

# 2022 Annual Report of the Fulton County Health Department

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



## **FULTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

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Greetings:

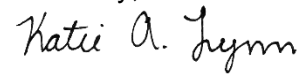
On behalf of the Fulton County Board of Health, we welcome your review of the 2022 Annual Report of the Fulton County Health Department. This report is a statistical picture of the activities of the Fulton County Health Department for the fiscal year December 1, 2021 through November 30, 2022. We strive 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

#### **FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

Ben Phillips, MD President	Laura Hepp Kessel
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Health Committee Fulton County Board: Laura Hepp Kessel, Chairman  
Members: Cindy Arnett, Susan Duquenne, Nestor Madson, Heidi Wilner.

## **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 28th 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, 2021– November 30, 2022

### **TOTAL BIRTHS – 256**

Birth to Mothers 19 years of Age or Under – 21 (8.2%)  
Birth to Married Mothers – 102 (39.8%)

### **TOTAL DEATHS – 468**

Heart Disease –117 (25%) Cancer – 60 (12.8%)  
Respiratory – 130 (27.7%) Other Medical – 83 (17.7%)  
Alzheimer/Dementia – 59 (12.6%) Fetal – 0 (0%)

### **ACCIDENTAL -**

Occupational - 1 (<1%) Automobile – 2 (<1%)  
Suicide – 9 (1.9%) Other –7 (1.4%)

Pending -0%

## **ENERGY ASSISTANCE AND WEATHERIZATION**

Approved Energy Assistance Applications	1661
Weatherization Projects (homes) Completed	9

## **FULTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT DENTAL CENTER**

The Fulton County Health Department Dental Center has completed its eleventh year of operation. We still take only patients who have no private dental insurance or who have Medicaid. This year we saw 169 new patients and scheduled 2309 appointments. Of these appointments that showed up, 1134 were for children 21 years old and younger. We saw 445 adults. Our challenges continue in trying to figure out how to best serve all of our patients. We are seeing a continued increase in needed treatment for those ages between 21 and 40.

Staff includes two dental assistants, and one clerical person. All of our assistants are trained in the monitoring of nitrous oxide.

We continued to offer outreach programs to pre-schools and kindergartens on a limited basis this year. Our partnership with Headstart continued. This year we provided 4553 services to our patients as well as educating our community of the importance of good oral health practices for overall good health.

## **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.

Continued efforts in the West Nile virus monitoring program included setting 41 gravid traps at 20 locations and conducting tests for West Nile virus on 10 mosquito pools. No mosquito pools tested positive for West Nile virus in Fulton County during the 2022 program.

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

December 1, 2021 – November 30, 2022

#### **Food Sanitation Program**

Routine Inspections	482
Critical Violations Corrected	141
Consultations	7
Temporary Food Permits Issued	206
Pre-opening inspections	21
Food Borne Illness Investigations	1

#### **Private Water Supply Program**

New Well Construction Permits Issued	13
New Well Inspections	2
Well Evaluations	69
Water Samples (Total)	156
Water Samples with Positive Coliform	82
Water Samples with High Nitrate	0
Abandoned Wells Sealed	15

#### **Private Sewage Disposal Program**

Private Sewage Disposal Permits Issued	53
Private Sewage Disposal Final Inspections	53
Private Sewage Disposal Evaluations	90
Sewage Complaint Investigations	0
Consultations	34

#### **Other**

Tanning Facility Permits	8
Solid Waste Business Licenses	9
Body Art Facility Permits	2
Non-Community Water Facilities	12
Notifications of Boil Order for Food Facilities	11
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## **DIVISION of FAMILY AND COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES**

In 2022, the Division of Family and Community Health Services acted again as the lead agency for the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer program to meet the screening needs of eligible women throughout Fulton, McDonough, and Schuyler Counties. The Mammograms Save Lives License Plate Grant through Susan G. Komen provided screening mammogram assistance as well as transportation assistance to eligible clients through March. The grant was not offered for reapplication. The WISEWOMAN program provided cardiovascular screenings, referrals, and educational sessions to age/income eligible women. The Carolyn Adams Ticket for the Cure Grant was utilized to enhance breast health navigation and education within the county.

The Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant continued to offer funding in 2022. The combined funding solidified our planning for a pandemic flu outbreak, bioterrorism event, or other emergency requiring the cooperation of all responding agencies. Our agency's continued planning prepared us well to work within the context of the entire health community to provide necessary services to the residents of Fulton County. The Fulton County Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps is housed within Public Health Emergency Preparedness

The division continues to offer guidance and assistance to the educational community. Preventive sessions and activities were conducted. FCHD services touch every school district in Fulton County.

This division also includes many of the traditional programs of the health department, including Women's Health, Family Planning, WIC, Family Case Management, Immunizations, Communicable Disease, Tuberculosis Prevention/Surveillance, and the Lead Program. Laboratory services include the cardiovascular screening program, Health Watch with expanded lab services, blood pressure screenings, and Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) screenings. Through the STD Clinic, STD and HIV testing, exams, counseling, treatment, partner services, and referrals are offered to men and women. Health professionals that provide both preventive health care and educational services include Program Specialists, Health Educator, Registered Nurses, and an Advanced Practice Nurse/Nurse Practitioner.

Women's Health clinics include screenings and health education for women of all ages. Women's Health also includes financial assistance for mammograms and pap smears to age and income eligible women who are underinsured or uninsured.

The Maternal Child Health Programs include the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) 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. Those clients needing extra assistance/support with breastfeeding are linked with our Breast Feeding Peer Counselors. The Family Case Management program provides home visits, education, and referrals to pregnant/post-partum women and children. In addition, the Maternal Child Health Programs provide childhood health exams including screenings of blood pressure, hemoglobin, and blood lead levels.

The Fulton County Health Department 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 and sexually transmitted disease (STD) testing, breast exams, and referrals. Male services are provided which include education/counseling, exams, STD testing and treatment, and partner services.

This division oversees the operations of the Cuba and Astoria sub-offices of the Health Department. Housed in the Grant Keime Memorial Building in Cuba, the Chore Housekeeping and Medications Management Program are shining examples of innovative programs to serve the community. In Astoria, we provide many of the traditional health department services, including WIC, Family Case Management, Family Planning Supplies, mammogram assistance, water sample kits, and temporary food permits.

**Division of Family and Community Health Services**  
**Statistics December 1, 2021 - November 30, 2022**

**Community Navigation**

Attendance-Hlth Fair/Open Hs/Special Event	1240
Social Media FB followers-monthly average	1580
Bus Ad (passengers)	7683

**Grant Keime Office-Cuba**

Office Visits, total for year	2521
Chore Housekeeping Clients-monthly average	65
Chore Housekeeping Visits-total for year	2194
Medication Management Clients-monthly ave.	9
Nurse Home Visits, total for year	739

**COVID-19**

Vaccinations Administered	2403
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**Tuberculosis Program**

TB Screenings	154
Positive Tuberculosis Screenings	0
New Active TB Cases	0
Number of New Clients Receiving Treatment	0

**Women's Health**

Total Clients Served	1
Total Program Mammograms	11
Total Program Pap Test/CBEs	13
Voucher's Issued	44
Cancer Diagnosed	0

**WISEWOMAN Program**

Screenings	5
Class Interventions	1
Abnormal Screenings	0
Referrals	6

**Family Planning Clinics**

Supply Visits	218
Clinic Visits	13
Pap Test Screens	7
Abnormal Pap test results	0
Pregnancy Tests	8
Positive Pregnancy Tests	0
Chlamydia Screens	14
Gonorrhea Screens	14

**Sexually Transmitted Infection Clinics**

Clients Served	57
All Identified Infections	15
Chlamydia Screens	51
Gonorrhea Screens	51
HIV Tests	26
Syphilis Screens	24

**Astoria Office**

Office Visits	368
Home Visits	0
WIC Clients	360
Family Planning Clients	11
Referrals	38

**Laboratory Services/Health Watch**

Clients Screened	114
- Doctor Ordered	101
- Standing Orders	13
Comp (Lipid, CMP, CBC)	79
PSA	18
A1C	38
Thyroid	27
Hepatitis A, B, C	1
Other	11

**Blood Lead Screenings**

Screenings done at FCHD	29
Abnormal Results of FCHD screenings	0

**Women, Infant and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program**

Clinics	141
WIC Clients/Caseload-Monthly average	614

**Family Case Management**

FCM Clients/Caseload-Monthly average	205
Home Visits	1

## FY 2022 Financial Report

### FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 1, 2021

HEALTH FUND	\$ 2,274,523.22
LIHEAP FUND	\$ 6,315.44
FMHA RESERVE FUND	\$ 41,625.24
TRANSFER FUND	\$ 701.00
PIPP FUND	\$ 7,896.45

**TOTAL** \$ 2,331,061.35

### REVENUE

PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 380,401
MISC TAXES & INTEREST	\$ 365,851
STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS	\$ 3,849,682
LOCAL GRANTS	\$ 232,735
FEES & FEE FOR SERVICE	\$ 372,478
FULTON COUNTY TB BOARD	\$ 53,410
RENT	\$ 28,327
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$ 112,358

**TOTAL** \$ 5,395,241.75

### EXPENSES

PERSONNEL	\$ 1,149,279.98
HEALTH/LIFE INSURANCE	\$ 168,919.49
TRAVEL	\$ 19,136.89
EQUIPMENT	\$ 37,679.50
CONTRACTUAL	\$ 2,907,453.18
COMMODITIES	\$ 104,126.13
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$ 32,917.00

**TOTAL** \$ 4,419,512.17

### FUND BALANCES - NOVEMBER 30, 2022

HEALTH FUND	\$ 3,258,510.42
LIHEAP FUND	\$ 6,319.56
FMHA RESERVE FUND	\$ 41,646.05
TRANSFER FUND	\$ 701.00
PIPP FUND	\$ 47.50

**TOTAL** \$ 3,307,224.53

**FULTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES  
AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2022**

Melody Albanito .....	Program Specialist
Angela Blickenstaff.....	Program Specialist
Deborah Bugos .....	Building and Grounds Assistant
Kim Bull, BSN, RN.....	Program Manager
Hope Cox, CVHT .....	Associate Health Professional
Martha Danielson, BSN, RN.....	Public Health Nurse
Kendee Delong .....	Program Specialist
Heather Dye, BS .....	Program Specialist
Amy Edwards, RN.....	Family & Community Health Division Director
Paige Edwards .....	Health Educator
Mariah Essex, BS .....	Health Professional
Kaitlin Gilstrap.....	Health Professional
Mackenzie Hedges.....	Associate Health Professional
Ed Henderson .....	Building and Grounds Assistant
Carma Jones, AA.....	Office Systems Coordinator
Kaylee Kumer.....	Breastfeeding Peer Counselor
Debra Lynch .....	Service Outreach Specialist
Katie Lynn, MPH, LEHP, REHS.....	Administrator
Julie McKinley.....	Program Specialist
Crystal Morse .....	Health Educator
Draven Nelson, BS.....	LIHEAP Coordinator
Emily Nelson, RN .....	Public Health Nurse
Gretchen Platt.....	Dental Assistant
Brenda Reneau.....	Program Specialist
Rebekah Ridgeway, CFNP,MSN.....	Nurse Practitioner
Joyce Riekana, RN.....	Public Health Nurse
Amy Rose, BA.....	Human Resource Director/Dental Manager
Rachael Ross.....	Associate Health Professional
Steve Sepich.....	Programs Manager
Jill Simmons.....	Billing Manager
Pam Smith, BA.....	Service Outreach Specialist
Theresa Stanko, RN.....	Public Health Nurse
Ashley Stewart .....	Associate Health Professional
Stacy Thompson, MS, LEHP .....	Environmental Health Director
Kathy Tolley, BSN, RN.....	Programs Manager
Angie Tompkins, AA.....	Service Outreach Specialist
Abby VanMiddlesworth.....	Breastfeeding Peer Counselor
Matthew Vogel .....	Health Professional
Julie Weaver-Ball, RN.....	Public Health Nurse
Cherish Zempel, RN .....	Program Manager



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

<b>Population</b>	
Population Estimates, July 1 2021, (V2021)	33,197
Population estimates base, April 1, 2020, (V2021)	33,609
Population, percent change - April 1, 2020 (estimates base) to July 1, 2021, (V2021)	-1.20%
Population, Census, April 1, 2020	33,609
Population, Census, April 1, 2010	37,069
<b>Age and Sex</b>	
Persons under 5 years, percent	4.50%
Persons under 18 years, percent	19.30%
Persons 65 years and over, percent	21.20%
Female persons, percent	47.30%
<b>Race and Hispanic Origin</b>	
White alone, percent	93.20%
Black or African American alone, percent	4.60%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent	0.80%
Asian alone, percent	0.30%
Two or More Races, percent	1.10%
Hispanic or Latino, percent	3.20%
<b>Population Characteristics</b>	
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent	90.80%
Veterans, 2017-2021	2,254
Foreign born persons, percent, 2017-2021	1.20%
<b>Housing</b>	
Housing units, July 1, 2021, (V2021)	15,868
Owner-occupied housing unit rate, 2017-2021	77.80%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2017-2021	\$90,800
Median selected monthly owner costs -with a mortgage, 2017-2021	\$1,043
Median selected monthly owner costs -without a mortgage, 2017-2021	\$455
Median gross rent, 2017-2021	\$696
Building permits, 2021	34
<b>Families &amp; Living Arrangements</b>	
Households, 2017-2021	13,893
Persons per household, 2017-2021	2.28
Living in same house 1 year ago, percent of persons age 1 year+, 2017-2021	86.60%
Language other than English spoken at home, percent of persons age 5 years+, 2017-2021	3.00%
<b>Computer and Internet Use</b>	
Households with a computer, percent, 2017-2021	87.80%
Households with a broadband Internet subscription, percent, 2017-2021	82.20%

<b>Education</b>	
High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2017-2021	89.50%
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2017-2021	18.30%
<b>Health</b>	
With a disability, under age 65 years, percent, 2017-2021	9.60%
Persons without health insurance, under age 65 years, percent	7.20%
<b>Economy</b>	
In civilian labor force, total, percent of population age 16 years+, 2017-2021	55.00%
In civilian labor force, female, percent of population age 16 years+, 2017-2021	55.70%
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+, 2017-2021	24.2
<b>Income &amp; Poverty</b>	
Median household income (in 2021 dollars), 2017-2021	\$53,441
Per capita income in past 12 months (in 2021 dollars), 2017-2021	\$30,616
Persons in poverty, percent	15.20%
<b>Businesses</b>	
Total employer establishments, 2020	592
Total employment, 2020	5,837
Total annual payroll, 2020 (\$1,000)	199,478
Total employment, percent change, 2019-2020	0.80%
Total nonemployer establishments, 2019	1,531
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	865.6

Table 1 Source: U.S. Census Bureau: Fulton County, Illinois QuickFacts, 2022

## 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>	133,304	11,057	8.3	13,733	10.3	41,084	30.8	54,005	40.5	12,434	9.5	97,874	75.8
<b>Fulton</b>	307	31	10.1	35	11.4	101	32.9	169	55.0	33	10.7	259	84.6

Table 2 Source: IDPH Vital Statistics: Birth Characteristics by Resident County, Illinois Residents, 2020.

## CAUSE OF DEATH

Table 3. Causes of Death in Fulton County vs. Illinois, 2021											
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	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis
Illinois	125,102	26,282	23,613	11,297	7,616	6,768	4,927	4,028	3,388	2,648	1,779
Fulton	514	106	93	55	18	20	37	14	12	14	3

Table 3 Source: IDPH Vital Statistics: Leading Causes of Death by Resident County 2021.

## **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; Dr. Dwayne Bernard, TB Medical Advisor; and Graham Hospital Pharmacy. 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  
YWCA Canton

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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.**