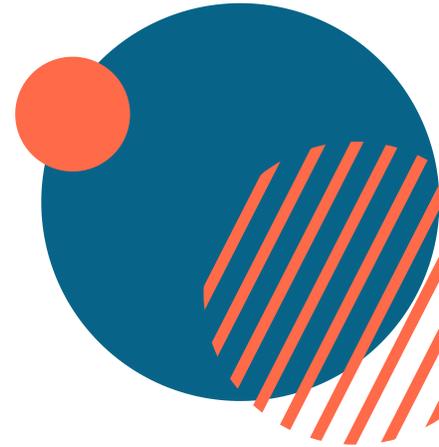


# ANNUAL REPORT



2025



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## Our Mission:

“To assure the highest possible level of health for the people of the communities we serve.”

## Health Department Administration

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**Serving you since 1936**

# Finance Report

2025

## Revenue By Source:

Fees & Licenses -	\$ 195,172.00
Insurance 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party -	\$ 332,650.00
Federal/State -	\$ 1,958,026.00
Local Effort -	\$ 627,764.00
Other -	\$ 344,499.00
<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$ 3,458,111.00</b>

## Expenses By Division:

Agency Support -	\$ 959,409.00
Community Health -	\$ 2,009,481.00
Environmental Health-	\$ 489,221.00
<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$ 3,458,111.00</b>

# Community Health Programs

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The health department provides a wide range of services to the general public and special populations. A few of the agency's programs are highlighted below:

## WIC

In 2025, the Women, Infants, and Children Program provided nutrition education and supplemental food benefits for more than **637** infants, children, and breast-feeding women.

## MIHP

In 2025, the Maternal Infant Health Program conducted **1,633** visits by registered nurses, registered dietitians, and social workers to high-needs families with pregnancies or infants.

## Hearing & Vision Screenings

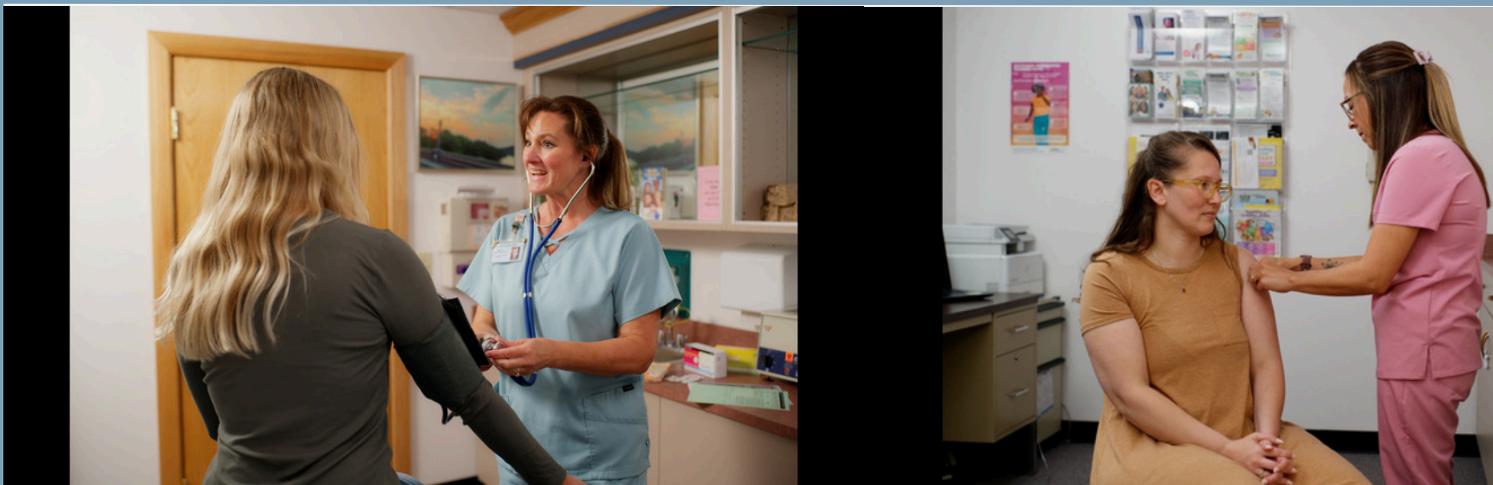
In 2025, more than **4,468** hearing and vision screenings were conducted in preschools and K-12 schools throughout Dickinson and Iron counties.

## Family Planning

Family planning clinics served **557** clients in 2025, providing clinical exams, education, communicable disease testing and free or affordable birth control.

## Immunizations

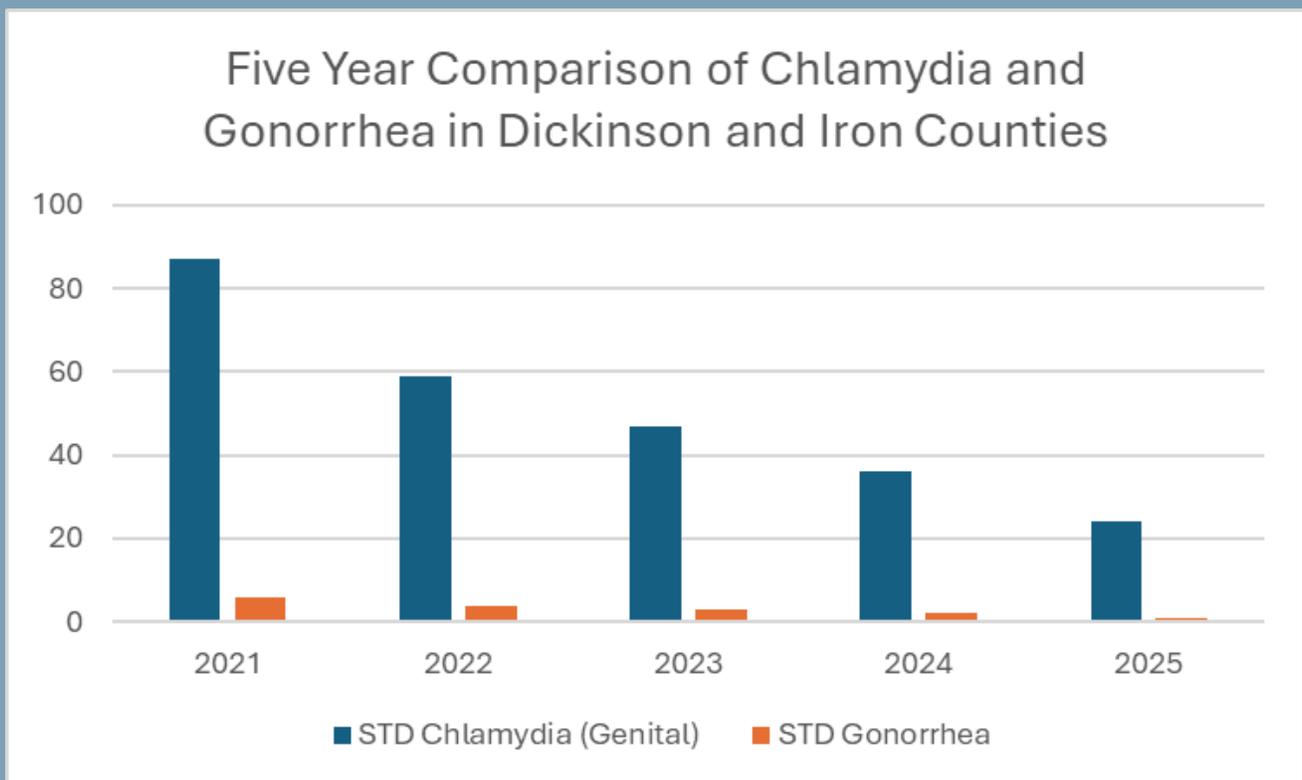
**1,413** vaccines were administered to **995** clients.



# Community Health Status Indicators

Local public health departments track, analyze and publicize rates of disease, health care access and utilization rates, demographics and other community health indicators. The Health Department monitors reports from physicians and laboratories for a variety of communicable diseases, and is alert to possible disease outbreaks.

In April of 2020, MDHHS determined that chlamydia and gonorrhea were infections where EPT use would be appropriate. EPT (expedited partner therapy) allows us to provide medicine to sexual partners of people who have tested positive for a STI without requiring them to go to the doctor and be tested first. We highly encourage partners to come into the health department to be tested but won't deny EPT treatment if they refuse. DIDHD policy is to retest all treated individuals to ensure it was effective. DIDHD's Family Planning Program initiated a Chlamydia Project in 2024 which increased testing rates to help detect asymptomatic Chlamydia to reduce spread. There is a lot of focus on education during our clinic appointments. Understanding how STIs are acquired and how to keep yourself and your partners safe is good for your overall health and reducing STI cases. DIDHD provides free condoms to the public to help reduce STI infections.



# Environmental Health Programs

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Environmental health (EH) programs prevent illness from contaminated food, water and other environmental sources. Permitting, inspections, education, and when necessary, enforcement actions protect the public's health. A few EH programs are highlighted below:

## Food Safety Program

The focus of the food program is to assure a safe, clean food product for the public through regular inspections and education. Efforts in this program are key elements in assuring the meals we consume outside of the home are safe. Agency sanitarians conducted 552 evaluations at restaurants, schools and temporary food events in 2025.

## On-Site Sewage Disposal Management

One of the most important methods of preventing the spread of disease and viral infection is the proper treatment of human wastewater. This program provides guidance and oversight for on-site sewage disposal. Site and soil assessments, construction permitting, and inspections are conducted by Health Department sanitarians to prevent environmental contamination. In 2025, 126 construction permits were issued for new on-site sewage systems. During the year sanitarians inspected 124 systems that were installed and approved for use.

## Private & Non-Community Water

A fundamental objective of public health met by these programs is the protection of our lakes, streams and the water we drink. Sanitarians monitor the quality of non-community public water supplies such as schools, restaurants and campgrounds. Last year, construction permits for 61 new wells were issued. Sanitarians did 61 well finals with water sampling to ensure well construction and water quality requirements were met.



# Inland Lake Beach Monitoring Results for 2025

In the summer of 2025, DIDHD completed their fifth consecutive inland lake beach monitoring grant. This funding is available through EGLE. The sampling was completed over a ten-week beach sampling and sanitary survey for a combined six beaches in Dickinson and Iron counties. DIDHD was happy to report no samples being over the required limit of 300. Results are shown below.



	Iron County										
Date	6/17 2025	6/23 2025	6/30 2025	7/7 2025	7/14 2025	7/21 2025	7/28 2025	8/5 2025	8/11 2025	8/25 2025	Avg.
Pentoga Park	8	1	81	10	7	10	15	4	13	14	16
Bewabic Park	2	2	3	1	1	0	6	3	1	5	2
Runkle Lake	20	7	6	5	3	1	5	3	38	7	10

	Dickinson County										
Date	6/17 2025	6/23 2025	6/30 2025	7/7 2025	7/14 2025	7/21 2025	7/28 2025	8/5 2025	8/11 2025	8/25 2025	Avg.
Lake Antoine	4	4	7	0	4	35	13	7	3	39	12
Cowboy Lake	17	8	2	5	1	17	4	9	25	12	10
Lake Mary	2	10	3	3	1	3	3	3	14	10	5

# Emergency Preparedness A Year in Review

In 2025, the Emergency Preparedness Program provided several preparedness presentations and participated in exercises with community partners to ensure the safety and preparedness of our staff, partners, and community. Here are some key initiatives provided in the last year:

- Conducted family reunification training with schools in both Dickinson and Iron counties. The training was a combined effort with Emergency Management, Sheriff's Department, Michigan State Police, and the schools. The Dickinson-Iron District Health Department offered assistance to all local schools with family reunification should an event occur.
- Participated in the Cold Weather Full Scale Exercise in Marquette. This exercise focused on activation of the Michigan Transportable Emergency Surge Assistance (MI-TESA) medical unit and the Michigan Mortuary Response Team (MI-MORT) Disaster Portable Morgue Unit (DPMU) to deploy outdoor in cold weather conditions to support the Federal Disaster Mortuary Response Team Region V (DMORT V) in response to a natural disaster mass fatality incident.
- The G.H.O.S.T. Team (Genesee Human Oppression Strike Team) provided a presentation on human trafficking to our local law enforcement, health department, and other community partners. Officer Rose and Officer Minto did a great presentation explaining how human trafficking is happening everywhere. They identified "red flags" to look for and how to protect our children from human trafficking.
- Preparedness presentations were provided to 425 people in 2025. The Emergency Preparedness Coordinator informed families and students about the importance of preparedness and how to prepare for emergencies at home, in the car, or on the go.

Through these initiatives and ongoing preparedness efforts the Dickinson-Iron District Health Department strives to prepare both Dickinson and Iron County residents for any type of emergency that may arise.



# Community Outreach

## Food Safety 101



Our EH sanitarians provided a FREE Food Safety 101 Class to the public in March. Several topics were discussed on how to keep food safe.

## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Breastfeeding Walk



The Peer Counselor planned and organized the community walk that took place in August at Strawberry Lake.

### Event Highlights:

- Community walk (stroller-friendly) around Strawberry Lake
- Giveaways & Breastfeeding Resources
- Captured by Mik offered free photography to families
- Light Refreshments and Snacks
- UP Family Doula Lacy Anderson
- Car Seat Check Scheduling with Trooper Geno Basanese

## Crafty Flea Market



Staff attended this local event in September. A booth was set up and staff answered questions and provided information about DIDHD programs.

## Health Fair



DIDHD provided a booth at the Windsor Center for the Aspirus Health Fair in October. Staff were able to answer questions about services available.

# DICKINSON-IRON DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT: LOCAL IMPACTS 2025



**1,633 Home Visits**

In 2025, Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP) home visits were provided by Registered Nurses and Licensed Social Workers to provide support and education to pregnant mothers and infants up to age 18 months who are enrolled in Medicaid.



**425 Prepared**

In 2025, 425 people attended a preparedness presentation provided by DIDHD.



**\$530,633.84**

In 2025, the Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) brought in \$530,633.84 to local grocery stores in Dickinson and Iron Counties.



**4,468 Hearing & Vision Screens**

In 2025, more than 4,468 hearing and vision screenings were conducted in preschools and K-12 schools throughout Dickinson and Iron Counties.



**65 Volunteers**

The number of volunteers on the DIDHD volunteer roster in 2025. Contact us to join our volunteer roster!



**552 Inspections**

In 2025, 552 food safety inspections were conducted to ensure food establishments provide safe food to our residents.



**6 Beaches Monitored**

DIDHD completed a 10-week beach sampling and sanitary survey for Coliform Bacteria & E. coli at 6 beaches in Dickinson and Iron Counties from June – August 2025.

