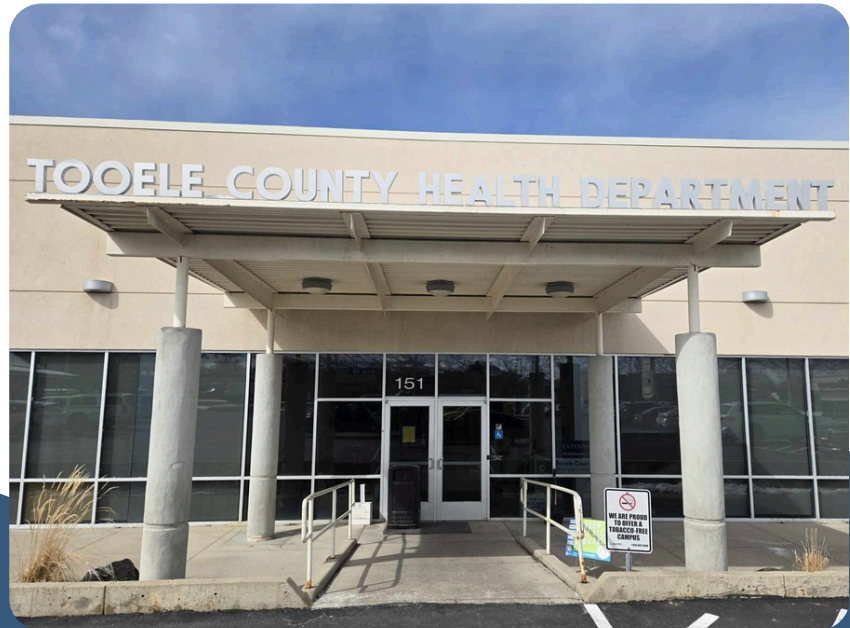


# Annual Report

2024





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# Director's Message

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In December 2024, we welcomed our new  
Executive Director and Health Officer, Dr. Grant Sunada.

Dear Friends in Tooele County,

Thank you so much for the warm welcome you have extended to me and my family. "Transition" seems to be a theme, not just for me, but for the whole county. Our Department Vision is a guide for me joining the team and with the growth of the county:

"Healthy and safe communities that allow all individuals to reach their full potential."

I have told our team that in order to achieve this vision, we need to be sure to have a "healthy and safe **workplace** that allows all **employees** to reach their full potential." This way, we are on this journey **together** as staff, partners, neighbors, and communities. This way, we can strengthen our roots, history, and shared values. This way, as Tooele County Health Department, we can truly "enhance the health and well-being of Tooele County." As you can see in this Annual Report, we do this through Administrative Services, Women Infants & Children (WIC), Aging Services, Emergency Services, Healthy Smiles Dental Clinic, Environmental Health, Prevention Services, Health Promotion, Community Nursing, and Mass Transit — as we grow as a county.

It is an honor to serve Tooele County, alongside the capable and experienced Health Department staff, to fulfill our Community Health Improvement Plan as we all reach to achieve our full potential. Please let us know how we can best realize this vision with you.

Together in wellness,



Grant Sunada, PhD, MPH



# Mission, Vision, and Values

## **MISSION:**

To enhance the health and well-being of Tooele County.

## **VISION:**

Healthy and safe communities that allow all individuals to reach their full potential.

## **VALUES:**

Inclusive- Treating all individuals with respect, dignity, acceptance, and compassion

Innovative- Exploring creative ways to achieve goals and objectives

Preparedness- Developing plans, building capacity, and securing resources for response and recovery

Equity- Meeting the needs of all people and eliminating barriers to optimal health

Accountability- Being good stewards of entrusted resources with transparency

Collaboration- Building community-driven solutions

Excellence- Using evidence-based practices and continuous quality improvement

# Board of Health

The Tooele County Board of Health was established February 9, 1982. Their terms are voluntary and they are not compensated. Terms are for 3 years. Members may serve 4 consecutive terms for a total of 12 years. Currently, Tooele County has 9 members who are appointed by governing officials and have jurisdiction in all unincorporated and incorporated areas of the county. An employee of the health department may not be a member.



Mayor Neil Critchlow



Mayor Nando Meli



Erik Stromberg  
County Council



Anthony Howes



Linda McBeth



Christian Pantelakis



Pamela Bennett



Dr. Mike Wells, DDS



Mat Jackson

# By the Numbers

## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Birth Certificates	2,133
Death Certificates	605
Additional Copies of Birth	471
Additional Copies of Death	2,876
Multiple Pages	665
Reissues	279
Marriage/Divorce Certificates	44
Additional Marriage	5
Free Copies	141

## AGING SERVICES

Congregate Meals (meals served at Senior Centers)	24,195
Congregate Meal Participants Served	776
Home Delivered Meals	50,364
Meals on Wheels Clients	348
Senior Center Visits	31,203
Volunteers	70
Volunteer Hours	4,061



## WOMEN, INFANTS & CHILDREN (WIC)

Clients Served	1,552
Education Classes	53
Initially Breastfed	1021





# By the Numbers

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

Test Kits Distributed	10,928
Training Exercises	41
Awarded Project Public Health Ready recognition from 2024 to 2028	

## HEALTHY SMILES DENTAL CLINIC

New Patients	394
Encounters	2,015
Dentures & Partial	117
Crowns	94



## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Food Truck Permits	26
Food Truck Inspections	41
Food Establishment Permits	243
Food Establishment Inspections	419
Food Establishment Plan Reviews	24
Food Estab. Complaints/Inspections	57
Temporary Event Inspections	115
Food Handlers Permits Issued	2,529
Foodborne Illness Complaints	21
School and Playground Inspections	30
Daycare Food Service Inspections	15
Public Pool Water Inspections	48
Public Pool Water Samples	265
Body Art Establishment Plan Reviews	16
Body Art Establishment Inspections	39
Body Art Establishments Permitted	29
Meth Houses Decontaminated	15
Radon Kits Sold	62
Septic System Permits Issued	48
Well Permits Issued	17
Massage Inspections	5



# By the Numbers

## PREVENTION SERVICES

Prevention Event Attendees	5,811
Mental Health Trainings	77
Guiding Good Choices Completers	11 Families
People trained in Question Persuade Refer Suicide Prevention	1,903
Alcohol Retailer Compliance Checks	140
Compliance Rate	99.30%
Prime for Life Graduates	153
Gun Locks Distributed	200
Hope Boxes Distributed	117

## HEALTH PROMOTION

Car Seat Classes	12
Car Seats Checked	99
Car Seats Distributed	76
Healthy Aging Classes	18
Healthy Aging Class Participants	458
New TOP Star Endorsements	1
Naloxone Doses Distributed	418
Tobacco Handlers Trained/Permitted	29
Tobacco Compliance Checks	80
Illegal Tobacco Sales to Minors	0
Quit Line Registrations	94
Senior Farmers Market Participants	99

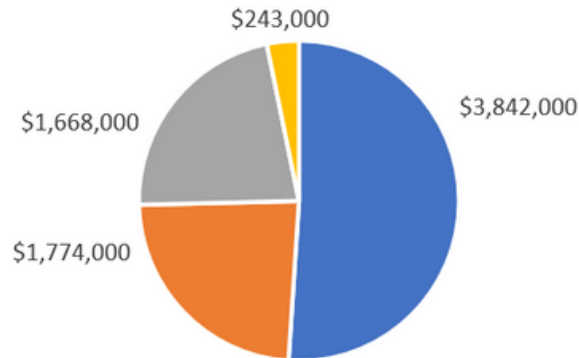
## COMMUNITY NURSING

Cancer Screenings	44
BeWise Consultations	23
Immunizations	11,192
Flu Clinics	50
Flu Vaccines Given	4,245
COVID Vaccinations Given	1,995
Initial Home Visits	57
Follow-up Home Visits	51
Sexually Transmitted Disease/HIV Testing and Treatment	85
Tuberculosis Testing	319



# Revenue and Expenditures

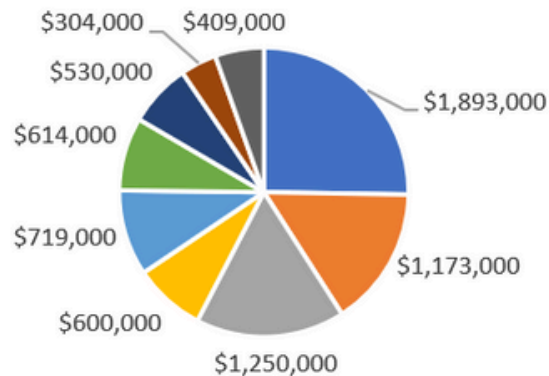
## REVENUE



Total Revenue: \$7,527,000

■ Contracts/Grants ■ Local Funding ■ Fees ■ Other

## EXPENSES



Total Expenses: \$7,492,000

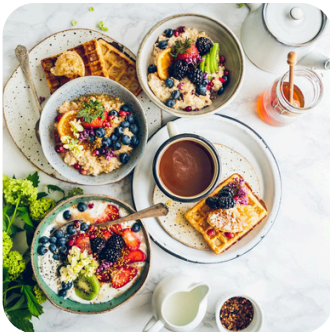
■ Community Health ■ Admin/Support ■ Women Infants & Children  
 ■ Population Health ■ Environmental Health ■ Dental Health  
 ■ Health Promotion ■ Emergency Preparedness ■ Building & County Admin

# Community Health Improvement Plan

## Health Priority Areas:

- Promoting Healthy Living
- Improving Mental Health and Preventing Suicide
- Reducing Substance Abuse

Scan the QR Code to read the full  
2023-2027 Community Health Improvement Plan



# Data Dashboards

Scan the QR Codes to access  
the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and  
Community Health Assessment (CHA) dashboards:



Community Health  
Improvement Plan  
Dashboard



Community Health  
Assessment Dashboard

# Leading Causes of Death

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Age-adjusted Top 10 Leading Causes of Death  
2023 only (per 100,000 population)

1- Diseases of the heart	194.5
2- Malignant neoplasm (cancer)	156.2
3- Other than 50 leading causes and residual	142.9
4- Unintentional injuries	55.2
5- Alzheimer's disease	45.9
6- Chronic lower respiratory diseases	41.1
7- Diabetes mellitus	37.4
8- Chronic kidney diseases	30.3
9- Cerebrovascular diseases	25.8
10- Intentional self-harm (suicide)	24.2

Source: <https://ibis.utah.gov/ibisph-view/query/result/mort/MortCntyICD10/AgeRate.html>

# Communicable Disease Data




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	2023	2024
Influenza (Emergency Visits)	172	289
COVID-19 (Emergency Visits)	1,061	249
RSV (Emergency Visits)	72	36

Sources: Epi-Trax Events and ESSENCE (Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of Community-based Epidemics). The data were collected from Emergency Department (ED) visits.

# Community Snapshot

County Health Rankings: <https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/health-data/utah/tooele?year=2024>

		
Children in Poverty	Children in Single-Parent Households	Adult Smoking
Severe Housing Problems	High School Completion	Adult Obesity
Income Inequality	Teen Births	Impaired Driving Deaths
Home Ownership	Driving Alone to Work	Injury Deaths
Broadband Access	Uninsured Adults	Flu Vaccinations
Food Insecurity	Unemployment Rate	Long Commute
Media Household Income		Air Pollution
		Suicides

## KEY TO SYMBOLS



Our community is performing BETTER than the state.



Our community is performing ABOUT THE SAME as the state.



Our community is performing WORSE than the state.







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