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SALT LAKE COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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ABOUT SALT LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

As a division of the Salt Lake County Human Services Department, the Salt Lake County Health Department (SLCoHD) works to protect and improve the well-being of all county residents by preventing disease, illness, and injury and by impacting social, economic, and environmental factors fundamental to excellent health. While some county divisions provide services only to residents living within unincorporated areas, the SLCoHD is charged with the responsibility of providing public health services to residents in both incorporated and unincorporated areas.

The structure of governmental public health agencies at the state and local levels varies considerably across the country. Utah has established a decentralized organizational model for public health in which local public health agencies are organizationally independent of the Utah Department of Health and are primarily governed by local boards of health. The Utah Legislature established these "local health departments" under Title 26A of the Utah Code.

State law requires local health departments to have a policy-making Board of Health (BOH); the SLCoHD has a 15-member board appointed by the Salt Lake County Mayor, and county ordinance outlines the qualifications for board members. The BOH is responsible for setting public health policy for the department and may adopt and enforce public health rules, regulations, and standards necessary to implement the public health policies. Standards and regulations adopted by the BOH supersede existing local standards, regulations, and ordinances.

The Board also approves the budget, which the health department submits to Salt Lake County. The county is responsible for setting administrative (personnel and fiscal) policies for SLCoHD. Our budget is comprised of federal and state funds, county general funds, and fees collected for department services. Approximately one-third of the budget comes from each of those sources.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Public health has always meant doing more with what a community gives us, and 2025 asked us to prove that in new ways.

As federal funding shifted beneath our feet and the demands on local health departments grew, our team stayed focused on what matters most: making sure every resident of Salt Lake County has access to the services that keep them safe and healthy. That commitment doesn't waver, even when the landscape around us does.

As we look back on 2025, our department navigated a year defined by change. In the second quarter, significant shifts in federal public health funding forced us to reexamine every program and partnership we support. Rather than treat this as simply a budget problem, we used it as an opportunity to ask a harder question: where is our work truly making a difference, and where are we duplicating effort that our community partners are already doing well? That process of finding efficiencies and identifying real gaps is reshaping how we plan for the future, and we believe it will make us a stronger, more focused department for it.

We also began consolidating our worksites this year, working toward a footprint that makes the best use of our health department buildings and facilities. This isn't just about saving square footage, it's about making sure our staff and the residents we serve can access services from spaces that are efficient, welcoming, and built for how we actually deliver care today.

On the front lines of disease prevention, our teams prepared for and responded to real threats.

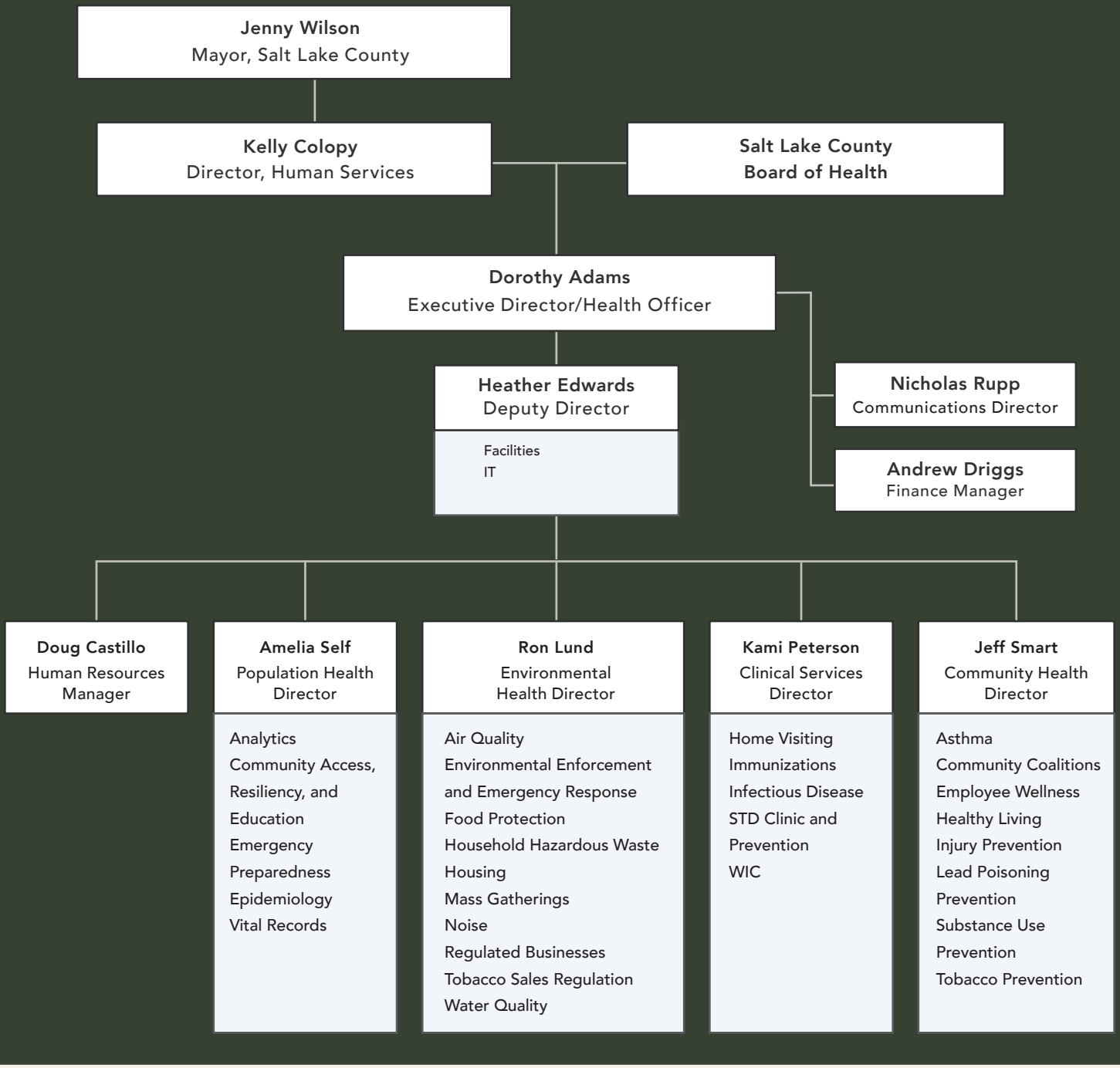
As measles cases climbed across the country, we ramped up surveillance, provider education, and vaccination outreach to keep our county prepared for a local outbreak. Our epidemiology and clinical teams also managed cases of tularemia and plague in the county this year—a reminder that even rare and historic diseases remain part of the modern public health mission, and that the systems we maintain for rapid detection and response matter every single day, not just in a crisis.

This report reflects not only the work of our dedicated employees but also the invaluable support of our volunteer Board of Health, county and city leaders, and countless community partners. Together, we remain steadfast in our mission to protect and promote the health of every resident in Salt Lake County. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about our progress, and for joining us in building healthier, stronger communities.

Dorothy Adams, MPA, LEHS
Executive Director/Health Officer

2025 Salt Lake County Health Department

Organization



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Facilities and Locations

Salt Lake Public Health Center

610 South 200 East
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Services offered:

- Immunizations
- Women, Infants & Children (WIC)
- Vital Records
- Infectious Disease Clinic

Facilities and Locations

South Main Public Health Center

3690 South Main Street
South Salt Lake, UT 84115

Services offered:

- Immunizations
- Women, Infants & Children (WIC)

Ellis R. Shipp Public Health Center

4535 South 5600 West
West Valley City, UT 84120

Services offered:

- Immunizations
- Women, Infants & Children (WIC)
- Vital Records

Facilities and Locations

South Redwood Public Health Center

7971 South 1825 West
West Jordan, UT 84088

Services offered:

- Immunizations
- Women, Infants & Children (WIC)
- Vital Records

Southeast Public Health Center

9340 South 700 East
Sandy, UT 840705

Services offered:

- Immunizations
- Women, Infants & Children (WIC)

Facilities and Locations

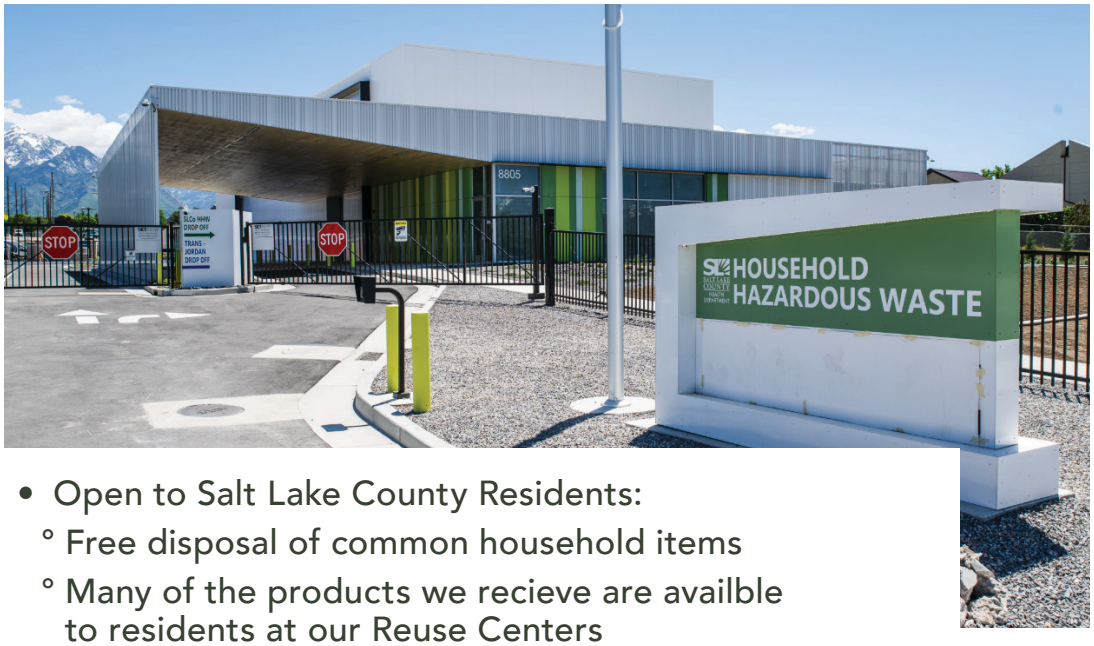
Environmental Health

788 East Woodoak Lane
Murray, UT 84107

- Air Quality Bureau
- Food Protection Bureau
- Sanitation and Safety
- Water Quality Bureau

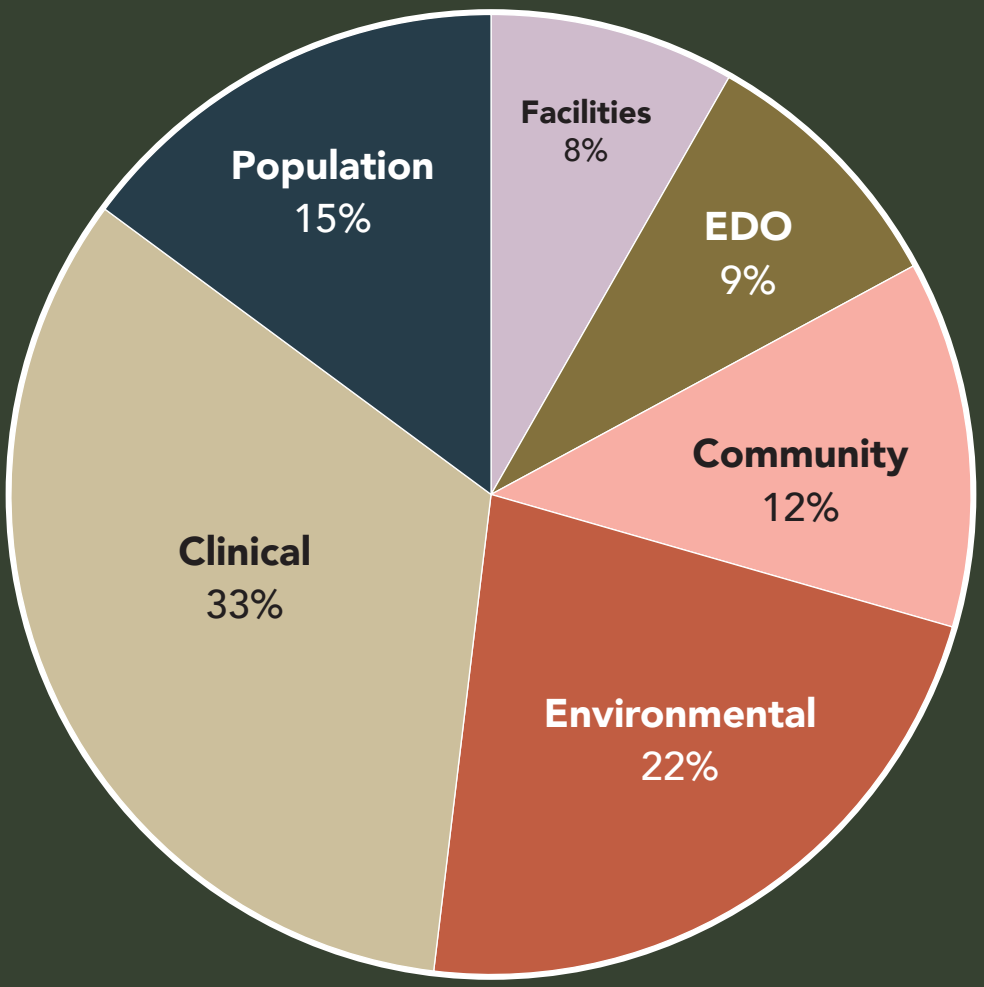
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center

8805 South 700 West
Sandy, UT 84070



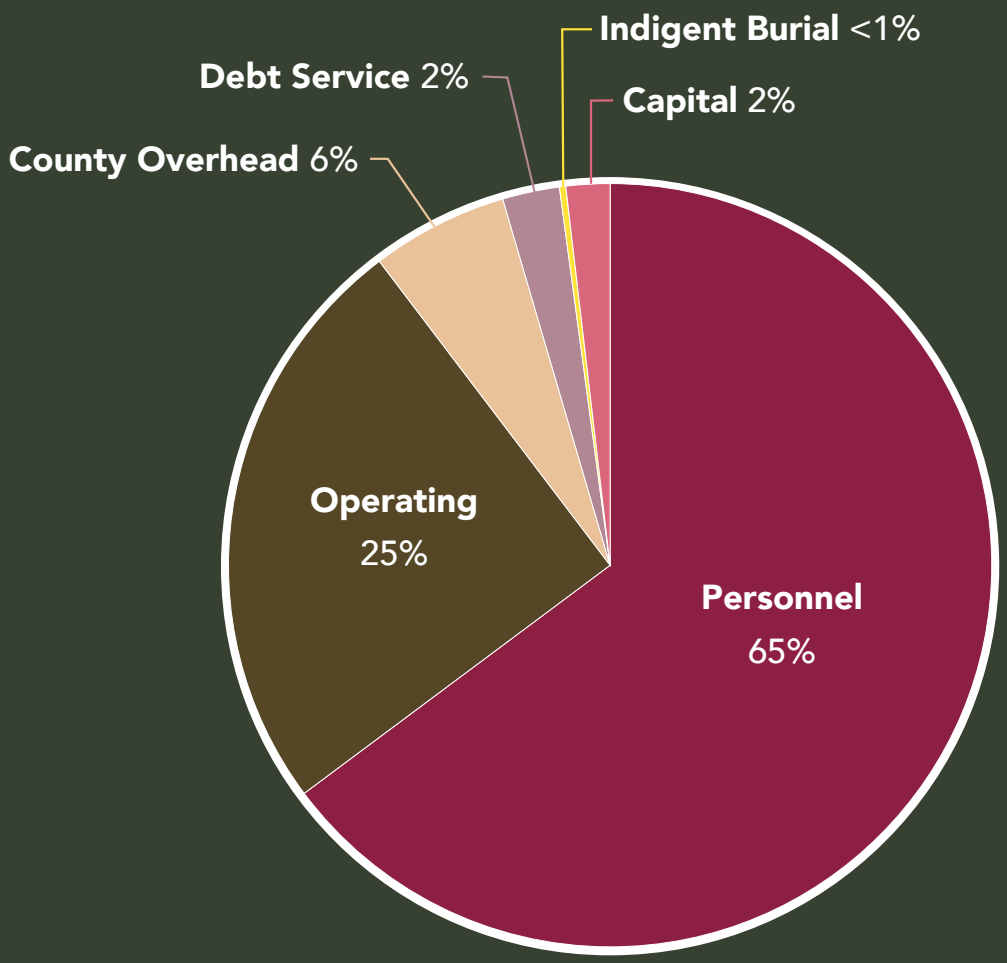
- Open to Salt Lake County Residents:
  - Free disposal of common household items
  - Many of the products we recieve are availble to residents at our Reuse Centers

Finances



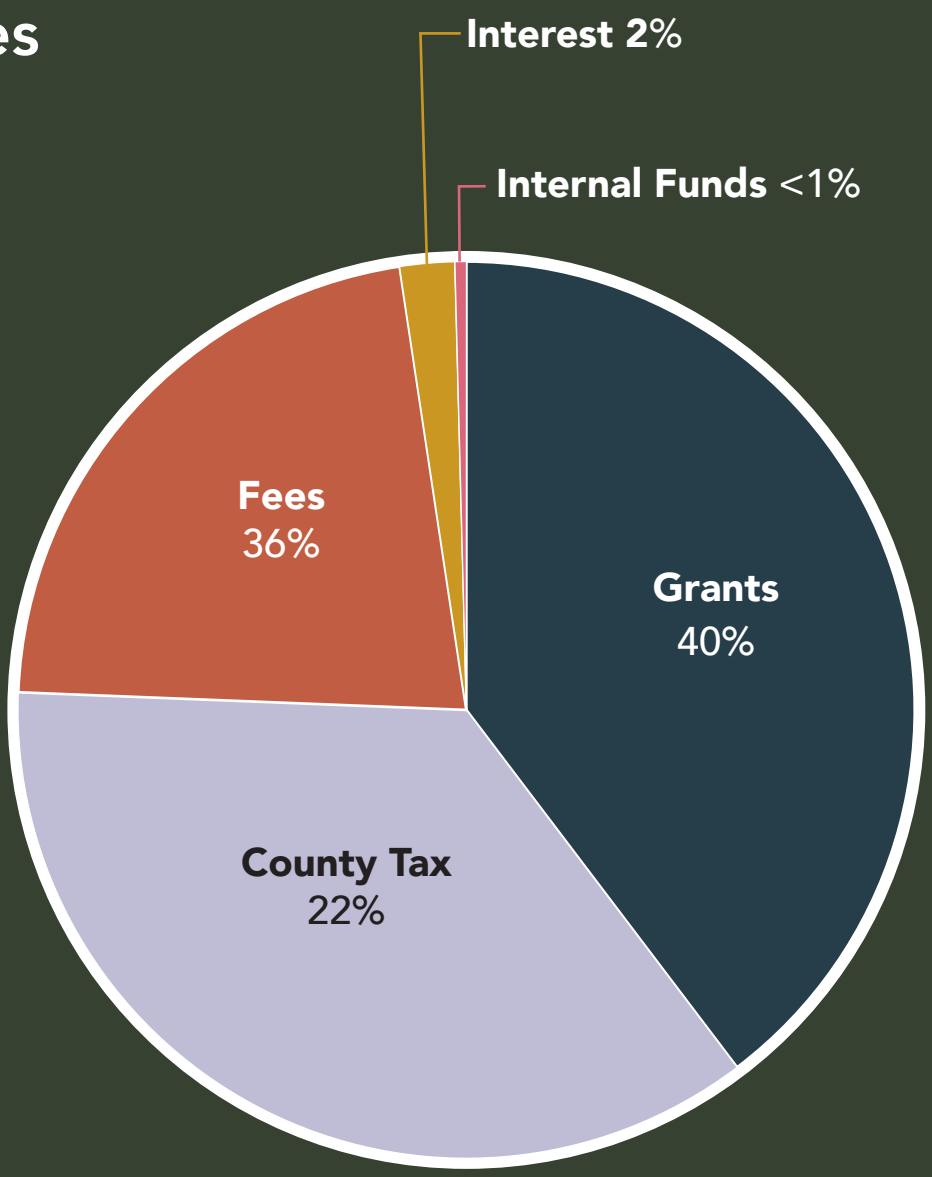
Expenses	2025
Clinical	$21,089,977
Environmental	$14,254,420
Population	$9,440,644
Community	$7,835,728
Executive Director's Office (EDO)	$5,624,118
Facilities/Internal Services	$5,237,211
Total	**$63,482,098**

Expenses



Expenses	2025
Personnel	$41,136,547
Operating	$15,784,120
County Overhead	$3,679,516
Debt Service	$1,533,677
Capital	$1,177,142
Indigent Burial	$171,095
Total	**$63,482,098**

Revenues



Revenues	2025
Grants	$23,913,442
Fees	$21,663,258
County Tax	$13,253,851
Interest	$1,184,097
Internal Funds	$250,135
Total	**$61,201,994**

Air Quality

Emissions	2023	2024	2025
Facilities in Salt Lake County	446	452	464
Technicians	1,632	1,995	2,286
Vehicles Tested	839,998	796,698	818,869
Vehicles that failed initial test	24,509 (2.9%)	21,408 (2.7%)	18,490 (2.3%)
Out of state deferral requests Approved	3,590 3,537	3,878 3,538	3,840 3,589

VRAP* Vehicle Replacement Assistance Program	2023	2024	2025
VRRAP replacement applications	86	405	134
VRRAP vehicles replaced	31	192	63
VRRAP replacement average benefit	$6,584	$7,020	$6,854

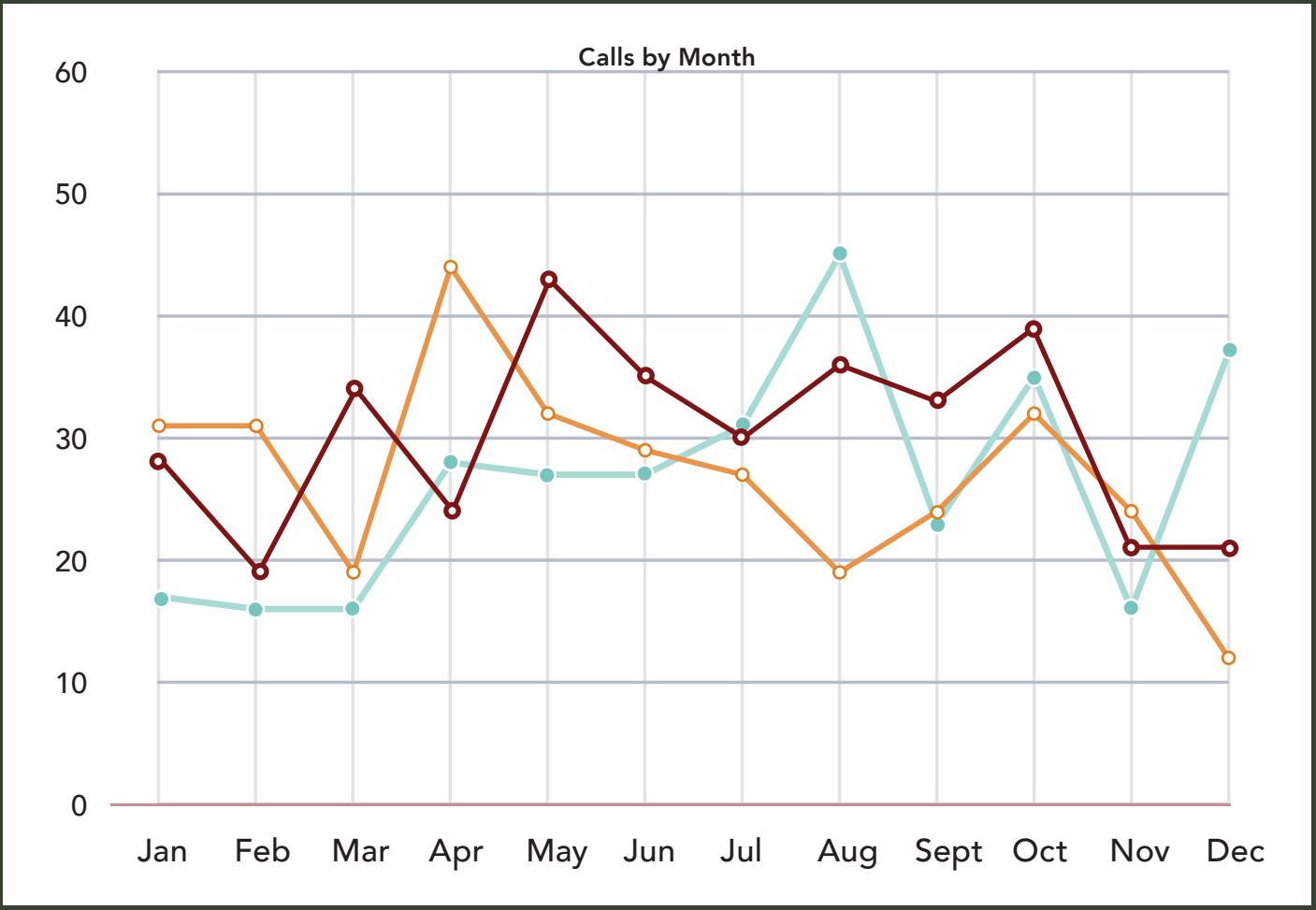
*Vehicle Replacement Assistance Program operated for 4 months of 2025.

Complaints & Reports	2023	2024	2025
Solid fuel burning complaints	67	36	42
Neighborhood solid fuel burning letters sent	130	110	0
Fugitive dust complaints	52	12	28
Vehicle idling complaints	10	2	7
Odor complaints	0	0	25
Other complaints	0	0	5

Community Access, Resiliency, and Education (CARE) Bureau

Community Reach	2025
Naloxone kits distributed	6,983
Education sessions delivered to partners or community groups	84
Community collaboration events	147
Service Access	
Materials updated to meet federal language accessibility standards	63
Materials translated to meet federal language accessibility standards	321
Skillbuilding	
Health literacy learning sessions delivered	23

Emergency Response



Calls by month	2023	2024	2025
January	17	31	28
February	16	31	19
March	16	19	34
April	28	44	24
May	27	32	43
June	27	29	35
July	31	27	30
August	45	19	36
September	23	24	33
October	35	32	39
November	16	24	21
December	37	12	21
Total Calls	**318**	**324**	**363**

Epidemiology

20 Most Prevalent Diseases in Salt Lake County

Disease	2023	2024	2025
1. Coronavirus, Novel (2019-nCoV)	18,247	10,605	5,782
2. Chlamydia trachomatis infection	5,587	4,966	4,325
3. Gonorrhea	1,769	1,471	1,266
4. Tuberculosis, Latent Infection (LTBI)	840	814	825
5. Influenza-associated hospitalization	528	782	1,165
6. Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Activity	*	582	667
7. Hepatitis C virus infection, chronic	616	541	460
8. Campylobacteriosis	267	317	303
9. Hepatitis B virus infection, chronic	84	219	149
10. Syphilis (primary, secondary, early latent)	352	199	255
11. Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli (STEC)	94	192	120
12. Streptococcal disease, invasive, Group A	183	186	144
13. Giardiasis	115	164	88
14. Salmonellosis	143	145	153
15. Pertussis	78	140	79
16. Streptococcus pneumoniae, invasive disease	101	115	93
17. Streptococcal disease, invasive, Group B	105	113	115
18. HIV Infection, adult	*	109	85
19. Shigellosis	104	98	102
20. Cryptosporidiosis	305	88	72

*Not among 20 most prevalent diseases in these years

Epidemiology

Diseases & Reports	2025
Number of disease reports received	43,436
Number of investigations conducted	13,672
Number of outbreaks investigated	75
Enteric diseases	39
Respiratory diseases	29
Healthcare-associated infections	3
Vector-borne/Zoonotic diseases	3
Vaccine-preventable diseases	1

Food Protection

	2023	2024	2025
Routine inspections	4,874	6,194	6,105
Complaint investigations	886	780	791
Plan review approvals	197	220	233
Foodborne illness investigations	36	30	27
Permitted establishments	5,204	5,352	5,497
Mobile establishments	378	421	442
Temp food permits	1,376	1,577	1,609
Temp food inspections	1,205	1,469	1,464
Mass gathering permits	177	183	182
Mass gathering inspections	164	170	163
Residential childcare inspections	86	75	96
"Out of County" food truck inspections	113*	141*	157*

*Inspected for free as Utah Legislature prohibits local health departments from charging fees or requiring permits for mobile food units permitted in other jurisdictions.

Health Promotion

Asthma Program	2023	2024	2025
Asthma program participants	49	34	29
Percent reporting improved asthma control	85%	79%	89%
Average reduction in ER visits	100%	100%	100%
Average reduction in hospitalizations	100%	100%	100%

Healthy Living	2023	2024	2025
FeedUT.org new users	~5,600	~6,000	~5,200
Publicly available and free cohorts of the National Diabetes Prevention Program	–	–	4 (2 in Spanish, 2 in English)
Number of people in the cohorts			25

Health Promotion

Lead Poisoning Prevention	2023	2024	2025
Home visits	61 (28 to homes of refugees; 35 spoke a language other than English)	82 (59 to refugee homes, 60 children served in a language other than English)	70
Children with lower blood lead levels after visit	92.3%	91.1%	94.4%
Referrals made for lead removal	167	63	32
Participating clinics increase in children's blood lead testing	101%	30%	65%
Families provided education in a healthcare clinic to prevent lead exposure	–	1,372	104

94.4% Children with lower blood lead levels after visit

Health Promotion

SLCo Employee Wellness	2023	2024	2025
Total participants	2,243	2,367	2,624
New participants	320	465	525
Enrollment increase from previous year	0.70%	5.5%	10.8%
Workshop views	45,517	53,135	36,257
Podcast downloads	1,775	1,034	1,606
Personal health assessments completed	1,838	1,578	1,642
Medical exams received	2,499	3,143	2,583
COVID booster records received	499	516	460
Flu vaccine records received	744	673	636
Blood donated	34 units, impacting 102 patients	26 units, impacting 78 patients	321 units
Pairs of shoes donated	962	1,734	2,042
Participants trained as QPR gatekeepers	147	234	77
Food bank donations	$680, turned into $5,685	$1,050 turned into $8,778	$350 and 276 pounds of food
Coats donated	–	–	>1,000
Cars made for Tiny Tims	–	–	150
Volunteer hours	–	–	1,055

Health Promotion

TOP Star	2023	2024	2025
TOP Star-endorsed childcare facilities	96	109	113
TOP Star trained staff	~953	1,082	1,104
Children at endorsed facilities	5,933	7,345	7,688

Home Visiting

	2023	2024	2025
Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) clients	235	292	227
NFP home visits	2,828	3,704	3,126
Parents as Teachers (PAT) clients	216	205	285
PAT home visits	2,660	3,364	3,375
Targeted Case Management home visits	3,345	3,373	3,810
Families that received education on the importance of placing their infant on its back to sleep	2,861	2,665	3,030
Families that did not place their child on their back to sleep prior to the intervention.	407 (14%)	343 (13%)	334 (11%)
Women screened for postpartum depression	3,098	4,037	3,091
Referred for mental health services	394	259	274
Children screened for developmental delay	697	1,202	1,368
Delays found and referred for services	82	156	55

Household Hazardous Waste

Pounds of HHW disposed of Responsibly:	2023	2024	2025
Automotive fluids and batteries	239,888 lbs.	208,651 lbs.	327,442 lbs.
Electronics	118,339 lbs.	315,850 lbs.	390,878 lbs.
Fluorescent bulbs	3,633 lbs.	5,838 lbs.	5,148 lbs.
Miscellaneous chemicals	117,950 lbs.	158,618 lbs.	157,515 lbs.
Paint	774,020 lbs.	779,037 lbs.	848,327 lbs.
Pest control/yard chemicals	59,012 lbs.	60,935 lbs.	54,276 lbs.

Housing

	2023	2024	2025
Complaints investigated	**1,897**	**1,751**	**1,703**
Housing	628	516	469
General sanitation	258	382	326
Vector control	6	1	0
Debris/waste complaints	222	318	336
Chemically contaminated properties closed to entry	**311**	**318**	**336**
Decontamination permits issued	294	319	299
Encampment	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**
Complaints received	**226**	**203**	**133**
Cleanups conducted	**936**	**134**	**103**

Immunizations

Ellis R. Shipp	2023	2024	2025
Services Provided	18,885	18,453	15,801
Routine Vaccines Given	16,331	16,383	13,833
Staff Members	7.5	7	7
Salt Lake			
Services Provided	13,911	14,512	11,478
Routine Vaccines Given	11,760	11,459	9,241
Staff Members	5.5	5	5
Southeast*			
Services Provided	6,642	9,238	6,797
Routine Vaccines Given	4,613	7,850	5,245
Staff Members	4	2.75	2.75
South Main			
Services Provided	15,309	16,185	11,696
Routine Vaccines Given	12,085	13,908	9,934
Staff Members	5.5	5	5
South Redwood			
Services Provided	16,040	20,655	13,943
Routine Vaccines Given	16,352	15,933	11,551
Staff Members	5.25	6.5	6.5
Travel Clinic			
Services Provided	6,524	8,649	7,586
Routine Vaccines Given	4,341	5,758	5,315
Staff Members	3.75	2.75	2.75
Outreach Events			
Services Provided	16,273	12,231	13,210
Routine Vaccines Given	17,960	12,060	12,176
Staff Members	4	5.75	5.75
Total			
Services Provided	93,584	99,923	80,511
Routine Vaccines Given	83,442	83,351	67,295
Staff Members	35.5	34.75	34.75

Services provided includes:

- tuberculin skin testing
- vaccine exemption education and certification
- vaccine record requests and translations
- vaccine card replacements

* For 2023, data for May through December only; Southeast immunization clinic was closed through April 2023 due to short staffing.

Infectious Disease

Tuberculosis	2023	2024	2025
Patients evaluated for latent infection vs. active disease	1,448	1,518	1,539
Latent infections identified	840	831	874
Active cases	29	41	19
Confirmed	-	-	16
Suspected	-	-	3
Treated			19
Class B1 refugees evaluated	97	119	62
Class B2 refugees evaluated	22	59	133

Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD)	2023	2024	2025
Cases investigated	20	8	4
Cases Confirmed	0	1	0
Cases Probable	4	5	3

Hansens Disease	2023	2024	2025
Cases confirmed	1	1	1

Infectious Disease

Hepatitis B	2023	2024	2025
Hepatitis B (acute) cases investigated	30	16	33
Hepatitis B (acute) cases confirmed or probable	12	10	11
Hepatitis B (chronic) cases investigated	241	251	254
Hepatitis B (chronic) cases confirmed or probable	160	211	194
Hepatitis B (perinatal) new cases investigated	–	40	42
Hepatitis B (perinatal) cases investigated	30	2	35
Hepatitis B (perinatal) infections confirmed	–	1	3

Hepatitis C	2023	2024	2025
Hepatitis C (acute) investigated	84	86	86
Hepatitis C (actue) confirmed or probable	69	66	60
Hepatitis C (chronic) investigated	1,086	763	790
Hepatitis C (chronic) confirmed or probable	616	541	552
Hepatitis C (perinatal) investigated	2	1	1
Hepatitis C (perinatal) confirmed or probable	1	1	1

Injury Prevention

Child Passenger Safety	2023	2024	2025
Car seat appointments	477	606	317
Spanish Speaking	224	337	121
Car seats checked	314	569	480
Spanish Speaking	259	321	187
Children arrived to class without a car seat	278	250	213
Spanish Speaking	153	145	88
Car seats distributed	666	643	446
Spanish Speaking	313	301	182

People provided car seat education	2023	2024	2025
Families	477	606	432
Children	723	550	441
Unborn Children	110	93	84

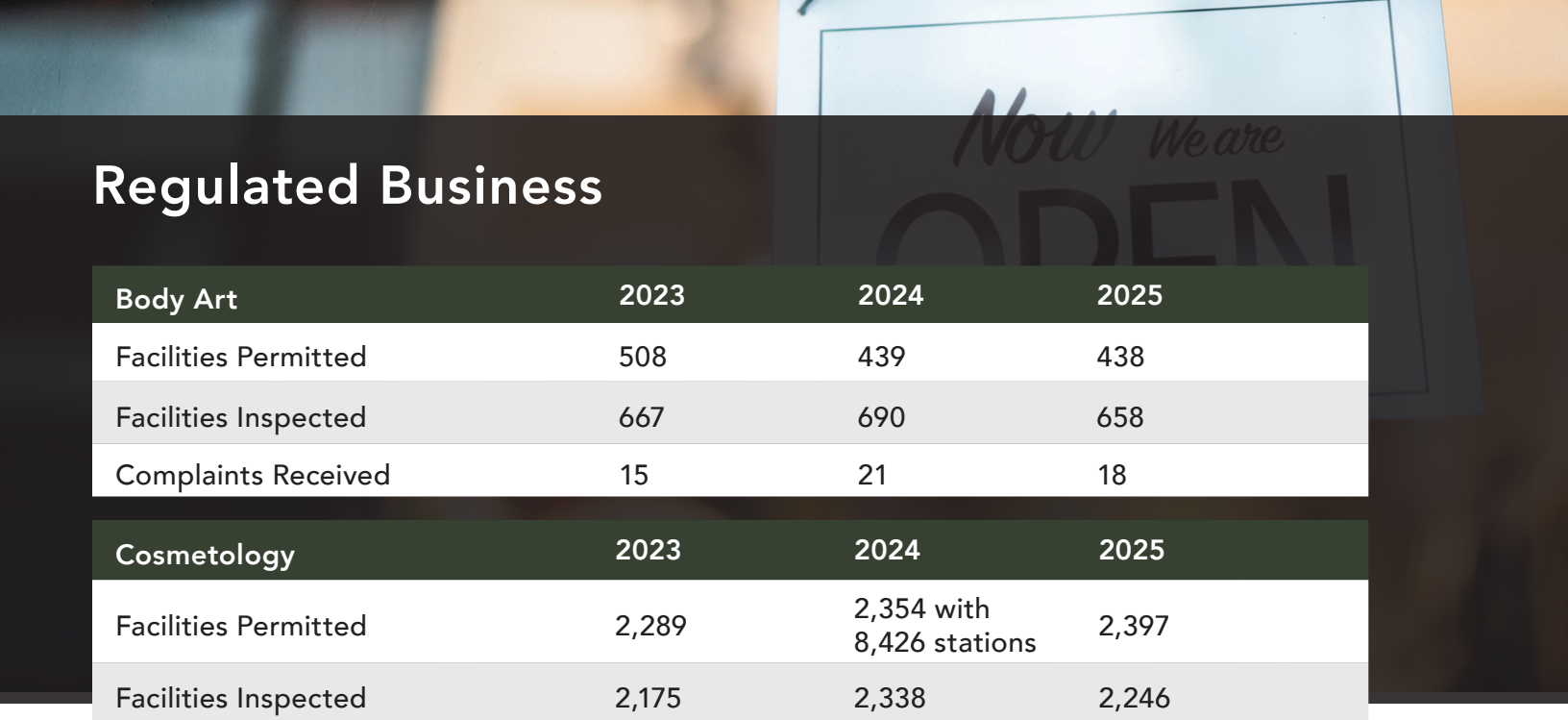
Stepping On	2023	2024	2025
Workshops (weekly for 7 weeks) taught	6	7	4*
Workshop participants	73	66	42
Particiants who completed all 7 weeks	71	62	42

Suicide Prevention	2023	2024	2025
People trained in Question Persuade Refer (QPR) by the Suicide Prevention staff	269	344	452
People trained in Creating Safety by the Suicide Prevention staff	10	52	29
People trained in Vital Cognition by the Suicide Prevention staff	45	37	43
People trained in Safe Messaging by the Suicide Prevention staff	27	0	11

*Fewer classes held in 2025 because the state's Stepping On license ended and there was a gap while SLCoHD established its own license.

Noise

	2023	2024	2025
Complaints received	341	308	255
Temporary noise permits issued	314	272	276



Regulated Business

Body Art	2023	2024	2025
Facilities Permitted	508	439	438
Facilities Inspected	667	690	658
Complaints Received	15	21	18

Cosmetology	2023	2024	2025
Facilities Permitted	2,289	2,354 with 8,426 stations	2,397
Facilities Inspected	2,175	2,338	2,246
Complaints Received	39	61	33

Lodging	2023	2024	2025
Facilities Permitted	175	175	172
Facilities Inspected	163	167	178
Complaints Received	64	55	57

Massage (preopening)*	2023	2024	2025
Facilities Permitted	589	579	605
Facilities Inspected	119	120	140 (preopening and complaint only)
Complaints Received	3	5	3

Schools	2023	2024	2025
Facilities Permitted	361	328	334
Facilities Inspected	112	103	79
Complaints Received	7	10	8

Tanning	2023	2024	2025
Facilities Permitted	45	42	39
Facilities Inspected	41	43	37
Complaints Received	1	1	0

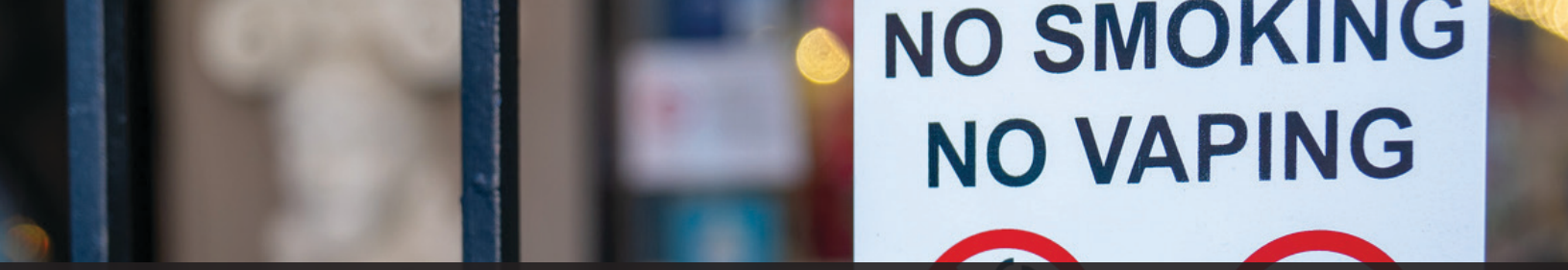
*Massage establishments receive preopening inspections and then are inspected on a complaint basis only.

STD Clinic and Prevention

Test Provided	2023	2024	2025
Chlamydia/Gonorrhea	1,645	1,825	1,758
HIV			
In-Clinic	1,522	1,666	1,147
Outreach	471	686	610
Syphilis	1,415	1,500	1,280
Mycoplasma Genitalium	151	151	142
Herpes	356	263	375
Hepatitis C	83	67	68
Hepatitis B	82	104	84
Trichomoniasis	65	137	90
Mpox	5	11	9
Basic or Comprehensive Metabolic Panel	-	-	92
Cryotherapy Treatment	-	-	79
Urinalysis, Manual	-	-	358
Urine Pregnancy Test	-	-	51
IGRAs (not related to TB contact investigations)	-	-	289

Prevention	2023	2024	2025
PrEP visits	111	128	161

2,867 **Patients seen in 2025**



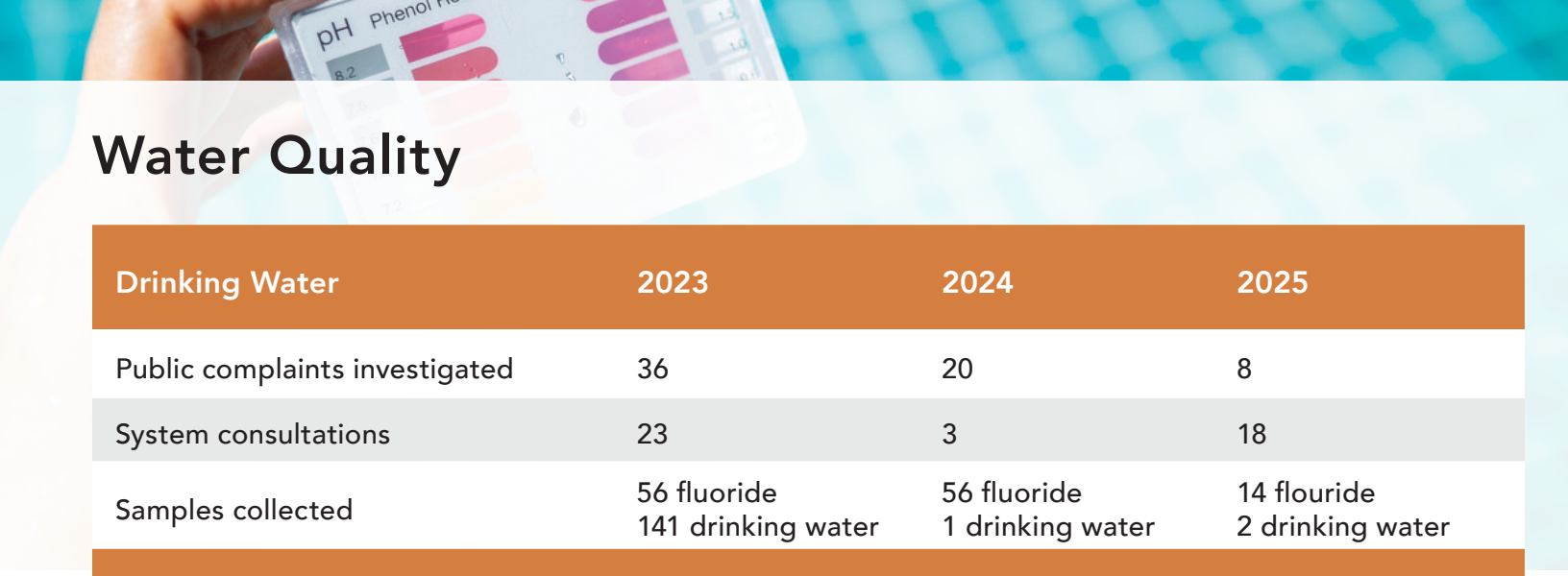
Tobacco Prevention and Regulation

Prevention and Cessation	2023	2024	2025
Trainings to healthcare professionals	7	15	13
Total Participants	160	322	267
Providers who prescribe cessation medication	6	14	13
Prevention and cessation presentations	29	53	36
Total Participants	3,029	1,891	2,638
Businesses provided secondhand smoke education and/or signage	262	272	67
No-smoking stickers provided	686	707	324
Health fairs or events attended	18	22	33
Multiunit housing complaints addressed	22	40	48

Sales Regulation	2023	2024	2025
Tobacco retailers (general)	558	566	563
Tobacco retailers (specialty)	84	82	70
Compliance checks	1,053	1,053	1,294
Attempts	1,107	1,089	1,330
Inaccessible locations	54	36	36
Underage sales observed	98 (9.3% sales rate)	55 (4.8% sales rate)	34 (2.6% sales rate)
UICAA complaints	86	70	87

Vital Records

	2023	2024	2025
Births in SLCo	18,346	19,169	19,183
Deaths in SLCo	8,668	8,679	9,011
Stillborn/Fetal deaths in SLCo	140	120	116
Birth Certificates provided	36,796	34,685	35,490
Death Certificates provided	67,456	59,431	60,017
Certificates provided at no cost to people experiencing homelessness	1,195	1,207	1,269
Marriage or Divorce Abstracts provided	1,343	1,581	1,676
Amendments/Paternities processed	1,037	1,655	2,210



Water Quality

Drinking Water	2023	2024	2025
Public complaints investigated	36	20	8
System consultations	23	3	18
Samples collected	56 fluoride 141 drinking water	56 fluoride 1 drinking water	14 flouride 2 drinking water
Onsite Wastewater	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**
Subdivisions approved	256	253	335
MSD-FCOZ reviews	-	-	234
Onsite consultations	-	-	186
Soil test observations	-	-	23
New systems applications	-	-	20
Construction permits issued	-	-	14
Final construction approvals	20	16	17
Operation permit audits	-	-	60
Swimming Pools	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**
Public pools in SLCo	1,326 (35 new this year)	1,356 (31 new this year)	1,385
Routine inspections	1,190	1,300	1,368
Public complaints investigated	58	39	65
Service requests from pool water samplers	887*	566*	692*
Pools closed	243	149	156
Water samples processed	6,630	4,822	7,049
Water samples failed	227 (3.4%)	104 (2.2%)	76 (1.1%)

*majority improper chlorine levels

WIC Women, Infants, and Children

Monthly averages of WIC clients with benefits	2023	2024	2025
Women	3,637	4,143	4,034
Infants	3,665	4,105	4,098
Children	8,289	9,208	9,758
Total	**15,591**	**17,457**	**17,890**

	2023	2024	2025
Monthly average of new clients enrolled in WIC	269	252	225
Food benefits redeemed annually	$12,725,923	$14,807,204	$15,812,197

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