

2026 Proposed Budget: Public Health

Department Mission: Protect and improve the health of people and the environment in Ramsey County

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Department Facts

- **Total General Fund Budget:** -
- **Total Special Fund Budget:** \$1,000,825
- **Total FTEs:** 6.60

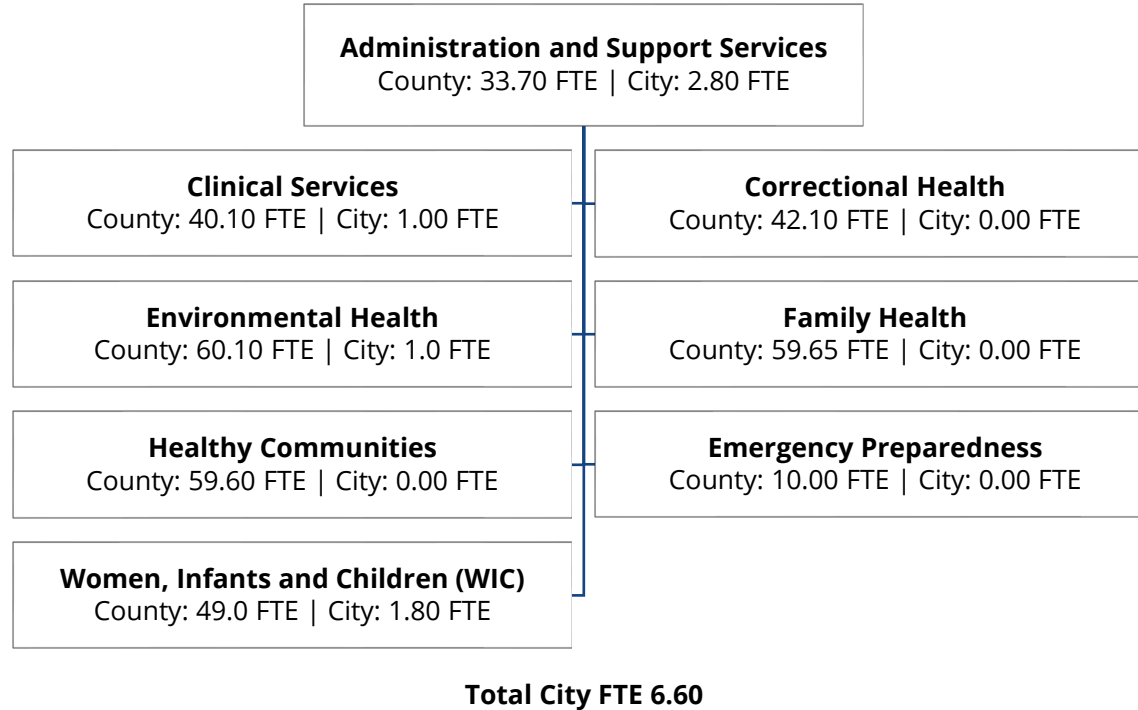
Department Goals

- Provide leadership as a prevention strategist - working to promote health and racial equity.
- Ensure an adequate public health infrastructure.
- Promote healthy communities and healthy behaviors.
- Prevent the spread of infectious diseases.
- Protect against environmental hazards.
- Prepare for and respond to disasters.
- Ensure the quality and accessibility of health services.

Recent Accomplishments

- 25,685 low-income mothers, infants, and children were provided with nutrition counseling and monthly benefits for nutritious foods.
- 16,312 laboratory tests performed.
- 14,853 clinical service client encounters, and 2,292 vaccines given.
- Over 50 low-income families with small children were assisted to replace over 940 windows coated in lead-based paint in owner-occupied properties.

Public Health Organizational Chart



Department Description

Saint Paul – Ramsey County is one of the largest local public health departments in Minnesota, serving Saint Paul and all other cities in Ramsey County. The department traces its origins to the appointment of the first public health officer by the city of Saint Paul in 1854. Saint Paul and Ramsey County's previously separate public health departments merged in 1997 through a joint powers agreement. This merge created Saint Paul-Ramsey County Public Health. The administration of this function now resides with the County. As resignations or retirements of City staff occur, the positions are filled by the County, and the City budget shows a decline in FTEs and dollars associated with paying their salary and benefits. All costs are reimbursed by Ramsey County and the County is responsible for the portion of the tax levy that covers these expenses. The City of Saint Paul does not levy for public health services.

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Fiscal Summary

Spending	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Adopted Budget	FY 2026 Proposed Budget	Change From Prior Year	FY 2025 Adopted Budget FTE	FY 2026 Proposed Budget FTE
250: PUBLIC HEALTH	1,218,863	1,264,676	947,400	1,000,825	53,425	6.60	6.60
Total	1,218,863	1,264,676	947,400	1,000,825	53,425	6.60	6.60

Financing	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Adopted Budget	FY 2026 Proposed Budget	Change From Prior Year
250: PUBLIC HEALTH	1,061,915	1,264,676	947,400	1,000,825	53,425
Total	1,061,915	1,264,676	947,400	1,000,825	53,425

Budget Changes Summary

In 1997, the City's Public Health department merged with Ramsey County's through a joint powers agreement. The administration of public health services now resides with the County. As resignations or retirements of City staff occur, the positions are filled by County personnel. As City employees resign or retire, the City budget shows a decline in FTEs and dollars associated with paying their salary and benefits. All salary and benefit costs are reimbursed by Ramsey County and the County is responsible for the portion of the property tax levy that covers these expenses. The 2026 proposed budget reflects current service level adjustments for salaries and benefits.

Public Health Spending Reports

CITY OF SAINT PAUL

Spending Plan by Department

Department: HEALTH

Fund: 250 - PUBLIC HEALTH

Budget Year: 2026

Spending by Major Account	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Adopted Budget	FY 2026 Proposed Budget Total	Change From Prior Year
EMPLOYEE EXPENSE	1,215,668	1,253,205	942,598	985,510	42,912
SERVICES	995	11,471	4,802	15,315	10,513
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	2,200	-	-	-	-
Total Spending by Major Account	1,218,863	1,264,676	947,400	1,000,825	53,425

Spending by Accounting Unit	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Adopted Budget	FY 2026 Proposed Budget Total	Change From Prior Year
25040200 - PUBLIC HEALTH SUPPORT SERVICES	482,388	505,569	488,522	388,590	(99,932)
25040201 - HEALTH	141,367	122,380	127,080	132,520	5,440
25040202 - HEALTH	90,535	87,465	-	-	-
25040205 - HEALTH LABORATORY	79,916	100,182	-	-	-
25040210 - HEALTH LAB SPECIAL	-	1,245	-	-	-
25040215 - BIRTH AND DEATH RECORDS	-	94	-	-	-
25040220 - COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL	153,171	180,854	117,847	124,921	7,074
25040225 - FAMILIES IN CRISIS	-	875	-	-	-
25040230 - FAMILY PLANNING	-	416	-	-	-
25040235 - WIC SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD	271,487	261,008	213,951	209,699	(4,252)
25040240 - LEAD BASED PAINT HAZZARD	-	4,588	-	145,095	145,095
Total Spending by Accounting Unit	1,218,863	1,264,676	947,400	1,000,825	53,425

Public Health Financing Reports

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Financing Plan by Department

Department: HEALTH

Fund: 250 - PUBLIC HEALTH

Budget Year: 2026

	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Adopted Budget	FY 2026 Proposed Budget Total	Change From Prior Year
Financing by Major Account					
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	1,061,915	1,264,676	947,400	1,000,825	53,425
Total Financing by Major Account	1,061,915	1,264,676	947,400	1,000,825	53,425

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Financing by Accounting Unit					
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25040201 - HEALTH	121,349	122,380	127,080	132,520	5,440
25040202 - HEALTH	79,023	87,465	-	-	-
25040205 - HEALTH LABORATORY	77,574	100,182	-	-	-
25040210 - HEALTH LAB SPECIAL	-	1,245	-	-	-
25040215 - BIRTH AND DEATH RECORDS	-	94	-	-	-
25040220 - COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL	138,025	180,854	117,847	124,921	7,074
25040225 - FAMILIES IN CRISIS	-	875	-	-	-
25040230 - FAMILY PLANNING	-	416	-	-	-
25040235 - WIC SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD	234,928	261,008	213,951	209,699	(4,252)
25040240 - LEAD BASED PAINT HAZZARD	-	4,588	-	145,095	145,095
Total Financing by Accounting Unit	1,061,915	1,264,676	947,400	1,000,825	53,425