

**Newton
County
Health
Department**

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HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday– Friday

8:00 am–4:30 pm

Vital Records available
on a walk-in basis until
4:00 pm daily.

Most nursing services
available on a walk-in
basis until 3:30 pm daily

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Annual Report of Services 2024



The Newton County Health Department is a public health agency formed by a vote of the citizens in 1948. Oversight of the agency is governed by a five-member elected board of trustees. The agency is funded by a .0484 cent tax levy and supplemented by fees and various government contracts. Day-to-day operations are managed by an administrator who oversees a staff of fifteen full-time employees that provide services in the areas of Vital Records, Public Health Nursing, Environmental Public Health, and WIC (Women, Infants and Children). The health department currently serves over 59,000 Newton County residents.



MISSION & PLANNING

Mission – The Newton County Health Department is dedicated to protect and promote the health of the community through health promotion activities, disease prevention, provision of needed services, and protection of the environment through assessment, planning, education, leadership and partnership.

Vision – Newton County will be a community where people can attain their full health potential.



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VITAL RECORDS

The Vital Records Program is responsible for issuing birth and death certificates for the State of Missouri. There continues to be a high demand for birth certificates due to the Missouri Department of Revenue’s requirement for proof of identification (such as a birth certificate) before receiving a new driver’s license. In 2024, 1,739 birth certificates and 3,011 death certificates were issued.

If your organization needs a speaker for a public health related topic, just call us at 451-3743.

For more information on programs, services and public health information, please visit our web site:
www.newtoncountyhealth.org



PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING



The Public Health Nursing Department provides numerous community and public health prevention activities. Services include immunizations, pregnancy testing/counseling, STD testing/counseling, TB testing, and communicable disease investigation/surveillance. The Nursing Department also provides various health and wellness education in the community through active participation on area coalitions and health fairs. The Nursing Department consists of two registered nurses. During 2024, the following services were provided:

Maternal Child Health	
Pregnancy tests	52
Temporary Medicaid	
New cards issued	57
Communicable Disease Screening/Investigation	
Tuberculosis screening/follow-up	395
STD/HIV screening/counseling	60
Immunizations	
Immunizations	2,154

WIC– WOMEN, INFANTS & CHILDREN

The WIC Program is a nutritional supplement and educational program funded by the United States Department of Agriculture. WIC provides many nutritional benefits that improve health outcomes, including a supplemental food package designed especially for each participant, nutritional education and counseling (including breastfeeding promotion and support), and referrals to other health care and public assistance agencies. For the ninth year in a row, the WIC program received additional funding by being awarded a “Breastfeeding Friendly” grant. The WIC breastfeeding peer counselors host monthly breastfeeding support group meetings that are open to WIC and non-WIC families. Staff also assist with car seat safety checks and the Safe Cribs for Missouri program. The WIC program consists of one licensed registered dietitian nutritionist, one nutritionist, three WIC clerks, two breastfeeding peer counselors, and one nutritional education specialist from the University of Missouri Extension. Services provided in 2024 include:



WIC Client Visits	
Women	3,254
Infants	3,596
Children	7,048
Nutrition Education/Follow-ups	2,269
Breastfeeding Peer Counselor	698

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

The Environmental Public Health Program includes inspections of food service facilities, hotels, daycare facilities, tattoo parlors, issuance of permits and inspections of on-site sewage (septic) systems, as well as food establishments, collection and analysis of water samples for drinking water and submission of laboratory specimens for rabies virus surveillance, follow-ups on food recalls, food truck wrecks, and drinking water boil orders. Permit fees collected help support the Environmental Department budget and also supports costs of a food safety instruction class offered to food establishment managers and employees. The Environmental Public Health Program consists of two environmental public health specialists and one environmental public health clerk. During 2024, the following services were provided:

Laboratory Sample Collections & Analysis	
Private well series/lead analysis	121
Private well bacteriological analysis	576
Rabies specimens submitted	3
Specimen positive for rabies	0
Animal bites investigated	164
Food service classes given	3

Permits & Inspections	
On-site sewage permits issued	176
Food service inspections	407
Hotel & motel inspections	5
Daycare inspections	21
Tattoo parlor inspections	3
Complaint investigations	63

2024 Newton County Health Department Board of Trustees

- **Robert Carter, Chairperson**
- **Amie Henson, Vice-Chairperson**
- **Patricia Krueger, Secretary/Treasurer**
- **Jim Conner, Trustee**
- **Scott Wade, Trustee**

Community Partnerships

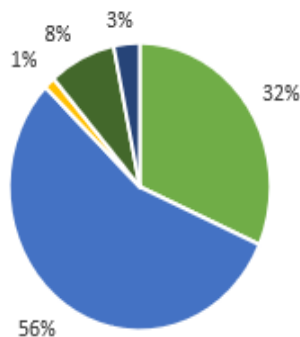
The Newton County Health Department and Staff are actively involved with organizations such as the Alliance of Southwest Missouri, Community Health Collaborative of Jasper and Newton Counties, Newton County Community Coalition, Breastfeeding Coalition of Southwest Missouri, and the Focus on Health Partnership.

EMERGENCY PLANNING & PREPAREDNESS

Newton County Health Department continues to be active in emergency planning and preparedness— whether the emergency be natural, man-made or terrorism-related. Emergency preparedness is coordinated with the Newton County Emergency Management Director, area local health departments, health care providers, and other emergency responders. For more information about emergency planning and preparedness, please contact Cheryl Grissom, NCHD Emergency Planner, at 417-451--3743 ext. 1010.

Where Does Our Money Come From?

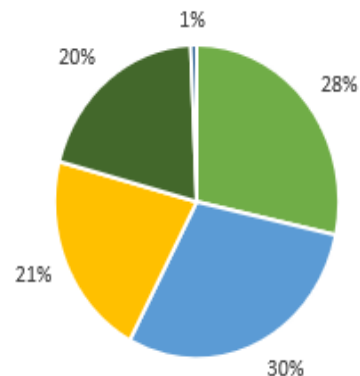
2024 Revenue Sources



■ Local Taxes ■ State Contracts ■ Medicaid ■ Fees ■ Miscellaneous

Where Does Our Money Go?

2024 Expenses



■ Admin ■ WIC ■ Nursing ■ Enviro ■ Vital Rec

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