

Department Name	Health
Account(s)	4010, 3510

Department Function

The Albany County Department of Health (ACDOH) strives to protect and improve the health of individuals, families, and communities, utilizing strategies that reduce health disparities and promote health equity.

We collaborate with community partners and offer a variety of high-quality programs and services to accomplish the following:

- Prevent communicable and chronic diseases, injuries, and disabilities;
- Protect against environmental hazards that threaten health and safety;
- Promote the health and wellness of our citizens and our communities; and
- Prepare for and respond to public health emergencies.

Current Year Highlights

Albany County Department of Health (ACDOH) celebrated the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, in May 2023 and resumed its focus on addressing a wide variety of crucial public health issues for the residents of Albany County. These initiatives address a wide variety of core public health issues including mental health, chronic disease, communicable disease, and injury prevention. In accordance with the departments strategic plan, the department focused on improving organizational excellence, fostering collaboration and making progress on its prevention agenda Key highlights include:

Organizational Excellence

- Successfully completed all essential public health services required by the New York State Department of Health pursuant to Article 6 of the Public Health Law and Part 40 of the Codes, Rules and Regulations of New York State.
- Developed a long-term strategic plan to standardize inspections in the division of Environmental Health

Prevention Agenda

Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder

- To reduce preventable deaths from opioid overdose, ACDOH collaborated on the Opioid Task Force, and helped train 900 adults to administer naloxone, and link 588 persons with substance use disorder to care.

Chronic Disease

- To prevent the development of Type II diabetes, ACDOH used Highmark funds to launch a National Diabetes Prevention Program.
- To improve child health, ACDOH hosted 3 Points of Distribution (PODS) in partnership with Whitney Young Health Clinic, which provided school aged children appropriate population health screening (i.e. asthma, immunizations, and tuberculosis and health screening).

Injury Prevention

- To promote pedestrian safety, ACDOH used grant funding to provide education to pedestrians at 16 community events and enrolled 2045 persons to receive safety messages

Communicable Disease

- Administered 367, COVID -19, 161 Influenza, 156 doses of MPOX vaccines and reallocated 32 vials of MPOX vaccinations to partners
- Screened Asylee for Tuberculosis
- Linked 35 individuals living with HIV that were lost to follow up back into routine medical care

Built Environment

- To prevent childhood lead exposure, pursuant to the Childhood Lead Poisoning Primary Prevention Program, ACDOH inspected 165 homes, up 3% the year before.
- To prevent illness from water-borne illness, ACDOH inspected 61 Water Plants
- To prevent food-borne illness, ACDOH inspected 2,144 food facilities, including restaurants, temporary establishments, etc.
- To protect residents from airborne hazard posed by Canadian wildfires, ACDOH distributed mask

Collaboration

- In conjunction with Healthy Capital District Initiative, hospitals, insurers, and community partners, implemented the Albany County 2022-2024 Community Health Improvement Plan.

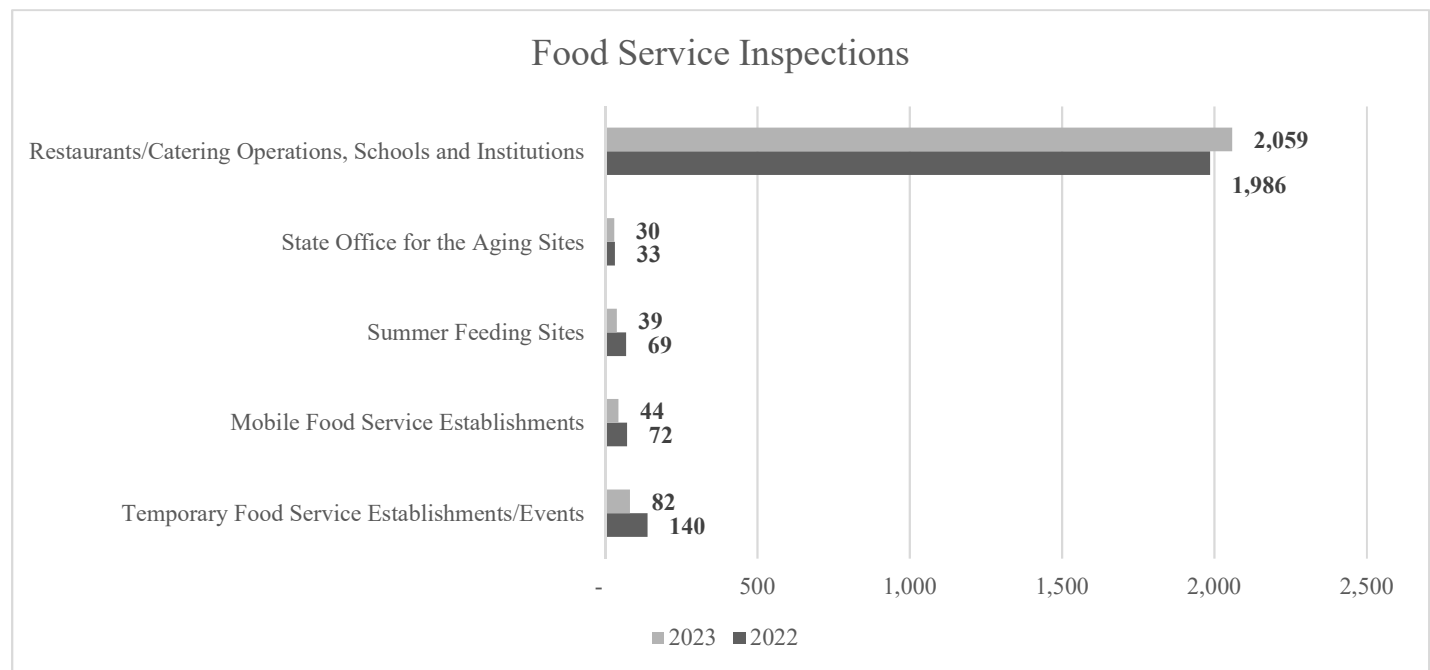
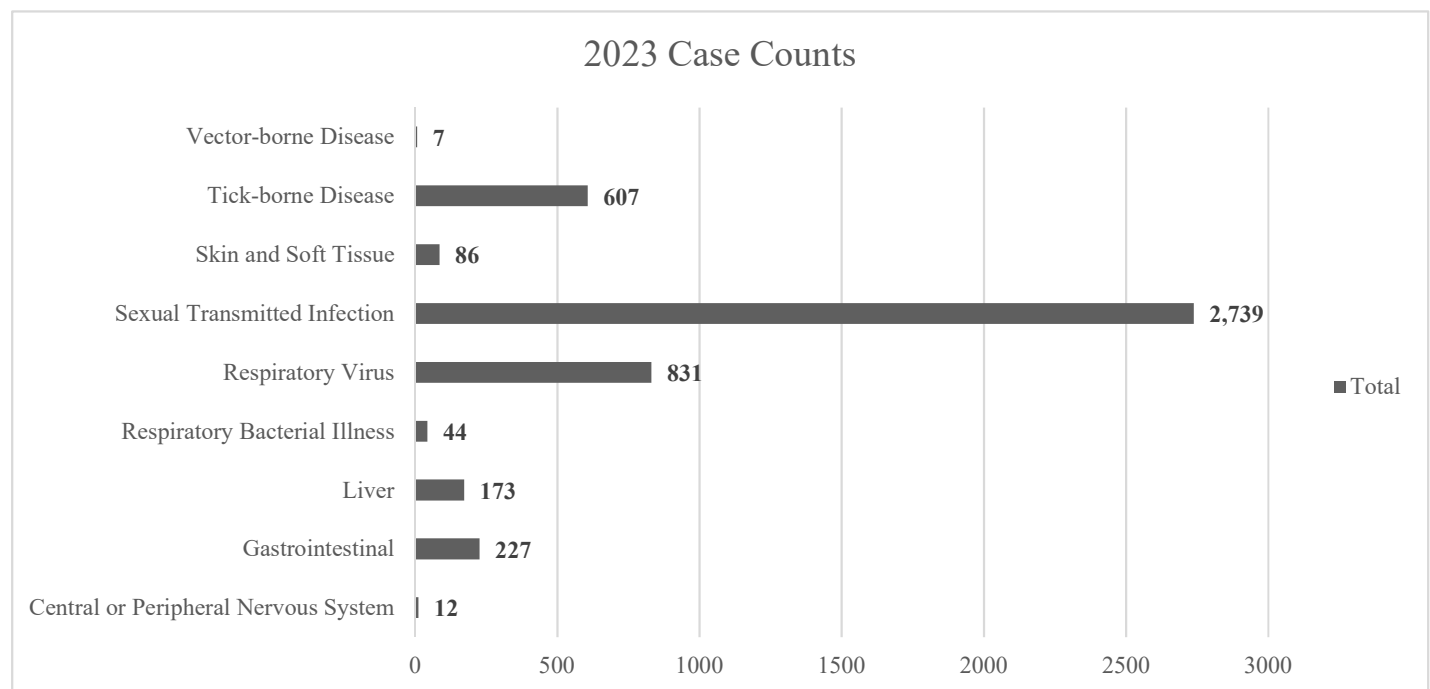
Next Year Projects

Albany County will continue to

- work with state, federal, and local partners on public health response efforts
- Will continue to successfully collaborate with partners to improve the built environment, address chronic, communicable, and preventable illness
- Launch programs that protect our residents from hazards in the air, water, and places where they work, live, and play.

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Programmatic Highlights



Epidemiology division, managed the laboratory reporting of the following communicable diseases. The majority of cases (58% , n=2,739) involved STI, followed by respiratory virus (17% n=831).

Food Service Inspections

Inspection of restaurants, schools, mobile and temporary food vendors are conducted through this program to ensure compliance with sanitary regulations aimed at preventing food borne illnesses.

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