



Public Health

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**Christian County
Health Department**

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Annual Report 2025

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Our Information

The mission of the Christian County Health Department is to serve our community by preventing the spread of disease, as well as protecting, assuring, and improving the public's health.



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About the Christian County Health Department

Christian County Health Department is a single county health department covering Christian County with a current population of 33,436 residents, according to the 2020 US Census. Christian County Health Department is certified and employs 11 full time employees and 3 part time employees. The Health Department is a resolution health department that receives grant funding and local tax dollars for the TB program from a previous referendum. We promote and provide public health services to all community members within Christian County.

About this Annual Report

The Christian County Health Department prepares an annual report to provide further transparency to our community and to abide by regulatory requirements set forth in 55 ILCD Sec. 5-25013 A. 14 to submit an annual report explaining all of its activities and expenditures.

Message from the Administrator

Dear Community Members,

I hope this message finds you well as we reflect on another productive and meaningful year at the Christian County Health Department. Over the past year, our team has continued to focus on strengthening services, expanding access to care, and preparing for the evolving health needs of our community



We are proud of the progress made across many areas of public health. One of our priorities this year has been preventive care and early intervention. We expanded our services to include fluoride varnish treatments, helping support oral health for children and families, and we began offering free prenatal vitamins to better support healthy pregnancies and maternal outcomes

Our STI program also continued to grow, with expanded testing options and increased access to confidential screening and treatment. These services play a critical role in protecting individual health and reducing the spread of infection within the community.

Supporting maternal and child health remained a key focus this year. We were pleased to add a Breastfeeding Peer Counselor to our workforce, strengthening our ability to provide education, encouragement, and support to families during an important stage of life. This addition reflects our ongoing commitment to building workforce capacity and ensuring residents receive personalized, compassionate care.

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The progress made this year would not be possible without the dedication of our staff and the continued trust and support of our community. We remain committed to improving the health and quality of life for all Christian County residents and look forward to another year of growth, collaboration, and service.

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you good health and well-being in the year ahead



Dr. Chad Anderson, Ph.D., MPH, LEHP
Public Health Administrator Christian
County Public Health Department



Finance

Revenue Source	Revenue Collected	Expenses
Fees Collected	\$131,299.22	\$27,023.71
Private Pay Insurance	\$137,542.07	\$84,886.84

Grant	Award Amount	Percentage
Family Case Management	\$55,650.00	5.13%
WIC	\$62,160.00	5.73%
Local Health Protection	\$85,000.00	7.84%
Smoke Free IL	\$10,000.00	0.92%
Emergency Preparedness	\$46,872.00	4.32%
Vector Surveillance	\$13,717.00	1.27%
Tick Surveillance	\$8,000.00	0.74%
Lead Poisoning	\$29,300.00	2.70%
Body Art	\$1,125.00	0.10%
Tanning	\$600.00	0.06%
Safe Drinking water	\$400.00	0.04%
Tobacco Enforcement	\$10,041.00	0.93%
SIPA*	\$330,867.52	30.52%
NEHA	\$8,500.00	0.78%
Residential Sharps	\$3,500.00	0.32%
I-VAC	\$8,300.00	0.77%
MRC	\$5,000.00	0.46%
LHD Respiratory Surveillance & Response**	\$140,000.00	12.92%
Opioid Prevention	\$3,000.00	0.28%
ACES	\$110,946.04	10.24%
ClearWin	\$150,956.58	13.93%
TOTAL AWARD	\$1,083,935.14	
TOTAL GRANT EXPENSES	\$1,049,193.71	

*Five year award

**Two year award

Finance

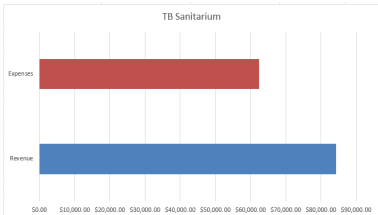
TB Sanitarium Revenue

Revenue Source	
Real Estate Taxes	\$78,505.89
Interest	\$5784.50

TB Sanitarium Expenses

Expense	
Salaries/Fringe	\$50,839.16
Consultant*	\$8,400.00
Admin & Medical Costs	\$3,261.73

*Dr. Donald Graham

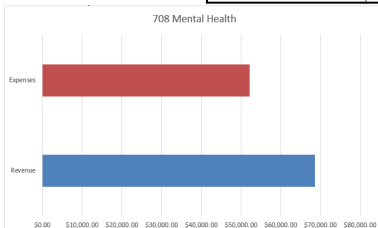


708 Revenue

Revenue Source	
Interest	\$1,527.05
708 Levy Fund	\$67,147.00

708 Expenses

Expenses	
Personnel	\$24,850.56
Mental Health Services	\$0.00
Substance Use Disorder	\$27,355.66



Food Program

Under the provisions set forth in the Christian County Food and Sanitation Ordinance, Environmental Health staff are responsible for protecting individuals consuming foods in Christian County from food-borne illnesses. Activities include issuance of permits, inspections, destruction of unwholesome food, and complaint investigations. Administrative hearings are an opportunity for establishments with numerous violations to meet at the Health Department for an educational session to reduce future violations.

FOOD PROGRAM	
FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INSPECTIONS (FIXED, SEASONAL, LIMITED)	450
FOOD PERMITS FIXED SITES	259
FOOD PERMITS SEASONAL	13
FOOD PERMITS TEMPORARY EVENTS	234
MOBILE FOOD PERMITS	18
FOOD PERMITS COTTAGE FOOD	35
FARMERS MARKET PERMITS	1
PLAN REVIEWS	28
FOLLOW UPS/CONSULTATIONS	156
COMPLAINTS SUBMITTED NON FOOD BORNE ILLNESS	27
COMPLAINTS SUBMITTED FOOD BORNE ILLNESS	14
VALID COMPLAINT INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED	9
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS	19
REVOKED PERMITS	1
TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	560

Food Program

All establishments that sell food in Christian County are required to hold a valid Christian County food license. Each establishment is then placed into a category depending on the amount of food preparation that occurs at that establishment.

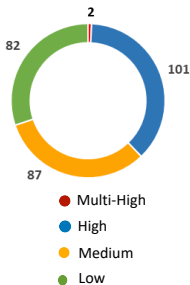
Multi-High - High Risk that has excessive repeated priority violations. These establishments pose a higher relative risk of causing foodborne illness.

High Risk - A food establishment that presents a high relative risk of causing a foodborne illness based upon the large number of food handling operations typically implicated in foodborne outbreaks and/ or the type of population served by the facility.

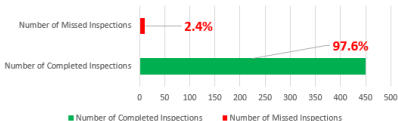
Medium Risk - A food establishment that presents a moderate relative risk of causing foodborne illness based upon few handling operations typically implicated in foodborne illness outbreaks

Low Risk - A food establishment that presents a low relative risk of causing a foodborne illness based upon few or no food handling operations typically implicated in foodborne illness outbreaks.

Food Permits Issued by Risk



Routine Inspection Completion CY 2025



2025
97.6% food safety
inspections completed

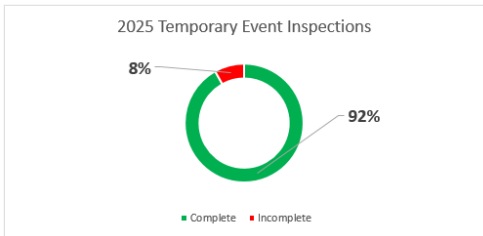
Number of Missed Routine Inspections	Number of Completed Routine Inspections	Number of Required Routine Inspections
11	450	461

Food Program

A temporary food establishment is a food establishment that operates for a period of time not more than 14 consecutive days in conjunction with a single event or celebration.

The Environmental Health staff conducts inspections of these temporary establishments to ensure they are following the proper food handling operations as outlined in the Christian County Food and Sanitation Ordinance.

Completed Temporary Inspections	Incomplete/Missed Temporary Event Inspections
215	19



Annual Food Workshop April 9, 2025	
Morning Attendance (9am-12pm)	46
Afternoon Attendance (1pm-4pm)	19
Speakers	4

Vector

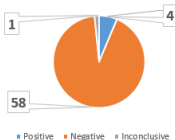
Illinois Department of Public Health awards annual grants to local health departments to conduct vector surveillance and control measures. Environmental Health Staff trap mosquitoes to track the presence of West Nile Virus. The trap is filled with an organic liquid so that adult mosquitoes are drawn to the trap and are caught in a net. The net is gathered and taken to the health department and the mosquitoes are frozen. The frozen mosquitoes are counted, ground and spun in a centrifuge and then tested for West Nile.

A mosquito becomes infected with West Nile Virus by biting a bird that carries the virus. Most human infections are the result of a bite from an infected mosquito.

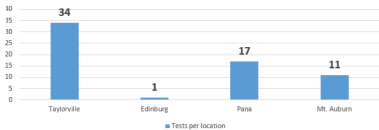
Environmental Staff collected ticks from locations to test for tick borne disease like Lyme disease. We also collected bats to send to the IDPH state lab to test for rabies.

Total Number of Traps Set	Total Number of Mosquitos Collected	Number of Locations
63	784	6

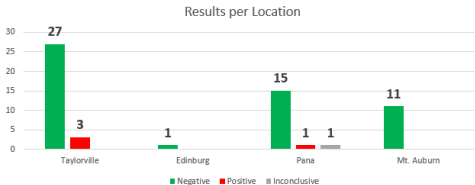
West Nile Test Results



Mosquito Traps Per Location

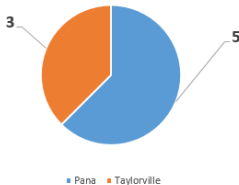


Vector



Christian County is home to numerous lakes, ponds, and areas of standing water, which can serve as breeding grounds for mosquitoes. Effective mosquito control begins with the application of larvicide. When an area tests positive for West Nile virus, the Environmental Health Department promptly treats nearby lakes, ponds, wetlands, or other significant sources of standing water to mitigate the risk. Additionally, residents may contact the department to schedule an appointment for the treatment of areas of concern on their property.

Larvicide Applications



Vector

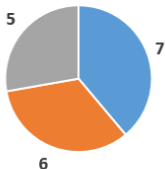
Number of Tick Drags Conducted	Total Number of Ticks Collected	Total Number of Locations Tested
8	19*	4
*1 Tick Lost During FEDEX Transit		

SPECIES



- *Amblyomma americanum* (Lone Star)
- *Dermacentor variabilis* (American Dog Tick)

SEX/DEVELOPMENTAL STAGE



- MALE
- FEMALE
- NYMPH

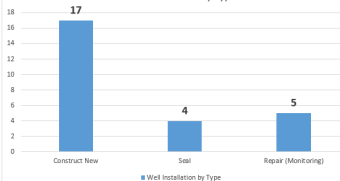
Water, Wells, & Non-Community Water

Potable water is water that is safe to drink or to use in food preparation under the provision set forth in the Christian County Ordinance governing Water Well Permit and Water Supply. Environmental Health focuses on reducing the risk for transmission of communicable disease by promoting the proper design, construction, and sealing of drinking water wells. A major consideration in constructing water wells is to prevent contamination from surface or shallow ground water, sewage disposal systems, and other hazardous sources from entering the well.

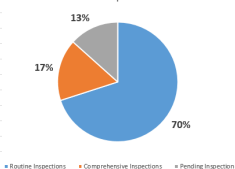
Private Water (Wells)

WELL APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED	WELL APPLICATIONS APPROVED	FINAL REPORTS RECEIVED	PENDING INSPECTION	NUMBER OF ROUTINE INSPECTIONS	NUMBER OF COMPREHENSIVE INSPECTIONS
30	30	26	4	21	5

Well Installation by Type



Well Inspections



Non-Community Water Supply

# OF NCWS SYSTEMS	# OF WATER SAMPLES TAKEN (E.COLI/COLIFORM)	# OF NITRATE SAMPLES SUBMITTED	NUMBER OF WATER SURVEYS PERFORMED
8	8	2	5

Water, Wells, & Non-Community

Private Water Testing

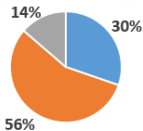
Total Number of Water Samples Tested	Total Number of Samples Not Tested*	Total Number of Samples Taken	Total Number of Real Estate Samples Taken
116	19	135	3

*Samples not tested were due to sampling error or time

Coliform Results Present	Coliform Results Not Present	Coliform Results Not Tested
20	37	9

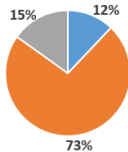
E. coli Results Present	E. coli Results Not Present	E. coli Results Not Tested
8	10	10

Coliform Results



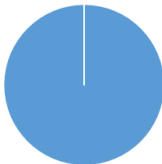
■ Present ■ Not Present ■ Not Tested

E.coli Results



■ Present ■ Not Present ■ Not Tested

Nitrate Results



100%
■ Satisfactory

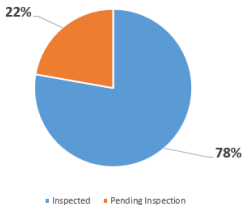
*Standard for not present is under 1/100mL

Septic, Private Sewage

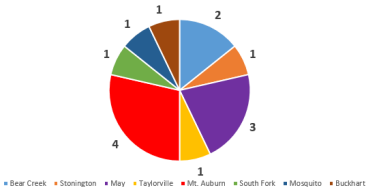
The Private Sewage Disposal Program operates under the provisions set forth in the Christian County Private Sewage Disposal Systems Ordinance. Environmental Health Staff are responsible for protecting residents from serious health hazards caused by malfunctioning or improperly constructed private sewage disposal systems.

APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED	APPLICATIONS APPROVED	APPLICATIONS DENIED	APPLICATIONS PENDING REVIEW
21	19	2	1

Private Sewage Inspections

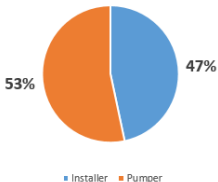


Installations by Township



Septic, Private sewage

Private Sewage Contractor Registration



Number of Private Sewage Installers Registered	Number of Private Sewage Pumpers Registered
14	16

Pumper Truck Inspections Required	# of Trucks Inspected
16	16

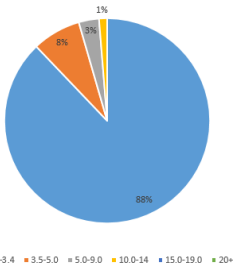
Private Sewage Complaints	Resolved Complaints	Pending (In Process)
5	3	2

Lead

Lead screenings are completed to determine lead levels in children. Early detection of lead poisoning is important in the prevention of learning disabilities, behavioral problems, brain damage, muscle weakness, or even death.

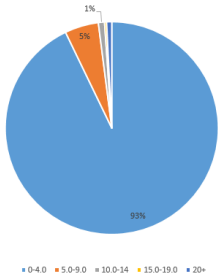
Our lead analyzer reads a capillary blood sample in three (3) minutes.

Results for Lead Tests Completed by CCHD



Total tests 157

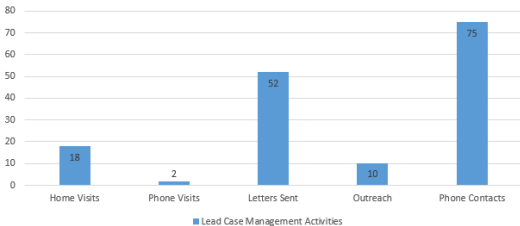
Results for Lead Tests Completed within Christian County



Total tests 596

Lead

Lead Case Management Activities
December 2024 - November 2025



Lead Risk Assessments	Clearances
14	3

CLEAR WIN APPLICANTS	CLEAR WIN APPROVALS
3	3

ClearWin grant money used to remediate lead in Christian County

Residences Treated	Grant Dollars Used
1	\$36,059.77

Tanning , Body Art

Upon receipt of a completed registration for a tanning or body art facility, Environmental Health Staff conducts an inspection to monitor compliance with the IL Administrative Code.

Tanning Facilities	Routine Inspections Performed
5	6

Body Art Facilities	Routine Inspections Performed	New Establishment Inspection
5	6	2

Smoke-Free Illinois

Illinois Department of Public Health provides funding to the Christian County Health Department to implement strategies for prevention of youth tobacco initiation, secondhand smoke elimination, including promotion and enforcement of the Smoke-Free Illinois Act, and tobacco cessation, including promotion of and referral to the Illinois Tobacco Quitline.

The Smoke-Free Illinois Act (Public Act 95-0017) protects the public from the harmful effects of exposure to tobacco smoke by prohibiting smoking in public places and places of employment and within 15 feet of any entrance, exit, windows that open, or ventilation intake of a public place or place of employment. Funding is provided to certified local health departments to conduct compliance inspections.

Total Number of Smoke Free Illinois Violations	Total Number of 1 ST Offense	Total Number of 2 nd Offense
2	1	1

Emergency Response

Tobacco Enforcement Program (TEP).

The TEP allows for compliance monitoring of tobacco retail establishments in Christian County to assure tobacco products are not sold to underage individuals as defined by state law. The TEP establishes a program of compliance monitoring, compliance checks, and information on what constitutes illegal sales to underage individuals.

	Number of Retail Establishments	Number of Violations
Compliance Checks	78	1

Medical Reserve Corp

The Medical Reserve Corps of Christian County assisted the Christian County Health Department in numerous ways. The MRC was present at flu clinics, trainings, community events, and CCHD's Health Fair.

The MRC events:

- "Stop the Bleeding" Training on 05/07/2025
- Blood Pressure checks at the Senior's Lunch during the state fair on 07/16/2025
- Flu clinics held at Taylorville Fire Department on 10/17/2025 & 11/03/2025
- Flu clinics held at Pana Fire Department on 10/03/2025
- Veteran's Health Day on 11/14/2025
- CCHD's "Pop-in" flu clinics held in Assumption, Stonington, Mt. Auburn, and Edinburg on 11/21/2025.

Emergency Response

Emergency Management Exercises	Date Completed	Date Completed	Date Completed	Date Completed
Annual Exercise	12/4/2024			
After Hours Contact Drill	2/7/2025	8/28/2025		
Risk Assessment	1/8/2025	9/6/2025		
Starcom Drill	12/4/2024	4/2/2025	7/2/2025	10/1/2025
Healthcare Coalition Meeting	N/A	5/28/2025	N/A	9/18/2025
24/7 CCHD Contacts	1/13/2025	5/30/2025	6/30/2025	11/30/2025
MRC	N/A	5/7/2025	6/7/2025	9/6/2025
Tobacco Enforcement Program	1/31/2025	3/31/2025	N/A	N/A

Community Engagement

- Christian County ERC spoke to students at Taylorville High School regarding what services the Health Department provides, volunteer opportunities for Tobacco Enforcement, and information about what an emergency response coordinator does.
- Christian County Emergency Response Coordinator attended a Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting on October 21st 2025 where the coalition discussed what ideas and plans we had for the Christian County All-Hazards Plan. It is an integrated approach to emergency preparedness planning by our LEPCs that focuses on capacities and capabilities that are critical to preparedness for a full spectrum of emergencies or disasters. The LEPC is ran by Christian County EMA Jeff Stoner and members include other Emergency Coordinators from different jurisdictions within Christian County, Medical Reserve Corps members, and Chief Adermann from Taylorville Fire Department in Christian County.

Immunization Program

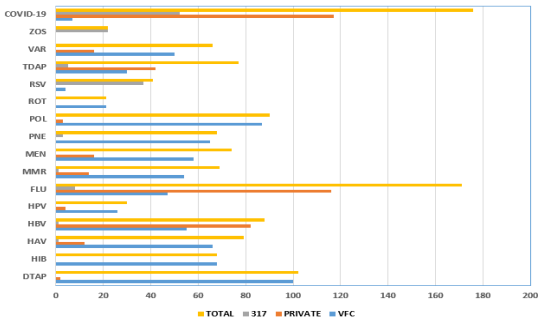
ADULT IMMUNIZATIONS

Regardless of age, immunizations protect against serious and deadly diseases. Protection from vaccines received as a child can wear off over time, placing adults at risk for new and different diseases. Christian County Health Department provided multiple Flu Clinics throughout the community. We offer 317 funded COVID-19 vaccine, available to adults aged 19 and older who are uninsured or under insured.

CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATIONS

Christian County Health Department offers Illinois' Vaccines for Children (VFC) and private pay vaccines for children. The VFC Program helps provide vaccines to children who are uninsured, under-insured, Medicaid eligible, or are American Indian or Alaskan Native. These programs help ensure all children have a better chance of getting their recommended vaccinations on schedule.

Vaccines Administered at CCHD



Vaccine Data

Total Number of Vaccines administered by CCHD December 2024 – November 2025				
VACCINE	VFC	PRIVATE	317	TOTAL
DTAP	100	2	0	102
HIB	68	0	0	68
HAV	66	12	1	79
HBV	55	82	1	88
HPV	26	4	0	30
FLU	47	414	8	469
MMR	54	14	1	69
MEN	58	16	0	74
PNE	65	0	3	68
POL	87	3	0	90
ROT	21	0	0	21
RSV	4	0	92	96
TDAP	30	42	5	77
VAR	50	16	0	66
ZOS	0	0	22	22
COVID-19	7	292	52	351
			TOTAL	1,770

* IDPH provided COVID-19 vaccine for 18+

** IDPH provided vaccine for eligible children through 18 years
of age

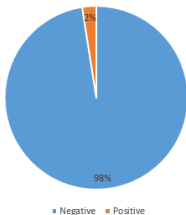
TB Clinic

Dr. Graham, our infectious disease specialist, continues to provide essential clinical oversight by attending our once-monthly tuberculosis clinics. His involvement ensures timely evaluation, appropriate follow-up, and continuity of care for individuals identified through TB screening. This year's tuberculosis activity included:

- 5 individuals identified with positive TB skin tests through routine screening.
- 14 total clinic appointments completed by Dr. Graham to provide comprehensive evaluation, monitoring, assessment, and treatment of individuals diagnosed with latent tuberculosis infection to prevent progression to active disease.

At no time during the reporting year were there any confirmed cases of active tuberculosis within the county.

TB Tests administered by CCHD
December 24 - November 25



Total Tests	Positive Results	Negative Results
202	5	197

Optical Program

The optical program provides low or no cost eyeglasses. Patients need to bring their prescription provided to them by their eye doctor. The patient is able to select from several choices after being fitted for a size that will work best for their prescription.

	Glases Distributed Per Month
December	22
January	5
February	26
March	20
April	22
May	5
June	16
July	10
August	17
September	10
October	17
November	17

Community Outreach

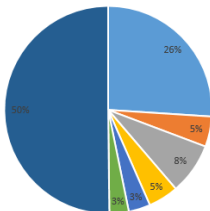
Items available for free at the health department

Gun Locks*	1.5 cases
Narcan	12 cases
Condoms	3 cases

*since November 2025

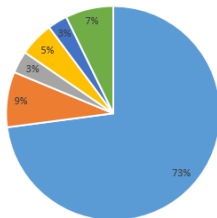
Patient Demographics

Patient Demographics by Age



■ 0 - 9 yrs ■ 10 - 14 yrs ■ 15 - 19 yrs ■ 20 - 24 yrs ■ 25 - 29 yrs ■ 30 - 34 yrs ■ over 44

Patient Demographics by Residency



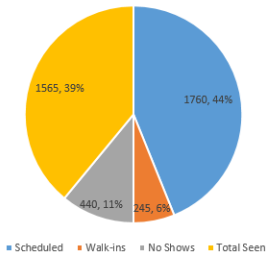
■ Christian ■ Shelby ■ Macon ■ Sangmon ■ Montgomery ■ Other

Women, Infants & Children

The WIC program aims to safeguard the health of low-income women, infants, and children up to age 5 who are at nutritional risk by providing nutritious foods to supplement diets, information on healthy eating, and referrals to health care.

WIC Enrollment Numbers												
	December 2024	January 2025	February 2025	March 2025	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	August 2025	September 2025	October 2025	November 2025
Women	78	83	84	81	77	84	90	97	94	93	88	90
Infant	93	95	93	104	103	102	106	111	116	115	109	111
Children	186	191	203	204	212	210	208	208	207	211	211	223
Monthly Total	357	369	380	389	392	396	404	416	417	419	408	424

WIC Appointments
December 2024 - November 2025



Additional Programs Incorporated in WIC

During the past year, two new programs were incorporated into WIC appointments to enhance preventive care services. The fluoride varnish program provides topical fluoride applications to children ages 6 months through 5 years, up to every three months, to reduce the risk of dental caries and support early oral health. In addition, a prenatal vitamin program was implemented through a partnership with Vitamin Angels, allowing for the distribution of no-cost prenatal vitamins to individuals who are pregnant or of reproductive age.

Program outcomes to date include:

- 88 fluoride varnish treatments administered to eligible children
- 16 prenatal vitamin packages distributed to WIC participants

Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program

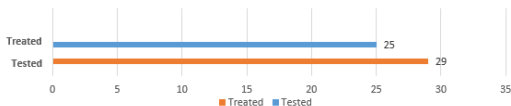
The Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program was introduced to Christian County WIC in late 2025 to provide education, encouragement, and practical support to pregnant and breastfeeding participants. The program offers one-on-one support, timely guidance outside of regular clinic hours, and community-based education to promote successful breastfeeding experiences.

- 13 phone consultations with breastfeeding mothers
- 4 after-hours support contacts
- 2 in-clinic breastfeeding support visits
- 1 breastfeeding education class conducted at the Taylorville Public Library

STI Clinic Services

The health department offers confidential STI testing and treatment at no cost with insurance and at low out-of-pocket cost for uninsured individuals. Services are provided confidentially and promptly to support individual health and reduce the spread of infection within the community.

Sexually Transmitted Infection Clinic December 2024 - November 2025

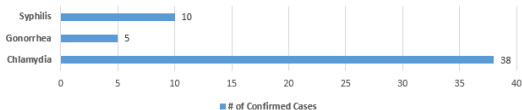


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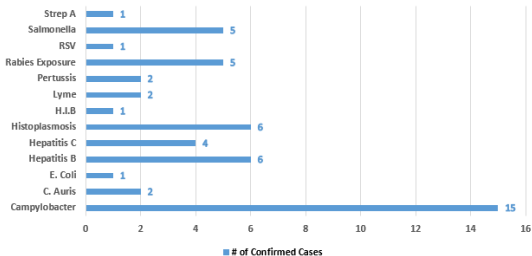


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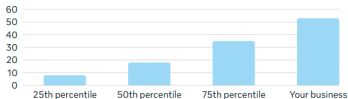
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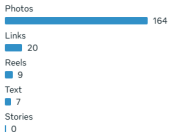
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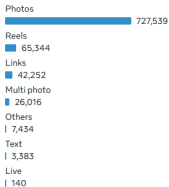
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