

March 2024

Tuscarawas County Health Department

HEALTH COMMISSIONER'S REPORT



Department Highlights



Public Health
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Communicable Disease

- 11 COVID-19/Flu A/B Tests administered (-8)
 - 46% positivity for COVID-19 (+19%)
 - 9% positivity for Flu A/B (-23%)
- Top reported diseases in March 2024:
 - COVID-19: 82 (-5)
 - Influenza A Hospitalized: 7 (-2)
 - Chlamydia: 6 (-10)
 - Total Confirmed Reported Diseases: 80 (-24)

Prevention

- Distributed 108 Naloxone kits (0)
 - 1 known reversals (-15)
- 13 car seats distributed (-1)
- Safe sleep education completed with 5 families (-2)
- 5 new families provided diapers from the Heart of Ohio Diaper Bank (-18)
- 14 NEW families served at TCHD in March (-21)

WIC

- 287 total contacts for breastfeeding support (+1)
- 78% show rate for March (-3%)
- 493 total appointments completed (-25)

Environmental Health

- 22 complaints investigated (+1)
 - 5 food service (-4)
 - 9 housing (+7)
 - 0 home sewage treatment system (-4)
 - 8 solid waste (+2)

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Medical Clinic

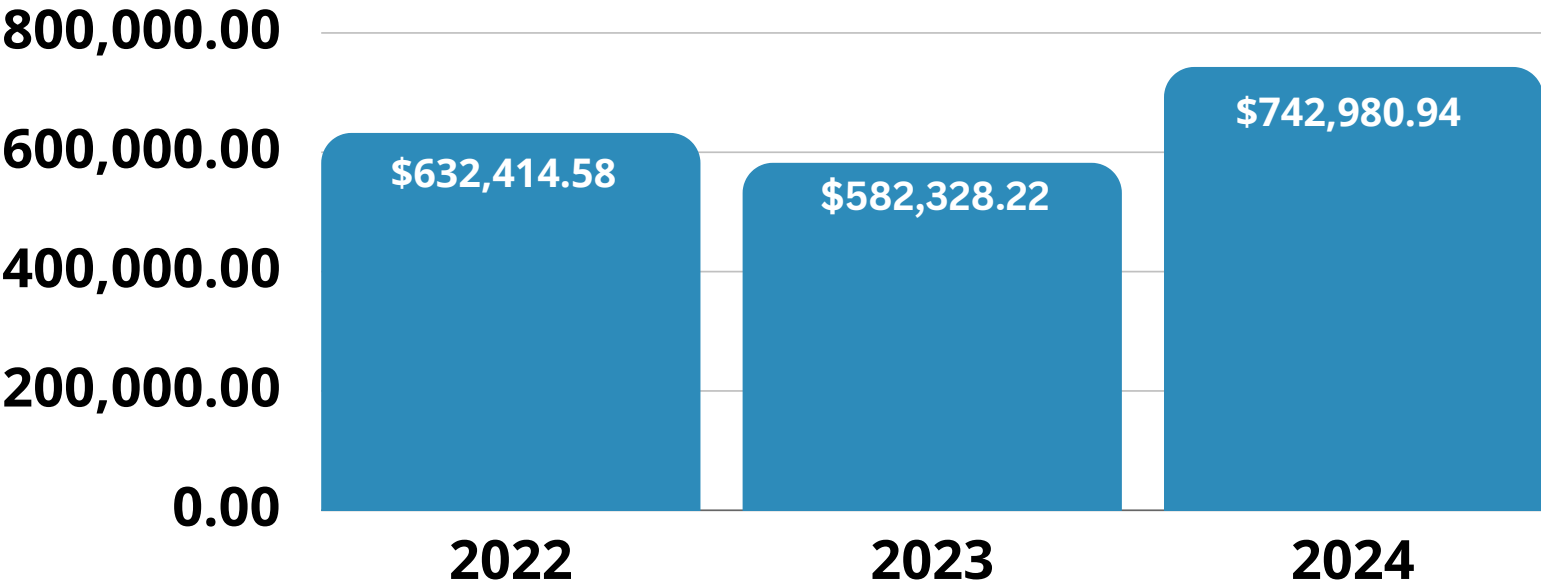
- Charges in March \$38,392 (12 month average \$75,112)
- Payments in March \$26,058 (12 month average \$38,942)
- Largest payer Self Pay and Medicare Advantage 18%
- 20% no show rate (+2%)
- 13 new patients (28 YTD)
- Current Outstanding Balance \$84,852.11; greater than 90 days \$24,367.26

Promotion and Community Relations

- **Trending Topics:** Respiratory illness rates (RSV, Flu); COVID-19 infection rate; COVID-19 updated vaccine availability; infection prevention bag availability; naloxone distribution program/Project DAWN; smoking cessation; dangers of vaping; Diabetes Alert Day (Walk-In A1C testing); County Health Rankings report; and the capacity for new patients at TCHD medical office.
- **Paid Promotional Campaigns:** infection prevention, reproductive health and wellness, and smoking cessation
- Three news releases were distributed, and the 2023 TCHD Annual Report was published.
- **Social Media Posts:** 308 social media posts ran in March 2024 (177 on Facebook where our largest audience interacts, 96 on X/Twitter, and 35 on Instagram)
- FREE news media shows, articles, and interviews, & etc. (total of 16 opportunities): 3 WJER Conversation Corner shows featuring national nutrition month, secondhand smoke, and updated COVID-19 vaccine recommendations; 4 WTUZ news interview featuring smoking cessation, March 14 Pop-Up event at the YMCA, anti-vaping video contest, and Project DAWN; 3 WJER news interviews featuring Diabetes Alert Day/A1C Testing, anti-vaping video contest, and County Health Rankings; 1 WBTC Spotlight show highlighting Diabetes Alert Day, scrap tire disposal event, updated COVID-19 vaccine recommendations, seedling drive-thru, and community baby shower ; and 1 T-R article about the County Health Rankings and 4 T-R articles covering our food inspection reports.

Department Financial Statistics

Combined Funds YTD Balance Comparisons



Combined Funds Expense and Revenue for January 1-March 31, 2024

