

2024 ANNUAL REPORT





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FROM THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER



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As we look back on the progress made throughout 2024, it is with great pride and gratitude that I share the Detroit Health Department's Annual Report. Our work continued to center around the residents we serve, prioritizing their health and well-being to create a stronger, healthier community. This year, we made significant strides in public health, building upon our legacy of resilience and growth.

Despite the unforeseen challenges, we have seen tangible improvements, especially in reaching vulnerable populations. Through innovation, collaboration, and dedication, we have achieved substantial advancements in tackling health disparities across the city.

One of our major achievements this year has been the launch of our Rides to Care service, an initiative designed to eliminate transportation barriers to healthcare. Through this program, Detroit women who are pregnant and caregivers of infants up to one year of age receive free transportation to and from prenatal appointments, a full year of postpartum visits, and one year of pediatric visits for their babies. By providing this service, we ensure that transportation never stands in the way of accessing critical medical care, which has become a vital resource in supporting families.

Our commitment to improving health access also led to the launch of seven Neighborhood Wellness Centers. These centers serve as vital community hubs, providing residents with health screenings, immunizations, chronic disease management, and wellness education, all tailored to the unique needs of each neighborhood. By offering a broad range of services in a familiar, community-based setting, these centers have become trusted spaces where Detroiters can prioritize their health.

Our work is far from done. We know that health disparities are complex and interconnected, and it will take continued effort, creativity, and partnership to overcome them. We are dedicated to expanding services, strengthening partnerships, and exploring new ways to meet Detroiters where they are.

This report highlights the programs and services we have provided. Real success is in the lives we've touched. Thank you for your trust, your partnership, and your ongoing commitment to the health of our residents. Together, we will continue to build a healthier Detroit, one community at a time.

Yours in Health,
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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

The Behavioral Health team remains committed to advancing harm reduction, overdose prevention, and behavioral health education throughout the city. In collaboration with trusted community partners, the team provides free training, resources, and support for residents navigating trauma, substance use, and broader wellness challenges.



5,490

CLIENTS RECEIVED
EDUCATION



11,568

NARCAN KITS
DISTRIBUTED

CEASEFIRE DETROIT

Ceasefire Detroit is a community-based violence prevention initiative, which is grounded on a “Deterrence Gang Intervention Model.”

In collaboration with law enforcement, public health leaders, and community partners, the program engages individuals at highest risk and connects them to critical support and resources. In 2024, the Ceasefire team deepened its impact across Detroit by expanding outreach and engagement, offering legal aid, job training, and employment assistance to participants. By recognizing violence as a public health issue, the initiative continues to play a vital role in building safer neighborhoods and supporting healthier futures for Detroit families.



30

MEMBERS RECEIVED
JOB PLACEMENT



95

MEMBERS RECEIVED
LEGAL AID
ASSISTANCE





CHILDREN'S SPECIAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) continues to be a vital resource for Detroit's children, youth, and young adults living with chronic medical conditions such as cystic fibrosis, hemophilia, and sickle cell disease. In 2024, the program offered services to individuals up to age 26, ensuring continuous, comprehensive care through key life stages.

Throughout the year, CSHCS strengthened its community engagement by hosting several outreach events and establishing new partnerships with healthcare providers. Collaborations with Children's Hospital of Michigan, Corewell Health, University of Detroit Mercy-Dental, and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' foster care liaisons and child protective service representatives have increased the program's ability to deliver coordinated and holistic care to families across Detroit.



4,088
CLIENTS SERVED

WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)

The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program is a critical resource for supporting the health of Detroit families, offering nutrition, education, breastfeeding guidance, access to healthy foods, and referrals to healthcare services.



19,957
FAMILIES
ENROLLED

In 2024, WIC continued to play a vital role in improving health outcomes for mothers and children, strengthening connections between families and providing the resources essential for their well-being.





HIV/STI

Throughout 2024, the HIV/STI program focused on community outreach, education and the prevention of sexually transmitted infections. The program remains committed to delivering innovative, community-centered services that address the diverse health needs of Detroiters. The HIV/STI program's Ending the Epidemic team is actively contributing to solutions aimed at eliminating HIV transmission by 2030, with a strong focus on building collaborative partnerships to combat the epidemic in Detroit.



4,859
HIV/STI CLIENTS
SERVED



68
COMMUNITY EVENTS
PARTICIPATED IN

IDEcide DETROIT

In 2024, iDecide Detroit continued to support Detroit residents by providing vital information and resources for informed health decisions. The program focused on sexual health, family planning, and contraceptive options through educational outreach. Additionally, iDecide Detroit provided services such as STI testing, pregnancy counseling, and referrals for reproductive healthcare.

By collaborating with local community organizations, iDecide Detroit increased its reach, offering essential services like cancer screenings. Through its comprehensive approach to education and healthcare access, the program remains a vital resource for underserved communities, helping individuals make choices that support their long-term health and well-being.



767
PATIENT VISITS



36
COMMUNITY
OUTREACH
EVENTS HOSTED





PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The Public Health Emergency Preparedness team develops planning and preparedness measures to address public health emergencies affecting Detroit residents.

In 2024, the program played a key role as the lead agency managing public health and safety during major city events. The program led the BioWatch program under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and conducted air quality checks to protect public health. In partnership with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), the Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness (OPHEP) took action to prevent the consumption of raw milk, reducing risks tied to Swine Flu and Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza.

Additionally, the department issued an alert regarding the closure of Belle Isle Park due to elevated E. coli contamination levels and provided crucial extreme weather responses, including notifications for cooling and warming centers during periods of severe weather.



4,000

MICHIGAN
HEALTH ALERT
NETWORK
(MIHAN)
MESSAGES
DISTRIBUTED

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH/ FOOD SAFETY

The Environmental Health/Food Safety program works to reduce foodborne and environmental illnesses through education, enforcement, and investigation. In 2024, the division focused on decreasing the prevalence of food and environmental-linked illnesses and poisoning.



1,003

GREEN PLACARDS
ISSUED

A key initiative, Dining with Confidence, ensures Detroit residents feel secure when dining out. The program partners with local restaurants to improve food safety standards, providing training on sanitation, food handling, and preparation. Public awareness campaigns help consumers identify restaurants with strong food safety practices, promoting healthier dining environments and fostering trust in the city's food service industry.



3,226

CLIENTS SERVED

Additionally, the Environmental Health Division/Food Safety program earned the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) voluntary program accreditation, meeting standard 5, further reinforcing its commitment to food safety and public health.



28

COMMUNITY
OUTREACH EVENTS



2024 DETROIT HEALTH DEPARTMENT IMPACT



11,862
Communicable
Disease
Investigations
Completed



59,888
Women, Infants,
and Children (WIC)
Clients Served

4,387
Environmental
Health/
Food Safety
Inspections
Completed



70,908
Condoms
Distributed



870
HIV Self-Test Kits
Were Mailed

125
Ceasefire
Detroit
Members
Mentored



11,059
Vaccination
Doses
Administered



15,338
Individuals
Received
Pedestrian
and Bicycle
Law Education



512
STI Screenings
Conducted at
iDecide Detroit



3,537
Childhood Lead
Prevention
Program
Outreach &
Education

20,078
Children Screened
for Vision



14,638
Children Screened
for Hearing



Over
2,700
Chronic Illnesses
Covered by
Children's Special
Health Care
Services



112
SisterFriends
Sessions
Hosted with
1,775
Individuals
Attending



1,368
Individuals
Educated in
Infant Safe Sleep

MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH

The Maternal Child Health program is committed to improving the health and quality of life for mothers, infants, and families throughout Detroit.

The program provides education, support services, advocacy, and connections to care ensuring healthy pregnancies and strong starts for children. In 2024, the division continued to assist women who are pregnant, teens, and their families by offering guidance, resources, and referrals to essential services. Through collaboration with community organizations and healthcare systems, the team worked to address systemic barriers and promote equitable health outcomes for families throughout Detroit.

MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMS INCLUDE:



SISTERFRIENDS DETROIT

Connecting mentors to women who are pregnant in Detroit to reduce infant mortality.

 **3,226** PREGNANT WOMAN MENTORED



961-BABY RESOURCE LINE

Linking Detroit residents to health services and resources within the Detroit Health Department and community partners.

 **4,761** RESIDENTS LINKED



INFANT SAFE SLEEP

Educating families on safe sleep practices to prevent infant sleep deaths through community partnerships.

 **1,368** FAMILIES EDUCATED



FATHERHOOD PROGRAM

Supporting fathers in Detroit with education, engagement, and collaboration with other programs.

 **560** FATHERS SUPPORTED





IMMUNIZATIONS

The Immunizations team is dedicated to protecting public health through vaccinations and education to prevent diseases like diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, flu, hepatitis A & B, measles, mumps, and rubella. During 2024, the team continued its efforts with widespread vaccination campaigns and educational outreach to improve community health.

By hosting outreach events and increasing engagement, the team helped raise vaccination rates, further strengthening Detroit's efforts to prevent the spread of vaccine-preventable diseases. The Immunizations Team also formed a bi-monthly partnership with The Luke Clinic, which provides critical care to pregnant and postpartum mothers and infants. This collaboration ensures convenient access to vaccinations and highlights the team's commitment to health equity and strengthening the health of Detroit families.



9,683

PATIENTS
VACCINATED



110

COMMUNITY
OUTREACH EVENTS

CHILDHOOD LEAD PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Childhood Lead Prevention Program is committed to eliminating childhood lead poisoning and raising awareness about the dangers and sources of lead exposure, particularly for children from birth through six years of age, as well as pregnant women with elevated blood lead levels (EBLL).



301

CLIENTS SERVED



51

COMMUNITY
OUTREACH EVENTS

VISION AND HEARING

For over 70 years, the Vision and Hearing program has been dedicated to ensuring that every child in Detroit receives screenings, exams, and eyeglasses necessary to support their health and academic success. In 2024, the program continued its important work by providing screenings in Head Starts, daycares, and schools across the city. Through strong community partnerships, the program provided free eyeglasses to students in need.



1,845

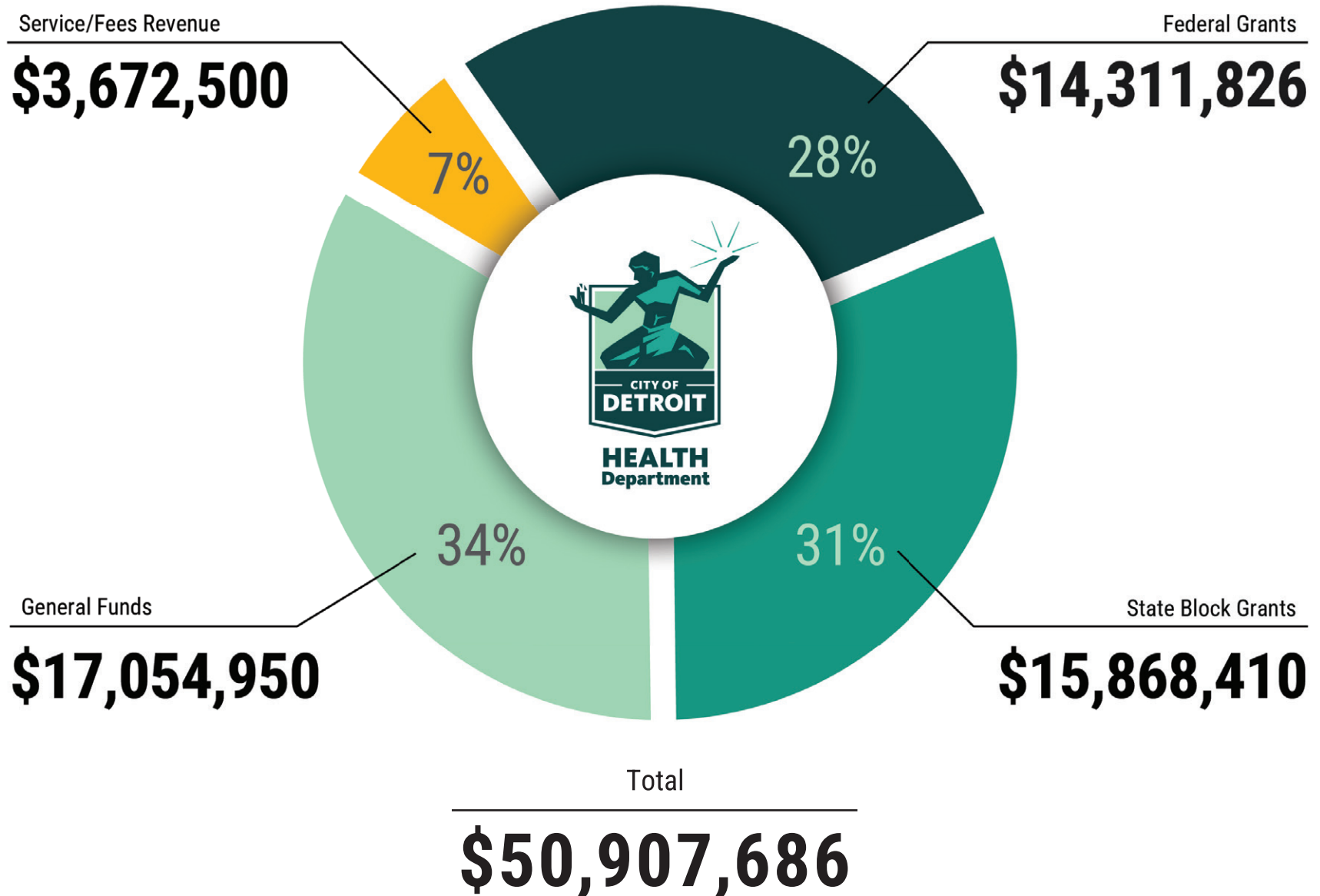
STUDENTS RECEIVED
FREE EYEGLASSES
THROUGH
VISION PROGRAM
REFERRALS



+20,000

CHILDREN SCREENED
FOR VISION
AND HEARING

FUNDING SOURCES





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