

# Grant County Health Department 2023



*“Prevent, Promote, Protect”*

*the health of our citizens and the community where we live,  
learn, work, and play.*

## Annual Report

**GRANT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION**

**2023 ANNUAL REPORT**

Authored by Jeff Couch

The Environmental Division strives to promote and maintain a healthy environment for the residents and communities of Grant County.

Our responsibilities include overseeing the application, permitting and installation processes for residential on-site sewage systems. We review on-site soil surveys submitted by Certified Soil Scientists, develop minimum requirements for each system, review submitted construction plans, complete pre-permit site verifications and inspect all systems upon installation.

We investigate environmental complaints involving contamination of surface water, reports of diseases caused by water-borne pathogens, reports of animal bites, hazardous material spills which pose a threat to public health, unfit housing in the county, hotels, as well as many other miscellaneous environmental concerns.

We regulate the operation of tattoo studios as well as public and semi-public swimming pools and spas in the county and conduct public workshops for community awareness sessions.

The Environmental Division also works closely with Grant County Area Plan to assist the residents of Grant County to obtain permits for their construction needs as well as to investigate complaints involving multiple issues.

In addition, we coordinate and work closely with the Marion City Building Inspectors, Marion Police Department, Grant County Sheriff's Department, Indiana State Police, Child Protective Services, Adult Protective Services, assisted living facilities as well as Grant County EMA.

## BREAKDOWN of SERVICES

<b>SERVICES</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Applications/Soil Reports Processed	62	87
Septic Permits Issued	63	68
New Septic Sites	23	29
Septic Replacement Systems	33	31
Septic System Repairs	8	5
Commercial Sites	0	0
Septic Site Layout Inspections	60	62
Septic System Inspections	82	102
Septic Problem Assistance	3	4
Assistance with Contractor/or homeowner	12	19
Assistance with Soil Scientist	17	10
Wetness Check	21	7
Difficult sites with State Assistance	3	6
Dye Test	7	2
Area Plan Approval Letters	72	7
Bed Bugs	4	2
Clandestine Labs	0	0
Cockroaches	8	5
Follow Up Complaint	123	105
Mold	21	14
Public/Semi Public Pool Inspections	10	15

## Breakdowns and Totals Continued:

<b>Services</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Sewage	27	26
Tattoo Establishments Inspections	14	7
Unfit Housing/ Housing	55	43
Housing posted uninhabitable	21	20

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### **Animal Bite Reports**

Bat	2	1
Cat	38	23
Dog	119	107
Human	0	1
Mouse	0	1
Monkey	1	0
Pig	1	0
Raccoon	1	0
Rat	3	1
Squirrel	1	0
Bats Shipped to State Lab	9	0

**Revenue****2023****2022****Septic Permits**

New	\$3,600	\$4,350
Replacement	\$4,000	\$4,000
Repair Only	\$300	\$350
Installer Registration	\$690	\$480
Certification Test	\$225	\$150

**Tattoo Parlors**

Establishment (License)	\$900	\$1200
Tattoo Individual (License)	\$600	\$360
Tattoo/Piercing (License)	\$420	\$180
Late Fees	\$50	\$300

**Total Revenue****\$10,785****\$11,370**

## MEETING/TRAININGS

2023

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Indiana Environmental Health Association Meetings (Monthly)

Indiana Environmental Health Association (Fall Conference)

LEPC (Monthly)

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### Certifications

ATL System	Jeff Couch	Doug Meeks
IOWPA Certificate	Jeff Couch	Doug Meeks
Presby System	Jeff Couch	Doug Meeks
Narcan	Jeff Couch	
Eljen Training	Jeff Couch	

## GCHD – ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION

The Environmental Division of the Grant County Health Department continues to receive numerous housing complaints. Many complaints are concerning mold, roach infestations, hoarding, and sewage leaks among other issues. It has proven difficult at times to get homeowners and landlords to take the necessary steps to correct violations. Clandestine Labs (Meth houses) in Grant County continue to be down, but other illicit drugs are steadily on the rise.

On July 1st, 2023, House Bill 1402 voided all septic ordinances across the 92 counties in the state. The Environmental Division is working on a new ordinance to be passed in the earliest capacity possible. This process will be long and tedious due to the requirement of review and approval from a Technical Review Panel (appointed by IDOH) before the ordinance can go into effect.

Doug Meeks resigned his position with the Health Department in June. Cassie Leech joined our team in September and is quickly learning all things Environmental Division.

We in the Environmental Division look forward to another productive year in 2024; continuing to stay current with the newest technologies and proactive in all areas of our healthy environment for the citizens of Grant County by maintaining high standards in all areas that we inspect, while abiding by the County Ordinance, State Rules/Regulations, coordination and working with other agencies.

**We are asking everyone to respect our environment, because it is the *only one* we will ever have.**





Inspector Dean

# GRANT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOOD DIVISION

## 2023 Annual Report



Inspector April

Dean Small

April Legare

Lesa Dillion – Secretary

We are pleased to submit the annual report of our past year's accomplishments within the food division. We encourage the community to take a moment to read our annual report, sharing information about the important work the food division does to assure food safety success in Grant County. Featuring in detail the duties and services executed in 2023.

### ***Duties executed by the Food Safety Inspection Officers (FSIO's)***

Inspect and advise entities about the sanitation requirements for restaurants, taverns, Marion General Hospital, schools, bed & breakfast, convenience and grocery stores, farmer markets, refrigeration trucks, mobile food trucks/vans, Micro Markets and concession stands at fairs and festivals throughout Grant County.

Both FSIO's issue food licenses to profit and non-profit entities, investigate food-borne illness cases and other complaints which may require the submission of food and/or fecal samples to the Indiana State Department of Health or a local lab (including water samples). Additionally, the FSIO's coordinate and facilitate educational presentations and trainings upon request from establishments, organizations, and the community.

### ***Memberships/Certifications***

- 1) Dean and April are both endorsed as Certified Food Handlers.
- 2) The FSIO's are members of the Indiana Environmental Health Association NE Chapter. (IEHA)
- 3) Dean is a member of the LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Commission-Grant County)
- 4) Dean is a member of the HCC (Health Care Coalition-ISDH)
- 5) Dean is Assistant Preparedness Coordinator and active in preparedness.

### ***Services conducted in 2023:***

**\*License Issued** –563 which includes Brick & Mortar / mobile vendors / Non-Profits serving public 15 days a year.

**\*Inspections** – approximately 770 and over half these were done with one inspector. (Does not reflect all complaints, follow ups, power outages, plan reviews, walk-thru).

**Follow-up inspections** – Total approximately 5% (up from 2022). I want to believe this is reflected in the constant change in employees.

**Complaints-** approximately 125 (many are what we believe to be disgruntled employees)

**Warning Letters** – 1

**Closed Facilities** – 10 (up from 2021)

**Hepatitis A Case – 0**

**Plan Reviews –3**

***Consultations/Walk-Thru Inspections – 24 (decrease from 2022)***

***Civil Penalties per Food/County Code Fines-6 (increase from 2022)***

***New Facilities*** –Roxie’s Café, Freshens & Zondy’s Coffee (located inside Taylor University), Jack’s Donuts / Pizza King, Club Bingo, Momma’s Market, Tha Taste, Paleteria La Micheaona #2, Neveria Tropical, Neon Moon Bar, The Green Bar, Imagine Burgers, Gas City Oil

***Closed Facilities*** – Fraternal Order of Eagles, Poppys Donuts, Reginas Gourmet Hot Dogs, Walgreens South, Arrow Nutrition, Sender Café, Brenda’s Bed & Breakfast, The Green Bar, Taco’s No Mas & Central Perk

***Fires, Floods, and Power Outages – (January thru December)***

Fires- 2 (same as 2022)

Power Outages- 0

No Water- 1

Boil Advisory- 2

Floods- 1

Water Samples Failed-0

**Approximately 30+ phone complaints/questions monthly (not recorded)**

**USDA FOOD PROGRAMS MONITORED for the STATE**

***\*2023 Fairs & Festivals***

*Hive Mind Market – in Marion (Spring & Fall)*

*Autism Awareness Day in Gas City (April)*

*Spotted Cow – IWU (April)*

*Music Festival-IWU (April)*

*Earth Days at Matter Park (April)*

*Mama Pearson’s (Spring & Fall event)*

*Blush Beauty Bar – Fairmount (May)*

Great American Car Show at Matter Park (May)

Gas City First Fridays (May, June, July & Aug)

Concerts in the park – Gas City (June, July, Aug, Sept)

Concerts in the park – Fairmount (June, July, Aug)

Concerts in the park – Marion (June, July, Aug, Sept)

Abate Hog Roast (June)

Strawberry Festival in Upland (June)

James Dean Spring Car Show in Fairmount (June)

Grains & Grill French Market in Fairmount (June)

Grant County 4-H Fair, (June)

4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration in Marion, Gas City, Fairmount (July)

Swayzee Farm Days (July)

Popcorn Festival in Van Buren (August)

Labor Day Celebration in Upland (September)

Labor Day Celebration in Gas City (September)

Matthews Covered Bridge Festival (September)

James Dean in Fairmount (September)

Ducktail Run in Gas City (September)

River Bike Rally in Jonesboro (September)

Boo Bash in Gas City (October)

Mississinewa 1812 (October)

Gas City Lights Parade (November)

***\*Farmer's Market Inspections***

Courthouse Square

Upland Train Depot

Gas City- Former Good Neighbor Pharmacy parking lot

Fairmount-Grain / Grill parking lot

***Continuing Education for Inspectors***

IEHA monthly meetings- (Jan-June & Sept-Dec)

IEHA / ISDH/PREPAREDNESS Educational Seminars (April & September) Preparedness COVID19

Preparedness District 6 Meetings (monthly)

Preparedness 800 Radio Drills (semiannual)

ICS Courses

LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Commission) (Quarterly)

Pipeline seminar-Preparedness

Mississinewa 1812 vendor training (July)

***\*Additional Information***

Challenges for the food service industry in retaining employees is an ongoing situation. Various restaurants have either cut back on their hours or closed some shifts to help offset the shortage.

The foods division brought in \$53,990.00 in revenue through licensing fees.

**Respectfully,**

*Dean Small & April Legare*

# GCHD – Nursing Division

Annual Report 2023

**PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING**

Authored by: Jane Hampton, RN

**GCHD – Nursing Division**

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Annual Report 2023

The following report reflects services provided by the Nursing Division to the community. Our primary goal is to continue to improve public health by providing health education, immunizations, affordable, friendly, and convenient services to residents of Grant County.

Each staff member plays a vital role in the day-to-day functions of the Nursing Division. Teamwork is one of our strengths. We all work well together. Please find a list of our Staff Members below:

- Dr. Brenda K. Woods MD FAAFP.....County Health Officer
- Jane Hampton, RN..... Public Health Nurse/Manager
- Diedre Hamilton, LPN.....Communicable Disease Nurse
- Beverly Penrod, RN.....Public Health Nurse
- Deidre Miller..... Receptionist/Billing

Covid-19 Clinic Vaccinators, Part-time:

- Nancy Spencer, RN
- Patti Sultz, RN

**IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM-BILLING**

**Immunizations**

The Nursing Division offers all vaccines recommended by the CDC in our Vaccines for Children (VFC) inventory, as is required of VFC providers. This program makes vaccines available to families which could not afford to pay for vaccines on their own, including those with children on Medicaid, those who do not have insurance to cover the cost of vaccines, and American Indians or Alaska Natives. This program has allowed us to meet the vaccination needs of a significant part of our county residents.

However, in recent years, our ability to stock recommended vaccines for those who have private insurance has been very limited. There have been two reasons for this. First, the vaccines needed to be purchased by the department ahead of time, in boxes with multiple vaccines, at great expense, with no assurance that they would be used before they expired. Secondly, in order to provide vaccines to those with private insurance, our office had to be able to bill the insurance companies. Each company requires an individual accreditation, and each accreditation requires a great deal of time and paperwork. Our office’s slight staff severely limited this service, as well.

## **Billing**

In March 2023, we entered a partnership which answered both of these issues. VaxCare provides a complete inventory of vaccines for those who are privately insured, and they provide billing services to almost all insurance companies. The result is that this year, we have been able to offer all needed vaccines to almost all residents of the county. This has been extremely important as the Covid-19 pandemic funding stopped supplying vaccinations free of charge. At the same time, the demand for shingles and RSV vaccines for senior citizens has increased greatly. Our health department has benefitted from VaxCare's services at no financial cost to us. In fact, because VaxCare pays us the administration fee they collect for each vaccine administered, and because we are now administering significantly more vaccines than before, we are taking in more money than before we had this service.

## **Hepatitis B Vaccine**

- ❖ The Adult Grant has updated to a Heplisav-b which is a 2-dose series.

## **Pneumonia Vaccine**

- ❖ Per CDC Recommendations, we now administer Pneumococcal 20-Valent Conjugate Vaccine (PCV20 dose) to those who would formerly receive the PCV 23 dose.

## **Covid-19 Vaccination**

Covid-19 vaccinations and boosters have continued throughout this year, with the demand varying widely. We finished 2023 vaccination clinics in the first two weeks of January 2024, as the demand decreased dramatically. When the 2023-24 formulation of the Covid-19 vaccination was approved in September, there was enormous public interest, and we prepared for hundreds to be vaccinated. However, having the vaccines supplied by private systems, rather than the government emergency management system, meant that our vaccines did not arrive in Marion until November 1<sup>st</sup>, and much of the demand had been met through private pharmacies, by that time. We offered walk-in flu and covid-19 vaccinations on Thursdays through the end of the year.

We continue to offer extended office hours during our busy vaccination months, and these have been much appreciated by those we serve.

Most importantly, at the request of caregivers, we were able to go to private homes to vaccinate several homebound residents for Flu and Covid-19.

Again, this year, we have conducted off-site flu vaccination clinics at several locations, including:

Auto Owners' Insurance 9/26/2023  
Bridges to Health 10/2-10/3/23  
World Gospel Mission 10/6/2023  
Marion City Schools 10/6/2023  
Marion City Utilities 10/10/2023  
Butterworth Industries 10/24/2023  
Bruner Dental Services 11/1/2023  
Suite Living 11/4  
Paddock View Residential Care 12/01/2023

### **Political Asylum/Refugees**

We have had an increase in patients needing immunizations as well as TB tests for immigration requirements. These patients have entered the United States as Political Asylum seekers and refugees. The language barrier has made treating these patients challenging. In fact, we have run into translation issues in dealing with lead poisoning case investigations, as well. We began exploring options for using a translation service.

### **Nursing Division Programs/Activities**

#### **Health Fairs**

We have provided educational materials and awareness to the community by having tables at three events in 2023. We manned tables at the Walk This Way opioid overdose awareness event on 8/31/23, Allen Community Elementary School on September 21, 2023, and Mississinewa High School on 12/09/2023. Many educational materials were distributed, and questions answered, during these events.

#### **Lead Testing**

The open case investigations for elevated lead blood levels in Grant County has remained fairly steady. The case investigations that I am still monitoring have been more complicated than in the past, involving children who have shared guardianship, which necessitates two different home visits in order to give education to both parents/caregivers involved in the child's lead level management. Capillary blood testing is offered at our offices and advertised in our waiting rooms, though more interest is expressed than is acted upon. One county case of lead poisoning was serious enough to require chelation therapy at Riley Children's hospital.

## **Naloxone Distribution and Training**

Our Health Department again received a grant for Naloxone in a nasal spray format. This is a medication which blocks the results of opioids in the system, and its availability has been critical in helping to address opioid overdoses in our county to the following organizations:

Bridges to Health  
Marion Fire Department  
Swayzee Police  
IWU Police Department  
Grant County Sheriff's Department  
Jonesboro Police Department  
Upland Police Department  
Upland Fire Department  
Grant County Rescue Mission  
Grant County EMS

We are listed on the IDOH website as a place to receive Narcan training and kits.

## **School Nurse Support**

Our department plays a role in supporting our county's school nurses. We fielded questions about vaccination status and requirements We assisted in entering historical vaccination information. We answered questions about infectious diseases, and we searched out resources to meet student needs. At the end of the 2022-2023 school year, all the county school nurses were invited to an afternoon tea/ informational session. One web meeting was organized in the fall as well.

## **Committee Participation**

As a department, we have representation on several strategic county committees, including attendance and participation on these:

- Suicide and Overdose Fatality Review Committee (Monthly)
- Child Fatality Review Committee (as needed)
- Community Opioid Response Endeavor (CORE) (Monthly)
- Local Emergency Planning Committee- every other month
- Grant County Association of Social Services Agencies-monthly



## **HEALTH DEPT. NURSING STAFF TRAININGS/MEETINGS**

We continue to precept senior Indiana Wesleyan University nursing students. This year, two students completed class requirements for a Public Health course in our office.

We continue to take advantage of training, connecting, and meeting opportunities online, including:

- Weekly IDOH briefings/education sessions of Local Health Departments
- Every other week IDOH briefings/education sessions of School Leaders
- CDC online courses on TB, Infectious Disease Prevention and Lead

We have been able to attend some live conferences and training, as well, including:

- Public Health Nurse Conference (June28-29) Beverly, Diedre, and Jane
- Indiana Immunization Quality Improvement Plan (February, April, September)
- Local Health Nurse Meetings in Wabash County (July-Beverly),
- New Public Health Nurse Orientation (December-Beverly)
- Live Real Time Emergency Exercise (September) Gas City
- Rapid HIV and Hepatitis Testing Course (November) Diedre & Beverly

## **COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORT- Diedre Hamilton, LPN**

As the Communicable Disease Nurse, I continue to do the case investigations on reportable conditions in our county. Hepatitis C continues to be at the top of the list of communicable diseases in Grant County and is largely due to IV Drug use.

Campylobacteriosis	4
Candida auris (clinical)	2
Candida auris (colonization)	1
Carbapenemase-producing organisms (CPO), Clinical	2
Coccidioidomycosis	1
Cryptosporidiosis	5
Giardia	0
Haemophilus influenzae, invasive*	4
Hepatitis A (acute)	1
Hepatitis B (chronic)	14
Hepatitis B (acute)	7
Hepatitis C (past or present)	65
Hepatitis C (acute)	4
Histoplasmosis	5
Influenza-Associated Death	1
Latent Tuberculosis Infection	6
Legionellosis	4
Lyme Disease	2
Mumps*	2
Pertussis*	1
Salmonellosis (excluding S. Typhi & S. paratyphi)	8
Strep pneumoniae, invasive*	12
Streptococcal disease, invasive Group A	13
VISA	1
Varicella (Chickenpox)*	6
Yersiniosis	1
Total Investigations	172

I also do the STD testing, which at this time consists of Gonorrhea and Chlamydia, as those are the ones we are able to treat here through a state funded program. If testing or treatment beyond this is needed, we contact Madison County as they are in our district and have Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) division that are able to come to our office to treat patients.

On November 13<sup>th</sup> Beverly Penrod and I attended training with the HIV, STD & Viral Hepatitis Division, which was held in Henry County. The focus of the training was on rapid HIV and Hepatitis testing, which we would like to offer at some point in the future.

In addition to my other duties, I am the TB/LTBI Nurse for the Grant County Health Department. I do the case investigations, arrange treatment and ensure treatment completion,

### **TB Program**

➤ We offer TB skin tests for \$10.00. We continue to be a low-cost option for students and employees who are required to have this test every year. In efforts to help accommodate businesses within the community, we travel and administer employee TB testing on site when requested.

❖ Total given: 463

#### **We follow IDOH protocol when taking care of active TB patients which includes giving medications by way of DOT**

➤ If a patient has a positive Tuberculosis (TB) skin test, the next step is to order a Chest X-ray. If the X-ray is negative, then it is considered “Latent Tuberculosis Infection” or LTBI. The ISDH provides free treatment for all LTBI patients. The Rx meds are ordered through Purdue University then distributed and followed up on by the Health Department. Due to current medication shortages the only treatment for LTBI through the state and PUP is Rifampin, known as 4R, which equals 120 doses.

❖ Total cases/reports

- 0 Active TB patient
  - 0 DOT therapy
- 23 LTBI patients
  - 10 LTBI declined treatment
  - 11 LTBI treated
- 2 lost to contact

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Hampton, RN



Grant County Health Department  
Vital Records Division  
2023 Annual Report



Morgan Lee – Lesa Dillon – Tara Street

As COVID-19 slowly tapered off, we found ourselves drifting back into normalcy for 2023. In-person conferences have since resumed, and we are back on track. Tara and Morgan attended the IVRA Spring Conference in Fort Wayne on April 28<sup>th</sup>. There we were able to go over legislation, ask questions, and collaborate with other vital records divisions. Tara also attended the IVRA Fall Conference in Florence, IN on October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. There she was able to meet the new state registrar Larry Ervin.

Early in 2023, it was announced that House Bill 1457 would be going into effect beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. This legislation allows a local health officer to issue a birth, death, or stillbirth certificate from the electronic registration system (DRIVE) regardless of the location of the filing of the record, meaning, local health departments can issue out of county certificates. This legislation was met with great opposition from numerous health departments (mainly larger ones). Some have complained that DRIVE (Digital Registration of Indiana Vital Events) is not functioning properly, and some have even argued that records should not be shared amongst other counties. At the May 15<sup>th</sup> Health Board meeting, Morgan presented the legislation and proposed issuance of out of county death certificates since the inception of DRIVE (January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021). We chose to only issue from this time frame to eliminate any chance for errors. Prior to 2021, there could be missing information on the records that wasn't transferred over when the state switched to DRIVE. Morgan's proposal was approved, and vital records began allowing issuance starting July 1<sup>st</sup>. Since doing so, it has tremendously helped our local funeral homes and our citizens, making it so much easier and convenient to get their loved one's certificates.

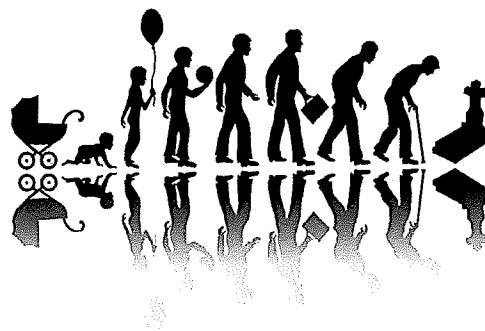
42% of births from Grant County residents occurred outside of the county and 28% of deaths also occurred outside of the county. These percentages are high and further explain the need for us to be able to issue all certificates regardless of the filing of the record. We are excited to be able to help our citizens get the most efficient service without having to travel to another county for their records.

For the year of 2023, the overdose death rate ran right with the number from 2022. We did notice that the suicide rate for 2023 is the highest it has been in the past 6 years, which is highly concerning. We have included a table to better compare the totals over the past few years.

	Fatal Overdose	Suicide
2023	35	24
2022	36	7
2021	52	17
2020	29	6
2019	12	6
2018	23	12
2017	26	14

Lesa continues to work part-time in the Vital Records Division to cover the office during absences of full-time staff due to vacations, trainings, meetings and illness. This allows the vital records office to remain open during times that it would otherwise have to be closed. Lesa also assists the Food's Division with filing, mailings, and many clerical duties. This position is funded through the Indiana Local Health Maintenance Fund Grant.

The Vital Records Division took in \$113,524 in 2023. Indiana Code requires that \$2.50 for each certified death certificate issued, be deposited into the Indiana Coroners Continuing Education Fund. The deposit for 2023 was \$9,987.75.





## 2023 BIRTH STATISTICS



Total Births Registered 413

Legitimate 137

Illegitimate 276

Males 207

Females 206

Home Births 6

Twins 4 sets

There were 4 Fetal Deaths for the Year of 2023

Paternity Affidavits Filed: By Hospital at Time of Birth 205

At Health Department 9

Certified Copies of Paternity Affidavits Issued 57

Affidavit of Amendment Processed 7

Court Order Determining Parentage Processed 18

Court Ordered Legal Change of Name Processed 19

Court Ordered Gender Change to Birth Record Processed 2

Corrections by Notification Processed 6

Adoptions Processed 61

Certified Birth Certificates Issued 3,009

Birth Certificate Protective Plastic Sleeves Sold 506

Birth Verifications 3

Birth Certificates sent to D.C.S. 13



## 2023 DEATH STATISTICS



Total Deaths Registered	766
Fetal Deaths	4
Neonatal Deaths (Birth to 1 Month)	0
Infant Deaths (1 Month to 1 Year)	1
Children 1 to 9 Years of Age	1
Adolescents 10 to 19 Years of Age	2
Adults 20 to 29 Years of Age	21
30 to 39 Years of Age	30
40 to 49 Years of Age	33
50 to 59 Years of Age	78
60 to 69 Years of Age	142
70 to 79 Years of Age	151
80 to 89 Years of Age	204
90 to 99 Years of Age	89
100 Years of Age and Older	10
Total Certified Death Certificates Issued	4,300
Government Copies of Certified Death Certificates Issued	39
Death Verifications Provided to VANIHCS	172

## Coroner Cases

Accident*	48
Homicide	8
Natural Causes	191
Suicide	24
SIDS	0
<u>Undetermined**</u>	<u>5</u>
TOTAL	276



\* 34 of these accidents were related to self-inflicted drug overdoses, 12 were related to motor vehicle accidents and the last remaining accident was a fetal death due to maternal drug intoxication.

\*\*For the year 2023, there were 5 undetermined causes of death. When a death is undetermined, either no cause of death could be found or the manner of death could not be deemed an accident, suicide, homicide, or natural. These deaths range from adults 29 to 71 years old. The causes of death range from smoke/soot inhalation, hypoxic brain injury, fentanyl and other drug intoxications.



## Genealogy

Record Searches Requested:

Walk-In 9

E-Mail 5

Mail 1