



Ohio Department of Health 2004 Annual Report

The mission of the Ohio Department of Health is to protect and improve the health of all Ohioans by preventing disease, promoting good health and assuring access to quality health care.

Director's Message

Governor Taft and My Fellow Ohioans:



In State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2004, the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) had many success stories. Whether vaccinating a record number of children, placing health care professionals in underserved areas of Ohio

or helping protect Ohio's nursing home residents, ODH worked hard to ensure the State of Ohio was as healthy as possible.

Throughout it all, ODH continued to promote its Healthy Ohioans initiative, launched in 2001 at the behest of Governor Bob Taft.

Unfortunately, Healthy Ohioans is quite necessary because Ohioans, on the whole, are a notoriously unhealthy bunch. Consider these staggering statistics: 25 percent of Ohioans smoke cigarettes; 26 participate in no leisure time physical activity; 77 percent do not eat the recommended five to seven fruits and vegetables daily; and – here's the kicker – 61 percent of Ohioans are either clinically overweight or obese.

Think about that for a while.

Taft did and the result was Healthy Ohioans, a statewide initiative dedicated to increasing physical activity, improving nutrition and eliminating tobacco use.

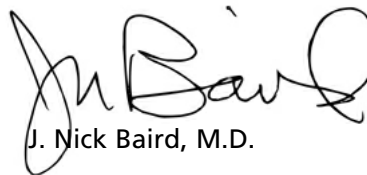
Healthy Ohioans is aimed at three core constituencies: businesses, where Ohio employees spend most of their waking time; state employees; and schools, because healthy behaviors learned in childhood are often carried into adulthood. The converse is true as

well. It took years of lackadaisical attitudes toward lifestyle for Ohioans to become as unhealthy as they are today and it will take years of incremental change to reverse the trend. But with the continuing commitment of ODH – and most importantly all of you – I believe Ohio's healthiest days lie ahead.

In SFY 2004, the Healthy Ohioans Business Council produced a wellness guide, *Doing Well by Being Well: Creating Win-Win Employee Wellness Programs*, to help employers manage health care costs by helping their employees become healthier. State employees received the Healthy Ohioans message through quarterly health fairs, wellness plans and motivational materials, produced in-house, and designed to encourage healthier lifestyles. And 998 Ohio schools, representing 82 percent of Ohio counties and 48 percent of Ohio school districts, were honored for promoting healthy behaviors in children through the Governor's Buckeye Best Healthy Schools Awards program.

Please read on to see all ODH does to protect and improve the health of all Ohioans every day. I invite you to commit with me to be a Healthy Ohioan in 2005 and beyond, so be sure to visit the Healthy Ohioans Web site at <http://www.healthyohioans.org> for ideas on how you and your loved ones can take small steps resulting in big strides toward improving your overall health.

Sincerely,



J. Nick Baird, M.D.

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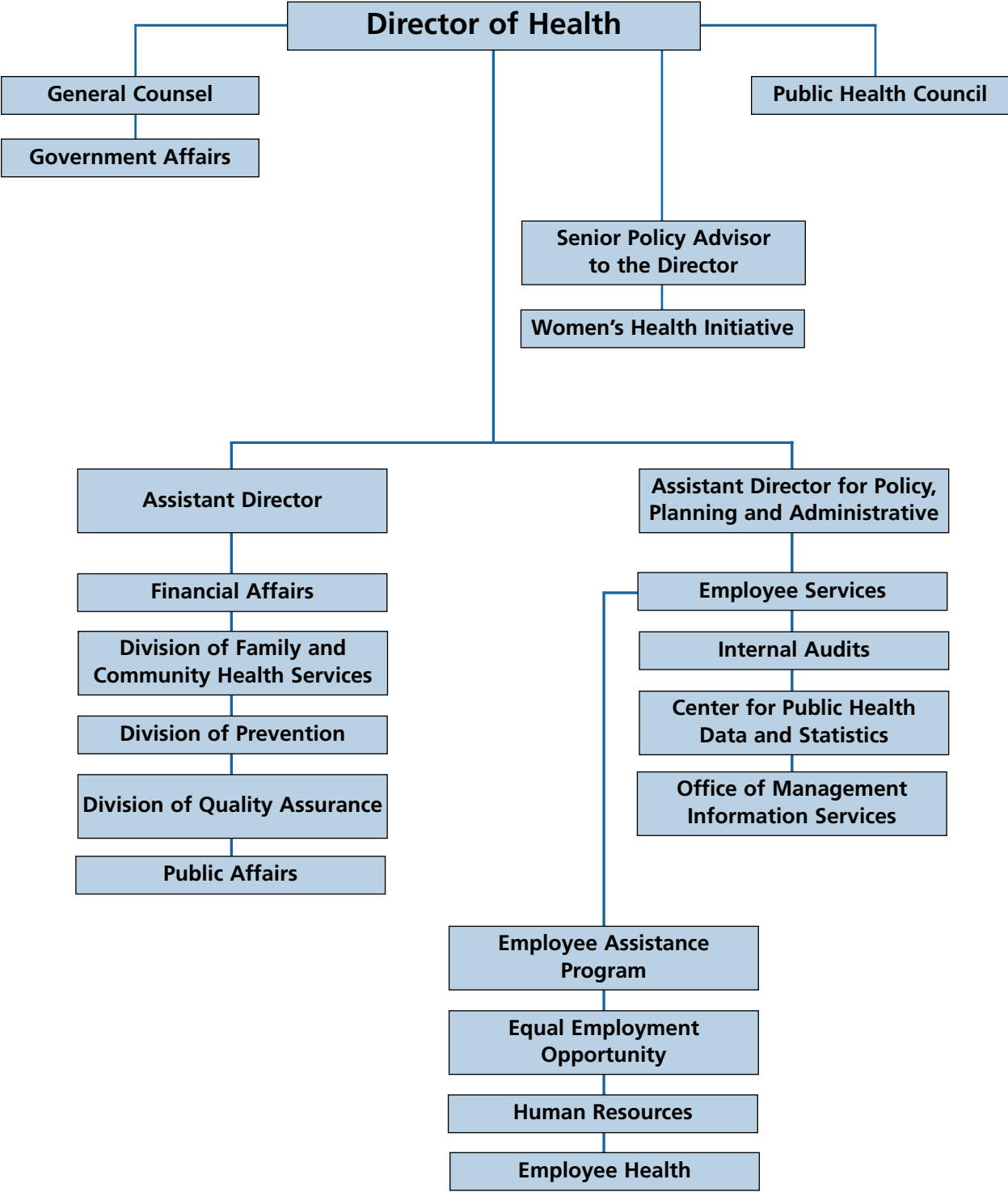
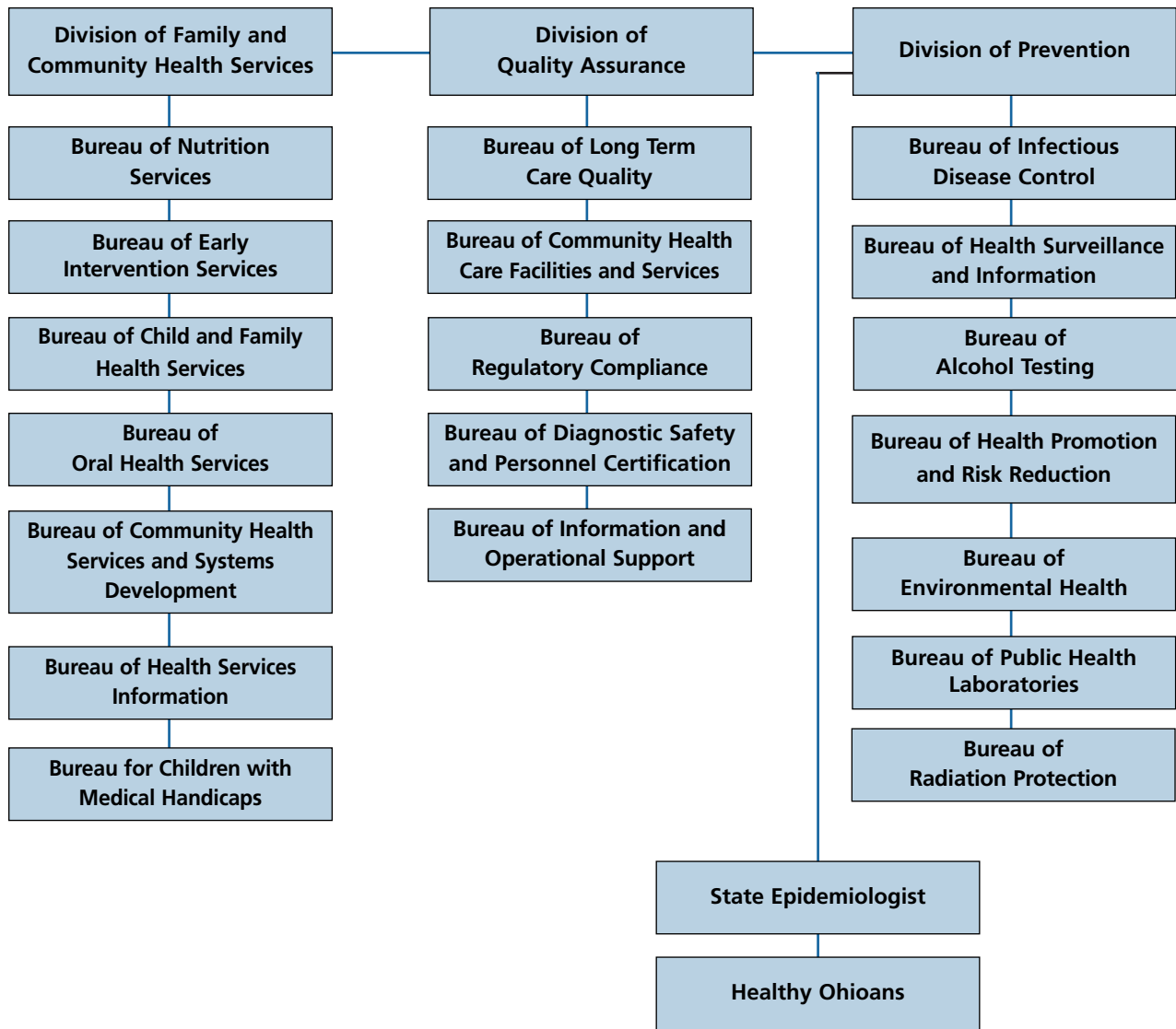
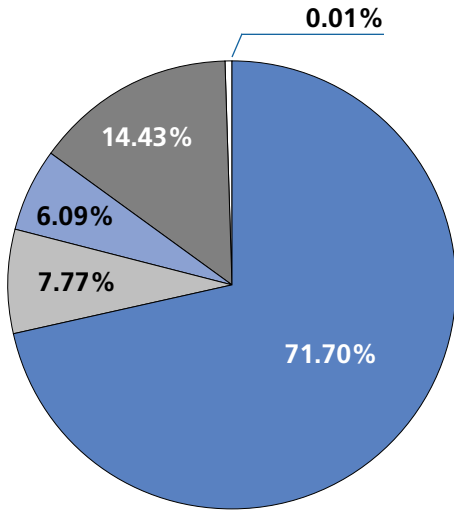


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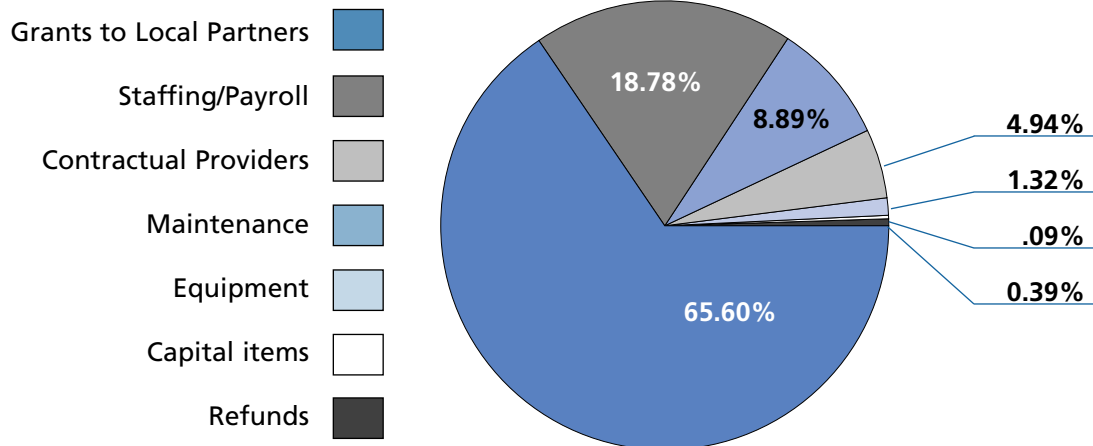


SFY 2003 Revenue by Type

Revenue Type	Amount	Percentage
Federal	365,902,868	71.70%
Fees	39,624,735	7.77%
Intrastate Transfer	31,090,549	6.09%
Refunds	55,670	0.01%
State General Revenue	73,624,026	14.43%
Total	510,297,848	100.00%

SFY 2004 Obligations by Category

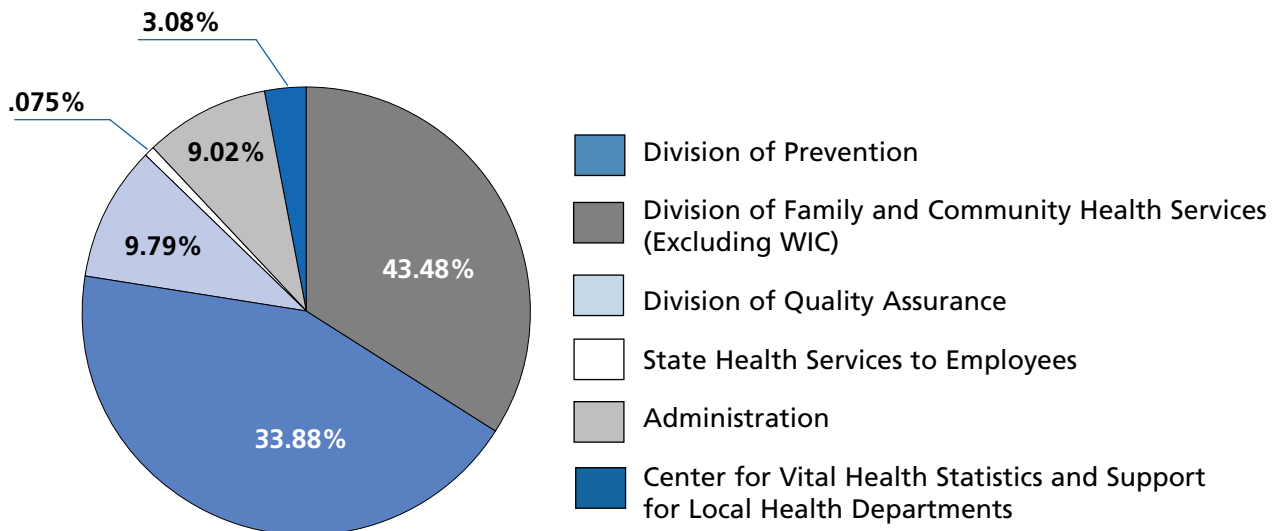
Expenditures	Amount	Percentage
Payroll (10)	92,827,000	18.78%
Contractual (13)	24,422,088	4.94%
Maintenance (29)	43,932,706	8.89%
Equipment (30)	6,512,913	1.32%
Grants/Subsidies (50)	324,303,854	65.60%
Capital Items (70)	426,000	0.09%
Refunds (90)	1,911,929	0.39%
Total	494,336,491	100.00%



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SFY 2004 Obligations Incurred by ODH Programs

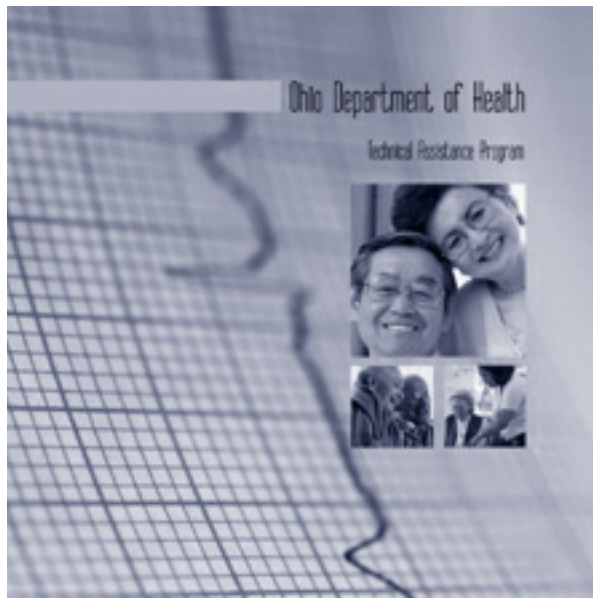
Category	Amount	Percentage
Division of Prevention	97,209,382	33.88%
Division of Family and Community Health Services (Excluding WIC)	124,726,060	43.48%
Division of Quality Assurance	28,093,950	9.79%
State Health Services to Employees	2,143,152	.075%
Administration	25,887,193	9.02%
Center for Vital Health Statistics and Support for Local Health Departments	8,822,936	3.08%
Total	270,228,541	100.00%



Meeting Public Health Challenges

State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2004 was one of meeting challenges head-on as the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) grappled with budgetary demands and an ever-increasing reliance on public health in the continuing wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

ODH's three divisions – Prevention; Family and Community Health Services (FCHS); and Quality Assurance (DQA) – may have diverse functions, but their missions are one: to protect and improve the health of all Ohioans.



To that end, ODH continues to promote its Healthy Ohioans initiative, which encourages all Ohio residents to take small steps – such as taking the stairs instead of the elevator or eating an additional serving of fruits and vegetables each day – to make big strides in their overall health. Launched by Governor Bob Taft and ODH in 2001, Healthy Ohioans promotes prevention as a way to improve Ohio's admittedly dismal statistics concerning lifestyle and related chronic diseases. See the Director's Message at the front of this report for more on this important initiative.

SFY 2004 saw successes in key public health initiatives such as childhood immunization rates (Prevention); placement of health care professionals in medically underserved areas (FCHS); and increased safety for Ohio's nursing home residents (DQA). As we work to meet the challenges of SFY 2005, here is a look back at the successes of SFY 2004.

ODH's Division of Prevention promotes good health; investigates disease outbreaks; coordinates bioterrorism efforts; and prevents and controls injuries and diseases. In SFY 2004, the Division of Prevention:

- Announced a record-high level of children ages 19 months to 35 months – 82.3 percent – had been vaccinated against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, haemophilus, influenzae type b and hepatitis B. This represents an increase of 7.3 percent from SFY 2002.
- Guided Ohio's seven Homeland Security Planning Regions as they developed and practiced bioterrorism response plans. These exercises allowed public health teams, hospital staff and regional medical response teams to test their abilities to respond to an infectious disease outbreak and/or bioterrorism attack.



- Launched the Real-time Outbreak Disease Surveillance (RODS) system. RODS monitors health-related data such as sales of over-the-counter medications that may indicate an outbreak before it is readily apparent.
- Broke ground on a state-of-the-art laboratory facility. The 77,000-square-foot lab, slated to open in February 2006, will provide increased efficiency and improved bio-safety for responding to highly infectious agents.
- Equipped the department with a Multi-agency Radio Communication System (MARCS) that enhanced communication among ODH personnel, field staff, partner state agencies and local health departments.

ODH's Division of Family and Community Health Services assures access to community-based health services for individuals, families and children. In SFY 2004, FCHS:

- Placed 53 health care professionals in rural and urban underserved areas of Ohio to help meet the demand for primary care, specialty, dental and mental health services.
- Provided 650 training and/or consultation sessions for a statewide network of nurses who provide consultation and professional development to all child care providers about health and safety issues. Topics included, but were not limited to, sudden infant death syndrome, asthma and medication administration.
- Trained more than 2,200 Help Me Grow (HMG) staff members in areas such as newborn and postpartum assessment; social and emotional development; and clinical supervision. HMG provides services such as home visits and early intervention to children from birth to age 3 and their families.
- Provided direct health care and other support services to 90,000 low-income pregnant women and children and 95,000 women's health and family planning clients.



- Continued to conduct public health lead investigations on children who were tested and found to have lead poisoning. A total of 421 investigations have resulted in the issuance of 209 lead hazard control orders.

ODH's Division of Quality Assurance protects the health of Ohio residents by assuring the quality and safety of both public health and health care delivery systems. In SFY 2004 DQA:

- Held five quality forums around the state to enhance communication between ODH surveyors, nursing home operators and resident advocates to improve compliance. Topics included regulatory compliance, continuous quality improvement and compliance measures and statistics.
- Trained some 1,000 nursing home administrators, providers, maintenance personnel and others on the 2000 edition of the Life Safety Code. These new fire-safety requirements took effect Sept. 11, 2003.
- Prepared a pilot program to study the safety of providing diagnostic cardiac catheterization services to low-risk patients in free-standing clinics. The program will launch in July 2005 with the goal of ensuring safe accessibility to state-of-the-art medical care in Ohio.



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