



MONTGOMERY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

2024

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VISION, MISSION, & VALUES

OUR VISION

INDIVIDUALS ENJOY AN IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH HEALTHY, VIBRANT, AND INVESTED COMMUNITIES.

OUR MISSION

IMPROVE INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY THROUGH PREVENTION, EDUCATION, AND PARTNER COLLABORATION.

OUR VALUES

- PROFESSIONAL
- CREDIBLE
- DEDICATED
- QUALITY

HEALTH BOARD

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Specialist**

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MESSAGE FROM OUR HEALTH OFFICER

The health we enjoy is reliant on the work of local health departments across the United States. Our work is fought on many fronts at the Montgomery County Health Department.

The inspection of food establishments is essential to our mission, as it safeguards against foodborne illnesses. We investigate food-borne illness complaints, educate food establishments about safe food preparation, and enforce retail food regulations.

One of the cornerstones of our public health efforts is the provision of vaccines. These vaccines have transformed many once-dreaded illnesses into diseases of the past, offering a safe, effective, and vital means of prevention.

We protect the community and prevent the spread of harmful diseases by investigating communicable diseases. This vigilance helps to prevent the resurgence of many infections such as tuberculosis, syphilis, measles, and many others.

We also investigate sources of lead in children with elevated blood lead levels, taking action to eliminate exposure and prevent the harmful effects of lead poisoning.

The safety of water in our public pools is monitored by our water lab. This oversight helps prevent waterborne disease and maintains a safe recreational environment for all.

The inspection and permitting of septic systems is another important aspect of our work. Ensuring that these systems function properly prevents environmental contamination and promotes sanitary conditions.

Maintaining accurate birth and death records is a fundamental responsibility essential for legal purposes and provides valuable data for public health research and policy-making.

The Montgomery County Health Department's work is indispensable, providing the foundation for a healthy community.

This annual report highlights the myriad ways in which our department contributes to public health, showcasing our successes, challenges, and ongoing efforts. We invite you to explore the report, gain insights into our work, and join us in our commitment to a healthier Montgomery County.

-Dr. Scott Douglas, MD

MESSAGE FROM OUR HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR

The Montgomery County Health Department utilized a gap analysis completed in 2023 to address deficiencies and strengthen relationships with community partners. In 2024, we have created a new position: Environmental Case Manager. This role focuses on managing “unfit for human habitation” and lead exposure cases. Our Environmental Case Manager achieved a significant milestone by earning certifications as a lead risk investigator/assessor, which initiated lead testing at the health department. We partnered with Mobile Integrated Health to partially fund a community paramedic position. We also partnered and partially funded the Drug-Free Montgomery County Coordinator position, which was also a new position. Additionally, we worked with the Montgomery County Free Clinic to administer immunizations.

Two staff members became certified in car seat installation to ensure proper use within the community. We also trained two individuals as CPR and Stop the Bleed instructors, aligning with Health First Indiana (SB 4) initiatives on trauma prevention and maternal and infant health. We expanded our STI screenings to include HIV, Hepatitis C, and Syphilis, in addition to the Chlamydia and Gonorrhea screenings we already conducted.

The Diaper Pantry successfully started operating in 2024, assisting 25 participants, including five emergency cases, and providing pull-ups to a local school.

In the summer of 2024, Dr. Weaver visited the government center to discuss Health First Indiana and highlight the importance of health departments enhancing collaboration with community partners and focusing on our core services.

We purchased a gas generator to safeguard our vaccines during power outages thanks to Health First Indiana funding.

We organized several weekend and evening immunization clinics, participated in numerous school immunization events, and attended various community partner activities and events.

I am grateful for a dedicated team and strong collaboration with our community partners.

Together, we will continue to promote, protect, and prevent keeping our community safe and healthy.

For more information on our core services and our county rankings, please visit <https://www.in.gov/healthfirstindiana/>.

Sincerely,
Adrienne Northcutt

THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

CRAWFORDSVILLE PARAMEDICINE PROGRAM

MONTGOMERY COUNTY FREE CLINIC

INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTH

FRANCISCAN HEALTH

MONTGOMERY COUNTY WELLNESS COALITION

DRUG FREE MONTGOMERY COUNTY

WABASH COLLEGE

CRAWFORDSVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

NORTH MONTGOMERY SCHOOL CORPORATION

SOUTH MONTGOMERY SCHOOL CORPORATION

CRAWFORDSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CRAWFORDSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

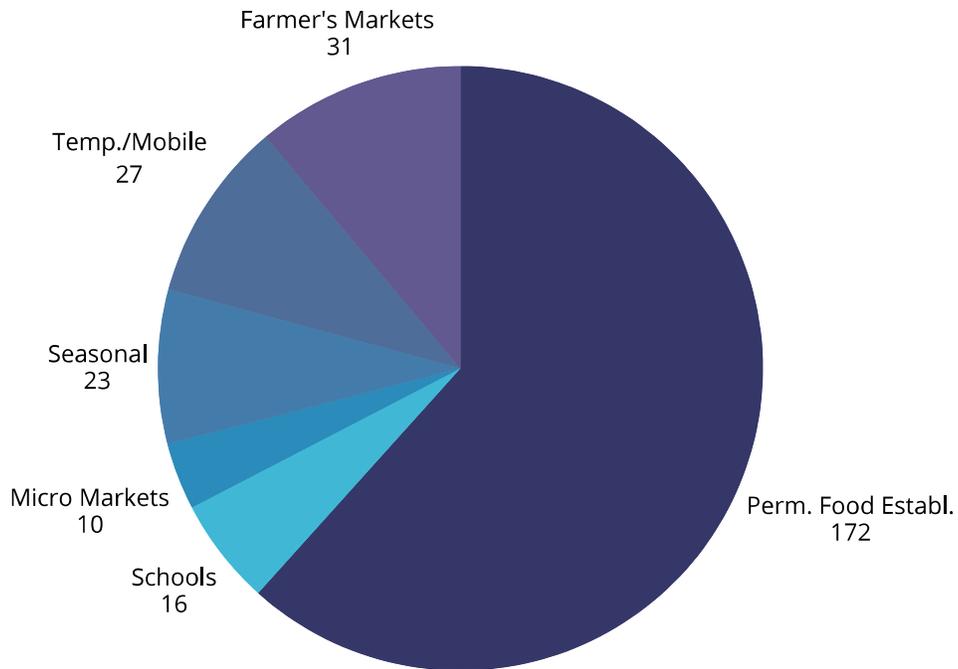
YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU

VOLUNTEERS FOR MENTAL HEALTH



2024 FOOD REPORT AND PERMITS ISSUED

The Montgomery County Health Department conducts inspections for retail food establishments (including restaurants, groceries, and gas stations), temporary and seasonal permit holders, Farmer's Market, festivals, and special event permit holders to ensure compliance with State food safety codes. The MCHD also offers voluntary basic food training to local establishments.



THE FOODS PROGRAM LOOKS AT THE TOP TEN FOOD VIOLATIONS IN ORDER TO BETTER IDENTIFY EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR THE LOCAL FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS. IN 2024 THE TOP VIOLATIONS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

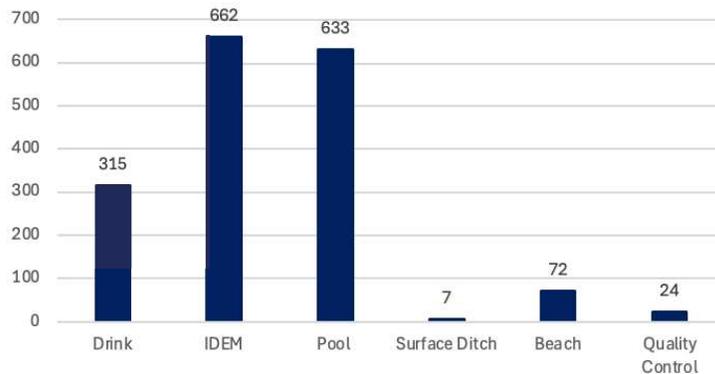
Sec. 256 Function of temperature of measuring devices.	Sec. 430 Repairing premises	Sec. 291 Sanitizing solutions, testing devices	Sec. 191 Date marking ready to eat food
Sec. 295 Equipment food-contact surfaces, non food-contact surfaces and utensils	Sec. 177 Food Storage	Sec. 298 Cooking and baking equipment (clean)	
Sec. 138 Effectiveness of hair restrains	Sec. 243 Single-service and single-use articles	Sec. 431 Physical structure; cleaning frequency	

Water Lab

Montgomery County Health Department provides water testing for bacteria. Our Microbiology Water Lab is certified by the Indiana State Department of Health. Water testing services are offered for Private Wells, Public Water Pools and Spas, Surface Ditch Water, Lake and Beaches.

Pools and spas open year-round are required to be inspected at least four times a year, and seasonal pools are inspected at least twice during the season. Public and semi-public pool owners are required to submit a weekly water test for bacteriological testing. Pools are required to close for remediation due to having two sequential failed water tests. A clean water sample must be submitted prior to reopening.

Water Lab Tests

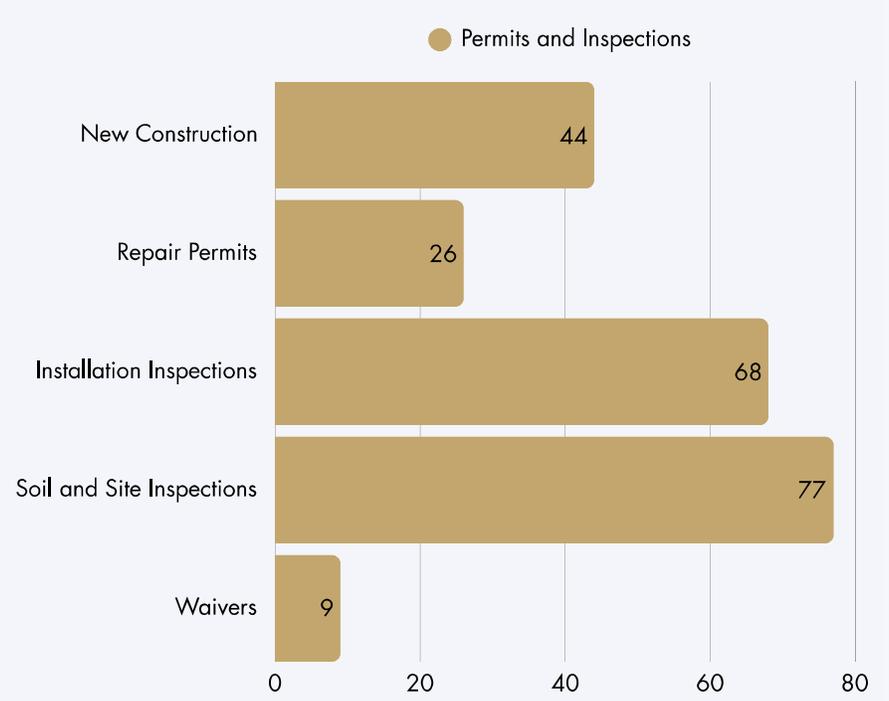


H₂O A total of 1,713 Sample Tests were completed in 2024, in the MCHD Water Lab

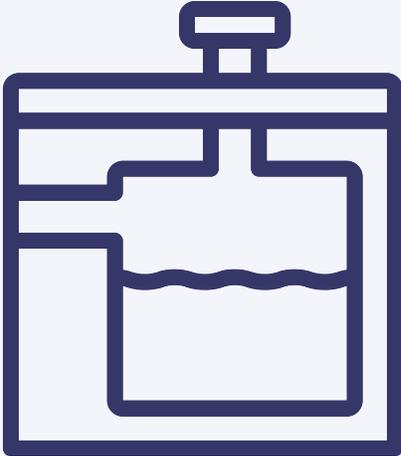
MCHD is one of the only Counties to have a Certified Water Lab within the State of Indiana

SEPTICS

The community must comply with state and local ordinances related to septic system installation and maintenance, and the MCHD provides all the necessary resources needed to comply



MCHD completed a total of 244 permits and inspections in 2024



Nursing

MCHD provides free immunizations for children and adults who are
-uninsured or
-underinsured
The Health Department also provides other immunizations for individuals with private insurance

MCHD offers
FREE STD testing
for Gonorrhea &
Chlamydia.....

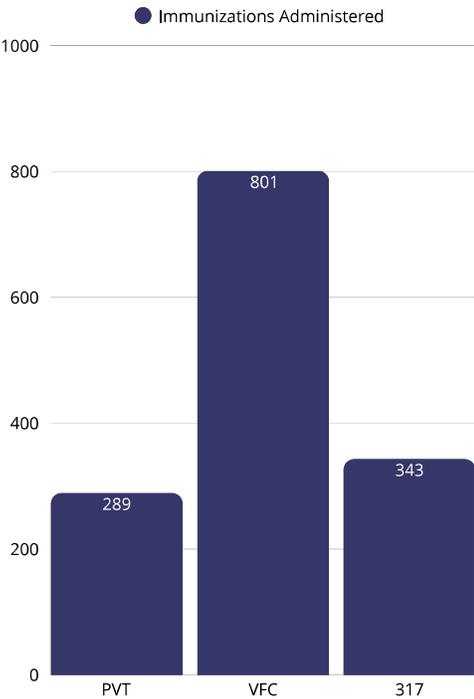
31 STI tests
performed

5 Positive
chlamydia
results

There were 154 TB tests
performed in 2024

**TB tests are
available at the
HD for a low
cost. If positive,
treatment is
available for
free**

- 317 - Ages 19+ uninsured
- VFC - Ages 18 and under uninsured
- PVT - Private insurance



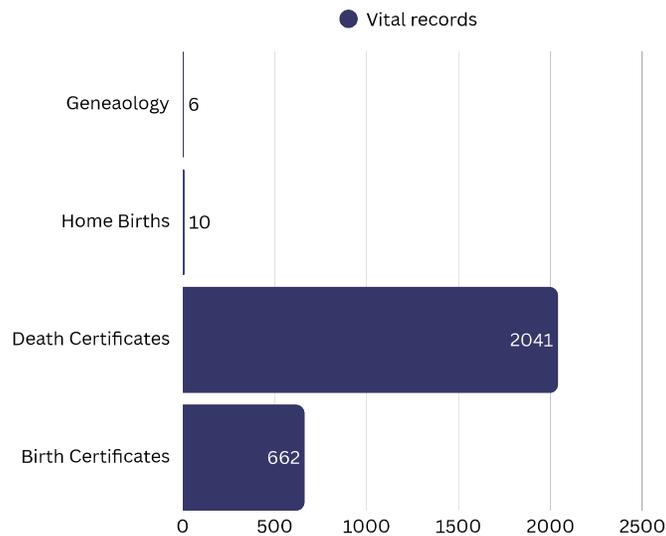
**1,433
Immunizations
Administered**



2024 VITAL RECORDS STATISTICS

BIRTHS

Montgomery County does not have a delivery hospital, but we recorded 662 births during 2024 to mothers who reside within our county. Of those births, 10 were home births.

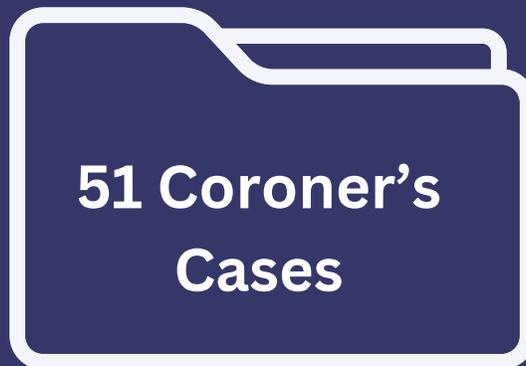
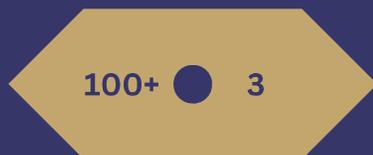
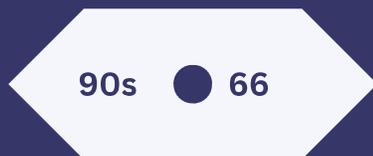
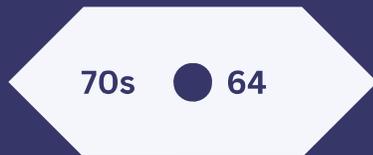
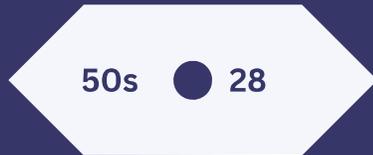
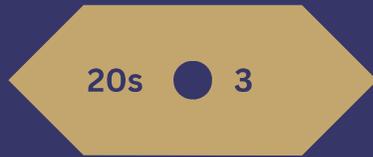


**CERTIFICATES WERE ISSUED BY
THE LHD WITHIN JURISDICTION**

Vital Records

Age of Death 2024

There was a total of 346 reported deaths in Montgomery County in 2024.



Budgets

Local Health Department Funding 2024

Health Fund	\$498,291.47
Health First Indiana	\$428,243.35
Carry over on Local Health Maintenance Fund	\$43,296.14
PHEP Grant	\$25,000.00
Carry over on Local Health Trust	\$12,300.00

2024 Funding Utilized from the Health Department

The Health Fund is the primary source for funding for the Health Department. This fund is supplemented by fees for services provided such as food permits, water lab testing, septic permits, vaccination, and vital records.

Salaries	\$292,427.63	Employee Taxes and Benefits	\$50,233.46
Supplies	\$8,614.30		
Memberships & Conferences	\$4,692.63		

2024 Funding Utilized from the Health First Indiana Initiative

Provided by the State to enhance core public health services in local health departments such as Montgomery County.

Salaries	\$119,620.05	Contractual Services (MH)	\$57,617.50
Employee Taxes & Benefits	\$21,392.31		
Supplies	\$8,428.95		

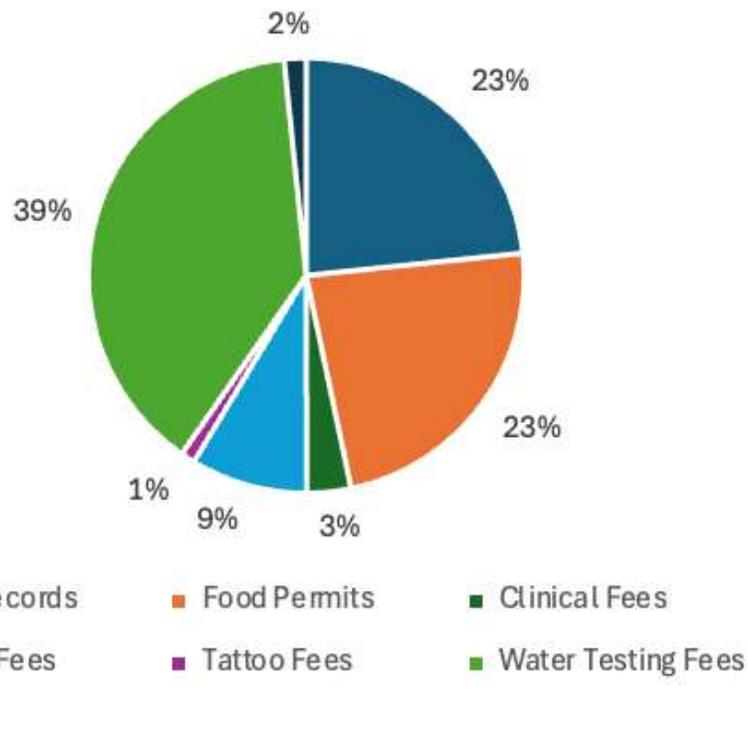
2024 Funding Utilized from the Local Health Maintenance Grant

The Local Health Maintenance Grant is provided by the Indiana State Department of Health for use as a supplemental funding source for the health department. The funding is based on population size and is provided to every county in Indiana. This annual grant requires an application that includes a budget that must be approved by the state. Specific uses for the grant funds are detailed within the grant documentation to ensure that the funds are used to support the efforts of the health department. This fund is supplemented by fees for services provided such as food permits, water lab testing, septic permits, TB tests/vaccinations, and vital records.

Office Supplies	\$2,880.61
Water Supplies	\$21,363.09

Funds Received from Services

Food Permits:	\$39,734.00
Water Testing Fees:	\$65,858.00
Clinical Fees:	\$5,580.00
Vital Records:	\$39,775.00
Septic Fees:	\$14,750.00
Tattoo Fees:	\$1,800.00
Misc. (Restitution, Donation, etc.):	\$2,785.00



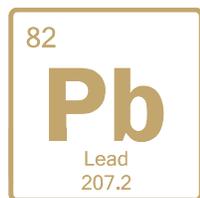
NEW TO MCHD IN 2024



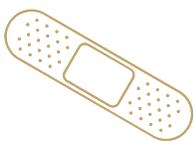
**Diaper Pantry (25
Participants)**



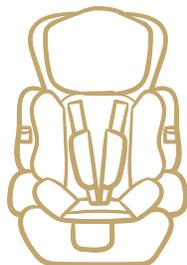
Added 2 CPR Instructors



**Added an Indiana State
licensed lead risk
inspector/risk assessor**



2 Stop the Bleed Instructors



**2 Child Passenger
Safety Technician**