

# 2024 Annual Report of the Fulton County Health Department

**PROVIDING SERVICES TO ALL RESIDENTS  
OF FULTON COUNTY**



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Greetings:

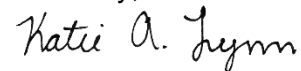
On behalf of the Fulton County Board of Health, we welcome your review of the 2024 Annual Report of the Fulton County Health Department. This report is a statistical picture of the activities of the Fulton County Health Department for the fiscal year December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024. We strive to promote and protect the health of Fulton County residents.

The Fulton County Health Department is an integral part of the community and is committed to motivating residents to live healthier, active lifestyles through promoting good health practices, protecting communities from disease, and preventing illness and injuries. Our vision is to work with the surrounding communities to cultivate wellness, community empowerment, and policy change through client service, education, and cross-organizational collaboration.

We continue to evaluate the conditions, both fiscally and programmatically, to ensure we can provide services in an efficient manner and with the quality of effort as we have in the past to the residents of Fulton County.

I, the Fulton County Board of Health, and the staff at the Fulton County Health Department, would like to extend a "Thank you" to the citizens of Fulton County for their continued support.

Sincerely,



Katie A. Lynn  
Public Health Administrator

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## DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

The Administrative Services Division of the Fulton County Health Department includes the Business Office, Office of Human Resources, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Weatherization, Volunteer Program, and the Administrator.

The Volunteer Program has completed its 29th year. We have volunteers who participate as needed throughout the year.

The Fulton County Health Department Administrator is the official Registrar for Fulton County, responsible for the filing of birth and death certificates. The births and deaths recorded reflect those that occurred within the geographical boundaries of Fulton County.

### VITAL STATISTICS FOR FULTON COUNTY

December 1, 2023– November 30, 2024

#### **TOTAL BIRTHS – 241**

Birth to Mothers 19 years of Age or Under – 16 (6.6%)  
Birth to Married Mothers – 119 (49.3%)

#### **TOTAL DEATHS – 421**

Heart Disease –126 (30%) Cancer – 57 (14%)  
Respiratory – 73 (17%) Other Medical – 93 (22%)  
Alzheimer/Dementia – 46 (11%) Fetal – 1 (<1%)

#### **ACCIDENTAL -**

Occupational - 0 (0%) Automobile – 3 (<1%)  
Suicide – 5 (1%) Other –17 (4%)

Pending -0%

#### **ENERGY ASSISTANCE**

Approved Energy Assistance Applications	1784
Emergency Furnace Applications Completed	11

## **DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

The Division of Environmental Health is responsible for the Food Sanitation; Private, Semi-Private, and Non-community Public Water Supplies; Private Sewage Disposal; Solid Waste Haulers; Tanning Facilities; Body Art Facilities; Nuisance; Vector; and Bed and Breakfast Programs.

### **Division of Environmental Health Services - Statistics**

December 1, 2023 – November 30, 2024

<b>Food Sanitation Program</b>		<b>Private Sewage Disposal Program</b>	
Routine Inspections	349	Private Sewage Disposal Permits Issued	66
Critical Violations Corrected	100	Private Sewage Disposal Final Inspections	57
Consultations	4	Private Sewage Disposal Evaluations	73
Temporary Food Permits Issued	206	Sewage Complaint Investigations	2
Pre-opening inspections	4	Consultations	8
Food Borne Illness Investigations	0		
<b>Private Water Supply Program</b>		<b>Other</b>	
New Well Construction Permits Issued	23	Tanning Facility Permits	8
New Well Inspections	4	Solid Waste Business Licenses	7
Well Evaluations	49	Body Art Facility Permits	1
Water Samples (Total)	132	Non-Community Water Facilities	13
Water Samples with Positive Coliform	63	Notifications of Boil Order	31
Water Samples with High Nitrate	0		
Abandoned Wells Sealed	4		

## **Division of Family and Community Health Services**

In 2024, the Fulton County Health Department (FCHD) was awarded many of the same grants applied for in the previous years. These grants were overseen by the Division of Family and Community Health Services and included: WIC (Women, Infant, Children), Family Case Management, Breastfeeding Peer Counselor, Healthworks, IBCCP (Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program), Family Planning, WISEWOMAN (Well-integrated Screening and Evaluation for Women Across the Nation), Carolyn Adams Ticket for the Cure Community Outreach, Comprehensive Health Protection – Infectious Disease, Local Health Protection – Lead Poisoning Prevention and Response, PHEP (Public Health Emergency Preparedness), and Illinois Tobacco-Free Communities. The division also has a non-grant funded Tuberculosis Program.

In addition to the above mentioned grants, the health department was also awarded four new grants including: Firearm Safe Storage Strategies, Respiratory Surveillance and Outbreak Response, Local Health Protection –Opioid Overdose Prevention, and Local Health Protection –Tuberculosis Prevention. Each of these four mentioned grants are also overseen by the Division of Family and Community Health Service.

The following is a brief description of each grant:

**WIC** (Women, Infant, Children): WIC is a supplemental nutrition and education program. Through WIC, income eligible pregnant/breastfeeding/postpartum women, infants and children up to five years of age receive nutritious food, nutrition/breastfeeding education, and healthcare referrals.

**Family Case Management:** The Family Case Management grant provides home visits, education, and referrals to pregnant/post-partum women and children.

**Breastfeeding Peer Counselor:** The Breastfeeding Peer Counselor grant offers specialized breastfeeding education, encouragement, and support to pregnant and breastfeeding women and their infants.

**Healthworks:** The Healthworks grant provides medical case management to foster children.

**IBCCP** (Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program): IBCCP offers breast and cervical cancer awareness, education, outreach, and referrals. Breast and cervical screening and/or diagnostic vouchers are given to eligible women throughout Fulton, McDonough, and Schuyler Counties. Fulton County serves as the Lead Agency.

**Family Planning:** The Family Planning Program provides females of child bearing age health education, physical exams, pregnancy testing, contraception including abstinence education, laboratory screenings which include pap smears/HPV as well as sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing, breast exams, and referrals. Male services are provided which include exams, education/counseling, STI testing and treatment, and partner services.

**WISEWOMAN** (Well-integrated Screening and Evaluation for Women Across the Nation): WISEWOMAN grant provides cardiovascular screenings labs, blood pressure, referrals, risk reduction counseling, health coaching/educational session, community linkage, and lifestyle intervention programs.

**Carolyn Adams Ticket for the Cure Community Outreach:** The Ticket for the Cure grant enhances breast health navigation, education, and outreach within Fulton County.

**Comprehensive Health Protection – Infectious Disease:** The infection disease staff conduct public health investigations for all outbreaks and reportable communicable diseases.

**Local Health Protection – Lead Poisoning Prevention and Response:** The Lead grant offers public awareness and education to prevent lead exposure. It also offers case management to children and pregnant women with elevated lead levels as well as environmental health referrals.

**PHEP** (Public Health Emergency Preparedness): The PHEP grant builds and sustains public health readiness strategies to collaborate with other public entities in the case of

emergency events such as pandemic outbreak, natural & man-made disasters, etc. Our agency continues with preparedness activities throughout the year to work within the context of the entire health community to provide necessary services to the residents of the county. The Fulton County Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps is housed within PHEP.

**Illinois Tobacco-Free Communities:** The Tobacco grant enforces the Smoke-Free Illinois Act by educating the public, referring to cessation resources, conducting random compliance checks, issuing citations for witnessed violations and following up on complaints.

**Tuberculosis (TB) Program:** The TB program offers free tuberculin skin testing, diagnostic services for positives, and treatment as needed.

**Firearm Safe Storage Strategies:** The Firearm Safe Storage Strategies grant provides education, referrals, and free gun lock/case distribution.

**Respiratory Surveillance and Outbreak Response:** The Respiratory Surveillance and Outbreak Response grant provides investigation, control, and reporting of respiratory outbreaks in congregate settings.

**Local Health Protection –Opioid Overdose Prevention:** The Opioid grant supports the purchase and distribution of naloxone medication to help combat the ongoing opioid crisis to block or reverse the effects of an opioid overdose. Training on overdose prevention and naloxone administration is provided. It also supports the purchase and distribution of fentanyl and xylazine test strips.

**Local Health Protection –Tuberculosis Prevention:** This Tuberculosis grant supports our current program and efforts to treat individuals diagnosed with active Tuberculosis through Directly Observed Therapy to ensure successful treatment protocol.

It takes a lot of staff effort to plan and implement activities to meet each grant's objectives. The Division Director, Program Managers, Program Staff and Administration worked diligently to ensure the success of the division. Most staff are cross-trained to work in multiple grants, programs, and clinics. Besides the above mentioned grants and programs, FCHD offered the following clinics throughout each month: Sexually Transmitted Disease, Healthwatch (reduced cost labs), Tuberculosis, Lead, Immunization, WIC, Family Planning, and Women's Health. The following is a brief description of each clinic:

**STD (Sexually Transmitted Disease) Clinic** was offered on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. Clinic dates varied with holidays. Urine screenings for Gonorrhea and Chlamydia were offered. Blood screenings for HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) and Syphilis were offered. Treatment and/or referrals were provided for positive screening results.

**Healthwatch** clinic was offered every Monday with the exception of holidays. Expanded lab services were offered at a reduced cost through our standing orders and doctor orders. Blood pressure screenings were also available.

**Tuberculosis** clinic was offered on Mondays and Thursdays. Dates varied with holidays. Tuberculin Skin Test were administered on Mondays and results were read on Thursdays. Any positive tests were referred to the Tuberculosis Program for follow up care.

**Lead** clinics offered capillary screening test for lead by appointment. Clients with abnormal test results were referred to their doctor's office for venous blood testing.

**Immunization** clinic offered Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis), Hepatitis B, Covid, and Influenza (staff & family only) vaccines on Mondays by appointment.

**WIC (Women, Infant, Children)** clinics were held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursday by appointment. Certifications are completed to ensure each client remained eligible to receive supplemental nutrition packages. Classes were held on Tuesdays.

**Family Planning** clinics were held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Laboratory screening, physical exams, education & counseling, referrals, and contraceptive services were completed by appointment. Wednesdays and Thursdays were utilized for clients to pick up birth control, received hormonal injection, pregnancy testing, and sexually transmitted infection testing.

**Women's Health** clinics were also held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday. Laboratory screening, physical exams, education & counseling, and referrals were completed by appointment.

Our Canton location is our main office but we also have two sub-offices. One of the sub-offices is housed in Cuba within the Grant Keime Memorial Building. This site is open Monday thru Friday. FCHD is licensed by the State of Illinois as a Home Nursing Agency and a Home Services Agency allowing the Medication Management program and the Chore Housekeeping program to operate. These two programs are available to residents within Cass and Putman townships. Both programs are valuable assets to the townships that they serve. Staff build strong rapport with their clients as evident from the survey responses.

Below is a brief description of each program:

**Medication Management:** This program helps to ensure that clients are taking their prescription drugs and medications correctly. Registered Nurses assess client medication and obtain Doctor's orders for the medication they are taking. They also order and pick up medication refills as requested, set up medication planners, consult with physicians to maintain accurate medication lists, and provide physical assessments with vital signs. Generally, two planners are filled in case of holidays or inclement weather.

**Chore Housekeeping:** This program provides light housekeeping and social interaction for one hour per week. Each Service Outreach Specialist (SOS) completes task for their clients based on individuals need. While completing tasks, SOS visit with their clients. Some of these clients have very limited interactions with others besides their SOS and are very appreciative of their weekly visits.

Our other sub-office is located in Astoria. This location is open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Staff working in this office report to Canton office for the rest of the week. This location offered WIC clinics/classes, Family Case Management, Family Planning supplies, IBCCP enrollment, as well as many more activities when needed.

Over the years the Fulton County Health Department developed strong ties to the communities that we have served and the residents of the county. Outreach and collaboration activities were conducted to strengthen our network of social services organizations. Our Health Education staff have continued to work with our local schools, food pantries, and a wide range of social service agencies. The Heath Educators facilitated the monthly Fulton County Social Services group meeting. They also serve as community navigators to help guide those of need of assistance to the resources that they needed.

Staff are required by each grant to complete work plans and progress reports to show progress made toward meeting objectives. Staff are also required to report monthly statistics. The following is a breakdown of the statistics for the 2024 fiscal year.

### **Division of Family and Community Health Services Statistics December 1, 2023 - November 30, 2024**

#### **WIC**

Average monthly Caseload 496  
Total number of clinic certifications 1687  
Number of Hemoglobin completed 441

#### **Family Case Management**

Average monthly Caseload 207  
Home Visits 80

#### **Healthworks**

Average monthly Caseload 43

#### **IBCCP**

Number of screening vouchers issued 29  
Number of diagnostic vouchers issued 5  
Number of cancer diagnosis through program 1  
Number of Care & Treatment referrals 4

### **Family Planning**

Supply Visits 119  
Clinic Visits 56  
Cervical Screenings 21  
Abnormal cervical results 7  
Pregnancy Tests 15  
Positive Pregnancy Tests 1  
Chlamydia / Gonorrhea Screenings 42  
Positive Chlamydia results 0  
Positive Gonorrhea results 0

### **WISEWOMAN**

Screenings 7  
Health Coaching 18

### **Infectious Diseases**

Animal Bite Reports	78	
Rabies Exposure / Prophylaxis	7	Salmonellosis 10
Campylobacter	17	Shigellosis 2
Chicken Pox/Varicella	1	Strep Invasive Group A 1
Cryptosporidium	1	Other 8
Haemophilus Influenza	2	
Hepatitis A	0	
Hepatitis B	2	
Hepatitis C	10	
Histoplasmosis	5	
Lyme Disease	10	

### **Blood Lead Screenings**

Screenings completed by FCHD 79  
Abnormal Results of FCHD screenings 0  
Home Visits 13  
Average monthly Caseload 15

### **Tobacco**

Total number of Smoke Free Illinois Act compliance checks 84  
Total number of complaints 11

### **Tuberculosis Program**

TB Screenings provided within health department 173  
TB Screenings from Tuberculin provided to outside organization 40  
Positive Tuberculosis Screenings 0  
Suspected TB cases 4  
New Active TB Cases 0  
Number of New Clients Receiving Treatment 0

**Firearm Safe Storage Strategies** (Grant started 7/1/2024)

Number of events held/attended 10  
Number of organizations educated 6  
Number of individuals educated 874  
Number of awareness materials dispensed 904  
Number of gun locks distributed 1104  
Number of gun safety boxes distributed 348  
Number of social media post 117  
Number of social media interactions 10008

**Respiratory Surveillance and Outbreak Response** (Grant started 7/1/2024)

Covid ICU Admissions 7  
Influenza ICU Admissions 0  
RSV ICU Admissions 0  
Covid, Influenza, or RSV deaths under the age of 18 years 0  
Covid deaths over the age of 18 years 5  
Congregate Care facilities with Covid outbreaks 17  
Congregate Care facilities with Influenza, RSV, or other respiratory disease outbreak 0

**Sexually Transmitted Infection Clinic / County Surveillance**

Clients Served 25  
Chlamydia / Gonorrhea Screening 23  
HIV / Syphilis Screening 17  
  
Chlamydia diagnosed in the county 111  
Gonorrhea diagnosed in the county 26  
Syphilis diagnosed in the county 3

**Health Watch Clinic**

Clients screened 107  
Comprehensive (Lipid, CMP, CBC) 68  
Lipid 53  
A1C 35  
Thyroid 34  
Other 24

**Immunizations Clinic** (Adult)

Covid 11  
Tetanus 6  
Hepatitis B 9  
Influenza (staff & family only) 11

**Women's Health Clinic**

Number of clients seen at FCHD clinic 6  
Number of clients with abnormal breast exam 1  
Number of clients with abnormal cervical screening results 1

### **Grant Keime Office-Cuba**

Medication Management Clients-monthly average 8  
Nurse Home Visits, total for year 637  
Blood pressures 61  
Office Visits, total for year 1769  
Chore Housekeeping Clients-monthly average 57  
Chore Housekeeping Visits-total for year 2176

### **Astoria Office**

Office Visits 269  
Family Case Management Home Visits 10  
WIC Certifications/classes 240  
Immunizations 1  
Lead screenings 4  
Family Planning supply visits 7  
Referrals 97

### **Health Education – School Presentations**

Number of schools requesting presentations 3  
Number of Pregnancy Prevention sessions 7  
Number of STD Prevention sessions 7  
Number of Other Health Topics sessions 7  
Total Number of students educated 251

### **Community Navigation & Outreach**

Number of Presentations 12  
Number in attendance for presentations 155  
Number of Health Fairs and/or events 66  
Number in attendance for health fair and/or events 12301  
Radio/Cable/Newspaper Ads 6  
Social Media Post 588  
Other 3

## FY 2024 Financial Report

### FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 1, 2023

HEALTH FUND	\$ 2,808,268.50
LIHEAP FUND	\$ 6,417.34
RESERVE FUND	\$ 42,109.20
TRANSFER FUND	\$ 701.00
PIPP FUND	\$ 68.18
HEALTH CD	\$ 510,782.09
IL TRUST	\$ 516,465.51

**TOTAL** \$ 3,884,811.82

### REVENUE

PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 382,604.85
MISC TAXES & INTEREST	\$ 347,897.33
STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS	\$ 2,373,772.95
LOCAL GRANTS	\$ 207,492.30
FEES & FEE FOR SERVICE	\$ 158,478.49
FULTON COUNTY TB BOARD	\$ 47,512.91
RENT	\$ 29,254.50
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$ 9,301.32

**TOTAL** \$ 3,556,314.65

### EXPENSES

PERSONNEL	\$ 1,008,482.70
DEPT REIMBURSED HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 196,445.84
RETENTION BONUS	\$ 52,725.00
TRAVEL	\$ 20,271.15
EQUIPMENT	\$ 23,639.00
CONTRACTUAL	\$ 1,386,189.49
COMMODITIES	\$ 130,176.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$ 6,614.58
AMEREN PIPP CONTRACTUAL	\$ 162,605.60
SIPA GRANT INTEREST RETURN	\$ 7,297.76
VOID/REISSUED CHECK	\$ 244.53

**TOTAL** \$ 2,994,691.65

### FUND BALANCES - NOVEMBER 30, 2024

HEALTH FUND	\$ 3,321,224.45
LIHEAP FUND	\$ 6,592.66
RESERVE FUND	\$ 43,260.89
TRANSFER FUND	\$ 701.00
PIPP FUND	\$ 110.10
HEALTH CD	\$ 530,312.28
IL TRUST	\$ 544,233.44

**TOTAL** \$ 4,446,434.82

**FULTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES  
AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2024**

Angela Blickenstaff.....	Program Specialist
Lisa Brown, AAS .....	Health Professional
Deborah Bugos .....	Building and Grounds Assistant
Kimberly Bull, BSN, RN... ..	Program Manager
Hope Cox, CVHT .....	Associate Health Professional
Kendee Delong .....	LIHEAP Program Coordinator/BFPC
Heather Dye, BS .....	Health Professional
Amy Edwards, RN.....	Family & Community Health Division Director
Paige Edwards .....	Health Educator
Megan Gilstrap, BA .....	Health Professional
Sara Hammond ... ..	Program Specialist
Ed Henderson .....	Building and Grounds Assistant
Carma Jones, AA .....	Office Systems Coordinator
Debra Lynch .....	Service Outreach Specialist
Katie Lynn, MPH, LEHP, REHS.....	Administrator
Abbey Marinich, RN .....	Public Health Nurse
Kaitlin Martinez.....	Program Manager
Abbey Marinich .....	Public Health Nurse
Crystal Morse .....	Health Educator
Donna Noland .....	Program Specialist
Amanda Petty, RN .....	Public Health Nurse
Emily Pickel, RN.....	Program Manager
Terry Pickel, RN .....	Public Health Nurse
Courtney Reynolds, APRN.....	Nurse Practitioner
Rebekah Ridgeway, CFNP, MSN.....	Nurse Practitioner
Amy Rose, BA.....	Human Resource Director/Dental Manager
Franki Ruck.....	Program Specialist
Jill Simmons.....	Billing Manager
Pam Smith, BA.....	Service Outreach Specialist
Angie Tompkins, AA.....	Program Coordinator
Julie Weaver-Ball, RN .....	Public Health Nurse

**Table 1. SELECTED DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS****Fulton County, U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts**

<b>Population</b>	
Population Estimates, July 1 2023, (V2023)	32,541
Population estimates base, April 1, 2020, (V2023)	33,608
Population, percent change - April 1, 2020 (estimates base) to July 1, 2022, (V2023)	-3.2%
Population, Census, April 1, 2020	33,609
Population, Census, April 1, 2010	37,069
<b>Age and Sex</b>	
Persons under 5 years, percent	4.5%
Persons under 18 years, percent	19.3%
Persons 65 years and over, percent	21.8%
Female persons, percent	47.8%
<b>Race and Hispanic Origin</b>	
White alone, percent	93.8%
Black or African American alone, percent	3.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent	0.6%
Asian alone, percent	0.3%
Two or More Races, percent	1.3%
Hispanic or Latino, percent	2.6%
<b>Population Characteristics</b>	
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent	91.9%
Veterans, 2019-2023	2,098
Foreign born persons, percent, 2018-2022	1.1%
<b>Housing</b>	
Housing units, July 1, 2023, (V2023)	15,862
Owner-occupied housing unit rate, 2019-2023	77.9%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2019-2023	\$102,500
Median selected monthly owner costs -with a mortgage, 2019-2023	\$1,192
Median selected monthly owner costs -without a mortgage, 2019-2023	\$537
Median gross rent, 2019-2023	\$808
Building permits, 2023	26
<b>Families &amp; Living Arrangements</b>	
Households, 2019-2023	13,902
Persons per household, 2019-2023	2.25
Living in same house 1 year ago, percent of persons age 1 year+, 2019-2023	89.1%
Language other than English spoken at home, percent of persons age 5 years+, 2019-2023	2.6%
<b>Computer and Internet Use</b>	
Households with a computer, percent, 2019-2023	91.6%
Households with a broadband Internet subscription, percent, 2019-2023	86.1%

<b>Education</b>	
High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2019-2023	90.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2019-2023	17.6%
<b>Health</b>	
With a disability, under age 65 years, percent, 2019-2023	10.8%
Persons without health insurance, under age 65 years, percent	6.3%
<b>Economy</b>	
In civilian labor force, total, percent of population age 16 years+, 2019-2023	55.7%
In civilian labor force, female, percent of population age 16 years+, 2019-2023	56.4%
Total accommodation and food services sales, 2017 (\$1,000)	33,397
Total health care and social assistance receipts/revenue, 2017 (\$1,000)	160,544
Total transportation and warehousing receipts/revenue, 2017 (\$1,000)	16,227
Total retail sales, 2017 (\$1,000)	305,442
Total retail sales per capita, 2017	\$8,702
<b>Transportation</b>	
Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16 years+, 2019-2023	25.1
<b>Income &amp; Poverty</b>	
Median household income (in 2022 dollars), 2019-2023	\$58,617
Per capita income in past 12 months (in 2022 dollars), 2019-2023	\$33,706
Persons in poverty, percent	11.8%
<b>Businesses</b>	
Total employer establishments, 2022	600
Total employment, 2022	6,302
Total annual payroll, 2022 (\$1,000)	265,361
Total employment, percent change, 2021-2022	6.5%
Total nonemployer establishments, 2022	1,515
All employer firms, Reference year 2017	545
<b>Geography</b>	
Population per square mile, 2020	38.8
Population per square mile, 2010	42.8
Land area in square miles, 2020	865.68
Land area in square miles, 2010	865.60

Table 1 Source: U.S. Census Bureau: Fulton County, Illinois QuickFacts, 2024

## BIRTH CHARACTERISTICS

	Total Births	Low Birth Weight (<2,500 grams)		Preterm (<37 weeks)		Cesarean Section		Mother Unmarried		Not H.S. Graduate Age 20+		Adequate Prenatal Care	
		Births	%	Births	%	Births	%	Births	%	Births	%	Births	%
<b>Illinois</b>	128,493	11,158	8.7	13,587	10.6	39,771	30.0	50,565	39.4	8,710	7.3	98,878	78.3
<b>Fulton</b>	299	24	8.0	32	10.7	115	38.5	162	54.2	20	7.2	243	81.3

Table 2 Source: IDPH Vital Statistics: Birth Characteristics by Resident County, Illinois Residents, 2022.

## CAUSE OF DEATH

<b>Table 3. Causes of Death in Fulton County vs. Illinois, 2021</b>											
Area	Total Deaths	Cause of Death									
		Disease of Heart (heart disease)	Malignant neoplasms (cancer)	COVID-19	Accidents (unintentional Injuries)	Cerebrovascular Diseases (stroke)	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	Alzheimers disease	Diabetes mellitus	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	Influenza and Pneumonia
Illinois	122,977	26,791	23,622	7,149	7,482	6,622	5,324	4,238	3,526	2,879	1,969
Fulton	532	105	99	41	20	13	38	22	14	12	3

Table 3 Source: IDPH Vital Statistics: Leading Causes of Death by Resident County 2022.

## **SPECIAL THANKS**

The Fulton County Health Department would like to thank Dr. Joshua Bowers, Family Planning Medical Advisor; Dr. Jason Lowe, Sexually Transmitted Infections Medical Advisor; Dr. Marci Well, Maternal and Child Health Medical Advisor; and Dr. Dwayne Bernard, TB Medical Advisor. Their involvement allows our agency to provide quality health care to residents of Fulton County.

## **COLLABORATING AGENCIES**

The Fulton County Health Department thanks the following agencies for their collaborative efforts this past year in bringing public health services to the residents of Fulton County.

Canton Park District  
Canton Police Department  
City Of Canton  
Community Foundation of Central Illinois  
First Congregational United Church of Christ  
Fulton County Cooperative Extension Service  
Fulton County Coroner  
Fulton County Emergency Medical Services  
Fulton County Emergency Services and Disaster Agency  
Fulton County Farm Bureau  
Fulton County Schools  
Fulton County Sheriff's Department  
Fulton County Social Services Group  
Fulton County State's Attorney  
Fulton-Mason Crisis Services  
Fulton-Schuyler Regional Office of Education  
Graham Hospital  
Graham Hospital School of Nursing  
Graham Medical Services  
Health and Wellness Clinic of Fulton County  
Illinois State Police – District 14  
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)  
North Central Behavioral Health System, Inc.  
Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing  
Spoon River College  
The Salvation Army  
University of Illinois School of Medicine - College of Nursing  
Western Illinois University- School of Nursing  
Canton Family YMCA  
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The Fulton County Health Department will provide comprehensive public health services to the residents of Fulton County through health promotion, prevention, and education activities. We will continue our efforts to identify the health needs of those we serve and facilitate the provision and access of services to meet those needs.

**Our goal is to reduce the incidence of disease and increase public awareness of healthy lifestyles.**