

2025

CAMBRIDGE-GUERNSEY COUNTY **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

— ANNUAL REPORT —



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**CAMBRIDGE-GUERNSEY COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

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About Us

Vision

Working together to promote a healthier, safer Guernsey County through education, disease prevention, and community partnerships.

Mission

Leading the way toward a well-supported, thriving Guernsey County community.

Values

- ❖ **Compassionate:** With empathy, respect, and confidentiality, we listen to each person's concerns and serve their needs with care and dignity.
- ❖ **Equitable:** We strive to remove barriers and ensure everyone has access to opportunities to achieve their best health and well-being.
- ❖ **Reliable:** We are a trusted resource for our community – delivering consistent, timely, and accurate information and services.
- ❖ **Empowering:** We collaborate with individuals and communities, providing knowledge, tools, and support to help them make informed decisions.

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Cambridge-Guernsey County Health Department is governed by a 5-person Board with members appointed by the District Advisory Council and the City of Cambridge. Each member serves a 5-year term and is eligible for reappointment.

Board of Health meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 5:30 pm, with special sessions called as needed. Meetings are held at the Cambridge-Guernsey County Health Department and are open to the public.

2025

Board of Health Members

Ellen Kumler, M.D.

Karen Enos

Marilyn Morehead

Mike Yanico

Rebecca Sudduth

From the Health Commissioner



Another year has passed, hard to believe. The health department continues to serve the needs of our community through education and community programs such as women's reproductive health, STD diagnosis and treatment, vaccines, WIC, Cribs for Kids, car seats for infants and Bridges to Wellness.

Environmental Health has been very busy; this past year the Noble County Sewage Program was turned over to CGCHD. Food services remain busy; the staff is working with vendors who need education to provide safe food services in our community.

We are pleased to announce our plumbing programs, residential and commercial, will be contracted through the Zanesville-Muskingum County Health Department.

Lastly, none of the above is possible without the care and dedication of our staff. A heartfelt thank you to our staff. Looking forward to a healthy new year.

Edward Colby, D.O.
Health Commissioner/Medical Director

Financial Report

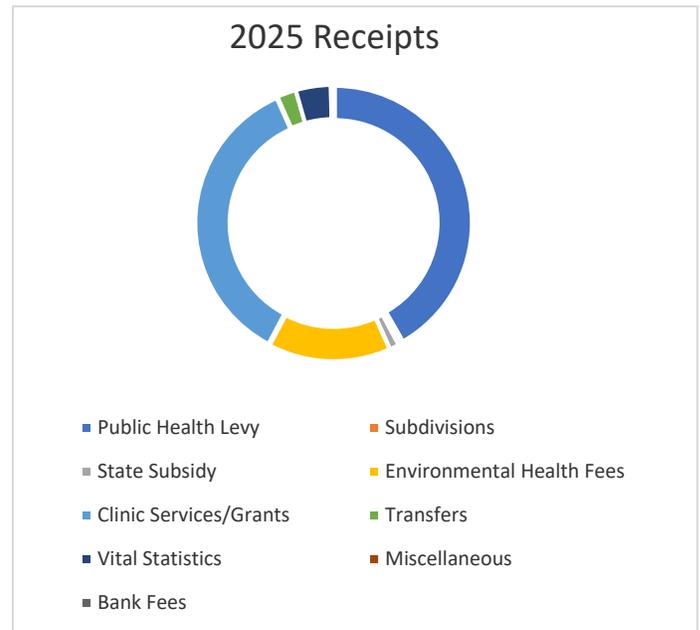
2025 Expenditures

Salaries	\$	1,210,028.82
PERS	\$	167,772.01
Medicare Tax	\$	17,545.45
Social Security Tax	\$	267.84
Health/Life Insurance	\$	414,522.00
Contract Services	\$	156,913.78
Liability Insurance	\$	9,996.00
Travel / Car Expense	\$	11,835.13
Supplies	\$	50,485.31
Lab Fees	\$	2,403.05
State Fee Remittances	\$	21,704.40
Equipment	\$	53,912.83
Other Expense	\$	97,096.43
Accreditation Fees	\$	5,600.00
Transfers	\$	50,000.00
TOTAL	\$	2,270,083.05



2025 Receipts

Public Health Levy	\$	933,749.61
Subdivisions	\$	11,200.00
State Subsidy	\$	24,222.46
Environmental Health Fees	\$	322,815.04
Clinic Services/Grants	\$	797,199.19
Transfers	\$	50,000.00
Vital Statistics	\$	92,192.75
Miscellaneous	\$	4,952.17
Bank Fees	\$	(2,063.05)
Total	\$	2,234,268.17

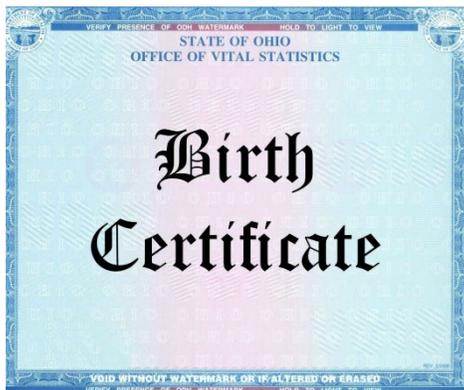


Financial Report and Human Resources

FUND BALANCE OR CARRYOVER

The Cambridge-Guernsey County Health Department budgets for revenue and expense for the current year and has cash that is carried over to the next year. Our goal is to keep cash available for any contingencies that may arise (disasters, loss of revenue, etc). By the end of 2025 operating period, the fund balance was \$1,272,096.85.

A detailed copy of the annual financial report is available by contacting Kylie Jones MPH, Deputy Health Commissioner: 740-439-3577 or kjones@guernseycountyhd.org



HUMAN RESOURCES

2 Hires

4 Departures

0 Position Open (as of 12/31/2025)

21 Employees on Payroll (12/31/2025)

BIRTH & DEATH RECORDS

425 Births Recorded

***Deaths Recorded

*** not available at the time of publication

1,861 Birth Certificates Issued

1,642 Deaths Certificates Issued

Environmental Health

Environmental Health

2025 was a year of strong collaboration, significant achievements, and unprecedented responsibilities for the Environmental Health Division. Our team worked closely with community, state, and county partners—including ODH, ODA, EMA, the City of Cambridge, and many others—to support healthy environments across Guernsey and Noble counties.

Noble County Sewage Program Delegation

In 2025, the Ohio Department of Health revoked Noble County Health Department’s sewage treatment program due to non-compliance and delegated the program to our agency. This transfer, uncommon and unfamiliar for all involved, required our staff to take on a full additional county’s work while maintaining existing duties.

Despite challenges related to geography, infrastructure, soils, and community unfamiliarity, our team provided consistent education, communication, and technical support. Our jurisdiction concluded December 31, but the foundation built during this period created conditions for long-term improvement in Noble County.

Permit activity remained stable, with **91 installation permits issued in 2025**, even with increased construction and labor costs. **35 installation permits were issued in Noble County for 2025.**

Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) Program

Our agency used WPCLF funds to repair **12 failing sewage systems in Guernsey County**, addressing needs that homeowners could not have met independently.

For 2026, CGCHD was awarded **\$150,000**, and more than **40 applicants** are on the waitlist. The City of Cambridge’s Economic Development Office continues to manage bids, funds, and applications, and their support has been invaluable.

Continuing Education and Industry Engagement

In December, we hosted a free continuing-education meeting at the Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center for professionals working in the sewage industry. The event drew **over 200 attendees** and provided required credits for license renewal across multiple counties. In May, an opening day training was held for all pool operators in Guernsey County. The training advises on minimum sanitation requirements for public pools, spas, wading pools and special use pools in Guernsey County. In March, our staff attended the Midwest Workshop in Columbus to get insight on changes/updates to mandated programs in Ohio.

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Food Service Program Improvements

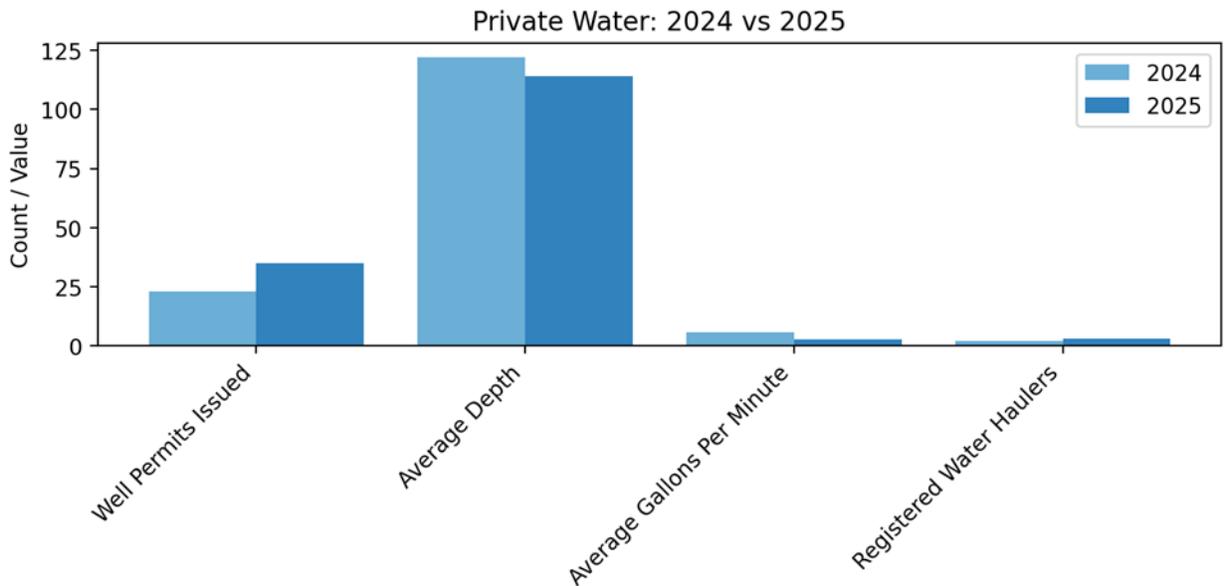
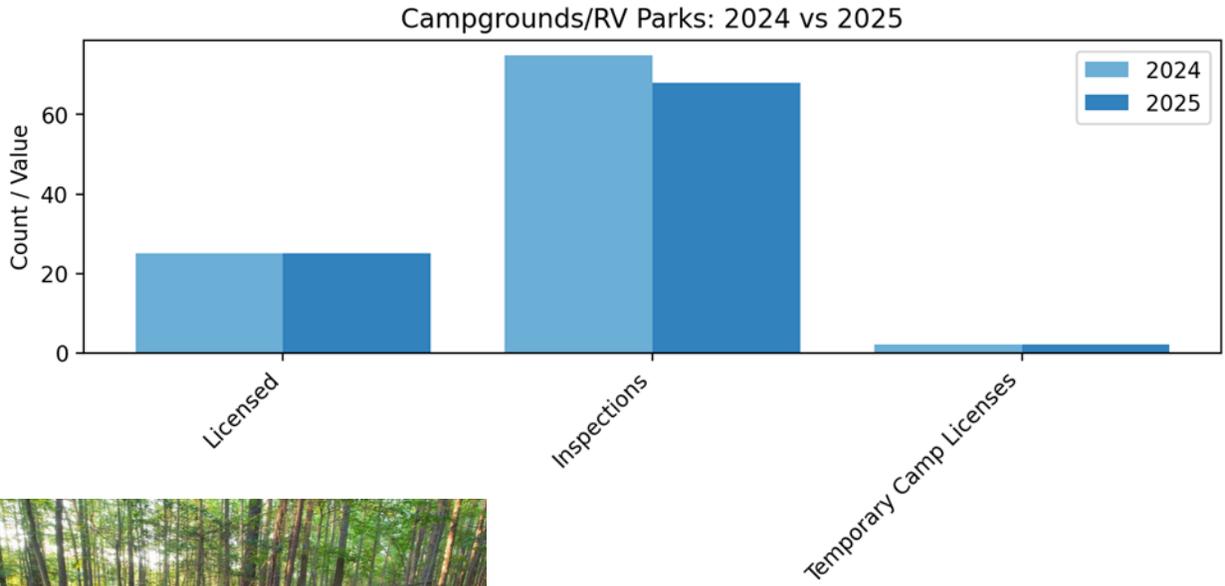
Following last year’s cost methodology review, food service license fees were increased for the first time since 2012 to help the program operate sustainably. The 2025 cost analysis generated fee adjustments expected to increase revenue by approximately **30%**, ensuring better alignment between program responsibilities and available resources. We also reviewed many new food establishments plans in 2025, with several notable projects planned for 2026. Compliance enforcement remained steady and included letters, follow-ups, research, documentation, administrative hearings, and Board of Health actions. An increase in identified Critical Violations was noted in 2025. 843 Critical Violations were cited in 2025 as opposed to 746 Critical Violations in 2024. The Board implemented **two license revocations** in 2025 for persistent non-compliance. For the 2nd time in 1 year, our team migrated and implemented to a cloud-based software program for managing environmental inspections, data and reports.

Closing Acknowledgment

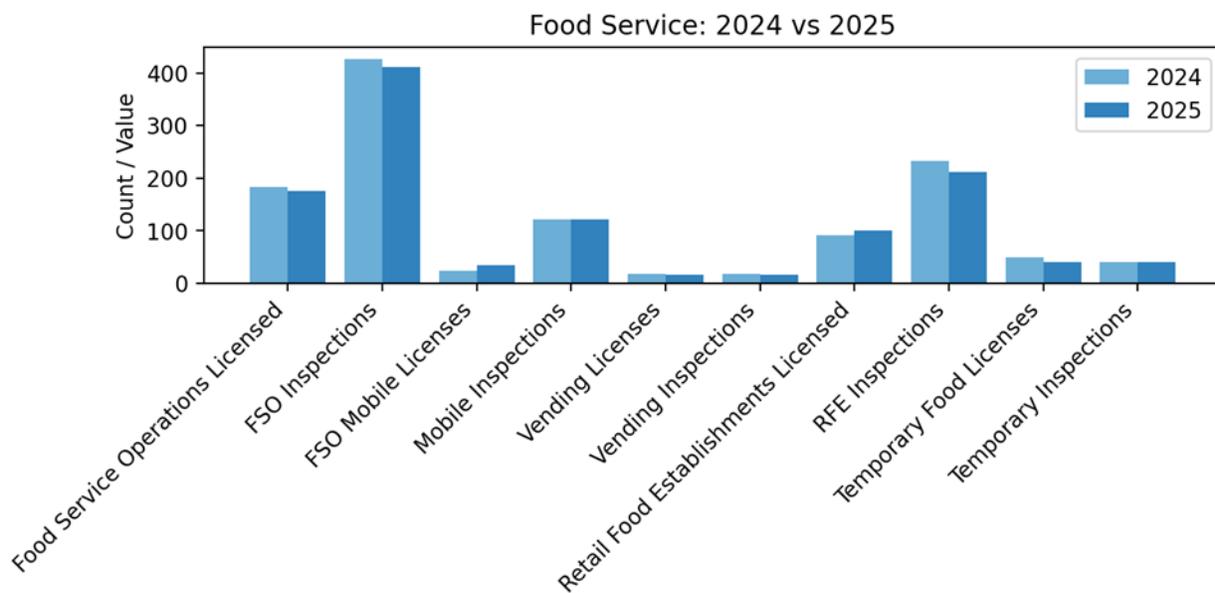
The Environmental Health Division continues to manage a demanding workload with professionalism and dedication. Much of our work occurs behind the scenes, but each member of the team plays a vital role in ensuring that Guernsey County remains safe, sanitary, and supported within the requirements of state and local laws. We are proud of the commitment demonstrated throughout 2025 and grateful for the continued trust of our community.

	2025 Township Totals												Totals
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	
Cambridge City	61	65	33	27	44	23	30	31	14	20	29	47	424
Byesville City	5	12	12	9	7	0	6	3	2	6	2	1	65
Adams	4	10	13	5	4	6	47	11	14	10	5	4	133
Cambridge	11	12	13	16	16	4	9	8	4	8	5	10	116
Center	3	7	1	9	9	6	11	8	14	6	3	0	77
Jackson	6	5	12	11	15	0	8	1	10	7	4	6	85
Jefferson	2	6	0	4	4	4	3	10	1	8	12	5	59
Knox	1	0	2	7	4	1	0	2	0	0	4	0	21
Liberty	0	3	3	5	3	19	9	3	3	3	6	3	60
Londonderry	1	1	1	1	3	4	2	6	3	0	6	0	28
Madison	8	1	2	1	4	7	5	7	5	5	3	2	50
Millwood	3	1	4	3	3	3	25	2	5	1	5	4	59
Monroe	0	2	1	0	6	2	1	9	3	2	2	4	32
Oxford	6	2	1	4	3	4	4	2	4	3	2	10	45
Richland	7	3	13	20	8	30	16	23	9	9	33	4	175
Spencer	6	1	6	4	6	2	5	1	4	4	0	0	39
Valley	2	12	1	2	3	0	1	1	2	5	4	8	41
Washington	1	2	7	0	0	4	0	3	3	0	7	6	33
Westland	3	2	10	7	1	7	11	6	8	8	3	1	67
Wheeling	0	2	2	5	3	7	0	0	4	4	2	2	31
Wills	1	9	8	14	11	15	10	11	40	26	1	8	154
Noble County	11	7	15	6	9	20	23	16	13	21	2	7	150
Total	142	165	160	160	166	168	226	164	165	156	140	132	1944

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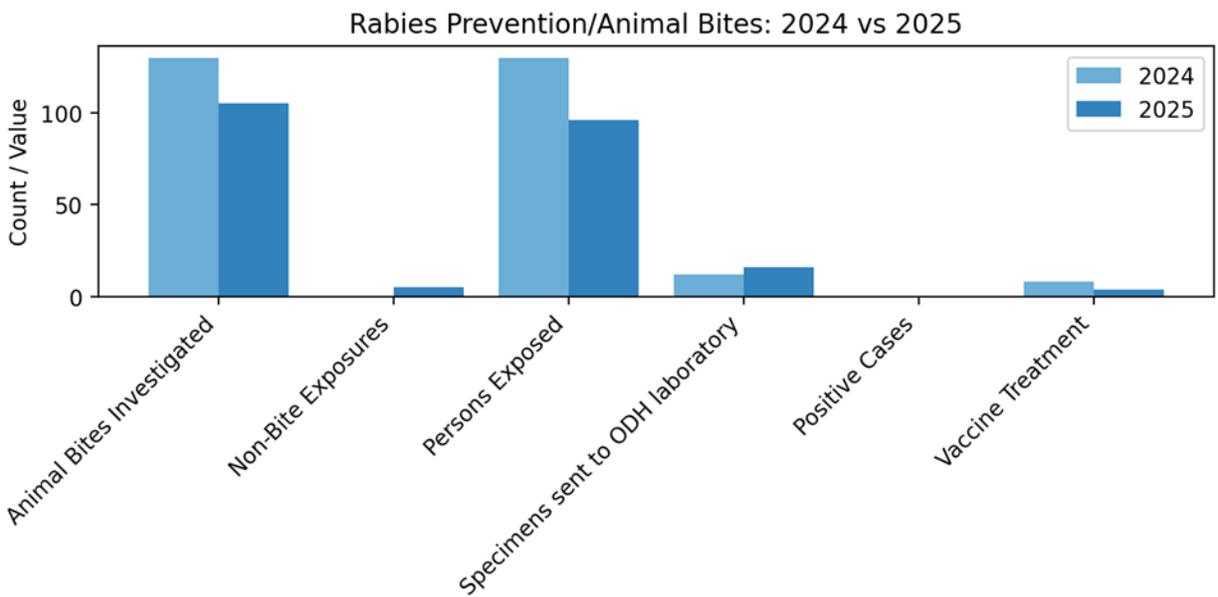
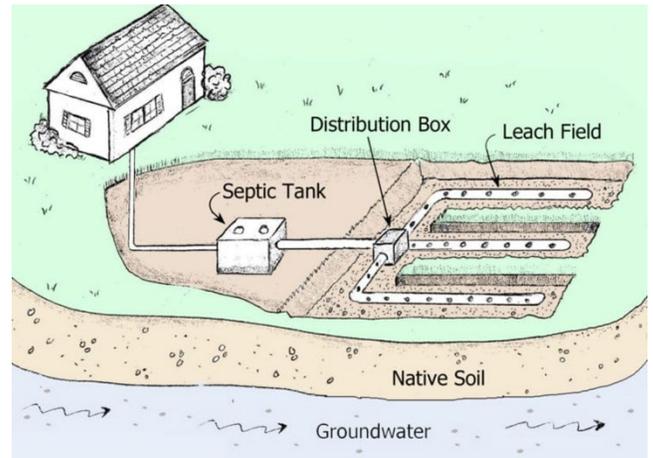
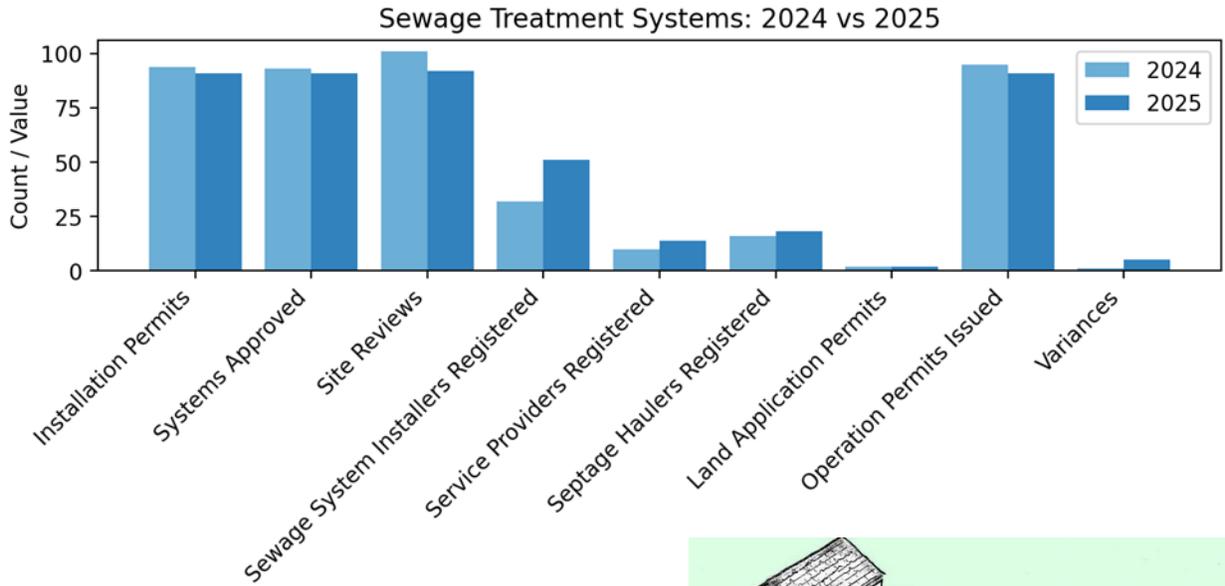


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WIC (Women, Infants and Children)

In 2025, the Guernsey County WIC program focused on increasing support for our participants. Our goals included expanding support for mothers, enhancing the types of support offered, and strengthening community involvement.

To better support moms specifically, we launched *Mommy Meet-Up*, a support group designed to provide a safe and welcoming space where mothers could bring their children and openly discuss the challenges they were facing. In addition, we began offering breastfeeding classes to further support mothers who planned to breastfeed, as well as those who were currently breastfeeding and needed additional guidance and encouragement.

To enhance the types of support offered, the Guernsey County WIC Program expanded its social media presence by launching an Instagram page. We have been posting regularly on both our Instagram and Facebook platforms to better engage with participants and the community. As a result of these efforts, our Facebook page gained 70 new followers.

The Guernsey County WIC Program strengthened community involvement by providing educational classes at EPIC and Beatty Avenue Head Start, as well as at All for Kids, Thrive, and Faith Community Preschools. Staff also participated in community outreach events, including Fall into Fall, sponsored by Help Me Grow, and a parent meeting at Beatty Avenue Head Start.

Overall, 2025 was a successful year for the Guernsey County WIC Program. We are proud of the progress made in expanding support for our participants and strengthening community connections. We look forward to building on this success and accomplishing even greater things in 2026.



WIC STATS	2025
Average Guernsey County WIC participants	917
Average Breastfeeding initiation rate among all WIC moms	67.1%
Increase in Facebook followers	70
Community Education Classes provided.	18

WIC (Women, Infants and Children)

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Cambridge City	146	100	155	124	122	136	120	118	127	135	97	136	1,516
Byesville City	36	30	41	41	21	34	26	29	30	30	27	30	375
Adams	4	5	4	7	5	2	5	3	5	6	2	1	49
Cambridge	31	27	34	31	24	17	32	31	32	35	21	35	350
Center	10	11	6	9	5	12	13	22	14	18	8	10	138
Jackson	40	36	33	18	29	23	24	21	17	23	18	25	307
Jefferson	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	2	1	0	0	1	10
Knox	0	5	2	0	5	1	2	2	3	5	4	4	33
Liberty	6	9	7	5	9	4	6	8	0	3	2	5	64
Londonderry	9	1	1	0	2	6	8	0	5	4	5	1	42
Madison	1	0	1	1	5	1	1	6	3	0	0	1	20
Millwood	19	4	11	5	11	6	8	7	9	5	7	6	98
Monroe	4	4	4	6	1	4	5	0	8	2	3	1	42
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Spencer	7	4	10	6	2	10	2	6	4	5	5	8	69
Valley	12	14	11	12	14	7	16	14	17	16	11	12	156
Washington	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	3	8
Westland	9	5	4	9	6	0	9	11	2	6	4	2	67
Wheeling	0	1	3	1	1	1	3	1	2	3	1	1	18
Wills	7	9	11	9	9	3	16	8	12	7	4	11	106
Total	348	288	358	297	284	294	317	301	310	325	230	306	3,658



Family & Community Health & Wellness

CHILDREN WITH MEDICAL HANDICAPS

The Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH) program is a health care program of the Ohio Department of Health. CMH links families of children with special health care needs to a network of quality providers and helps families obtain payment for the services that their children need. The health department deploys two registered nurses to make home visits to families of children with special health care needs and assist physicians and other medical care providers. CMH will pay for diagnostic services for children, regardless of family income.

2025 Caseload: 218

Home Visits/Office Visits: 76

OHIO BUCKLES BUCKEYES

In partnership with the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Buckles Buckeyes passenger safety program provides child safety seats and booster seats to eligible low-income families focusing on correct installation and proper use of child safety seats.

Car seats distributed in 2025: 49

CRIBS FOR KIDS

The Health Department, in partnership with the Perry County Health Department and the Ohio Department of Health, offers a Cribs for Kids program to help prevent the number of sleep related infant deaths in Guernsey County. The Health Department provided education to parents and caregivers on the importance of practicing safe sleep for their babies and by providing portable cribs to families who, otherwise, cannot afford a safe place for their babies to sleep.

Cribs Distributed in 2025: 18

FAMILY CONNECTS OHIO

The Cambridge-Guernsey County Health Department provides newborn home visits to all Guernsey County families of newborns through the Family Connect Ohio program. Family Connects Ohio (FCO) is an evidence-based nurse home visiting model that provides assessment of mom and baby, education, lactation support and referrals to community partners as needed.



BRIDGES TO WELLNESS

Bridges to Wellness is a program of Access Tusc which links individuals who have medical, social, and educational barriers to local resources to help them become stronger and healthier. Through Bridges to Wellness, individuals and families can access all the services they need in one place by working with an experienced Community Health Worker who will come to their homes, listen to their needs, and work with them to create a plan to make sure their needs are met.

Total Participants Served in 2025: 51

Total Visits Completed in 2025: 297

Family & Community Health & Wellness

OSU MAMMOGRAPHY VAN

The OSU Mobile Mammography Unit brings convenient breast cancer screening directly to our community. Operated by The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – The James, the mobile unit provides high-quality digital mammograms in a comfortable, private setting. By visiting local health departments and community locations, the program helps improve access to lifesaving screenings and supports early detection of breast cancer. Women can receive a screening close to home without needing to travel to a hospital or imaging center

Number of clinics: 2

Number of women served: 22



GENERAL MEDICAL CLINIC

The Health Department offers a General Medical Clinic for residents of Guernsey County who do not have a primary care physician and who are unable to pay the full cost to see a primary care physician.

The clinic is held every Wednesday afternoon. Health Commissioner/Medical Director, Dr. Edward Colby, serves patients by appointment. Sick patients are scheduled as well as those seeking physicals for work, school, etc.

Number of 2025 visits: 45

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAM

The Reproductive Health and Wellness program provides women's health exams including pap tests, sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing and treatment, clinical breast and pelvic exams, routine lab testing, family planning supplies, education, counseling, and referral services.

Male services include: STI testing and treatment, treatment for HPV, education, referral services, and issuing supplies such as condoms.

Number of Clinics: 49

Unduplicated clients served: 260

Total duplicated encounters: 632

Communicable Disease Prevention

IMMUNIZATIONS

The health department's immunization program provides services to prevent and protect the public against vaccine preventable disease. Adult and childhood vaccines were available by scheduled appointment.

IMMUNIZATION DATA

Total Number of VFC Clinics at the Health Department: 96

Adult Immunizations:

<u>Vaccine:</u>	<u>Doses Given:</u>
Hep B	9
Td	0
Influenza	86
Hep A	1
Menomune	0
Twinrix	0
Tdap	33
Meningitis	0
HIB	0
MMR	0
Rabies	2
Varicella	0
COVID	19
RSV	3
Shingles	14
Prev20	4

Childhood Adolescent Immunizations

<u>Vaccine:</u>	<u>Doses Given:</u>
DTaP:	141
Td	0
DT	0
Penbraya	10
MMR	40
Influenza	8
HIB	90
Polio	115
Hep B	75
Tdap	47
Meningococcal MCV4	53
Meningococcal B Trumenba	6
Rotavirus	29
HPV	45
Prevnar	88
MMRV	36
HEP A	51
Varicella	35
RSV	1
COVID	0



Communicable Disease Prevention

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS

Numbers indicate those tested (Male and Female) by health department staff in 2025.

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Tested</u>	<u>Positive</u>	<u>Percent Positive</u>
Chlamydia	142	6	4.2%
Herpes	1	0	0%
HIV	70	0	0%
HPV	29	6	20.68%
Gonorrhea	142	2	1.4%
Syphilis	70	0	0%

SARS-CoV-2

2025 Cases

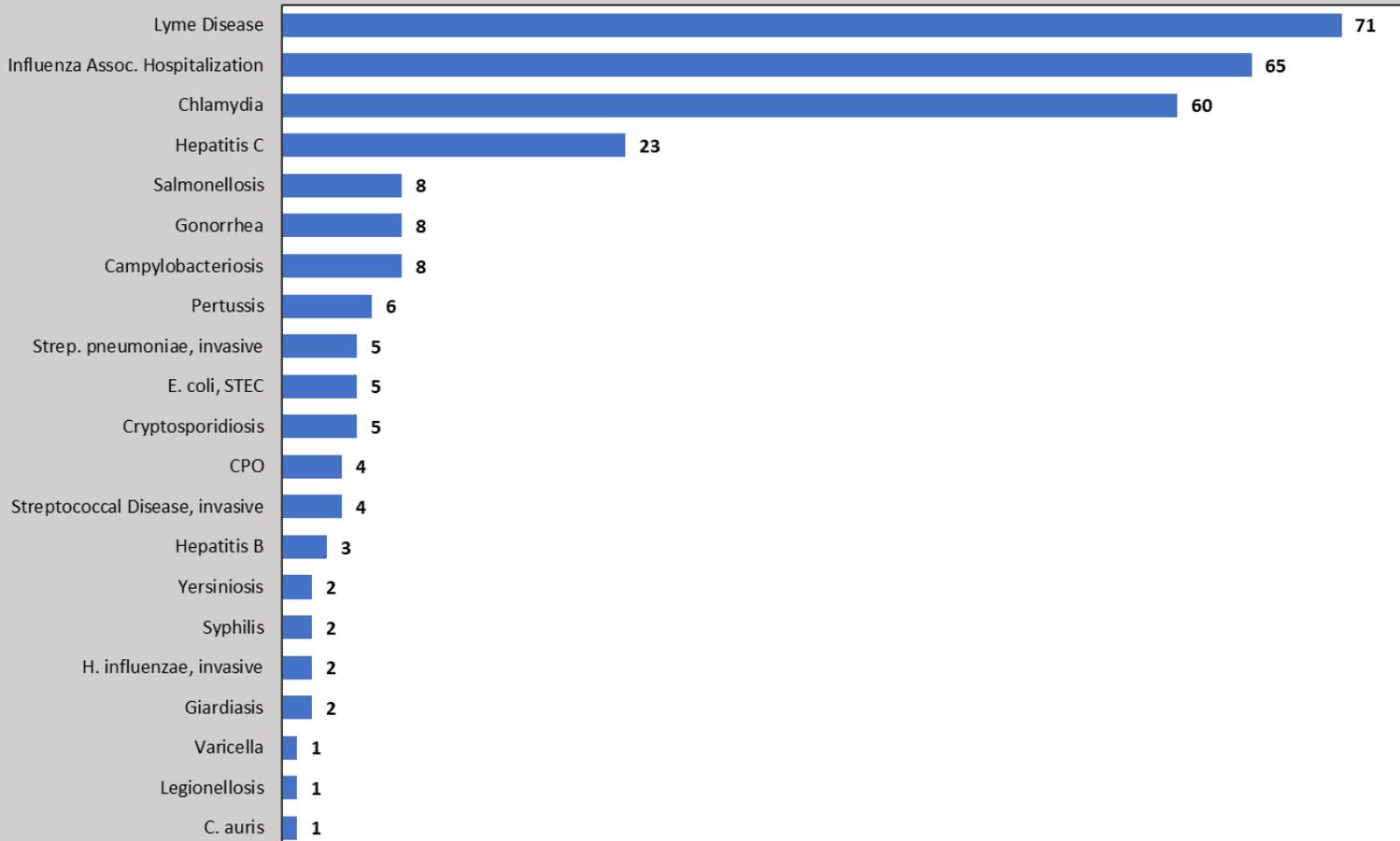
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*Not included in chart

**Includes only cases reported prior to the reporting guidelines change, represents cases reported from January 1st, 2025, to October 1st, 2025.

Guernsey County 2025 Reportable Condition Case Counts*

Confirmed and Probable Case Classifications



*COVID-19 Conditions Omitted



Public Health Accreditation

The Cambridge-Guernsey County Health Department completed its Annual Report as part of its commitment to Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) standards and continuous quality improvement. The report highlights key accomplishments, program outcomes, and progress toward strategic priorities while providing transparency and accountability to the community, partners, and governing board. Through this process, the department reviewed performance measures, documented public health activities, and identified opportunities for improvement to strengthen services and better meet the needs of Guernsey County residents. Preparing the annual report supports PHAB requirements and reinforces CGHD's dedication to high-quality, effective, and responsive public health practice.

Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan

The Cambridge-Guernsey County Health Department continued progress on the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) by working with local partners to draft the plan and begin implementing priority initiatives. Guided by findings from the Community Health Assessment, the CHIP focuses on addressing key health concerns in Guernsey County through coordinated strategies, community collaboration, and evidence-based interventions. Throughout the year, the health department worked with community organizations, healthcare providers, and local agencies to identify action steps, align resources, and begin advancing initiatives that support improved health outcomes. This collaborative effort strengthens the county's ability to address priority health issues and promote long-term community well-being.



Strategic Planning

In 2025, the Cambridge-Guernsey County Health Department completed a comprehensive 2025–2028 Strategic Plan in partnership with Kane Learning, engaging staff, leadership, and community stakeholders in a collaborative planning process. The effort established a clear mission, vision, and values to guide the department's work and identified four key priorities: expanding community outreach and awareness, strengthening and developing staff, diversifying funding sources, and building stronger community partnerships. This strategic plan provides a roadmap for improving access to services, increasing collaboration across the county, and ensuring the health department remains responsive to emerging public health needs. By focusing on prevention, education, and partnership, CGHD is positioning itself to make a lasting impact on the health and well-being of Guernsey County residents.

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