



Health Statistics

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Protecting & Improving
the Health of Iowans



The Bureau of Health Statistics serves two main purposes: civil registration of Iowans, which includes issuance of certified copies of vital records for Iowa events of birth, death and marriage; and collection, reporting and monitoring of health statistics data related to vital events in Iowa.

Each year in Iowa, about 40,000 babies are born, another 30,000 Iowans die, and 20,000 people decide to get married. Vital records data has been kept in Iowa since 1880 and every person who was born, died or got married since then is on file at IDPH. More than 4,306,000 vital records are available in the new statewide electronic vital record system and accessible by both the Bureau of Health Statistics and county recorders in Iowa.

Statistical data isn't just interesting trivia. It's important information that can be used to analyze and report on health trends and issues. It is also the basis for virtually all of the research conducted in the social sciences such as economics, political science and sociology. These records are also required to prove eligibility for many programs and services, such as a driver's license, passport or Medicaid.

Much of Iowa's health history can be told through the "numbers" and the Bureau of Health Statistics helps ensure they "add up" to a healthier future. Need a certified copy of your birth or marriage record? Need to obtain a certified copy of a death record? All certified copies of vital records in Iowa are issued at the direction of the Bureau of Health Statistics.

Did you know?

Health Statistics are provided to public health research projects approved by the Research and Ethics Review Committee. Data are provided from Iowa records and from the national file maintained by the National Center for Health Statistics, which is a compilation of all state data files.

Why are Health Statistics important to protecting and improving the health of Iowans?

- Health data is used to monitor trends in health and health care, identify health problems, and measure the effectiveness of public health programs.
- Health data is used to measure progress toward meeting the goals of public health and programs.
- Vital records are needed to determine eligibility for many programs and services. For instance, a birth certificate is required for a driver's license or passport, and provides proof of citizenship.
- Health statistics help us understand the health of Iowans, including disparities in health and the use of health care by different people.
- Health statistics help leaders decide where resources are needed and how they can best be used.

Which Iowa Public Health Goals are we working to achieve?

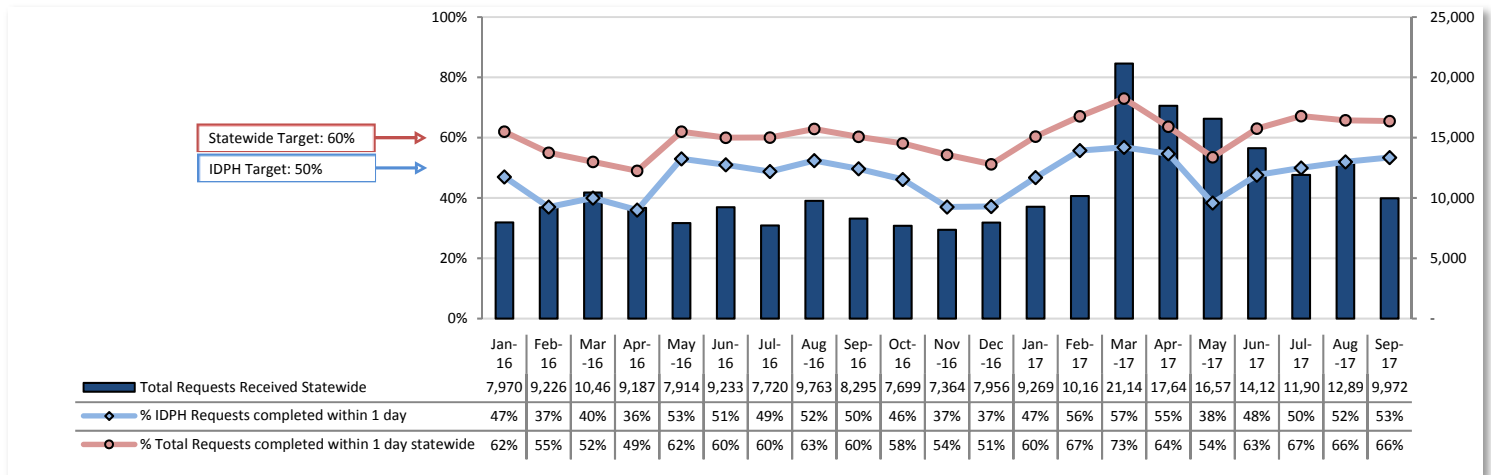
Strengthen the health infrastructure

What do we do?

- Provide data to local, state and national public health agencies so they can plan and measure the effectiveness of programs and make decisions about the use of resources.
- Provide data to state agencies to help them conduct their official duties.
- Provide certified copies of birth, death and marriage records to Iowans and other entitled people to establish eligibility for many benefits, including U.S. citizenship.
- Provide a database to monitor progress on health objectives, identify emerging health issues, and support policy development.
- Publish the annual Vital Statistics of Iowa and Vital Statistics in Brief.

How do we measure our progress?

1 Percent of certified copy requests completed within one day.



Data Source: Iowa Vital Events System.

How are we doing? The Iowa Vital Events System was established in 2014 with a goal to improve statewide registration and access to vital records. This system is designed to allow for the timely registration of electronic birth, death and marriage records. The system is accessible to all county recorder offices and allows for the statewide issuance of birth, death and marriage records available electronically through the system.

- Our goal at IDPH is to process 50% of all requests received within one business day. The goal statewide is to process 60% of requests within one business day.

Learn more by visiting our website!

- ✓ All Iowans can learn about health trends by accessing health statistic information. For information on health trends, go to <http://idph.iowa.gov/health-statistics>.
- ✓ All Iowans can find out how to obtain vital records. For more information on health trends, go to <http://idph.iowa.gov/health-statistics>.

How can we improve Health Statistics?

- ✓ Data providers can work with the Bureau of Health Statistics to report accurate and complete data efficiently.
- ✓ Data providers can work with the Bureau of Health Statistics to collect data in standard formats and with standard processes.

Expenditures

Federal funds, retained fees*, and other fees*: 0153-0456; 0024-0024/1024

	State Fiscal Year 2016 Actual	State Fiscal Year 2017 Actual	State Fiscal Year 2018 Estimate
State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal funds	\$790,071	\$960,338	\$779,247
Other funds*	\$3,282,324	\$2,543,453	\$4,947,074
Total funds	\$4,072,395	\$3,503,791	\$5,726,321
FTEs	25.12	25.75	26.95

Note: Funding information is intended to provide an overview of funding related to the program area. It does not include all federal and state requirements and/or restrictions for the use of funds. Contact the program area for more detailed budget information.