

# 2026 Adopted 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

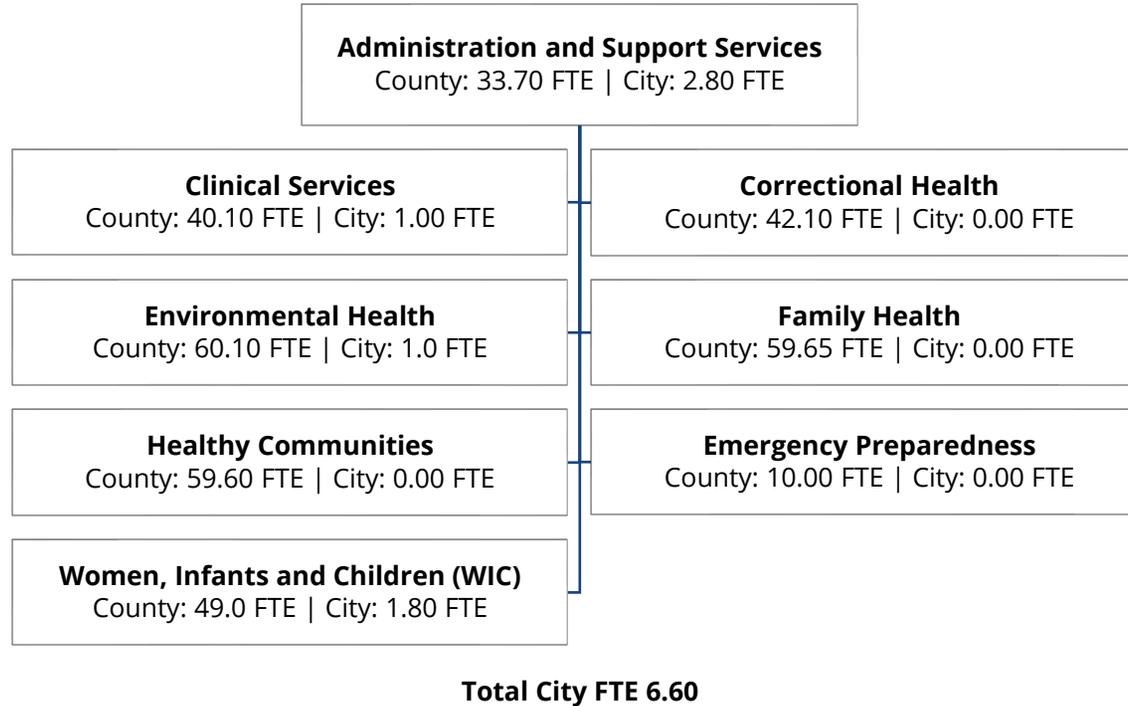
## Department Goals

- 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

- 25,669 low-income mothers, infants, and children were provided with nutrition counseling and monthly benefits for nutritious foods.
- 14,464 Nurse Home Visits
- 17,982 laboratory tests performed.
- 32,865 clinical service client encounters, and 3,503 vaccines given.
- Over 48 low-income families with small children were assisted to replace over 780 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.

# Fiscal Summary: Health

## 2026 Adopted Budget

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

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

## 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 adopted budget reflects current service level adjustments for salaries and benefits.

**250: Public Health**

**Public Health**

**Current Service Level Adjustments**

	<b>Change from 2025 Adopted</b>		
	<b>Spending</b>	<b>Financing</b>	<b>FTE</b>

Current service level adjustments include inflationary increases due to salary and benefit costs, adjustments and other revenue adjustments. Starting in 2026, the State of Minnesota will begin offering Paid Leave benefit funded by payroll contributions. The budget reflects this premium.

State of Minnesota Paid Leave	2,992	-	-
Other current service level adjustments	50,433	53,425	-
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>53,425</b>	<b>53,425</b>	<b>-</b>

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<b>Fund 250 Budget Changes Total</b>	<b>53,425</b>	<b>53,425</b>	<b>-</b>
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# **Public Health Spending Reports**

# Spending Plan by Department: Health

Fund: 250 - PUBLIC HEALTH

Budget Year: 2026

Spending by Major Account	2023 Actuals	2024 Adopted	2025 Adopted	2026 Adopted	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	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Spending by Major Account</b>	<b>1,218,863</b>	<b>1,264,676</b>	<b>947,400</b>	<b>1,000,825</b>	<b>53,425</b>

Spending by Accounting Unit	2023 Actuals	2024 Adopted	2025 Adopted	2026 Adopted	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
<b>Total Spending by Accounting Unit</b>	<b>1,218,863</b>	<b>1,264,676</b>	<b>947,400</b>	<b>1,000,825</b>	<b>53,425</b>

# **Public Health Financing Reports**

# Financing Plan by Department: Health

Budget Year: 2026

## Fund: 250 - PUBLIC HEALTH

Financing by Major Account	2023 Actuals	2024 Adopted	2025 Adopted	2026 Adopted	Change From Prior Year
Charges For Services	1,061,915	1,264,676	947,400	1,000,825	53,425
<b>Total Financing by Major Account</b>	<b>1,061,915</b>	<b>1,264,676</b>	<b>947,400</b>	<b>1,000,825</b>	<b>53,425</b>

Financing by Accounting Unit	2023 Actuals	2024 Adopted	2025 Adopted	2026 Adopted	Change From Prior Year
25040200 - PUBLIC HEALTH SUPPORT SERVICES	411,017	505,569	488,522	388,590	(99,932)
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
<b>Total Financing by Accounting Unit</b>	<b>1,061,915</b>	<b>1,264,676</b>	<b>947,400</b>	<b>1,000,825</b>	<b>53,425</b>