

Core Public Health Services Activity Summary

This is a snapshot of core service activity as reported by local health departments from Jan. 1, 2024 - Jun. 30, 2026

PORTER COUNTY

Population: 175,335

Total Number of Preventative Services Provided: 125,885

Access and Linkage to Clinical Care

Total Number of Services Provided: 24,119

Screening and Referrals (1,163)		1,163
Number of people screened for high blood pressure through local health department or partners		269
Number of people identified with undiagnosed high blood pressure through local health department or partners		27
Number of people screened with a hemoglobin A1c through local health department or partners		183
Number of people identified with elevated hemoglobin A1c		24
Number of people screened for diabetes risk factors through local health department or partners		181
Number of people referred to or enrolled in a diabetes prevention program		46
Number of people referred to or enrolled in a diabetes self-management education support program		30
Number of people screened for high cholesterol through local health department or partners		42
Number of people identified with high cholesterol		11
Number of people screened for BMI		226
Number of people referred to a weight treatment or obesity prevention program		53
Number of people identified as having a BMI over 30		37
Number of people referred for chronic disease preventative care		24
Number of people referred to a food assistance program		10
Programming (855)		855
Number of adults participating in nutrition and physical activity education programming		190
Number of seniors participating in nutrition and physical activity education programming		664
Number of cancer risk reduction and prevention programs provided by the LHD		1
Number of pediatric referrals for clinical care: (8)		8
Substance Use Disorder		1
Mental Health Services		5
General		2
Number of adults referrals for clinical care: (196)		196
Diabetes		1
HIV		5
Hepatitis		9
Syphilis		7
Chlamydia		6
Gonorrhea		7
Substance Use Disorder		43
Mental Health Services		30
General		29
Number of individuals referred to insurance navigation or Medicaid/Medicare		59
Other (21,897)		21,897
Other Services Provided:		
- Transportation provided to medical appointments (distributed bikes, provided referrals, scheduled ride service, etc.)		21,897
- Various referrals provided (medical assistance, vision services, food pantry, dental, etc.)		
- Adult hearing screenings conducted		

Child and Adult Immunizations

Total Number of Services Provided: 8,010

Number of children who received immunizations at the local health department or a contractor/partner of the LHD	4,111
Number of individuals connected with insurance navigation services	129
Number of adults who received immunizations at the LHD or a contractor/partner of the LHD	3,632
Number of vaccination clinics held off-site of primary LHD location	133
Other (5)	5
Other Services Provided:	
- Social media advertisements for immunizations and Smart Start	5

Childhood Lead Screening and Case Management

Total Number of Services Provided: 847

Testing (281)		281
Number of children tested for blood lead level		179
Number of children identified with an elevated blood lead level (EBLL) above 3.5 µg/dL		45
Number of children identified with an EBLL for whom case management was started		37
Number of children with an EBLL who were referred to developmental resource services (Head Start, etc.)		20
Home Services (31)		31
Number of homes of children with EBLLs at which the LHD was able to conduct a risk assessment		8
Number of children identified with an EBLL whose homes had an identified lead hazard		4
Number of individuals connected with financial assistance for home lead remediation services		1
Number of families provided lead cleaning supplies		18
Education (423)		423
Number of families provided lead education		374

Number of health care providers or early childhood providers given lead testing/lead reduction education	49
Other (112)	112
Other Services Provided: - Blood lead tests performed - Off-site testing for children	112
Chronic Disease Prevention and Reduction	
Total Number of Services Provided: 4,855	
Screening and Referrals (2,199)	2,199
Number of people screened for high blood pressure through local health department or partners	592
Number of people identified with undiagnosed high blood pressure through local health department or partners	107
Number of people screened with a hemoglobin A1c through local health department or partners	314
Number of people identified with elevated hemoglobin A1c	60
Number of people screened for diabetes risk factors through local health department or partners	372
Number of people referred to or enrolled in a diabetes prevention program	139
Number of people referred to or enrolled in a diabetes self-management education support program	74
Number of people screened for high cholesterol through local health department or partners	42
Number of people identified with high cholesterol	11
Number of people screened for BMI	332
Number of people referred to a weight treatment or obesity prevention program	98
Number of people identified as having a BMI over 30	58
Programming (1,623)	1,623
Number of adults participating in nutrition and physical activity education programming	656
Number of seniors participating in nutrition and physical activity education programming	963
Number of cancer risk reduction and prevention programs provided by the LHD	4
Other (1,033)	1,033
Other Services Provided: - Referral to medication assistance program - Medication assistance - Rock Steady Boxing classes offered in partnership with Portage YMCA - Various social media advertising (lung cancer, diabetes, breast cancer, prostate cancer, etc.) - Blood pressure self-monitoring support & prediabetes education	1,033
Emergency Preparedness	
Total Number of Services Provided: 144	
Number of individuals that received medical countermeasure (vaccine, test, service) during public health related outbreak or emergency	8
Number of emergency preparedness drills/exercises conducted between LHD and other preparedness partners	41
Other (95)	95
Other Services Provided: - Various meetings/trainings attended (communications drill, bombing response training, pipeline safety training, etc.)	95
Fatality Review (Child, Infant, Fetal, Suicide, Overdose)	
Total Number of Services Provided: 4,156	
Equipment/Resources (890)	890
Number of people provided with infant safe sleep education, including families and professionals	395
Number of infant sleep sacks provided to families	331
Number of portable cribs provided to families	3
Number of firearm locks provided to families	161
Education (2,557)	2,557
Number of people trained in an evidence-based suicide prevention training (QPR, ASIST, MHFA, etc.)	154
Number of people educated about 988 and crisis resources	2,403
Referrals/Screenings (11)	11
Number of Handle with Care (HWC) referrals (if HWC present in county)	10
Number of individuals connected to grief and bereavement resources	1
Community Support (12)	12
Number of schools in county with evidence-based anti-bullying programs and groups that support student mental health (e.g., Bring Change to Mind)	10
Number of certified peer recovery coaches in county with support of LHD	2
Other (686)	686
Other Services Provided: - PCHD Summer Kickoff to Health & Wellness Fair - Social media education and outreach (suicide prevention, safe sleep & SIDS)	686
Infectious Disease Prevention and Control	
Total Number of Services Provided: 4,967	
Disease Prevention and Control (110)	110
Number of outbreaks (or suspected outbreaks) that were investigated	103
Number of outbreaks (or suspected outbreaks) in which the pathogen responsible for the outbreak was identified if known	6
Number of vaccinations given due to disease investigation interviews (e.g., HAV, HBV)	1
Testing (2,868)	2,868
Number of people provided HIV testing	625
Number of people provided Hepatitis C testing	501
Number of people provided Syphilis testing	588
Number of people provided Chlamydia testing	577
Number of people provided Gonorrhea testing	577

Referrals and Treatment (219)		219
Number of referrals to counseling and/or care for HIV		8
Number of referrals to counseling and/or care for Hepatitis		24
Number of referrals to counseling and/or care for Syphilis		29
Number of referrals to counseling and/or care for Chlamydia		43
Number of referrals to counseling and/or care for Gonorrhea		24
Number of individuals treated for HCV/HIV/STI (not including Syphilis)		48
Number of individuals treated for Syphilis		43
Community Outreach (671)		671
Number of people educated on HIV/HCV/STI		671
Other (1,099)		1,099
Other Services Provided:		1,099
- Communicable disease screenings/follow-up		
- HIV/STI testing, treatment, & education		
- Animal bite investigations and referrals for prophylaxis		
- Management of open communicable disease cases		
- Social media education on safe sex		
Maternal and Child Health		
Total Number of Services Provided: 8,576		
Prenatal Services (up to time of delivery) (145)		145
Number of pregnancy tests provided		26
Number of women referred to prenatal care		7
Number of women provided prenatal services - Syphilis testing		22
Number of women provided prenatal services - HIV testing		23
Number of women provided prenatal services - Hepatitis C testing		23
Number of women provided prenatal services - Chlamydia testing		15
Number of women provided prenatal services - Gonorrhea testing		3
Number of women provided prenatal services - Mental health/substance use disorder services		1
Number of women provided prenatal services - Immunizations, such as RSV and Tdap		25
Postpartum Services (following delivery) (4)		4
Number of people provided with parenting classes/education		2
Number of families referred to childcare assistance (such as CCDF program)		2
Health and Safety Services (1,816)		1,816
Number of people receiving child car safety seats		51
Number of child car safety seats provided		54
Number of car safety seat inspections provided		112
Number of people provided safe sleep education		247
Number of people receiving sleep sacks		299
Number of cribs provided by LHD or partner		1
Number of period products distributed		1,052
Community Assistance (39)		39
Number of referrals to housing supports or resources		6
Number of families screened or referred to developmental services, such as First Steps		8
Number of families receiving home visiting services, such as a home visiting program		1
Number of families referred to home visiting services, such as a home visiting program		3
Number of families referred to an insurance navigator or Medicaid		21
Contraception/STIs (674)		674
Number of people provided contraceptive education		338
Number of women tested for STIs/HIV		276
Number of women referred for STI/HIV treatment		33
Number of women treated for STIs/HIV		27
Food and Nutrition (67)		67
Number of women referred to WIC		32
Number of families referred or connected to local food pantries		35
Other (5,831)		5,831
Other Services Provided:		5,831
- Distribution of child and infant supplies (diapers, wipes, sanitary pads, backpack snacks)		
- Referrals for childcare, baby items, and car seat services		
- Social media education on safe sleep		
- Safe Sitter classes		
Student Health/School Health Liaison		
Total Number of Services Provided: 26,764		
Screenings (1,631)		1,631
Number of children receiving vision screening through support of liaison		55
Number of children receiving hearing screening through support of liaison		464
Number of children receiving oral health screening through support of liaison		1,112
Education (89)		89
Number of schools requesting support with mental health education, resources through school liaison		79
Number of schools in county with supported evidence-based anti-bullying programs and groups that support student mental health (e.g., Bring Change to Mind)		10
Number of schools partnering with school liaisons to provide health promotion and education for: (89)		89
Trauma and Injury Prevention		40

Nutrition	15
Child Safety Topics - Car Seat Safety	4
Child Safety Topics - Bicycle/bike helmet safety	1
Child Safety Topics - Water Safety	28
Child Safety Topics - First Aid	1
Number of schools receiving emergency preparedness education (staff and students): (438)	438
Stop the Bleed	11
CPR	9
Overdose/naloxone	418
Equipment / Supplies (82)	82
Number of Stop the Bleed kits distributed through school liaisons	75
Number of schools who received other public health-related equipment from their LHD (such as vision screeners, etc.)	7
LHD Support (1,615)	1,615
Number of schools stocking emergency medications through LHD/school liaison - Albuterol	98
Number of schools stocking emergency medications through LHD/school liaison - Epinephrine	28
Number of schools stocking emergency medications through LHD/school liaison - Naloxone	964
Number of immunizations given at LHD/Liaison clinics for students/staff	525
Number of student support initiatives provided by school (or county) with support of LHD/school liaison: (8,644)	8,644
Clothing Closets	1
Hygiene Supplies	22
Feminine Hygiene Supplies	30
Weekend Food Bags	8,591
Tobacco and Vaping Prevention and Cessation (9,926)	9,926
Number of schools providing vaping prevention education through local health department/school liaison	47
Number of school staff who have been trained to provide tobacco education	8
Number of schools providing nicotine dependence/tobacco treatment resources through local health department/school liaison	16
Number of schools with supportive discipline/alternative to suspension policies through LHD/school liaison	28
Number of youth provided education on the harms of vaping/tobacco	9,435
Number of individuals age 13-17 years referred to Indiana Tobacco Quitline/Quit Now/Live Vape Free Indiana or other cessation resource	392
Other (4,250)	4,250
Other Services Provided: - Backpack snack program - Performed heart screenings & physicals - Dental training - Provided lice supplies	4,250
Trauma and Injury Prevention and Education	
Total Number of Services Provided: 7,092	
Training/Education (2,271)	2,271
Number of people receiving Stop the Bleed training	149
Number of people receiving CPR training	1,077
Number of people educated or trained on water safety (including swim lessons)	228
Number of people educated about brain injury risks and safety practices	4
Number of people educated in fall prevention and home remedied for fall risks	57
Number of people educated and/or trained on substance use prevention	167
Number of people educated and/or trained on mental health and suicide prevention	285
Number of seniors participating in activities related to fall prevention	303
Number of certified peer recovery coaches in county with support of LHD	1
Equipment (1,053)	1,053
Number of child car seats distributed	49
Number of bicycle helmets distributed	139
Number of firearm locks provided to families	156
Number of people provided with infant safe sleep education, including families and professionals	318
Number of infant sleep sacks provided to families	389
Number of portable cribs provided to families	2
Referrals (65)	65
Number of people referred/linked to substance use/mental health treatment	65
Other (3,703)	3,703
Other Services Provided: - First responder mental health training - Safe medication disposal - Distributed harm reduction kits - Various referrals provided (housing assistance and repair, employment, senior assistance, food pantries, clothing, etc.) - Seasonal Affective Disorder & Impaired Driving Prevention education	3,703
Tuberculosis (TB) Prevention and Case Management	
Total Number of Services Provided: 3,570	
Number of people provided TB testing (IGRA or TST)	1,729
Number of people provided treatment for latent TB infection (LTBI)	118
Number of people provided treatment for TB disease	19
Number of people provided Directly Observed Therapy (DOT) services	18
Number of people educated on TB	1,547
Number of people with a Class B1 TB designation served	49

Number of referrals to wraparound services	10
Other (80)	80
Other Services Provided: - Social media education on TB	80
Vital Records	
Total Number of Services Provided: 32,785	
Certificates (32,750)	32,750
Number of birth certificates issued by the LHD within jurisdiction	8,369
Number of death certificates issued by the LHD within jurisdiction	24,381
Number of other vital record services performed (35)	35
Genealogy - (Number of people's records researched)	6
Paternity - (All Types)	27
Court Ordered Change	2

Notes:
- This report contains data pertaining to preventative core services as reported by local health departments in the activity tracker from 1/1/2024-6/30/2026. - Vital Records only reflects services provided from 1/1/2025-6/30/2026. - Data pertaining to youth/schools that were previously listed under the Tobacco Prevention and Cessation core service prior to July 2025 have been moved to Student Health/School Health Liaison. - Calculations focused on number of services provided summing the subfields when data was available; when unavailable, the number of unique individuals served was used. - Changes to these data and/or associated collection methods may affect the comparability of counts to previous or future reports. - Reported counts may also contain duplications of unique individuals and activities. - Population data are based on the 2023 U.S. Bureau of Census estimate population counts for Indiana and its county populations.
Data is current as of 7/6/2026