



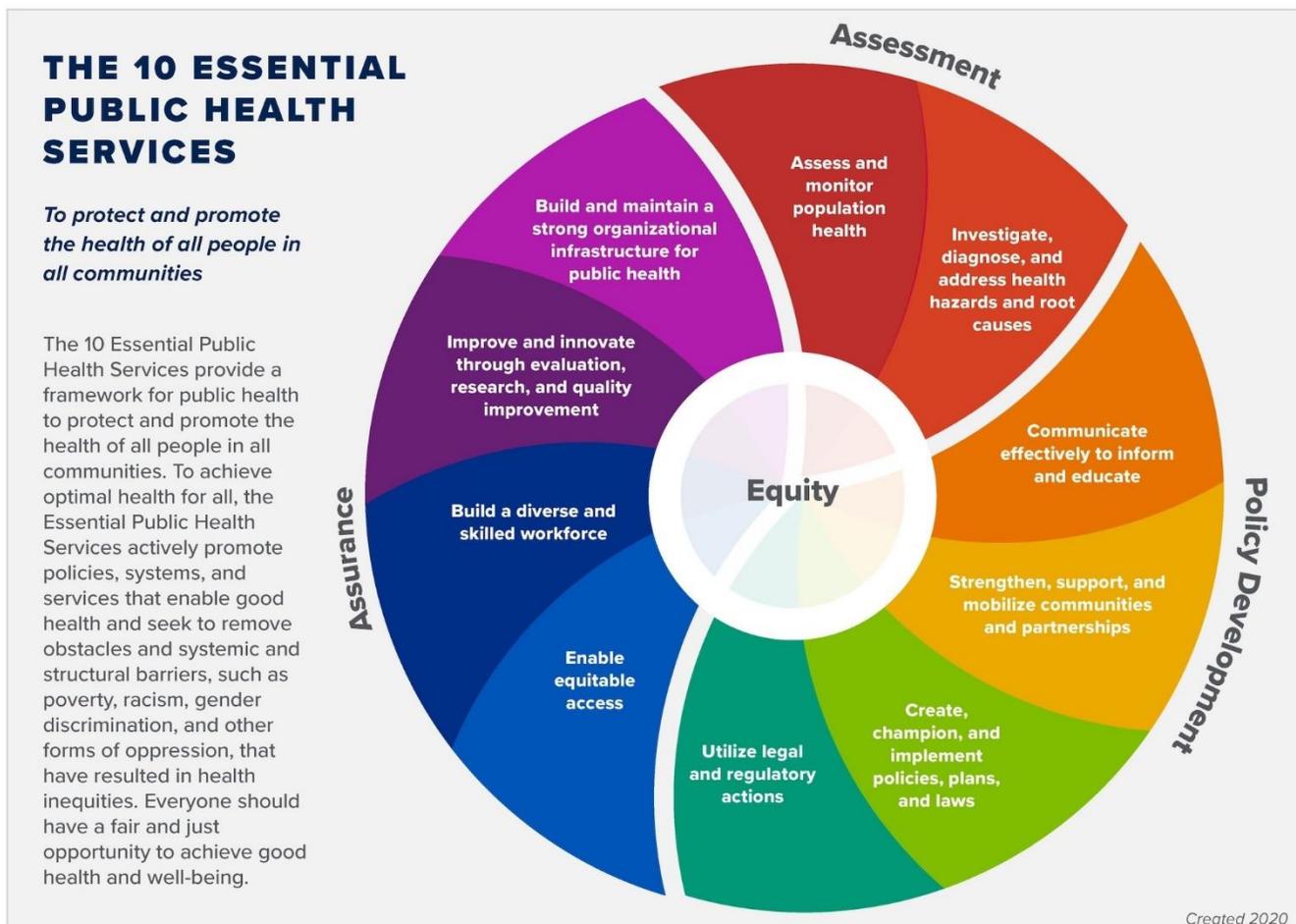
*2024 Annual Report*



**A Word from the Galion City Health Commissioner, Andrea Barnes**

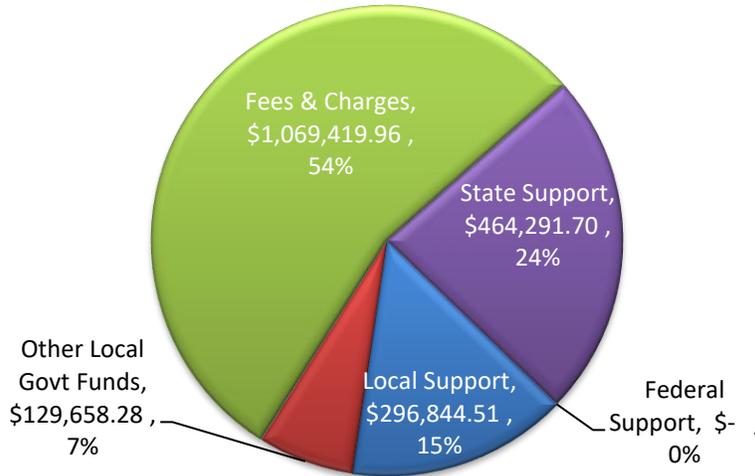
On behalf of the Galion City Board of Health and the staff at the Galion City Health Department, we present the GCHD 2024 Annual Report. Our Annual Report will reflect the important work that we have done to help prevent the spread of disease, promote health, and protect the community. In 1923, C.E.A. Winslow defined public health as the science of not only preventing contagious disease but also of prolonging life and promoting physical health through organized community efforts. We have increased our community partnerships to collaborate and make a difference. The Galion City Health Department strives to benefit the community by providing preventative services that include education, surveillance, testing, inspections, licensing, vaccinating, and emergency preparedness activities to allow and encourage residents to live healthy and stay healthy.

**2024 Public Health and the 10 Essential Public Health Services**

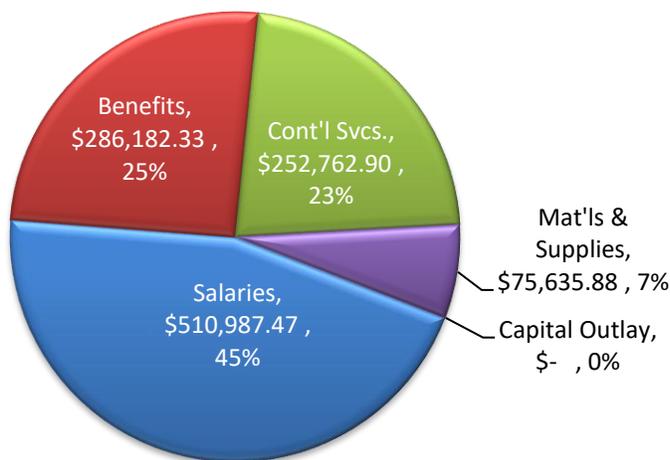


2024 Financial Report

### 2024 Revenue by Source



### 2024 Expenses by Category

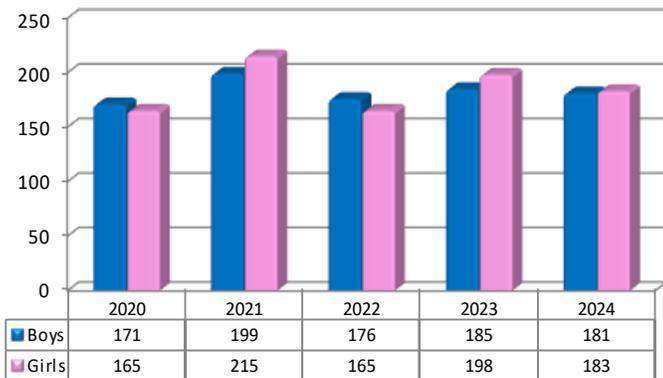


The Galion City Health Department does not operate on a levy and the local general fund supports 15-20% of our expenses. Further details on our funding sources and expenditures are available at the Galion City Health Department, 113 Harding Way East, Galion, Ohio 44833.

## Vital Statistics 2024 Program Summary

- 365 births registered
- 713 birth certificates issued
- 755 Death Certificates Issued
- 12 Free Veteran Death Certificates Issued
- 24 Burial Permits Issued
- 201 deaths registered

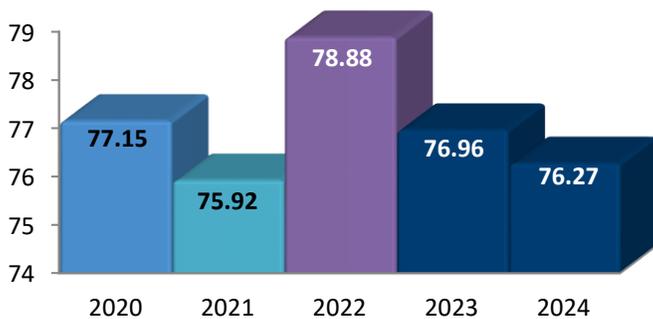
### Births by Gender



### Deaths by Gender



### Average Age of Death





**Back row: Andrea Barnes, Leanna Perdue, Matt Schwab, Jamie Ervin, Kim Ponziani and Kori Gillam**

**Font row: Brandi Riddlebaugh, Abby Volk, Jenny Jordan, and Sarah Miley**

## Nursing Department 2024 Program Summary

### Preventing the spread of infectious diseases:

- 1030 immunizations administered
- 310 flu shots administered
- 44 TB tests administered
- 416 reports of infectious diseases investigated
- 714 Sexual Health Clinic appointments were completed in Galion and Marion combined

### Increasing access and linkage to health care:

- Several nursing visits made to Homebound residents
- 24 BCMH clients served
- Used 340B funds for underinsured sexual health patients

### Community Health and Prevention

- 78 car seats distributed
- 1 lead screening completed
- 3 initial foster screenings completed
- 3 Galion Third Friday Events
- Come Home to Galion Parade
- 6 head lice checks completed
- 47 hours of school nursing services
- Participated in Community Health & Wellness Fair
- Safety Town with Buckle Bear

## Environmental Health Department 2024 Program Summary

### Preventing the spread of infectious diseases:

- 116 food licenses issued
- 228 inspections conducted on food facilities
- 51 investigations of animal bites
- Applied and received the Ohio EPA Mosquito Control Grant
- Applied and received \$10,000 for Lead Poisoning Prevention & Healthy Homes
- Presentation on Environmental Public Health on April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Galion Safety Council
- Distributed hundreds of mosquito dunks & mosquito wipes to prevent mosquito-borne diseases.
- Provided surveillance for mosquitoes in Galion, submitted over 1448 mosquitoes to the Ohio Department of Health
- West Nile Virus was identified in 1 pool of mosquitoes tested

### Improving the well-being of the community:

- 105 investigations of public health nuisances
  - 85 complaints abated/referred
- Provided FREE scrap tire events for Galion residents through the Ohio EPA and Willig Tire
- Community Health Assessment Survey
- 7 swimming pool/spa licenses issued
- 12 inspections conducted on swimming pool/spa facilities

## Public Health Accreditation

The Galion City Health Department has worked extremely hard to prepare for national accreditation and now to maintain it. In Ohio, it is mandated for all Local Health Departments to become nationally accredited. The Galion City Health Department is maintaining national public health accreditation status with the accrediting board. In September of 2024, we submitted our annual report to the PHAB staff to show our commitment to continuous quality improvement within our community. We are currently seeking feedback from Galion residents as a part of the Community Health Needs Assessment. GCHD will stand by our mission to Promote, Improve, and Protect the Health and Well-Being of the Community We Serve.



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