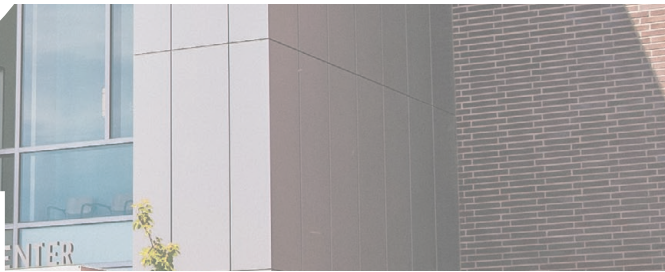




ANNUAL REPORT

2024





ABOUT SALT LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

As a division of the Salt Lake County Human Services Department, the Salt Lake County Health Department (SLCoHD) works to protect and improve the well-being of all county residents by preventing disease, illness, and injury and by impacting social, economic, and environmental factors fundamental to excellent health. While some county divisions provide services only to residents living within unincorporated areas, the SLCoHD is charged with the responsibility of providing public health services to residents in both incorporated and unincorporated areas.

The structure of governmental public health agencies at the state and local levels varies considerably across the country. Utah has established a decentralized organizational model for public health in which local public health agencies are organizationally independent of the Utah Department of Health and are primarily governed by local boards of health. The Utah Legislature established these “local health departments” under Title 26A of the Utah Code.

State law requires local health departments to have a policy-making Board of Health (BOH); the SLCoHD has a 15-member board appointed by the Salt Lake County Mayor, and county ordinance outlines the qualifications for board members. The BOH is responsible for setting public health policy for the department and may adopt and enforce public health rules, regulations, and standards necessary to implement the public health policies. Standards and regulations adopted by the BOH supersede existing local standards, regulations, and ordinances.

The Board also approves the budget, which the health department submits to Salt Lake County. The county is responsible for setting administrative (personnel and fiscal) policies for SLCoHD. Our budget is comprised of federal and state funds, county general funds, and fees collected for department services. Approximately one-third of the budget comes from each of those sources.



FROM THE DIRECTOR

For more than 150 years, public health has been a cornerstone of community well-being, working to ensure that everyone in Salt Lake County—particularly those most impacted by health disparities—can live a full, healthy life. Public health is not limited to the absence of disease; it is rooted in the environments where people live, work, learn, and play. It's about safe drinking water and clean air. It's about nutritious food, access to care, and a sense of belonging. The Salt Lake County Health Department is proud to continue this legacy, partnering with multiple communities to create the conditions where health can thrive for all.

As we look ahead, our commitment to a healthier Salt Lake County continues to evolve to meet the needs of a growing and diverse population. In 2024, we embraced new department leadership and focused on three key priorities to strengthen our department and the services we provide: increasing workforce satisfaction, enhancing collaboration and innovation, and improving communication, transparency, and inclusive decision-making. We believe that a satisfied, empowered workforce leads to better service for our residents. We are working to support our team through professional development, meaningful recognition, equitable policies, and inclusive practices.

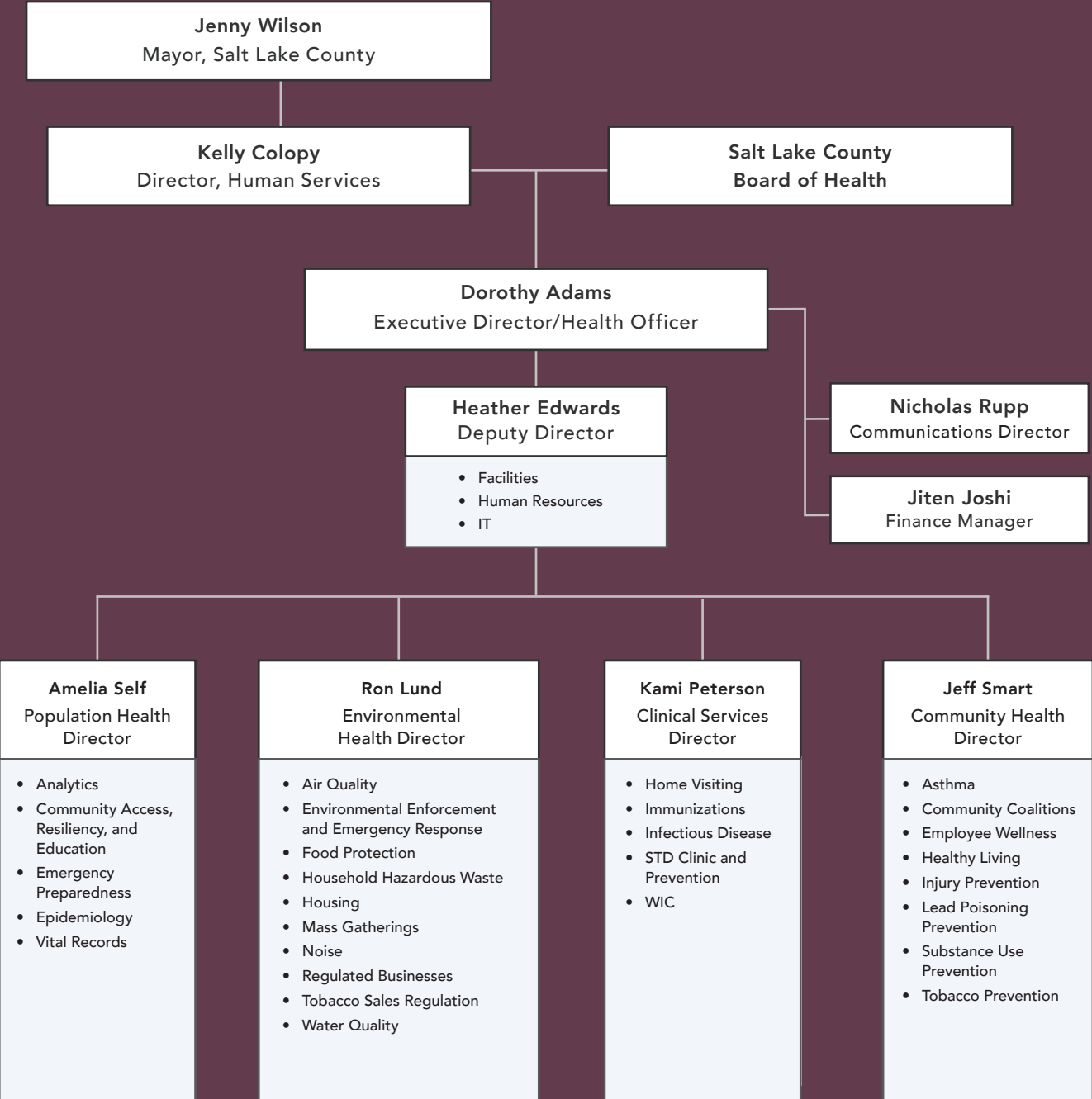
We are also investing in stronger collaboration across our divisions—recognizing that when we break down internal silos, we create space for more innovative, effective public health solutions. And by improving communication and building inclusive decision-making structures, we aim to foster greater trust, accountability, and alignment throughout the department.

This report reflects not only the work of our dedicated employees but also the invaluable support of our volunteer Board of Health, county and city leaders, and countless community partners. Together, we remain steadfast in our mission to protect and promote the health of every resident in Salt Lake County. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about our progress—and for joining us in building healthier, stronger communities.

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Dorothy Adams, MPA, LEHS
Executive Director/Health Officer

2024 Salt Lake County Health Department Organization

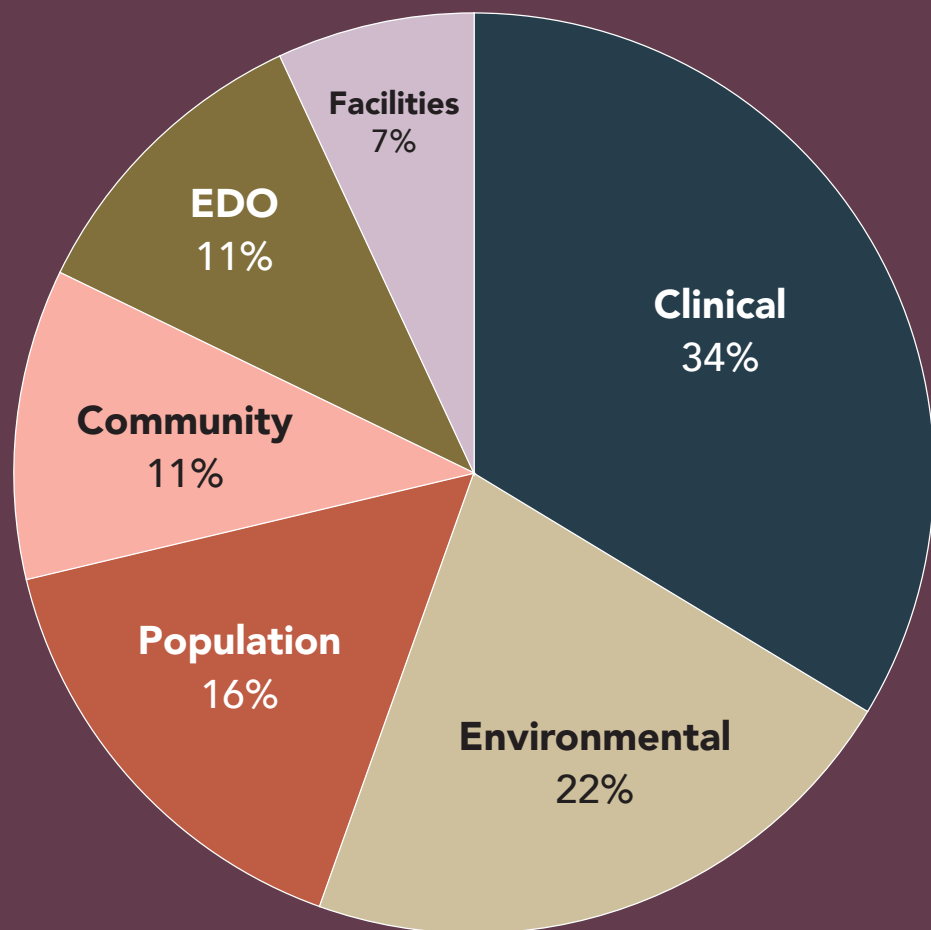


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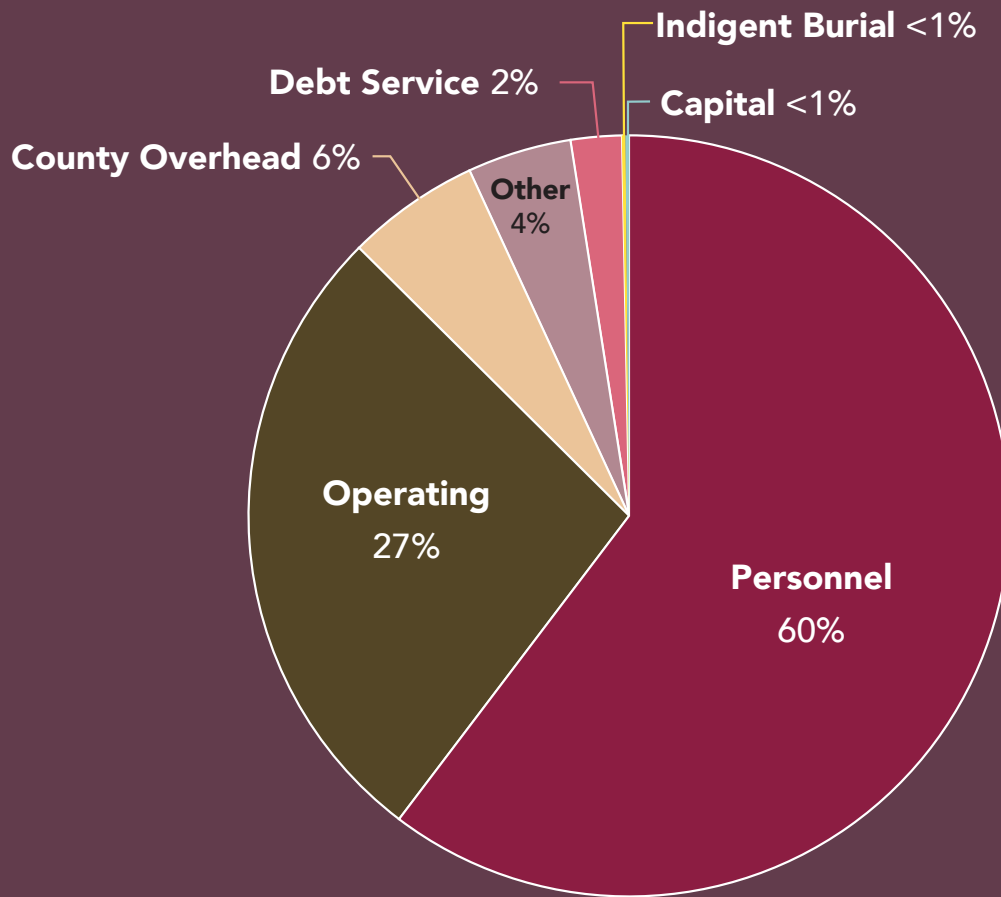
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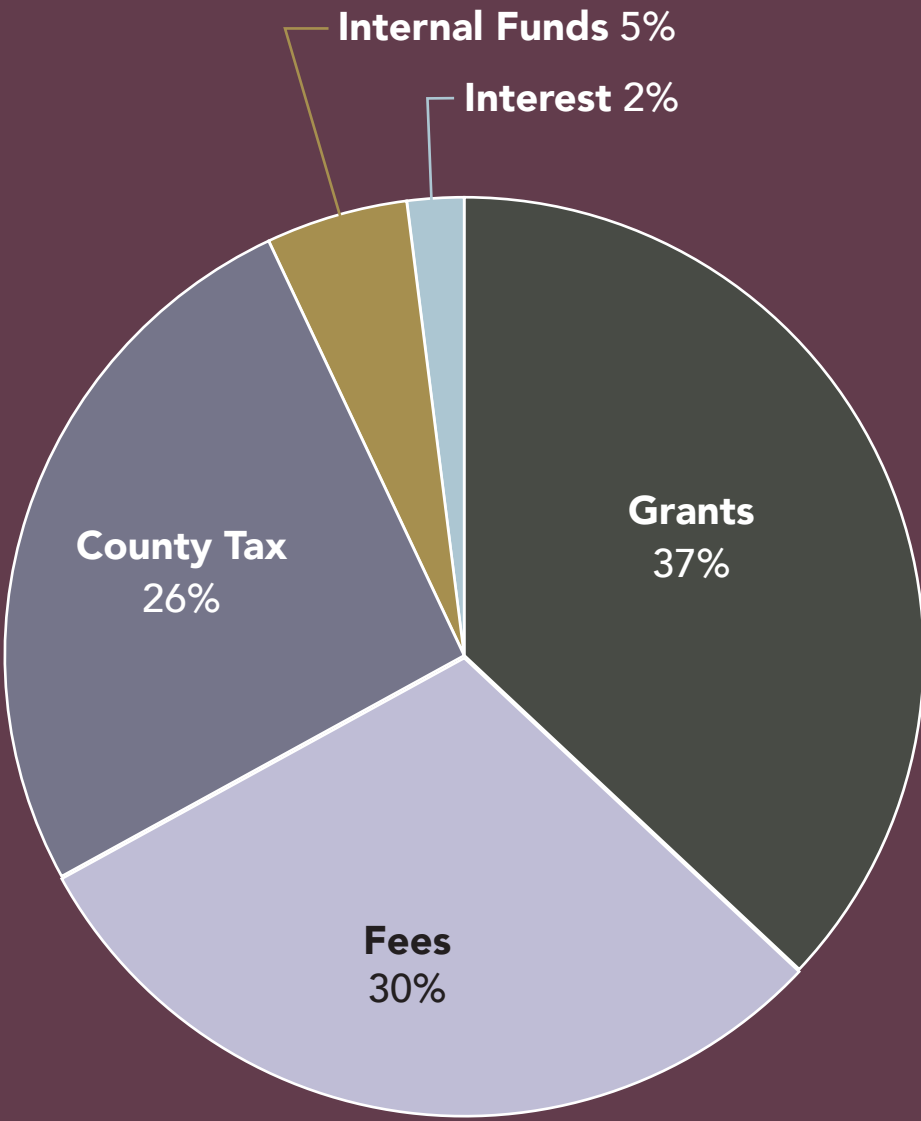
Expenses	2024
Clinical	\$23,152,798
Environmental	\$14,610,266
Population	\$10,773,278
Community	\$7,291,344
Executive Director’s Office (EDO)	\$7,219,718
Facilities/Internal Services	\$4,645,756
Total	\$67,693,160

Expenses



Expenses	2024
Personnel	\$40,831,391
Operating	\$18,354,888
County Overhead	\$3,835,023
Other	\$2,993,528
Debt Service	\$1,471,888
Capital	\$124,053
Indigent Burial	\$82,390
Totals	\$67,693,160

Revenues



Revenues	2024
Grants	\$24,551,151
Fees	\$19,607,398
County Tax	\$17,522,614
Internal Funds	\$3,386,591
Interest	\$1,068,217
Totals	\$66,135,970

Air Quality

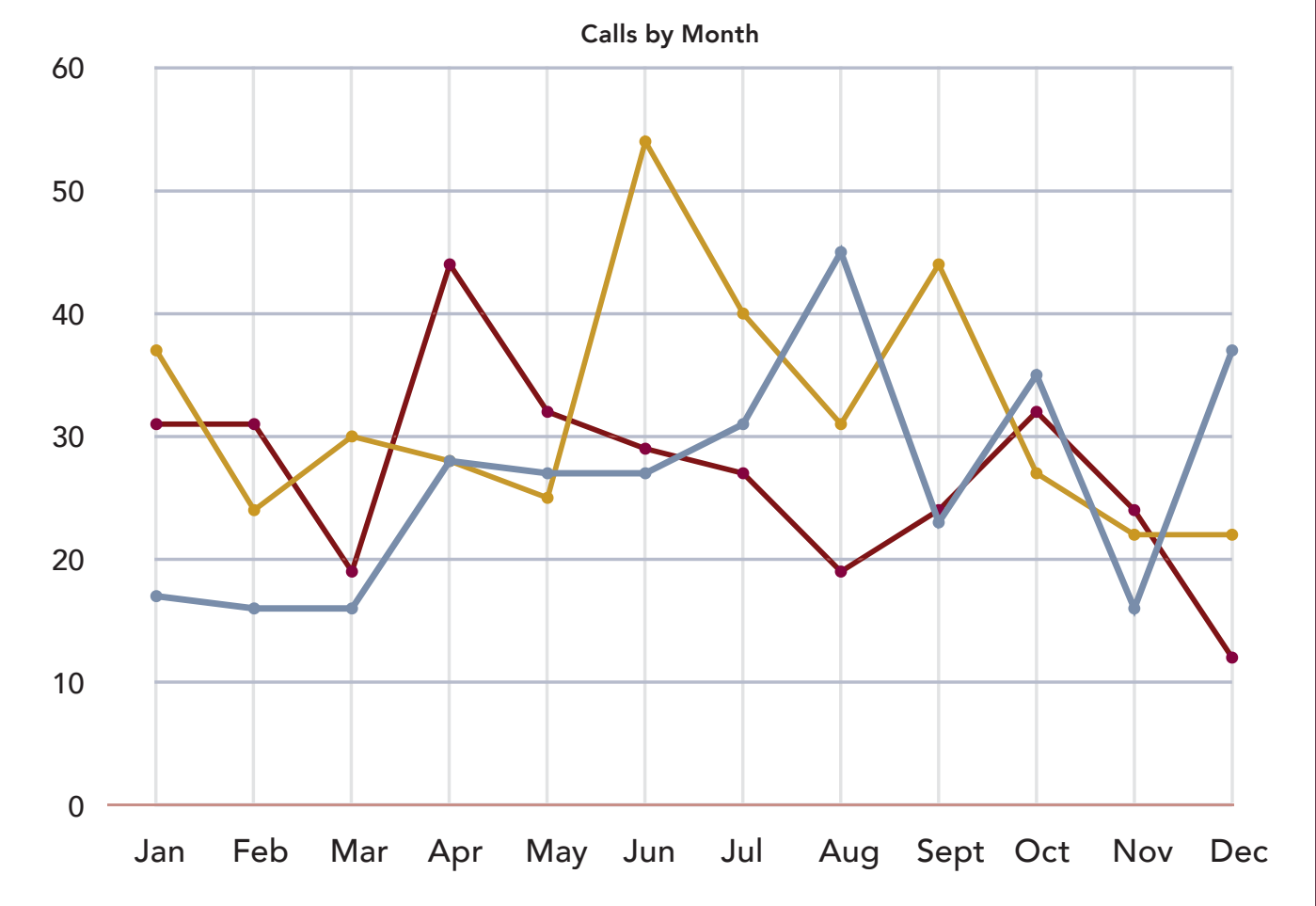
Emissions	2022	2023	2024
Facilities in Salt Lake County	446	446	452
Technicians	1,632	1,632	1,995
Vehicles Tested	839,998	839,998	796,698
Vehicles that failed initial test	24,509 (2.9%)	24,509 (2.9%)	21,408 (2.7%)
Out of state deferral requests Approved	3,590 3,537	3,590 3,537	3,878 3,538

VRRAP Vehicle Repair and Replacement Assistance Program	2022	2023	2024
VRRAP repair applications	133	157	74
VRRAP vehicles repaired	53	70	19
VRRAP repair average cost	\$735	\$705	\$714
VRRAP replacement applications	44	86	405
VRRAP vehicles replaced	8	31	192
VRRAP replacement average benefit	\$5,000	\$6,584	\$7,020

Complaints & Reports	2022	2023	2024
Solid fuel burning complaints	47	67	36
Neighborhood solid fuel burning letters sent	–	130	110
Fugitive dust complaints	12	52	12
Vehicle idling complaints	4	10	2

Emergency Response

2022 2023 2024



Calls by month	2022	2023	2024
January	37	17	31
February	24	16	31
March	30	16	19
April	28	28	44
May	25	27	32
June	54	27	29
July	40	31	27
August	31	45	19
September	44	23	24
October	27	35	32
November	22	16	24
December	22	37	12
Total Calls	384	318	324

Epidemiology 20 Most Prevalent Diseases in Salt Lake County

Disease	2022	2023	2024
1. Coronavirus, Novel (2019-nCoV)	145,876	18,247	10,605
2. Chlamydia trachomatis infection	5,752	5,587	4,966
3. Gonorrhea	1,986	1,769	1,471
4. Tuberculosis, Latent Infection (LTBI)	681	840	814
5. Influenza-associated hospitalization	933	528	782
6. Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Activity	*	*	582
7. Hepatitis C virus infection, chronic	616	616	541
8. Campylobacteriosis	209	267	317
9. Hepatitis B virus infection, chronic	55	84	219
10. Syphilis (primary, secondary, early latent)	295	352	199
11. Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli (STEC)	89	94	192
12. Streptococcal disease, invasive, Group A	156	183	186
13. Giardiasis	183	115	164
14. Salmonellosis	143	143	145
15. Pertussis	93	78	140
16. Streptococcus pneumoniae, invasive disease	110	101	115
17. Streptococcal disease, invasive, Group B	101	105	113
18. HIV Infection, adult	81	*	109
19. Shigellosis	39	104	98
20. Cryptosporidiosis	73	305	88

*Not among 20 most prevalent diseases in these years

Food Protection

	2022	2023	2024
Routine inspections	5,140	4,874	6,194
Complaint investigations	834	886	780
Plan review approvals	186	197	220
Foodborne illness investigations	21	36	30
Permitted establishments	4,941	5,204	5,352
Mobile establishments	319	378	421
Temp food permits	1,216	1,376	1,577
Temp food inspections	1,011	1,205	1,469
Mass gathering permits	153	177	183
Mass gathering inspections	148	164	170
Residential childcare inspections	127	86	75
"Out of County" food truck inspections	102*	113*	141*



*Inspected for free as Utah Legislature prohibits local health departments from charging fees or requiring permits for mobile food units permitted in other jurisdictions.

Health Promotion

Asthma Program	2022	2023	2024
Asthma program participants	40	49	34
Percent reporting improved asthma control	90%	85%	79%
Average reduction in ER visits	76%	100%	100%
Average reduction in hospitalizations	85%	100%	100%

Healthy Living	2022	2023	2024
FeedUT.org new users	228	~5,600	~6,000
Number of people trained on food resources through FeedUT video	–	–	1,817
Arabic	–	–	82
English	–	–	1,557
Spanish	–	–	178
People screened for hypertension	65	717	19

Lead Poisoning Prevention	2022	2023	2024
Home visits	40 (27 to homes of refugees)	61 (28 to homes of refugees; 35 spoke a language other than English)	82 (59 to refugee homes, 60 children served in a language other than English)
Children with lower blood lead levels after visit	87.5%	92.3%	91.1%
Referrals made for lead removal	111	167	63
Participating clinics increase in children's blood lead testing	260% (capillary) and 405% (venous)	101%	30%
Families provided education in a healthcare clinic to prevent lead exposure	–	–	1,372

Health Promotion

Park Rx*	2022	2023	2024
Park Rx Days participants	511	347	206
Park Rx Days teams	273	172	74
Local health departments trained in ParkRx	–	12	12
Diabetes professionals educated on ParkRx	–	~50	~10
Clinics trained to prescribe physical activity	7	1	2

*Prior to 2024, Park Rx Days was a statewide event, led by SLCoHD. Starting in 2024, health districts started implementing it only within their jurisdiction, so the 2024 data reflects only Salt Lake County.

SLCo Employee Wellness	2022	2023	2024
Total participants	2,226	2,243	2,367
New participants	364	320	465
Enrollment increase from previous year	1.04%	0.70%	5.5%
Workshop views	–	45,517	53,135
Podcast downloads	2,727	1,775	1,034
Workshop views	–	–	53,135
Personal health assessments completed	1,653	1,838	1,578
Medical exams received	1,319	2,499	3,143
COVID booster records received	903	499	516
Flu vaccine records received	767	744	673
Blood donated	25 units, impacting 75 patients	34 units, impacting 102 patients	26 units, impacting 78 patients
Pairs of shoes donated	467	962	1,734
Youth Services hygiene kits and blankets	–	–	95 kits, 50 blankets
Participants trained as QPR gatekeepers	254	147	234
Food bank donations	\$3,003 in goods and service	\$680, turned into \$5,685	\$1,050 turned into \$8,778



Health Promotion

TOP Star	2022	2023	2024
TOP Star-endorsed childcare facilities	77	96	109
TOP Star trained staff	~764	~953	1,082
Children at endorsed facilities	~3,500	5,933	7,345

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Improvement Plans
Created in Collaboration
with Communities



Coalitions West Jordan, Sandy, and ParkRx	3 Plans
Clinical CQI (Continuous Quality Improvement)	3 Plans
Eat Well Utah	2 Plans
Active Transportation	1 Plan
SDOH Accelerator (Social Determinants Of Health)	1 Plan



Home Visiting

	2022	2023	2024
Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) clients	177	235	292
NFP home visits	2,211	2,828	3,704
Parents as Teachers (PAT) clients	228	216	205
PAT home visits	2,858	2,660	3,364
Targeted Case Management home visits	2,646	3,345	3,373
Families that received education on the importance of placing their infant on its back to sleep	2,883	2,861	2,665
Families that did not place their child on their back to sleep prior to the intervention.	279 (9%)	407 (14%)	343 (13%)
Women screened for postpartum depression	2,967	3,098	4,037
Referred for mental health services	315	394	259
Children screened for developmental delay	373	697	1,202
Delays found	91	82	156

Household Hazardous Waste

Pounds of HHW disposed of Responsibly:	2022	2023	2024
Automotive fluids and batteries	141,819 lbs	239,888 lbs	208,651 lbs
Electronics	107,759 lbs	118,339 lbs	315,850 lbs
Fluorescent bulbs	4,843 lbs	3,633 lbs	5,838 lbs
Miscellaneous chemicals	166,670 lbs	117,950 lbs	158,618 lbs
Paint	229,675 lbs	774,020 lbs	779,037 lbs
Pest control/yard chemicals	51,576 lbs	59,012 lbs	60,935 lbs

Housing

	2022	2023	2024
Complaints investigated	872	1,897	1,751
Housing	620	628	516
General sanitation	*	258	382
Vector control	46	6	1
Debris/waste complaints	*	222	318
Chemically contaminated properties closed to entry	325	311	318
Decontamination permits issued	322	294	319
Encampment	2022	2023	2024
Complaints received	552	226	203
Cleanups conducted	239	936	134

*Prior to 2023, general sanitation and debris complaints were combined into encampment/debris.

Immunizations

Ellis R. Shipp	2022	2023	2024
Services Provided	14,408	18,885	18,453
Routine Vaccines Given	12,402	16,331	16,383
Staff Members	8	7.5	7
Salt Lake			
Services Provided	13,050	13,911	14,512
Routine Vaccines Given	10,833	11,760	11,459
Staff Members	6.5	5.5	5
Southeast*			
Services Provided	13,921	6,642	9,238
Routine Vaccines Given	11,796	4,613	7,850
Staff Members	5.5	4	2.75
South Main			
Services Provided	13,269	15,309	16,185
Routine Vaccines Given	9,814	12,085	13,908
Staff Members	4.5	5.5	5
South Redwood			
Services Provided	6,140	16,040	20,655
Routine Vaccines Given	4,876	16,352	15,933
Staff Members	5.25	5.25	6.5
Travel Clinic			
Services Provided	6,791	6,524	8,649
Routine Vaccines Given	4,434	4,341	5,758
Staff Members	4.75	3.75	2.75
Outreach Events			
Services Provided	12,372	16,273	12,231
Routine Vaccines Given	12,227	17,960	12,060
Staff Members	2.75	4	5.75
Total			
Services Provided	79,951	93,584	99,923
Routine Vaccines Given	66,382	83,442	83,351
Staff Members	37.25	35.5	35.75

* For 2023, data for May through December only; Southeast immunization clinic was closed through April 2023 due to short staffing.



Services provided includes:

- tuberculin skin testing
- vaccine exemption education and certification
- vaccine record requests and translations
- vaccine card replacements

Infectious Disease

Tuberculosis	2022	2023	2024
Patients evaluated for latent infection vs. active disease	–	1,448	1,518
Latent infections identified	–	840	831
Active cases	28	29	41
SLCo	–	22	38
Cases transferred from another jurisdiction	–	7	3
Class B1 refugees evaluated	16	97	119
Class B2 refugees evaluated	12	22	59
Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD)	2022	2023	2024
Cases investigated	–	20	8
Cases Confirmed	15	0	1
Cases Probable	–	4	5
Hansens Disease	2022	2023	2024
Cases confirmed	–	1	1

Infectious Disease

Hepatitis B	2022	2023	2024
Hepatitis B (acute) cases investigated	30	30	16
Hepatitis B (acute) cases confirmed or probable	–	12	10
Hepatitis B (chronic) cases investigated	196	241	251
Hepatitis B (chronic) cases confirmed or probable	–	160	211
Hepatitis B (perinatal) new cases investigated	–	–	40
Hepatitis B (perinatal) cases investigated	58	30	2
Hepatitis B (perinatal) infections confirmed	–	–	1
Hepatitis C	2022	2023	2024
Hepatitis C (acute) investigated	129	84	86
Hepatitis C (acute) confirmed or probable	–	69	66
Hepatitis C (chronic) investigated	1,169	1,086	763
Hepatitis C (chronic) confirmed or probable	–	616	541
Hepatitis C (perinatal) investigated	–	2	1
Hepatitis C (perinatal) confirmed or probable	–	1	1
Hepatitis D	2022	2023	2024
Hepatitis D investigated	–	–	3
Hepatitis D cases confirmed or probable	–	–	3

Injury Prevention

Child Passenger Safety	2022	2023	2024
Car seat appointments	673	477	606
Spanish Speaking	278	224	337
Car seats checked	512	314	569
Spanish Speaking	210	259	321
Children arrived to class without a car seat	328	278	250
Spanish Speaking	206	153	145
Car seats distributed	886	666	643
Spanish Speaking	388	313	301

People provided car seat education	2022	2023	2024
Families	850 adults	477 families	606 families
Spanish Speaking	381	255	337
Children	842	723	550
Spanish Speaking	372	259	268
Unborn Children	136	110	93
Spanish Speaking	46	54	53

Stepping On	2022	2023	2024
Workshops (weekly for 7 weeks) taught	5	6	7
Workshop participants	52	73	66
Participants who completed all 7 weeks	44	71	62

Suicide Prevention	2022	2023	2024
People trained in Question Persuade Refer (QPR) by the Suicide Prevention staff	–	269	344
People trained in Creating Safety by the Suicide Prevention staff	–	10	52
People trained in Vital Cognition by the Suicide Prevention staff	–	45	37
People trained in Safe Messaging by the Suicide Prevention staff	–	27	0

Noise

	2022	2023	2024
Complaints received	314	341	308
Temporary noise permits issued	237	314	272

Regulated Business

Body Art	2022	2023	2024
Facilities Permitted	492	508	439
Facilities Inspected	417	667	690
Complaints Received	15	15	21

Cosmetology	2022	2023	2024
Facilities Permitted	2,353	2,289	2,354 with 8,426 stations
Facilities Inspected	1,992	2,175	2,338
Complaints Received	55	39	61

Lodging	2022	2023	2024
Facilities Permitted	160	175	175
Facilities Inspected	147	163	167
Complaints Received	77	64	55

Massage (preopening)*	2022	2023	2024
Facilities Permitted	605	589	579
Facilities Inspected	135	119	120
Complaints Received	4	3	5

Schools	2022	2023	2024
Facilities Permitted	364	361	328
Facilities Inspected	203	112	103
Complaints Received	5	7	10

Tanning	2022	2023	2024
Facilities Permitted	47	45	42
Facilities Inspected	46	41	43
Complaints Received	4	1	1

*Massage establishments receive preopening inspections and then are inspected on a complaint basis only.

STD Clinic and Prevention

Test Provided	2022	2023	2024
Chlamydia/Gonorrhea	1,785	1,645	1,825
HIV			
In-Clinic	1,525	1,522	1,666
Outreach	270	471	686
Syphilis	1,309	1,415	1,500
Mycoplasma Genitalium	212	151	151
Herpes	385	356	263
Hepatitis C	75	83	67
Hepatitis B	69	82	104
Trichomoniasis	–	65	137
Mpox	–	5	11

Prevention	2022	2023	2024
PrEP visits	68*	111	128
Condoms distributed	7,370	10,600	over 12,000

*Clients regardless of number of visits

Patients seen in 2024: 1,074

Substance Use Prevention

Coalitions	2023	2024
Community-centered, evidence-based prevention (CCEBP) coalitions funded	4	9
Other community coalitions supported	9	8

Programming	2023	2024
Prevention program partners	30	30 programs
Clients served by partners	39,007	58,849*
Hours of programming completed	–	6,842
People trained in Substance Abuse Prevention Skills	80	38


Trainings Attended	2023	2024
CADCA Forum in Washington DC	–	13
SUD Fall Conference attendees	17	15
UPCA Prevention Summit attendees (includes staff and community members)	15	21

*clients served by multiple partners could be duplicated

Tobacco Prevention and Regulation

Prevention and Cessation	2022	2023	2024
Trainings to healthcare professionals	19	12	18
Total Participants	349	257	425
Providers who prescribe cessation medication	199	8	14
Prevention and cessation presentations	–	18	28
Total Participants		2,842	599
Businesses provided secondhand smoke education and/or signage	–	551	234
No-smoking stickers provided	–	–	441
Health fairs or events attended	–	18	22
Multiunit housing complaints addressed	29	16	65
Sales Regulation	2022	2023	2024
Tobacco retailers (general)	546	558	566
Tobacco retailers (specialty)	97	84	82
Compliance checks	1,190	1,053	1,053
Attempts	–	1,107	1,089
Inaccessible locations	–	54	36
Underage sales observed	128 (10.8% sales rate)	98 (9.3% sales rate)	55 (4.8% sales rate)
Product inspections	254*	86	243
Product violations	14*	4	12
UICAA complaints	52	86	70

*This component of the program was only operational for part of 2022



CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH

Vital Records

	2022	2023	2024
Births in SLCo	18,795	18,346	19,169
Deaths in SLCo	9,157	8,668	8,679
Stillborn/Fetal deaths in SLCo	101	140	120
Birth Certificates provided	39,039	36,796	34,685
Death Certificates provided	69,003	67,456	59,431
Certificates provided at no cost to people experiencing homelessness	1,165	1,195	1,207
Marriage or Divorce Abstracts provided	1,166	1,343	1,581
Amendments/Paternities processed	1,179	1,037	1,655



Water Quality

Drinking Water	2022	2023	2024
System inspections	16	11	15
Public complaints investigated	11	36	20
System consultations	4	23	3
Samples collected	152	56 fluoride 141 drinking water	56 fluoride 1 drinking water
Wastewater	2022	2023	2024
Subdivisions approved	280	256	253
Onsite systems in SLCo	7,607	7,627	7,643
Onsite systems approved	11	20	16
Onsite systems inspected	30	23	31
Swimming Pools	2022	2023	2024
Public pools in SLCo	1,291 (38 new this year)	1,326 (35 new this year)	1,356 (31 new this year)
Routine inspections	1,222	1,190	1,300
Public complaints investigated	89	58	39
Service requests from pool water samplers	903*	887*	566*
Pools closed	204	243	149
Water samples processed	6,144	6,630	4,822
Water samples failed	309 (5%)	227 (3.4%)	104 (2.2%)

*majority improper chlorine levels



WIC Women, Infants, and Children

Monthly averages of WIC clients with benefits	2022	2023	2024
Women	3,267	3,637	4,143
Infants	3,205	3,665	4,105
Children	7,444	8,289	9,208
Total	13,916	15,591	17,457

	2022	2023	2024
Monthly average of new clients enrolled in WIC	259	269	252
Food benefits redeemed annually	\$9,480,421	\$12,725,923	\$14,807,204

Facilities



Ellis R. Shipp Public Health Center
4535 South 5600 West
West Valley City, UT 84120



South Main Public Health Center
3690 South Main Street
South Salt Lake, UT 84115



Environmental Health
788 East Woodoak Lane
Murray, UT 84107



South Redwood Public Health Center
7971 South 1825 West
West Jordan, UT 84088



Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center
8805 South 700 West
Sandy, UT 84070



Southeast Public Health Center
9340 South 700 East
Sandy, UT 840705



Salt Lake Public Health Center
610 South 200 East
Salt Lake City, UT 84111





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