

# 2023 Annual Report



## Carroll County General Health District

Striving to **improve the health and safety** of our community through our **nursing, environmental health,** and **community prevention** programs.



CARROLL COUNTY  
GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT





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# A MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH COMMISSIONER

## Dear Carroll County Community,

I am proud to report on the numerous activities, programs, and services our health district provided in 2023. I would categorize 2023 as a growing year. We have expanded services in Nursing to include increasing our Women's Health Nurse Practitioners clinic hours to weekly for women and men's reproductive health needs. We have also expanded our prenatal care and postpartum care to seeing moms and babies in their homes and providing services at the County Jail when needed. We have expanded programs for community organizations to obtain training for pre-conception health on how to be most healthy prior to becoming pregnant. We have partnered with Job and Family Services to implement services for seniors ages 50 and older around social and emotional drivers to health. We have a Registered Nurse visiting senior citizens in their homes and assisting them with health and safety needs. We are implementing an Emergency Assistance Collaborative that is coordinated through our Community Health Worker and can provide streamlined processes to getting families emergency help when needed.

We have expanded educational opportunities for our Environmental Health programs, providing training for Septic Installers, Haulers, and Service Providers. We have partnered with Ohio State Extension office to collaborate on the delivery of food safety training, Serve Safe, by having our Food Inspector present during the training and offering advice and answering questions. This partnership has been well received by the attendees. We have partnered with the Soil and Water Conservation District to assist us with Tick Surveillance and identification. We continue to offer one of the County's favorite programs... the Tire Take Back Event twice a year at the fairgrounds.

The activities I have worked the hardest on have been to bring funding, staffing and resources to the Health Department around Youth Resilience and Youth Substance Use prevention. We now have two prevention staff working in these areas funded through federal and state grant funds. We are building youth-led activities to improve skills and behaviors of our youth in a county-wide initiative. Working with all three schools and community leaders to build a county-wide coalition to drive this work. I continue to work to solidify the bridge between Mental Health and Public Health, as a member of the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) board for Tuscarawas and Carroll Counties as a champion for addressing mental health, trauma, grief and their outcomes on physical health.

One of my goals as your Health Commissioner is to strive to create a Resilient Community. This includes building awareness around trauma and how chronic trauma impacts our health for our children and our communities. It includes developing teams and partnerships to bring services to families in crisis, whether that is mental health, substance use, or violence crisis. We as a community must build the resources to make our response to these stronger and the new norm. We have started this through the development of a Suicide Fatality Review Committee and are discussing how to build a trauma/crisis response team in the county. Post-covid we have seen the impact it has left on the health and well-being of our communities. We are less tolerant, have poorer behaviors, and have more mental health needs in our youth than ever before.

Public Health, is now more than ever, necessary in building strong partnerships to develop the public health system our community needs. Our community deserves to reach its full potential and be able to live quality lives.

*Kelly Morris, RN*

KELLY A. MORRIS MPH, BSN, RN  
HEALTH COMMISSIONER

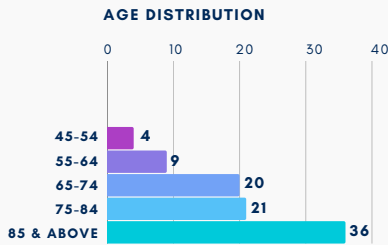


# VITAL STATISTICS & COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAMS

In 2023, we analyzed the top five (5) leading causes of death for Carroll County residents. In Carroll County there were 368 deaths. The top 5 leading causes of death were: 1. heart disease 2. cancer 3. infection 4. chronic lung disease 5. accidents and 5. dementia. Almost one fourth of Carroll County resident deaths were from heart disease (24%). The rate of heart disease related deaths was higher in Carroll County compared to the state of Ohio (337 deaths per 100,000 people in Carroll County versus 285 deaths per 100,000 people in Ohio).

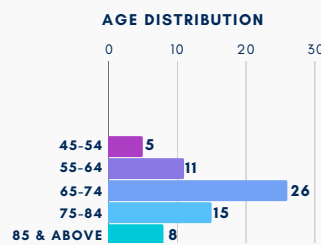
Understanding why our residents die prematurely allows us to develop programs around health behaviors and social influences on health and chronic disease management.

## 1 HEART DISEASE



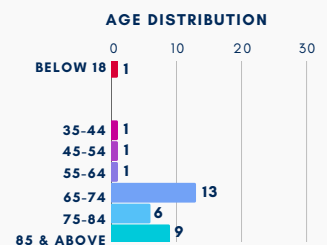
There were 90 total deaths from heart disease in 2023.

## 2 CANCER



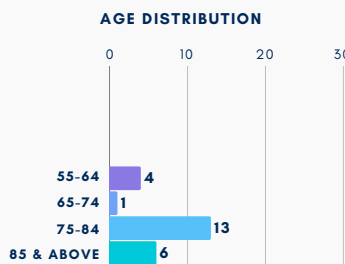
There were 65 total deaths from cancer in 2023.

## 3 INFECTION



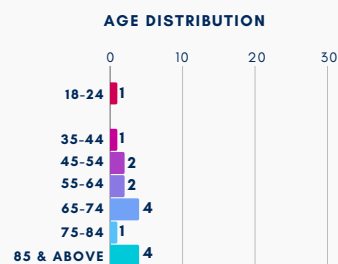
There were 32 total deaths from infection in 2023.

## 4 CHRONIC LUNG DISEASE



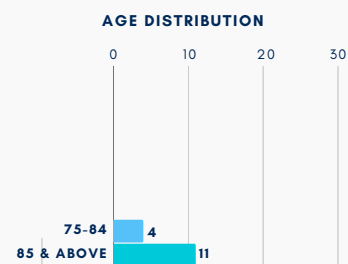
There were 24 total deaths from chronic lung disease in 2023.

## 5 ACCIDENT



There were 15 total deaths from accidents in 2023.

## 5 DEMENTIA



There were 15 total deaths from dementia in 2023.

# COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAMS

## Did You Know?

The Carroll County General Health District (CCGHD) continued to provide community health education and safety programs in 2023. These programs included:

- Child Injury Prevention/Safe Kids Carroll County
- Public Health Emergency Preparedness
- Tobacco & Vaping Cessation
- School Telehealth Nurse trained as certified tobacco treatment specialist (CTTS)
- Cribs for Kids (43 Cribs Distributed)
- Building capacity and training for Drug Free Communities Grant
- Ohio Buckles Buckeyes (OBB- Car Seat Program) 57 car seats distributed
- Dolly Parton Imagination Library (signed up children 5 and under)



# NURSING SERVICES

## Reproductive Health Home Visits

In the Fall of 2023, we began offering home visits for our reproductive health patients as well as our prenatal and postpartum patients. We were able to see a client through her pregnancy and then visit her at her home after the baby was born. This was extremely helpful to the patient as she has another child that is 24-hour care and also has limited transportation. We were able to assess mom and also observe mom and baby bonding in their home setting.

We continue to offer home visits for clients who are unable to come to the health department. Almost all services provided at the clinic are able to be provided in the home.



**Sarah Atkinson,  
APRN-CNP, Aultman**

## Nursing Services at a Glance



1152 Immunizations Given



96 Bridges to Wellness Clients



52 Adult Protective Service Clients



239 Reproductive Health Clients



85 Children with Medical Handicaps Clients



In 2023, the Carroll County General Health District partnered with the Tuscarawas County Health Department to offer Project DAWN to Carroll County Residents. **Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided with Naloxone)** is a community wide naloxone distribution program. Naloxone/ Narcan is a lifesaving medication that reverses the effects of an overdose on opioids (such as Fentanyl, Heroin, OxyContin, Vicodin, & Methadone). The program educates community members on how to administer naloxone and recognize the signs and symptoms of an overdose. The naloxone kits are available for free to Carroll County Residents.

Please contact the Carroll County General Health District for questions on **Project DAWN** by calling **330-627-4866 ext 1530**.



♥ A Community Distribution Partner of



The Carroll County General Health District is a community distribution partner of the Heart of Ohio Diaper Bank. The free supplies available through this partnership include diapers for infants, toddlers, and adults, wipes, and period products. **In 2023 we served:**



661 Families



55 Adults



1059 Children



113 Period Supplies



124 New Clients



## Connecting Individuals for Success: The Bridges to Wellness Program

### What is the Bridges to Wellness Program?

The Bridges to Wellness Program connects individuals to local resources to help them become stronger and healthier. Carroll County is proudly served by 2 community care coordinators through the Carroll County General Health District (CCGHD).

Through the Bridges to Wellness program an experienced care coordinator will come to the client's home, listen to their needs, and work with them to create a plan to make sure their needs are met. Below are two success stories from this program:

#### Success Story 1:

The client joined the Bridges to Wellness program as a first-time expectant mom. Brittnee, our care coordinator helped her client navigate her pregnancy by connecting her to the resources available in our community. Through the Bridges to Wellness program, the client was able to find healthcare providers such as a primary care physician, a dentist, and a pediatrician. Additionally, the care coordinator was able to connect the client to Women, Infants & Children Program (WIC), Help Me Grow, the Dolly Parton Imagination library, Heart of Ohio Diaper Bank, and Cribs for Kids.

Another important aspect of the Bridges to Wellness Program is the supportive relationship that is built with the client. The care coordinator also was able to guide her client through her pregnancy and birth of her child. Through the Bridges to Wellness program the client had regular visits where she received advice, discussed her needs, and had her concerns addressed. Brittnee's client has now had all of her goals met and has been successfully discharged from the program.

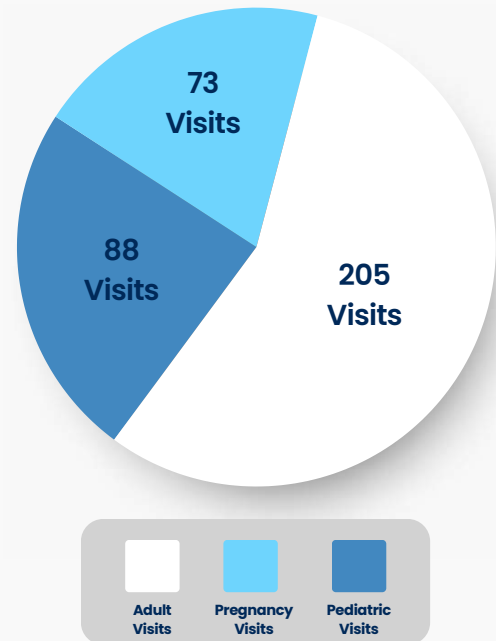
#### Success Story 2:

The client joined the Bridges to Wellness Program in late 2022 with the desire to strengthen her family. The care coordinator, Anne, was able to meet with the client monthly to hear the client's needs and help the client work toward her goals. Through the program, the client was assisted in creating a health plan that fit her specific needs. Through this health plan, the client was connected to resources such as utility, rent, nutrition, and transportation assistance. The client was also assisted in finding a behavioral health provider in her community. Since her time in the Bridges to Wellness program the client has found a new job that she enjoys. The client is still actively working toward her goals in the program.

### 2023 VISIT BREAKDOWN

Total Visits: 366

Total Clients: 96



The pie chart above displays the number of 2023 Carroll County Bridges to Wellness visits by client type.

# SCHOOL BASED TELEHEALTH NURSES

The CCGHD continued to provide telehealth nursing services to Carrollton Exempted Village Schools (364 Visits), Brown Local Schools (175 Visits), and Minerva Local Schools (271 Visits) through a collaboration with Aultman. The program has an average **78% return to class rate** across the 3 districts. Below are quotes from the school superintendents regarding the program:

"Telehealth nursing at **Brown Local Schools** has expanded health care services for our students by eliminating barriers to students accessing quality healthcare. The feedback from our students, staff, and community has been overwhelmingly positive. We hope to continue to collaborate and expand our partnerships in the future, to continue meeting the unique healthcare and education needs of all students."

**Mark Scott, Brown Local Schools Superintendent**

"**Minerva Local Schools** is extremely grateful for the opportunity to partner with the Carroll County Health Department and Aultman Orrville for telehealth services. Our students and staff have benefited by their expertise and efficiency by helping them when they are in need. Additionally, your service has made health services more accessible to our families within the community."

**Gary Chaddock, Minerva Local Schools Superintendent**

"We (**Carrollton Exempted Village Schools**) are extremely happy with the telehealth services that are provided to our students and staff. In many instances, students (and staff members) have been able to get treatment and not miss school. This is a huge benefit to everyone who is served by this system. In addition, since we added the new health clinic, these visits have been moved out of our nurse's office which allows her office to be 'open' for other students during the day."

**Dave Davis, Carrollton Village Schools Superintendent**

TELEHEALTH  
NURSES



**LeeAnn  
Lindenbaum, RN**

Minerva Local Schools



**Ember  
Newsome, RN**

Carrollton Exempted Village Schools



**Crystal  
Patterson, RN**

Brown Local Schools

## DRIVING SAFETY

### Graduated Driver's License Law

In April of 2023, staff member, Wendy Gotschall, RN presented to Brown Local high school students on Graduated Driver's License law (GDL Law). Ohio's GDL law aims to protect teen drivers while they gain experience behind the wheel.

The GDL includes three parts: temporary permit, probationary driver's license, and full license. Wendy also discussed the Distracted Driving Law that was enacted on April 4, 2023. The presentation was given to students before prom and included another speaker, Bill Bower, from Ohio State Patrol.





# YOUTH RESILIENCY GUEST SPEAKER: HARRY MILLER

On Friday, September 8th, 2023, nationally recognized speaker and Ohio State University (OSU) Football alum, Harry Miller, visited Carrollton High School for a county wide assembly. The assembly included students from all three Carroll County Schools.

In 2021, Harry began experiencing symptoms of depression and decided to quit football to get help. Harry was open about his decision to step down from collegiate football and now speaks to youth across the country about the importance of asking for help.

The assembly was the kickoff event for the **Carroll Youth Resiliency Collaborative**. The Carroll Youth Resiliency Collaborative is a county wide initiative to **develop resources, awareness, and community support** on the county's need to **help our youth develop skills to overcome adversity**.



## YOUTH RESILIENCY & SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION



In 2023 the Carroll County General Health District was awarded a grant for building youth resilience. This new grant brought together a youth led team from Brown Local, Carrollton, and Conotton Valley Schools. This youth led group will identify and implement strategies for the entire county.

The Carroll Youth Resiliency Collaborative will unite with the Empower Carroll coalition that focuses on youth substance use prevention. The Empower Carroll Coalition is comprised of 12 sector representatives such as law enforcement, healthcare, faith-based, schools, parents, and other youth serving organizations. The merging of these two coalitions will increase collective members, strengthen both coalitions, and allow for collaboration on strategy development.

# MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM

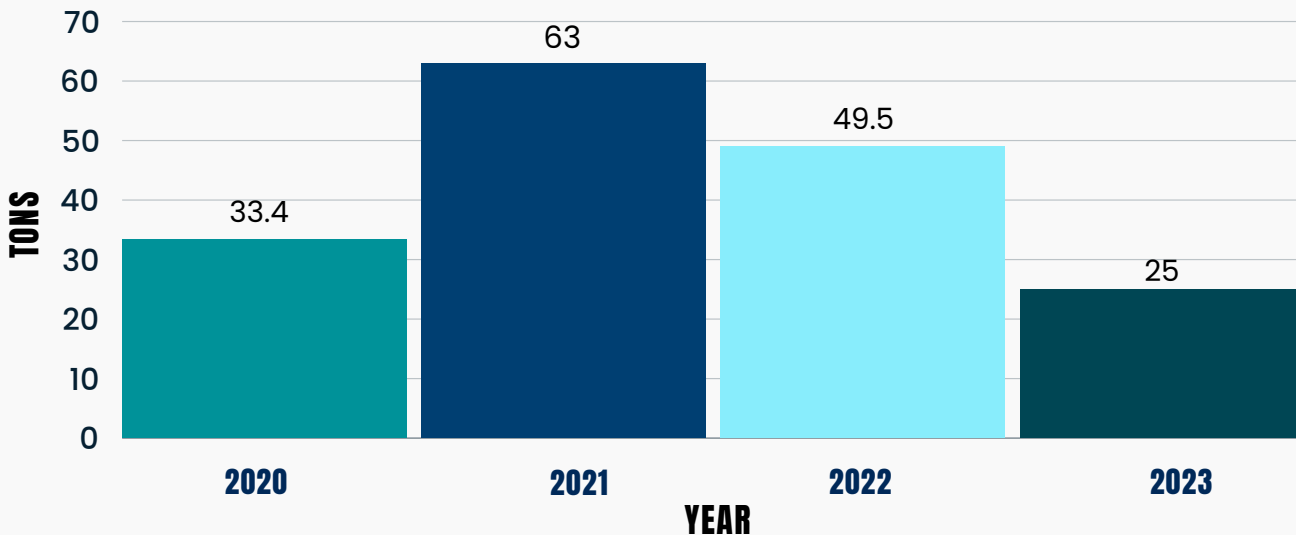


## Retire the Tire Events

The Carroll County General Health District held 2 successful **Retire The Tire** events in April and September. Through both these events a total of **3,170 tires** were collected. The tires are then sent to Liberty Tire Monofill to be recycled. Recycling tires in the community helps control the mosquito population as mosquitoes use tires as a breeding location.



The graph represents the tons of tires recycled at the **Retire the Tire** events in 2020, 2021, 2022 & 2023. In 2020, only 1 event was held as this was the first year CCGHD had the mosquito control grant.



The goal of the Retire the Tire event is to decrease the number of tires in Carroll County. The decrease in tonnage each year shows that the events are successful in clearing the community of extra tires.



# ENHANCING ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION

When many think about the Environmental Health Division of a health department, what typically comes to mind is the health inspector enforcing rules and regulations. While the Carroll County Environmental Health Division is responsible for making sure regulations are being followed by residents and businesses, our division strives to educate the community on why these regulations are in place.



## SEPTIC CONTRACTOR TRAINING

Sewage Contractors are required to obtain continuing education credits each year in order to register to work in Carroll County the following year. It has been a goal of the Environmental Health Division to be able to offer training in the county for our sewage contractors, so that they do not have to travel to another county or pay to do courses online. The CCGHD provided two free training opportunities in 2023. Eighteen (18) companies with a total of thirty-eight (38) participants attended the trainings. Over half of local septic contractors took advantage of the opportunity.

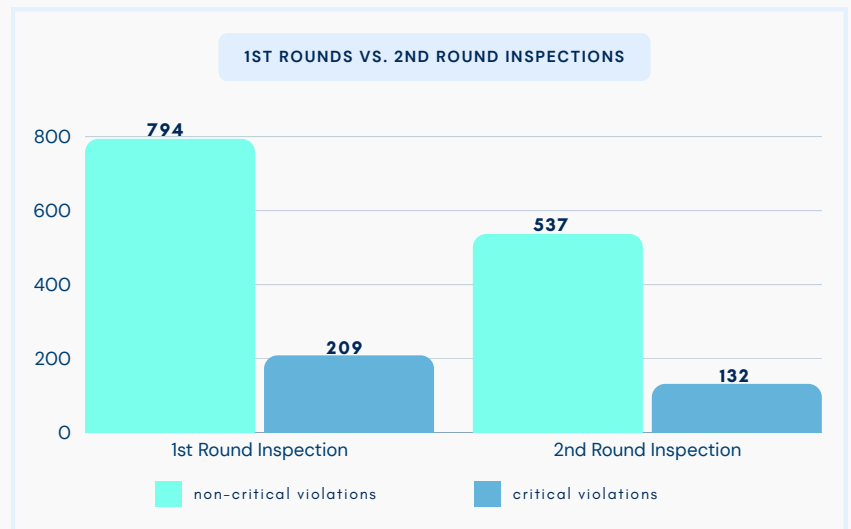
Drew Nickoli,  
Technical Specialist Eljen Corp

## FOOD FACILITY TRAINING

Food facilities are required to have staff trained in food safety practices to prevent foodborne illnesses. Prior to 2023, these food safety training courses were not available in Carroll County and businesses were forced to seek training opportunities outside of the county. The CCGHD partnered with the Ohio State University Extension Office to be able to provide these required courses within Carroll County. Thirty (30) facilities were in violation of not having staff trained. As of now there are only 11 facilities out of compliance.



Person in Charge Certification  
at Carrollton High School



The bar graph above displays the number of critical and non critical violations for 1st & 2nd round inspections.

# NUISANCE COMPLAINTS

The Environmental Health Division faced a difficult public health nuisance in 2023, but thankfully we can say it has been resolved. When dealing with public health nuisances many individuals will agree to clean up nuisances, before they end up as a court case. However, sometimes there is a circumstance where the Board of Health may need to intervene.



**BEFORE**



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The CCGHD tried to obtain compliance with a difficult nuisance case in Mechanicstown, by issuing orders and filing legal action. The property owner was unable to clean up the property, leaving the Board of Health to resolve the nuisance. The property was cleaned up by a restoration company and the bill was placed on the taxes of the property. Before and after photos of the property are shown to the right.

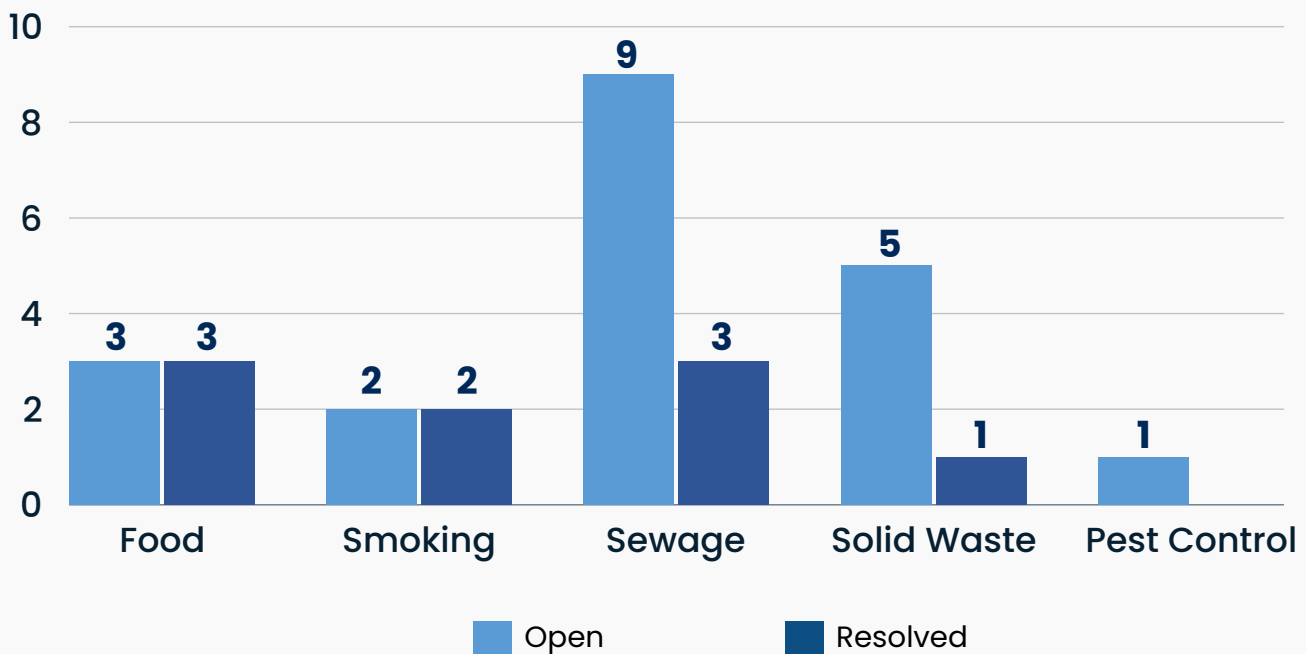


**AFTER**



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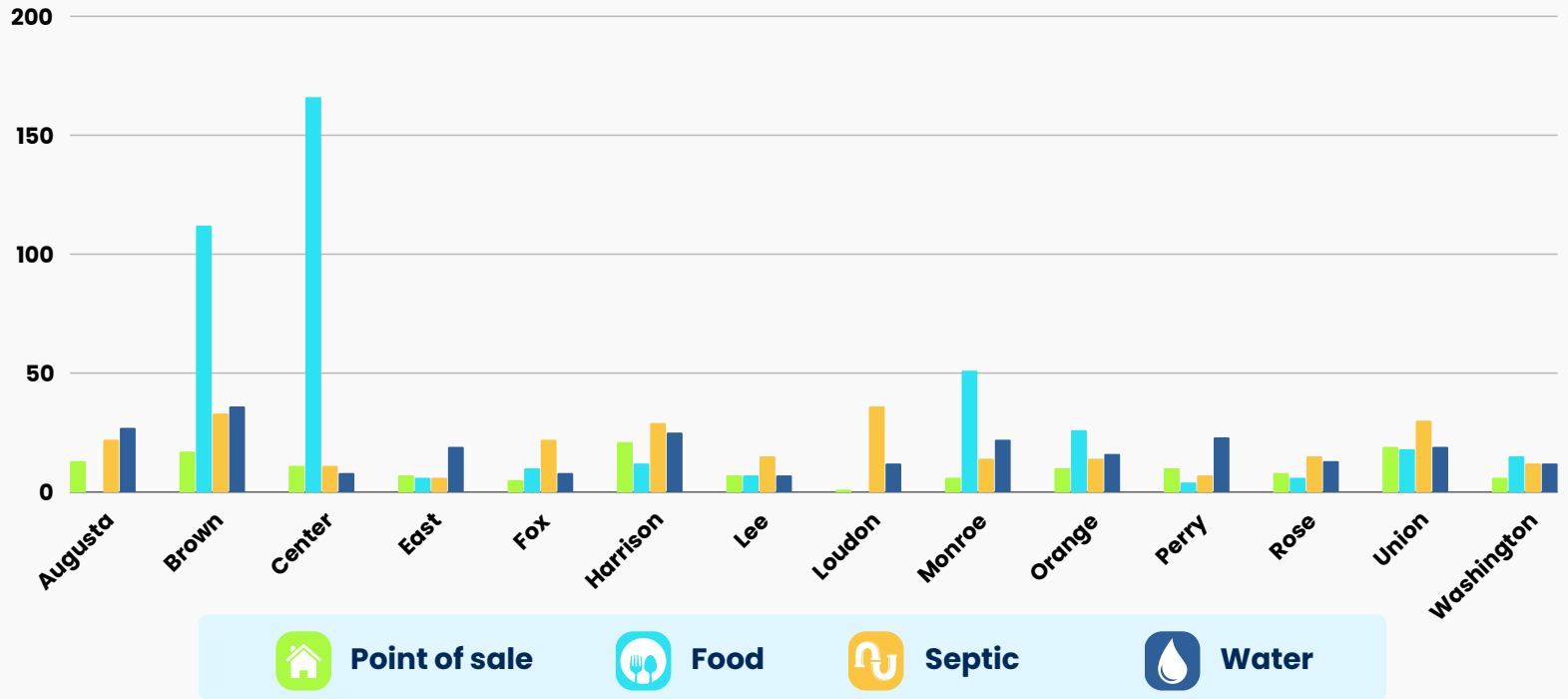
The graph shows the 26 complaints the Environmental Health Division received in 2023 for nuisances, food facilities, and smoking.



# INSPECTIONS

Here is a graph of the number of inspections conducted in 2023 throughout the county, by township, by our Environmental Health Specialists.

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH 2023 INSPECTIONS



Point of sale



Food



Septic



Water

## Environmental Health Services at a Glance



433 Food Inspections

247 Water Inspections

266 Septic Inspections

141 Point of Sale Inspections

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## (Unaudited)

# 2023

REVENUE	TOTAL
SUBDIVISION	\$177,817
VITAL STATISTICS	\$38,793
FEES FOR SERVICES	\$191,124
STATE SUBSIDY	\$18,242
FINES, LICENSES, PERMITS	\$179,819
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAM GRANT	\$49,514
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT	\$66,029
TOBACCO GRANT	\$26,250
PRECONCEPTION HEALTH GRANT	\$13,575
MOSQUITO CONTROL GRANT	\$25,000
BRIDGES TO WELLNESS PROGRAM	\$64,564
INJURY PREVENTION GRANT	\$22,000
DRUG FREE COMMUNITIES	\$82,280
ADOLESCENT HEALTH GRANT	\$9,500
COVID ENHANCED OPERATIONS GRANT	\$60,840
2023 COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT DONATIONS	\$20,000
PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE GRANT	\$94,820
SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CENTER	\$155,604
CARROLLTON SCHOOL NURSE CONTRACT	\$29,304
MEDICAID ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIMING (MAC)	\$36,992
CHILDREN WITH MEDICAL HANDICAPS PROGRAM	\$15,270
ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES CONTRACT	\$29,956
KENT CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT- EPIDEMIOLOGY CONTRACT	\$14,025
EAST PALESTINE RESPONSE	\$4,099
OTHER RECEIPTS (Cribs for Kids, Tuberculosis Contract, Refunds, Local Youth Resiliency Funds, GOV.Deals purchases)	\$30,342
CARRYOVER FROM 2022	\$941,641
INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS TRANSFER IN AND ADVANCES	\$63,653
Total Revenue	\$2,460,854

EXPENSES	TOTAL
SALARIES	\$877,907
SUPPLIES	\$107,537
EQUIPMENT	\$16,500
CONTRACT REPAIRS	\$254
CONTRACT SERVICES	\$263,283
RENTAL/ LEASE	\$7,053
TRAVEL/TRAINING	\$42,368
LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$9,740
ADVERTISING	\$4,329
PERS	\$119,704
WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$0
OTHER EXPENSES (Refunds, Surety Bond, Property Tax)	\$969
REMITTANCE TO STATE	\$38,480
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$166,269
MANDATORY MEDICARE	\$12,198
PAYOUTS FOR SICK & VACATION LEAVE	\$0
ENCUMBRANCES CARRIED OVER TO 2023	\$0
Total Expenses	\$1,666,591



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Healthy People — Safe Communities



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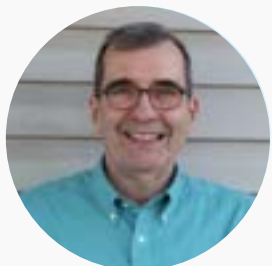
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<b>Augusta</b>	<b>Loudon</b>
<b>Brown</b>	<b>Monroe</b>
<b>Center</b>	<b>Orange</b>
<b>East</b>	<b>Perry</b>
<b>Fox</b>	<b>Rose</b>
<b>Harrison</b>	<b>Union</b>
<b>Lee</b>	<b>Washington</b>

## Villages:

- Carrollton**
- Dellroy**
- Leesville**
- Malvern**
- Magnolia**
- Minerva**
- Sherrodsville**

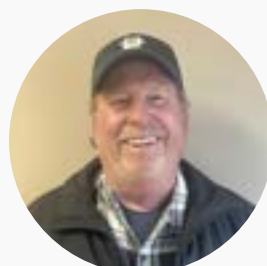
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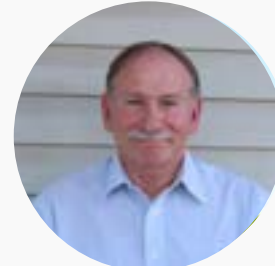
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