

2027 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:** \$1,073,770
- **Total FTEs:** 6.60

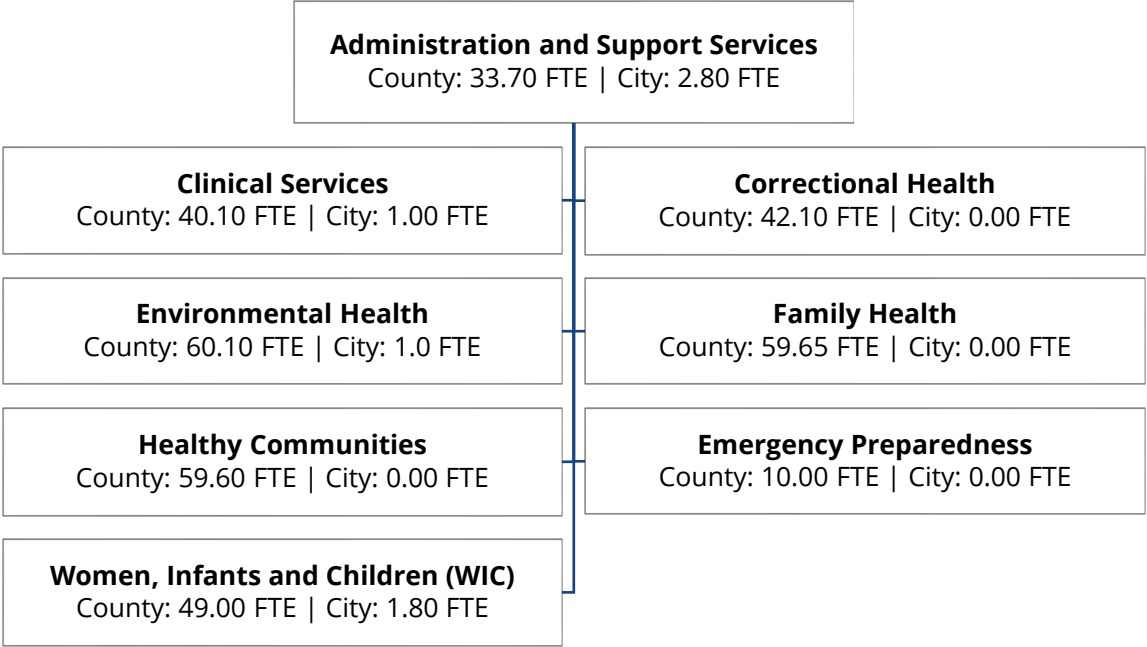
Department Goals

- 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

- 25,498 low-income mothers, infants, and children were provided with nutrition counseling and monthly benefits for nutritious foods.
- 14,564 Nurse Home Visits
- 18,091 laboratory tests performed.

Public Health Organizational Chart



Total City FTE 6.60

Department Description

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Fiscal Summary: Health

2027 Proposed Budget

Spending	2024 Actuals	2025 Adopted	2026 Adopted	2027 Proposed	Change From Prior Year	2026 Adopted FTE	2027 Proposed FTE
250: PUBLIC HEALTH	985,394	947,400	1,000,825	1,073,770	72,945	6.60	6.60
Total	985,394	947,400	1,000,825	1,073,770	72,945	6.60	6.60

Financing	2024 Actuals	2025 Adopted	2026 Adopted	2027 Proposed	Change From Prior Year
250: PUBLIC HEALTH	1,170,736	947,400	1,000,825	1,073,770	72,945
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Budget Changes Summary

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Public Health

Current Service Level Adjustments

Current service level adjustments reflect inflationary increases in employee salary and benefit costs for Ramsey County public health positions, with a corresponding increase in reimbursement revenue from the County.

	Change from 2026 Adopted		FTE
	Spending	Financing	
Employee salary and benefit growth	72,333	72,333	-
Other current service level adjustments	612	612	-
Subtotal:	72,945	72,945	-
Fund 250 Budget Changes Total	72,945	72,945	-

Public Health Spending Reports

Spending Plan by Department: Health

Budget Year: 2027

Fund: 250 - PUBLIC HEALTH

Spending by Major Account	2024 Actuals	2025 Adopted	2026 Adopted	2027 Proposed	Change From Prior Year
Employee Expense	983,600	942,598	985,510	1,057,843	72,333
Services	1,794	4,802	15,315	15,927	612
Total Spending by Major Account	985,394	947,400	1,000,825	1,073,770	72,945

Spending by Accounting Unit	2024 Actuals	2025 Adopted	2026 Adopted	2027 Proposed	Change From Prior Year
25040200 - PUBLIC HEALTH SUPPORT SERVICES	494,677	488,522	388,590	407,595	19,005
25040201 - HEALTH	147,709	127,080	132,520	138,122	5,602
25040202 - HEALTH	19,997	-	-	-	-
25040205 - HEALTH LABORATORY	(90)	-	-	-	-
25040220 - COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL	119,022	117,847	124,921	129,721	4,800
25040235 - WIC SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD	204,079	213,951	209,699	235,659	25,960
25040240 - LEAD BASED PAINT HAZZARD	-	-	145,095	162,673	17,578
Total Spending by Accounting Unit	985,394	947,400	1,000,825	1,073,770	72,945

Public Health Financing Reports

Financing Plan by Department: Health

Fund: 250 - PUBLIC HEALTH

Budget Year: 2027

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Charges For Services	1,170,736	947,400	1,000,825	1,073,770	72,945
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