



Ripley County Health Department 2024 Annual Report



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Leadership and Staff

Ripley County Board of Health

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Vital Records Division

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Community Outreach Division

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County Health Scorecard

Ripley County

Topic	Rate	Indiana rate	Rank
Adult Obesity	47.5%	44%	#66
Children < 3 Years Old Completing Recommended Vaccine Series	64.8%	62.2%	#43
Cigarette Smoking During Pregnancy	8.8%	5.3	#56
Infant Mortality Rate	5.21	6.7	#19
Life Expectancy	74.7	75.1	#51
Opioid Overdose Rate	20.9	25.07	#54
Smoking Rate	12.6%	17.9%	#3
Suicide Rate	15.1	16.0	#17
Years of Potential Life Lost Due to Injury (Age-Adjusted)	2721.5	2527.14	#64

Source: <https://www.in.gov/healthfirstindiana/county-health-scorecard/>

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2024 Revenue, Expenditures, and Balances

General Fund 1159

Revenue

Property Tax	252,098.62
License Excise	19,673.88
Cvet	876.66
Financial Institution	1,786.64
Health Charges	88,483.31
Reimbursements	40.00
Collections Fees	27,291.83
Unappropriated Monies/Returned Fees	(1,888.25)
Total	388,362.69

Expenses

Salaries and Stipends	199,783.22
Benefits: SS, Ins, PERF, Workmen's Comp	83,816.06
P.O. Box	120.00
Auto Insurance	470.00
Vaccines	200.00
Liability Insurance	450.00
Total	284,839.28

Balance

2023 Carry Over Cash Balance	550,695.93
2024 Income	388,362.69
2025 Expenses	(284,839.28)
End of Year Cash Balance	654,219.34

In 2024, the Ripley County Health Department raised \$3,277.50 for the Coroner's Continuing Education Fund.

Local Public Health Fund 1161

Revenue

State HFI Fund	327,312.21
Total	327,312.21

Expenses

Salaries and Stipends	99,652.01
Benefits: SS, Ins, PERF, Workmen's Comp	18,408.48
Office Supplies	1,144.58
Operating Supplies	3,723.37
Official Records	373.27
Travel Expense	1,420.56
Insurance	457.00
Phones	1087.79
Contractual Services	25,827.47
Lead Machine	2,388.74
Community Mini-Grants	6,000.00
Total	160,482.27

Balance

2023 Carry Over Cash Balance	0
2024 Income	327,312.21
2025 Expenses	(160,482.27)
End of Year Cash Balance	166,829.94*

* \$32,731.22 is allocated as capital; the remaining \$134,098.72 must rollover for 2025 expenditures.

Health Maintenance 1168

Revenue

None	---
Total	---

Expenses

Office Supplies	227.99
Nurse Operation Supplies	2,389.79
Auto Insurance	1,000.00
Registration and Conference Fee	739.35
Environmental Telephone	754.92
Travel Expense	2,496.54
Environmental Travel	2,383.48
Motor Vehicles	21,916.25
Total	31,908.32

Balance

2023 Carry Over Cash Balance	78,456.65
2024 Income	---
2025 Expenses	(31,908.32)
End of Year Cash Balance	46,548.33

Health Department Trust 1206

Revenue

Collection Fees	1,949.15
Total	1,949.15

Expenses

Public Outreach Supplies	688.05
Nurse Operation Supplies	7,167.90
Advertising	1,579.00
Total	9,434.95

Balance

2023 Carry Over Cash Balance	50,947.03
2024 Income	1,949.15
2025 Expenses	(9,434.95)
End of Year Cash Balance	43,461.23

Public Health Preparedness Grant 8118

Revenue

Federal Revenue	15,181.48
Total	15,181.48

Expenses

Office Supplies	1,902.33
Operating Supplies	20,867.72
Public Education Material	1,878.66
Cell Phones and Telephone Service	570.90
Travel Expense	391.60
Communication Equipment	2,000.00
Total	27,611.21

Balance

2023 Carry Over Cash Balance	31,075.70
2024 Income	15,181.48
2025 Expenses	(27,611.21)
End of Year Cash Balance	18,645.97

Immunization and Vaccine Grant 8252

Revenue

Federal Revenue	12,409.77
Total	12,409.77

Expenses

Salary	5,765.14
Benefits: SS, Ins, PERF, Workmen's Comp	441.00
Office Supplies	2,616.06
Education Material	231.46
Travel Expense	1,013.10
Contractual Services	690.00
Machinery and Equipment	254.80
Total	11,011.56

Balance

2023 Carry Over Cash Balance	17,027.63
2024 Income	12,409.77
2025 Expenses	(11,011.56)
End of Year Cash Balance	18,425.84

School Cove 19 Co Ag 8253

Revenue

Federal Revenue	82,500.00
Total	82,500.00

Expenses

Salary	30,456.66
Benefits: SS, Ins, PERF, Workmen's Comp	5,823.16
Office Supplies	68.47
Public Outreach Supplies	4,165.60
Hygiene Supplies	2,047.97
Teaching Supplies	660.00
Education Material	8,563.22
Travel Expense	1,123.35
Machinery and Equipment	6,143.38
Total	59,051.81

Balance

2023 Carry Over Cash Balance	152,280.37
2024 Income	82,500.00
2025 Expenses	(59,051.81)
End of Year Cash Balance	175,728.56

Title V Grant/Safe Sleep 9170

Revenue

Federal Revenue	6,281.95
Total	6,281.95

Expenses

Supplies and Materials	5,981.19
Advertising	512.00
Travel Expense	136.40
Total	6,629.59

Balance

2023 Carry Over Cash Balance	592.03
2024 Income	6,281.95
2025 Expenses	(6,629.59)
End of Year Cash Balance	244.39

Name of Donors

The Health Department did not receive any donations in Fiscal Year 2024.

Activities by Division

Vital Records Division

Total Births Recorded	500
Still Births Recorded	0
Home Births Recorded	3
Birth Certificates Issued	986
Deaths Recorded	276
Death Certificates Issued	1,311
Burial Permits Issued	358
Paternity Affidavits Processed	5
Birth and Death Record Amendments: Amendments, Court Orders, and Adoptions	11
Other Records Edited	2304
Genealogy Searches Conducted	0

Participation on Fatality Review Team Meetings	14
Other Conferences and Meetings	10

Harm Reduction Division

STI Barrier Devices Distributed	440
Medication Drop Box Collection (in pounds)	123
Drug Test Kits Issued	40
Hygiene Kits Issued to General Public	25
Naloxone Issued to General Public	234
Sharps Containers Collected	57
Sharps Containers Distributed	40

Suicide and Fatality Review and Prevention Meetings	16
Other Conferences and Meetings	41

Clinic Division

Health Screenings Conducted	24
Vaccines Administered	426
TB Tests	188
Pregnancy Tests	3
Lead Screenings	18
Sexually Transmitted Infection Screenings	4
Allergy Shots Administered	167

Jail Visits	10
Home and School Visits	23
Senior Outreach Events Attended	4
Clinics Attended and Hosted	100
Other Conferences, Trainings, and Meetings	44

Communicable Disease Investigations Conducted	37
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Public Outreach Division

Car Seats Installed	39
Safe Sitter Certificates Issued	3
Hygiene Kits for Schools	130
Lice Kits for Schools	30
School Events Attended	8
Vaping/Tobacco Education	12

Safe Sleep Events Attended	24
Other Conferences, Trainings, and Meetings	14

Environmental and Compliance Division

Animal Bite Reports and Complaints Investigated	68
Animals Sent to Lab for Rabies Check	4

Tattoo/Body Piercing Inspections	4
Tattoo/Body Piercing Complaints Investigated	0
Tattoo/Body Piercing Facility Permits Issued	10
Tattoo/Body Piercing Artists Permits Issued	12

Retail Food Inspections and Consultations	203
Retail Food Permits Issued	115
Retail Food Complaints Investigated	7
Temporary Food Vendor Inspections	100
Temporary Food Vender Permits Issued	132
Temporary Food Complaints Investigated	0
Mobile Food Inspections	62
Mobile Food Permits Issued	21
Mobile Food Complaints Investigated	0

Septic Installer Registrations	30
Septic Site Survey Conducted	19
Septic Permits Issued	66
Septic Design Reviews	120
Septic Repair Reviews	23
Septic Inspections and Consultations	28

Pool Inspections	9
Pool Complaints Investigated	2
Pool Samples Collected	0
Pool Permits Issued	4

Smoking/ Open Burning/ Trash/ Mold/ Insect/ Rodent/ Housing Complaints Investigated	343
Meth Lab Investigation	1
Water Samples Submitted	3

Public Health Education and Training Events Attended	1
Other Conferences, Trainings, and Meetings	26

Special Events Attended or Hosted

March

Batesville Baby Shower cohosted with Batesville Pregnancy Center

Health Care Coalition Medical Response and Surge Exercise

July

Back to School Bash

Ripley County 4H Fair

August

Kid's Day at the Versailles Market

Sunman Health Fair

2024 Media Coverage

Dr. Weaver, Indiana State Health Commissioner, visits Ripley County Health Department.

July 25, 2025 <https://ripleynews.com/news/rchd-could-be-model-for-other-counties/>

Ripley County Health Department and Emergency Medical Services launched new Mobile Integrated Health Unit.

September 6, 2024 <https://www.eaglecountryonline.com/news/local-news/ripley-co-mobile-integrated-health-program-delivers-care-to-patient-homes/>

September 10, 2024 <https://wrbiradio.com/mobile-integrated-health-now-available-to-ripley-county-residents/>

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