

2021 IOWA'S LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH

IN IOWA, **LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES** (LPHA) ARE VITAL FOR ENSURING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF COMMUNITIES IN ALL 99 COUNTIES.

WHO: WORKFORCE



90% Female directors

35% Directors are 55+ years of age

96% Directors identify as white

48% of agencies have 3-10 FTE (Full Time Equivalent) staff

9% of agencies have 1 or 2 FTE

WHAT: SERVICES

Each county Board of Health determines the unique needs of their community.

Examples of services include:

Investigation of Public Health Diseases

Public Health Education

Childhood Immunization Audits

Emergency and Disaster Preparation

Mother and Child Health Services

Home Care Support (Non-Medicare)

Medicare Certified Home Health Care

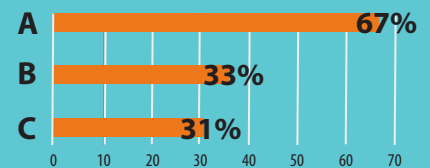
2015: 74 LPHAs offered certified home health

2021: 48 LPHAs offered certified home health



WHERE: STRUCTURE

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.



A: Board of Health directly employs staff (county-based)

B: Board of Health contracts staff (health services-based)

C: Environmental health and public health within same table of organization

WHEN: EVERYDAY



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.

WHY: IOWA CODE CHAPTER 137

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**
- Counties with BOS as Board of Health members: **56**

HOW: RESOURCES

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

County Tax Allocation Ranges

Tax Allocation Range	% of Counties
<\$50,000	5%
\$50,001-\$200,000	49%
\$200,001-\$400,000	18%
\$400,001-\$600,000	15%
\$600,001-\$800,000	3%
\$800,001-\$1,000,000	0%
\$1,000,001-\$3,000,000	7%
>\$3,000,000	2%

*Data from FY21 Local Public Health Systems Survey

**A listing of local public health agencies can be found at idph.iowa.gov/lphs/local-public-health-agencies.