

State of Alaska FY2024 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health Public Health Results Delivery Unit Budget Summary

Public Health Results Delivery Unit

Contribution to Department's Mission

To protect and promote the health of Alaskans.

Core Services

- Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community.
- Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues.
- Mobilize partnerships and action to identify and solve health problems.
- Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts.
- Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable.
- Assure adequate and competent public health infrastructure and enforcement of health and safety laws/regulations.
- Monitor, research and evaluate health status and service effectiveness, accessibility and quality to identify and solve community health problems.

Major RDU Accomplishments in 2022

Division of Public Health Accomplishments

- Provided expertise and guidance to communities, health care systems and facilities, schools, large group gatherings, and other partners on COVID-19 mitigation strategies.
- Increased number of SHARP contracts (a loan repayment program to recruit medical care providers) by eight percent from calendar year 2020 to 2021 (153 versus 166) and project that the number of contracts will top 200 in 2022.
- Removed age restrictions from services at Public Health Centers. Services had been restricted in most cases to individuals under age 30 due to staffing shortages.
- Coordinated the distribution of personal protective equipment, testing supplies, monoclonal antibodies, vaccine, and other resources to health care providers, local governmental entities, non-profit entities, tribal entities, Alaska businesses, industry sectors of Alaska, travelers to Alaska, and school districts.
- Remained one of the top 10 most sequenced states in terms of SARS-CoV-2 variant tracking and situational awareness.
- Disseminated monkeypox vaccine and information in coordination with communities, health care partners, and federal agencies.
- Managed pandemic-related data with the data information team and continued the dashboard that provides daily information, accessible to the general public on active cases, recovered cases, demographics, testing, and hospitalization utilization rates.
- Established an Office of School Health and Safety in collaboration with the Department of Education and Early Development to strengthen the partnership, leverage resources and build infrastructure to enhance school health and safety programs for students and families.

Key RDU Challenges

- The work to protect the public health of Alaskans involves geographic, cultural, lifestyle, fiscal, and other factors. Improving population health requires an investment in upstream factors that address the conditions in places where Alaskans live, learn, work, and play. Public health approaches require long-term solutions to make generational gains. These interventions focus on changing the context to make healthy choices easier and require a widespread, long-term, competent, and collaborative commitment from a wide array of key local stakeholders.
- The ability to identify, assess, and evaluate emerging public health issues hinges on information and the ability to share that information appropriately internally and externally. Information technology is an increasingly important tool in public health and keeping pace with data systems, specialized equipment, and associated policies is critical to achieving the mission.

- Public Health provides statewide leadership to ensure a qualified and available public health and health care workforce. Although health care jobs are the fastest growing occupational sector of this decade, the division and partners statewide are challenged to attract and retain highly skilled professionals. It is particularly challenging to keep scientist and highly skilled professional positions in the public health laboratories, public health nursing, and epidemiology filled. Leaving these types of positions vacant reduces the capacity to positively affect public health.
- The loss of functionality of multiple data systems and public facing websites due to the cyberattack in May 2021 created challenges to staff and the public. Staff had to create manual processes and create alternate websites to communicate with the public.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2024

- No significant changes in results to be delivered.

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**Public Health
RDU Financial Summary by Component**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2022 Actuals				FY2023 Management Plan				FY2024 Governor			
	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
Formula Expenditures None.												
Non-Formula Expenditures												
Nursing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25,254.3	5.0	6,296.4	31,555.7	26,186.4	5.0	6,427.0	32,618.4
Women, Children and Family Health	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4,411.9	1,851.9	8,908.5	15,172.3	4,451.0	1,966.7	8,972.8	15,390.5
Public Health Admin Svcs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,433.1	25.8	703.2	2,162.1	1,568.6	25.8	935.6	2,530.0
Emergency Programs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3,079.2	3,976.8	157,823.8	164,879.8	3,022.7	4,838.3	6,896.7	14,757.7
Chronic Disease Prev/Hlth Promo	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14,186.3	2,999.8	10,015.1	27,201.2	14,190.3	3,075.2	10,084.2	27,349.7
Epidemiology	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,363.7	3,000.6	68,068.0	73,432.3	7,629.3	3,007.2	11,507.2	22,143.7
Bureau of Vital Statistics	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3,802.2	383.2	1,762.6	5,948.0	3,594.1	384.4	1,784.8	5,763.3
Emergency Medical Svcs Grants	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,632.4	0.0	501.3	3,133.7	2,632.4	0.0	501.3	3,133.7
State Medical Examiner	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3,527.6	25.0	118.6	3,671.2	3,567.3	25.0	118.6	3,710.9
Public Health Laboratories	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5,455.8	774.0	3,019.0	9,248.8	6,516.9	1,002.2	3,058.1	10,577.2
Totals	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	66,146.5	13,042.1	257,216.5	336,405.1	73,359.0	14,329.8	50,286.3	137,975.1

Public Health
Summary of RDU Budget Changes by Component
From FY2023 Management Plan to FY2024 Governor

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Gen (UGF)</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Gen (DGF)</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Federal</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2023 Management Plan	49,848.5	16,298.0	13,042.1	257,216.5	336,405.1
Adjustments which get you to start of year:					
-Emergency Programs	0.0	0.0	955.6	0.0	955.6
-Public Health Laboratories	-193.2	0.0	224.2	0.0	31.0
One-time items:					
-Women, Children and Family Healt	0.0	0.0	-100.0	0.0	-100.0
-Emergency Programs	-75.0	0.0	-276.8	-150,974.4	-151,326.2
-Chronic Disease Prev/Hlth Promo	-47.0	0.0	-330.0	0.0	-377.0
-Epidemiology	0.0	0.0	0.0	-56,700.1	-56,700.1
-Bureau of Vital Statistics	0.0	0.0	-38.8	0.0	-38.8
Adjustments which continue current level of service:					
-Nursing	347.1	0.0	0.0	130.6	477.7
-Women, Children and Family Healt	29.2	9.9	214.8	64.3	318.2
-Public Health Admin Svcs	135.5	0.0	0.0	232.4	367.9
-Emergency Programs	16.4	2.1	182.7	47.3	248.5
-Chronic Disease Prev/Hlth Promo	37.7	13.3	405.4	69.1	525.5
-Epidemiology	20.6	0.0	6.6	139.3	166.5
-Bureau of Vital Statistics	-256.5	48.4	40.0	22.2	-145.9
-State Medical Examiner	39.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	39.7
-Public Health Laboratories	322.2	2.1	4.0	39.1	367.4
Proposed budget increases:					
-Nursing	585.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	585.0
-Epidemiology	5,245.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5,245.0
-Public Health Laboratories	930.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	930.0
FY2024 Governor	56,985.2	16,373.8	14,329.8	50,286.3	137,975.1