



# **The Grant County Health Department 2024 Annual Report**

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Our Mission:  
To promote the health and wellness of  
ALL residents of Grant County.  
“Everyone Living Better Longer”

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## Grant County Health Department Staff

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Selina Baus  
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**Hospice RN:** Tracy Mezera  
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Michelle Farrell, Boscobel Pharmacy  
**Health Department Medical Director:**  
Neil Martin  
9 Hospice volunteers

Thank you to the HHS Board members, all of the staff at The Grant County Health Department, and to the citizens of Grant County. We appreciate you taking the time to read this report, and we are thankful for your continued support.



The year 2024 marked a period of change and rebuilding for the Grant County Health Department. It was the first year staff felt fully able to resume normal programming following the disruptions of the COVID-19 pandemic. Notably, over half of the current Health Department staff have joined since the pandemic began. A significant transition occurred with the retirement of Jeff Kindrai, who served as Grant County's Health Officer/Director for over 20 years. We extend our gratitude to Jeff for his dedicated service and wish him the best in retirement. Stepping into this leadership role is Kessa Klaas, formerly a Public Health Nurse with the department.

Throughout 2024, the Health Department continued to manage a wide range of programs, administering multiple grants and contracts with the State and other agencies. These programs, which support the health and well-being of our community, are highlighted in this report.

The Health Department operates primarily through State and Federal grants, along with fee-for-service revenue. A limited number of State-mandated programs receive support from local levy funds, ensuring the provision of essential public health and environmental health services for the county. Like many organizations, the Health Department faced ongoing staffing challenges in 2024. The retirement of the Health Officer led to the promotion of an internal candidate, creating a vacancy in Public Health, which had already been understaffed. Additionally, efforts to recruit a WIC Director were unsuccessful, requiring a Public Health Nurse to absorb those responsibilities. The Home Care program also experienced persistent nurse vacancies throughout the year.

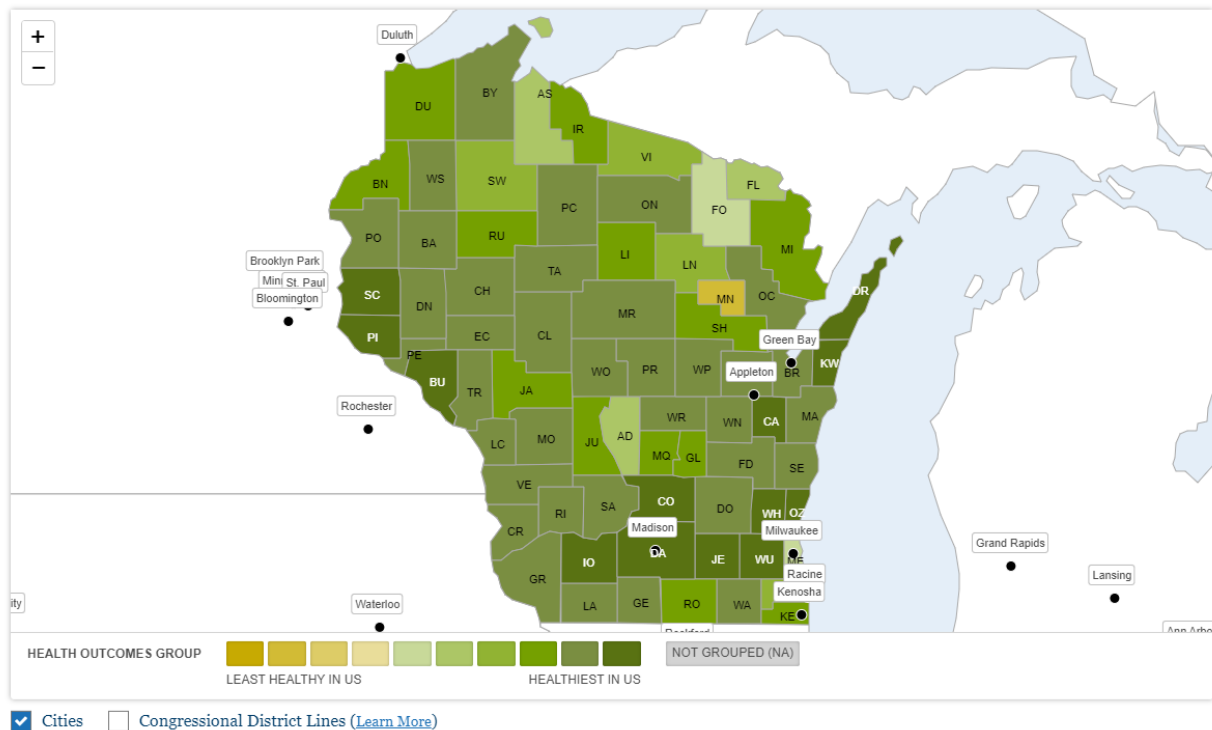
Staff turnover has resulted in increased costs associated with training and orientation, leading to a greater reliance on tax levy funds to maintain operations. In response, the Health Department is actively working to improve employee retention and workplace morale to strengthen our workforce and ensure continuity of services.

# Grant County Data



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2024 Health Outcomes - Wisconsin

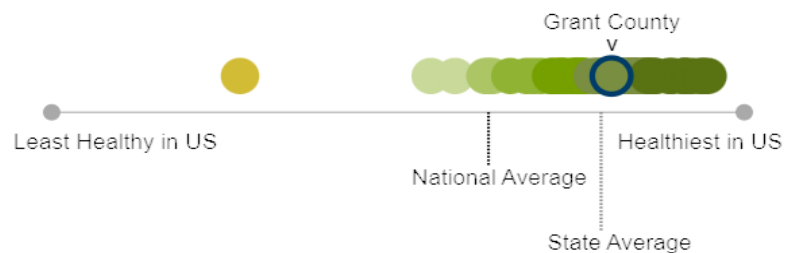


According to the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, Health Outcomes tell us how long people live on average within a community, and how much physical and mental health people experience in a community while they are alive. Grant County Health Outcomes are shown in the adjacent chart. Each dot in the graph represents a county in Wisconsin, with Grant County being labeled. The darker the dot, the better the overall Health Outcomes. Things like length of life, quality of life, and chronic disease prevalence are taken into account for this information.



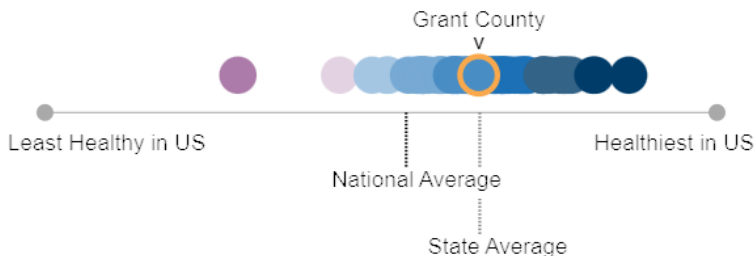
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## Grant County Health Outcomes - 2024



Grant County is faring about the same as the average county in Wisconsin for Health Outcomes, and better than the average county in the nation.

## Grant County Health Factors - 2024



Grant County is faring about the same as the average county in Wisconsin for Health Factors, and slightly better than the average county in the nation.

Health Factors measure the percentage of adults reporting fair or poor health. They represent and point out things we as a county can improve upon to live longer and healthier lives, as well as things that may be areas of strength for Grant County. Health Factors are broken down into health behaviors, clinical care, social and economic factors, and physical environment.

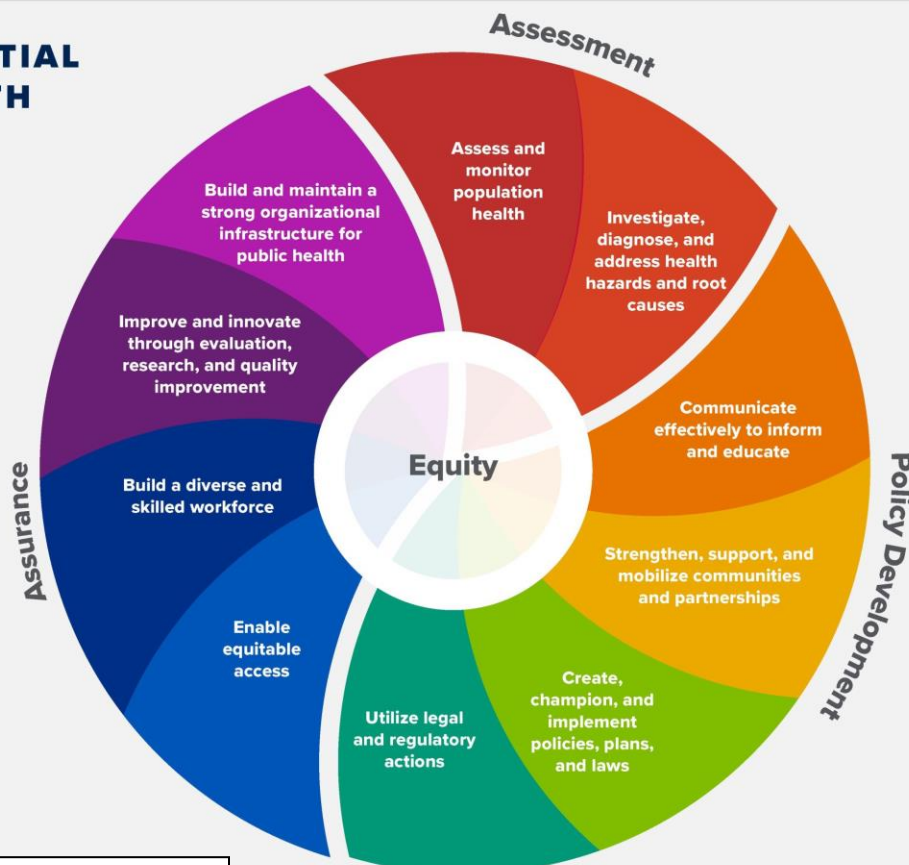
For more information, and to see more detail regarding the above charts, please visit County Health Rankings & Roadmaps at: [Grant, Wisconsin | County Health Rankings & Roadmaps](#)

**The Grant County Health Department works to assist in improving the Health Outcomes and Health Factors of Grant County through the use of the 10 Essential Public Health Services explained in the chart below.**

### THE 10 ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

*To protect and promote the health of all people in all communities*

The 10 Essential Public Health Services provide a framework for public health to protect and promote the health of all people in all communities. To achieve optimal health for all, the Essential Public Health Services actively promote policies, systems, and services that enable good health and seek to remove obstacles and systemic and structural barriers, such as poverty, racism, gender discrimination, and other forms of oppression, that have resulted in health inequities. Everyone should have a fair and just opportunity to achieve good health and well-being.







**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

## Grant County Public Health Services

Public Health nursing is the practice of promoting and protecting the health of populations through all levels of prevention. Public Health programs generally focus on prevention efforts and improving the health of the community. Monitoring health indicators such as immunization rates, disease incident rates, causes of injury or death, and health behaviors are important as well as providing accurate information and education.

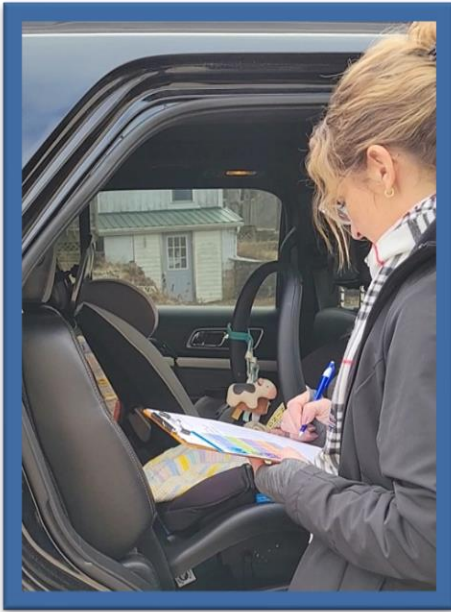
**MCH:** Through funding under the Consolidated Contract, The Grant County Health Department is able to provide MCH services. MCH stands for Maternal Child Health. In 2024, Grant County chose two objectives to meet. Those objectives were to improve developmental screening rates and education, and improving perinatal mental health screening and referrals. Grant County held its first Community Baby Shower in 2024. This was well attended and appreciated among the community.

**Healthy Beginnings:** The Health Department receives referrals for home visits to new moms and babies. Nurses can also offer prenatal visits. These visits are in addition to their doctor checkups, and are used to help educate and assist Grant County families with education on nutrition, vaccinations, weight checks, developmental screens, community resources, etc. Healthy Beginnings is a work in progress. We are committed to continuing our efforts in developing this program further, especially after the significant impact of the COVID pandemic.



Gift bags for our Community Baby Shower were made possible by generous donations from members of the community.

**Car Seat Checks:** Grant County also provided, installed and or checked 82 child passenger safety seats in 2024. Grant County receives a grant through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation that enables this program. The Health Department has two Child Passenger Safety Technicians (CPS). To become a CPS, or car seat technician, you must take and pass a 3.5 day CPS Certification Course. Car seat technicians must also keep up with the latest Wisconsin child passenger safety laws through seminars and continuing education opportunities. Our CPS technicians use their knowledge and training to conduct child safety seat checks, providing hands on assistance to caregivers for proper selection and use of child restraint systems.



**Health Check:** This program provides both individual services and comprehensive examinations of children aged birth to 21 years who do not have insurance. A health check can include a head-to-toe assessment, immunizations, limited dental exam- fluoride varnish, blood lead testing, eye exams, developmental and growth assessments/screenings. Health Check screenings, lead testing, and immunizations are offered at most clinics to compliment the WIC program.

**Lead Testing:** In 2024, 590 blood lead screenings were completed for children in Grant County. In comparison, 450 blood lead screenings were done in 2023. Lead screenings were also offered in all Head Start programs in Grant County, as well as families can come right to the Health Department for this screening. Lead screening is important as it catches children who may be at risk for lead poisoning in their environment. PH nurses and our Environmental Specialist will then go out and provide education and testing to assist the family with decreasing the lead exposure to the child. In 2024, the Health Department also received a grant to start testing the water in daycares.

**Rural Safety Day:** The Grant County Rural Safety Day Program reached its 31<sup>st</sup> year milestone in 2024. Rural Safety Day is a full day camp offered to children in grades 2-8. During this camp they learn skills to keep them safe on the farm and in the home, as well as they learn how to prevent and respond to accidents. In 2024, 230 children were in attendance. Rural Safety Day is possible due to many volunteers, donations and staff from multiple agencies within Grant County.



## 2024 Safety Topics

- ATV Safety
- Electrical Safety
- First Aid
- Finding the Calm/Mental Health
- Internet/Stranger Safety
- Nature Safety
- Seat Belt Safety
- Physical Activity/Injury Prevention

# School Health Services

The Grant County Health Department provides nursing services to the following schools:

Cuba City	St. Clement (Lancaster)
Potosi	Holy Ghost (Dickeyville)
River Ridge	Immaculate Conception (Kieler)
Southwestern	St. Andrews (Potosi)
St. Mary's (Bloomington)	St. Joseph (Sinsinawa)
St. Rose (Cuba City)	St. Charles (Cassville)
Amish/Mennonite Schools	Christian Day School (Muscodia)

School Health Services can include:

- General health information
- Assistance with managing health related/communicable disease related issues such as lice, bed bugs, etc.
- Student medication management assistance
- Health plan and policy development
- Vision and hearing screenings for selected grades, including rechecks and referral to appropriate health care providers as needed
- Immunization clinics for students and staff
- Follow-up on immunization requirements for entry to school
- Health resources, wellness clinics, and presentations for teachers, staff, students and parents
- Training for school staff
- Blood pressure and scoliosis screenings and education



Grant County Public Health nurses each take responsibility for specific schools in their area. They serve as consultants to these schools who do not employ their own full time school nurse. Grant County also provides immunization clinics and communicable disease support to Grant County schools who employ a full-time school nurse. These schools are, Lancaster, Cassville, Boscobel, Fennimore, Platteville, and Riverdale. A total of 289 nursing hours were spent relating to school health not including immunization exercises or communicable disease control efforts. In addition, 2,910 miles were traveled by nurses relating to school health services. In 2023, 366 hours of nursing time were dedicated to schools and 1,399 miles were traveled.



# WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Program

The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program is a supplemental nutrition initiative designed to support lower-income families with children up to age five. WIC plays a vital role in promoting and maintaining the health and well-being of nutritionally at-risk pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women. Additionally, the program enhances access to fresh produce through its farmers market initiative. WIC operates under the Consolidated Contract with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS).



**NUTRITION EDUCATION**



**BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT**



**CARE BEYOND WIC**



**HEALTHY FOODS, LIKE:**

- Fruits and vegetables
- Whole-grain breads, tortillas, brown rice, and pasta
- Cereal
- Milk
- Cheese, yogurt, and tofu
- Eggs, beans, and peas
- Peanut butter
- 100% Fruit juice
- Baby foods
- Some infant formula, if needed



In 2024, the Grant County WIC program served 1,027 individuals, a significant increase from 952 participants in 2023. Families enrolled in WIC utilized \$524,615.90 in benefits at local grocery stores, up from \$471,439 in 2023. This rise in spending reflects both an increase in food costs and higher benefit allocations per participant.

The WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program continued to expand in 2024, providing 127 participants with a total of \$4,040 in farmers market benefits—up from 85 participants and \$2,082 in benefits in 2023. This initiative enables families to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables in addition to their regular WIC benefits, supporting both nutritional health and local agriculture.

# Jail Health

Public Health nurses from the Grant County Health Department have received extensive training and continuing education on topics relating to the provision of jail health services. Two of these nurses primarily staff the Grant County Jail on a daily basis Monday through Friday.

In addition, the jail is included in our “intake” system and “on call” rotation allowing our department to provide services as needed ensuring complete coverage 24 hours a day, 7 days a week including holidays on an as needed basis.

On average, over 45.6 hours nursing of services were provided to the jail each week in 2024. Nursing services increased again in 2024 due in part to mental health as well as substance abuse challenges. In 2024, 2,373.7 hours of nursing time was provided to the jail compared to 2023 when 2,354.3 hours of nursing time was provided. In addition, 2,461 miles were traveled to provide jail health in 2024 compared to and 2,565 in 2023.



## Communicable Disease Assessment & Surveillance

Local public health departments are required by law to complete follow-up activities with individuals having or suspected to have illnesses as identified in Chapter 252 of the State Statutes and in Wisconsin State Administrative Rule Chapter DHS 145, “Control of Communicable Diseases”. Public Health staff continue to educate individuals about illnesses and encourage or ensure treatment.

Steps are also taken to control and reduce the spread of diseases as well. Telephone calls, letters, emails, and/or face-to-face contacts are used to gather and distribute information.

Below is a summary of communicable diseases that were reported to the Grant County Health Department in 2024. All reported cases require follow up. However, not all reports of illness are confirmed or true cases. This data helps to inform public health of emerging concerns and guides public health interventions.

The Grant County Health Department also has three nurses trained in the HIV Counseling, Testing, and Referral Program (CTR). This program provides risk assessments, education, and free or low-cost testing to Grant County residents.

## Communicable Diseases Reported (January 1 - December 31, 2024)

<i>Reportable Disease</i>	<i>Number of Reports</i>	<i>Confirmed</i>	<i>Probable or Suspect</i>	<i>Not a Case</i>
<i>Anaplasmosis</i>	3	2	1	
<i>Arboviral Illness- West Nile</i>	4			4
<i>Babesiosis</i>	1			1
<i>Blastomycosis</i>	1	1		
<i>Campylobacteriosis</i>	30	28	2	
<i>Carbon Monoxide Poisoning</i>	7	5	1	1
<i>Chlamydia</i>	86	85		1
<i>Coronavirus (COVID-19)</i>	460	367	90	3
<i>Coronavirus (COVID-19) Hospitalization</i>	48	43	4	1
<i>Cryptosporidiosis</i>	15	15		
<i>E-COLI</i>	72	53	14	5
<i>Giardiasis</i>	2	2		
<i>Gonorrhea</i>	19	14		5
<i>Invasive Haemophilus Influenzae</i>	6			6
<i>Hepatitis A</i>	6	1		5
<i>Hepatitis B, Chronic</i>	123	2	1	120
<i>Hepatitis C, Chronic</i>	45	5	1	39
<i>Hepatitis C, Perinatal</i>	2			2
<i>Influenza- reported in error</i>	144	140	1	3
<i>Influenza- Associated Hospitalization</i>	14	14		
<i>Lyme Laboratory Report</i>	73		38	35
<i>Measles</i>	4			4
<i>Methemoglobinemia</i>	1			
<i>Methicillin or Oxacillin Resistant S. Aureus</i>	1	1		
<i>Mumps</i>	9			9
<i>Mycobacterial Disease (Non- TB)</i>	8	8		
<i>Pertussis</i>	36	11		25
<i>Plesiomonas Infection</i>	2			2
<i>Poliomyelitis</i>	4			4
<i>Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)- may not be accurate</i>	22	21		1
<i>RSV- Associated Hospitalizations</i>	20	18	1	
<i>Salmonellosis</i>	21	20	1	
<i>Spotted Fever Rickettsiosis</i>	2			2
<i>Streptococcal Disease (All types)</i>	13	7		5
<i>Syphilis</i>	21		4	17
<i>Toxoplasmosis</i>	6	3	3	
<i>Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy</i>	3			3
<i>Tuberculosis</i>	4	2		2
<i>Tuberculosis Latent (LTBI)</i>	30	7	6	17
<i>Tularemia</i>	1			1
<i>Varicella (Chickenpox)</i>	12			12
<i>Yellow Fever</i>	1			1
<i>Yersiniosis</i>	1	1		

# Immunizations/Vaccinations

The persistence of vaccine-preventable illness outbreaks highlights ongoing challenges in achieving vaccination rates sufficient to prevent the sustained transmission of these diseases both locally and nationally. Vaccine hesitancy, along with the spread of misinformation and disinformation, further complicates these efforts.

The Grant County Health Department actively participates in the Vaccines for Adults (VFA) and Vaccines for Children (VFC) programs in collaboration with the state, ensuring vaccine accessibility for all county residents. These programs provide vaccinations for uninsured or underinsured individuals. Vaccinations are administered daily at the health department, at WIC clinics, and through influenza clinics at businesses and schools. Staff remain committed to delivering accurate vaccine information and education.

In 2024, there was an increase in both COVID-19 and influenza vaccination administration as compared to 2023. Additionally, the department successfully transitioned from Prevnar 13 to Vaxneuvance for childhood pneumococcal immunization, a change prompted by the improved antigen coverage offered by the new vaccine formulation.

Through a consolidated state contract, funding supports the maintenance of immunization records, data entry into the Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR), and efforts to ensure children remain up to date on their vaccinations. The Health Department was also able to offer \$25 gift cards to vaccine recipients and

participate in an advertising campaign to promote vaccinations under a separate grant offered in 2024.

Number of Doses of Vaccine	2022	2023	2024
<b>COVID-19</b>	2,613	604	816
<b>DTaP - Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis</b>	25	44	25
<b>DTaP/Polio (Kinrix)</b>	54	47	51
<b>DTaP/Hep B Hib Polio (Vaxelis)</b>	95	82	99
<b>Polio</b>	22	26	31
<b>MMR - Measles/Mumps/Rubella</b>	48	57	54
<b>MMR - Varicella (Proquad)</b>	46	49	53
<b>Hepatitis A (pediatric)</b>	49	40	38
<b>Hepatitis B (pediatric)</b>	16	21	24
<b>Td - Tetanus/Diphtheria</b>	86	58	19
<b>Tdap (Boostrix)</b>	138	78	110
<b>Hib - Haemophilus Influenza type B</b>	16	15	14
<b>HPV (Gardasil)</b>	31	79	101
<b>Varicella (Chickenpox)</b>	35	45	25
<b>Prevnar 13 (Pneumococcal)</b>	91	55	-
<b>Vaxneuvance (Pneumococcal)</b>	-	22	72
<b>Meningitis</b>	21	69	149
<b>Meningitis B</b>	5	10	1
<b>Rotavirus</b>	26	21	21
<b>Influenza - Seasonal</b>	2,362	2,060	2,090
<b>Pneumonia-Prevnar 13 (adult)</b>	5	4	8
<b>Pneumo-Poly 23 (adult)</b>	3	2	-
<b>Hepatitis A (adult)</b>	15	8	2
<b>Hepatitis B (adult)</b>	5	12	12
<b>Smallpox/Monkeypox</b>	2	0	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,809</b>	<b>3,508</b>	<b>3,817</b>





# Environmental Health (EH) Programs

Grant County lead the Southwest Wisconsin Environmental Consortium. Members of the consortium include Grant, Lafayette, and Iowa. We respond to human health hazards such as vermin infestations, sewage or other waste problems, water and air quality issues, or public health nuisances which may endanger the safety, health, or well-being of the public. We also conduct lead and asbestos inspections. 2024 marked the year that Vernon and Richland Counties separated from the consortium, but they continue to collaborate with Grant, Iowa, and Lafayette Counties.

Local health departments are required by state statute and by local ordinance to respond to human health hazards and public health nuisances. Additionally, health departments are required to investigate lead poisoning cases. Typically, most complaints received by the local health departments are related to environmental health issues and include both public health nuisances and human health hazards.

Grant County Health Department is also a Radon Information Center (RIC) serving a six-county region (Grant, Iowa, Richland, Lafayette, Vernon, Crawford). Radon is a naturally occurring gas that is considered to be the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. The RIC provides free consultation and radon test kits to homeowners. In 2024, a total of 534 radon test kits were distributed in the six-county region. Grant County's radon work also falls under the Consolidated Contract Grant.

Below are the EH total contacts for 2024:

<i>Number of Contacts</i>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Water	66	64	62
Air Quality	168	158	99
Asbestos	72	73	67
Lead Hazards	93	108	49
Radiation Hazards	137	127	90
Housing	211	209	102
Rabies	145	133	127
Sewage	81	78	101
Solid Waste	227	208	115
Insects/Rodents/Animal Problems	82	62	65
Home Inspections	207	210	102
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,489</b>	<b>1,430</b>	<b>979</b>

## Public Health Preparedness and Response

During 2024, Grant County Health Department continued to prepare for public health emergencies through extensive planning, training, and testing efforts. We continued to test mass clinic plans by conducting immunization exercises in schools. We also planned and exercised with the regional health care coalition.

## Tobacco-Free Coalition

In 2024, the Grant County Health Department continued a partnership with resources being provided by Family Services of Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois, Inc. The Multi-jurisdictional Tobacco Coalition provided tobacco control and coordination services to Grant, Iowa, and Lafayette Counties. The coalition focus continued on tobacco use among disparate groups, and electronic delivery devices.

# Grant County Home Nursing

In 2024, the Grant County Health Department provided services to 346 patients, resulting in a total of 6,875 visits. These services were delivered by nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, and home health aides. Payments for these services were covered by Medicare, Medical Assistance, private insurance, Medicare replacement policies, private pay, and Family Care. No individual was denied service due to an inability to pay.

Home Nursing continues to provide expert care within patients' homes. County-based home care nurses offer personalized, one-on-one professional nursing care, including IV therapy, complex wound care, post-operative care, pain management, and other specialized medical services. In 2024, there was an increase in the number of patients with highly complex medical needs. While this increase is not reflected in overall patient numbers, it is a significant development in service delivery.

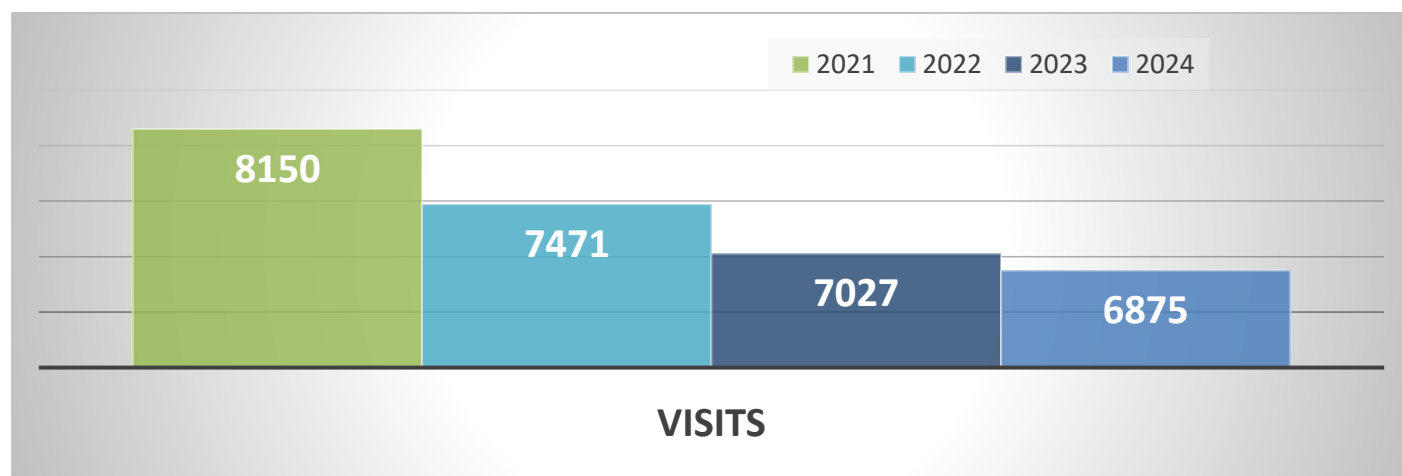
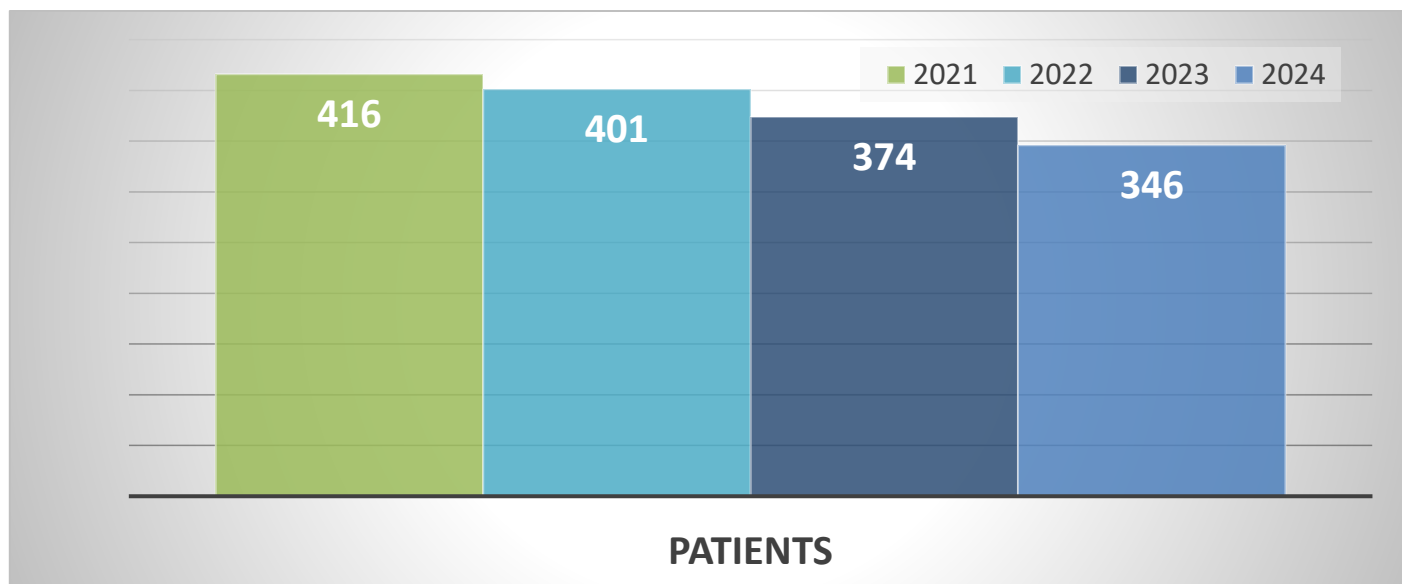
Grant County Home Nursing employs two certified specialists—one in wound care and another in ostomy care. These advanced certifications exceed standard nursing requirements, enhancing patient outcomes.

Therapy services are provided through partnerships with all three county hospitals and contracted Health Department LTE employees, ensuring patients receive care from therapists familiar with their specific communities.

Despite these efforts, 244 patient referrals could not be accommodated in 2024, primarily due to staff vacancies and turnover. The training of home care nurses is a time-intensive process, and the department remains committed to strengthening its team to better serve county residents in the future.



Charts comparing the number of Home Nursing patients and visits over the last 4 years are noted below:



# Grant County Hospice

Hospice care prioritizes medical and personal comfort for individuals in the final months of life. Services focus on enhancing quality of life while also providing support to patients' families, including bereavement services following a patient's passing.

In 2024, the Grant County Hospice Program served 49 clients, reflecting an increase of 7 clients from 2023. This marks the first increase in hospice numbers since 2020, a trend that had been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Clients received 1,848 visits from a multidisciplinary support team, which includes registered nurses, social workers, hospice aides, nurse practitioners, and therapists. Bereavement services were provided to 24 families, with scheduled support contacts made at regular intervals over the course of a year.



## Grant County Hospice 2024 Service of Remembrance



**May 9, 2024  
6:00 p.m.**

**Schreiner Memorial Library  
113 W. Elm St., Lancaster**

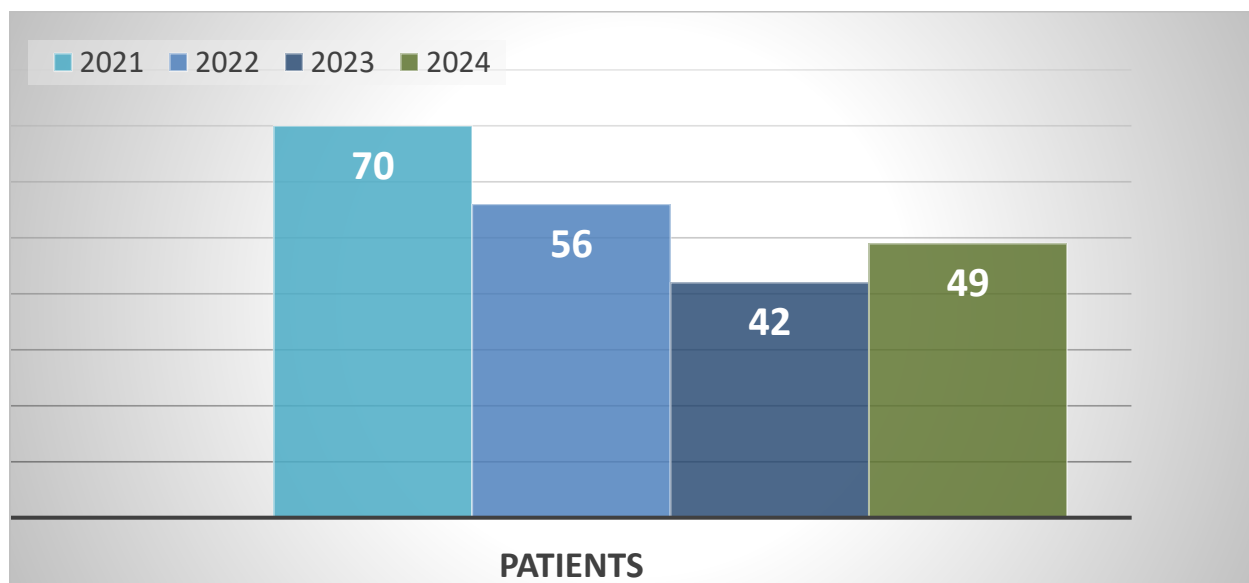
Hospice volunteers play an essential role in patient and family support. In 2024, nine volunteers contributed time and services, providing companionship, assisting with daily tasks, offering caregiver respite, and participating in bereavement support. Volunteers also engaged in community outreach, fundraising, and administrative support.

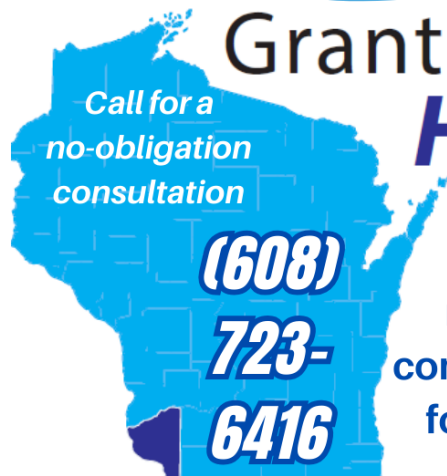
Grant County Hospice also holds a Service of Remembrance each year. This is a program put together by staff to honor the patients whom had passed during that year, it is held for the families of those patients. Each patient is honored with a lit candle and a picture in a slideshow. During the 2024 Service of Remembrance, 34 patients were honored.





Charts comparing the number of Hospice patients and visits over the last 4 years are noted below:





# Grant County *Hospice*

Caring for our  
neighbors and  
communities locally  
for over 30 years

## WHY CHOOSE US?

- **Non-Profit Agency**

We serve all residents of Grant County, regardless of insurance coverage or ability to pay

- **Experienced Nurses with Hospice, Wound & Ostomy Certification**

Two dedicated hospice nurses with over 40 years of combined hospice experience



**Kim Martens, BSN, CHPN**  
26+ years of hospice  
experience



**Tracy Mezera, BSN**  
14+ years of hospice  
experience

- **Local Staff with a Team Approach**

All our staff reside in Grant County, and many are life-long residents with strong connections to their local communities. Patients get services of nurses, bath aides, a social worker, clergy, and volunteers if they choose.

- **24/7 Access to a Nurse**

Nurses are available for phone consultation or home visits at any time and are generally able to be on-site within an hour

- **Keep Your Own Physician**

We work closely with each patient's Primary Care Physician to manage care, so patients do not need to change providers

- **Bereavement Support**

We follow & support families for one year following the loved one's passing

**WWW.GRANTCOUNTYHOSPICE.COM**

# Follow us into 2025 on our social media accounts and webpages below:

Grant County Website: [Grant County, Wisconsin Internet- Health Department](https://www.grantcountywisconsin.gov/Health-Department)

Grant County Hospice Website: [Grant County Hospice](https://www.grantcountyhospice.org/)



<https://www.facebook.com/countynurses>



Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/grantcohealthdepartment/#>

**Thank you for reading this report, The Grant County Health Department remains dedicated to meeting the evolving healthcare needs of our community, striving to improve accessibility, quality of care, and overall public health outcomes.**

