Public Health by the Numbers

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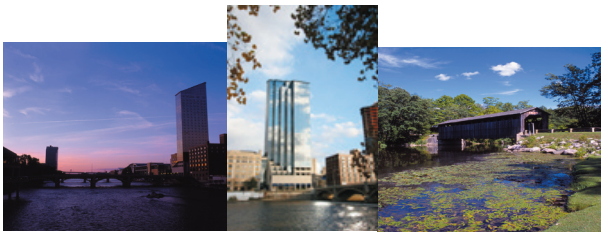


A Year in Review

Kent County Health Department

To the Kent County Board of Commissioners &
the Citizens of Kent County:

On behalf of Kent County Health Department (KCHD), I am pleased to present *Public Health by the Numbers: A Year in Review 2006*. Far from being an exhaustive overview of our entire service line, *A Year in Review* highlights a number of significant accomplishments from each of our four divisions.

Greater than the number of services we provide or milestones that we reach is our dedication to our mission and the people that we serve. Our commitment to protecting and promoting the health of Kent County's nearly 600,000 residents goes beyond mere numbers; it is the foundation of our organization. It is the reason we are here 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days of the year.

The Kent County Health Department touches the lives of each and every Kent County resident in some form or fashion each day. Whether it is the young mother seeking nutritional assistance for her family through the Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Food Program (WIC), an elementary school student receiving a Vision and Hearing Screening, or restaurant patrons dining in one of Kent County's 1,875 restaurants, they have the assurance that KCHD is there to serve their needs and protect their health.

The Health Department is not only addressing the immediate needs of today but is diligently planning for the future as well. Our Emergency Preparedness Unit is working everyday to address the health needs of the community should there be a large scale public health emergency.

The information and accomplishments highlighted in this report are the direct result of the tireless efforts of the KCHD staff, community partners and the continued support of the Kent County Board of Commissioners. It is my hope that you will learn something you did not know about the Kent County Health Department and will develop an appreciation for the hours of hard work that go into making our organization a vital part of the community.

Sincerely,

Administrative Health Officer
Kent County Health Department

Mission Statement

The Health Department shall be responsive to the community health needs of the citizens of County by continually and diligently endeavoring to prevent disease, prolong life and promote public health.

The Kent County Health Department (KCHD) has been in the business of providing public health services to Kent County since 1931. The Health Department is made up of four divisions: Administration, Community Clinical Services, Community Nursing, and Environmental Health. KCHD is home to nearly 260 employees including public health nurses, sanitarians, health educators, technicians, clerks and public health administrators. The Health Department operates five satellite clinics located in Wyoming, Kentwood, Rockford, and TWO within the City of Grand Rapids.

Administration

The Administration Division is responsible for the overall administration of the Health Department and provides support in planning, evaluation, disease control, contract management, data processing, financial management and community education. Administration includes:

- Communicable Disease/Epidemiology (CD/Epi)
- Emergency Preparedness
- Finance
- Healthy Kent 2010
- Management Information Systems
- Health Care for People of Color
- Health Education and Promotion
- Obesity Initiative
- Medical Examiner

The Health Education and Promotion unit provided educational programming in **95** schools in Kent County. They also provided programs at local churches, community centers, juvenile detention centers and the Kent County Jail.

The Communicable Disease and Epidemiology unit at the Kent County Health Department monitors the occurrence of specific diseases on a community-wide basis. In 2006, the CD/EPI unit conducted investigations into 14,828 cases of reportable disease.

1,110 individuals were screened during Blood Pressure and Cholesterol screenings at community worksites.

KCHD launched a seasonal flu campaign in November. The "Secret Weapons" campaign aired on **three** local television networks, **eight** radio stations and **30** billboards. Flu "Survival Kits" were distributed to **5,000** residents and **2,500** Kent County employees.

Community Clinical Services

Community Clinical Services provides clinic-based prevention programs to the citizens of Kent County. Services include:

- Personal Health Services
- Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
- International Travel Immunizations Clinic
- Public Health Nurse Counseling Services
- Pregnancy Testing
- Head Lice Assessment and Treatment
- Immunizations

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is a supplemental nutrition program funded by the United States Department of Agriculture for low and moderate income pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants, and children up to age five who are at nutritional risk. KCHD conducted **75,958 WIC** appointments in 2006.

Personal Health Services administered testing and education to **7,018** clients for Sexually Transmitted Infections

KCHD's Childhood Immunization program administered vaccines to **17,609** clients.

KCHD's International Travel Immunizations Clinic administers vaccines that provide protection from diseases found in other parts of the world. The Travel Clinic performed **2,993** client visits.

Community Nursing

This division is the focal point of delivery of community-based field services for the Department. These services include:

- Maternal and Infant Health Program (MIHP)
- Healthy Start
- Early On
- Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS)
- Child Death Review Counseling
- Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention
- Refugee Health Services
- Vision and Hearing Screening
- Nurse Family Partnership

The Kent County Health Department is the largest of five certified Maternal and Infant Health Program (MIHP) providers offering in-home services to pregnant women and families with infants in Kent County. In 2006, 20,664 MIHP visits were conducted by KCHD employees.

The Child Death Grief Counseling team provided services to *76* Kent County families with *274* visits in *2006.*

The Children's Special Health Care Services Program (CSHCS) added 336 new clients bringing their total enrollment to 2,116.

The Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program provides surveillance, case management and lead hazard education and remediation for all children tested for lead poisoning. The program identified 233 children under the age of ***six*** that were victims of lead poisoning in 2006 and served more than 375 families.

Environmental Health

Environmental factors pertaining to food, land, water and shelter may pose risks to human health when not protected from potential contamination. The Environmental Health Division works to prevent illness caused by interactions between people and the environment. Services include:

- Animal Control/Animal Shelter
- Campground Inspections
- Child Care/Adult Foster Care Facility Inspections
- Food Service Sanitation
- Housing Program
- Laboratory Services
- Vacant Land Evaluations
- Nuisance Control Program
- Private Water Supply Inspections/Sanitary Facility Evaluation
- Public Swimming Pool Inspections
- Public Water Supply Permits
- Sewage Disposal System Regulation

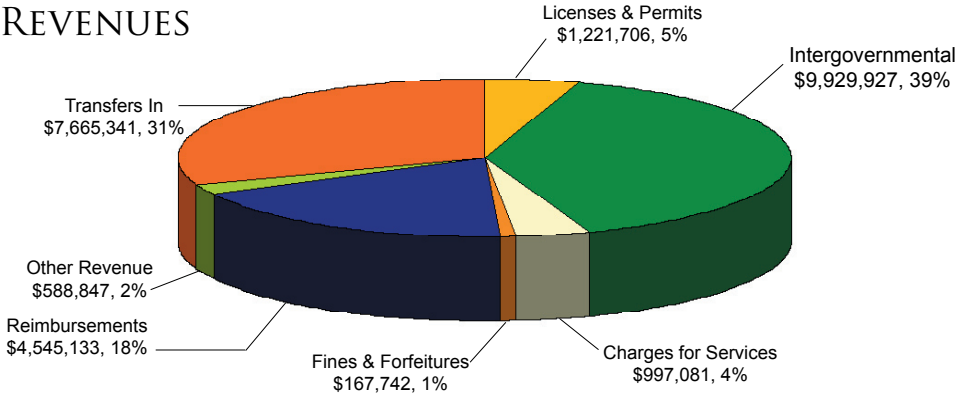
The Kent County Animal Shelter received 7,851 animals in 2006 and issued 31,955 dog licenses. The Animal Control unit responded to 5,676 animal related complaints and investigated 1,033 bite cases.

5,511 Food Service Inspections were conducted by KCHD's nine Food Sanitarians

The Environmental Health Division processed 2,241 Well and Septic Permits for the installation of residential and non-residential water supplies and sewage disposal systems

KCHD is home to the area's only regional laboratory. In 2006, the Lab processed 108,114 specimens.

Revenues



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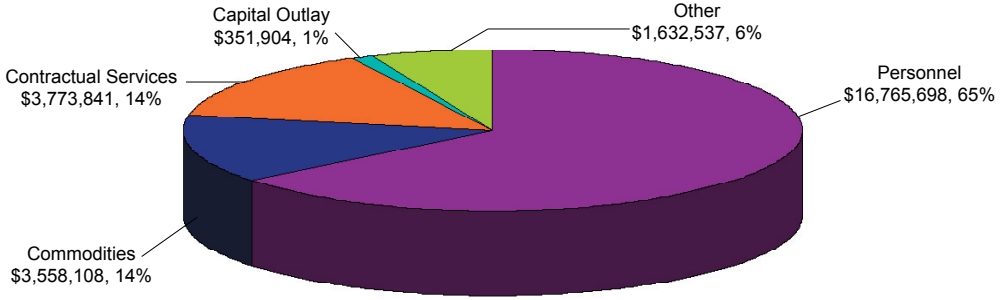

Crunch the Numbers

Revenues	2005 Actual	2006 Actual	2007 Adopted
Intergovernmental	$10,946,568	$9,929,927	$10,595,374
Reimbursements	4,550,048	4,545,133	4,282,507
Licenses and Permits	1,291,100	1,221,706	1,203,543
Charges for Services	1,650,269	997,081	1,032,312
Fines and Forfeitures	165,839	167,742	161,400
Transfers from General Fund	8,907,937	7,665,341	10,939,762
Other Charges	540,685	588,847	349,057
Total Revenues	**$28,052,446**	**$25,115,777**	**$28,563,955**

Expenditures	2005 Actual	2006 Actual	2007 Adopted
Personnel	$16,670,284	$16,765,698	$18,258,258
Commodities	3,471,826	3,558,108	4,667,735
Contractual Services	5,446,710	3,773,841	3,693,068
Capital Outlay	596,532	351,904	263,381
Other Charges	1,831,935	1,632,537	1,681,513
Total Uses	**$28,017,287**	**$26,082,088**	**$28,563,955**
Personnel FTE	288	279.5	279.5

Contact Numbers

Administration	(616) 632-7280
Animal Shelter	(616) 336-3210
Children's Special Health Care Services	(616) 632-7066
Communicable Diseases	(616) 632-7228
Community Clinical Services	(616) 632-7203
Community Nursing	(616) 632-7058
Environmental Health	(616) 632-6900
Health Education & Promotion	(616) 632-7290
Immunizations	(616) 632-7020
International Travel Immunizations Clinic	(616) 632-6990
Laboratory	(616) 632-7210

Lead Program	(616) 632-7063
Maternal Infant Health Program	(616) 632-7058
Medicaid/MIChild enrollment	(616) 632-7058
Medical Examiner's Office	(616) 632-7247
Personal Health Services (STI/HIV)	(616) 632-7171
Personal Health Services (TB)	(616) 632-7190
TB Clinic/Annex (Tuesdays, 1:00-4:00)	(616) 632-7220
Vision & Hearing	(616) 632-7047
Women, Infants, & Children (WIC)	(616) 632-7200
Women's Health Network	(616) 632-7283
KCHD TOLL FREE NUMBER	(888) 515-1300

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Grand Rapids, MI 49507
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Grand Rapids, MI 49504
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