



ANNUAL REPORT

Genesee and Orleans County Health Departments (GO Health)

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ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENTS

Our Vision:

Everyone in our region can achieve an optimal and equitable level of health and well-being.

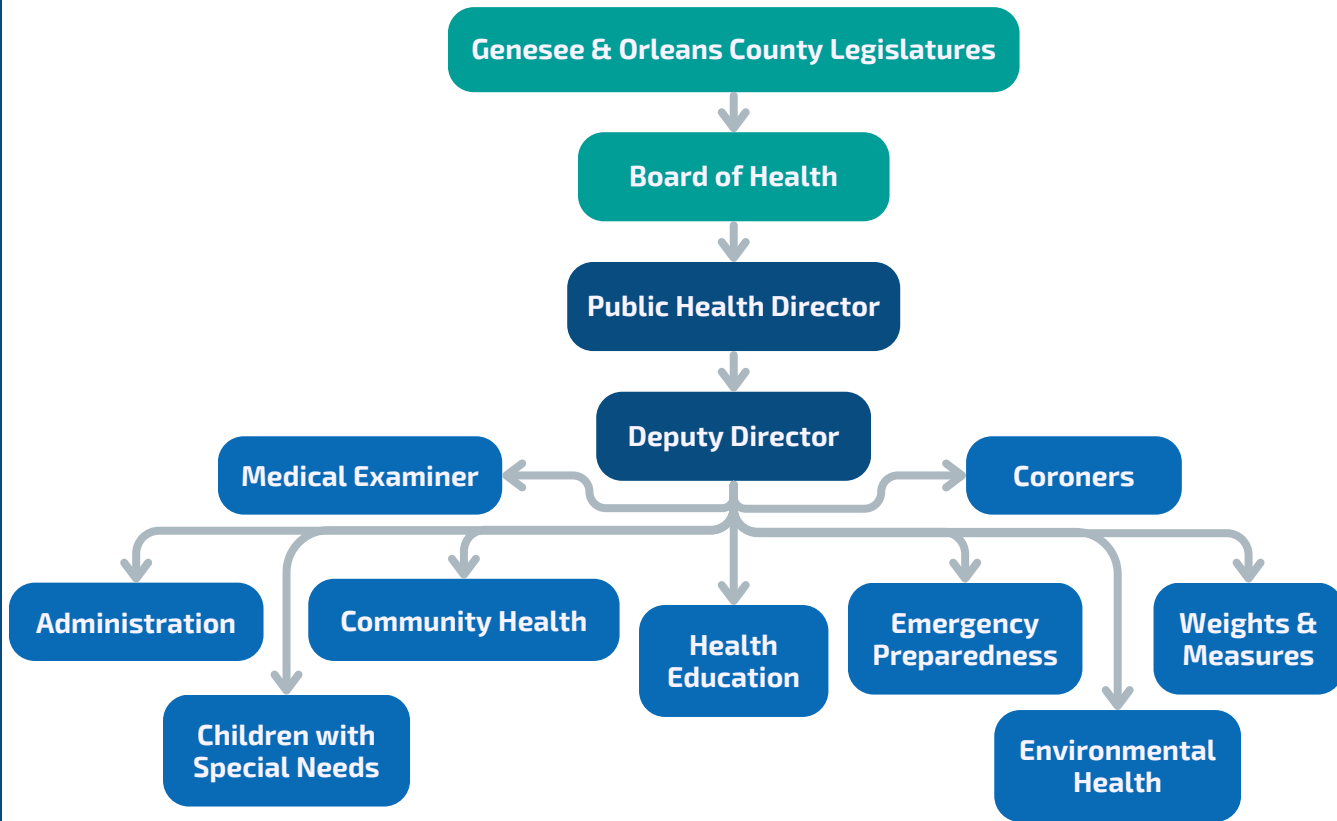
Our Mission:

GO Health is a shared services arrangement that promotes the necessary safe and healthy environment, and health behaviors, that lead to improved health outcomes and community quality of life.



ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENTS

2023 Organizational Chart



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ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENTS

A public health system comprises all public, private and voluntary agencies and entities that work together to contribute to the delivery of services that protect and promote the health of its community. It includes public health departments, hospitals, healthcare providers, human service agencies, education and youth organizations, environmental agencies, mental health, and more.

The health system strives to conduct ten essential services in three broad categories: assessment, policy development, and assurance.

The essential services are:



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)



MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR

2023 was a busy year for GO Health as traditional programs and new opportunities continue to shape the work we are doing in Genesee and Orleans Counties. As any lingering pandemic fog continues to lift, we have seen many programs return to pre-pandemic workloads and have offered a welcomed full return to core public health programming and work focus.

In October, we passed the 11 year mark of operating GO Health, our cross-jurisdictional sharing between Genesee and Orleans Counties. This unique, integrated relationship continues to drive enhancement in both service delivery and operational efficiencies while realizing fiscal savings and programmatic benefits for both counties. To date, we have tracked over 2.9 million in savings for each county, including program and service delivery efficiencies and significant reoccurring savings leveraging shared staff to deliver services in both counties. This innovative project has allowed Genesee and Orleans Counties to be nationally recognized for innovation and leading when it comes to creative service delivery through a shared service model.

This past year GO Health has focused on core areas of public health that you'll read about throughout this report. These team reports will highlight the great work being done by staff to make our communities safer and healthier.



MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR

A couple of areas to highlight in 2023, include the expansion of wastewater analysis in Genesee and Orleans Counties and a push towards national public health accreditation (PHAB).

- Wastewater analysis became a new program for the health department in 2022. In early 2022, we began monitoring COVID in wastewater, which allows us to track community trends to help inform and educate on various levels of risk to our residents. This analysis has been expanded to include influenza and RSV which has been used to monitor disease spread in the community in lieu of consistent testing data. This data is being shared on our website for the public to view and will help with understanding community trends. In 2023, GO Health also began testing wastewater for chemical substances. This was an initiative funded through the opioid settlement funds for each county. Wastewater analysis helps understand what drug levels are present and inform program decisions in real time.
- Over the past year, GO Health moved closer to achieving accreditation. This journey has been going on since before the COVID pandemic began. After being delayed for a couple of years, we were finally able to get all required documents uploaded and participate in a site visit. We had our formal review in November of 2023 and were notified we had a bit more to do.

MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR

With over 92% of all our measures met, we are currently working on a few more areas to satisfy the accreditation requirements. We are excited to wrap these up and fully expect to be PHAB accredited by the end of 2024.

As we enter 2024, I'm excited to see the innovative ways our staff will be working to improve and deliver services to our residents. This work will not be done alone. We are grateful for the many community partners that come together and share a common mission to improve the health and well-being of all in our community. GO Health is committed to leading and supporting this work. It will take all hands on deck to positively move the needle over this upcoming year.

The staff at GO Health continue to excel in their work. I'm humbled to work with them all and deliver excellence in public health services. Once again, I'm proud to attest, our residents are being well served by their tireless and dedicated efforts. Onward!



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul A. Pettit".

Director Paul Pettit, MSL, CPH

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

In 2023, the shortage of providers servicing the Early Intervention Program and the Preschool Special Education Programs continued to be a major barrier for many children in need of services from receiving them. The Municipalities are working with the State to come up with solutions to the provider shortage issue. There is a great amount of advocacy being done to push for higher pay for providers and for student loan forgiveness for providers that are working for these programs. The number of children needing services continues to increase from previous years.

County	New Referrals	Non-Eligible	Total Children Served
Genesee	137	60	236
Orleans	113	51	183
TOTAL	250	111	419

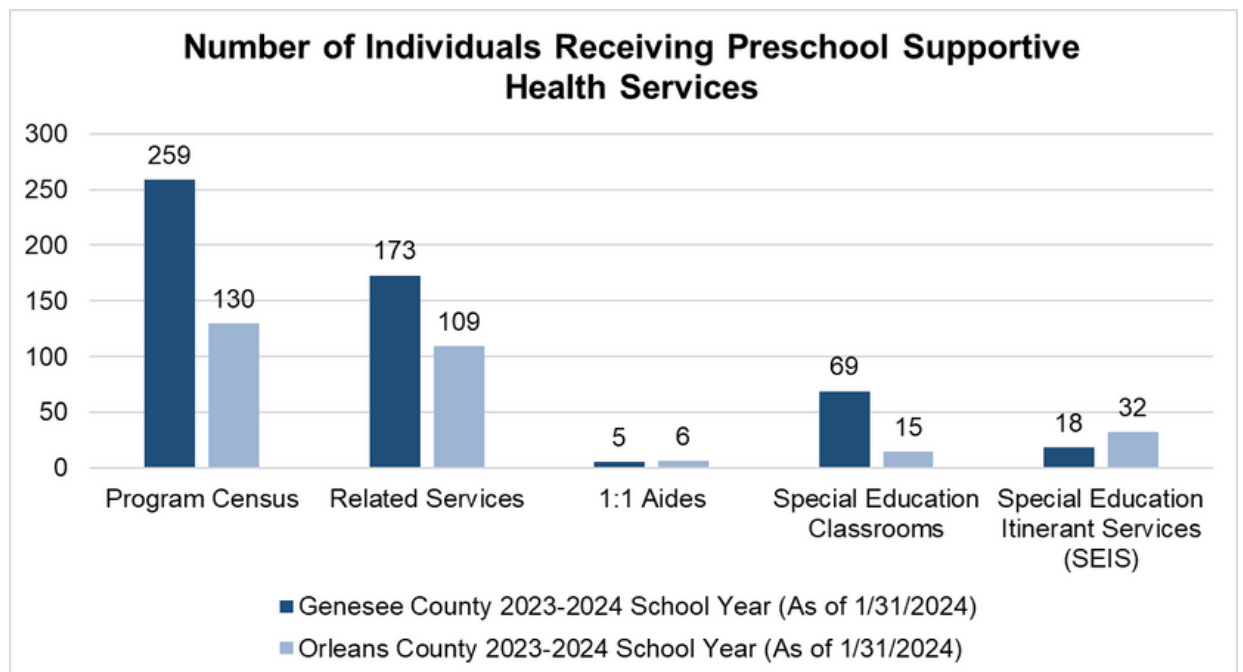
Amount Paid for Services, Evaluations, and Transportation

School Year	Genesee County		Orleans County	
	Amount (\$)	Total Children	Amount (\$)	Total Children
2018-2019	2,171,280	224	1,644,886	163
2019-2020	2,174,960	210	1,483,146	129
2020-2021	1,852,587	188	1,616,678	125
2021-2022	2,019,873	220	1,573,790	120
2022-2023	2,378,377	258	1,715,324	143

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Preschool Supportive Health Services Program

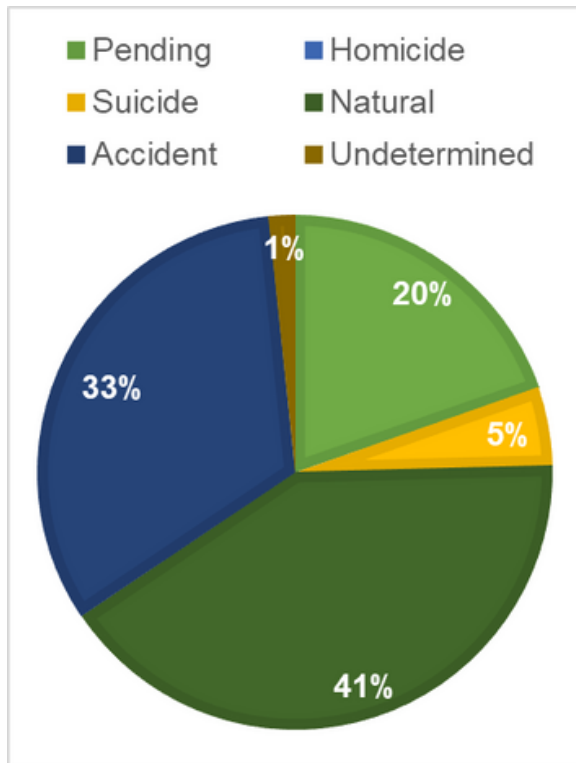
	Genesee County		Orleans County	
	2022-2023 School Year	2023-2024 School Year (As of 1/31/2024)	2022-2023 School Year	2023-2024 School Year (As of 1/31/2024)
Program Census	247	259	117	130
Related Services	170	173	97	109
1:1 Aides	2	5	3	6
Special Education Classrooms	48	69	12	15
Special Education Itinerant Services (SEIS)	11	18	30	32



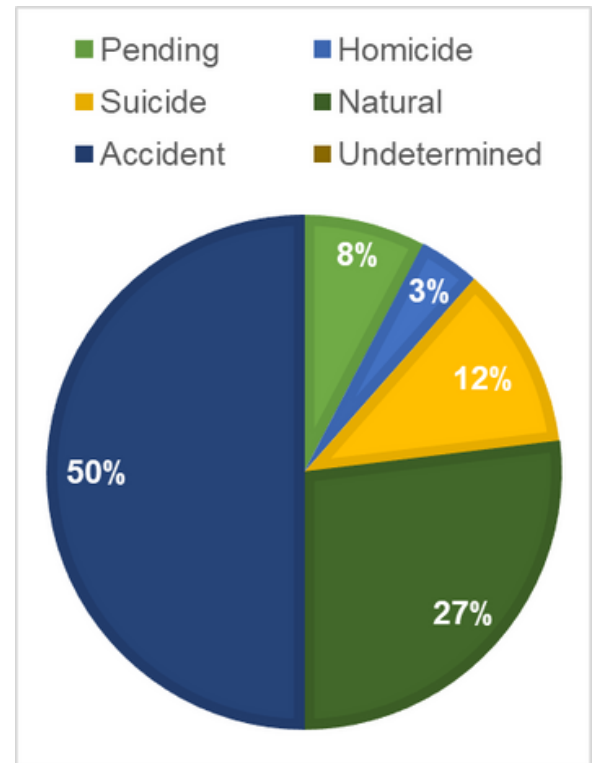
COUNTY CORONER

	Genesee County		Orleans County	
	Actual 2022	Actual 2023	Actual 2022	Actual 2023
Total Cases Reported	203	173	225	174
Average Cost for Transportation to Medical Examiners (\$)	258.41	210.10	314.17	290.22
Medical Examiner Cases	68	61	5	26
Annual Cost of Additional Testing (\$)	3,035	3,782	5,320	10,334

Genesee County
Manner of Death Determined by Medical Examiner, 2023



Orleans County
Manner of Death Determined by Medical Examiner, 2023



COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Our nursing and epidemiology staff have been hard at work providing various services to county residents. These services include immunizations, lead poisoning prevention, maternal and child health, control and surveillance of communicable diseases, tuberculosis case management, and migrant outreach.

Our county run wastewater laboratory is the only one in New York State. We continue to expand testing wastewater for additional pathogens to provide our communities with a comprehensive analysis of disease trends. In addition, we began testing for licit and illicit substances to support surveillance and response initiatives.



COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Health Services Provided in 2023

Health Services	Total Number in Genesee County	Total Number in Orleans County
Antepartum Education	0	6
Breastfeeding Support	10	0
Hepatitis C Testing	13	0
HIV Testing: pre- and post-counseling	14	8*
Infant Weights (weekly/biweekly)	38	9
Newborn and Postpartum Visits	38	38
Newborn Screen (repeat)	7	4
Perinatal Hepatitis B Status Investigation	0	0
Rabies Pre-Exposure	25	5
Rabies Post-Exposure	24	23
Tuberculosis Skin Test (TST)	17	51**
Tuberculosis Blood Test (T-SPOT)	2	7
TOTAL	188	92

*Includes Migrant and Seasonal Farm Workers (MSFWs)

**Not including MSFWs

There were over 250 health services provided to community members between the two counties in 2023.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Special Population Outreach

Vaccination	Genesee County: Farm Workers (not seasonal)	Orleans County: Migrant Camps	Orleans County: Jail Inmates
COVID-19	4	142	11
Influenza	2	178	13
Tetanus-Diphtheria- Pertussis (Tdap)	17	194	5
Tetanus-Diphtheria (Td)	0	0	0
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)	0	0	0
Varicella	0	0	0
HPV	0	23	0
Pneumococcal	0	1	0
Hepatitis A	3	0	0
Hepatitis B	1	0	0
Hep A/Hep B Combo (Twinrix)	0	132	6
Meningitis ACWY (Menveo)	0	0	5
TOTAL	27	670	40

Genesee County staff visited a food processing facility that employs seasonal workers, where 40 Influenza vaccines were administered.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Wastewater Analysis

We continued wastewater analysis for COVID-19, Influenza (flu) A and B, and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) for both counties in 2023. We have added wastewater testing for Mpox for certain locations. From April to December, GO Health partnered with the Water Environmental Federation (WEF) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), while using the GeneXpert from Cepheid for a pilot program. We utilized the machine for analyzing wastewater for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), and Influenza A and B in two nursing homes in Genesee County.

We also contracted with a company called BIOBOT, for weekly wastewater testing of four high-risk substances including, Fentanyl, Methamphetamine, Cocaine and Xylazine in both counties. The data provide us with information on trends of the high-risk substances in our community and is used in conjunction with other data sources for the epidemiologists to monitor and respond to fatal and non-fatal opioid overdoses with community partners. We believe that this communitywide analysis strategy can help aid our counties in improving community health and well-being, and ultimately prevent overdose deaths.



COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Routine Immunizations

Vaccine	Children (<19 years old)		Adults (≥19 years old)	
	Genesee	Orleans	Genesee	Orleans
COVID	4	1	13	1
Hepatitis B	3	0	10	8
ProQuad (MMR & Varicella)	2	2		
Rotavirus	0	0		
Kinrix (DTaP/Polio)	3	2		
Hib	0	0		
Pneumococcal	0	0	0	0
Polio (Kinrix or IPOL)	9	3	2	0
Influenza	3	20	88	81
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)	6	0	9	11
Varicella	11	0	6	0
Hepatitis A	1	0	4	2
Td/Tdap	15	7	23	12
HPV	9	8	0	0
Menactra/Menveo (Meningococcal)	29	32	1	0
Meningitis B	0	0	0	0
Hep A/Hep B Combo (Twinrix)			0	2
Shingrix (Shingles)			2	0
TOTAL	95	75	158	117

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Reportable Disease Investigations

Reportable Disease	Number of Confirmed and Probable Cases, 2023		Reportable Disease	Number of Confirmed and Probable Cases, 2023	
	Genesee	Orleans		Genesee	Orleans
Amebiasis	0	0	Lymphogranuloma venereum	0	0
Anaplasmosis	1	0	Measles	0	0
Babesiosis	1	0	Meningitis, aseptic or viral	2	1
Botulism	1	0	Meningococcal disease	1	1
Brucellosis	0	0	Mpox	0	0
Campylobacteriosis	9	5	Mumps	0	0
Chlamydia, uncomplicated	127	82	Pertussis	0	0
Chlamydia, pelvic inflammatory disease	1	0	Poliomyelitis	0	0
COVID-19	2032	1318	Q Fever	0	0
Cryptosporidiosis	0	1	Rabies, humans	0	0
Cyclosporiasis	0	0	Rubella	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0	Salmonellosis	17	4
Ehrlichiosis	1	0	Shigatoxin-producing E.coli (STEC)	2	1
Giardiasis	4	3	Shigellosis	1	2
Gonorrhea, uncomplicated	48	25	Streptococcus, group A, invasive	11	7
Gonococcal, pelvic inflammatory disease	0	0	Streptococcus group B, invasive	5	6
Haemophilus, influenzae, type B	0	0	Streptococcus pneumoniae, invasive	6	2
Haemophilus, influenzae, not type B	4	1	Syphilis, primary	1	1
Hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS)	0	0	Syphilis, secondary	2	4
Hepatitis A	0	0	Syphilis, early, non-primary/secondary	1	0
Hepatitis B, Acute	0	0	Syphilis, unknown duration or late	17	2
Hepatitis B, Chronic	14	4	Syphilis, congenital	1	0
Hepatitis C, Acute	0	7	Toxic shock syndrome (streptococcal)	2	2
Hepatitis C, Chronic	17	20	Tuberculosis, active	2	0
Herpes, infant =< 60 days	0	0	Typhoid	0	0
Influenza	341	163	Vibriosis, non-O1 cholera	0	0
Legionellosis	2	6	Yersiniosis	1	0
Listeriosis	0	0	TOTAL	2708	1685
Lyme	33	17			

Case counts are subject to change.

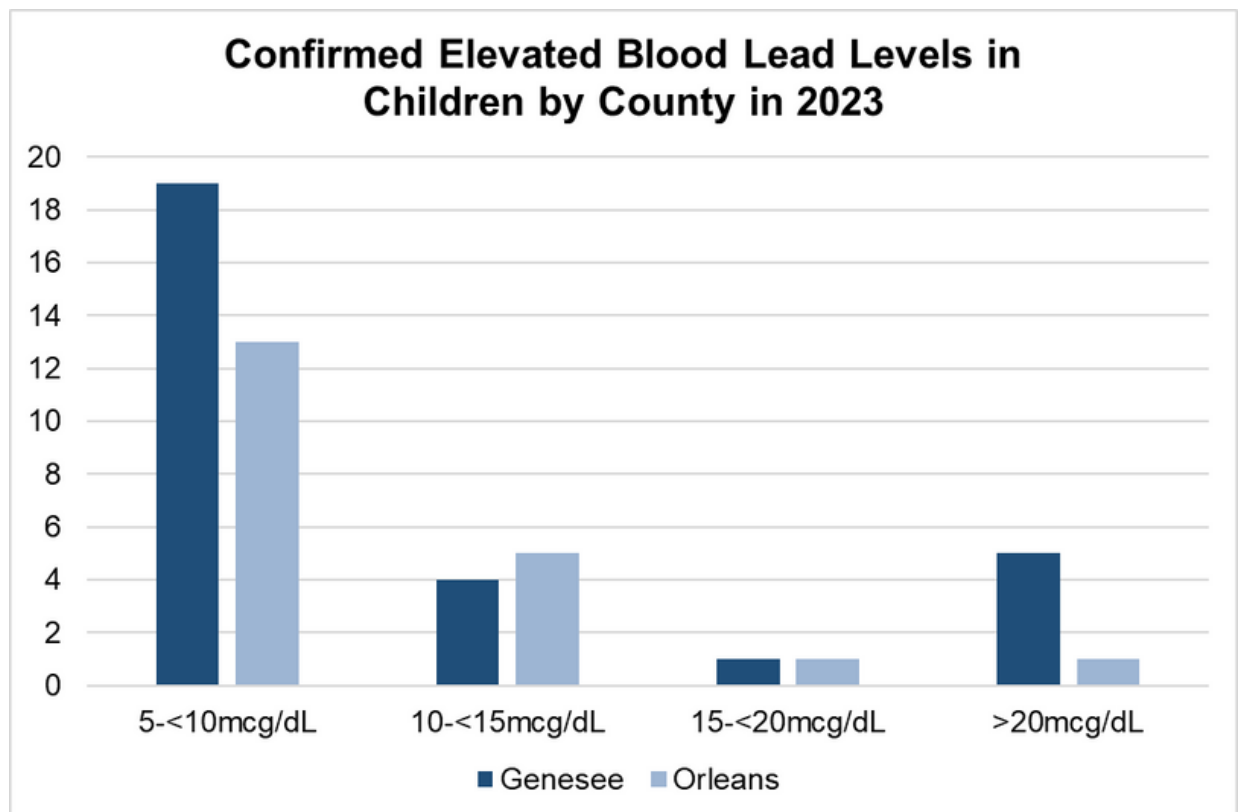
Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and varicella (not shingles) are reportable diseases as of December 20th, 2023. Reported cases of these diseases will be included in the 2024 GO Health Annual Report.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Lead Poisoning Prevention

In 2023, there were 1,106 Genesee County children and 739 Orleans County children with reported blood lead level testing results. Of these, 31 Genesee County children (2.8% of those tested) and 20 Orleans County children (2.7% of those tested) had confirmed elevated blood lead levels. Confirmed elevated blood lead levels are either a venous blood lead level that is greater than 5 micrograms per deciliter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$) or two consecutive fingerstick blood lead levels that are greater than 5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$.

Children with elevated blood lead levels are monitored by the local health department in partnership with the parent(s)/guardian(s) and the child's primary care provider. The child's blood lead level continues to be monitored until it falls below 5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$.



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

2023 was a demanding year for the Environmental Division, with all existing and new programs fully up, running, and expanding. There have been new grants, new staff, and new challenges all around. All have been met with a notable degree of success. As usual, 2023 produced a steady flow of county residents in need of guidance and of facilities requiring permitting and inspection, and the whole of Environmental Staff continues to rise to the occasion.

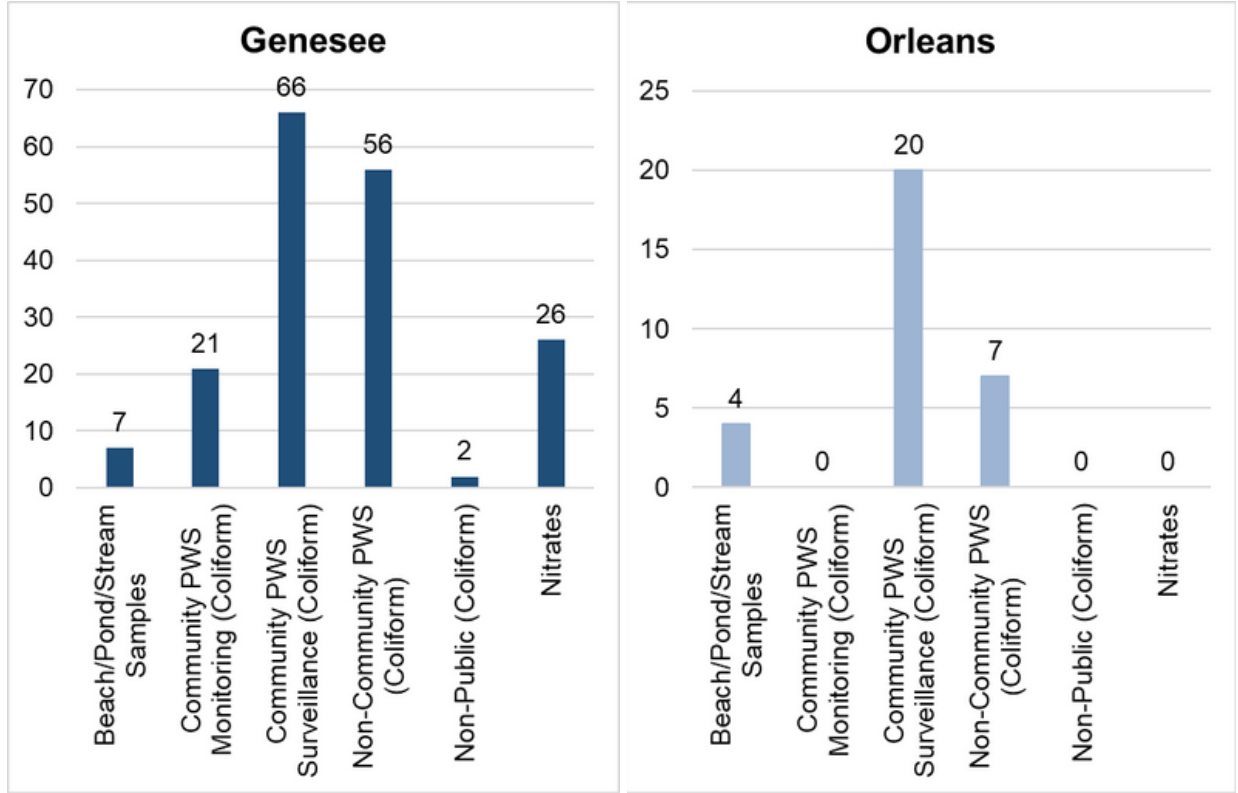


NYS Septic System Replacement Fund

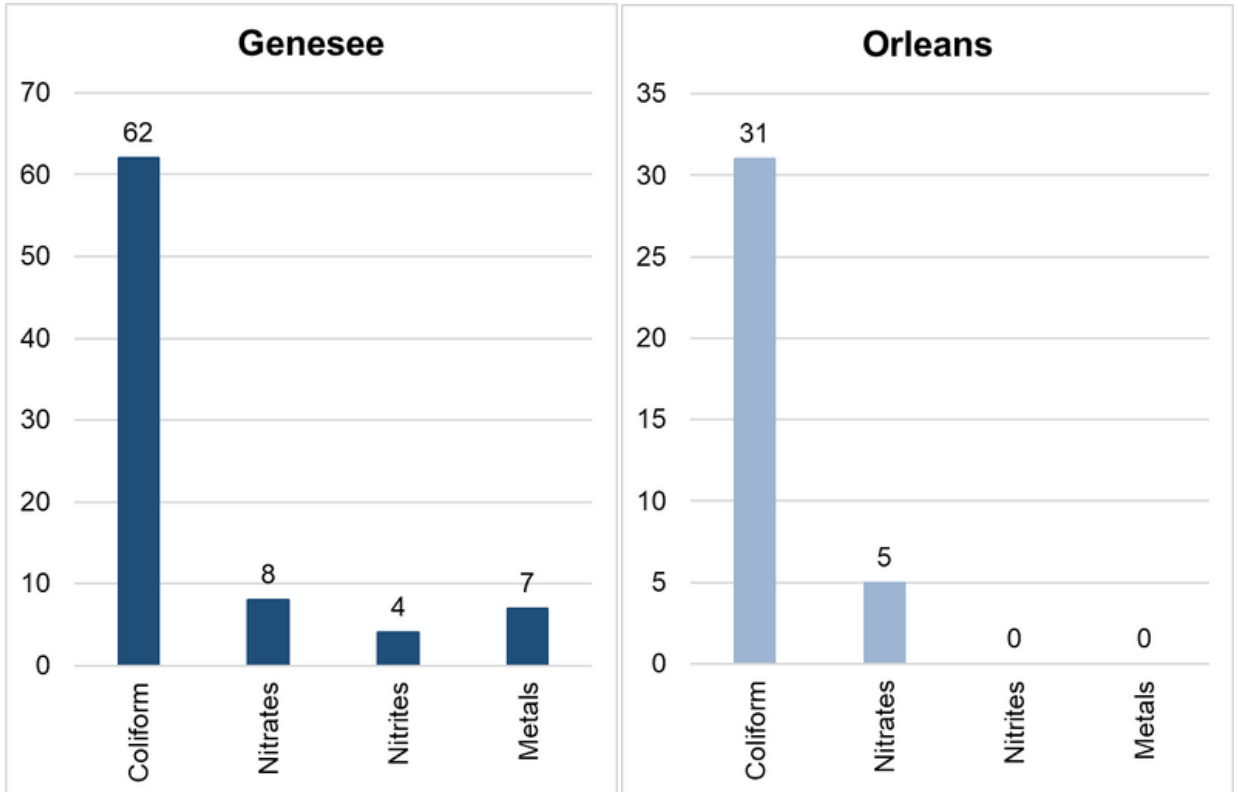
This grant provides funding to replace failing, undersized, and/or older residential on-site wastewater treatment systems (septic systems) in close proximity to certain waterbodies throughout Genesee County, including Tonawanda Creek, Bigelow Creek, Oatka Creek, and Bowen Brook. In 2023, the grant resulted in the updating or replacement of 3 septic systems, for a total of \$25,719 reimbursed back to homeowners. Orleans County was not eligible for this funding in 2023.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Public Water Samples by Type (Analyte), 2023



Private Water Samples by Type (Analyte), 2023



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

On-Site Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS)

Commercial Septic System Permits Issued, 2023

Genesee	NEW		REPLACE			TOTAL
	Engineer	Health Dept.	Engineer	Health Dept.	Tank Only	
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alexander	0	0	0	0	0	0
Batavia	1	0	0	0	0	1
Bergen	1	0	0	0	0	1
Bethany	0	0	0	0	0	0
Byron	0	0	0	0	0	0
Darien	2	0	0	0	0	2
Elba	0	0	0	0	0	0
LeRoy	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oakfield	1	0	0	0	0	1
Pavilion	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pembroke	1	0	0	0	0	1
Stafford	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	6	0	0	0	0	6

Orleans	NEW		REPLACE			TOTAL
	Engineer	Health Dept.	Engineer	Health Dept.	Tank Only	
Albion	0	0	0	0	0	0
Barre	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carlton	1	0	0	0	3	4
Clarendon	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gaines	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kendall	0	0	1	0	1	2
Murray	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ridgeway	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shelby	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yates	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1	0	1	0	4	6

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Residential Septic System Permits Issued, 2023

Genesee	NEW		REPLACE			TOTAL
	Engineer	Health Dept.	Engineer	Health Dept.	Tank Only	
Alabama	2	2	0	0	0	4
Alexander	6	0	0	0	0	6
Batavia	1	0	2	1	0	4
Bergen	3	0	0	1	0	4
Bethany	0	1	0	0	0	1
Byron	3	0	0	1	0	4
Darien	4	0	2	1	0	7
Elba	3	0	0	0	2	5
LeRoy	2	0	1	1	0	4
Oakfield	0	0	0	2	0	2
Pavilion	0	1	0	2	0	3
Pembroke	3	0	1	0	0	4
Stafford	0	0	3	1	0	4
TOTAL	27	4	9	10	2	52

Orleans	NEW		REPLACE			TOTAL
	Engineer	Health Dept.	Engineer	Health Dept.	Tank Only	
Albion	0	1	1	0	1	3
Barre	0	1	1	0	0	2
Carlton	3	2	1	2	4	12
Clarendon	1	0	0	2	0	3
Gaines	0	1	2	1	0	4
Kendall	4	1	0	2	1	8
Murray	1	1	3	2	0	7
Ridgeway	1	1	0	4	3	9
Shelby	0	3	1	0	2	6
Yates	4	1	3	3	0	11
TOTAL	14	12	12	16	11	65

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Regulated Facility Program, 2023

Non-Food	Genesee			Orleans		
	Permits	Inspections	PHH Cited	Permits	Inspections	PHH Cited
Agricultural Fairgrounds	1	1	0	1	1	0
Bathing Beach	2	3	0	2	2	0
Campground	10	11	0	8	9	0
Children's Camp	7	6	0	4	4	0
Migrant Farmworker Housing	34	40	0	98	87	3
Mobile Home Park	21	27	1	12	12	0
Recreational Aquatic Spray Ground	1	1	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Swimming Pool	31	69	17	8	8	0
Tanning Facility	3	1	0	6	4	0
Temporary Residence	16	19	0	11	12	0
Temporary Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL NON-FOOD	126	178	18	150	139	3

Food	Genesee			Orleans		
	Permits	Inspections	PHH Cited	Permits	Inspections	PHH Cited
High Risk	99	140	88	40	73	12
Medium Risk	206	134	38	78	83	13
Low Risk	41	19	3	72	52	1
Unassigned Risk	13	8	5	6	3	1
Mobile Food	65	25	4	19	16	1
Temporary Food	123	74	4	178	109	2
TOTAL FOOD	547	400	142	393	336	30

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Adolescent Tobacco Use Prevention Act (ATUPA)

The Genesee County Health Department ended the ATUPA year (April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023) with 53 active tobacco retailers. There were 59 compliance checks with underage buyers completed, resulting in 3 tobacco sales to underage individuals; the products purchased were 2 packs of cigarettes and 1 liquid nicotine product. Three notices of violation were issued, which resulted in accepted offers of stipulation and a total of \$3,300 in fines collected. An additional \$1,500 was collected in fines for a notice of violation that was issued in the 2022 calendar year. There was 1 complaint against a regulated tobacco retail vendor.

Orleans County Health Department had 28 tobacco retailers in the county at the end of the 2022-2023 ATUPA year. There were 57 compliance checks with underage buyers completed, resulting in two tobacco sales to an underage individual; the products purchased were two packs of cigarettes. One notice of violation was issued which resulted in an offer of stipulation and a total of \$550 in fines collected. There were no complaints against regulated tobacco retail vendors.

	Genesee		Orleans	
	Inspection	Violation	Inspection	Violation
Compliance Checks with Underage Buyers	59	3	57	2
Partial Compliance Checks with Adults Only	58	8	36	0
TOTAL	117	11	93	2

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Clean Indoor Air Act (CIAA)

The number of waivers and exempt facilities did decrease from 2022 to 2023 in Genesee and Orleans Counties. There were 2 violations or notices for Orleans County.

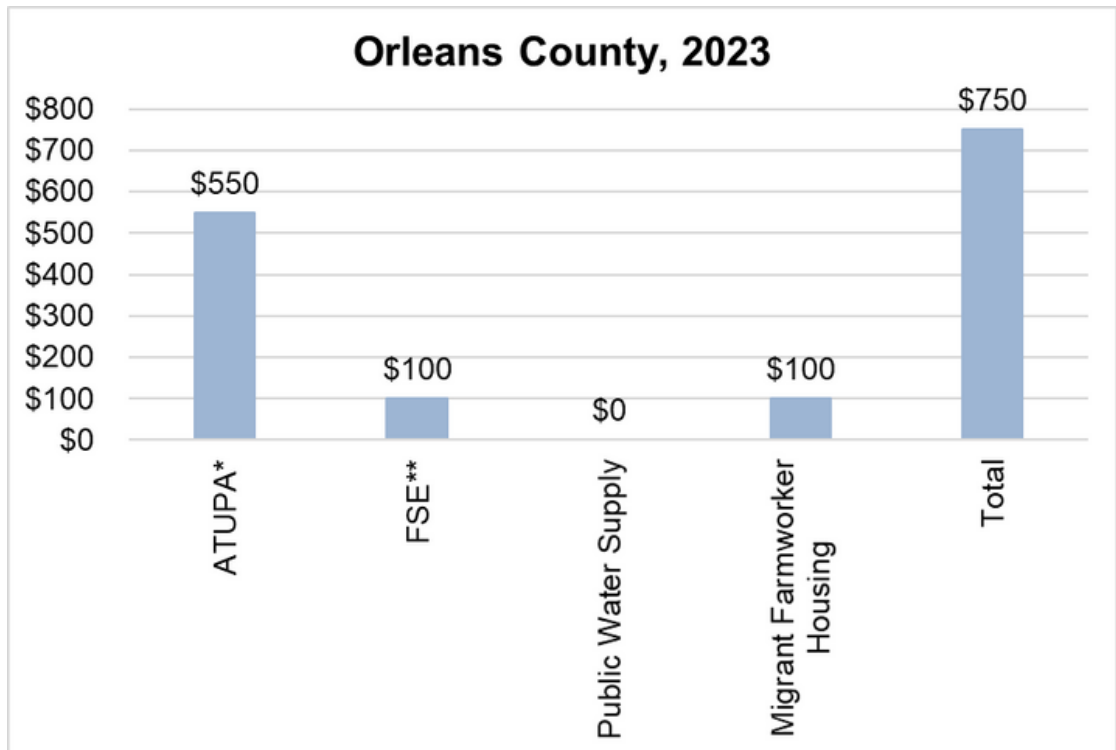
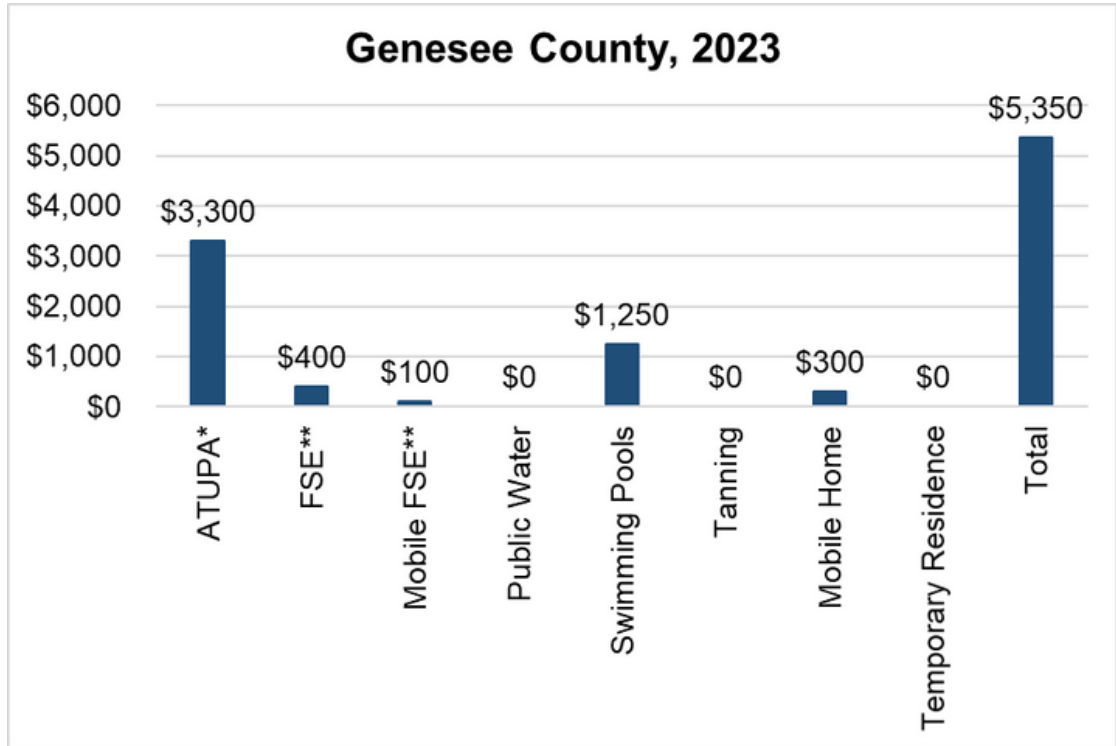
	Genesee			Orleans		
	Facilities	Violations	Notices	Facilities	Violations	Notices
Waiver	6	2	0	0	0	0
Exempt	4	0	0	1	0	0
Other Permitted/ Inspected	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Non-Permitted	0	0	0	0	2	2
TOTAL	10	2	0	1	2	2

NO SMOKING



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Enforcement Action Fines



*Adolescent Tobacco Use Prevention Act

**Food Service Establishment

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Residential Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

In Genesee County, 29 new environmental referrals for children with elevated blood lead levels were created with cases initiated. Thirteen cases were closed because the conditions of the Notice and Demand were satisfied. Eight cases were closed for reasons other than satisfaction of the Notice and Demand. Five projects were completed under the GO Health Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes program funded by a grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Genesee County						
	New Referrals	Dwellings Assessed	Notice and Demand Issued	Case Closure		Completed Projects (HUD Grant)
				Notice and Demand Satisfied	Other	
Owner-Occupied	21	21	16	6	7	2
Rental	9	9	7	7	1	3
TOTAL	30	30	23	13	8	5

In Orleans County, 17 new environmental referrals for children with elevated blood lead levels were created with cases initiated. Seven cases were closed because the conditions of the Notice and Demand were satisfied. Four cases were closed for reasons other than satisfaction of the Notice and Demand. Six projects were completed under the GO Health Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes program.

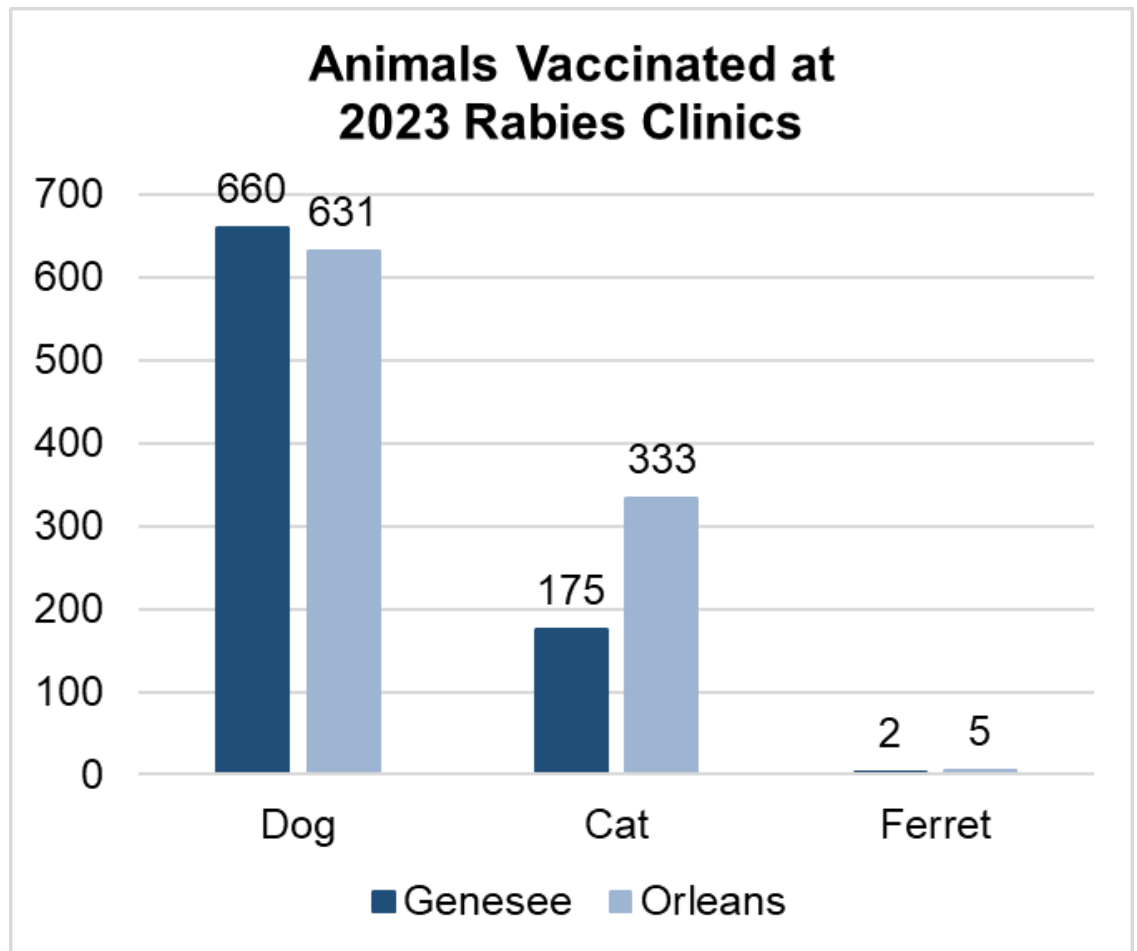
Orleans County						
	New Referrals	Dwellings Assessed	Notice and Demand Issued	Case Closure		Completed Projects (HUD Grant)
				Notice and Demand Satisfied	Other	
Owner-Occupied	12	12	10	5	2	3
Rental	5	4	2	2	2	3
TOTAL	17	16	12	7	4	6

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Rabies

In 2023, Genesee County investigated 191 animal bite and rabies incidents, and Orleans County investigated 137. Genesee submitted 31 animal specimens to the Wadsworth Laboratory in Albany for rabies testing, of which 1 (one raccoon) tested positive for rabies. Orleans submitted 20 specimens, of which 1 (also one raccoon) tested positive for rabies. In 2023, a combined total of 45 individuals were treated for rabies post exposure, 22 in Genesee and 23 in Orleans.

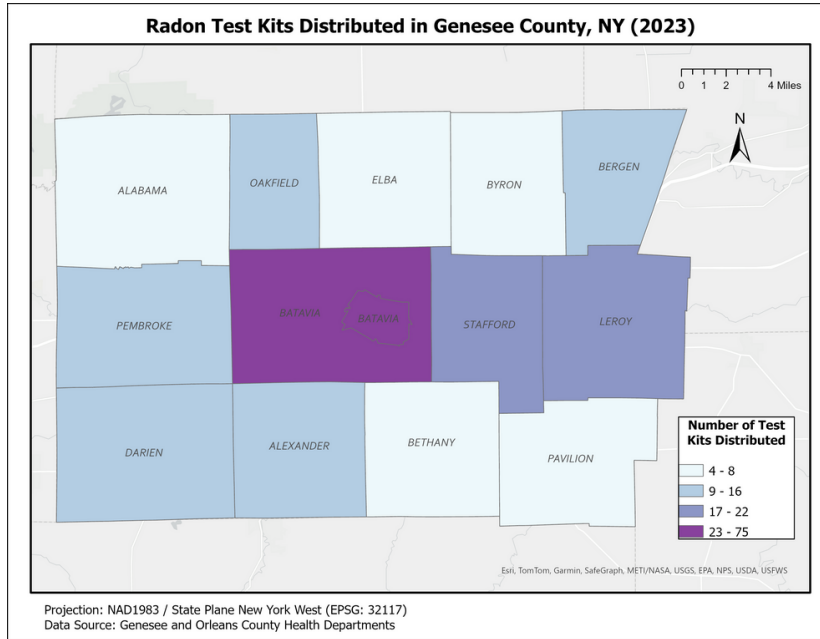
A total of 837 animals were vaccinated in Genesee, and 969 animals in Orleans, at the 2023 county-run clinics.



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

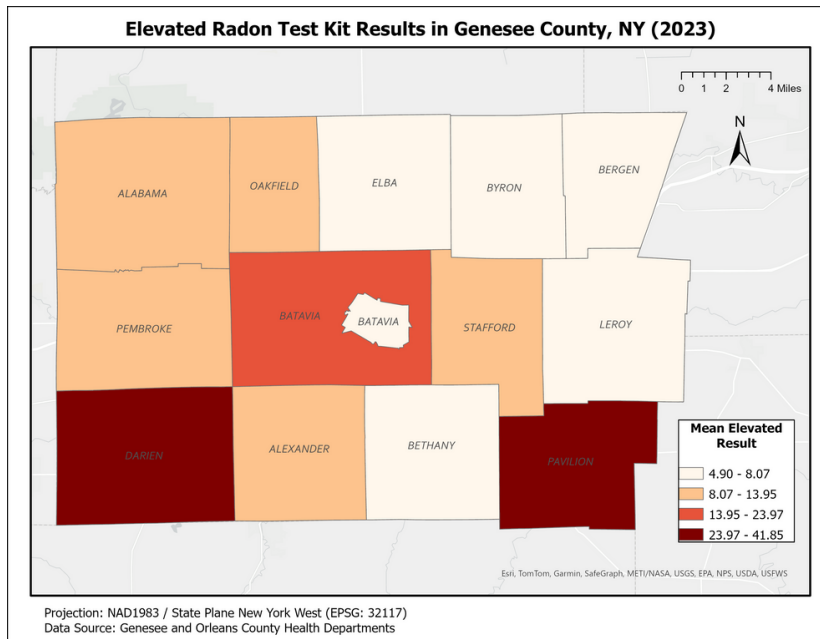
NYS Indoor Radon Program

The overall goal of the Genesee County Health Department Radon Awareness Program is to increase public awareness about the risks and health hazards of radon while also advocating for policy change that will reduce the risk of radon exposure to Genesee County residents.



2023 Radon Program Data

Number of Test Kits Distributed	276
Number of Elevated Results	70
Number of Below Action Results	87
Number of Inconclusive Results	10



PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION

Public Health Education promotes health and prevents disease, disability and premature death through health education driven by behavior change activities. Educators provide information, education and training that spans the gap of knowledge between the consumer and the scientific community. Our team collaborates with community partners to leverage resources and improve the health of the community.

Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

GO Health along with the Wyoming County Health Department, in collaboration with Rochester Regional Health at United Memorial Medical Center (UMMC), Orleans Community Health (OCH), and Wyoming County Community Health System (WCCHS) spent a great deal of time throughout 2023 implementing activities to address the priority areas detailed in the Community Health Improvement Plan.

The 2022-2024 GOW CHIP priority areas are:

- Prevent Chronic Disease
 - Prevent initiation of tobacco use
 - Increase cancer screening rates
 - Improve self-management skills for individuals with chronic diseases
- Promote Well-Being and Prevent Mental and Substance Use Disorders
 - Prevent opioid overdose deaths
 - Prevent and address adverse childhood experiences

Public Health Education, Promotion, Outreach and Training

Public Health Educators attended over 40 events throughout Genesee and Orleans Counties and educated over 4,000 residents on various public health topics. They also implemented 55 trainings, in-service lectures and seminars to over 770 people at partnering agencies and organizations. Topics included Food Safety, Narcan Administration, CPR/AED training, Heart Health, and others.

PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION

Public Health Educators provided outreach at the following events in Genesee and Orleans Counties:

- Genesee and Orleans County Youth Conference
- Jackson Primary School Health Fair
- Everpresent Church Health Fair
- YMCA Healthy Kids Day
- Genesee County Home Show
- MOUD Town Hall Event
- The Goose
- Community Action Mobile Resource Fairs- Holley, Albion and Lyndonville
- Pavilion Spring Fling Event
- Community Action Spring Cleaning- Batavia
- Alexander Family Fun Night
- Farmer's Markets - Batavia, Corfu
- GLOW Out Pride Event
- Batavia Community Schools Wellness Fair
- Juneteenth Celebration
- Genesee & Orleans County WIC Diaper Days Events
- STOP DWI Night at the Ballpark
- Safe Summer Youth Carnival
- Genesee & Orleans County Fairs
- Batavia House of God Family Event
- Just Kings Family Event
- Hoag Library
- Bergen Food Pantry
- WIC Healthy Families Event - Batavia
- Batavia Police Night Out
- Overdose Awareness Day
- City of Batavia School District Fall Expo
- Orleans National Night Out
- Genesee & Orleans County Family Game Nights
- Baby Café
- Pavilion United Methodist Church
- ABCD Health Fair
- Christmas in the City
- Albion Strawberry Festival
- GLOW with Your Hands: Healthcare



PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION

Public Health Educators also participated in coalitions and taskforces that work towards improving the health of residents by collaborating and leveraging resources. Some of these coalitions/taskforces include:

- Orleans County Human Services Council
- Genesee County Interagency Council
- Suicide Prevention Coalition
- GOW Pathway to Hope
- GOW Opioid Taskforce
- Head Start Health and Nutrition Advisory Council
- Long Term Care Taskforce
- Batavia Community Schools Partnership Taskforce
- WNY Youth Anti-Vaping Coalition
- GLOW Lead Coalition
- WNY Veteran Problem Gambling and Suicide Prevention Coalition
- GOW Veterans Taskforce
- Perinatal Taskforce
- GLOW with Your Hands – Healthcare Planning Committee



PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION

Overdose Emergency Kits/Naloxboxes

The Genesee County Health Department completed year four of the Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) grant. Staff continued increasing access to Naloxone throughout Genesee County by distributing Naloxboxes and training staff. Eleven local organizations and businesses signed up to receive an Opioid Emergency Kit (Naloxbox), increasing the access of Naloxone for their patrons and residents. At these locations, 88 people were trained on how to administer Naloxone. GO Health expanded this program into Orleans County in 2023 and distributed 21 Overdose Emergency Kits and trained 104 people.

Leave Behind Kits

In partnership with the HEALing (Helping to End Addiction Long-term) Communities Workgroup through the GOW Opioid Task Force and the OD2A grant, GO Health started implementing a leave behind kit program with first responders and UConnectCare (formally GCASA) peers. Naloxone leave behind kits allow Emergency Medical Service (EMS) agencies and fire professionals to directly give naloxone at the location of an overdose or suspected overdose. By providing these kits, we can save lives beyond the patient care given in the moment of an overdose. In 2023, 9 leave behind kits were distributed in Genesee County. GO Health plans to expand this program throughout Genesee and into Orleans County in 2024.



PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION

Walkability Virtual Academy (WVA) and Pop-up Demonstration on Bank Street

The purpose of the Walkability Virtual Academy was to engage and prepare interdisciplinary teams from local communities across the country to pursue policy, systems and environmental (PSE) supports for improved walkability and mobility in their communities. The academy provided teams with the most up-to-date learning methods that support community design for physical activity by creating safer and more accessible pedestrian, bicycle, and transit transportation networks for people of all ages, races, ethnicities, incomes, background, and abilities.



Genesee County was one of four teams across the country that participated in the Walkability Virtual Academy. Each team participated in 10 virtual academy sessions, developed a team action plan for improving walkability, movability, and community design, and began implementation of action plan strategies. Genesee County Team Members/Partners included the Genesee County Health Department, Genesee County Planning Department, Genesee Transportation Council, City of Batavia School District, the Office for the Aging, and Genesee County Youth Bureau.



PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION

In August 2023, the Genesee County Walkability team successfully implemented a Pop-up Demonstration on Bank Street in the City of Batavia to seek feedback from the community on the redesign of Bank Street. Many residents and patrons of businesses in the area attended the pop-up demonstration to provide their feedback on the project either verbally or by completing a survey. The feedback was then shared with the City of Batavia.

Health Education Data for 2023

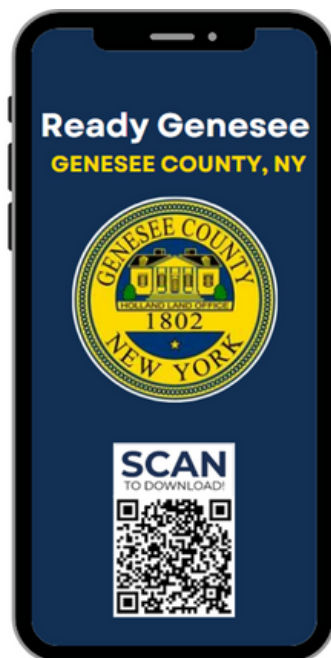
Health Education/Outreach	
Professional Education/Training Events	54
Public Education Events	49
Total Attendance (Professional Education/Trainings/Public Education)	4,828
Coalition Meetings	94
Overdose Emergency Kits/Naloxbox's	32
Units of Narcan (Naloxone) Distributed in the Community	534
Health Communication	
Press Releases	42
Earned Media Articles	19
Social Media Posts	1,115
Social Media Reach	54,318
Social Media Visits	7,724
Social Media Followers	2,025

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (PHEP)

Preparedness Apps

In collaboration with each county's respective Emergency Management Departments, GO Health launched their dual-screen Emergency Preparedness Apps. These apps provide the community with preparedness and health information, and are a tool for users in the event of an emergency. In the beginning of the year, the PHEP team worked diligently with Emergency Management to determine what content and capabilities to prioritize for the app to make it useful and beneficial to the community.

These apps have many useful features including emergency alert notifications, radio scanning capabilities, volunteer opportunities, community clinics/events, safety trainings, and links to local and state resources. Available for download on the app store and google play store.



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PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (PHEP)

Community and Academic Outreach

PHEP provided preparedness information to the community by tabling at many community events including the Genesee and Orleans County 4H Fairs, Orleans National Night Out, Genesee Community Night, and Genesee and Orleans County family game nights.

PHEP continued to focus on wider partner collaboration attending many conferences to share our experience and learn from others in our field. In March 2023, the MRC unit leader and deputy unit leader attended the MRC Regional Conference in Virginia and presented on how we manage our volunteer data.

In April, the PHEP team presented at the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) Preparedness Summit with a poster presentation on the GO Health VALOR MRC Corps.



PHEP Coordinator presenting a poster at the 2023 NYSPHC Summit.

This year we continued collaboration with the New York State Public Health Corps (NYSPHC) fellowship program. Our PHEP coordinator and the NYSPHC fellows attended the NYSPHC Summit in Albany, offering poster presentations on the contributions of the fellowship in reimaging PHEP capabilities, and our wastewater analysis. Our PHEP Coordinator also participated in a panel on career development.

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (PHEP)

Deliverables, Staff Training, & Drills

All of our PHEP deliverables were submitted for the year and accepted as prepared.

This year PHEP focused on increasing our staff's level of training and improving our training methods. We held many trainings throughout the year in collaboration with the MRC including; Stop the Bleed, You are the Help Until Help Arrives, Naloxone, ICS 100, Psychological First Aid, and CPR /AED.



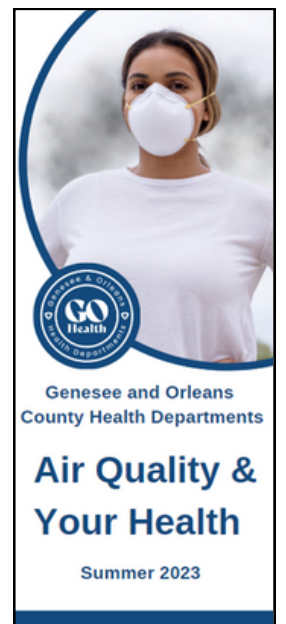
In December we began preparing staff for our 2024 Annual Drill which will focus on supervisory assistance in the activation of our MRC. In the event of an emergency, the supervisory positions would be providing just-in-time training to other volunteers/staff.

Emergency Response

In May we began to wind-down our distribution of COVID supplies including hand sanitizer, masks, and test kits. Within one week, distribution resumed with N95 respirators and information about Canadian wildfire smoke and the hazardous air quality index.

PHEP also assisted with the promotion of local cooling centers during heat waves. During the county 4H fairs, PHEP provided cooling stations with water, cold packs, misting fans, and an air-conditioned space. We also provided first aid awareness stations and naloxone training.

In the Fall, our COVID test kit distribution started again with the rise in cases. The distribution of test kits will continue through the beginning of 2024.



PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (PHEP)

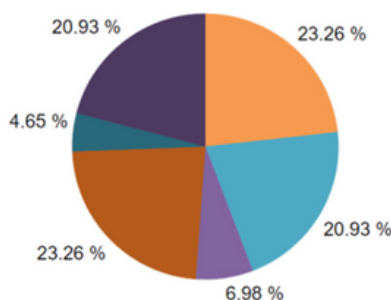
GO Health Volunteer Alliance Linking Our Resources (VALOR) Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

The MRC hosted our quarterly orientation and refresher sessions that allow for members to meet the administration staff, receive orientation presentations, and complete the fundamental trainings. This year we added additional safety trainings to each event including Stop the Bleed and Fire Safety Training. We also hosted our annual preparedness talks with a focus on preparation for the 2024 April 8th total solar eclipse.

The MRC supported non-emergency community events by volunteering to assist with traffic and parking at the Genesee County Air Show, and assist at our rabies vaccination clinics. The MRC also helped improve community preparedness by volunteering to be victims in our local Active Threat Training in December. This training worked to prepare local emergency services to mitigate a threat and then work to provide medical care and coordinate the transportation of patients to better prepare them for a real event.

In December, our MRC applied for the 2024 MRC Operational Readiness Award (ORA) of \$10,000 for funding to further develop emergency response capabilities. We are also participating in the NYSDOH STTRONG award, which involves approximately \$12,000 over 2 years for the MRC.

Impact



- Developed/Strengthened MRC Unit
- Improved Community Preparedness/Resilience
- Served a Vulnerable Population
- Strengthened Public Health
- Supported Non-Emergency Community Events
- Trained/Exercised to Improve Unit or Community Response Capacity/Capability

Total # of Hours Contributed	85.00	Total # of Activities Reported	10
Economic Value of Contribution	\$2560.58	Total # of MRC Participants	66

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (PHEP)

Inventory and Asset Management

PHEP underwent major changes with our inventory and asset management. We purchased Sortly, a new web-based inventory software to track and organize our inventory.

Our asset management also grew with incoming supplies from our grants. Through COVID-19 funds, the health department purchased new medical vehicles for each county to increase our outreach capabilities. Through the same grant, we were also able to purchase a storage trailer for Genesee County that has a pop-out feature that will be primarily used for outreach.



Orleans County Medical Sprinter Van



COVID Storage Trailer

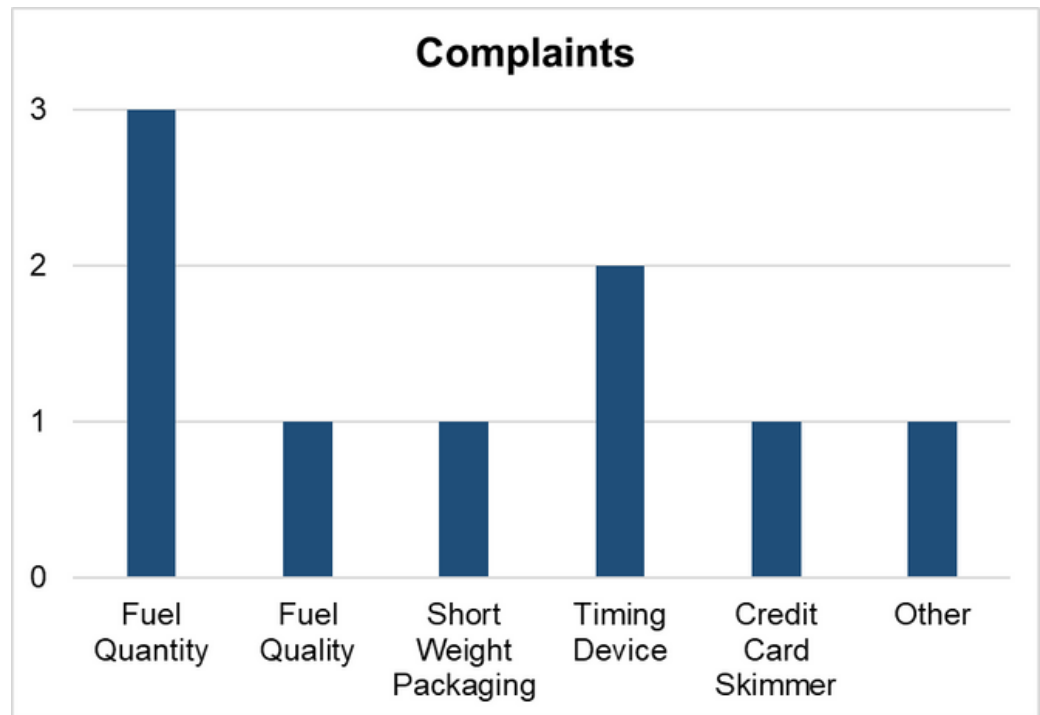


Fellow at the Genesee County 4H Fair with Mobile Medical RV

WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Promoting a fair and equitable marketplace is the work of the Genesee and Orleans Counties Department of Weights & Measures (W&M). This department protects open market transactions, ensuring fairness for both buyers and sellers. 2023 involved testing over 1,130 devices, 120 fuel samples, handled 9 complaint investigations, and confirmed the price of 4,290 individual items.

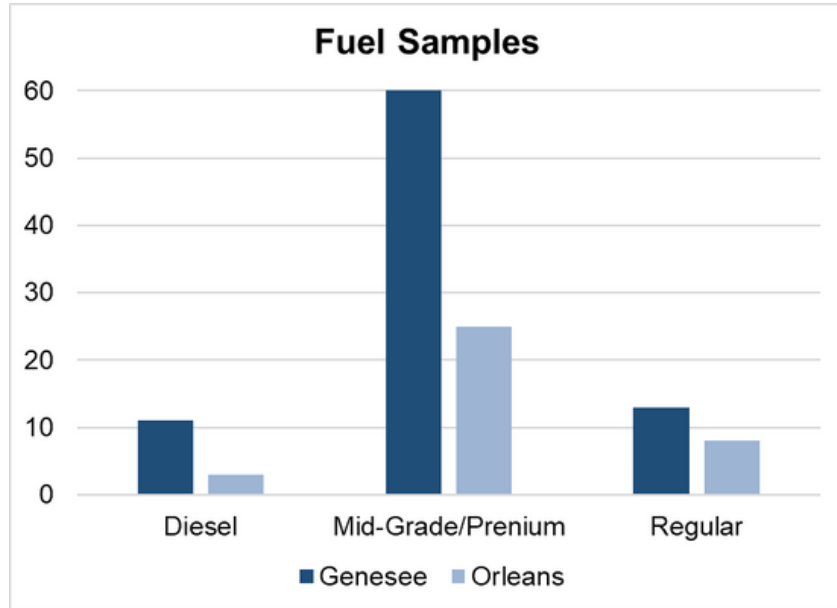
Device Type Summary	Total Number in Genesee County	Total Number in Orleans County
Scales	307	211
Liquid Measure Devices	386	142
Linear Measures	8	11
Weights	37	31
TOTAL	738	395



WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Fuel Sampling

W&M samples fuel from retail stations confirming it meets a variety of parameters. Each sample is 0.8 gallons and transferred to a third party for analyzing. NYS dictates the number and type of samples taken each month.



Pricing Accuracy

W&M has the authority to enter any retail store to conduct a pricing audit, confirming the prices on the shelves match the prices at checkout. With help from New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, we were able to conduct 38 pricing audits. We have provided data to the New York State Attorney General's Office regarding issues with certain retail stores and their pricing practices.

Jurisdiction	# Inspected	# Items Checked	# Over Charges	# Under Charges	Missing Price	# Inspections Failed
Genesee	28	3210	76	49	6	17
Orleans	10	1080	57	14	4	7
TOTAL	38	4290	133	63	10	24

WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Create & Educate

Although our inspection seal messaging has helped spread awareness on many topics over the last three years, NYS has requested ours be uniform with other counties going forward.



Sharing Services, Reducing Costs

GO Health W&M concluded its fourth year of the cross county collaboration. Savings have exceeded **\$200,000** in W&M costs alone.

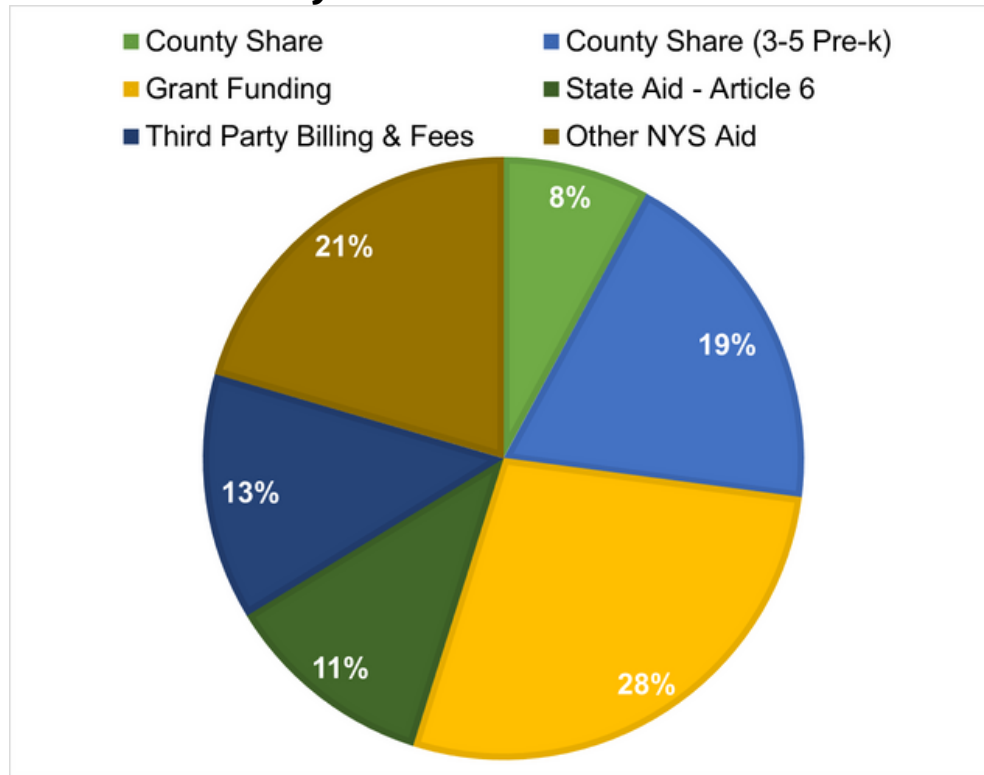
Industry Advancements

Currently, we are the first line of defense when filling up your vehicle, making sure you receive the amount of fuel you are paying for. As technology advances, so have our W&M laws and regulations. A major task going forward will be the testing and inspecting of Electric Vehicle Fueling Stations (EVFS). We will be tasked with confirming, like fuel, you are getting what you pay for when you "fill" your vehicle. This testing device plugs in between the charging station and your vehicle, confirming you are receiving the correct amount of energy.

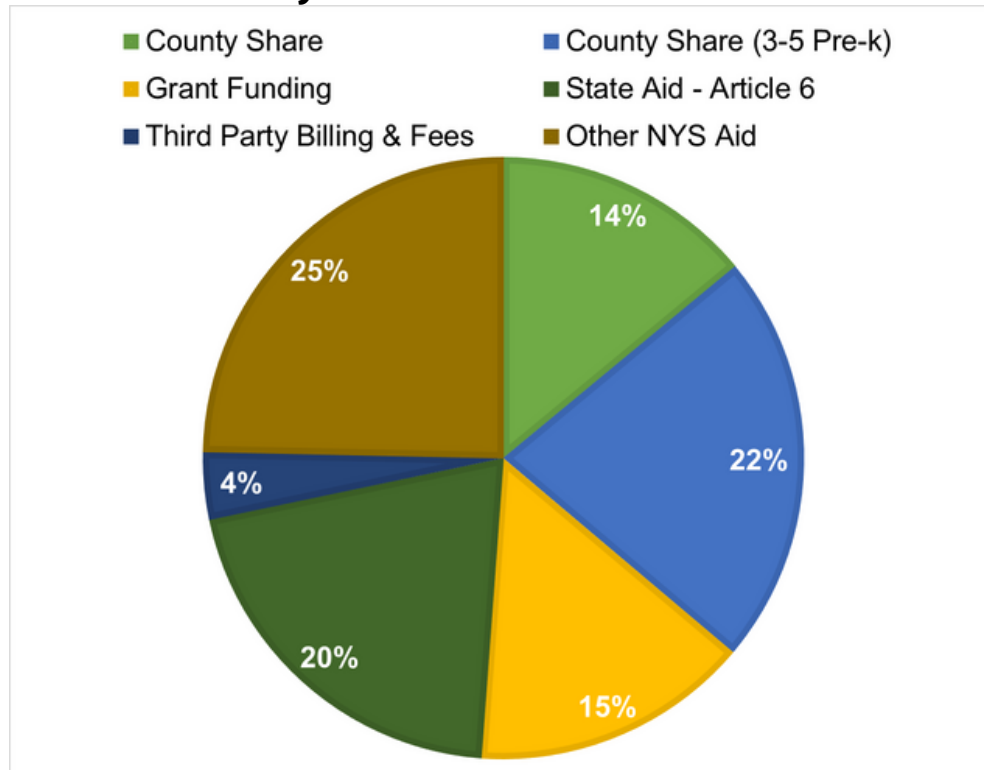


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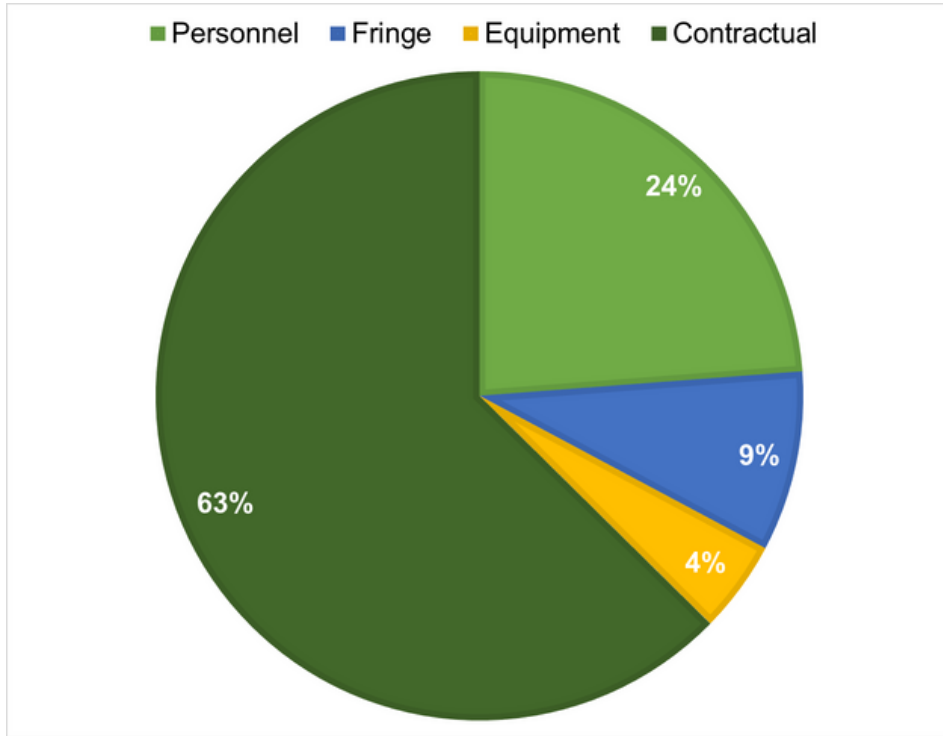
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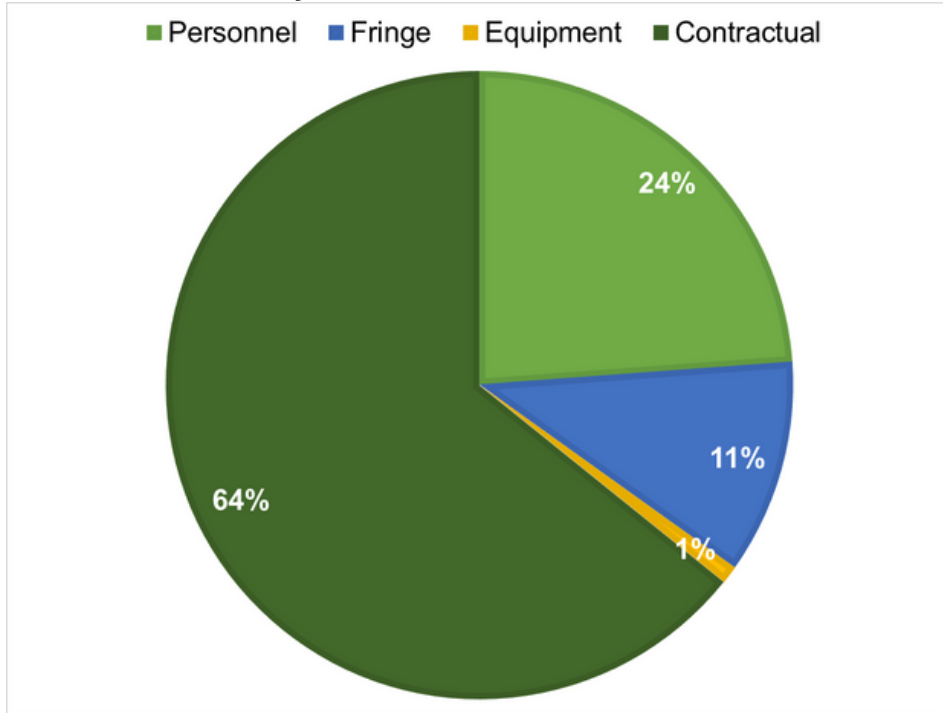
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2023 Expenditures

Genesee County



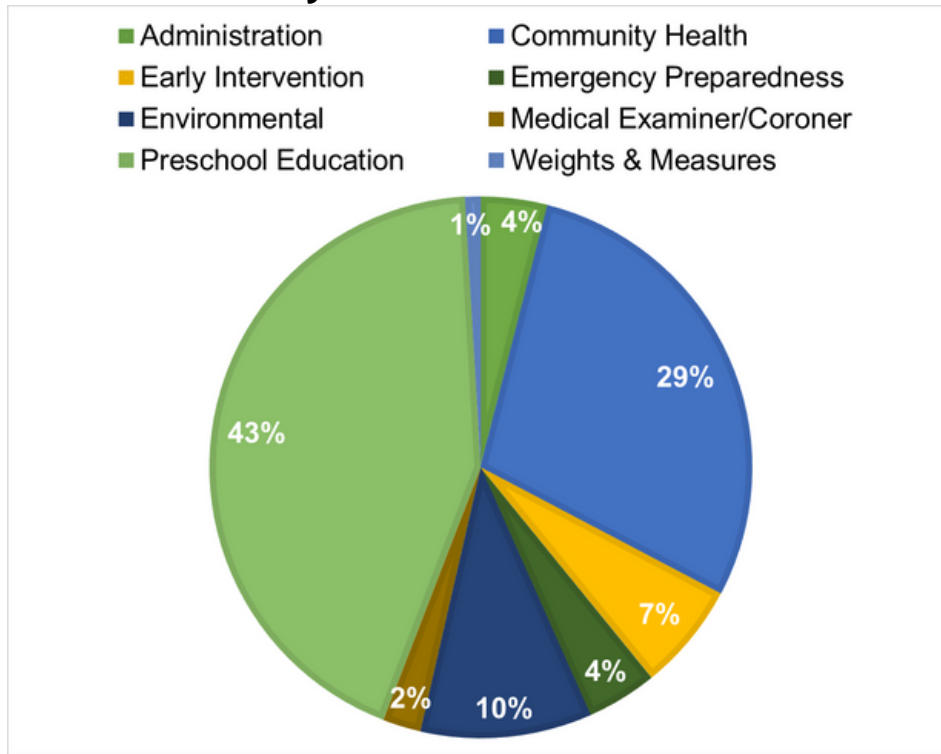
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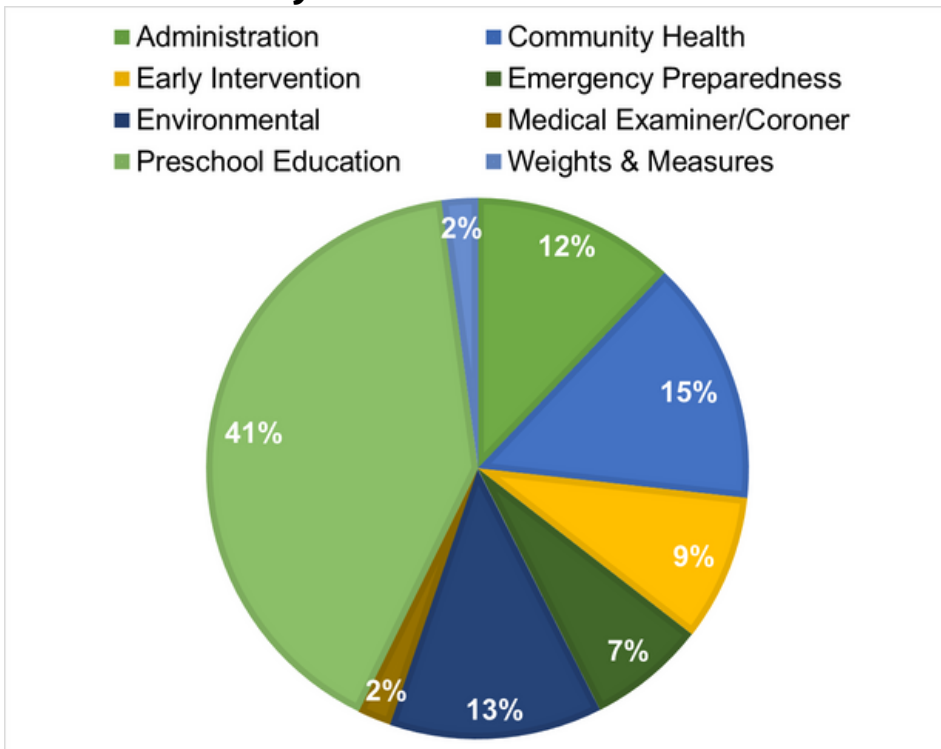
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2023 Expenditures Breakdown

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