

The Administrative Team serves as the operational backbone of the Health District—ensuring sound fiscal management, regulatory compliance, organizational stability, Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) adherence, and the infrastructure necessary for program divisions to effectively deliver essential public health services.

For 2025, this division was comprised of one full-time Fiscal Officer, one full-time Administrative Clerk II, the Special Projects Coordinator which leads emergency planning and public information distribution, and the Health Commissioner. In December, we added a full time Fiscal Clerk.



Back, Left to Right:
Tonja Ruther, CHES
Special Projects Coordinator
Georgia Jordan, Fiscal Clerk

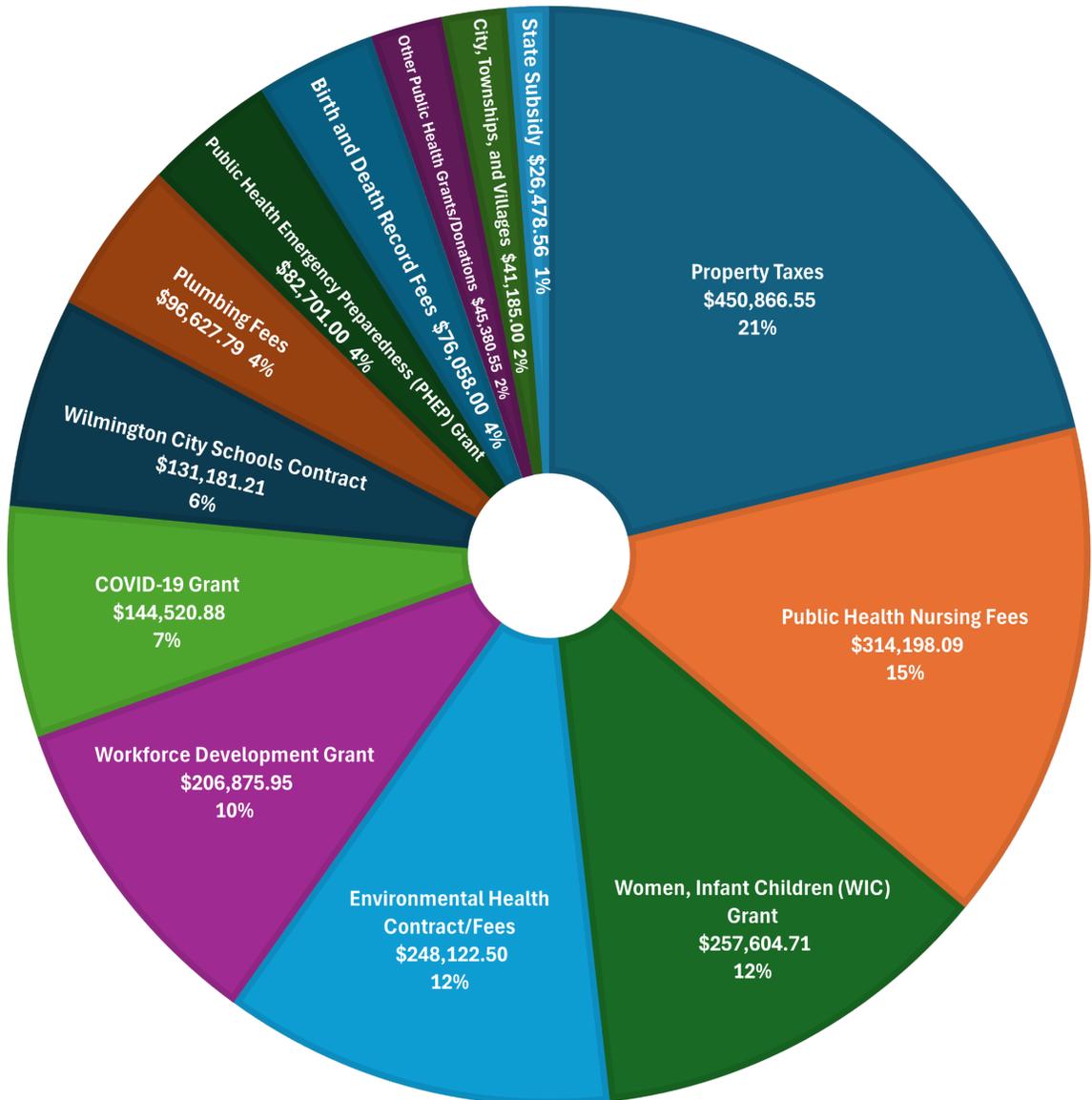
Middle:
Elizabeth Wheeler,
Administrative Clerk II

Front, Left to Right:
Cheryl Babb, Fiscal Officer
Monica Wood, MSN, BS, RN
Health Commissioner

2025 CCHD Annual Fiscal Report

Less than ¼ of Clinton County Health District revenues are received from property taxes, including a 5-year ½ million-dollar Health Levy and fees received from local governments. Federal pass-through grants account for 36% of total revenue. A state subsidy makes up roughly 1%. Collected fees for services account for 40% of generated revenues. Local grants and donations account for 2% of generated revenues.

CCHD Revenue By Source



Total Revenue \$2,121,800.79

* All fiscal reports are unaudited financial reports.

*2025 Clinton County Health District Revenues

HEALTH WITHHELD	City of Wilmington	\$ 25,000.00
	Townships and Villages	\$ 16,185.00
LEVY MONEY		
REAL ESTATE TAXES		\$ 407,397.94
HOMESTEAD AND ROLLBACK (PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX)		\$ 41,535.14
MANUFACTURED HOME TAX		\$ 1,933.47
STATE SUBSIDY		\$ 26,478.56
VITAL STATISTICS FEES		\$ 76,058.00
PLUMBING FEES	Clinton, Clermont, Fayette, Highland, Ross Counties	\$ 96,627.79
SEPTIC FEES		\$ 85,935.00
FOOD SERVICE OPERATIONS		\$ 93,067.45
RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS		\$ 41,047.85
LICENSE AND PERMIT FEES	RV Parks, Manufactured Home Parks, Swimming Pools, Water Systems, Smoke Free Investigations, Body Art, Campgrounds	\$ 26,072.20
SOLID WASTE ENFORCEMENT	Contract with County Commissioners	\$ 2,000.00
WILMINGTON CITY SCHOOLS		\$ 131,181.21
IMMUNIZATION CLINIC	Private Pay, Medicaid, Private Insurance, Medicare	\$ 229,195.52
BCMh	Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps	\$ 15,710.18
CPR TRAINING		\$ 7,060.00
MAC	Medicaid Administrative Claiming	\$ 36,592.53
MISCELLANEOUS NURSING FEES	BP Clinic, Shot Records, TB testing, Reimbursement for Expired Vaccine	\$ 25,639.86
WIC GRANT	Women, Infant & Children	\$ 257,604.71
PHEP GRANT	Public Health Emergency Preparedness	\$ 82,701.00
COVID-19 RESPONSE GRANT		\$ 144,520.88
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANT		\$ 206,875.95
DRIVE TO SUCCEED GRANT		\$ -
GET VACCINATED GRANT		\$ 21,641.00
BREASTFEEDING IN THE WORKPLACE GRANT		\$ 5,165.00
TECH CREDIT GRANT		\$ 17,529.00
COVID BRIDGE GRANT		\$ -
UNITED WAY MEDICATION FUND	Prescription Drug Program	
PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM	RX Donation	
HEALTHFIRST GRANT- PMAP	Prescription Medication Assistance Program	
HEALTHFIRST GRANT- DIABETES	Diabetes Education	
HEATHERS HOPE	Restricted Donations	
26TH MILE YOUTH WELLNESS FUND	Donation, Mental Health Recovery Board Funding	
FEDERAL- OVERDOSE AWARENESS (GH)		
HEALTHFIRST GRANT- GRIEF RECOVERY (GH)		
BABY SHOWER (GH)		\$ 50.00
PEP GRANT (GH)	Public Entities Pool of Ohio	\$ 995.55
OLCA & CARSEAT GRANT (GH)	Ohio Lcacion Consultant Association	
RESTRICTED DONATION- NURSING	American Heart Funds	
MISCELLANEOUS	Fines	
TOTAL REVENUE ** not including Environmental Health (EH) Salaries of Transfers/Appropriations		\$2,121,800.79
** EH salaries of \$179,936.00 not included, per local Auditor's practice, bringing revenue to		\$2,301,736.79

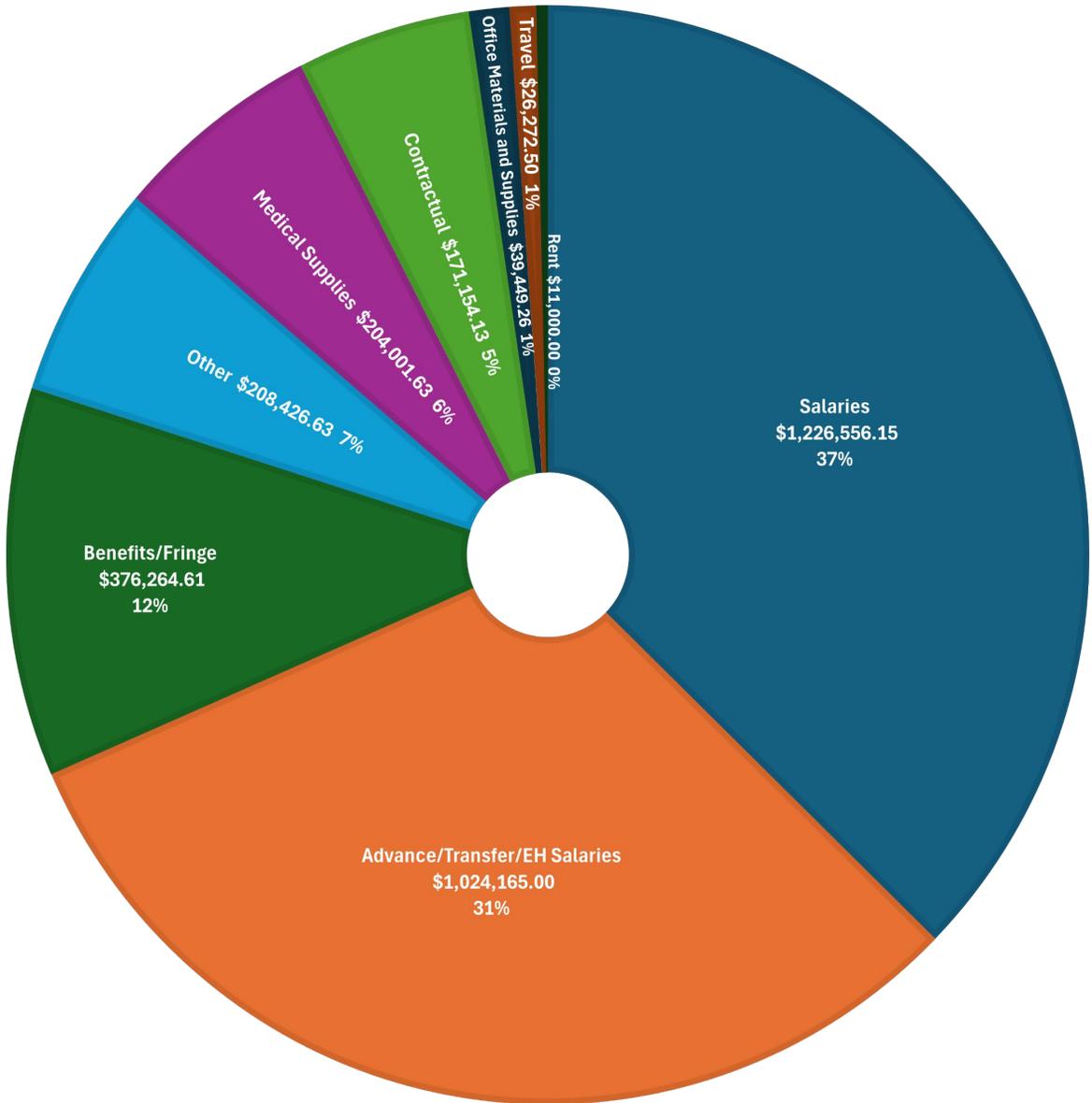
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*2025 CCHD Expenses Report

In 2025, a little over half of CCHD expenses, 40.0% and 11.0%, went to employee salaries and benefits, respectively. Per Clinton County Auditor practices, \$889,586.22 of advances, transfers, and Environmental Health Salaries were included in the total expenses.

CCHD Expenses By Source

(Includes Advances, Transfers, and Environmental Health Salaries.)



Total Expenses \$3,287,289.91

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**Other expenses includes fees, liability insurance, utilities, IT, postage, subscriptions, and registrations.

Clinton County Health District

*2025 Year to Date Balance Report

Fund	Beginning Balance	Yearly Receipts	Transfers & Advances In	Total Funds Available	Yearly Expenses	Transfers & Advances Out	Total Yearly Expenses	Less Total Funds Available	Year End Cash Balance
General Health	\$ 380,296.07	\$ 715,062.95	\$ 747,330.00	\$ 1,842,689.02	\$ 648,765.37	\$ 323,165.00	\$ 971,930.37	\$ 1,842,689.02	\$ 870,758.65
GH/Sick/Vacation Contingency	\$ 20,175.73	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,175.73	\$ 3,561.10	\$ -	\$ 3,561.10	\$ 20,175.73	\$ 16,614.63
Manufactured Home (MH) Parks	\$ 7,616.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,616.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,616.14	\$ 7,616.14
Recreational Vehicles RV Parks	\$ 15,930.68	\$ 4,871.50	\$ -	\$ 20,802.18	\$ 6,279.88	\$ -	\$ 6,279.88	\$ 20,802.18	\$ 14,522.30
Treatment Systems	\$ 204,836.55	\$ 85,935.00	\$ -	\$ 290,771.55	\$ 115,207.26	\$ -	\$ 115,207.26	\$ 290,771.55	\$ 175,564.29
Swimming Pools	\$ 14,562.32	\$ 6,705.00	\$ -	\$ 21,267.32	\$ 6,483.73	\$ -	\$ 6,483.73	\$ 21,267.32	\$ 14,783.59
Water Systems	\$ 26,046.60	\$ 11,223.20	\$ -	\$ 37,269.80	\$ 20,038.39	\$ -	\$ 20,038.39	\$ 37,269.80	\$ 17,231.41
Women, Infant, Children WIC	\$ 63,896.56	\$ 257,604.71	\$ 111,000.00	\$ 432,501.27	\$ 265,404.65	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 375,404.65	\$ 432,501.27	\$ 57,096.62
WIC/Sick/Vacation Contingency	\$ 15,086.69	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,086.69	\$ 3,048.46	\$ -	\$ 3,048.46	\$ 15,086.69	\$ 12,038.23
United Way Medications	\$ 46,483.44	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46,483.44	\$ 7,729.82	\$ -	\$ 7,729.82	\$ 46,483.44	\$ 38,753.62
Retail Food Establishment	\$ 59,123.31	\$ 41,047.85	\$ -	\$ 100,171.16	\$ 26,787.63	\$ -	\$ 26,787.63	\$ 100,171.16	\$ 73,383.53
Public Health Nursing	\$ 1,338,397.22	\$ 445,379.30	\$ -	\$ 1,783,776.52	\$ 579,902.18	\$ -	\$ 579,902.18	\$ 1,783,776.52	\$ 1,203,874.34
Food Service Operation	\$ 108,563.21	\$ 93,067.45	\$ -	\$ 201,630.66	\$ 64,198.58	\$ -	\$ 64,198.58	\$ 201,630.66	\$ 137,432.08
Public Health Emergency Preparedness	\$ 635,100.88	\$ 227,221.88	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 887,322.76	\$ 142,596.80	\$ 524,000.00	\$ 666,596.80	\$ 887,322.76	\$ 220,725.96
Childrens Immunization	\$ 587.42	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 587.42	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 587.42	\$ 587.42
Maternal, Infant, & Early Children Home Visiting (MIECHV) Grant	\$ 9,953.36	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,953.36	\$ (2.43)	\$ -	\$ (2.43)	\$ 9,953.36	\$ 9,955.79
Workforce Development Grant	\$ 99,613.68	\$ 206,875.95	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 456,489.63	\$ 256,959.60	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 307,959.60	\$ 456,489.63	\$ 148,530.03
Teen Driving	\$ 10,260.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,260.00	\$ 10,260.00	\$ -	\$ 10,260.00	\$ 10,260.00	\$ -
Get Vaccinated	\$ 24,524.21	\$ 21,641.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 61,165.21	\$ 19,289.40	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 35,289.40	\$ 61,165.21	\$ 25,875.81
Breastfeed in Workplace Grant	\$ 9,165.00	\$ 5,165.00	\$ 8,165.00	\$ 22,495.00	\$ 5,165.00	\$ 17,330.00	\$ 22,495.00	\$ 22,495.00	\$ -
Covid Bridge	\$ 18,222.53	\$ -	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 32,222.53	\$ 3,222.53	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 32,222.53	\$ 32,222.53	\$ -
Final Totals	\$ 3,108,441.60	\$ 2,121,800.79	\$ 1,070,495.00	\$ 6,300,737.39	\$ 2,184,897.95	\$ 1,070,495.00	\$ 3,255,392.95	\$ 6,300,737.39	\$ 3,045,344.44

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Environmental Health

The Environmental Health (EH) Division administers many public health programs to ensure a healthy and safe environment for the community. The division acts as an approved agent of the State and performs environmental duties locally for Clinton County. The division is surveyed periodically by State agencies to ensure that the prescribed duties of each program are being administered in accordance with the Ohio Administrative and Ohio Revised Codes.

For 2025 the EH team was comprised of one full-time EH Clerk, four full-time Registered Environmental Health Specialists (REHS), one full-time Environmental Health Specialist In-Training (EHS-IT), and one Plumbing Inspector/Plans Examiner. We work to prevent disease, promote health, and protect the environment through inspections, education, and enforcement.

Back, Left to Right:

Stephanie Stewart, REHS
J.D. Crowe, Plumbing Inspector/Plans Examiner
Matt Johannes, REHS
Camden Kenney, EHS-IT

Front, Left to Right:

Melanie Nienaber, Clerk
Katie Burwinkel, MPH, REHS, Director
Christine Propes, REHS





Environmental Health Education



Educating the public is an important service of the EH Division. Providing information and help on many environmental concerns ranging from mold and bedbug remediation, private water system and sewage treatment maintenance and even tips for proper food handling is done by our EH staff on a daily basis. Upon request, we will develop presentations on any of our environmental programs or issues for school age groups, restaurant workers, or any civic group or organization. The Division also advises and collaborates with County and State agencies, as well as local county service groups and schools, on local environmental concerns and land-development issues.

Food Safety Program

Our EH specialists work to ensure the safety of food that is prepared, served, and sold in Clinton County. Food service operations, retail food establishments, temporary food vendors, vending machines, mobiles (food trucks) are licensed and inspected routinely with oversight from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA). Any new or remodeled food facility undergoes Plan Review Approval to ensure compliance with Ohio food codes.



Licenses issued*	371
Inspections*	720
Plan Reviews Approved*	30



*Data is from January—December 2025 (Food licensing year is March—February)

Public Health Nuisance Program

A public health nuisance means any condition which is injurious or potentially injurious to the health and safety of the public, or which pollutes the air, land, or water. Our EH specialists investigate nuisance complaints to determine legitimacy, educate individuals involved, and enforce compliance measures to abate the conditions causing public health and safety concerns.

Reported Nuisances	98
Inspections	146
Abated Nuisances	74



Private Water System Program

Private Water Systems include wells, hauled water storage tanks, and cisterns that provide potable water for human consumption. Our EH specialists assure safe water through system permitting, construction evaluation, and sampling. Water samples must be free of bacterial contamination to approve systems to be safe to drink. This program is reviewed by ODH.



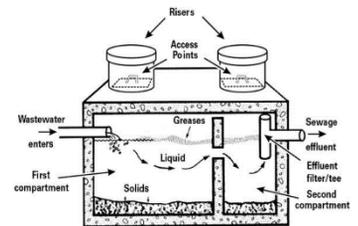
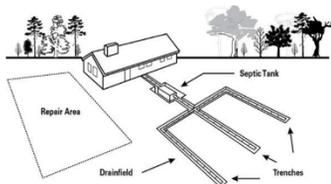
Permits Issued	19
Inspections	10
Water Samples Tested with MASI	105



Household Sewage Treatment System Program

Our EH specialists ensures the proper treatment and disposal of wastewater for residential dwellings to protect the surface water and groundwater from contamination. The division reviews soil reports, sewage treatment system designs, evaluates proposed lot improvements, and subdivisions of lots, as well as designs new sewage treatment systems. This program is surveyed by ODH.

Permits Issued	54
Soil Evaluations	63
Lot Split Evaluations	29
System Design Review	5
New System Design*	51
Lot Improvement Evaluations	50
Real Estate Evaluations	6
Septic Installer Registrations	28
Septic Hauler Registrations	26
Septic Truck Registrations	76



Recreational Programs

Activities for leisure, or that people choose to take part in to make their time more interesting and enjoyable, some require licensing with our division. Those licensed entities are assessed by our EH specialists to ensure your fun recreations are safe. Public swimming pools, Campgrounds, Recreational Vehicle (RV) Parks, Resident Camps, and Tattoo & Body Piercing operations are evaluated for compliance with applicable laws for sanitation, safety equipment, operation and maintenance with audits for Public Swimming Pools and Campground & RV Parks from ODH.



Public Swimming Pools Inspections	48
Campground & RV Parks Inspections	48
Resident Camp Inspections	3
Tattoo & Body Piercing Inspections	7



Rabies Monitoring Program

Animal bites or scratches to humans are investigated by our EH specialists. Domestic animals involved in a bite are quarantined and checked by a veterinarian before being released. If the biting animal is a wild animal or the domestic dog or cat is euthanized, the specimen is submitted to the Ohio Department of Health Laboratory for testing of the rabies virus. The division also promotes rabies prevention.

Reported Animal Bites	108
Specimens sent to ODH Lab	20
Positive for Rabies	0



Plumbing Program

The Plumbing Program provides Clinton County residents and contracted communities with plumbing services. The duties include plan review for new plumbing in commercial buildings, inspection of commercial and residential plumbing work through all phases of construction, and final approval for the plumbing work prior to occupancy. The Plumbing Program protects the water supply by ensuring, through plan review and inspections, that the plumbing has no cross-connections or possibility of backflow. Additionally, the program ensures waste plumbing is properly vented and trapped so the plumbing safely carries waste away while causing no health problems. The plumbing program provides technical consulting services and education to plumbers and homeowners installing plumbing. Contractual services of plan review, inspections, and back-up inspections were provided to Clermont, Fayette, Highland, and Ross Counties in 2025.



Clinton County Commercial and Residential Registered Plumbers	110
Clinton County Commercial and Residential Permits	222
Clinton County Commercial Plans Approved	11
Fayette County Commercial Plans Approved	11
Highland County Commercial Plans Approved	18
Total Commercial Plans Approved	40
Clinton County Commercial and Residential Inspections	514
Fayette County Commercial Inspections	85
Highland County Commercial Inspections	64
Clermont County Commercial Inspections	0
Ross County Commercial Inspections	0
Total Commercial and Residential Inspections	663

Jail Environmental Program

Sanitary and environmental safety conditions of the correctional institution is evaluated by our EH specialists. The facility, grounds, maintenance, hygiene policies, and safety plans are checked to ensure standards are maintained.

Jail Environment Inspection	1
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Ohio Smoke Free Workplace Program

Through the Ohio Smoke Free Workplace Act, our EH specialists follow enforcement procedures through investigations and notifications to proprietors reminding them of their responsibilities to prevent smoking within their businesses.



Smoke Free Workplace Act Investigations	1
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School Environment Program

Sanitary conditions and comprehensive school environmental safety assessments of K-12 schools are completed, and recommendations are given by our EH specialists. Voluntary School Environmental Health Guidelines provided by ODH are used to evaluate, improve, and maintain the environmental health of schools. A healthy school environment is important to both the success and overall health and well-being of everyone at the schools.



School Environment Safety Inspections	28
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Safety Seat Program



The CCHD is the safety seat fitting station and houses the Ohio Department of Health’s Ohio Buckles Buckeyes (OBB) program for Clinton County, since 2012. The OBB program provides child safety seats and booster seats to income eligible Clinton Countians. In 2025, there were three staff members that were Certified Safety Seat Technicians. The CCHD achieves safety seat health promotion by hosting an Annual Community Safety Seat Check Event, partnering with Women, Infants, and Children’s (WIC’s) Community events, distributing OBB seats, providing safety seat education and inspections to anyone. We also have online and call-in scheduling methods for safety seat inspections and OBB events. The Safety Seat Program increases access, correct installation, and proper use of child safety seats.

Safety Seats Distributed	36
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Child Passenger Safety community awareness events promote and emphasize the importance of correctly securing children in car seats, booster seats, and seat belts to prevent injury or death in the event of a motor vehicle accident.

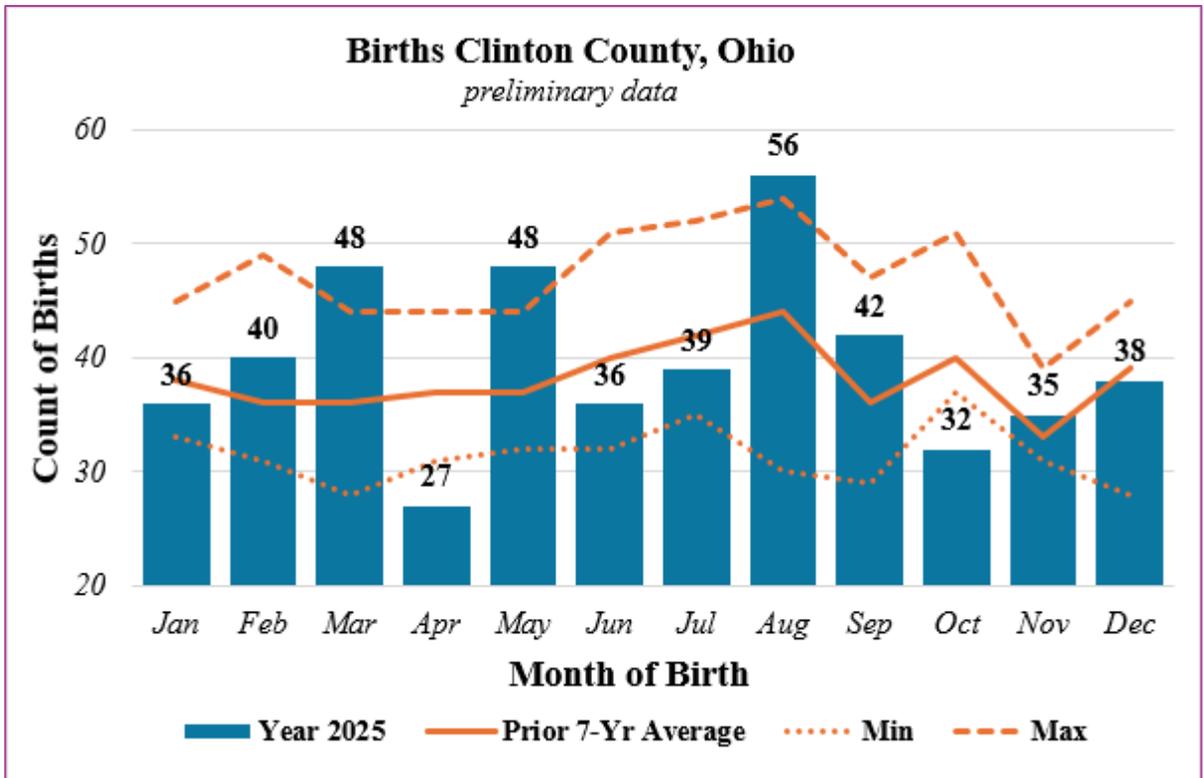
Vital Statistics

Vital statistics is the essential data that informs us of the well-being and status of our population. It primarily consists of birth and death figures and related life and health information. These details help advise and provide trends of successes or struggles affecting people to help stakeholders support and direct resources for the continuation of a healthy population.

CCHD Vital Statistics receives, records, and maintains records of all births and deaths occurring in Clinton County from 1908 to the present. Birth and death records are public information and available to anyone upon request. Vital Statistic staff are comprised of one Registrar and one Deputy Registrar. In 2025, the State of Ohio replaced the birth and death registration system with a new electronic Ohio Vital Records System (OVRs). The new system offers enhanced security, electronic submission of records, and the ability to obtain an Ohio birth and death record at any local health district. A copy of a vital record request can be fulfilled in our office in approximately 10 minutes. The following data is preliminary and is accurate at the time of the creation of this document.

Birth Data

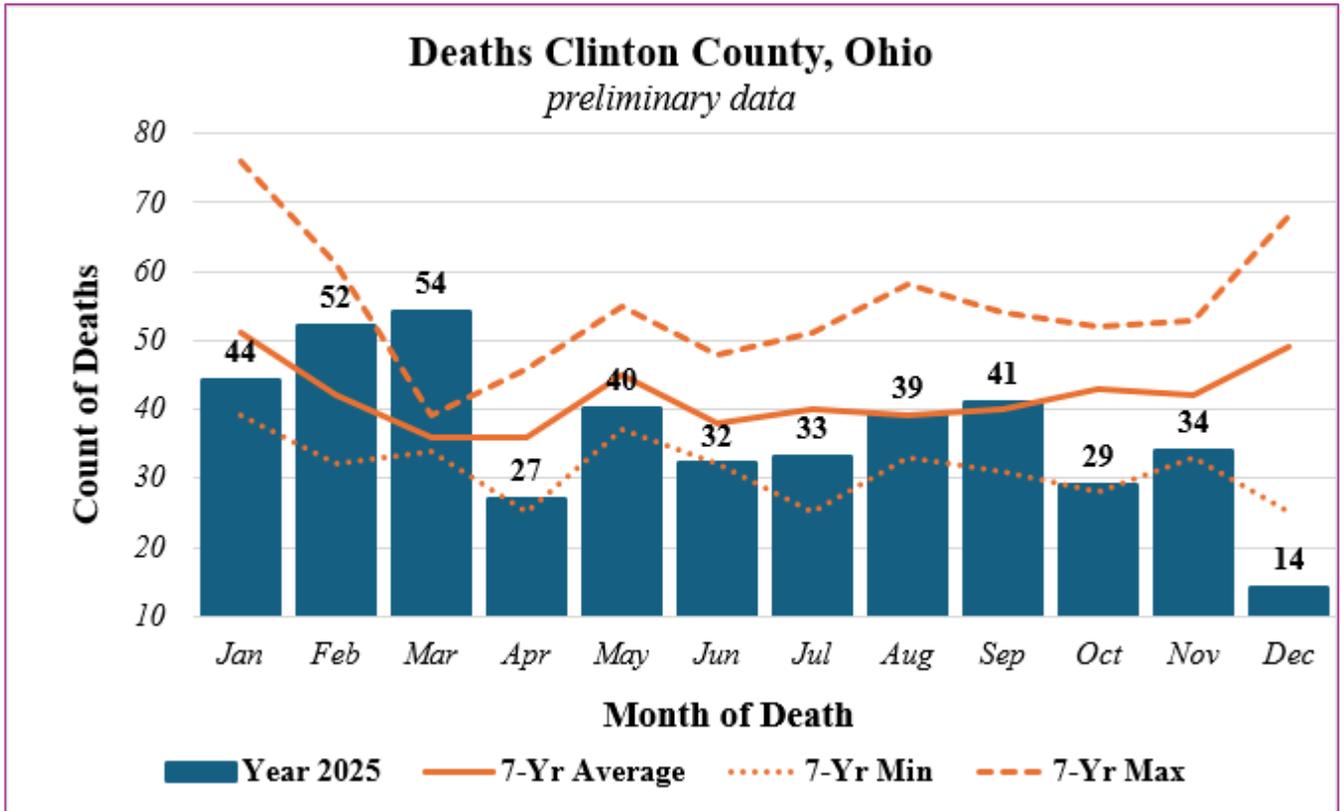
We provide certified copies of birth records for all Ohio counties. In 2025 CCHD sold 1,959 of certified Birth Certificates. Our staff can provide information on correcting birth records, paternity establishments, obtaining adoption birth files, and assistance with registering a home birth. In 2025 there were 333 births that occurred and were registered in Clinton County. There were 477 babies born to Clinton County residents.



Preliminary data as of 01/21/2026

Death Data

We provide certified copies of death records for deaths occurring within Clinton County. Starting in October of 2025, we were able to start providing certified copies of death records for all Ohio counties. In 2025 CCHD sold 1,189 copies of certified Death Certificates. Our staff can provide access to death records for genealogy research. In 2025 there were 293 deaths that occurred and were registered in Clinton County. There were 439 Clinton County residents that died.



Preliminary data as of 01/21/2026

A closer look at.... 2025 Leading Causes of Death

The leading causes of death lists the number of lives lost and are based on the cause of death listed on death certificates. It is important to know why people die to improve how people live. Measuring how many people die each year helps to assess the effectiveness of our health systems and direct resources to where they are needed most.

Causes of death can be grouped into three categories communicable (infectious and parasitic diseases and maternal, perinatal and nutritional conditions), non-communicable (chronic disease), and injuries.

These numbers only represent deaths that happened in Clinton County, except for Cancer, which accounts for all residents no matter where the death occurred.

From 2021 through 2025, the leading causes of death in Clinton County were chronic diseases, particularly heart disease, stroke, and cancer. Heart disease remained the most common cause of death, though deaths declined by 2025, while stroke continued to account for a significant number of deaths. Cancer was another major contributor, with lung cancer declining over time and other cancers increasing in recent years. Chronic lung disease, diabetes, Alzheimer's disease, kidney disease, and liver disease also remained important health concerns. Injury-related deaths, including accidental injuries and motor vehicle crashes, occurred each year, while suicide deaths declined in the most recent year. Overall, these patterns highlight the ongoing impact of chronic disease and the importance of prevention, early detection, and access to care in Clinton County.

A closer look at....

2025 Leading Causes of Death

Leading Causes of Death	2021	2022	2023	2024**	2025**
Heart Disease	67	70	59	62	46
Other Cancers	22	28	29	31	41
Stroke	30	37	26	33	36
Other Heart Diseases	34	47	24	32	35
Other Accidental Injuries	42	33	32	25	26
Hypertensive Heart Disease	10	23	12	20	25
Chronic Lung Diseases (e.g., COPD)	23	28	22	19	25
Alzheimer's Disease	15	9	18	13	16
Lung Cancer	32	28	27	23	15
Flu and Pneumonia	7	6	10	6	12
Diabetes	26	11	19	16	11
Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis	5	6	5	9	11
Kidney Disease	11	10	8	8	9
Ill-Defined or Unknown Causes	3	2	9	6	7
Prostate Cancer	6	5	7	4	6
Leukemia	7	7	3	5	5
Pancreatic Cancer	6	6	5	3	5
Motor Vehicle Crashes	4	13	5	4	4
Urinary Tract Cancers	4	4	4	4	4
Gynecologic Cancers	4	3	3	3	4
Colorectal Cancer	12	6	3	4	3
Suicide	6	9	9	10	2
Breast Cancer	8	10	5	8	2
Conditions Affecting Newborns	1	1	2	2	2
High Blood Pressure–Related Disease	5	4	5	3	1
Peptic Ulcer Disease	0	1	1	2	1
Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma	7	1	0	2	1
Stomach Cancer	3	1	0	2	1
Homicide	1	0	2	0	1
HIV/AIDS	0	0	0	0	1
Other Circulatory Diseases	1	3	4	4	0
Hardening of the Arteries	0	0	0	1	0
Other External Causes	0	1	1	0	0
Birth Defects and Genetic Conditions	2	0	0	0	0
All Other Diseases	173	161	89	93	81
Total	2,598	2,596	2,471	457	439

** Preliminary data as of 01/21/2026

A closer look at.... Cancer Mortality

Cancer (malignant neoplasm or cancerous tumor), is a chronic disease in which abnormal cells divide uncontrollably that can spread, invade, and destroy body tissue. In 2025, the leading cancer cause of death in Clinton County was lung cancer. Below is a breakdown of the cancers that affected the people of Clinton County.

While cancer continues to impact Clinton County residents, overall malignant cancer deaths have shown a gradual downward trend over time. This progress reflects the importance of prevention, early detection, and access to effective treatment. Avoiding tobacco, maintaining a healthy lifestyle, staying current on recommended screenings, and receiving vaccines such as HPV and hepatitis B can further reduce cancer risk. Clinton County Health District encourages residents to continue engaging in preventive care and routine medical visits.

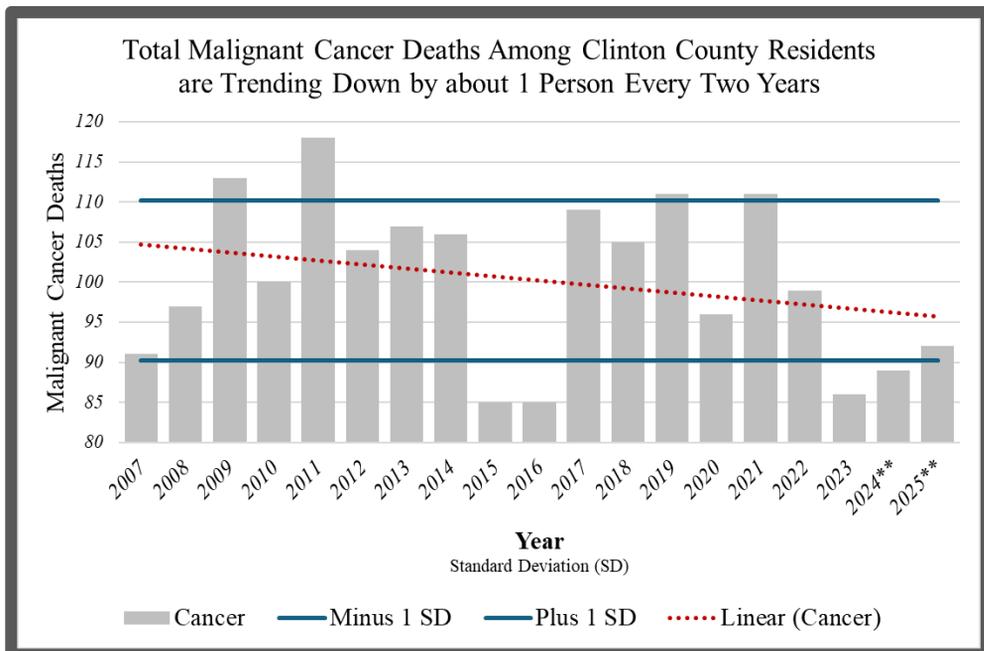
Cancer Types	2023	2024**	2025**
Lung	27	23	16
Prostrate	7	4	7
Leukemia	3	5	6
Pancreas	5	3	5
Cervix	3	3	5
Urinary	4	4	4

Cancer Types	2023	2024**	2025**
Colon	3	4	4
Breast	5	8	2
Stomach	0	2	1
Lymphoma	0	2	1
Other Cancers	29	31	41
Total	86	89	92

Note: 2024 and 2025 are provisional data **

For your information...

Cancer deaths are trending downward (red dotted line) slowly by about 1 death every two years since 2007 through 2025, as shown below.

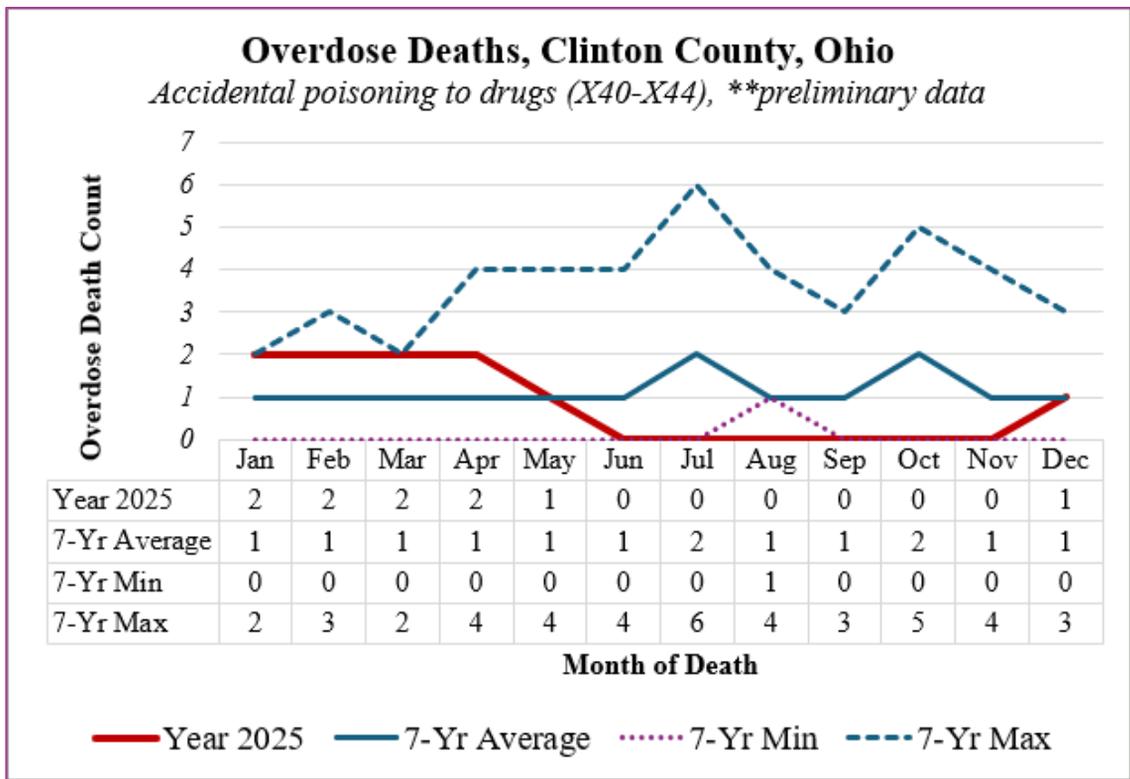


A closer look at....

Overdose Mortality

Overdose happens when a toxic amount of a drug, or combination of drugs overwhelms the body. In 2025, there were 10 overdose deaths in Clinton County, 6 deaths fewer than 2024.

Provisional overdose mortality data for 2025 indicate a relatively stable number of deaths during the first four months of the year, followed by an absence of reported deaths from June through November. The year-to-date total remains lower than totals observed in most recent years (2021–2024). However, these findings should be interpreted with caution due to the likelihood of delayed reporting and the incomplete nature of current-year data.



Preliminary data as of 01/21/2026

For your information...

To help reduce drug overdose deaths in Clinton County, the Clinton County Health District received state funding through the Ohio Department of Health and Project DAWN to supply naloxone to local emergency first responders. Naloxone, also known as Narcan, is a medication that can reverse opioid overdoses by blocking the effects of opioids. In 2025, the Clinton County Health District distributed 381 doses of Narcan to first responders throughout Clinton County.

Public Health Nursing

In 2025, the Public Health Nursing (PHN) Division made significant strides in strengthening routine public health initiatives and expanding community outreach. The team worked cohesively to innovate and implement programs dedicated to disease prevention, health promotion, and enhancing the overall well-being of the Clinton County community. The Nursing Team is comprised of four registered nurses, one licensed practical nurse, and a nursing accounts specialist/billing clerk. The PHN team remains steadfast in its commitment to advancing health equity and addressing the diverse needs of the community.



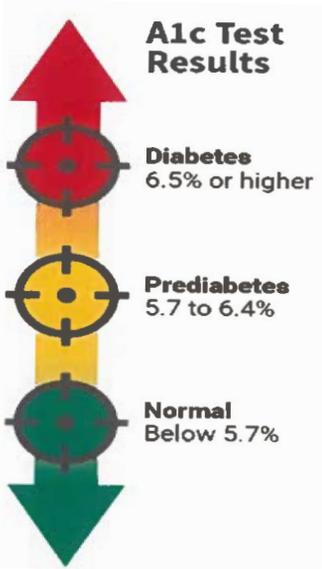
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Sydney Griffith, BSN
Michaela Quallen, RN
Samantha Gaito, CCMA, CMAA

Back Row- Left to Right
Jonda Meddock, RN
Jennifer Simpson, BSN
Delilah Pritchett, LPN



We would like to express our sincere appreciation for the continued dedication of the local Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) members, who generously volunteered their time and expertise throughout the year. Their invaluable support was instrumental in the success of the drive-thru vaccine clinics held at the Clinton County Fairgrounds and the Community Room at the Annex Building. These clinics provided both influenza and COVID-19 vaccinations to our community.

Additionally, in 2025, we were pleased to offer a variety of health promotion initiatives, including health fairs, hemoglobin A1C testing, cholesterol screenings, blood pressure clinics, and other wellness events. These efforts allowed our team to share our collective knowledge, foster community health, and demonstrate our ongoing commitment to public health and prevention.



Immunization Program

Routine childhood immunizations remain a top public health priority, and the Public Health Nursing (PHN) team continues to work diligently to ensure access to education and vaccination services throughout Clinton County. The team actively addresses vaccine misinformation and hesitancy through community education while offering a wide range of clinic opportunities, including services during regular office hours, two evening clinics each month, and collaborative clinics held in partnership with local schools during open houses, Back-to-School events, and parent-teacher conferences.

In addition, the PHN team expanded access by providing vaccination services at numerous local businesses and community organizations. During the peak of the fall vaccination season alone, the team successfully delivered 36 off-site and mobile clinic opportunities, increasing convenience and improving community reach.

As the risk of vaccine-preventable disease outbreaks continues to rise nationwide, the PHN team remains vigilant in monitoring and investigating communicable disease cases daily. Strong, ongoing partnerships with local healthcare providers, urgent care centers, long-term care facilities, school districts, and businesses are essential to this work, ensuring timely communication, coordinated response efforts, and proactive prevention of public health threats within the community.

Number of Individuals Vaccinated



Adults	742
Children	857



IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM CONTINUED

The goal of the Immunization Program is to protect children and adults from vaccine-preventable diseases. The program provides routine childhood immunizations as well as adult vaccinations, including those for international travel, recommended boosters, and seasonal influenza.

CHILDHOOD DOSES	2024	2025	ADULT DOSES	2024	2025
DTAP/POLIO/HIB/HEP B	442	238	ABRYSVO	0	31
DTAP/POLIO/HIB	55	51	TDAP	54	31
DTAP/POLIO	90	54	HEPATITIS A	15	1
DTAP	110	73	HEPATITIS B	32	21
TD	1	1	HEP A & B	19	5
TDAP	151	128	HPV	14	3
POLIO	48	46	POLIO	22	8
HIB	16	13	INFLUENZA	923	546
HEPATITIS A	302	185	MENINGOCOCCAL A	11	6
HEPATITIS B	42	28	MENINGOCOCCAL B	6	5
ROTAVIRUS	275	153	MMR	33	8
PNEUMOCOCCAL	503	284	PNEUMOCCAL	33	21
INFLUENZA	144	426	SHINGLES	47	28
HPV	168	142	VARICELLA	12	10
MENINGOCOCCAL A	209	277	MODERNA	87	24
			PFIZER	526	296
MENINGOCOCCAL B	67	42			
MMR	168	100			
MMRV	122	101	ANNUAL TOTALS	2024	2025
VARICELLA	165	104	ADULT IMMUNIZATIONS	1221	724
BEYFORTUS	32	20	CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATIONS	3110	2466
MODERNA	9	0	COVID	692	329
PFIZER	70	9	IMMUNIZATIONS		

Red Cross CPR Program

CPR & Community Preparedness – 2025 Summary Clinton County Public Health Nursing

The Need

- **350,000+** out-of-hospital cardiac arrests (OHCA) occur in the U.S. each year.
- **~90%** of OHCA victims die without immediate intervention.
Only **~40%** of cardiac arrest victims receive bystander CPR before EMS arrives.
- Early CPR **doubles or triples** survival chances; immediate CPR significantly improves outcomes.
- Less than **12%** of public cardiac arrests see AED use by bystanders.

Source: American Heart Association, 2025

Our 2025 Impact

The Public Health Nursing team provided CPR training to local organizations, including:

- Southern Ohio Educational Center
- Clinton County Sheriff's Office Highway Department
- Orchard Veterinary Care
- Oasis and Menzies Aviation
- Wilmington City School staff
- Village of Blanchester
- Dr. Gronau Dentistry Office staff
- Continental Manor staff
- City of Wilmington

Evening CPR classes were offered year-round at the Clinton County Health Department.

Blended Learning CPR: Online training + in-person skills check for flexible, community-friendly learning.

Our Team

- All nursing staff are **American Red Cross certified instructors**.
- Ensuring **high-quality, evidence-based CPR training** that saves lives.

Lifesaving Outcomes

- Immediate CPR can **double or triple survival** for OHCA victims.
- Community-trained bystanders are the **first link in the chain of survival**.

Every second counts — training today can save a life tomorrow.

Red Cross CPR Program

Every second counts — training today can save a life tomorrow



2025 Two Year CPR Certifications

New Certifications	105
Renewed Certifications	65

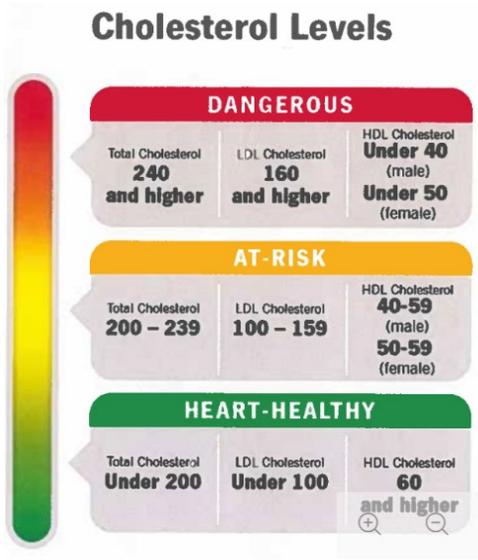
Complex Medical Help (CMH) Program

Complex Medical Help (CMH), formerly known as the Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps (BCMh), is a tax-supported, state-administered program of the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). CMH connects families of children and young adults with special health care needs to a network of qualified providers and assists families in obtaining payment for certain medically necessary services. Eligible conditions may be congenital or acquired after birth. Services are based on medical eligibility for Clinton County residents from birth through age 25 who are Ohio residents. The CCHD Nursing Team served a total of 98 patients in 2025.

United Way Hypertension Screening Program

The program’s purpose is to promote early identification of elevated blood pressure (BP) and reduce barriers to preventive health services for Clinton County residents. Blood pressure screenings are provided at the Clinton County Health Department (CCHD) on an as-needed basis and are offered quarterly at senior centers and community locations throughout the county to ensure equitable access.

In conjunction with BP screenings, Public Health Nursing staff deliver evidence-based health education, including nutritional counseling and information on family history, physical activity, and stress management to support chronic disease prevention and self-management. All services are provided free of charge to eliminate financial barriers to care. In 2025, the Public Health Nursing team conducted quarterly blood pressure clinics at Wilmington Library, Sabina Library, New Vienna Library, Sugartree Ministries, Prairie View Apartments, Friendship Acres, and senior service centers in Wilmington, Blanchester, Port William, and Sabina, supporting community-wide health promotion and disease prevention efforts.



Blood Pressure Categories

BLOOD PRESSURE CATEGORY	SYSTOLIC mm Hg (upper number)		DIASTOLIC mm Hg (lower number)
NORMAL	LESS THAN 120	and	LESS THAN 80
ELEVATED	120 – 129	and	LESS THAN 80
HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE (HYPERTENSION) STAGE 1	130 – 139	or	80 – 89
HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE (HYPERTENSION) STAGE 2	140 OR HIGHER	or	90 OR HIGHER
HYPERTENSIVE CRISIS (consult your doctor immediately)	HIGHER THAN 180	and/or	HIGHER THAN 120



Prescription Assistance Program

This program supports Clinton County residents facing urgent medical needs by helping them access critical medications for acute and potentially serious health conditions. The program is funded through grants and charitable contributions from Clinton County United Way, Heather’s Hope, and BLRX. Through partnerships with locally owned pharmacies, we provide medications promptly while ensuring responsible use of funds through competitive pricing.

United Way and BLRX	
Citizens Assisted with Prescriptions	31
Total Cost	\$4,848.88
Heather's Hope Foundation	
Citizens Assisted with Diabetes	12
Total Cost	\$2,138.76

Tuberculosis (TB) Program

Tuberculosis (TB) remains a public health concern in our community due to increased international travel and a growing immigrant population. The rise of drug-resistant TB strains adds to this challenge, as these infections are more difficult to treat, cure, and prevent. The TB program is committed to protecting the health of Clinton County residents by reducing the spread of active TB and working toward its elimination as a public health threat. We support our community through direct patient care, education, ongoing surveillance, and outreach efforts designed to promote awareness, early detection, and prevention.

Tuberculosis Skin Tests	47
Active Tuberculosis Cases	1



TUBERCULOSIS



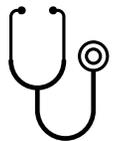
School Nursing Program



Wilmington City Schools (WCS) contract with the Clinton County Health District to provide School Nursing Services equivalent to 2 full time nurses. The school nursing program team is led by Jennifer Simpson, BSN RN, and includes Sydney Griffith, BSN RN and Delilah Pritchett, LPN, IBCLC. The goal of this program is to promote the health of students and staff for them to attain the highest degree of educational potential in the school setting. Services provided are mandated by the state and include reviewing all childhood vaccination records; performing hearing and vision screenings; and reporting child abuse and communicable diseases. Nursing staff was able to provide personal hygiene products to 5th grade students with the help of a grant from the Charles F. Fischer Society. Additionally, the nursing staff provided hand hygiene education to 516 students in PreK-2nd grade. Nurses also participated in the WMS Fall Family Fun night and provided first aid education to those in attendance. CCHD and WCS continue to partner with the Smile Program, a mobile dental service that offers in-school dental care. Services include dental exams, cleanings, fluoride treatment, x-rays, sealants, fillings, extractions, and SDF(silver diamine fluoride treatment) and are provided at little to no cost to families. The nursing team completes student assessments for reasons that include physical injury or illness, as well as mental health needs and head lice screenings. In 2025, the nursing staff attended 12 parent meetings with WCS administration and provided medication administration training for staff responsible for administering medication and additional training, including CPR and diabetes education.



2025/2026 WCS Student Enrollment	2117
Vision Screenings	898
Hearing Screenings	674
Dental Care	107
Student Assessments	4575
Staff Medical Assessments	66



Communicable Disease Control Program

A communicable disease is one that can be transmitted from one person to another. Clinton County reported 573 cases of reportable diseases during 2025. COVID-19, influenza-related hospitalizations, and sexually transmitted infections accounted for majority of cases, consistent with statewide trends.

		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Enteric / Gastrointestinal	Campylobacteriosis	6	6	4	1	4
	Cryptosporidiosis	1	1	0	3	1
	Giardiasis	0	0	0	2	0
	Salmonellosis.	4	3	5	2	4
	Shigellosis	0	0	1	0	0
	Escherichia Coli 0157:H7	0	0	1	1	3
	Coronavirus Disease 19	5058	5191	1207	778	331
Vaccine Preventable	Haemophilus influenza, invasive	0	0	0	2	1
	Hepatitis A	0	4	1	2	4
	Hepatitis B	19	24	11	11	13
	Hepatitis B Perinatal	0	1	1	0	0
	Influenza- associated hospitalization	2	19	2	24	62
	Measles	0	1	0	1	1
	Mumps	0	0	0	1	0
	Pertussis	0	1	1	2	2
	Streptococcus pneumon iae	11	6	12	12	6
	Varicella	0	0	1	3	4

Communicable Disease Control Program Continued

		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Sexually Transmitted Infection	Chlamydia	119	99	100	96	62
	Gonorrhea	26	32	30	30	11
	Syphilis	6	2	4	1	3
All Other	Aseptic meningitis	0	1	2	1	3
	Bacterial meningitis	0	2	2	1	0
	Legionnaires Disease	1	1	2	0	2
	Hepatitis C	58	36	36	22	23
	Lyme Disease	0	0	2	3	7
	Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever	0	2	1	1	2
	Streptococcal disease, group A invasive	3	1	2	1	1
	Streptococcal disease, group B neonatal	0	1	0	1	0
	Botulism	0	0	0	1	0
	Candida auris	1	0	0	0	2
	Hepatitis E	1	0	1	0	1
	Carbapenemase Producing Organism	4	2	9	6	9

In 2025, Clinton County experienced low incidence of rare, vaccine-preventable, and outbreak-associated diseases. This reflects the strength of the Communicable Disease Control Program, including effective disease surveillance, targeted prevention efforts, and timely public health response, all of which continue to play a vital role in protecting the health of Clinton County residents.

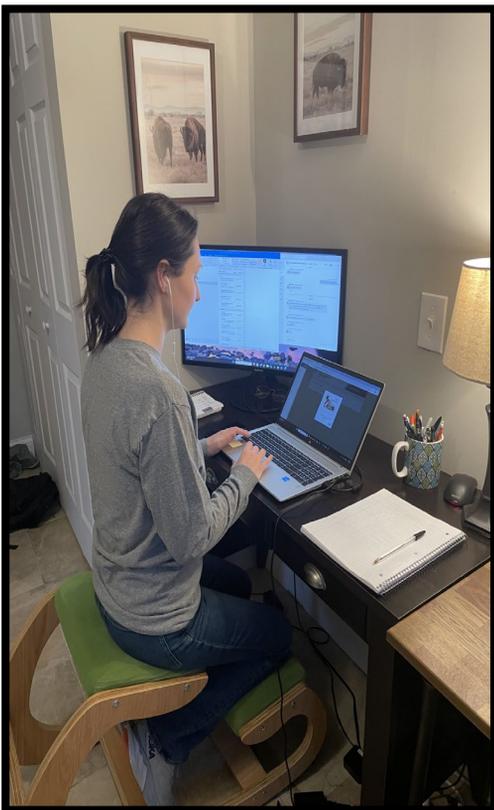
Women Infants Children



Clinton County's WIC program began in 1979, just five years after WIC was established nationally, and has served the community for more than 45 years, supporting the health of thousands of women, infants, and children.

The USDA funded program provides breastfeeding support, nutrition education, nutritious foods, and referrals to community resources. Research consistently showing improved pregnancy outcomes, higher breastfeeding rates, better child nutrition, and healthcare cost savings.

In 2025, Clinton County WIC continues to enhance access through a hybrid service model that combines remote certification with in-person services, allowing families to complete most of the certification process from home while maintaining high-quality, client-centered care.



Remote Health Professional
Rachel Eichholtz RD/LD

Not Pictured 2025 Staff:
Kate Justice - Clerk



Back Row Left to Right:: Health Professional Christine Propes,
Director: Renee Quallen BSN, IBCLC, GRMS,
Breastfeeding Coordinator: Delilah Pritchett LPN, IBCLC
Front Row Left to Right: Clerk: Alicia Miller & Peer/Clerk Danielle Grubb CLC

WIC Benefits

In addition to nutrition and breastfeeding education provided by a licensed health professional, the WIC Program supports families by offering supplemental nutrition from all major food groups. Eligible foods include milk, yogurt, and cheese; whole grains and cereals; eggs, peanut butter, and beans; as well as fruits, vegetables, and fruit juice. WIC families continue to benefit from a consistent fruit and vegetable cash benefit, helping to improve access to fresh, nutritious foods and support healthier dietary choices.

Cash Value Benefit for Fruits and Vegetables

Children	\$26 Per Month
Pregnant / Post Partum Women	\$47 Per Month
Partially / Exclusively Breastfeeding women	\$52 Per Month

Ohio WIC Program 2025 Income Guidelines

Each year the Ohio WIC Program bases on Federal Income guidelines on a family's gross, accumulative income to determine eligibility . A pregnant woman counts as more than one family member. A person who currently receives Medicaid, Food Assistance, or Ohio Works First (OWF) automatically meets the income requirement for WIC

WIC Income Eligibility Guidelines (2024-2026) 185% of Federal Poverty Level

Household Size	Annual Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income
1	\$28,953	\$2,413	\$557
2	\$39,128	\$3,261	\$753
3	\$49,303	\$4,109	\$949
4	\$59,478	\$4,957	\$1,144
5	\$69,653	\$5,805	\$1,340
6	\$79,828	\$6,653	\$1,536
7	\$90,003	\$7,501	\$1,731
8	\$100,178	\$8,349	\$1,927
Each Additional Member	+\$10,175	+\$848	+\$196

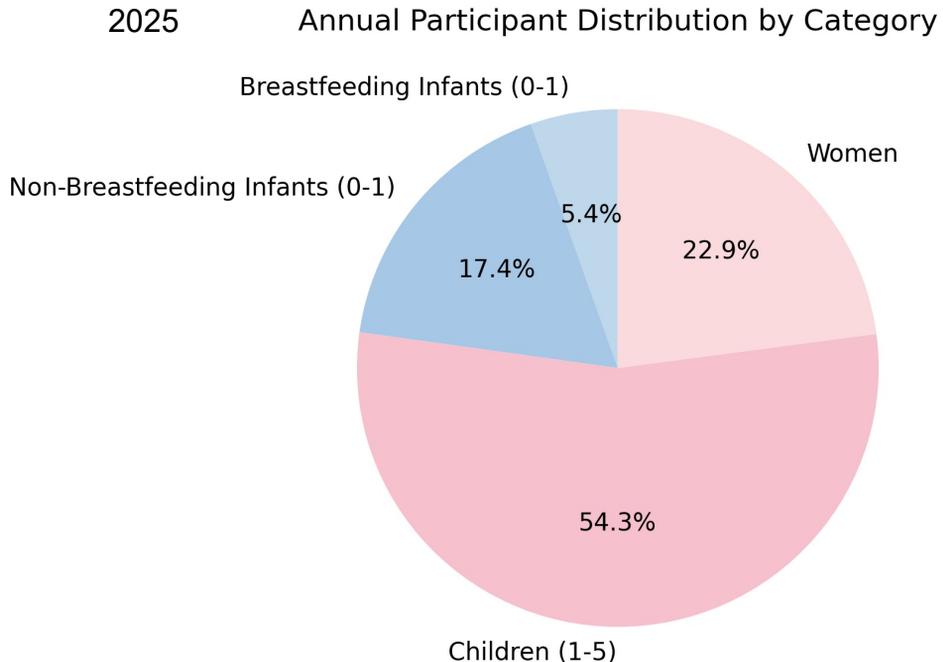


Source: USDA WIC Income Eligibility Guidelines (185% FPL)

2025 Monthly Participation by Category

	2024 Total Caseload	2025 Total Caseload	2025 Breastfeeding Infants (0-1)	2025 Non-Breastfeeding Infants (0-1)	2025 Children (1-5)	2025 Women
January	643	637	32	111	342	152
February	639	636	32	109	339	156
March	646	653	40	112	342	159
April	656	667	40	111	355	161
May	646	669	32	121	364	152
June	633	651	33	116	356	146
July	648	657	38	112	353	154
August	665	658	43	112	346	157
September	667	673	32	113	384	138
October	662	652	40	117	351	144
November	641	648	48	103	344	135
December	628	618	43	104	343	126

Annual Participation Percentage by Category



Farmers Market

Funding reductions in 2025 significantly reduced the Ohio WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program. In Clinton County, the voucher redemptions dropping from **\$2,245 in 2024 to \$594 in 2025**. This program provides Clinton County WIC families with direct access to fresh, locally grown produce while fostering community engagement, nutrition education, and meaningful connections with local farmers.

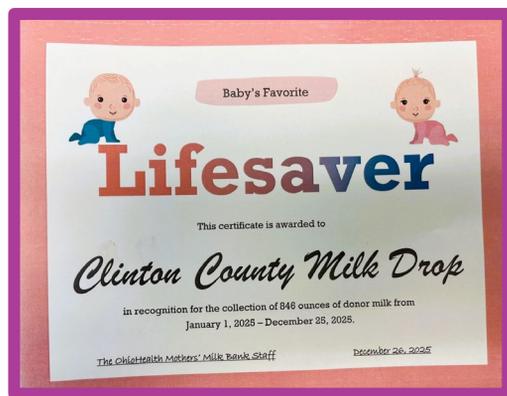
<p>810 vouchers issued 568 redeemed \$2245.00 in 2024</p>	<p>174 vouchers issued 119 redeemed \$594.00 in 2025</p>
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Ohio Health Mother's Milk Bank

The Clinton County Health District became the 31st human milk drop site in Ohio in September 2024 through a partnership with the OhioHealth Mothers' Milk Bank. Despite operating for only six months in 2025 and having to halt on-site donations mid-year due to a non-functioning freezer, the site still collected **846 ounces (approximately 6.6 gallons)** of donor milk for medically fragile infants. During the pause, WIC continued promoting the OhioHealth Mothers' Milk Bank for direct donations. WIC has applied for a 2026 grant through the Ohio Lactation Consultant Association to purchase a replacement freezer and resume drop site services.

<p>Breast Milk Donated in 2024 = 789 oz</p>	<p>Breast Milk Donated in 2025 = 846 oz</p>
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Supporting Parents, Strengthening Families as a Community

Breastfeeding Awareness & Maternal Health Education in August

In August, the Clinton County Health District WIC Program led initiatives focused on protecting and promoting Breastfeeding while supporting families throughout pregnancy and early Parenthood. In collaboration with the Clinton County Board of Developmental Disabilities and Early Intervention/ Help Me Grow, the Health District hosted the 14th annual Baby Fair marking more than a decade of sustained partnership and community commitment.



The 2025 Community Baby Fair was the largest in its history, serving more than 50 families and featuring over 20 community resource organizations. Participation increased more than fourfold compared to earlier years, reflecting both growing community need and strong cross-sector collaboration. The event provided families with direct access to health education, resources, and supportive services in a welcoming, family-centered environment.

Key partners for the Baby Fair included the Clinton County WIC Program, Clinton County Health District Public Health Nursing, Ohio Buckles Buckeyes Car Seat Program, Early Intervention/Help Me Grow, Clinton County Job and Family Services, Clinton County Community Action, and Highland County Community Action.

Health care, behavioral health, and insurance resources were provided by Clinton Memorial Hospital, HealthSource of Ohio, New Life Clinic, Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health, Choosing Hope, CareSource, Buckeye Health Plan, Zomee Breastpumps, and Anthem Insurance.

Additional supports focused on early childhood development, literacy, and family enrichment were offered by 4C for Children, the Wilmington Public Library, the Clinton County Literacy Foundation, the Clinton County Trails Coalition, and the Clinton County Farmers Market.

Local businesses, faith-based organizations, and community sponsors—including Edward Jones, Strength & Dignity Boutique, LCNB, Wilmington Airpark, Kiwanis of Clinton County, Wilmington Church of Christ, and Wilmington Church of God—contributed resources, donations, and services that enhanced the event's success.

In addition to the Baby Fair, the Clinton County Health District WIC Program hosted a Breastfeeding Drive-Through Event during August to further support and promote breastfeeding within the community. The event served more than 20 families, providing a safe and accessible opportunity to receive breastfeeding education, resources, and encouragement without leaving their vehicles.

Breastfeeding Awareness Month Photos





Grief Recovery



Grief is a normal and natural reaction to emotional loss and the conflicting feelings that arise when a familiar pattern of life changes. While grief is universal, many common coping strategies are ineffective, leaving individuals vulnerable to ongoing emotional and physical health challenges.

Recent public health research, including a 2024 article in *The Lancet Public Health*, identifies bereavement and unresolved grief as significant public health concerns and calls for accessible, community-based grief support to reduce negative health outcomes.

In 2025, the Clinton County Health District continued to offer the Grief Recovery Program with Renee Quallen, BSN, IBCLC, GRMS leading the programming. We are grateful to Cape May Hospital and Clinton Memorial Hospital for contributing space that allowed support groups to be offered in accessible community settings.

Funded by a grant from Health First of Clinton County, the program covered specialist staffing and materials, allowing services to be offered free of charge to Clinton County residents and reinforcing our commitment to whole-person and community health.

Eight Week Programs Guided by Grief Recovery Handbook	
Support Groups (6 people)	2
Individuals	2

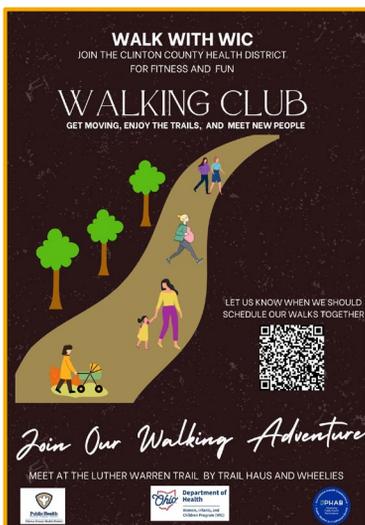


Clinton County Health District Walking Group

In 2025, the Clinton County Health District introduced a community walking group to promote physical activity, social connection, and use of local trails. The program was developed in collaboration with the Clinton County Trails Coalition and Wheelies on Mulberry, creating an accessible opportunity for residents to engage with Clinton County’s public trail system.

Health District staff members Renee Quallen and Michella Quallen led weekly walks throughout the summer. Community input guided the program’s design through a brief social media survey that gathered feedback on preferred days, times, and trail locations. Based on responses, walks were scheduled to best meet participant needs. Participation averaged six to seven consistent community members per week. The walking group offered a welcoming environment that encouraged regular movement, social interaction, and accountability.

Community walking groups provide important health benefits, including improved cardiovascular health, increased physical activity, and reduced social isolation. These benefits directly support priorities identified in the Clinton County Community Health Assessment, such as addressing chronic disease, physical inactivity, and mental well-being. This initiative reflects the Health District’s commitment to improving the health of Clinton County residents through collaboration, prevention, and community-driven programming.



Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) 2025

Preparing the community for public health emergencies

The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)'s Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) capabilities and standards dictate the planning and operational activities conducted through the PHEP grant. PHEP deliverables in 2025 included trainings in biostatistics and/ or epidemiology, Southwest regional chemical tabletop exercise, review of inventory management, addition of an administrative preparedness plan, CHEMPACK training, documenting a volunteer management SOP as well as practice of POD utilization in a non-medical counter measures space.

Stop The Bleed manikins and training were received through a Southwest grant this year. Our first trainings took place in December. Participants included East Clinton School District staff.

Exercises are always a key piece to evaluate current plans and put new trainings into practices. 2025 exercises included:

- Biannual communication drills
- Point of Dispensing (POD) fall drive through vaccination clinic
- Completion on documentation and after-action report for the Southwest regional chemical tabletop exercise (TTX) that took place in February.
- Participation of the Clinton County LEPC exercise at Blanchester
- Organization and planning for the upcoming 01/9/2026 Clinton County Administrative Tabletop Exercise.
- Organization and planning for the upcoming 01/8/2026 Regional biological game TTX held in conjunction with Southwest Ohio Health Partners and Access and functional needs partners throughout the region.



Bike Rodeo

In 2025, CCHD received 184 helmets that were all distributed. Grant solicitation is applied to Ohio American Academy of Pediatrics' (AAP) Put a Lid on It! Bike Helmet Safety Program. The CCHD participated in Clinton County Bike Rodeo community event in May 2025 with fun kid activities, safety stations, and local resources from participating community partners.



STAFF RECOGNITION PHOTOS

In 2025, staff members were recognized for their years of service and dedication to CCHD.



Delilah Pritchett, LPN
15 Years of Service

Delilah has been a dedicated member of the Clinton County Health District, earning her Staff Recognition plaque in 2025. She began her career in WIC in October 2010 as a breastfeeding peer helper, where she became a strong advocate for breastfeeding women and families, later advancing to become an IBCLC in 2014. Over the years, she continued to expand her role, serving families as a Help Me Grow home visitor. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Delilah stepped up to assume additional responsibilities using her nursing skills. As a valued member of the Nursing Division, she provides vaccine education, administers immunizations, and serves as a school nurse for Wilmington City Schools. Throughout her many roles, Delilah's joy, laughter, warm smile, positivity, and adaptability have made a lasting impact on the health and well-being of the Clinton County community.

Charles Mountjoy, Intern

Public Health Intern, Charles Mountjoy, a student at Wilmington College, made meaningful contributions to the Health District by assisting with the completion of the 2024 Annual Report to the Community, ensuring clarity, accuracy. His work in updating the Workforce Development Plan by conducting staff competency surveys and collaborating with Leadership to identify and enhance educational offerings that strengthen public health practice. Charles especially valued his time supporting outreach services, where he gained hands-on experience engaging with the community and advancing public health initiatives.



Retirement of Jane Vandervort Board of Health member following 18 years of service.

On March 24, 2025, a proclamation was made by the Clinton County Commissioners to acknowledge the retirement of Mrs. Jane Vandervort as a Board of Health member after serving 18 years. During her tenure on the Board of Health, Jane demonstrated an unwavering commitment to public service and a strong advocacy for accessible, equitable health care for all. She was a trusted collaborator and team player, notably stepping forward during the global COVID-19 pandemic when the Health District faced unprecedented demands. As a member of the board, she easily connected with others and exemplified the caring heart of a seasoned nurse—offering a listening ear, keen insight, and wise yet gentle guidance. Her compassion, dedication, and collaborative spirit have left a lasting and meaningful impact on both the organization and the community it serves.



Pamela Walker Bauer **Clinton County Health Commissioner** **2011-2025**



Pamela Walker-Bauer, provided 14 years of dedicated service as Health Commissioner of the Clinton County Health District, demonstrating exceptional leadership and commitment to protecting and promoting community health. During her tenure, she successfully guided the community through significant public health emergencies such as the COVID-19 global pandemic, ensuring coordinated, science-driven response efforts. Under her leadership in 2023, the Health District achieved National Accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board, reflecting a strong organizational commitment to accountability, communication, transparency, quality improvement, performance management, and the capacity to deliver essential public health services. In 2014, Pam played a key role in establishing GuardCare in partnership with the Ohio National Guard to expand access to no-cost dental care, vaccinations, health screenings, and other critical health services for Clinton County residents.



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