

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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ECHD / ECCHC AT A GLANCE

As the area's only comprehensive health center, our agency functions as both a health department and a federally qualified health center. We are accredited by the Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB) and are recognized by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) as a Patient-Centered Medical Home. We have been recognized by HRSA as a leader in public health.

The Erie County Health Department and Erie County Community Health Center employs 170 people across eight service sites. However, our reach also expands beyond county lines. In 2023, the Erie County Community Health Center, the Erie County Detoxification Center, and Compass Point served residents from more than eight counties.

OUR MISSION

It shall be our focus to provide the essential public health services for our community in an effective and fiscally responsible manner. The identification and the prevention of injury and illness, health promotion, disease surveillance, and the improvement of personal and environmental health status within the health district through assessment and policy development is vital. We strive for continuous quality improvement among all programs and services offered through continuing education and ongoing workforce development, coupled with the evaluation of the community health status and good governance to deliver the essential public health services.

OUR VISION

To assure an elevated quality of life across the complete age spectrum for the Residents of Erie County by being the leader in protecting and promoting public and environmental health through accessible services, education, and community health assessments.

CORE VALUES - ECHD PROMISE

Equity & Diversity
Community, Communication, & Compassion
Health Promotion
Teamwork & Collaboration

Presence & Professionalism
Respect
Quality Improvement
Mission-Oriented

Innovation
Sustainability
Empowerment
Creativity



DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The District Advisory Council membership consists of the chief executive of each municipal corporation not constituting a city health district (mayors of cities and villages), and the chairperson of the board of township trustees of each township in the Erie County General Health District or their designated representatives. The County Commissioners are also represented by their Chairperson.

The purpose of the Erie County District Advisory Council is to elect its officers, appoint members to the Erie County Board of Health, receive and consider the annual or special reports of the Erie County Health Department and make recommendations to the Erie County Board of Health in regard to matters for the betterment of health and sanitation within the District, or for needed legislation. The District Advisory Council meets annually in March of each year.

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Erie County Board of Health is a separate body politic operating under the Ohio Revised Code and the Ohio Administrative Code in Erie County, Ohio. The Erie County Board of Health members are appointed by the three principal cities and the Erie County District Advisory Council. The Board of Health, in turn, appoints the Health Commissioner. The purpose of the Erie County Board of Health is to define the organization's goals and objectives; evaluate the accomplishments of the programs; hire the chief executive officer (Health Commissioner); and to take a lead in the development of financial resources and represent the public interest in terms of good governance and disease prevention policies.



BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS

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District Advisory Council
City of Vermilion
District Advisory Council
District Advisory Council
City of Sandusky
City of Sandusky
City of Huron
District Advisory Council
City of Sandusky
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City of Sandusky



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Erie County Community
Health Center Board
members are representative
of each of our Erie County
Communities and service
areas.

Did You Know?

At the Erie County Health Department and Erie County Community Health Center, we believe in providing accessible and comprehensive healthcare services to all individuals in our community. Our integrated approach includes health, dental, mental, and behavioral health services, ensuring that individuals receive holistic care tailored to their needs. We accept most insurances and offer reduced out-of-pocket costs to ensure affordability for all. Whether through direct referrals or community partnerships, we are committed to connecting individuals with the care they deserve, regardless of their social standing or ability to pay. If you or someone you know need help, call 567-867-5174.

Need a doctor?

We offer primary healthcare services to all ages, from birth through senior years.

Need a dentist?

We offer preventive and restorative dental services for ages 1 through senior years.

Need a counselor?

We offer individualized care to individuals from age 5 through senior years.



The Erie County Health Department operates, in part, from three separate levies: a 0.2, 0.3, and 0.5 mill levy. These levies account for 10.94% of our annual budget. The remaining 89.06% comes from outside funding through grants and other sources.

As we continue to use financial guideposts to plan our services expansion, our county residents can expect to see this trend of decreased reliance on levy funding continue in the future. Total expenses for 2023 are reflective of construction activities completed as of December 31, 2023 on Kaptur-Rogowski House, and completed renovations at Compass Point.

The Administrative Services Division is charged with financial planning and the fiscal management of the agency including billing, accounts receivable, accounts payable, purchasing, payroll, human resources, logistics, facilities management, work force training, vital statistics, and various departmental programs.

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Total
Employees

3,600

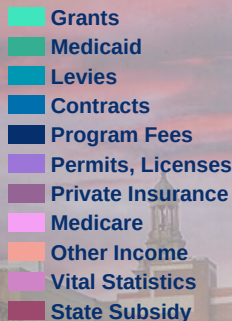
Square Miles
Served

74,501

Erie County
Population

REVENUES

Total 2023 Revenue: \$21,685,321.92



EXPENSES

Total 2023 Expenses: \$20,437,660.92



The Vital Statistics office issues certified copies of birth and death certificates. Birth certificates can be issued for anyone born in Ohio from 1908 through present and death certificates can be issued if the death occurred in Erie County.

The cost for a certified copy of a birth or death certificate is \$25.00 (no personal checks). These can be requested by mail, telephone (at 419-626-5623 ext. 5122) or by visiting our office Monday - Friday between 8:00 am - 4:30 pm (excluding holidays).

The following charts show the number of births and deaths by gender and the leading causes of death among Erie County residents in 2023.

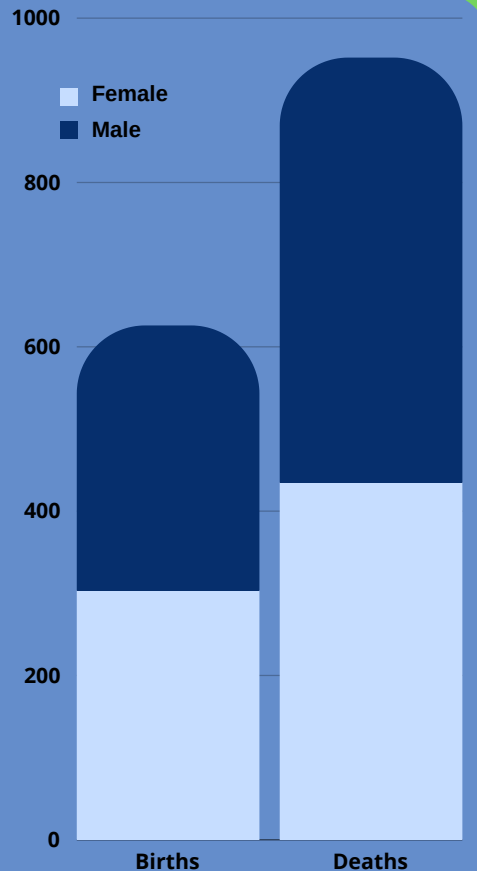
POPULATION GROWTH

626

Total Births in 2023

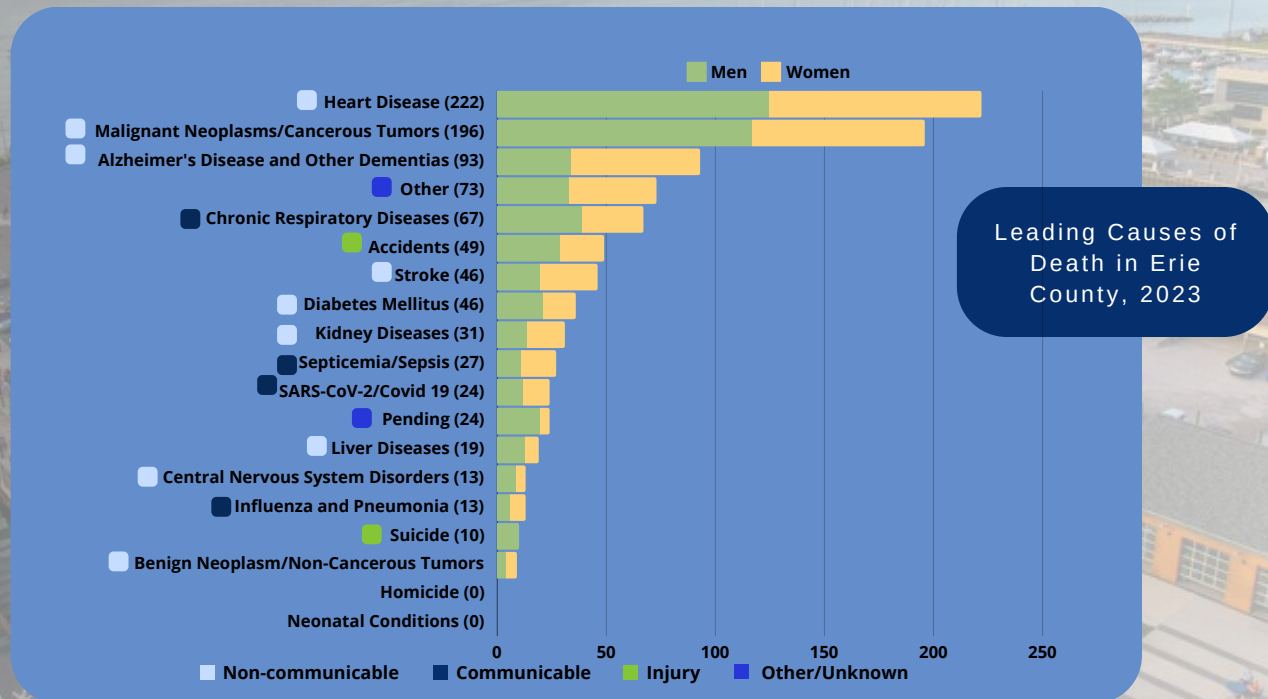
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Total Deaths in 2023



LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH

Non-communicable diseases are not spread through infection or through other people; rather, they are caused by patterns of unhealthy behavior. In 2023, the leading causes of death by non-communicable diseases in Erie County were chronic respiratory disease, diabetes mellitus and liver disease.



The Erie County Community Health Center (ECCHC) continues to grow and expand services to address and promote population health while providing access to care and additional resources throughout Erie, Huron, and Ottawa Counties. ECCHC offers medical and behavioral health services at eight convenient locations. In 2023, we added a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner to our providers, added a second Community Health Worker, and expanded our dental sites to include operatories at Kelleys Island and the EHOVE School Based Health Center.

Same-day appointment scheduling is provided and most commercial, Medicare, and all Medicaid insurances are accepted. Outreach and Enrollment Certified Application Counselors are available to assist as needed.

VISITS FOR 2023

42,333

Total health center visits for all services

20,827

Total medical service visits

9,108

Total dental visits

9,630

Total immunizations given

1,968

Total counseling and mental health visits

800

Total Vivitrol injections for substance use disorder

ECCHC SERVICES



Family Practice & Primary Care



Pediatrics & Well-Child



Women's Health Services



Counseling & Mental Health Services



Immunizations & Travel Vaccines,



Lead Testing & TB Testing



COVID-19 Testing & Vaccines



Dental Health Services



Outreach & Enrollment Specialists



Vivitrol (MAT)



Community Health Workers



8 Convenient Clinical Sites

The Division of Public Health Nursing provides nursing services in various settings throughout Erie County, including Erie County Community Health Center, Erie County Detoxification Center, Compass Point Senior Enrichment Center, 9 public and 2 private school districts, the Erie County and Ottawa County Jails, and the Erie County Juvenile Justice Center. Our Public Health Nurses spend a majority of their time medically assessing, educating, providing case management, mitigating disease spread, enforcing the most up to date healthcare guidelines and making necessary referrals for the individuals they care for. Our Public Health Nurses are the key link between the community and the healthcare field. In 2023, the Public Health Nursing Program included 32 Registered Nurses and 18 Licensed Practical Nurses.

Our public health nurses offer a variety of services including:

- Health appraisal intake assessments
- Sick visits
- Injury response
- Care coordination
- Daily checks for chronic conditions
- Physician referrals
- Dental referrals
- Linkages to treatment and mental health services
- Medication-Assisted Treatment
- Narcan upon release
- Health education
- Health screenings
- Immunizations & Travel vaccines

JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER

11,922

Juvenile Justice Center residents served

ERIE COUNTY JAIL

39,147

Erie County Jail inmates served

OTTAWA COUNTY JAIL

29,755

Ottawa County Jail inmates served

COMPASS POINT AND KAPTUR-ROGOWSKI HOUSE

In 2023, the Erie County Health Department opened the Compass Point Senior Enrichment Center, serving the needs of seniors who are dealing with an Alzheimer's or Dementia diagnosis and those seniors who are isolated and in need of socialization. Compass Point is certified by the Ohio Department of Aging, and now accepts all insurances. The facility, located at 795 Bardshar Road in Sandusky, is open Monday - Friday, 9am-2:30pm for participants, and with staff hours of 8am-4:30pm. Participants can attend for a full day (9am-2:30pm) or for a half day program (three hours or less). The program includes hot meals, activities and exercise that are focused on participant interests; the program offers respite for family members and caregivers.

In 2024, the Erie County Health Department will open The Kaptur-Rogowski House, a crisis intervention facility located at the Main Campus. This facility will allow for medical assessment, short-term stay for the individual in crisis, and referrals to the most appropriate next level of care. Individuals at Kaptur-Rogowski will receive medical, dental, and psychiatric referrals, in addition to referrals to care for substance use, detoxification, and other needs.



**Compass Point Senior
Enrichment Center**

795 Bardshar Road
Sandusky, OH



**Kaptur-Rogowski
House**

501 Superior Street
Sandusky, OH

The Detoxification Unit is a twenty-four hour, seven days a week, medically monitored facility that is staffed with an interdisciplinary team consisting of medical and clinical providers, nurses, and medical assistants. Our purpose is to comfortably assist patients through the withdrawal process in a safe and supportive environment while preparing them for their next step in recovery.

DETOX ADMISSIONS

725

Total admissions

60.4

Average monthly admissions

9.92

Average daily census

CARE REFERRALS

26.1%

Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) services referral rate

19.1%

Outpatient services referral rate

23.5%

Inpatient services referral rate

WIC is the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children. It is a USDA-funded federal assistance program.

Our WIC program provides assistance to Ohio's medically and nutritionally at-risk women, infants and children in Sandusky, Norwalk, and Vermilion. Individuals participating in WIC meet with a health professional (registered dietitian or registered nurse) who conducts a health and nutrition assessment, and offers nutrition education based on the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, which is specific to the participant's stage of development and her personal nutrition goals.

AVERAGE MONTHLY PARTICIPANTS

1,890

Total average monthly participants

929

Average Erie County participants

961

Average Huron County participants

\$71.30

Average value of monthly food package for Pregnant Women

2,835+

Hours of nutrition education provided to W.I.C. families

\$134,756.55

Average monthly amount paid to vendors in Erie/Huron Counties

WIC AWARDS

In 2023, the Erie Huron County WIC department:

- Received the USDA Gold Award for Exemplary Support and Practices
- Earned a professional lactation certification including:
 - 1 International Board Certified Lactation Consultant
 - 3 Certified Lactation Counselors
 - 3 Certified Lactation Specialists

Epidemiology is the method used to find the causes of health outcomes and diseases in populations. In epidemiology, the patient is the community and individuals are viewed collectively. The purpose of the Office of Epidemiology and Surveillance is to monitor the health status of Erie County by investigating and containing emerging health issues. Epidemiology and surveillance are essential to understanding the health status of a population and planning effective prevention and response programs. All healthcare providers and laboratories are required by law to report cases of selected diseases and conditions to local public health departments. The reporting of notifiable diseases to health departments is the backbone of disease surveillance, allowing both active and passive disease surveillance to occur.

2023 INVESTIGATIONS

3,364

Newly diagnosed reportable diseases investigated

27

Types of reportable diseases managed

27

Infectious disease outbreaks investigated

In Ohio, there are over 80 different diseases that are reportable to public health. Reportable diseases are categorized into three classes: A, B, & C. Cases of reportable infectious disease are reviewed by the Office of Epidemiology and Surveillance. Some reported diseases only require collection of data for statistics. Other reported diseases may require a case interview and education about the reported illness.

CLASS A REPORTABLE DISEASES

Diseases of major public health concern because of the severity of disease or potential for disease spread. Such as, measles, rabies, rubella, diphtheria

CLASS B REPORTABLE DISEASES

Disease of public health concern needing timely response because of potential for epidemic spread. Such as, salmonella, e.coli, chlamydia

CLASS C REPORTABLE DISEASES

Any outbreak, unusual incident, or epidemic of disease that are not reportable within Class A or B.

The Emergency Preparedness program is funded through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) grant. This program is responsible for ensuring that the Erie County Health Department is prepared to respond to various emergency events, when needed. The purpose of emergency preparedness is to build and strengthen the ability to effectively respond to a range of public health threats, including infectious diseases; natural disasters; and biological, chemical, nuclear and radiological events.

In 2023, ECHD utilized funding from the PHEP grant to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. This response included a variety of disease prevention and mitigation strategies: case interviews, contact tracing, vaccination efforts, public outreach/education, mask distribution, testing capacity, disease surveillance, data analysis, and outbreak investigations.

COVID-19 OUTBREAK INVESTIGATION OVERVIEW

A COVID-19 outbreak is defined as multiple cases that are epidemiologically linked with a common exposure in a community, institutional, or healthcare setting. The ECHD investigates disease outbreaks to identify each source and eliminate it, develop strategies to prevent future outbreaks, mitigate further disease spread, and address public concerns. A COVID-19 outbreak is declared "over" after 20 days have passed with no new cases linked to the outbreak.

In 2023, ECHD investigated 16 COVID-19 outbreaks in the following settings: healthcare-associated (14) and institutional (2).

2,703

Reported COVID-19 cases

126

COVID-19 hospitalizations

463

Diagnostic COVID-19 tests performed at ECCHC

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EVENTS

The Division of Grants, Marketing and Quality Assurance was established in 2023 to improve the health status of Erie County residents through grant-funded programs. The division leads multiple collaborative initiatives including the Community Health Assessment (CHA), the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), and the agency Marketing Team. The division collaborates with community partners to implement policies, systems, and environmental (PSE) changes with a focus on population health.

CREATING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

10

Live Well food pantries hosted

691

Families fed through the Live Well food pantry

1,970

Individuals fed through the Live Well food pantry

INTEGRATED HARM REDUCTION & FIRST RESPONDERS

1,081

Naloxone training to First Responders

1,210

Naloxone training and kits provided to community members

2,657

Total number of Naloxone kits provided in 2023.

DRUG OVERDOSE RESPONSE TEAM

93

DORT team overdose responses in 2023

59

Referrals made to survivors of an overdose event or their family members.

OLDER ADULT FALLS

519

Older adult homes assessed for fall risks

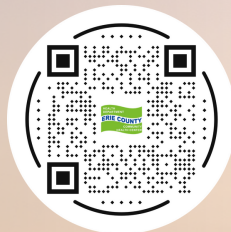
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Home modifications completed through the handyman program

278

Older adults screened for fall risk via STEADI assessment tool

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OHIO HEALTH IMPROVEMENT ZONES

4

Low-income census tracts targeted by OHIZ programs

13,999

People in low-income census tracts served by OHIZ programs

We applied for 75 grants in 2023, and have an approval rating of 88%. Because of our efforts, our agency has been able to provide a number of services for free to residents. Grant programs range from our Live Well food pantry to providing free dental services!

TOBACCO USE & CESSATION

80

Compliance checks completed in Erie County, ensuring stores do not sell tobacco products to minors.

MINORITY HEALTH

29

Faith-based and community events hosted to connect individuals with needed services.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Risks to public health can be present in our homes, in the food and water we consume, or from uncontrolled pathogens present within our environment. The Environmental Health Division conducts public health inspections, investigates illnesses, and enforces state and local rules that protect the public from injury and the spread of diseases.

FOOD SAFETY

900

Food licenses issued

3,503

Inspections/consultations performed at licensed food facilities

SEWAGE TREATMENT PROGRAM

73

Sewage permits issued

9

Failing septic systems replaced using grant funding

WATER LABORATORY

1,043

Water samples collected through the Bathing Beach Program

3,808

Water samples processed and analyzed

POOL AND SPA PROGRAM

363

Pool and spa inspections performed

BODY ART PROGRAM

25

Licensed body art locations

RABIES CONTROL

175

Rabies investigations performed; no animals tested positive for rabies.

128

Rabies investigations involving dogs

MOSQUITO CONTROL

\$15,000

Ohio EPA funding received for mosquito control and education

NUISANCE COMPLAINTS

165

Nuisance complaints were received and investigated

The Office of Health Hazard Control and Healthy Homes at Erie County Health Department identifies and mitigates environmental health risks in our community. From lead poisoning prevention to indoor air quality assessments, our dedicated team ensures that every home is safe and healthy for all residents. In 2023, the office received its second round of Ohio Department of Health Funding (\$1,440,000), and first round of USDA Historic Preservation Funding (\$135,000). Since 2017, more than 414 home projects were completed in Erie, Huron, Ottawa, Lorain, and Sandusky counties.

LEAD HAZARD CONTROL SERVICES

5

Counties served: Erie, Huron, Lorain, Ottawa, and Sandusky

137

Lead risk and healthy homes assessments completed

168

Lead Hazard Control/ Healthy Homes project applications approved

80

Lead Safe Housing Units completed in the last year

33

Residential Radon Tests Conducted

\$1,331,280.24

Invested in Lead Hazard Control construction projects

\$267,983.93

Invested in residential Healthy Homes construction projects

PLUMBING AND MANUFACTURED HOME (MH) PLACEMENT

4

Counties served: Erie, Huron, Lorain, and Seneca

236

Plumbing permits issued this year

416

Plumbing inspections performed this year

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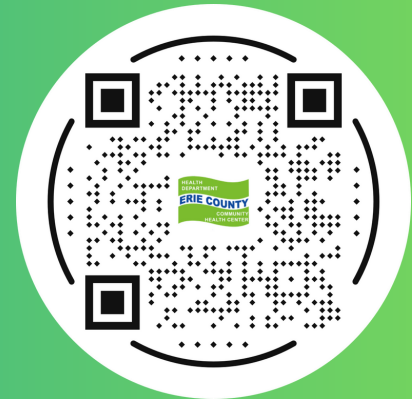
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