

FY2022 DATA

Local Public Health in Iowa

In Iowa, **Local Public Health Agencies (LPHA)** are vital for ensuring the health and safety of communities in all 99 counties.

Local Boards of Health assure that a Community Health Assessment is completed and determines the unique needs of their community.

The framework for Essential Public Health Services, centered around health equity, is used to protect and promote the health of all people in all communities. Investigation of public health diseases, health education, environmental health services, emergency and disaster preparation and partnership building are just a few examples of services provided to the community.



Who

29% of agencies have **5-10 Full Time Equivalent (FTE)** staff



20% of agencies have 3-4 FTE



10% of agencies have 1-2 FTE



Administrators at their agency <5 years: 53

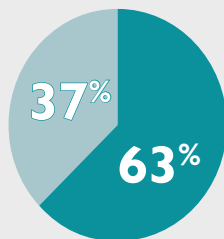
Administrators at their agency <1 year: 22

How

Local Boards of Health decide if public health services will be offered by county employees or if they will contract with other health organizations to provide services on their behalf.

37% of Local Boards of Health contract staff


63% of Local Boards of Health directly employ staff





Environmental Health staffing structures vary throughout the state. To find out more, please visit your county's website.


Why

Iowa Code defines the structure, powers, and duties of local boards of health. Board of Health members are unpaid volunteers and are appointed by the **Board of Supervisors (BOS)**.

 Average years of service for Board of Health Chairs: **12**

 Average years of service for Board of Health members: **7**

 **58 counties** with BOS as Board of Health members

 **58** New Board of Health members in 2022

Why does LPH matter?

Public health touches each of us every single day. Things like clean water, vaccinations for children, motor vehicle safety and smoke free air are all examples of public health at work in the community.

Resources

Local Public Health Agencies are sustained in different ways. County tax dollars can help support local public health. Please contact your local public health agency to learn more about how they are funded.

Data from FY22 Local Public Health Systems Survey. To learn more, view the FY22 Local Public Health Systems Survey Report at hhs.iowa.gov/lphs.

April 2023

Public Health
Iowa HHS